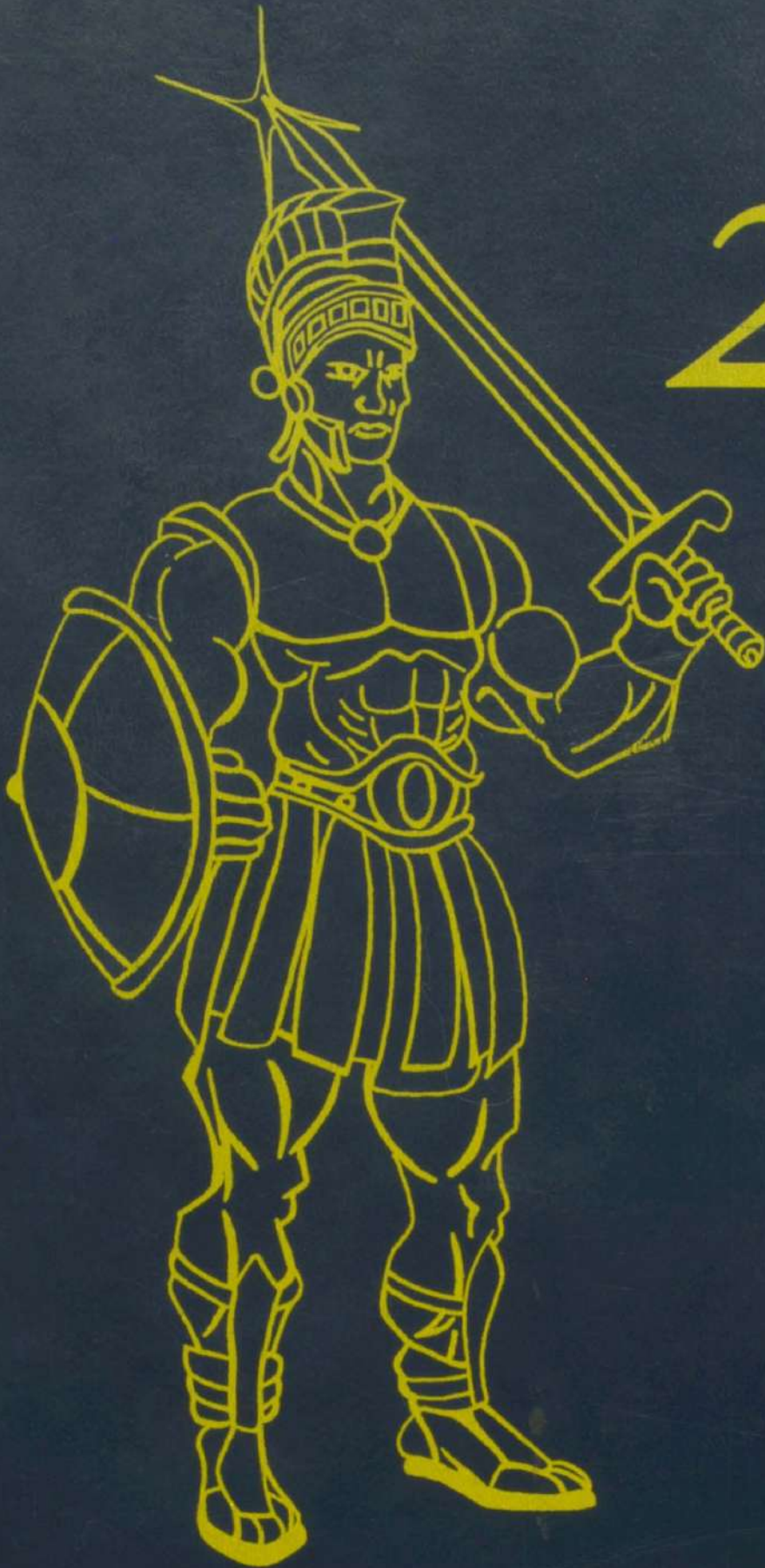


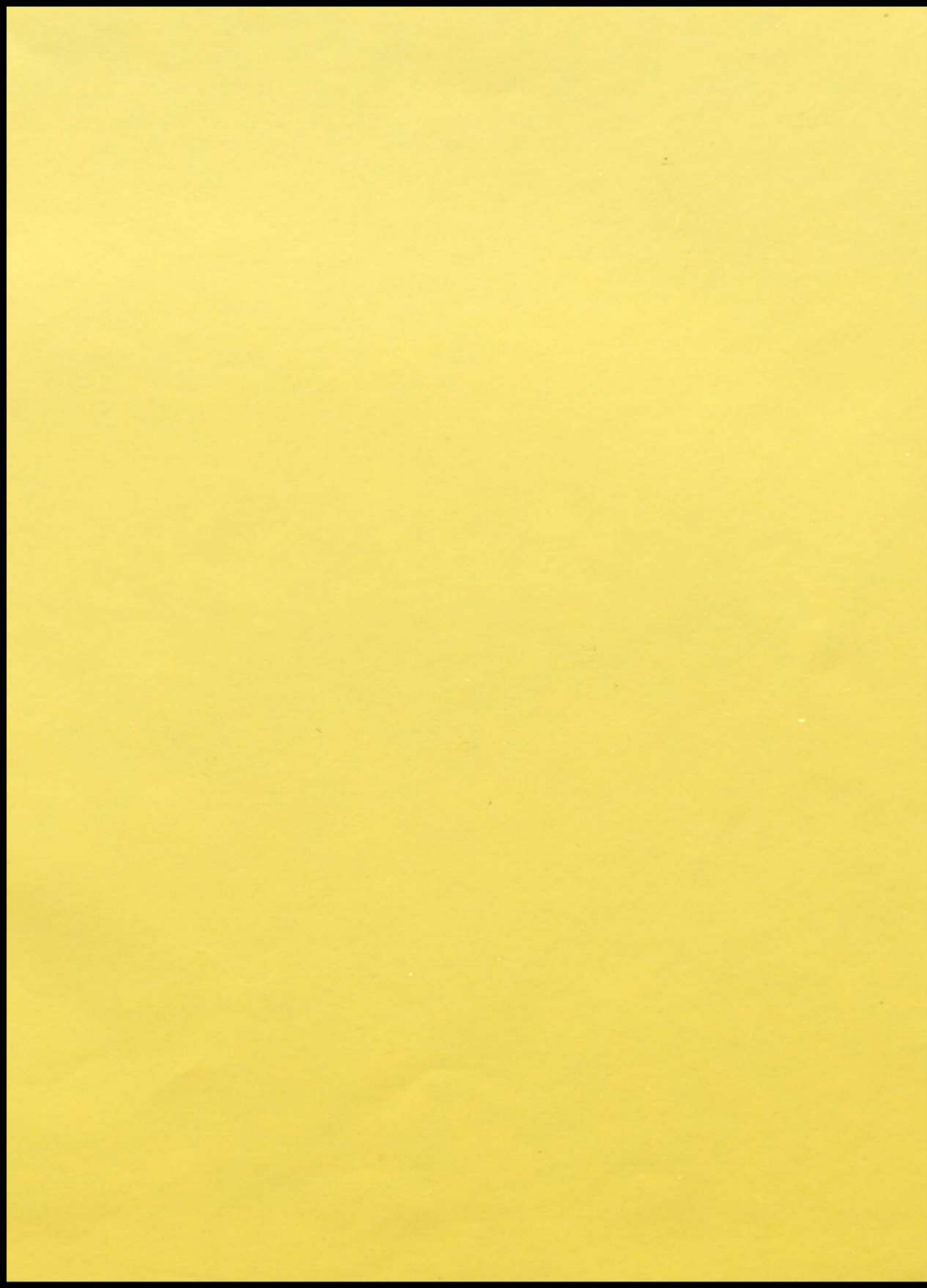
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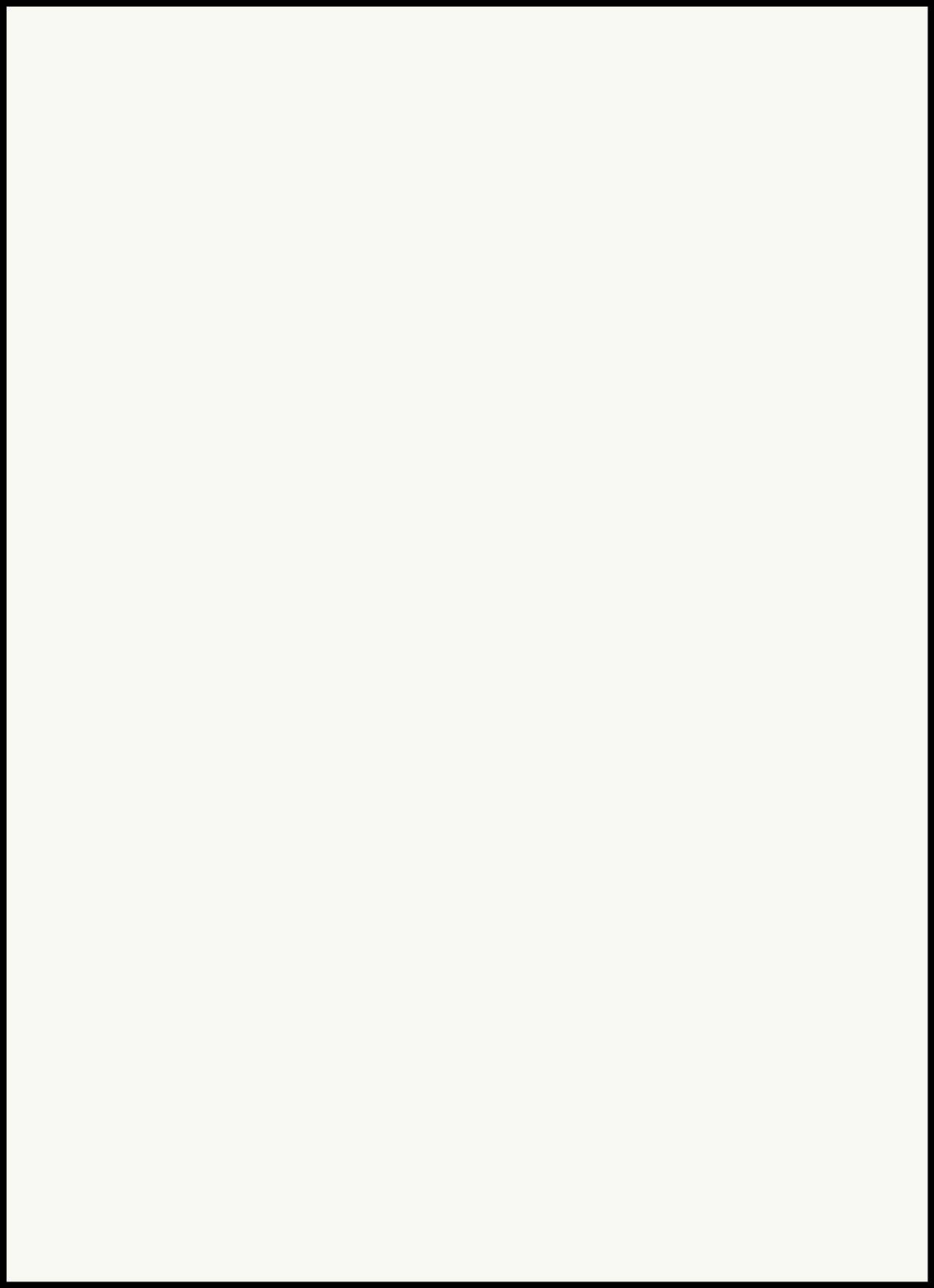
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Pineline Dixon

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Clarissa Santiago

Janitra Lewis  
Shavone Soto

Enira Perez

Sally H  
Dexter

# Administration

PRINCIPAL



**Mr. Fiorini**

To The Class Of 2004 ,

Congratulations! I am so proud of the young men and women you have become. I know that you will take the education you have received here at Bloomfield Tech and use it as a foundation for great and wonderful things. Look back on these years with fondness, but look ahead with eagerness. Your life has just begun, and I wish you much success on all of your future endeavors.



VICE PRINCIPAL



**Mr. Love**

To The Class Of 2004 ,

I would like to congratulate the members of the class of 2004. You have been a very impressive senior class. Best of luck in whatever path you choose to take in life.



**Mrs Serra**  
*Secretary*



**Ms. Hall**  
*Secretary*



# Guidance



**Mrs. Acocella**  
*Guidance Counselor*



**Mrs. Parisi**  
*Guidance Counselor*



**Mrs. Cancellieri**  
*Guidance Secretary*

# Support Staff



**Dr. Thomason**  
*Psychologist*



**Mrs. Lydixsen**  
*Nurse*



**Cafeteria Staff**  
M. Santoro, J. Delveccaio, F. Crisci, E. Arroyo



**Security Staff**  
I. Rodriguez, J. Wilson, C. Cromwel

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# Faculty



**Ms. Albano**  
*Phys. Ed & Health*



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*Math*



**Mr. Bromberg**  
*History*



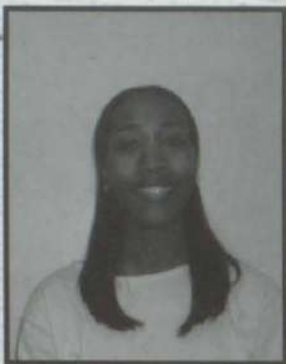
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*Architectural*



**Ms. Conon**  
*Business Tech.*



**Mr. Cucolo**  
*English*



**Ms. Davidson**  
*Math*



**Ms. Della Volpe**  
*Advertising Design*



**Mr. Garry**  
*History*



**Mr. Greenwood**  
*Phys. Ed & Health*



**Mrs. Hough**  
*English*



**Mr. Kinder**  
*Network Tech.*



**Ms. Landis**  
*Math*



**Mrs. Lautherahn**  
*History*



**Mr. Leach**  
*Auto Tech.*



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**Ms. McHugh**  
*Science*



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*Carpentry*

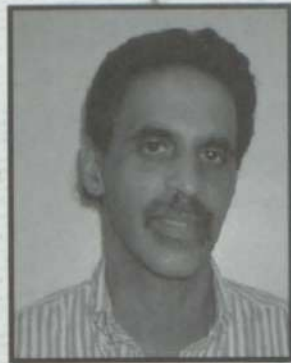


**Ms. Morales**  
*Graphic Arts*





**Ms. Milbury**  
*Math*



**Mr. Pansulla**  
*English*



**Mr. Pereira**  
*Math*



**Mr. Perna**  
*Library*



**Mr. Rasheed**  
*Welding*



**Ms. Rivera**  
*Science*



**Mr. Romano**  
*Electric*



**Ms. Rotek**  
*Spanish*



**Ms. Rowles**  
*English*



**Mr. Rudy**  
*Phys. Ed & Health*



**Mr. Salmonowitz**  
*Science*



**Mr. Singh**  
*Mathematics*



**Ms. Stewart**  
*English*



**Ms. Sutton**  
*Multimedia*



**Mr. Trakas**  
*Machine*



**Ms. Vanderheyden**  
*Math*



**Ms. Ward**  
*Business Tech.*



**Mrs. Yamoah**  
*English*

*To accomplish great things  
you must not only act  
but also dream,  
not only plan  
but also believe.*



# Senior Trips

*Bronx Zoo/ Rockefeller Center*







The best part of  
school is when  
we're not  
there at all.





# Senior Trips

*Bronx Zoo/ Rockefeller Center*







When you're  
having fun  
time is not of  
the  
essence.



# Memories

Joaly Manzano	Jo	Alicia Medina	Nini
It's surprising to see how time has passed us by. I had a blast. Words of advice: never go to Fridays, remember when Zairy burped and Jary got mad? Never go out with Angie, she'll be 21 and still have curfew (lol). Good friends are hard to come by so to my friends, Thank you! your all the best.		Diana, Ana, Odaliz, and Yansi, thank you for always being by my side. I am proud to say you are all true friends. Para mi nene lindo: gracias por tu amor y el apoyo que me has dado. Janelle and Nicole: I did it girls and so can you!	
Diana Pensamiento	Lil D	Jason Rojas	Tight
To my parents, I love you and thanks for everything. To my dear brothers Albert and Jeff, you have both made me so happy and I always thank you, mad love for 'ya', don't forget that!		Class of 2004! Woot! shout outs to my friends Alex, Anthony (team H.O.O.P. forever!), Roger, Hez, Erick (yeaaaaahhh...), Vincent, Gerard, and Sam. Can't forget the girls! Silvia (my best friend, I'll love you for ever) Jary, Samantha, Amy, Olivene, Clarissa, Joaly, Kristal, and Chantel. Good luck to all of you in college. Don't worry Syl, I'll write while I'm in the Air Force. In closing.. Moo!	
Ana Ortega	Shorty	Hezekiah Harris	Hezz
Well Jessy, I want to thank you especially because of all the rough times we've been through together. For giving me advice (which I barely took). I love you girl and I thank you for being true, loyal, and the greatest friend ever. Take care.		Congratulations to the class of 2004! We finally did it! I'd like to give a shout to all my friends, family, and teachers. Without you, I wouldn't have made it! On one last note, I leave the senior class this question, "What would you attempt to do if you couldn't fail?"	
Sarangeli Ferrer	Angie	Brenda Lake	White girl/Bren
To all my friends, you all know who you are, thank you for being there for me through all my hard times. You guys helped me keep going when I thought things couldn't get worse. Also, thanks for all the good times and memories we share. Zairy, thanks for being there always and for sticking up for me, you're the best. I love all you guys and I'll make sure we keep in touch.		I hope everyone succeeds at their desires and goals in life. I hope everyone is happy and finds love. To those going to college, I hope you graduate; to those not, I hope you have a happy life.	
Jessica Davino	Jessy	Zairy Ramos	"Z"
Congrats to the class of '04' we did it and hopefully we'll keep doing it. Let's keep this year going and love every single day of it. May all of you be blessed and have a wonderful life. To my friend Keonia thanks for being a true friend and for hanging in there.		First and foremost, I would like to thank my mom. She's been through thick and thin with me. Mommy I love you. Next Amy, my lil booger Angie, and Jo we've been through hell and back. I can't forget my lil rugrat sisters, love ya. Ya make my world go round.	
Yansi J. Galvez		Samantha Katchis	Sam
We finally made it! I want to wish all of my friends the best of luck and success. To everyone else I'm glad we are parting.		I can remember many times just sitting in the locker room chatting with the girls, whether it be my teammates or classmates. We just talked about our days which almost always ended up with us in fits of laughter. In fact a couple of days ago I wondered what I'd do without their silliness.	
Jessica Reyes	Jessy	Ana Andrade	Gaby
First of all, I want to thank you Ana for everything you have done for me. You have shown me that friendships are worth while. Thank you for showing me kindness and being trustworthy. To my other two close friends thanks for being such good friends, for listening to everything I have to say. I love you all.		After four long years its finally over, and for everything I have God and my parents to thank . I want to also thank my brother who always had my back. I wish the academy class all the best especially Sam, Chanie, Nummy-nummy, Kirby, and even Mighty Mouse. Thanks and good luck.	



# Congratulations Boys and Girls Basketball 2004

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# Memories

<b>Omarys Rodriguez</b>	<b>Tita</b>	<b>Meagon Acosta</b>	<b>Megowatz</b>
I would like to thank my parents and family for always being there for me. Without you I dont know what I would do. I will like to thank all my TRUE friends (you know who you are). Good Luck to all in the class of 2004!!!		I made it that's wassup! I would like to thank my parents and grandparents for helping me through highschool. Good Luck to the class of "2004". To all my friends, you know who you are, I love you's. To anyone I made fun of throughout these 4 years, my fault (LOL). To my brother John. David Acosta, I love you R.I.P.	
<b>Danielle Hubbard</b>	<b>Truth</b>	<b>Yolanda Charles</b>	<b>Yolelmo</b>
I want to thank my family (mom, dad, brothers, and sisters) for being there for me, especially during my highschool years. I also want to thank the B.T. Lady Spartans for being the best teammates I could ask for. I'll miss you. c/o 2004		I remember when Mrs. Portera was still here. She always had a plate of candy in her office. One day, my friend Tisha and I went in there singing songs and she gave us candy. She said we would have to come in everyday and sing for her, and we did. Whenever the 3:00 p.m. bell rang we would run to her office and start singing. Good Luck to the class of "04"	
<b>Lorianne Nathan</b>	<b>Sloupoke</b>	<b>Jeaninne Lopes</b>	<b>Redd</b>
I would like to thank my family for their support. Also my teachers and friends. I would like to give a shout out to the class of "04"		To the class of "04", I wish you all the best of luck in your future. To my buddies, I will miss ya'll and I'll never forget the crazy times we had. To my bestfriend "Silly" even though we became bestfriends this year, I'm still gonna miss you and I won't forget the fun times we had together, and I hope you'll never forget either. Love Yah Muawzz!! I want to thank my parents for being there for me.	
<b>German Aponte</b>		<b>Shavone Soto</b>	<b>Shavany</b>
I would like to thank my mother and father for supporting me throughout highschool. I would also like to thank my teachers and of course my friends.		First and for most I really want to thank my mom, dad, and my sisters for sticking with me throughout highschool. Last but certainly not least, I really want to thank my bestfriends Clary, Mari, Jeannette, Giselle, and Cindy for always being there for me. I love you!	
<b>Vanessa Oquendo</b>	<b>Vane</b>	<b>Amarilis Hernandez</b>	<b>Amy</b>
I would like to give a thanks to my parents and family for encouraging me all the way. Shout out to my TRUE friends (you know who you are). c/o 2004		I would like to thank my mother for getting upset with me everytime I did something wrong, my father for believing in me, Tony for helping us succeed in life, my sister for making me laugh when I needed a good laugh, my baby Manny; without you I'd simply be nothing, and God for giving me the chance to succeed and making my family proud.	
<b>Cindy Lopez</b>	<b>Flaca</b>	<b>Myron Perry</b>	
I just want to say Good Luck to the class of 2004. It went by fast, but I still had fun with my friends. You know what I'm talking about. I'll miss you, and Good Luck in the future. Jeaninne don't have too much fun before any parties (LOL).		I would like to thank my dad, I couldn't have done it without you and the family. Lots of love to the class of "04". I wish ya'll the best. Peace!!	
<b>Lachelle James</b>	<b>Leche</b>	<b>Walter Brown Jr.</b>	<b>Walt</b>
Hey guys, we did it! I want to wish the class of "2004" the best of wishes. To my friends, I want to thank you for being there for me I had fun. I will miss you guys.		To everyone that I know and to the rest of the senior class, I want to say Good Luck to whatever you do in life. To all of the people. I knew for 4 years, I will miss all of you and miss all of the things we did. I also want to give a shout out to the Welding shop. A note to all of the people that know me, I am not this quiet out of school. Good Luck to the senior class of "04"	



<b>Richard Laurent</b>	<b>Spook G.</b>	<b>Vanessa Rodriguez</b>	<b>Nessa</b>
I want to thank God, and my family for supporting me all four years of highschool. I would also like to thank every teacher for helping me. Big shout out to the class of 2004!		It's been a long four years and I still dont know all the seniors. So for those who know me, " Good luck and don't party to hard". Just remember, if you want to cheat in college don't put your name on the cheat sheet (we all know who I'm talking about).	
<b>Patricia Robles</b>	<b>Pita</b>	<b>Giselle Herrera</b>	<b>Gi-Gi</b>
First, I'd like to thank my mother for believing in me. Second, I want to say thanks to my grandmother for being there for me. Last but not least, my family and friends for being there, especially Erika, Sandra, and Janira. If not for them, I wouldn't be graduating.		I want all seniors to remember the time we went to Rockafeller Center. Remember: Never give up until you achieve what you want in life.	
<b>Jose Flores</b>	<b>Jealous One's Still Envy</b>	<b>Latisha Kearney</b>	<b>Tisha</b>
I want to give a shout out to the class of 2 thousand 4 and the teachers who helped me through all 4 years. Also to my mom and sister who are always there for me, I LOVE YOU BOTH! and a special shout out to my brother "Rico" I thank you for giving me all the advice I've needed. I will always remember you. I LOVE YOU! R.I.P.		I would like to thank God for my family who has been very supportive of me throughout all my years. I thank you for the knowledge you've bestowed upon me. I thank my friends for making these years tolerable.	
<b>Jennifer Ortiz</b>	<b>Jen</b>	<b>Jason Hester</b>	<b>J</b>
I just want to wish everyone the best in the present and future. I would also like to thank those who kept me positive throughout my pregnancy. Those who encouraged me to strive for the best, I will always remember you and cherish the moments we all had. God bless you all.		I would like to thank my family and friends. I would also like to say thank you to my teachers for giving me my education and teaching me all that I know. Thanks for everything.	
<b>Sharlene Lopez</b>	<b>Gordita</b>	<b>Francisco Pereira</b>	<b>DJ KNOD</b>
I can't believe four years has gone by in a blink of an eye. I wish the class of 2004 the best of luck. To my true friends and they know who they are, Thank You for being there for me. I love you all. I also want to thank my mom and dad for pushing me to do my best. I love you both.		I would like to say, "Look at me now" to all the teachers that told me I would never amount to nothing. I made a lot of good friends in Bloomfield Tech., you know who you are. To all the phony people, goodbye and the rest, I'll see you soon. Good luck in your life journies. L.M.B.	
<b>Jose Gaguancela</b>	<b>Chela</b>	<b>Samuel Victor</b>	<b>Ess Vee</b>
I want to give a shout out to all my people P.S.C., D.U.S., and M.A.P. A special shout out 2 Broesito, my family, and wifey. I also want 2 thank my family, my girl, Chino, Cuma, David, DJ-Knod, Flores, La Gordita, Loco, Manny, Meagan, Nome, Sapito, Sylvia, and Walter (aight official) for always being there for me.		I would like to give respect where respect is due. I'd like to shout out all my friends. I wanna shout out Irvington to the fullest! I seriously hope that everyone finds out who they are and what they are really about. Be true to yourself. I	
<b>Janira Rodriguez</b>	<b>Jary</b>	<b>David Hanson</b>	
Remember when the guys, Jason, and Chino dressed up like girls for holloween? Remember when Cindy was beating up Da-Shawn on the bus to the Bronx Zoo? Remember when I got my first A in math? CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2004!		The times I had were fun and the memories will stick. Just want to say peace to E-unit, you know we take it over. Also, peace to DSC stay alive and keep on doing you. There is nothing like the c/o 2004 Love everyone, keep your heads up.	



# Seniors in Shops





*TO GOOD TO BE FORGOTTEN*



CLASS  
OF  
2004





Meagan Acosta  
To become an Architect  
Machine



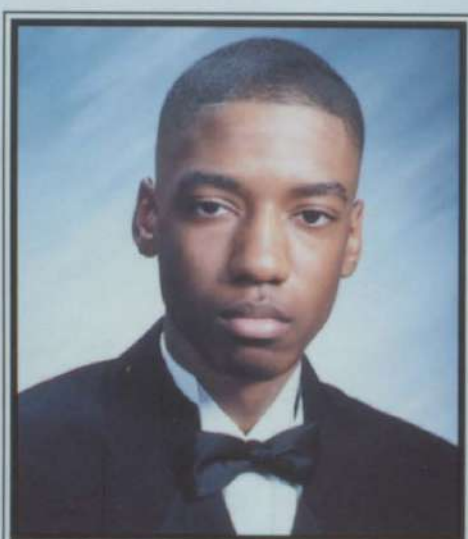
Ana Andrade  
To receive a college degree  
Networking



German Aponte  
To become a doctor  
Electric



Timothy Benifield  
To be a music producer  
Networking



Walter Brown  
College, trade union, own a business  
Welding



Odaliz Caraballo  
College, Union  
Welding



Brent Carter  
College, Criminal Justice, FBI  
Auto Mechanics



Andrew Carty  
Major in Finance  
Business Technology



Juan Castillo  
Make money  
Auto Mechanics





Clarimel Cepeda  
Become a doctor and enjoy life  
Advertising & Design



Yolanda Charles  
Be Successful  
Business Technology



Elias Correa  
Be A Business Man  
Electric



Jessica Cunas  
Live life to the fullest  
Graphic Arts



Marisol Davila  
College, US Army, Detective  
Business Technology



Jessica Davino  
Degree in Graphic Design  
Graphic Arts



Khaliqa A. Davis  
Criminal Justice, Advertising  
Advertising & Design



Da-Shawn Dwight  
To become rich and happy  
Carpentry



Jeanine Ellison  
To become a physical therapist  
Architecture





Chantal Eyong  
College & Travel  
Multimedia



Sarangeli Ferrer  
Study Medicine & Pediatric Surgeon  
Welding



Jose Gaguancela



Yansi Galvez  
College/ Major Graphic Arts  
Graphic Arts



Damion Green  
To Graduate  
Electric



David Hanson  
Electric



Hezekiah Harris  
Computer Scientist  
Graphic Arts



Alexander Hernandez  
Have a family  
Multimedia



Amarilis Hernandez  
To be successful  
Advertising & Design





Giselle Herrera  
Business Administrator /Entrepreneur  
Business Technology



Jeannette Herrera  
College and professional Job  
Business Technology



Jason Hester



Danielle Hubbard  
Athletic Trainer  
Networking



Lachelle James  
College/ Graphic Designer  
Graphic Arts



Samantha Katehis  
Chef  
Multimedia



Latisha Kearney  
Fashion Designer  
Business Technology



Tiffany Kennedy  
Entrepreneur/Business Manager  
Business Technology



Aneesa Khan

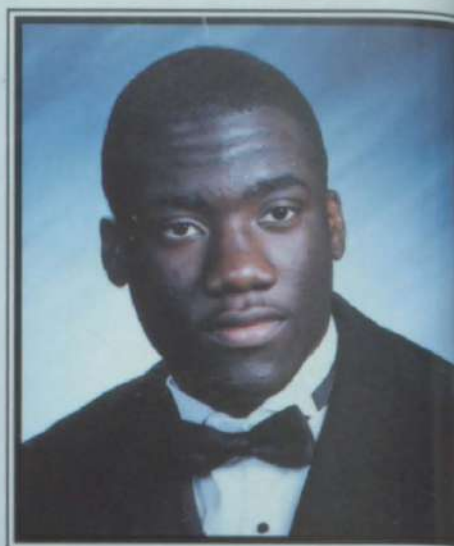




Brenda Lake  
Open a Restaurant  
Advertising & Design II



Gerard Lambert  
Enjoy Life  
Multimedia



Richard Laurent  
Physical Therapist  
Advertising & Design II



Danitra Lewis  
Business Management  
Business Technology



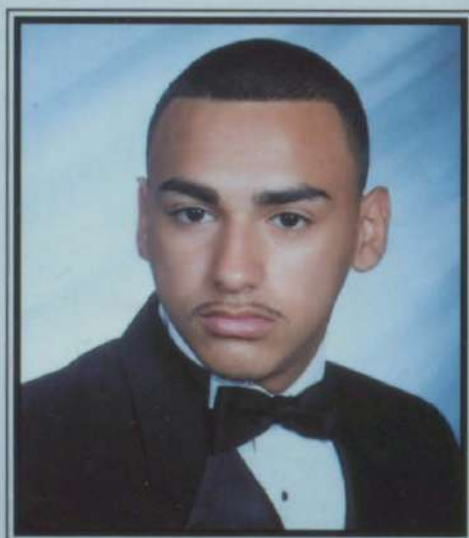
Jeaninne Lopes  
Fashion Management  
Advertising & Design II



Cindy Lopez  
Nurse  
Graphic Arts



Sharlene Lopez  
College/ Business Administrator  
Business Technology



Gabriel Lugo  
College  
Networking



Kristal Maharaj  
Business Administrator C.E.O.  
Business Technology





Lisa Mason  
Business Technology



Joaly Manzano  
Masters degree in Education  
Graphic Arts



Leo Martinez  
Professional Athlete  
Electric



Roger Martinez  
Own a Business  
Multimedia



Taniesha Mc Phaul  
Business Technology



Alicia L. Medina  
Follow my future  
Business Technology



Wilfredo Miranda  
Architecture  
Drafting



Sylvia Moreno  
To be heard through music  
Multimedia



Nathalie Morgan  
Graphic Arts



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Lorianne Nathan  
College, Pediatrician  
Welding



Courtney Nelson  
Be in the NBA  
Networking



Brian Ng  
Auto Mechanics



Antonio Njango  
Follow Life  
Electric



Vanessa Oquendo  
Welding



Manuel Ordonez  
Electric



Ana Ortega  
Be a Nurse  
Welding



Melissa Ortiz  
Own my own business  
Business Technology



Jennifer Ortiz  
To be a good mother  
Welding





Diana Pensamiento  
Stock Broker, Own A Company  
Business Technology



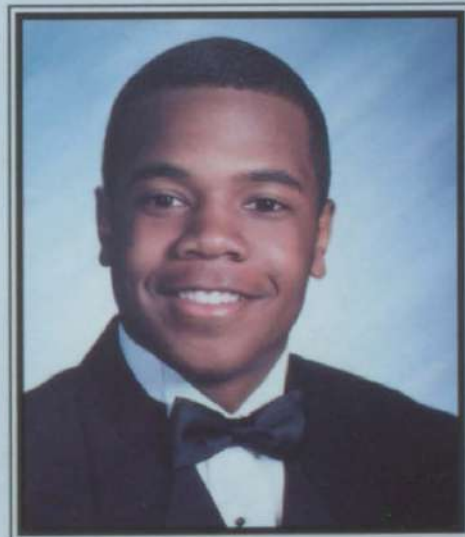
Francisco Pereira  
Graphic Designer  
Advertise & Design II



Erika Perez  
To be successful in life  
Advertise & Design II



Myron Perry  
Successful Business Mogul  
Carpentry



Jonathan Phillips  
To have a Record company  
Networking



Keonia Phillips  
Audio Engineer  
Multimedia



Jason Piegato  
Own A Business  
Auto Mechanics



Sandra Pinho  
To be Successful  
Architecture



Rodolfo Ramirez  
Business man, trillionaire  
Carpentry





Zairy Ramos  
Pediatrician, NCAA softball  
Advertising & Design II



Vincent Randolph  
Professional Pilot  
Multimedia



Erick Recinos  
Machine



Lamar Register  
College, Television  
Machine



Jessica Reyes  
Graduate from 4yr. college  
Welding



Zumayna I. Rivera  
Archaeology & Anthropology  
Business



Edgar Robles  
Navy  
Electric



Patricia Robles  
Teacher, Be a Great Mother, Designer  
Advertising & Design II



Anthony A. Rodriguez  
To become a future leader  
Multimedia





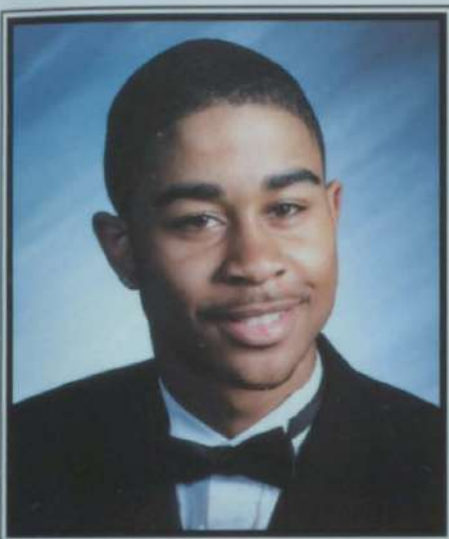
Janira Rodriguez  
Computer Science at MSU  
Architecture



Omarys Rodriguez  
To become a Lawyer  
Architecture



Vanessa Rodriguez  
To help others  
Graphic Arts



William Rogers  
Criminal Justice major, NBA  
Architecture



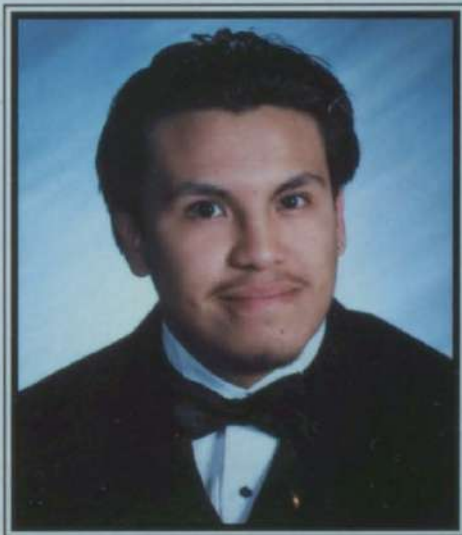
Jason Rojas



Clarissa Santiago  
College, Architect  
Architecture



Thiago Santos  
Live life to the fullest  
Networking



Christopher Silva  
Get a degree, Play soccer  
Business



Shavone Soto  
Registered Nurse  
Business





Victoria Sykes  
Surgeon  
Machine



Rogoberto Tarrillo  
Police Officer/Billionaire  
Carpentry



Belen Tineo  
College/Own a Business  
Multimedia



Ashton Thomas  
Millionaire  
Carpentry



Samuel Victor  
Audio Engineer/Entrepreneur  
Business Technology



Shaquanna Wheeler  
College/Architecture  
Architectural



Olivene White  
College  
Business Technology



Jason Wilson  
College  
Networking

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Jose Flores  
Silina Dixson





*"Friends are the Bacon Bits in  
the salad bowl of life"*





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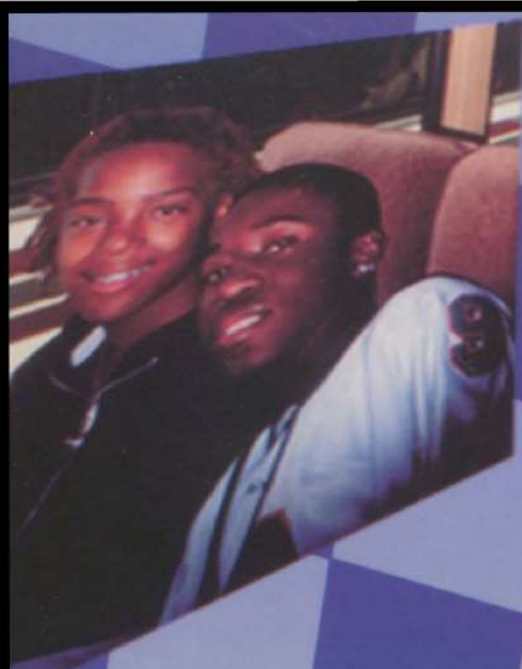






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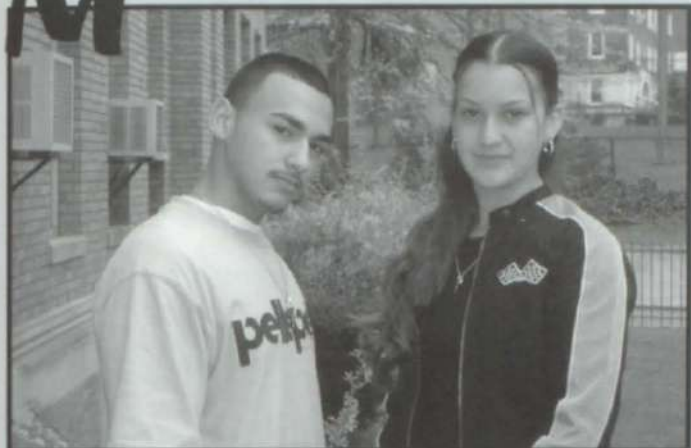
*"Side by side or miles apart, dear friends  
are always close to the heart."*





# The Best of the Best

**M**ost changed since 9th



*Sandra Pinho, & Gabriel Lugo*

**M**ost likely to succeed



*Lisa Mason, & Adrew Carty*

## Class of 2004

**M**ost Athletic



*Zairy Ramos & Jason Wilson*

**C**lass Artist



*Amarilis Hernandez & Fransisco Pereira*



## **B**est Smile



*Sharlene Lopez & Samuel Victor*

## **M**ost School Spirit



*Keonia Phillips & Jonathan Phillips*

## **L**oudest



*Shavonne Soto & Brian Ng*

# 20

## **C**lass Couple



*Jeanine Ellison & Jason Wilson*

## **B**est Dressed



*Latisha Kearny & Ashton Thomas*



## **C** lass Flint



*Marisol Davila & Leo Martinez*

## **T** eachers Pet



*Giselle Herra & Gabriel Lugo*

# 04

## **N** icest Eyes



*Anna Ortega & David Hanson*

## **C** lass Clown



*Yolanda Charles & Richard Laurent*

## **M** ost Popular



*Khaliqa Davis & Courtney Nelson*



# Spinited Times

## Crazy Hat Day



## Mix & Match Day

## Jersey Day





# Slipper Day



# Senior Picnic





# 2004

## *Best Friends*



You always pass failure on your way to success.







# BEST FRIENDS



# Best Friends



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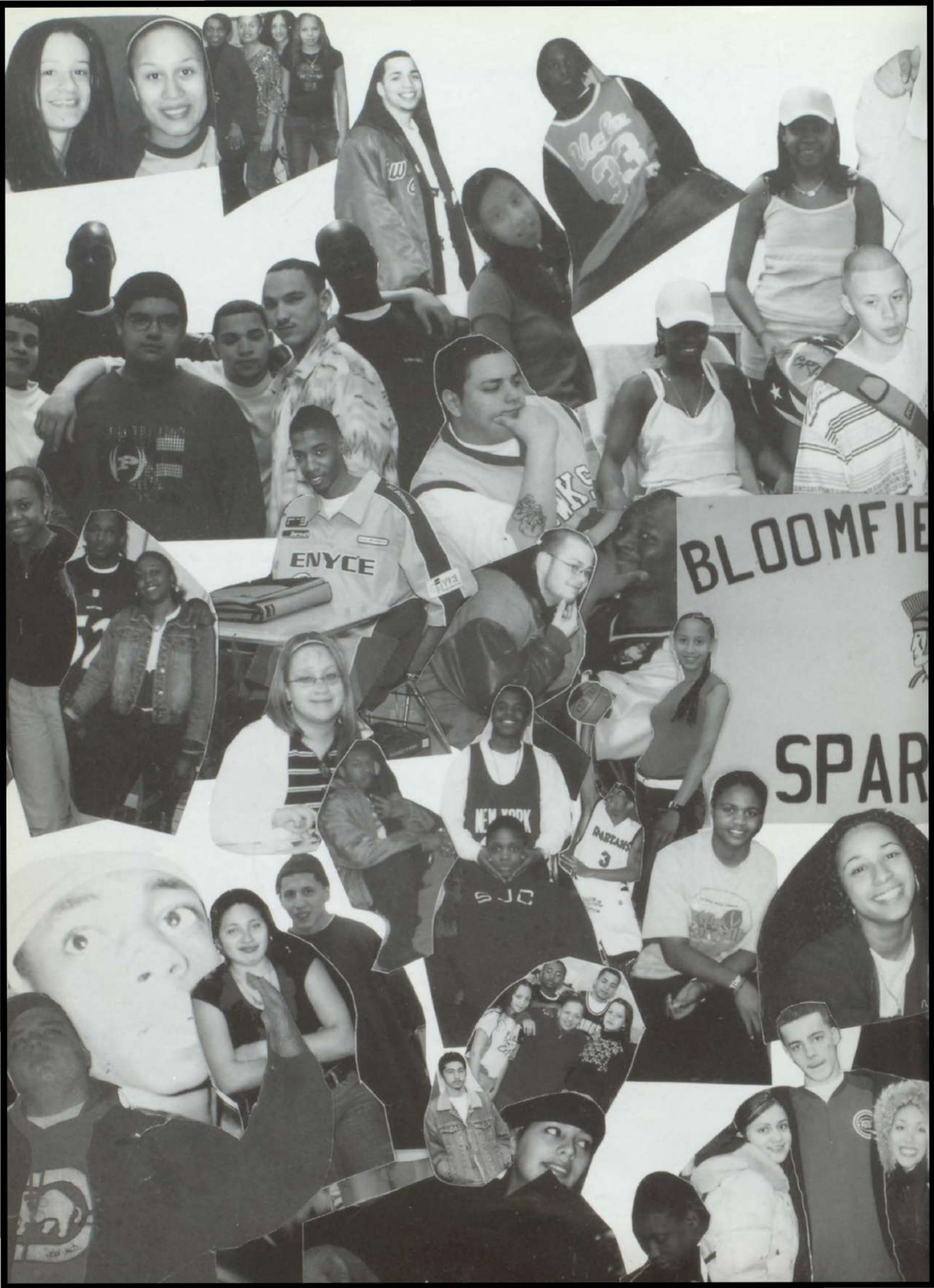
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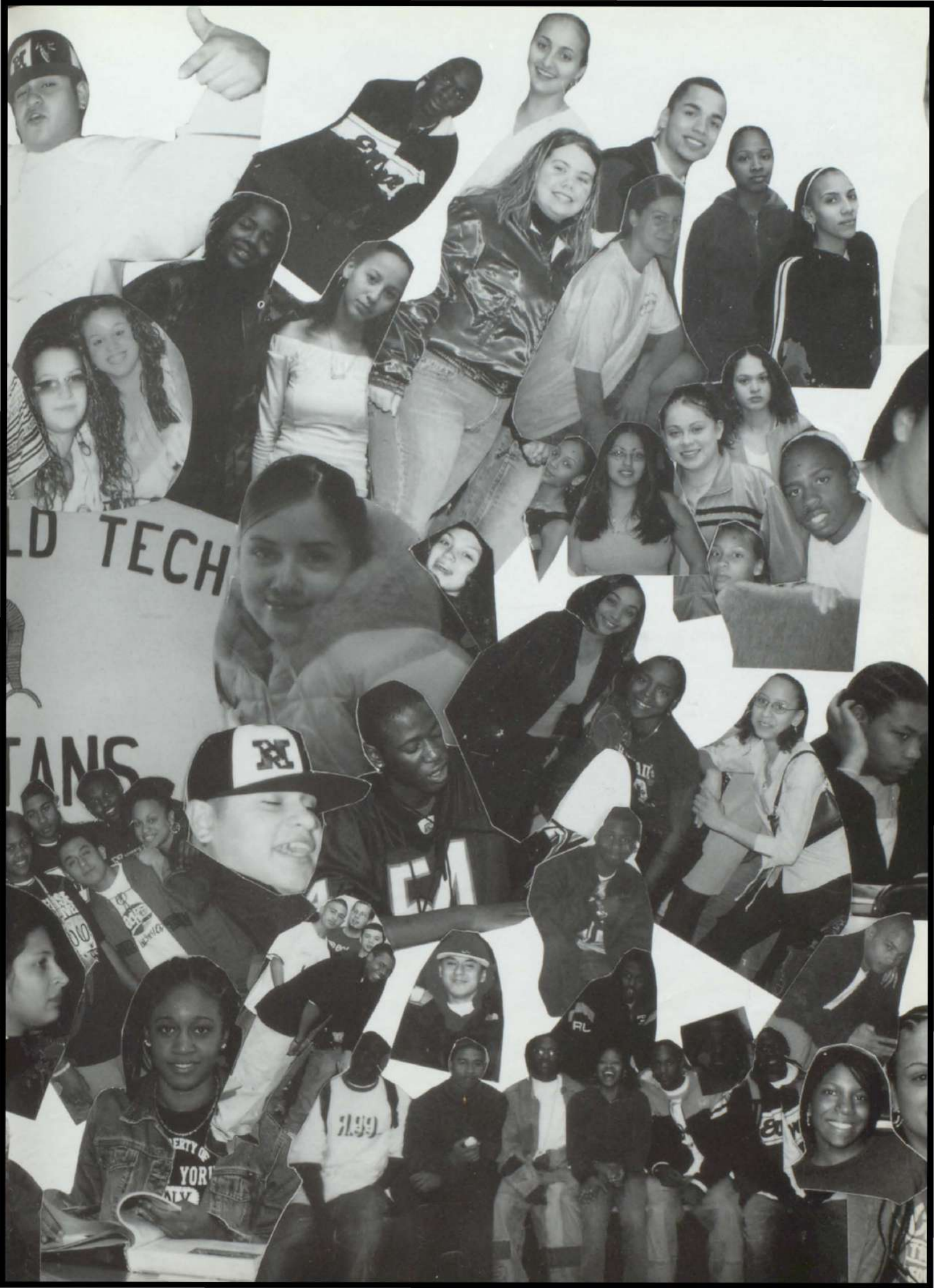














# Special Moments







Class of 2004 Senior Prom at the May Fair Farm in West Orange.

The Prom of 2004 is one moment that our class can never forget. A time where we all got along and enjoyed ourselves the most. Our prom is the last time that we will all party together like there is no tomorrow.

And most important:

Prom Prince: Richard Laurent

Prom Princess: Jeannette Herrera

Prom King: Elias Correa

Prom Queen: Yolanda Charles





# Remember When . . .

Patricia looked like a chicken nugget?

Richard fell in the fake room at lunch?

Ki-Ki was a beach girl?

Clarimel broke her heel?

Amarilis fell on the ice and had to walk around school with a wet back side?

Debra's bangs too short for picture day?

Who hid his face in front of the school, but managed to

get to the 4th floor stairs?

Who had the dot on her teta?

Who fell when we went to the Rockerfeller Center?

Sarangeli's lip was stitched up?

Erika ripped Leo at a party?



# Remember When . . .

We had D-Block vs. The ROC?

Juan told that man that he left his deodorant at his uncle's house?

At gym, Da-Shawn spiked the ball and it hit Richard in the face?

Silina ate five huge Chocolate Chip cookies at once?

Jeaninne L. tried to feed the duck at the Bronx Zoo and it chased her?

Chino pulled out his Egg Roll?

Gabriel became anorexic?

Jose F. had the hugest Zit?

Courtney fell flat on his face in Mr. Kinder's Class?

Omarys fell flat on her face at gym?

Antonio got caught in the 4th floor bathroom with a girl?

Latisha fell in the bushes, twice, at the bus stop?

DJ-KNOD dj our school parties?



# Bloomfield Tech



# Sports

# CHEERLEADING

BLOOMFIELD  
TECH



Top Row (from left): K. Bass-ali, L. Baldwin, S. Baptise, T. Ruiz, C. Advisor, E. Richards, S. Ellison, Middle Row (from left): T. Ford, A. Shakoar, S. Register, S. Upshaw, D. Mccray, N. Maccrae, T. Hilton, J. Clark, J. Colon, Bottom Row (from left): L. Kerny, K. Phillips, S. Edighill



Let's Go  
Spartans!



# VOLLEYBALL

BLOOMFIELD  
TECH



Top Row (from left): Sarangeli Ferrer, Lachelle James, Samantha Katehis, Joaly Manzano, Danyee Griffin Bottom Row (from left): Shawwna James, Keonia Phillips, Roxana Salazar, Paola Portugal, Eileen Vazquez, Christine Azcona



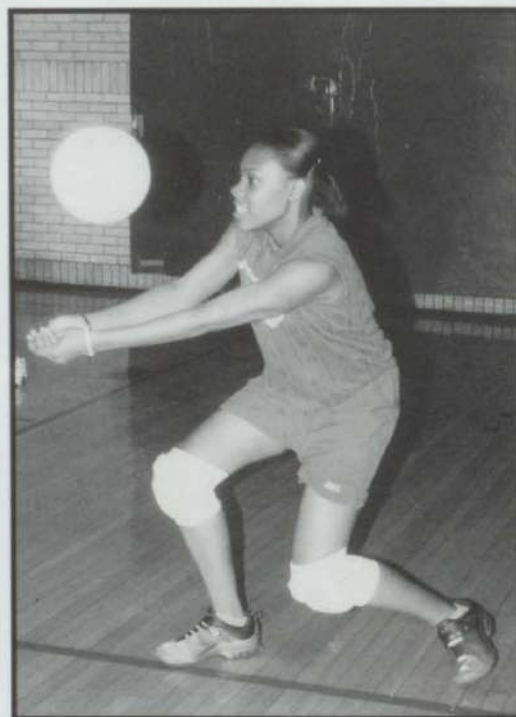
Sarangeli Ferrer



Lachelle James



Sarangeli Ferrer  
"Whoaa..."



Lachelle James  
"It's My Serve!"



Keonia Phillips..."I got it!"



Joaly Manzano



Lachelle James



Paola Portugal



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Keonia Phillips



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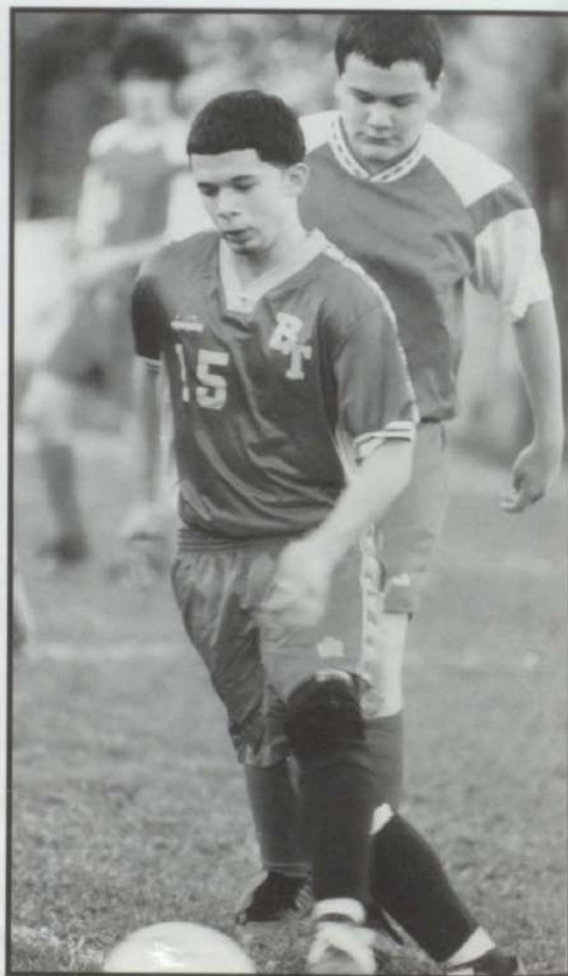
Keonia Phillips



# SOCCER

BLOOMFIELD  
TECH

*Your only as strong as your weakest link*







Rudolfo Ramirez



Christian Silva



Erik Recinos



Top Row (from left): Elizabeth Rosario, Gwenda Portilla, David Santos, Christopher Silva, Milton Jerez, Rodolfo Ramirez, Erick Recinos, Anthony Vizuite Bottom Row (from left): Candice Gibbs, Angel Rivera, Christian Villegas, Maximo Nwiesz, Miguel Paez, Daiane Santo



"No!!!"



"All that remains is for a few dots and commas to be crossed." - Mitchell Thomas



The 03-04 bt soccer team compiled its best record ever this year. The team was led by seniors Rudolfo Ramirez, Christian Silva and Erik Recinos. Junior standouts Miguel Paez, Angel Rivera, Christian Naula also played big parts in the team success, along with sophomores Anthony Vizuite and David Santos, and freshmen Milton Jerez and Candice Gibbs. Coach Salmanowitz led his team to its 3rd straight NJ State Tournament qualification with a stellar 8-6 record.



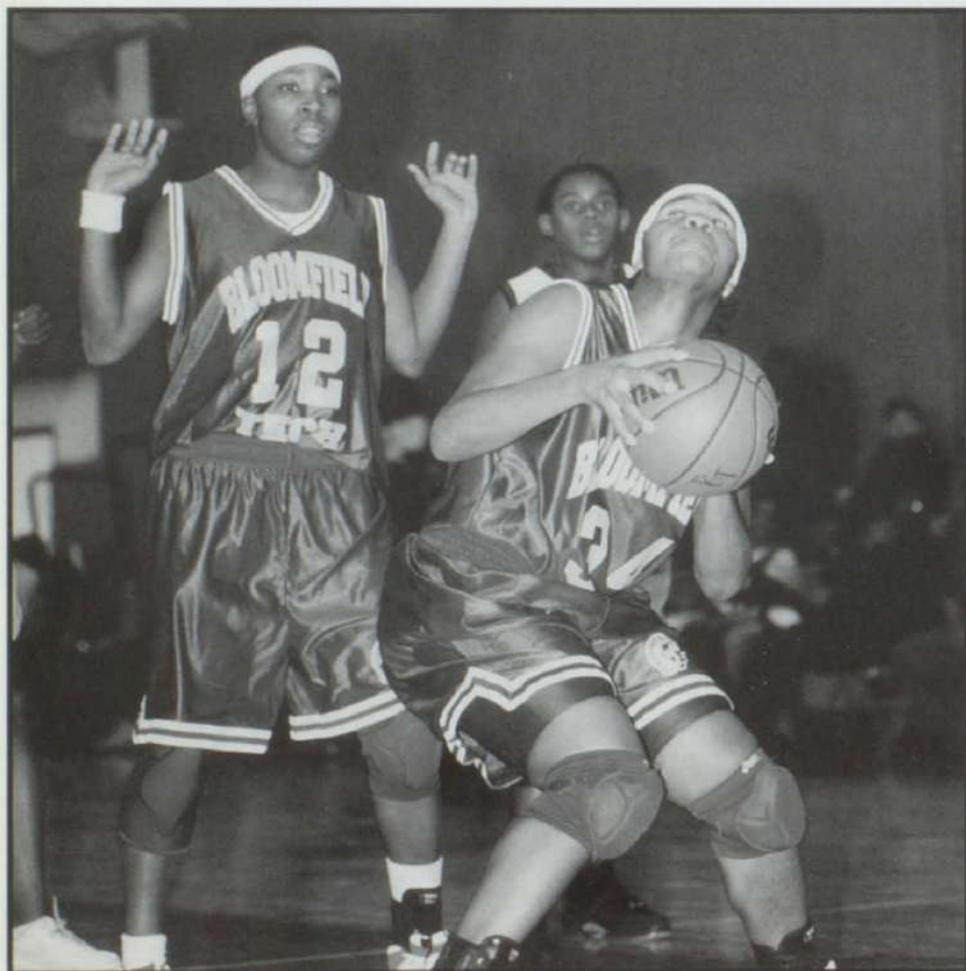
# GIRLS BASKETBALL

BLOOMFIELD  
TECH

*Shoot for the stars and if you fall short, you'll still be on top of the world.  
The Lady Spartans are the 2004 NJSIAA Vocational Technical Tournament Winners*



From Left Back Row: J. Phillips, S. Peace, T. Derby, Y. Nicholson, T. Cook, E. Stokes, L. Miranda, F. Derby, V. Sykes, D. Hubbard, E. Kerny, A. Smith, S. Zellner, A. Crenshaw, A. Cummings, K. Davis



The Lady Spartans of 2004 did an excellent job and accomplished many team goals. Our seniors showed a lot of leadership this year. I agree with John Wooden in saying, "Ability may get you to the top but it takes character to keep you there." We will continue to work hard to become better for the years to come. -Coaches Davidson & Rogers





Silina dixon



Danielle Hubbard



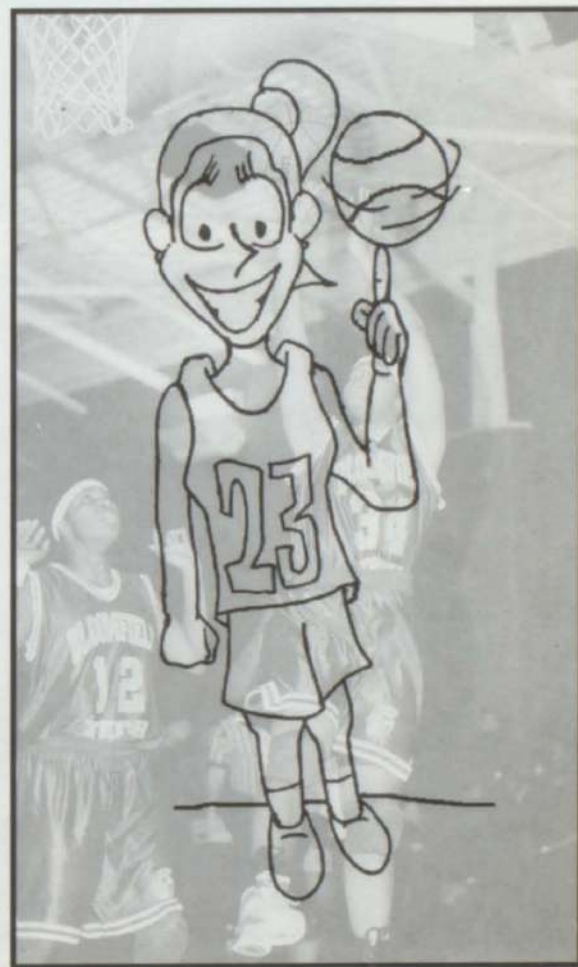
Victoria Sykes



Khaliqa Davis



Captins: Ashley Crenshaw, Danielle Hubbard, Khaliqa Davis

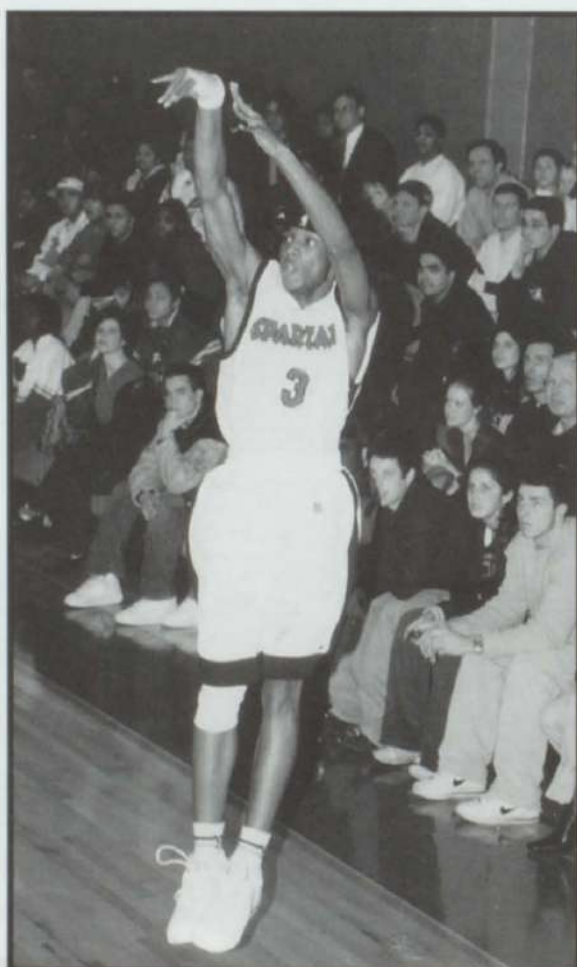
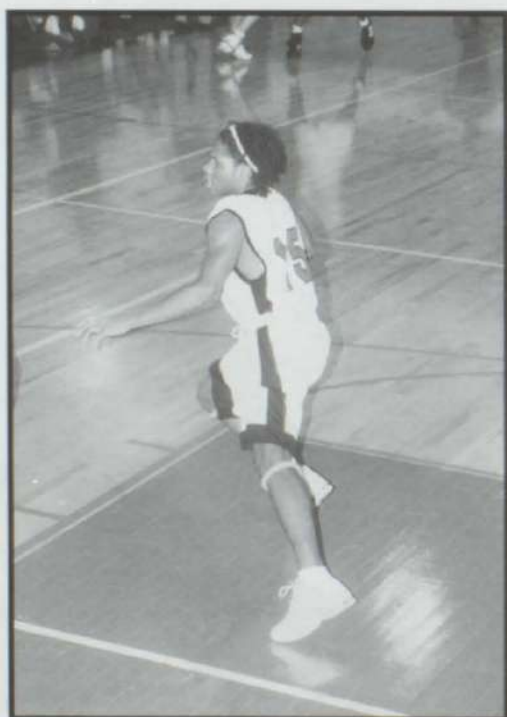
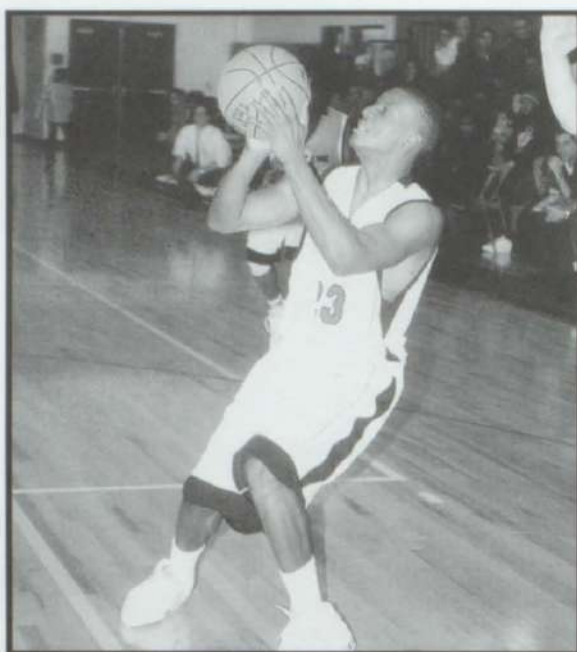




# BOYS BASKETBALL

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*For the season of 2003- 2004 The spartans made their first appearance to the Essex County championship.*





Courtney Nelson



Dashawn Dwight



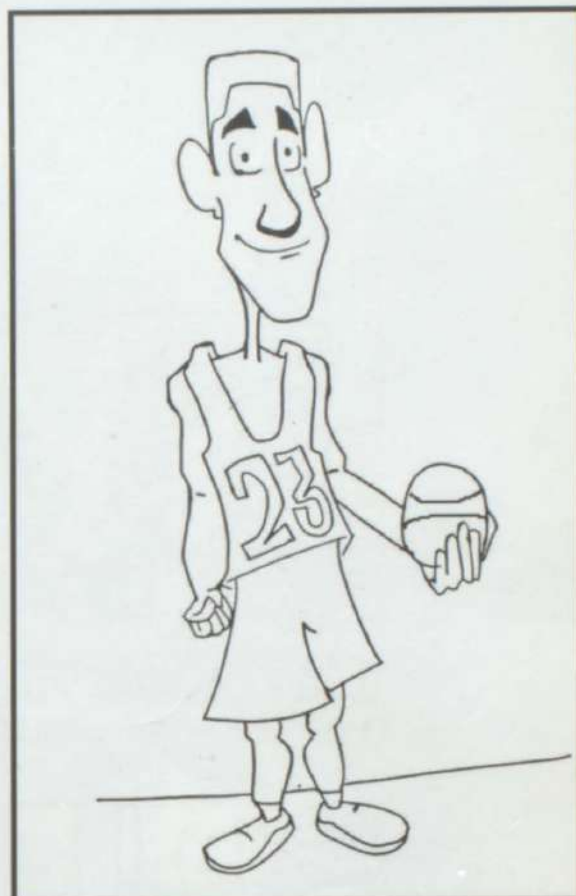
Richard Laurent



Lamar Register



Dasean Butler Richard Laurent Kelvin Brown Lamar Register Bill Rogers  
Casiem Drummon Courtney Nelson Jason Wilson Bruce Wheeler Top:  
Bottom: Dante Rollins Dashawn Dwight John Cavaness Rashan Dwight  
Marquis Moore Wesley Jenkins



As defending champions last season of 2002-2003, The Spartans record of 23-5, had an unbelievable season winning the State Group I Championship, and making it to the semi-finals in the tournament of champions. This season teams are ready knock off the spartans accomplishments.

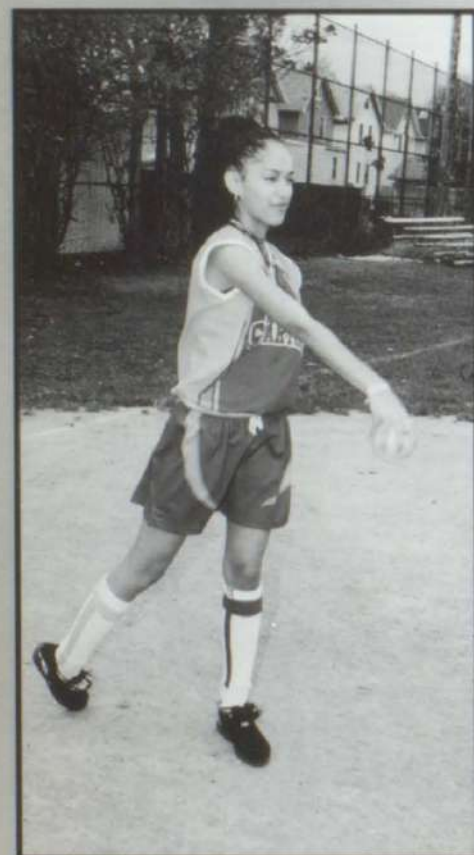


# SOFTBALL

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Z. Ramos, S. Ferrer, J. Manzano, L. Rosado, S. Orama, Z. Vazquez, M. Juarez, L. Miranda, D. Guzman, K. Castellanos, M. Ramos, V. Santiago, O. Zeda, K. Figueroa, J. Pinto, S. James, A. Arce, S. Parilla, T. Rosado



"The new players exhibit great potential and will bring added enthusiasm and team spirit. Thanks to the seniors for their diligence, dedication, and leadership. Always remember to **ASPIRE HIGHER**"  
Coach L. Albano





Senior Pitcher Zairy Ramos going threw her motion step by step.

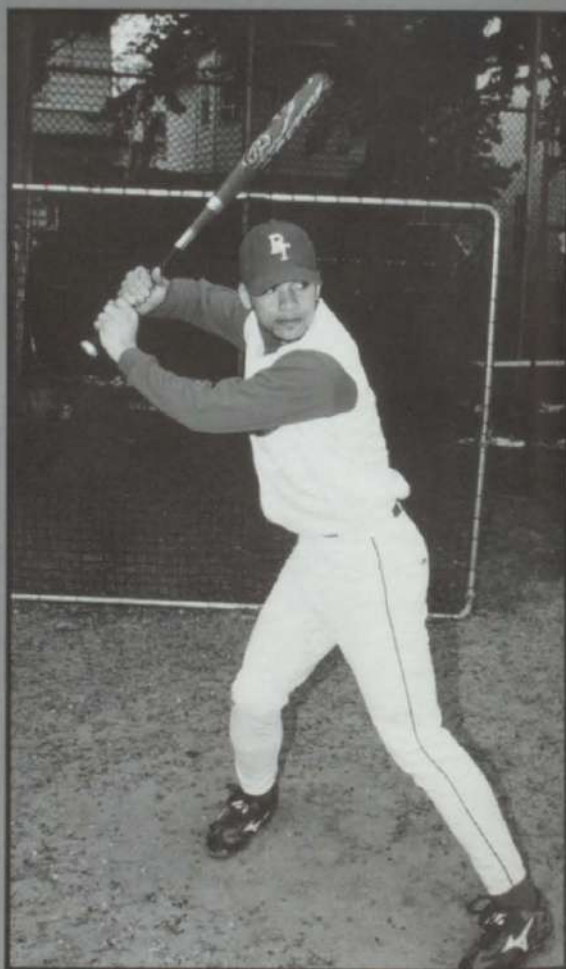
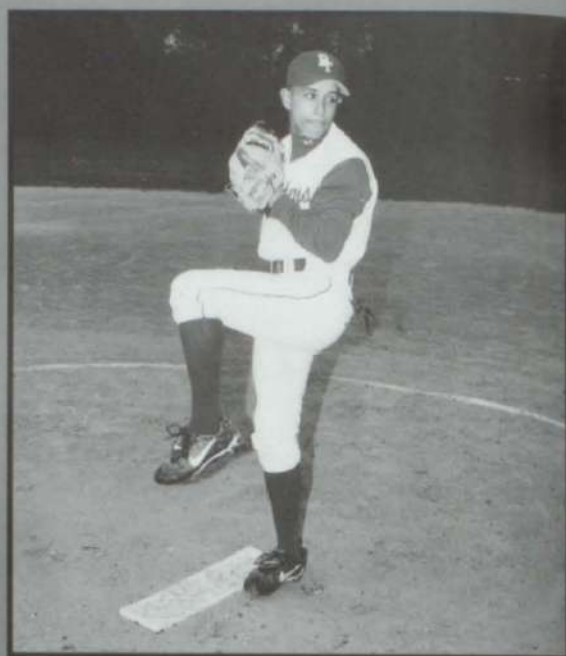
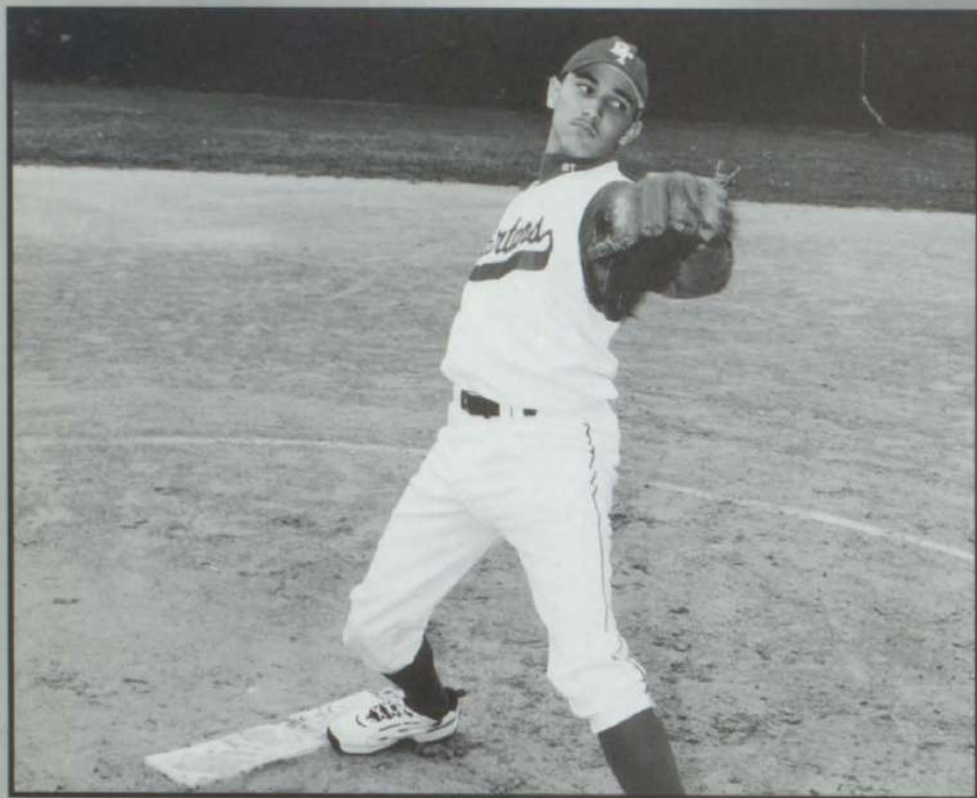




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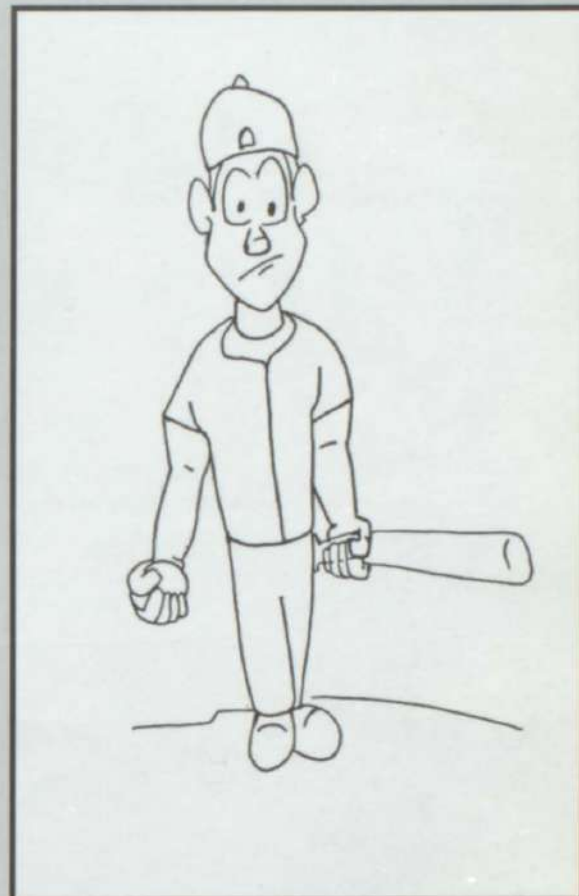
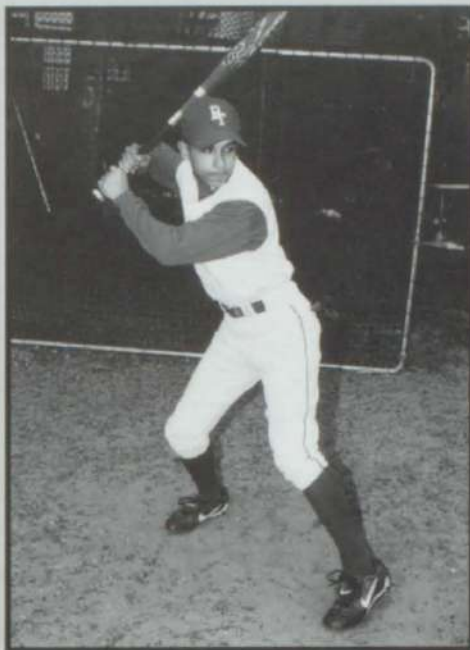
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2004 VOCATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



Angel Rivera, Edgar Robles, Leo Martinez, Ramon Perez, Maximo Deleon, Elihu Salas, Burt Reynolds, Eliezer Manzano, David Santos, Maiquel Paez, Fernando Lopez, Ronald Paul, Eric Rodriguez, Edwin Gracial, Jason Rider, Victor Cruz, Javier Figueroa, Jason Figueiroa, Jason Wilson, Anthony Santiago, Hector Santiago, Antione Swepson





Jason Wilson



Edgar Robles

Bloomfield Tech baseball reached new heights this year finishing with a remarkable 17-3 record. Led by seniors Leo Martinez and Edgar Robles the Spartans won the prestigious Vo-Tech tournament beating Perth Amboy Tech 9-1. Highlights of the year included qualifying for the State Tournament with a number 3 seed, as well as competing in the Essex County Tournament. Standouts for the team included Maximo Deleon, Burt Reynolds and Hector Santiago.



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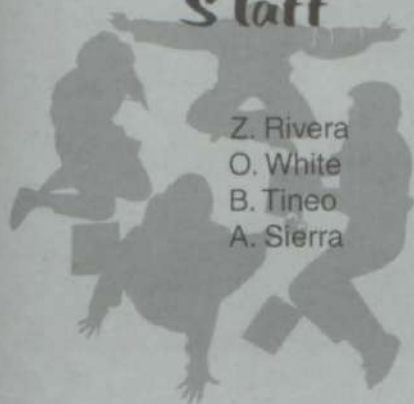
## Clubs & Activities



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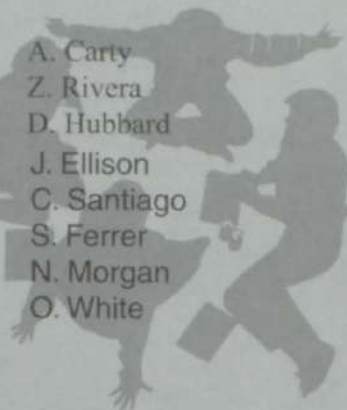




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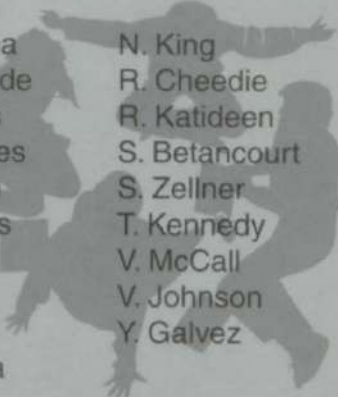
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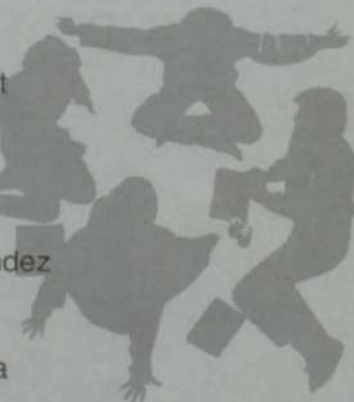
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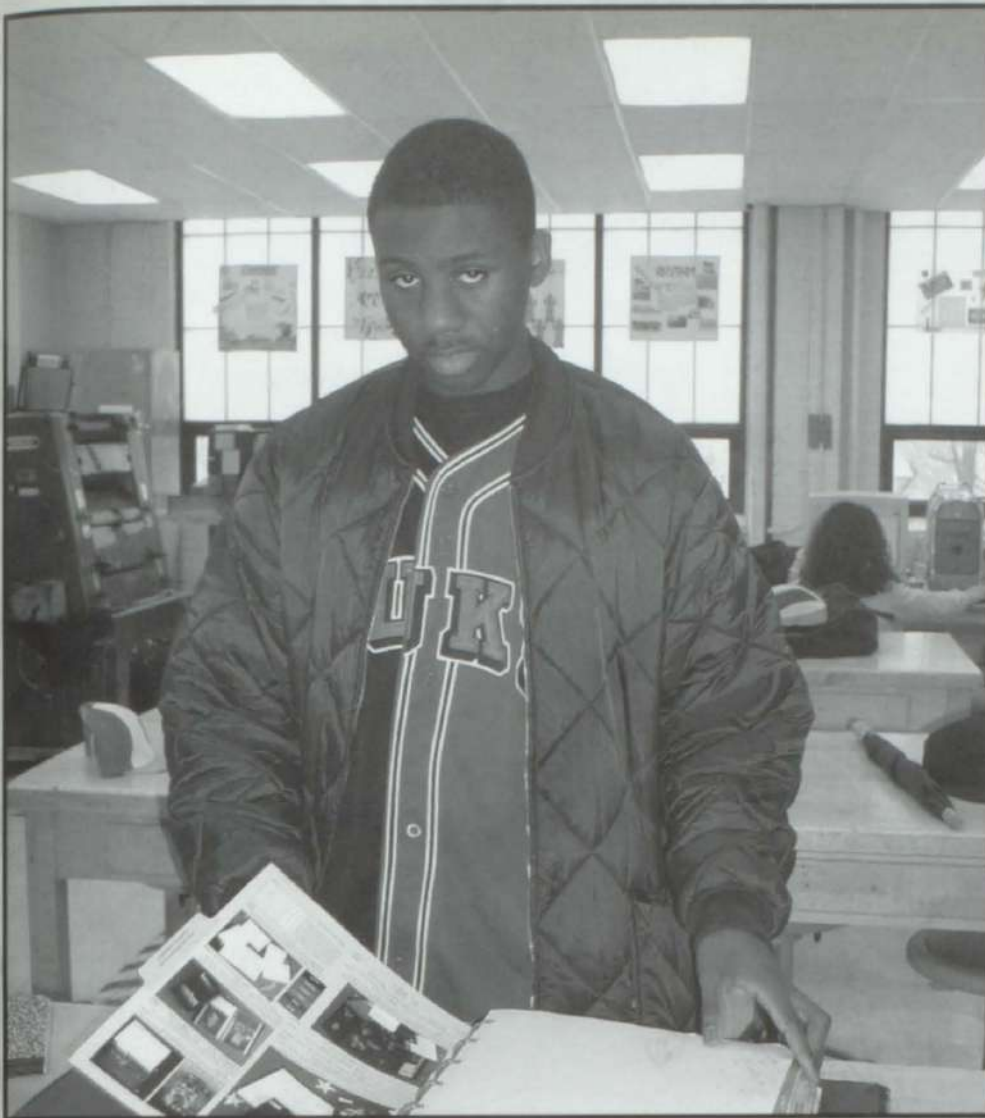




# Senioritis







Senioritis takes over every senior. You become bored with school, teachers, homework and classwork. Our seniors caught it a little early this year. We stopped doing work around January and never got rid of it. This was a very long year and we're all glad it's over.



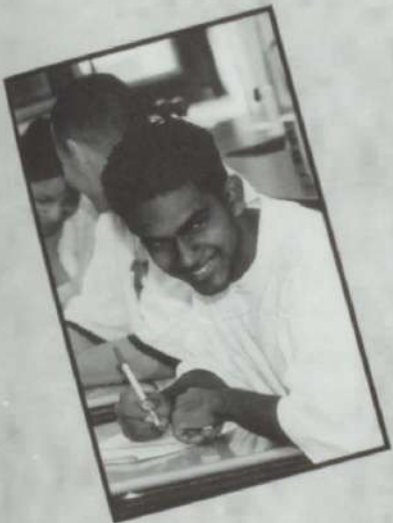


# Juniors





# Sophomores

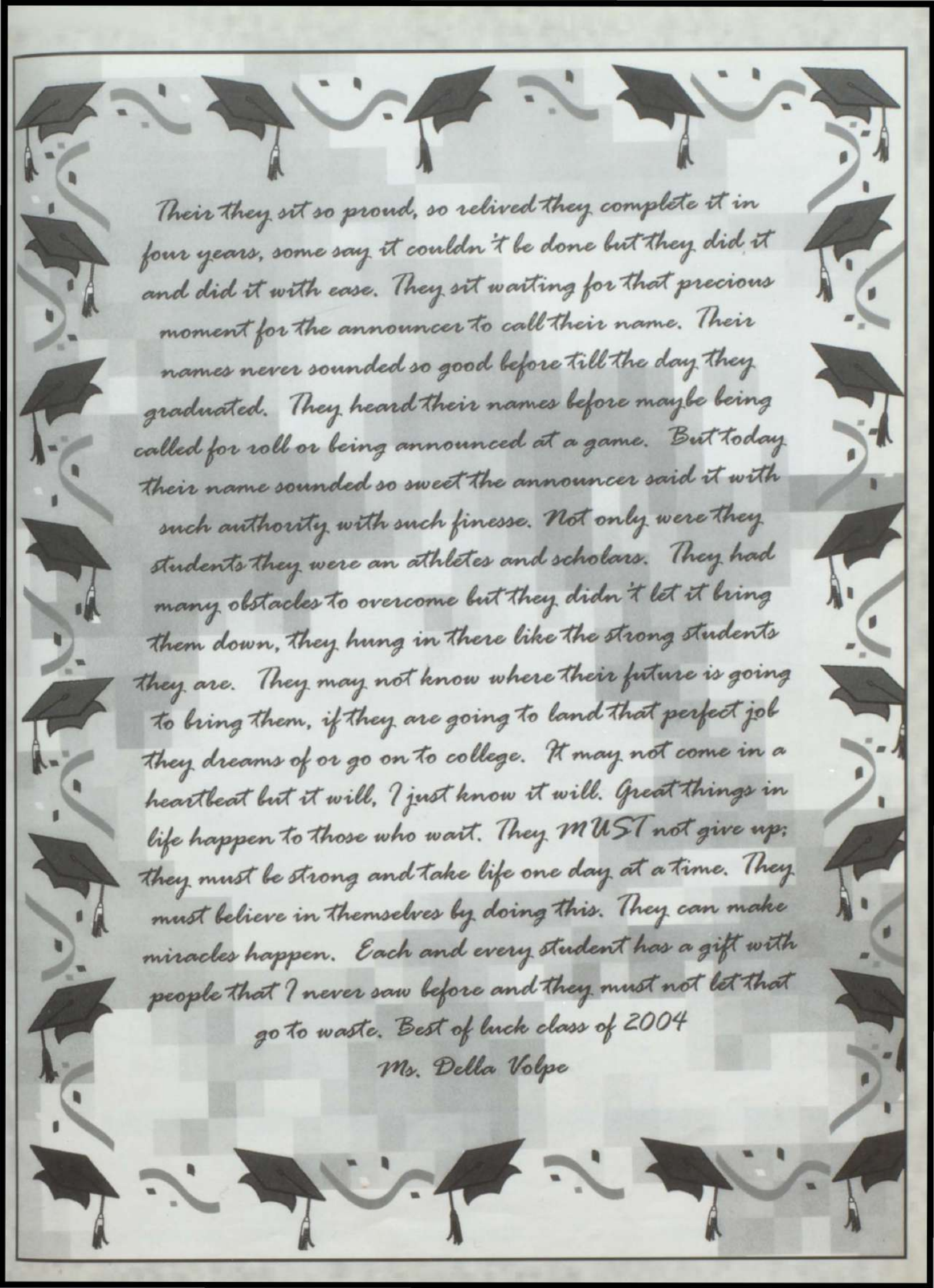




# Freshmen





The page is framed by a decorative border consisting of alternating black graduation caps and grey streamers. The caps are positioned at the top, bottom, and sides of the page, with streamers weaving between them.

They sit so proud, so relieved they complete it in four years, some say it couldn't be done but they did it and did it with ease. They sit waiting for that precious moment for the announcer to call their name. Their names never sounded so good before till the day they graduated. They heard their names before maybe being called for roll or being announced at a game. But today their name sounded so sweet the announcer said it with such authority with such finesse. Not only were they students they were an athletes and scholars. They had many obstacles to overcome but they didn't let it bring them down, they hung in there like the strong students they are. They may not know where their future is going to bring them, if they are going to land that perfect job they dreams of or go on to college. It may not come in a heartbeat but it will, I just know it will. Great things in life happen to those who wait. They **MUST** not give up; they must be strong and take life one day at a time. They must believe in themselves by doing this. They can make miracles happen. Each and every student has a gift with people that I never saw before and they must not let that go to waste. Best of luck class of 2004

Ms. Della Volpe



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M.L. Lauterhahn





Congratulations Jessica,  
on your graduation!! We  
are so proud of you. Good  
luck in college. Remember  
we always love you. Al-  
ways follow your dreams.  
Love always  
Mom & Dad.



David,  
Congratulations on your  
graduation. We are very  
proud of you, and we knew  
you could do it. Keep up the  
good work. And always  
know that we love you.  
Love  
Mom & Dad



Congratulations  
Hezekiah on your  
graduation!! May you be  
blessed with success and  
peace. We love you. God  
bless you and good  
luck!!  
Love ya,  
Dad, Mom and Sharon



Congratulations Khaliqa!!  
We are all so proud of you.  
That bright sunshine and the  
voice in your head is your  
mom smiling down on you  
saying "Way to go baby girl".  
Always be true to yourself  
and your dreams will come  
true. We'll always be here for  
you!!  
Love forever,  
Neicy & Johnny



To my beautiful  
daughter Erika, whom  
I'm proud of. I wish  
you lots of luck and  
success. I love you  
with all my heart and  
I'll always be there if  
you need me.  
Love always your  
Father Jimmie  
Peaez



Congratulations  
Lachelle! You are our  
pride and joy. Wish  
you Jehovah's blessing  
and success in your  
future. Love you, Keep  
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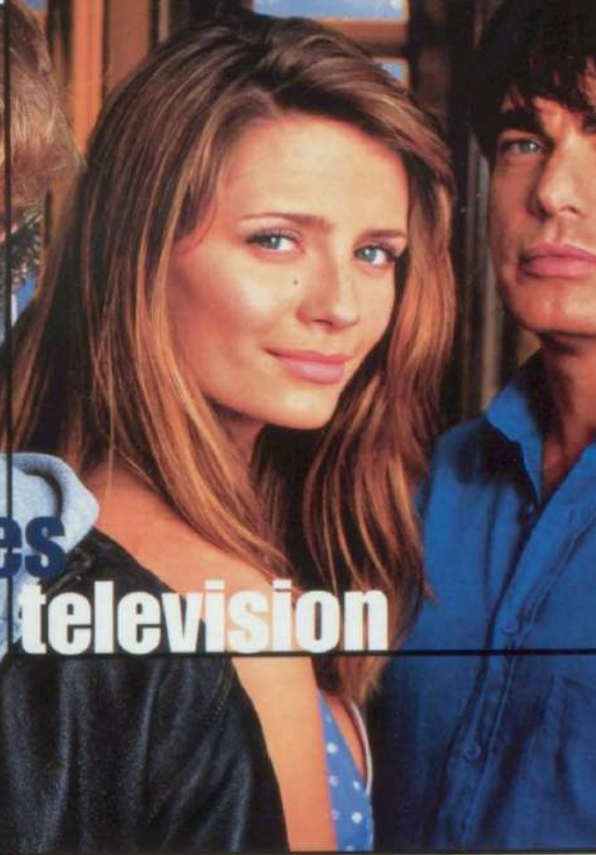
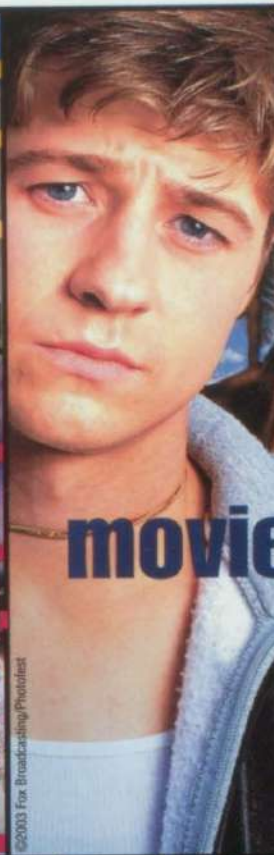
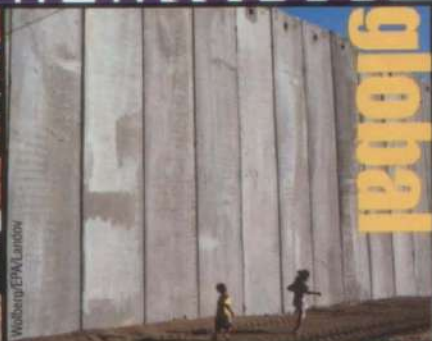
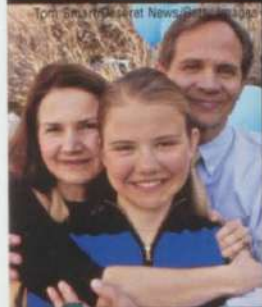
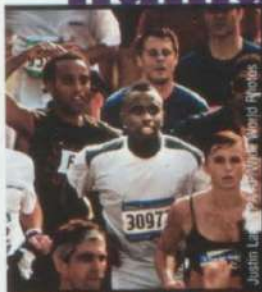








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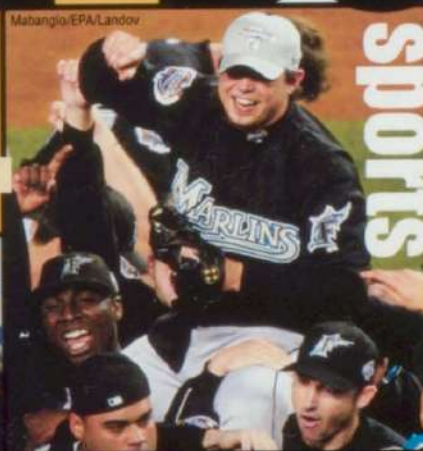
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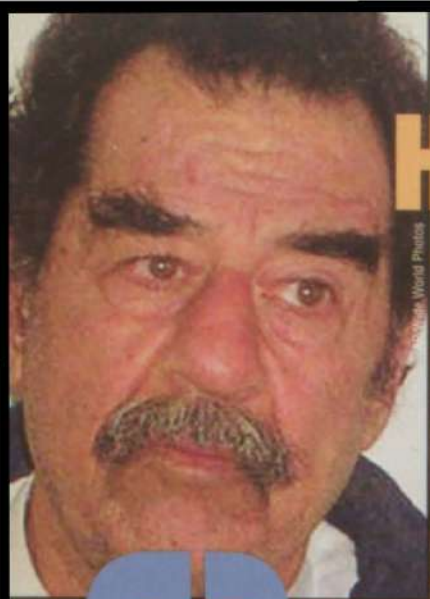
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## HEADLINES



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U.S. Forces capture deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in a "spider hole" at a farm outside his hometown of Tikrit.

→ In October, the Federal Trade Commission initiates the National Do Not Call Registry to minimize the number of telemarketing calls consumers receive.



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→ President Bush becomes the first U.S. president to visit Iraq when he makes an unannounced Thanksgiving visit with troops stationed there.

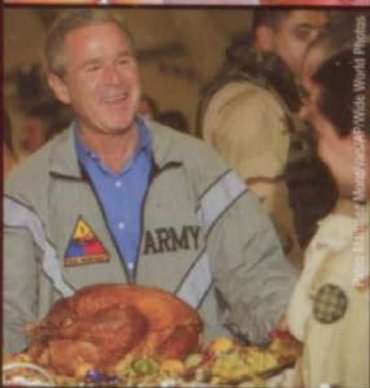


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→ The abduction of University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin, 22, results in the arrest of convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50.



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← A fatal Staten Island Ferry crash in New York harbor leaves 10 dead and dozens injured after the pilot loses consciousness and slams into the dock.



Gary Tramontina/Bloomberg News/Landov

← NBA star Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers is charged with the sexual assault of a 19-year-old Colorado woman.



← A federal appellate court orders the removal of a Ten Commandments monument from the Alabama Supreme Court building, citing violation of the First Amendment.

## flash

The economy shows signs of recovery when the Dow Jones Industrial Average tops 10,000 points for the first time in over 18 months on December 12.



The worst wildfires in California history claim 22 lives, destroy more than 3,400 homes and consume 750,000 acres of land.



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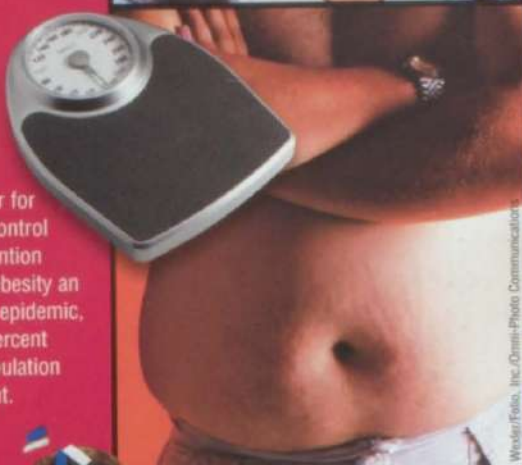
→ Michael Jackson is arrested on multiple counts of child abuse after an accusation from a 12-year-old boy.



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→ The Center for Disease Control and Prevention declares obesity an American epidemic, with 64 percent of the population overweight.



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U.S. Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, a POW of the war in Iraq, becomes a media sensation after her rescue by U.S. Forces is aired on the news.

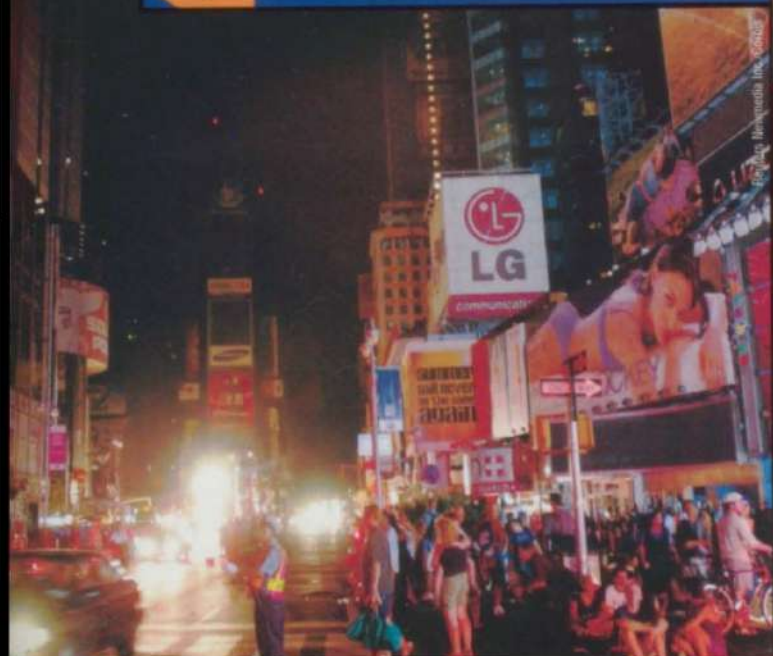


Mark J. Terrill/AP/Wide World Photos

← Action star Arnold Schwarzenegger replaces Gray Davis as governor of California in a highly publicized recall election.



On August 14, the largest North American blackout occurs when three Ohio line failures leave more than 50 million people in eight states and Canada without power.



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Brian Snyder/Reuters/Landry

← Americans rush to receive vaccinations as the country is hit hard by a new strand of the influenza virus.

Larry Downing/Reuters NewsMedia Inc./Corbis



↑ President Bush signs a controversial bill calling for a \$400 billion Medicare overhaul.



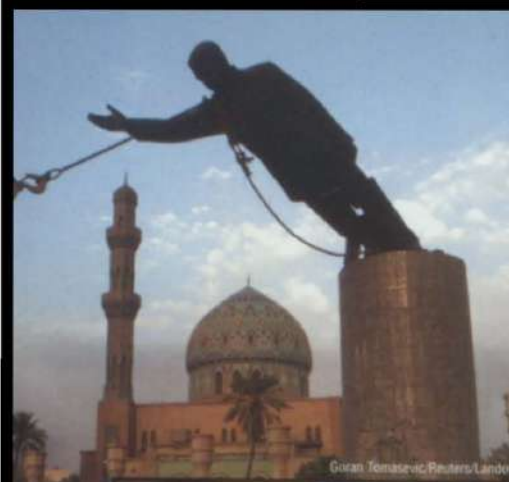
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← Scott Peterson stands trial on murder charges in the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son.

# headlines



# GLOBAL



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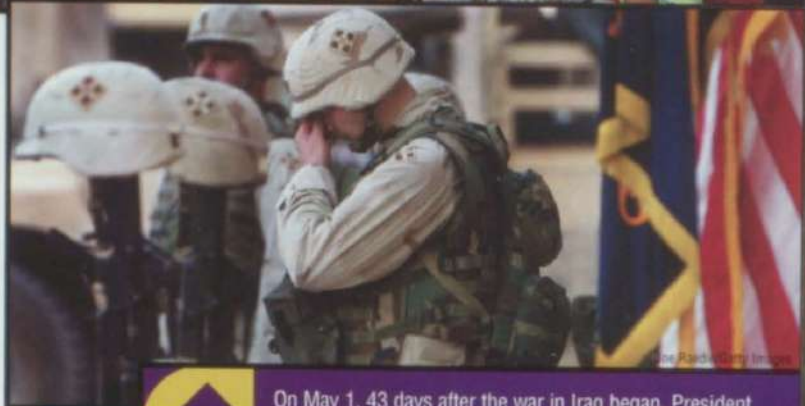
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On May 1, 43 days after the war in Iraq began, President Bush declares "major combat operations in Iraq have ended." As hundreds of thousands of U.S. and British forces remain to restore peace and deliver aid to Iraqi citizens, more soldiers are killed in the months after the war than during it.

→ Around the world, "flash mobs" — large groups of people recruited by anonymous organizers via the Internet — gather, perform a wild act and quickly disperse.



Alexandros Meneghini/AP/Wide World Photos

→ In a dramatic six-day ordeal, rescue workers save 44 of 46 Russian miners trapped in a water-filled coal mine.



Scott Weissman/AP/Wide World Photos

→ Tens of thousands of Palestinians are cut off from family and livelihoods when Israel builds a concrete barrier beyond the cease-fire line in an effort to curtail Palestinian terrorist activities.



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← A European heat wave in August claims more than 19,000 lives, making it one of the world's deadliest hot-weather disasters.

← The World Health Organization reports that severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) infected more than 8,000 people in over 25 countries, killing 700.

← An Economic Community of West African States peacekeeping coalition ends 14 years of fighting between Liberian rebels and government forces, sending tyrant Charles Taylor into exile.



On December 26, a devastating earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale strikes the Iranian city of Bam, killing more than 41,000 people.



# iraqi



→ During the summer of 2003, low-risk prison inmates help battle Southern California's wildfires for only \$1 an hour.

→ At a St. Louis dog shelter, Cain, a one-year-old mutt, survives tranquilization and a trip to the gas chamber and is then adopted by the animal shelter owner.



Lower Manhattan Development Corp./AP/Wide World Photos



The world's tallest structure — a 1,776-foot spire — anchors a memorial entitled "Reflecting Absence," which is chosen to fill the World Trade Center site.

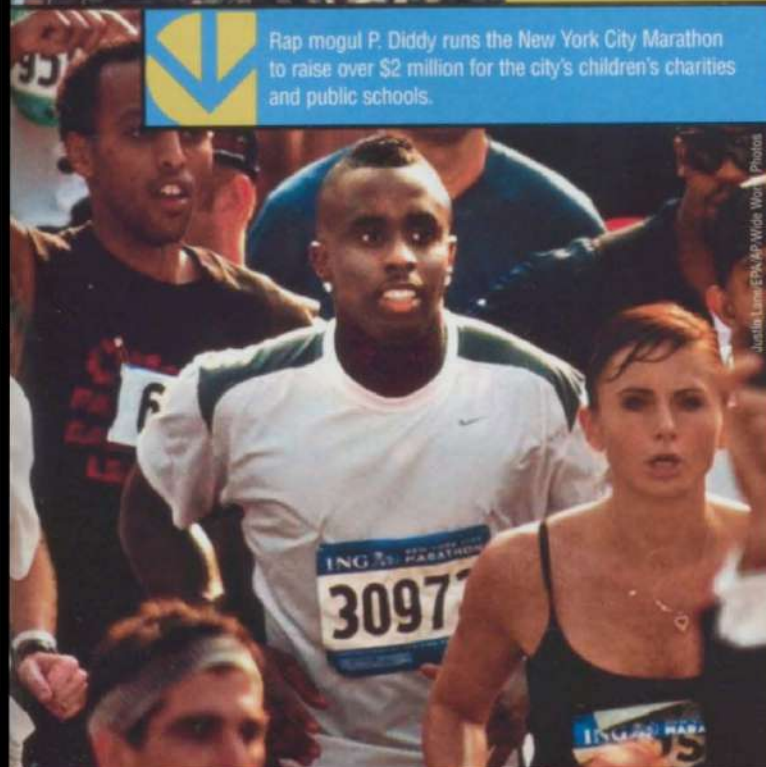
# human interest



← Comedian Robin Williams travels to Baghdad to lighten the spirits of U.S. troops as he kicks off a holiday tour of U.S. bases in the Middle East.



← While aboard the International Space Station, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko marries his American girlfriend by video link in the first "space wedding."



Rap mogul P. Diddy runs the New York City Marathon to raise over \$2 million for the city's children's charities and public schools.



↑ Iranian lawyer Shirin Ebadi wins the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for human rights activism as she fights to improve the status of refugees, women and children in Iran.

← Golfer Tom Watson donates his \$1 million Charles Schwab Cup winnings to fund research for Lou Gehrig's disease, which has stricken his caddie, Bruce Edwards.



# SCIENCE



← British Airways and Air France ground the supersonic Concorde after 27 years of service. Despite their speed, the aircraft were uneconomical to operate.



← In response to e-mail spam, the Can-Spam Act requires e-mail marketers to clearly label messages as ads and include an Internet-based opt-out feature.

In January 2004, the Mars exploration rover Spirit lands safely and NASA releases the first 3-D images and the sharpest color photos ever taken of the surface of Mars.

→ Fast-food patrons can now get their food even quicker, thanks to McDonald's introduction of self-service ordering kiosks.



Reuters, Newmedia Inc./Corbis



Wang Jianmin/Xinhua/Corbis

← In October, China becomes the third country to travel in space when the world's first successful taikonaut, Yang Liwei, returns to Earth after 21 hours in orbit.

→ FluMist, America's first intranasal influenza vaccine, provides needle-wary patients with an alternative for the 2003 flu season.



Chitose Suzuki/AP/Wide World Photos

The Food and Drug Administration mandates that nutrition labels disclose the amount of cholesterol-increasing trans-fatty acids.



Alma Oro/AP/Wide World Photos

→ The Food and Drug Administration bans dietary supplements containing ephedra due to health concerns and warns consumers not to take products containing the stimulant.



Steven Serna/AP/Wide World Photos

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→ In June, pet prairie dogs in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana infect people with monkeypox after being infected by a giant Gambian rat while in transit.



Rich Miller/The Indianapolis Star/AP/Wide World Photos

→ Federal workers in Washington kill a herd of 449 calves that include the offspring of a Holstein infected with mad cow disease.



Kevin P. Casey/EPA/Langley

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Hurricane Isabel knocks out power to more than 3.5 million people as it wreaks havoc on the nation's eastern seaboard.



# nature



Barbara Strnadova/Photo Researchers

← North American trees are threatened by Asian longhorned beetles, which allegedly arrived in Chinese wooden packing material.



The strongest solar storms to hit the Earth in 11 years cause northern lights to appear as far south as Texas.



Henrich B. Sengstad/AP/Wide World Photos



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← In August, Mars' orbit brings it closer to Earth than it has been in 60,000 years.



↑ American scientists discover the deterioration of the atmosphere's ozone layer is slowing. The 1996 worldwide ban on CFC gases is credited for the improvement.



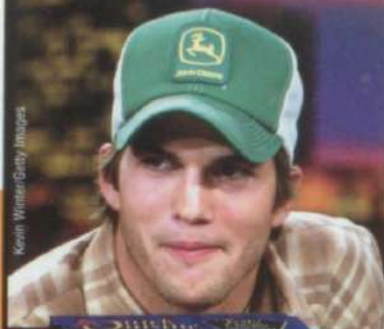
John McConnico/AP/Wide World Photos

← Keiko, star of the *Free Willy* movies, dies of pneumonia at the age of 27.



# R TRENDS

Kevin Winter/Getty Images



← Celebrities like FOX's "That '70s Show" star Ashton Kutcher make the "trucker hat" a fashion must-have.



← The country goes low-carb diet crazy, with dieters demanding food products and menu items with fewer carbohydrates.



← Popularized by music stars like Busta Rhymes and J.Lo, track suits are seen everywhere.



The "Laverne and Shirley" look becomes fashionable again in the retro monogram clothing and accessory trend.

→ Girls get into breakdancing at events like the Qween B Breakgirl competition in San Diego, the country's biggest female breakin' competition.



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↓ With the resurgence of '80s-style rock music, '80s clothing styles make a comeback of their own.



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Graylock.com/Refina, Ltd.

↑ The year's hottest foot fashion is the Australian-made Ugg boot, which stays cool in heat and warm in cold.



American teenagers take up knitting and form knitting clubs at many schools across the country.



Julia Klee/Corbis

# trends





Mary Ann Chastain/AP/Wide World Photos

↑ The College Entrance Examination Board develops a revision of the SAT that tests for increased vocabulary and writing skills.



↑ The pint-sized MINI Cooper, by Motorwerks, starts a European auto revolution on U.S. streets.

Drivers find a spacious but expensive ride in the General Motors Hummer H2. In response to criticism, GM promises to release a more fuel-efficient version in the future.



# lifestyle



← To improve lunch and vending machine nutritional values, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issues tougher regulations for American schools.



← Avon, the world's largest direct seller of beauty products, introduces mark — a new cosmetic line intended for teens to sell.

David Parker/Omni-Photo Communications



Affordable, over-the-counter teeth whitening kits have consumers smiling, as they no longer have to visit the dentist for this cosmetic procedure.

Photodisc



↑ In an effort to thwart counterfeiters, the U.S. Treasury releases a colorful new \$20 bill, with a background blend of blue, peach and green.



← A new study reveals the Top 10 most dangerous U.S. occupations. Lumberjack tops the list.





# MOVIES



Pixar's *Finding Nemo* swims to the top as the highest-grossing animated movie and top-selling DVD of all time in the United States.

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← Bill Murray gives a career performance in *Lost in Translation*, from director and Golden Globe-winning screenwriter Sofia Coppola.

← Will Ferrell continues his comedic success in the heartwarming holiday hit *Elf*.



Photofest

← Heartthrobs Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom make Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* a swashbuckling success.

→ Keira Knightley and Parminder Nagra get a kick out of breaking stereotypes on and off the soccer field in the British comedy *Bend It Like Beckham*.



Photofest

→ The two most anticipated sequels of the year, *Matrix: Reloaded* and *Matrix: Revolutions* turn out to be major disappointments for fans and critics alike.



Photofest

→ Tobey Maguire rides high in the successful summer flick *Seabiscuit*, nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture.



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Frdo and company complete their epic journey in *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, winner of the Golden Globe for Best Picture, Drama.

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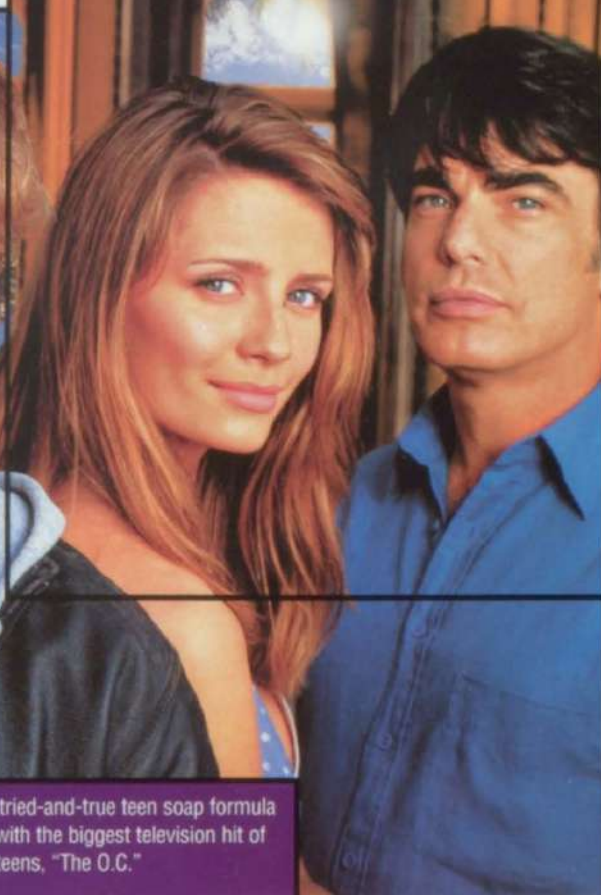
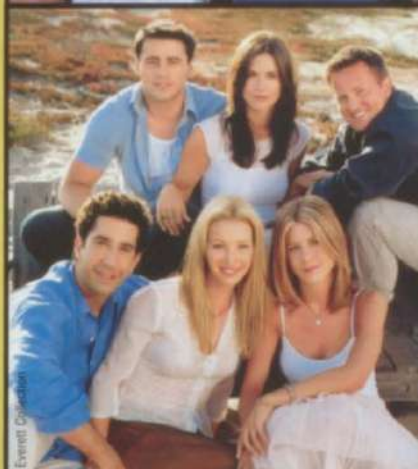
# movies



→ The pulse-pounding CBS hit "The Amazing Race" wins the inaugural Emmy Award for Best Reality Program.

→ America bids farewell to the cast of "Friends" after the NBC sitcom's 10th and final season.

↓ In February 2004, CBS airs "Survivor: All-Stars," starring past "Survivor" winners and contestants.



Fox uses its tried-and-true teen soap formula to come up with the biggest television hit of the year for teens, "The O.C."

# television



← Jessica Simpson, star of MTV's "Newlyweds" with husband Nick Lachey, makes entertainment headlines for mistaking Chicken of the Sea tuna for chicken.



Shows such as TLC's "Trading Spaces" and Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" create a new niche for the home improvement TV genre.



↑ Famous for "Three's Company" and star of ABC's "Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," actor John Ritter dies suddenly from heart failure in September.

← "Alias" star Jennifer Garner earns high viewer ratings for ABC TV and lights up the big screen in 13 Going on 30.



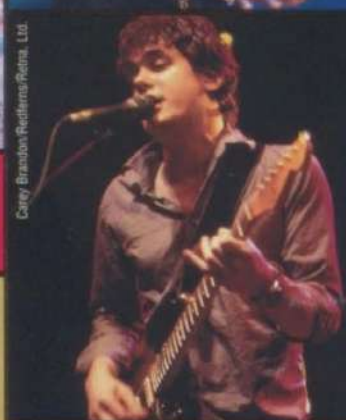
# MUSIC



← The legal battle between the music industry and music downloaders prompts lawsuits and online music purchasing outlets, while driving CD prices to their lowest point in a decade.

← According to Nielsen SoundScan, 50 Cent's debut, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, is 2003's best-selling album, with 6.5 million copies sold.

← Songwriter John Mayer wins a Grammy in 2003 for the album *Room for Squares* and follows it up with *Heavier Things*.



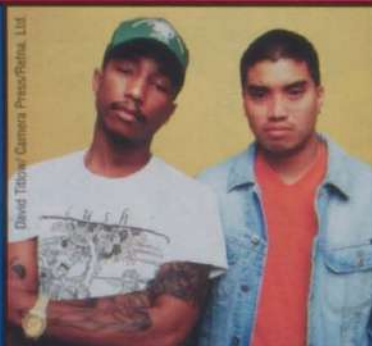
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Cary Branson/Redlens Media, Ltd.



Superstar Beyoncé Knowles stars on the big screen, releases a hit album, *Dangerously in Love*, and wins four *Billboard* Music Awards.

→ The Neptunes' Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo receive three Grammy nominations as a production duo. Williams gets three more for collaborations with Snoop Dog and Jay-Z.



David Titlow/Camera Press/Photo, Ltd.

→ OutKast's genre-busting album *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, featuring the infectious single "Hey Ya!," wins the Grammy for Album of the Year.



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→ Country music legend Johnny Cash dies at 71, but wins three CMA awards posthumously, including Best Single for his remake of the Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt."



Mark Hill/AP/Wide World Photos



## flash

Claiming that he has "had it with the rap game," Jay-Z, 33, retires after the release of *The Black Album*.



Coldplay claims the title of *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year, and the band's lead singer Chris Martin marries actress Gwyneth Paltrow.

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# music



→ In December, Rolling Stones' legendary lead singer Mick Jagger, 60, is knighted by Prince Charles.

→ Role-playing games like "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic" find mainstream success on consoles.



Cedar Point Amusement Park/Resort, Sandusky, Ohio

Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, boasts the world's tallest, fastest roller coaster, the Top Thrill Dragster.

# entertainment



← Pop diva-turned-author Madonna releases two children's books: *The English Roses* and *Mr. Peabody's Apples*. Her third book, *Yakov and the Seven Thieves*, arrives in late winter.

Two months after being mauled by a tiger, Roy Horn, half of the famed "Siegfried and Roy" wild animal entertainment act, is released from a Las Vegas hospital.

AP Photo/Las Vegas Sun/Henry NewMedia Inc./Corbis



← Hugh Jackman of *X2: X-Men United* showcases his singing ability on Broadway in *The Boy from Oz*.



↑ On CBS's "Late Show" host David Letterman, 56, announces the November birth of his first child, a baby boy.



← After the success of his best-selling fantasy novel *Eragon: Inheritance*, author Christopher Paolini, 19, begins writing the much-anticipated sequel.



# SPORTS



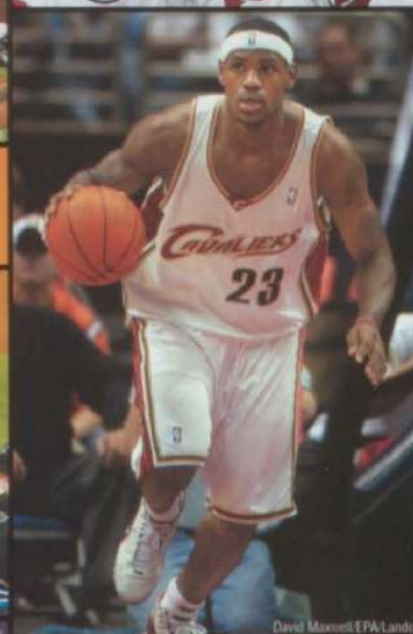
BCS computers fail to invite the nation's No. 1 team, USC, to the 2004 championship game. The Rose Bowl champion USC Trojans share the national title with the Sugar Bowl champion LSU Tigers.



Despite several crashes and severe dehydration, Lance Armstrong wins his fifth straight Tour de France by a mere 62 seconds.



Behind the defensive brilliance of goalie Martin Brodeur, the New Jersey Devils win the 2003 NHL Stanley Cup by icing the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 3-0 in game seven.



High school phenomenon LeBron James, 19, is picked first in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers and enjoys instant success as a pro.

# sports

→ Led by MVP pitcher Josh Beckett, the Florida Marlins beat the heavily favored New York Yankees 2-0 in game six to win the 100th World Series.



→ Tennis pro Andy Roddick, 21, also known as Mandy Moore's boyfriend, wins his first grand slam title at the U.S. Open in September.



→ In September, Kenya's Paul Tergat sets the world record in the Berlin Marathon, running the 26.2-mile course in just 2 hours, 4 minutes, 55 seconds.



In June, Michelle Wie, 13, becomes the youngest winner of a U.S. Golf Association adult event when she wins the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links.





→ The New England Patriots defeat the Carolina Panthers 32-29 with a field goal in the closing seconds to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.

→ Due to a lack of revenue, the Women's United Soccer Association gets the boot after just three seasons.



Champion surfer Bethany Hamilton, 13, loses her arm in a shark attack. Just 10 weeks later, Hamilton places fifth in her age group at a National Scholastic Surfing Association meet in January 2004.



# sports

← St. John's University coach John Gagliardi, 77, leads his team to an undefeated NCAA Division III Football National Championship while also setting the NCAA Football record for coaching victories with 414.

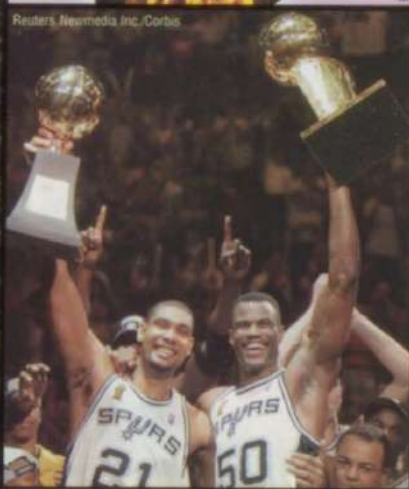
Death-defying tricks and thrills bring the extreme sports craze to new heights at the January 2004 EXPN Winter X Games VIII in Aspen, Colorado.



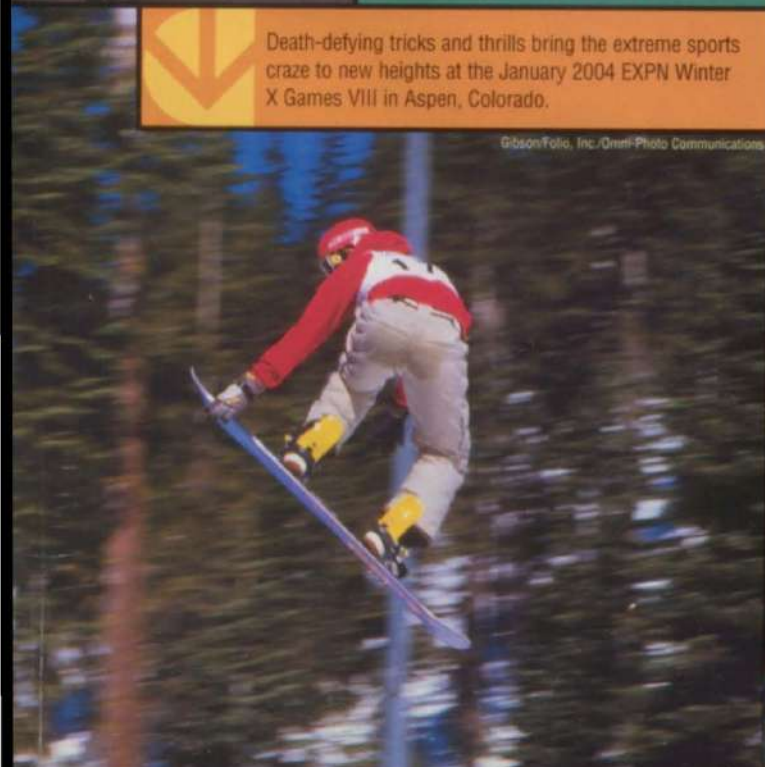
← Matt Kenseth claims the NASCAR Winston Cup Series championship, after leading the standings through a record 33 races.



↑ Freddy Adu, 14, becomes the youngest American pro team athlete in over 100 years when he signs with D.C. United of Major League Soccer.



← League MVP Tim Duncan and David Robinson—in his final game—lead the San Antonio Spurs to the 2003 NBA title with a 4-2 series win over the New Jersey Nets.





# Faces



← In October, Mother Teresa of Calcutta is beatified by Pope John Paul II in Vatican City. This marks the final step before sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church.



America loses three entertainment icons with the deaths of comedian Bob Hope, actress Katharine Hepburn and actor Gregory Peck.

→ In his first of a number of trials in several states, a Virginia jury sentences D.C. area sniper Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, to life without parole.



↑ The Pentagon releases decks of 55 cards to U.S. soldiers that feature the most-wanted Iraqi leaders. Dictator Saddam Hussein is the Ace of Spades.

→ After winning 64 career titles, including 14 grand slam events, and a record six years ranked No. 1, tennis great Pete Sampras retires at the U.S. Open in August.



After being abducted for nine months, Elizabeth Smart is rescued and returns home in March 2003. Her story is made into a TV movie that airs later in the fall.

→ Teen star Hilary Duff tops off her successful movie debut, *The Lizzie McGuire Movie*, with a hit pop album, *Metamorphosis*, and a nationwide tour.

















