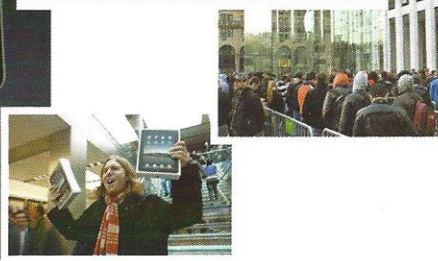


Apple released the **iPad** in April 2010, and sold 3 million of the devices in 80 days. According to a report released by Strategy Analytics, the Apple iPad had gained a 95 percent share of Tablet PC sales at the end of second quarter 2010. During the second quarter 2010, Apple had sold 4.19 million iPads around the world.



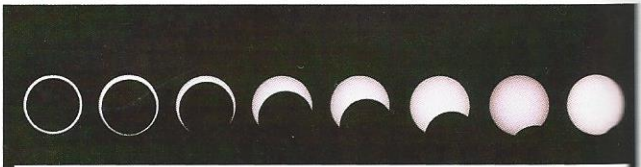
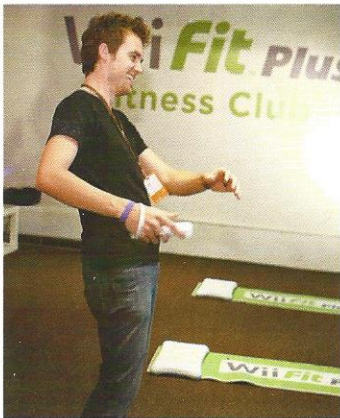
Atoms of **antimatter**, long the stuff of science fiction, have been trapped for the first time, European researchers at the Large Hadron Collider say. Scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) have trapped and held 38 anti-hydrogen atoms in place, each for a fraction of a second, the BBC reported. While anti-hydrogen has been produced before, it was instantly destroyed when it encountered normal matter. The CERN team, writing in the journal *Nature*, says the ability to study such antimatter atoms will allow previously impossible tests of fundamental laws of physics.

## TOP TEN Video Games of 2010

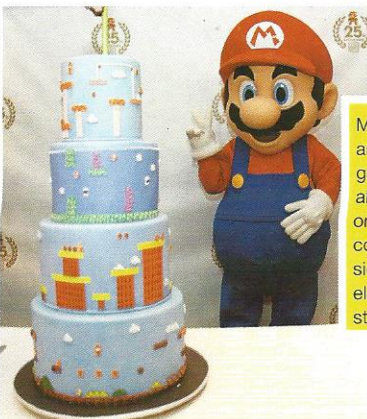
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| <b>1. CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS</b><br>9.4 Million Sold | <b>6. HALO: REACH</b><br>6.1 Million Sold          |
| <b>2. WII SPORTS</b><br>8.9 Million Sold              | <b>7. POKEMON HEART GOLD</b><br>5.9 Million Sold   |
| <b>3. WII SPORTS RESORT</b><br>7.3 Million Sold       | <b>8. WII FIT PLUS</b><br>5.8 Million Sold         |
| <b>4. NEW SUPER MARIO BROS.</b><br>6.7 Million Sold   | <b>9. SUPER MARIO GALAXY 2</b><br>4.7 Million Sold |
| <b>5. RED DEAD REDEMPTION</b><br>6.6 Million Sold     | <b>10. POKEMON BLACK</b><br>4.5 Million Sold       |



Activision Blizzard confirmed **Call of Duty: Black Ops** set a new five-day sales record, grossing more than \$650 million, officially making it the biggest entertainment launch in history. The game made \$360 million on launch day in the U.S. and U.K. alone. Call of Duty is the first entertainment franchise to break two consecutive five-day launch records.



The **solar eclipse** of January 15, 2010 was an annular eclipse of the Sun with a magnitude of 0.9190. A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby totally or partially obscuring the image of the Sun for a viewer on Earth.



Microsoft in 2010 released its much anticipated "Halo: Reach" video game, but 25 years ago, it was all about **Super Mario Bros.** The original game sold 40.24 million copies worldwide, popularized the side-scrolling format, and kicked off elements of the Mushroom Kingdom still in use today.



**Chile earthquake** in February was so powerful that it likely shifted an Earth axis and shortened the length of a day, NASA announced. By speeding up Earth's rotation, the magnitude 8.8 earthquake—the fifth strongest ever recorded, according to the USGS—should have shortened an Earth day by 1.26 millionths of a second, according to new computer-model calculations by geophysicist Richard Gross of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. For comparison, the same model estimated

that the magnitude 9 Sumatra earthquake in December 2004 shortened the length of a day by 6.8 millionths of a second. Gross also estimates that the Chile earthquake shifted Earth's figure axis by about three inches (eight centimeters).