

## **CELEB POWER 2011**

*By Nahida Rashid*

Lady Gaga has been named the most powerful celebrity of the year in the 2011 top list of VIPs.

Teen sensation Justin Bieber, at number three, Taylor Swift at number 7 and Simon Cowell is at number 9.

The Forbes Celebrity 100 list ranks celebrity's every year according to how much money they make, how much they are searched for on the internet and written about in the media.

Lady Gaga has moved up four spaces on the list, making it the most powerful celebrity 2011.

### **BRUNO MARS'S LAZY SONG ISN'T VERY LAZY**

*By Nahida Rashid*

Bruno Mars's hit song Lazy Song shot number one in the iTunes charts. Proving it wasn't a very lazy song. This means he has had three number ones from his first album, Doo-Wops & Hooligans!

He has knocked Party Rock Anthem, which has been top of the charts for four weeks.

Bruno better watch out though, Lady Gaga's song The Edge Of Glory, which has just come out is already at

### **PRISON BREAK IN?**

*By Georgia Frater-White*

Jails are used to prisoners breaking out but never in!

Officials in Kandahar are embarrassed at the loss of 476 Taliban prisoners who escaped in a tunnel dug from outside the prison walls. The tunnel took five months to build and had lights and ventilation.

## **WATERMELONS IN CHINA BURST TO THE PAPERS**

*BY Harry Killeen*

Local farmers have been dazzled to find hundreds of watermelons in their fields to have exploded. Some of the farmers suspect to think the cause is an overdose of a growth chemical called forchlorfenuron; they used the drug in wet weather, this resulting in acres of "land mines".

A farmer said "if it had been used on young fruit it wouldn't be a problem", "another reason is that it was a type of melon known to split called the "thin rind" variety.

Chinese regulations allow the drug but the government are now pressuring police to stop it as it is causing trouble in the food industry.