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H1N1 FLU VIRUS



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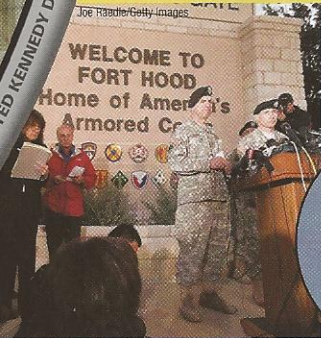
# H1N1

⤷ The H1N1 virus appears to affect teens more than typical flu viruses. Hand sanitizer is a commonplace sight in classrooms and other public spaces.



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SENATOR TED KENNEDY DIES



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⤴ America honors the lives of 13 innocent victims of a tragic shooting spree at Fort Hood, Texas, in November.



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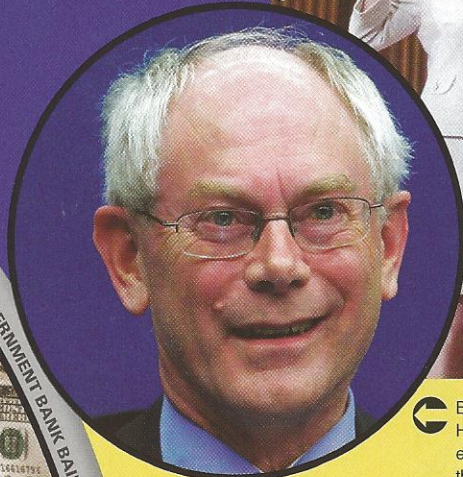


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⤴ In efforts to make General Motors more economically viable, the company discontinues the Saturn brand and announces plans to phase out its Pontiac division.

In August, Sonia Sotomayor is sworn in as the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice and only third female member in the top U.S. court's history. ➡

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⤷ Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy is elected the first president of the European Council (EU) under the Treaty of Lisbon.



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NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Unemployment rate in 2000: 4%  
2009: 10%  
bls.gov

U.S. population in 2000: 281 million  
2009: 305 million  
census.gov

Facebook users 2000: 0  
2009: 350 million  
theatlantic.com, guardian.co.uk