

PATRICK  
**SWAYZE** ACTOR & DANCER  
1952-2009

THE LONGEST **SOLAR** ECLIPSE

of the 21st century occurred on July 22, 2009, lasting up to 6 minutes and 38.8 seconds.



MICHAEL  
**JACKSON** ENTERTAINER  
1958-2009

Jackson's death triggered an outpouring of worldwide grief. Online reactions crippled several major websites and services.

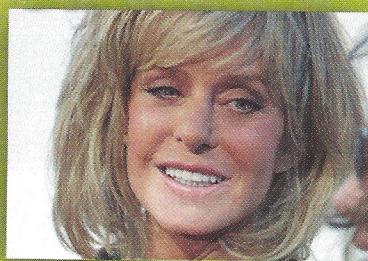
THE **HUBBLE** TELESCOPE spots the oldest galaxy ever seen.

LARGE **HADRON** COLLIDER RESTARTED

**NASA** LAUNCHES THE LUNAR reconnaissance Orbiter/LCROSS probes to the moon.

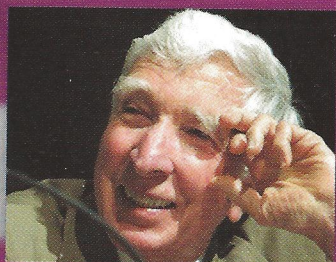
A GIANT CRACK IN **AFRICA**

will become a new ocean, according to a team of international researchers and Geophysical Research Letters.

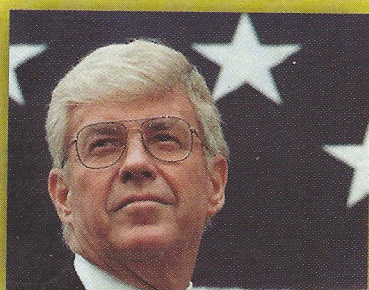


FARRAH  
**FAWCETT** ACTRESS  
1947-2009

JOHN  
**UPDIKE** WRITER  
1932-2009



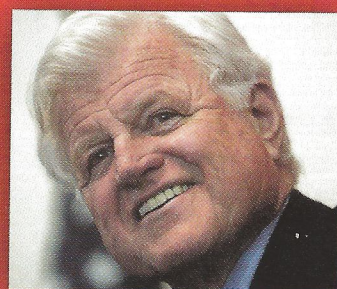
WALTER  
**CRONKITE** AMERICAN NEWSCASTER  
1916-2009



JACK  
**KEMP** POLITICIAN/FOOTBALL PLAYER  
1935-2009



CHUCK  
**DALY** BASKETBALL COACH  
1930-2009



TED  
**KENNEDY** POLITICIAN  
1932-2009