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◀ SAD TIMES AT PENN STATE
Penn State University fired legendary football coach Joe Paterno, 85, after one of Paterno's former long-time assistants, Jerry Sandusky, was arrested on child sex abuse charges. Just over two months later, Paterno died of complications from lung cancer.



More than **110 million** viewers watched the Super Bowl, **25 million** watched Game 7 of the World Series and **23 million** watched the last game of the NBA Finals.

In 2011, **75 of the 100** most-watched sporting events on TV were NFL football games, including the **top 17**.

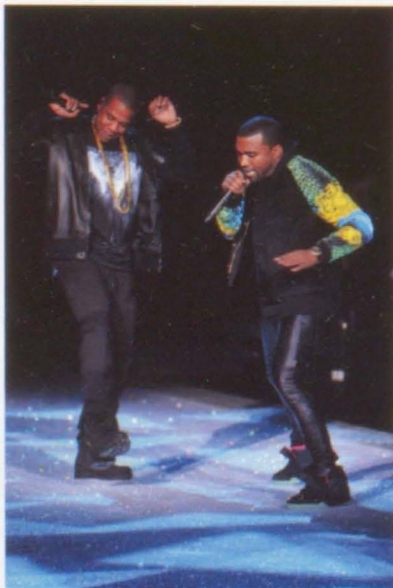
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By the numbers



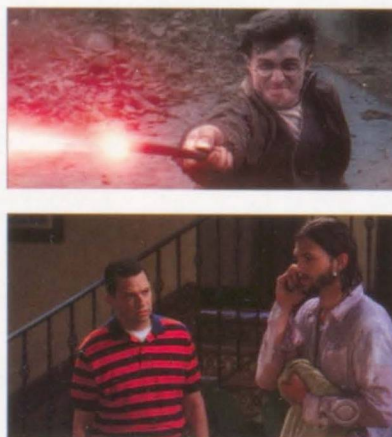
▼ LEGENDS ON TOUR

Rap icons Jay-Z and Kanye West worked together on a new album, *Watch the Throne*, and even went out on a brief two-month tour to support the album. With only 33 performances, the Jay-Z/Kanye concert became a highly sought after ticket.



▼ THE NEW MAN

After a public feud, producers fired actor Charlie Sheen from the popular sitcom *Two and a Half Men* and his lead character was even killed off in the show's storyline. Ashton Kutcher replaced Sheen in the cast for the new season, and the show continued to be a hit.



▼ THE STORY ENDS

More than 14 years after the release of the first book, and nearly 10 years after the release of the first movie, the pop culture phenomenon of Harry Potter came to a close with the last movie, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2*. By the end, the tales of the boy wizard captured the imagination of an entire generation.



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▲ A NEW RECORD

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski won his 903rd game when the Blue Devils defeated Michigan State at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 15, allowing him to pass his mentor Bobby Knight and become the coach with the most wins in men's college basketball history.

▲ A GIANT WIN ▶

The New York Giants defeated the New England Patriots, 21-17, in Super Bowl XLVI. New York quarterback Eli Manning, playing in the Indianapolis stadium made famous by his older brother Peyton, led the Giants on a game-winning touchdown drive in the last four minutes and was chosen Super Bowl MVP for the second time.

