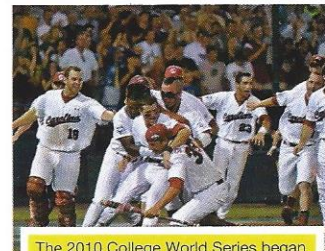
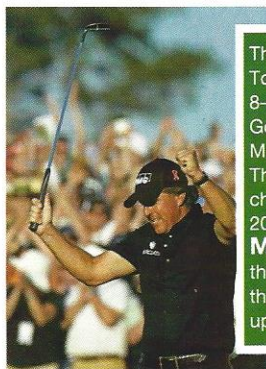


The 2010 Citi BCS National Championship Game was the finale of the 2009 NCAA Division I FBS football season, and was played between the Texas Longhorns and the **Alabama Crimson Tide**. Alabama won the championship game 37 to 21.

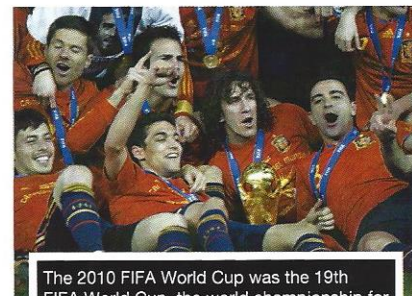


The 2010 College World Series began on June 19, 2010 and concluded on June 29 in Omaha, Nebraska at Rosenblatt Stadium. **South Carolina** won the championship after defeating UCLA.

The United States sent 215 athletes to compete in all 15 sports at the 2010 **Winter Olympics** in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The United States 215 athletes was the most of any nation at the 2010 Olympics, just topping the host country of Canada, who provided 206 athletes. The U.S. finished the 2010 Olympics with nine gold, 15 silver and 13 bronze medals, for a total of 37 medals, the most of any nation.



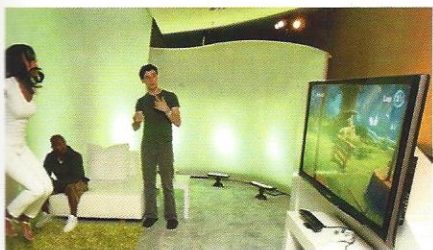
The 2010 Masters Tournament, played April 8-11 at Augusta National Golf Club, was the 74th Masters Tournament. This was the first major championship of the 2010 season. **Phil Mickelson** won his third Masters title by three shots over runner-up Lee Westwood.



The 2010 FIFA World Cup was the 19th FIFA World Cup, the world championship for men's national association football teams. It took place in South Africa from June 11 to July 11, 2010. In the final, **Spain**, the European champions, defeated third-time finalists the Netherlands 1-0 after extra time, with Andrés Iniesta's goal in the 116th minute giving Spain their first world title, the first time that a European nation has won the tournament outside its home continent.

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Kinect for Xbox 360 is a "controller-free gaming and entertainment experience" by Microsoft for the Xbox 360 video game platform. Based around a webcam-style add-on peripheral for the Xbox 360 console, it enables users to control and interact with the Xbox 360 without the need to touch a game controller, through a natural user interface using gestures and spoken commands. The project is aimed at broadening the Xbox 360's audience beyond its typical gamer base. Kinect competes with the Wii Remote Plus and PlayStation Move and PlayStation Eye motion control systems for the Wii and PlayStation 3 home consoles, respectively.



Jaden Smith

Age: 11

What He's Done: The son of film and music impresarios Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith, Jaden starred alongside his dad in the moving 'Pursuit of Happyness' and in the remake of 'The Day the Earth Stood Still.' This year, he also starred in a remake of 'The Karate Kid' with Jackie Chan.

What's Next: His next project hasn't yet been announced -- but given his recent track record, it's bound to be huge.

Did You Know? Smith is a youth ambassador for Project Zambia which helps children orphaned by AIDS in Africa.



Emma Watson

Age: 20

What She's Done: Has starred in five tiny, unknown films based on the 'Harry Potter' book series -- well, that's if "tiny" meant "huge" and "unknown" meant "global phenomenon" -- plus the 2008 animated film 'Tale of Despereaux.'

What's Next: After 'Harry Potter' finale Deathly Hallows: Part 1 and Part 2 (Jul. 15, 2011), she'll say sayonara to witches and wizards and star in her first post-'Potter' film, 'My Week With Marilyn,' which is one of two upcoming Marilyn Monroe biopics.

Did You Know? The handsome fellow starring alongside Watson in Burberry's Summer 2010 campaign is none other than her brother.

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