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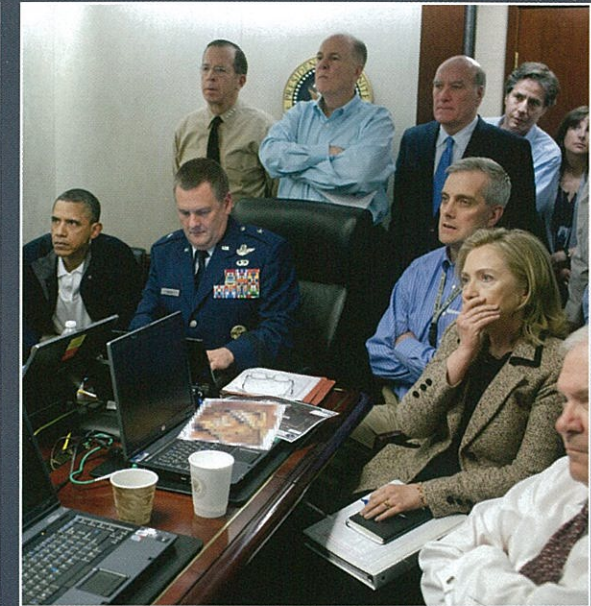
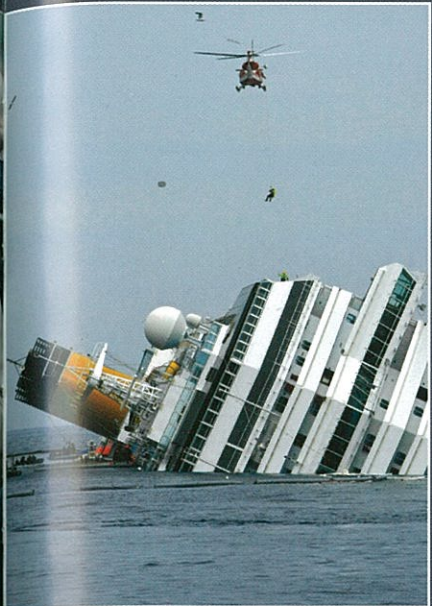
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Occupy Wall Street Occupies Headlines

Outrage over bank bailouts and foreclosures sparks a protest movement that spreads from New York's Zuccotti Park to cities across the nation.

Space Shuttle Program Ends

The nation's budget woes force NASA to cancel a 30-year program that shuttles U.S. astronauts to and from the International Space Station.

You Are One in 7 Billion

In October, the United Nations expresses concern over the planet's food supply now that the world population has reached an all-time high of 7 billion.

Cruise Ship Capsizes

The *Costa Concordia* runs aground off the Italian coast near the Isola del Giglio, resulting in numerous casualties.

Death of Bin Laden Catches Nation's Attention

The United States watched as news came in about the death of Osama Bin Laden, following the Seal Team 6 raid on the terrorist leader's Pakistan compound.

U.S. Troops Leave Iraq

The withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq ends in December, concluding eight years of war and occupation.

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Statue of Liberty Turns 125

Lady Liberty celebrates her 125th anniversary. To mark the occasion, 125 immigrants from 46 countries are sworn in as U.S. citizens.



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Halloween Blizzard Brings Tricky Snowfall

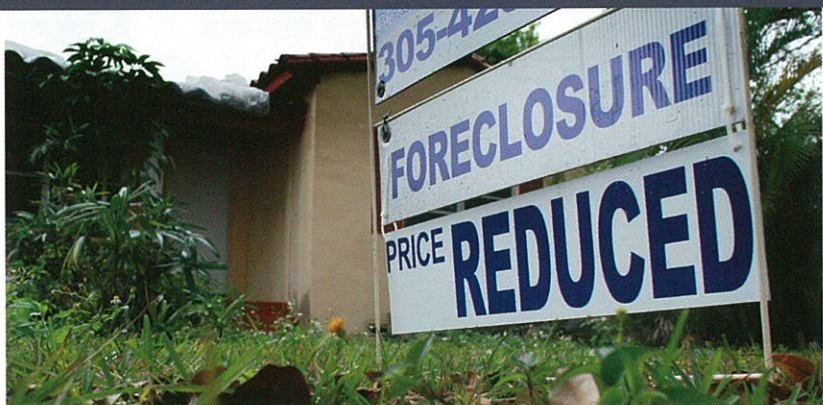
A surprise Nor'easter dumps record snowfalls of more than two feet in the Northeast, leaving millions stranded without power on Halloween.



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Doctor Convicted in Michael Jackson's Death

Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's personal physician, is convicted of involuntary manslaughter for his role in the pop star's anesthetic overdose.



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New Foreclosure Relief Is Coming

The government passed a near unanimous 26 billion dollar mortgage settlement, supported by 49 of the 50 states. The settlement is geared towards those affected by the housing crash that now owe more on their houses than they're actually worth.



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Arab Spring Extends Through Fall

Middle East regimes topple with the death of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi and the ouster of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak and Tunisian dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.



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Hurricane Irene Engulfs New England

Hurricane Irene unleashes torrential rains on New England, resulting in washed-out roads and swollen rivers. One woman is swept away and drowned.



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Greek Economy Endangers European Stability

European nations offer bailout loans and urge austerity measures to keep the Greek debt crisis from damaging the Euro-Zone economy.



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Amanda Knox Acquitted

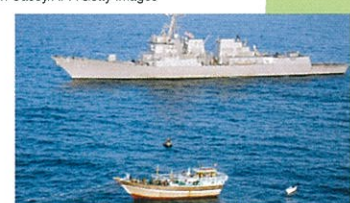
Italian courts overturn the murder conviction of American college student Amanda Knox. She returns home to Seattle after serving four years in prison.



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Legislators Take Bullying Seriously

To address increasing concern over harassment in schools, Michigan becomes the 47th U.S. state to pass laws that are written to combat bullying.



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Navy Rescues Iranian Crew from Pirates

In the North Arabian Sea, the USS *Kidd*, a U.S. Navy warship, rescues the crew of an Iranian fishing boat from Somali pirates.



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Obama Introduces Jobs Act

To boost the sluggish economy, President Obama presents Congress with the American Jobs Act, a bill designed to put citizens back to work.



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Republican Hopefuls Debate

A series of nationally televised debates narrows the field as candidates vie for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination.