

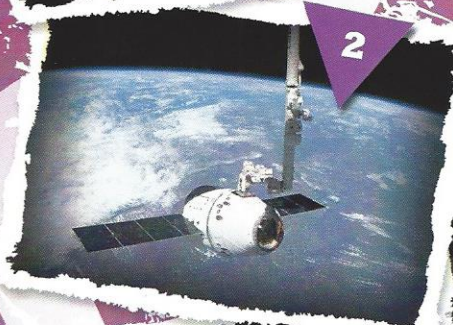
# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY News



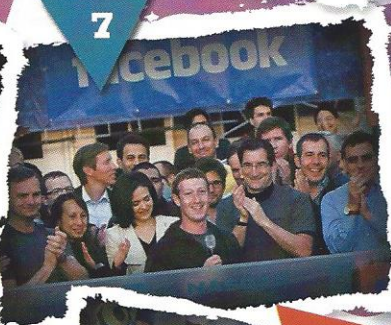
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After 30 years **NASA closed its Space Shuttle program**. In 2012 the Space Shuttles Discovery and Endeavor boarded atop a Boeing 747 headed to their new homes – the Smithsonian and the California Science Center. Space Shuttle Atlantis, the final shuttle to complete a mission, was moved 10 miles down the road to the new Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. The nation watched as each shuttle was given a grand retirement celebration.

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**The SpaceX Dragon** successfully attached to the Space Station to deliver supplies on October 10th. The Dragon returned to Earth 18 days later carrying used station hardware and scientific samples. The SpaceX Dragon is the only spacecraft capable of carrying significant amounts of supplies to the space station and also returning cargo to Earth.

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**Venus' Transit Day** – Venus appeared as a small dark dot crossing in front of the sun on June 5-6. The last Venus Transit of our lives! This rare astronomical event won't take place again until December 11, 2117.

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The first US woman in space, **Sally Ride**, died at the age of 61. Ride was remembered by President Obama as a “national hero and powerful role model.”

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On August 6, the **Curiosity Rover** safely landed on Mars. The rover, the size of an SUV, will allow researchers to explore the planet to determine if it has or can sustain life.

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**Neil Armstrong**, the first man to walk on the moon, passed away at the age of 82. Armstrong was the commander of Apollo 11 and first set foot on the moon in July of 1969.

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Facebook co-founder **Mark Zuckerberg** rang the bell to the Nasdaq exchange from Menlo Park on Friday, May 18th, signifying the social giant's first day trading as a public company.

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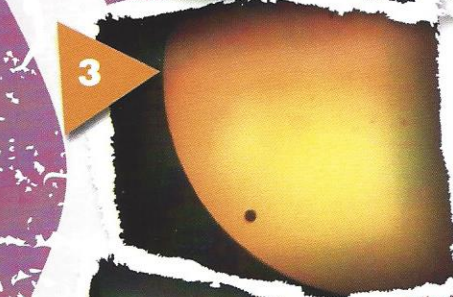
Microsoft launched their newest operating system: **Windows 8** on October 26th. The new system is the first version to offer a usable touch interface while continuing to work with mouse and keyboard driven desktop applications.

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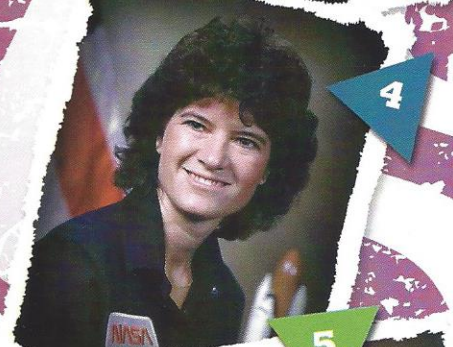
The new **iPhone 5** released to the public on September 21st. The anticipated release led to record-breaking sales of the iPhone 5. 5 million iPhone 5's were sold in the first three days of releasing the new phone – a new record for Apple.

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Motor Trend Announces the **Tesla Model S** as its 2013 Car of the Year. The Tesla is the first non-gasoline-powered vehicle to receive the honor.



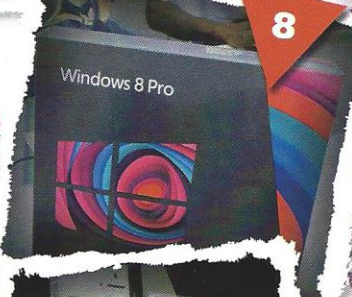
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## Top 10 Free iPhone Apps of 2012

1. Facebook
2. Pandora Radio
3. Words with Friends
4. Skype

5. The Weather Channel
6. Google Search
7. Google Earth
8. Angry Birds
9. Shazam
10. Netflix