

Protests spread to more than a dozen cities

Protests against corporate greed and economic inequality spread across America

The Occupy Wall Street movement that began in New York last month with a few people has expanded to protests in more than a dozen cities. They included Tampa, Florida; Trenton and Jersey City, New Jersey; Philadelphia, and Norfolk, Virginia in the East; to Chicago and St. Louis in the Midwest; Houston, San Antonio and Austin in Texas; Nashville, Tennessee; and Portland, Oregon, Seattle and Los Angeles in the West.

Dallas Federal Reserve President Richard Fisher surprised a business group in Fort Worth, Texas recently when he said, "I am somewhat sympathetic — that will shock you. The Fed played a key role in one of the protest targets, the 2008 Wall Street bailout that critics say let banks enjoy huge profits while average Americans suffered high unemployment and job insecurity. We have too many people out of work. We have a very uneven distribution of income. We have a very frustrated people, and I can understand their frustration."

In addition to the bailout, protesters have raged against corporate greed and influence over American life, the gap between rich and poor, and hapless, corrupt politicians. "I'm fed up with the Government, I'm fed up with the bailouts. If I fail at my job, I don't get a bonus — I get fired," said Tim Lucas, 49, vice president of a software company, who was protesting in Austin. Hun-



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dreds of people have been arrested in New York since the protests began last month. "This is the

beginning," said John Preston in Philadelphia, business manager for Teamsters Local 929. "Team-

sters will support the movement city to city."

In Philadelphia, up to 1,000 protesters chanted and waved placards reading: 'I did not think 'By the People, For the People' meant 1 percent', a reference to their argument the country's top few have too much wealth and political power.

In addition to Mr. Fisher, senior politicians and corporate executives including President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, tried to show empathy for the protesters. "People are frustrated and, you know, the protesters are giving voice to a more broad-based frustration about how our financial system works," Mr. Obama said at a news conference in Washington.

Mr. Biden, speaking at the Washington Ideas Forum, likened the protest movement to the Tea Party, which sprang to life in 2009 after Mr. Obama's election and has become a powerful grassroots conservative force helping elect dozens of Republicans to office. "The American people do not think the system is fair," Mr. Biden said.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said he understood the anger being felt by the protesters, but said that he had to balance that with the economic importance of Wall Street to the state. Wall Street is the pillar of the New York state economy, making up 13 percent of tax contributions.

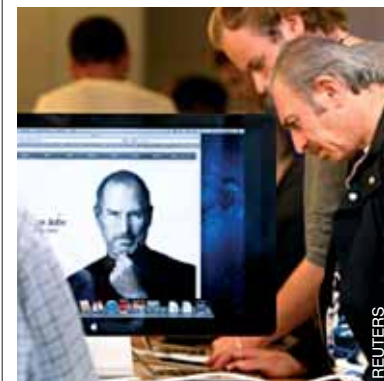
Life and times of Apple's genius

San Francisco-born Steve Jobs' Apple Macintosh was an early smash hit in the small computer market

It was the first to use a mouse to click on command controls and the company told consumers that a 'taste of it would liberate them'. Jobs considered himself as part of a counter-culture. In his youth he tripped on psychedelic drugs. He embraced Buddhism in India. His early work included video games at Atari.

Jobs saw the allure of a graphical user interface early on, in the late 1970s, and, with Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, Mike Markkula, and others, he built on it. But he and the board of directors did not see eye to eye, and the year the first Macintosh came out, in 1984, as overall sales slumped, Jobs resigned from Apple. He then founded NeXT, specialising in the science and academic markets, and then bought The Graphics Group (later renamed Pixar), which took off with Toy Story in 1995.

Apple then bought NeXT, bringing Jobs the co-founder back. He swiftly reasserted his control and threw himself into its return to profitability. He was known for professional aggressiveness and a temperamental style, by some as an ego maniac, by others as mellow and mature. He produced many wonders: Jobs had hundreds of inventor or co-inventor patents or patent applications to his name. He cared about how things looked, felt, for instance the all-in-one iMac desktop computer designed by Jonathan Ive and introduced in 1998.



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He got richer as his company bore technologically innovative and more and more user-friendly fruit for the whole world. He also got much thinner. His weakening health was linked to cancer of the pancreas. He made it public knowledge in 2004. But he handled it, periodically away from work. In 2009, he had a liver transplant and handed more tasks over to others, but he still showed up for product launch events.

The world admired him while Apple products sold in the millions. The company became one of the world's largest by market capitalisation, occasionally bumping even oil off the top spot, soon before Jobs handed over the chief executive reins. Apple and its historic chief were also criticised over labour, environmental and some business practices, but both clearly stimulated consumer electronics, creatively, even philosophically.

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Comet's water 'like that of Earth's oceans'

Comet Hartley 2 contains water more like that found on Earth than all the comets we know about, researchers say

A study aimed to measure the fraction of deuterium present in the comet's water. The result hints at the idea that much of the Earth's water could have initially come from cometary impacts.

The early Earth was rocky and dry; most likely, something brought the water that covers most of the planet today. Water has something of a molecular fingerprint in the amount of deuterium it contains, and only about half a dozen comets have been measured in this way — and all of them have exhibited a deuterium fraction twice as high as the oceans. Asteroids give rise to the meteors and meteorites that arrive on Earth, making their deuterium fraction more well-established. Meteoritic material has roughly the same proportion of deuterium that the Earth's oceans contain, and so the assumption has been that if water arrived from elsewhere, it came from asteroids.

Solar power plant works night shift

World's first solar power station — able to work all through the night — officially opened near Seville in southern Spain

More than 2,600 mirrors at the Gemasolar installation concentrate the Sun's rays to create superheated liquid salt during the day, and that retains enough en-

ergy to generate power throughout 15 hours of darkness. Technical Director Santiago Arias said, "Electricity production is much higher in summer than winter, but of course it's designed to work all year round."

It is the biggest solar power station of its type in Europe and

is a joint venture between Spain and the United Arab Emirates. It was formally inaugurated by Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al Nahyan and King Juan Carlos of Spain. The plant is designed to produce nearly 20 megawatts of power, enough to supply a city of 100,000 people.

BBC set to cut 2,000 jobs by 2017



People are reflected in a sign as they walk past BBC offices

BBC is planning to cut 2,000 jobs and radically change programming in order to cut 20 percent from its budget over the next five years

No channels will close. Some money will be reinvested in new

programmes. All new daytime programming will shift to BBC One, with BBC Two broadcasting news and repeats of peak-time shows. Technicians' Union Bectu accused the corporation's Director General Mark Thompson of 'destroying jobs

and destroying the BBC'.

Mr. Thompson unveiled details of the cuts — branded Delivering Quality First (DQF) — in an address to staff. He said the changes would lead to 'a smaller, radically reshaped BBC'. As well as the loss of 2,000 posts across the BBC over the next five years, another 1,000 staff will relocate from London to Salford. BBC Three will move Salford in 2016.

BBC One, which is having its overall budget cut by 3 percent, will see a reduction in entertainment programmes 'which have a lower impact', Mr. Thompson said. There will be fewer chat shows and panel shows on BBC Two, and digital channels BBC Three and Four will become feeder channels for BBC One and Two respectively.