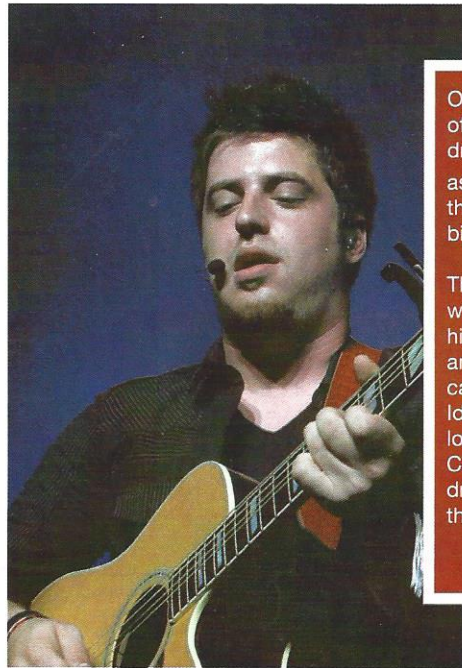




It was a great year for **Taylor Swift**, who had two albums in the top 10 for the year. She also won 4 Grammy Awards, 3 Teen Choice Awards and 1 People's Choice award, along with having a #1 movie at the box office.



One of the strangest seasons of "American Idol" came to a dramatic, and emotional, finish as **Lee DeWyze** was named the winner of the nation's biggest singing competition.

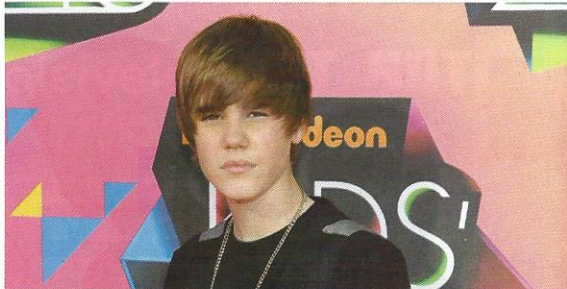
The Illinois paint store worker, who wowed Idol fans with his booming rocker growl and down-to-earth modesty, captured the "American Idol" Season 9 title over longtime season front-runner Crystal Bowersox, the cool, dreadlocked single mother with the raspy folk-rock voice.

Beatles fans said they wanted a revolution, and this year, they finally got their wish. On November 16, three weeks before the world marked the 30th anniversary of John Lennon's death, the Fab Four finally entered the digital age and released their entire catalog on iTunes. Fans across the universe bought the band's music in droves: Apple reported that 2 million individual songs and 450,000 full albums were sold during the first week.



TOP TEN Albums of 2010

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| <p>1. EMINEM
Recovery</p> <p>2. LADY ANTEBELLUM
Need You Now</p> <p>3. TAYLOR SWIFT
Speak Now</p> <p>4. JUSTIN BIEBER
My World</p> <p>5. SUSAN BOYLE
The Gift</p> | <p>6. LADY GAGA
The Fame</p> <p>7. SADE
Soldier of Love</p> <p>8. DRAKE
Thank Me Later</p> <p>9. USHER
Raymond v. Raymond</p> <p>10. KESHA
Animal</p> |
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You could run and you could hide, but there was no escaping Bieber fever in 2010. Sixteen-year-old pop singer **Justin Bieber** went from a quickly rising tween phenom late last year to an omnipresent force. He dropped "My World 2.0," the fifth best-selling album of the year, and got everyone singing "Baby." He made three-year-olds burst into tears at the very thought of him. People everywhere -- even star NFL quarterbacks -- started sporting the Bieber swoop haircut. He released a memoir, nail polish, scented dog tags and dolls, and he filmed a 3D movie about his life to be released in February. "American Idol" brought its minimum age requirement down to 15. He won four American Music Awards, including artist of the year. Need we say more?

