



★ A spacecraft launched by the European Space Agency 10 years ago successfully landed a robotic probe on the surface of a comet. The probe, named the Philae, immediately sent back pictures and was expected to monitor the comet for four to five months.

★ SpaceShipTwo, one of the planes for Virgin Galactic's new space tourism company, crashed in the Mojave Desert during a test flight. One of the plane's two pilots was killed, and the company's test flight program was set back several months.

★ After 20 seasons, New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter retired. The 14-time All Star finished his career as the Yankees' leader in hits and games played. His final total of 3,465 hits was the most ever by a shortstop.



★ Lava from the Kilauea volcano on the big island of Hawaii destroyed a house in November, five months after the lava flow began. No one was injured. Residents had been on alert to evacuate since June, and were moving possessions out of their homes to protect them.

★ The National Football League began working with NO MORE, a national anti-domestic violence awareness campaign, after some incidents involving players came to light. One of those involved Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice, who was suspended by the NFL.

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