

ELECTION 2012

JOE KLEIN Why Romney should go left
JON MEACHAM on Santorum's misreading of church and state and JFK

Japan: One Year Later. Photo Portfolio by James Nachtwey

The Myths Of Bullying

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Briefing

'We didn't win by a lot, but we won by enough.'

- 1. MITT ROMNEY**, after his victory in the Feb. 28 Republican primary in his home state of Michigan; Romney also won the Arizona primary that day

'If you haven't hugged or kissed your kid in the last couple of days, take that time.'

- 2. JOE BERGANT**, school superintendent in Chardon, Ohio, where a shooting at Chardon High School left three students dead and two others wounded

'I will not be able to continue at the same rhythm.'

- 3. HUGO CHAVEZ**, Venezuelan President, after doctors discovered a cancerous pelvic lesion, which was later removed; Chávez's health troubles—he has undergone chemotherapy and several surgeries—have called into question his plan to stand for re-election in October

'You're only two years older than me, darling.'

- 4. CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER**, addressing his Oscar statuette after the 82-year-old was awarded the Best Supporting Actor trophy on Feb. 26; he is the oldest person to win an Oscar

'Only in politics do people root for bad news.'

- 5. PRESIDENT OBAMA**, responding to GOP critics who have blamed the Administration's energy policies for soaring gas prices



36

Number of hours the Daytona 500 spanned because of rain and a fiery crash, making it the first NASCAR race to air on prime-time TV

62 miles

Length of a structure discovered in Mongolia that is believed to be part of the Great Wall of China



\$13,800

Price fetched for a jersey worn by Jeremy Lin during the one game he played with the Erie BayHawks of the NBA Development League

16%

Percentage increase from 2006 to 2009 in the number of Americans who went to the ER for routine dental problems because of a shortage in dentists who will treat Medicaid patients