

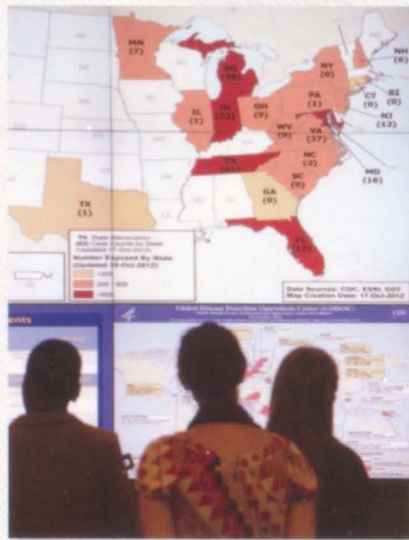


**SOUTH KOREAN POP STAR PSY** released the hit single "Gangnam Style" and in less than six months the song's music video became the most watched viral video of all-time with more than a billion views on YouTube. In the process, PSY became famous worldwide.

**FANS OF THE "TWILIGHT" SERIES** finally reached the end when the final movie was released, "Breaking Dawn – Part 2." The last chapter of the Bella/Edward vampire romance wrapped up a saga that started nearly eight years earlier with the release of the first novel.



**"THE DARK KNIGHT RISES"** capped off the recent "Dark Knight" trilogy of Batman movies to huge audiences and critical acclaim. The most recent film reintroduced Selina Kyle as Catwoman and saw Batman battling the powerful Bane.



**AT LEAST 32 PEOPLE DIED** and more than 460 became ill from a non-contagious form of fungal meningitis. The Centers for Disease Control said the outbreak was caused by contaminated steroid injections received by about 13,000 people.



**MORE PEOPLE ARE BUCKLING UP,** according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Seat belt use has increased every year since 1994, and in 2012, 86% of all drivers and passengers heeded the national safety campaign to "Click It or Ticket."

**OMG, TEXTING CELEBRATED** its 20th anniversary. The first text message was "Happy Christmas," sent from a computer to a very large cell phone over the network of Vodafone, a communications company. Now, approximately six billion texts are sent daily in the U.S.