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JANUARY 2,
PETROLEUM PRICE HITS \$100 PER BARREL FOR THE FIRST TIME. GAS PRICES AT \$4.99 AND ABOVE ARE POSTED IN REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA.



JULY 31,
NASA ANNOUNCES THE DISCOVERY OF WATER ON MARS.

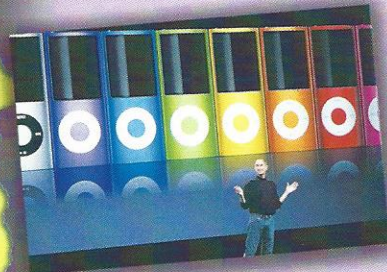
FEBRUARY 19,
PEOPLE IN HAVANA PASS A BILLBOARD SHOWING CUBAN LEADER FIDEL CASTRO, WHO RESIGNED AS CUBA'S PRESIDENT AFTER A HALF-CENTURY IN POWER.



AUGUST 8,
FIREWORKS EXPLODE OVER THE NATIONAL STADIUM DURING THE OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THE 2008 OLYMPICS IN BEIJING.



MARCH 19,
AN EXPLODING STAR HALFWAY ACROSS THE VISIBLE UNIVERSE BECOMES THE FARTHEST KNOWN OBJECT EVER VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE.

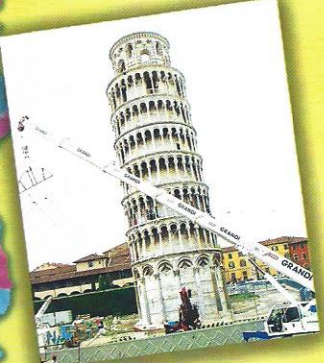
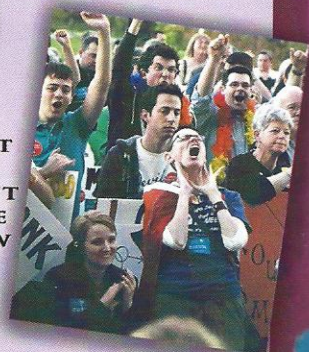


SEPTEMBER 9,
APPLE UNVEILS THE REVAMPED IPOD LINEUP, INCLUDING THE REDESIGNED IPOD NANO.

APRIL 28,
INDIA SETS A WORLD RECORD BY SENDING 10 SATELLITES INTO ORBIT IN A SINGLE LAUNCH.



OCTOBER 10,
THE AUDIENCE CHEERS AT A RALLY AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN CONNECTICUT TO CELEBRATE A SUPREME COURT RULING TO ALLOW SAME-SEX MARRIAGE.

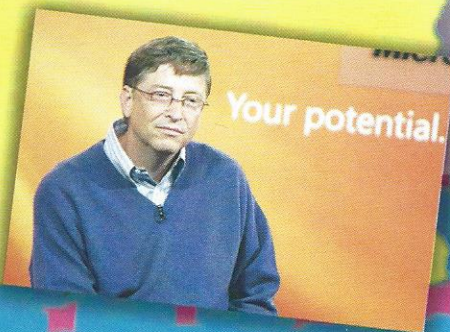


MAY 28,
ENGINEERS ANNOUNCE THAT THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA HAS BEEN STABILIZED FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND WILL REMAIN STABLE FOR 200 MORE YEARS.



NOVEMBER 4,
DEMOCRAT BARACK OBAMA WINS THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

JUNE 27,
AFTER 3 DECADES AS CHAIRMAN OF MICROSOFT, BILL GATES STEPS DOWN TO CONCENTRATE ON PHILANTHROPY.



DECEMBER 15,
MADONNA AND MOVIE DIRECTOR GUY RITCHIE AGREE TO A DIVORCE SETTLEMENT, BELIEVED TO BE THE BIGGEST IN HISTORY.

