

Senior Year by Eunene McCeary

senior year is time for cheer, But often ends in Pools of tears. Prom, graduation, and final goodbyes, The final finale the end of ties. senior year is the Last time You'll see the friends who helped you fly, But at the end of graduation High school Life will Die. on to new things, New People, New times, class of the Go Getters and CLass of '09.

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well done. You have truly been a remarkable group of young men and women. I feel that all of you have the potential for greatness and will go on to wonderful things. I wish you the best and keep Bloomfield Tech in your hearts.

Main Office



MS. HALL

SECRETARY



MS. GUERRERO

pieces

R R A

"I wish our senior class the best that life has to offer. I hope you remember your years at Bloomfield Tech fondly and have gained information to nelp you in life. Try to make a positive difference in your community, with your families and friends! It's been a pleasure working with you. May God be



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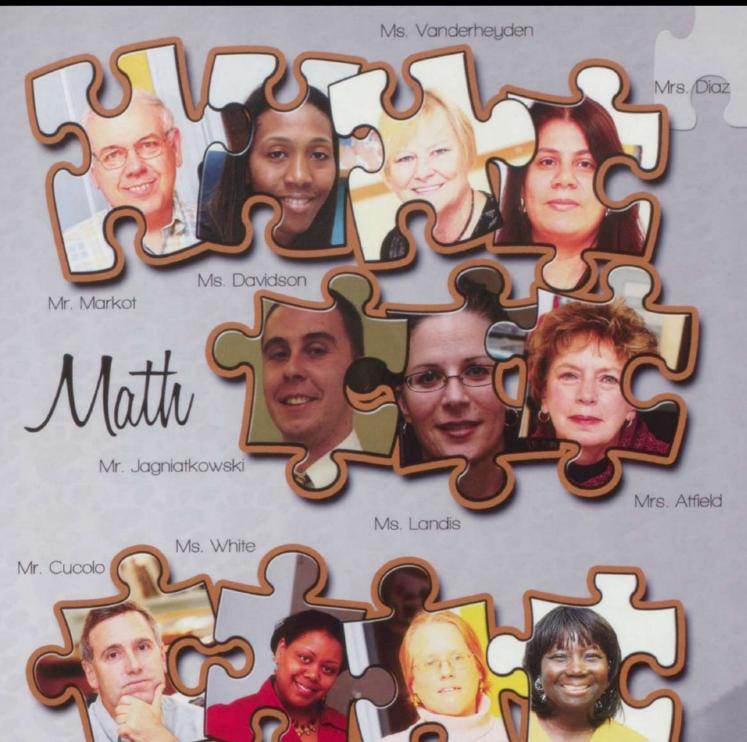
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MS











Ms. Quijano

Mr. Healy

Mr. Shallcross

09 Shop Teachers



Mrs. Bonilla -TV Production



Ms. Bailey -Adv. Design



Ms. Conlon - Business

Ms. Ellerbe Business



Mrs. Restaino

Ms. Barrett Business



Mr. Coletta -Drafting



Mr. Bertelsen Carpentry



Mr. Rasheed -Welding



Mr. Romano -Electric



Ms. B. Morales Graphic Arts



Ms. Sutton MultiMedia

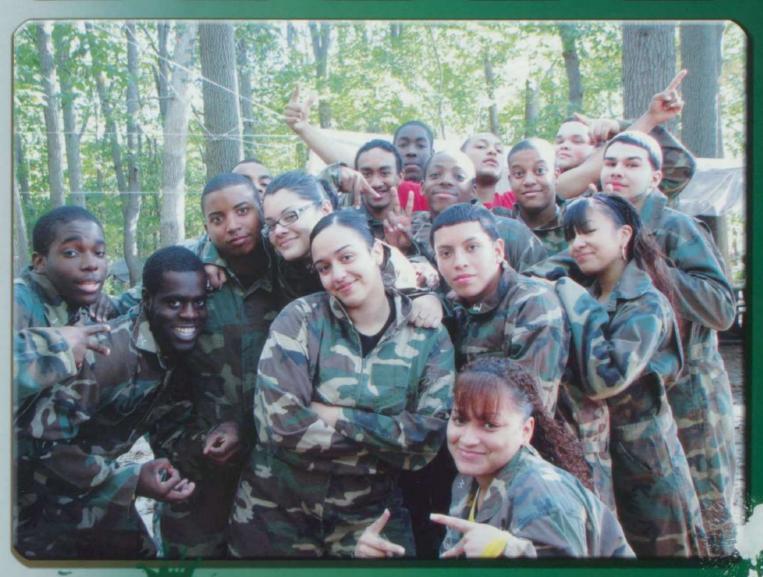


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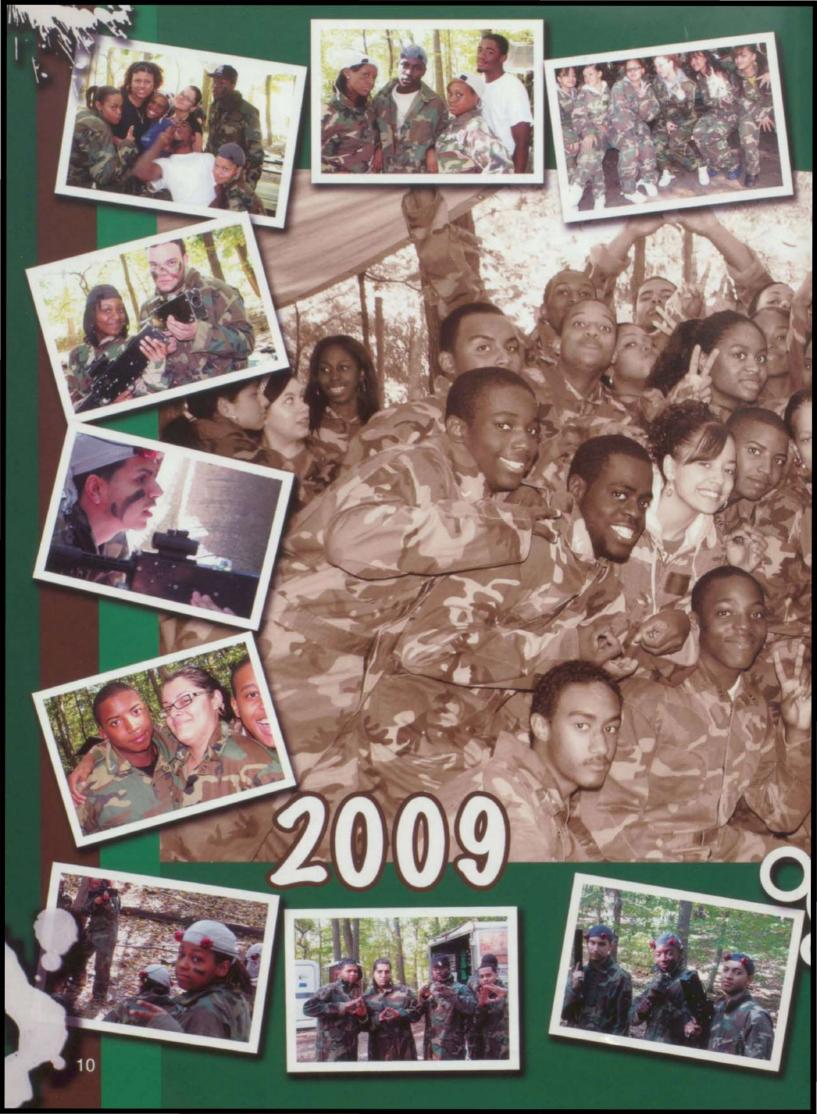


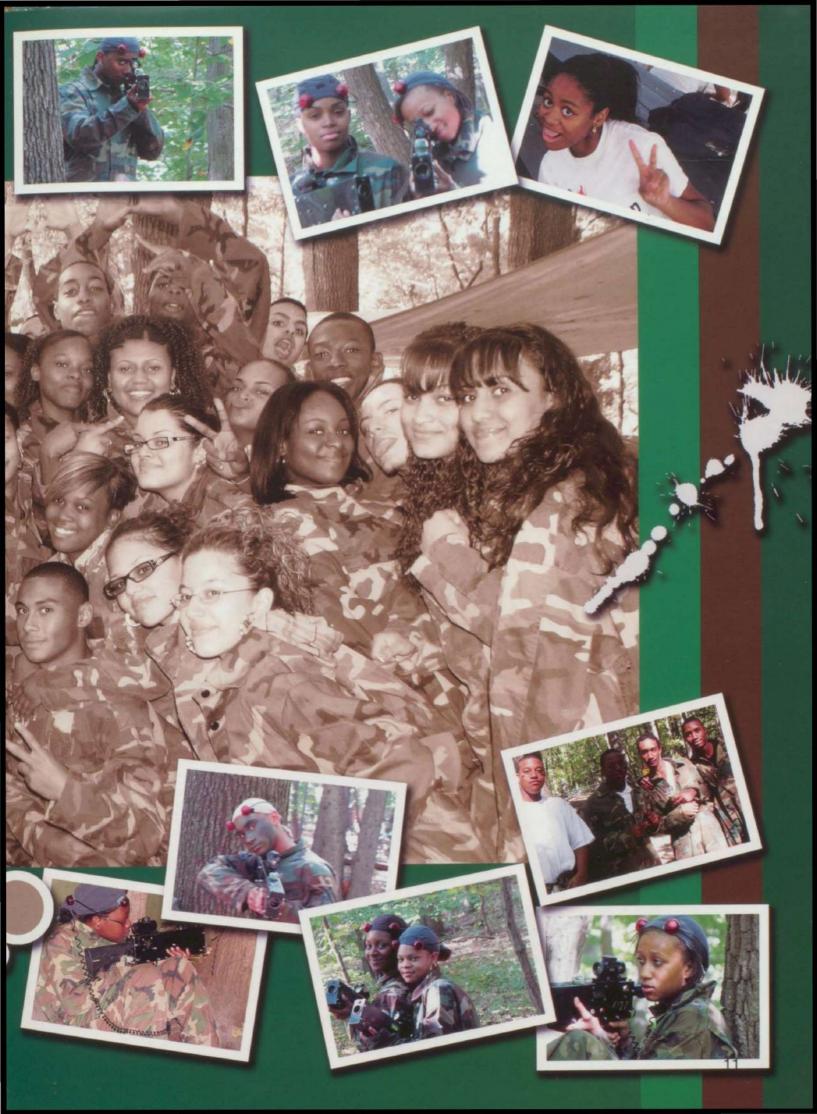
Mrs. Ogozalek -Music

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most athletic

rayven, chris, Diana, & Keith



teacher's Pet

andre, Jomanda, Keith, & Rajiyyah

SUDCILAULCS (adj)-of highest quality or degree



CLASS CLOWN

Kari, wendell, michelle, & Philip

most quiet

omar, Doris, melissa, & hildebrando



Loubest mouth

chris, Kari, Rajiyyah, & tasheed



Most Changed

curstin, Lorissa, magdeline, & Jay e



09 SUPERLATIVES



class annoyance

Kari, aurelio, & michelle (missing Pedro- he Just cant admit he's annoying)

most attractive

sedric, aimee, amanda, & Manny



most hyper

andre, michelle, Kari, & Keith



best smile

benny, nikeema, manny, & Rayven

most Dramatic

andre, courtney, & angelica (missing Junehisy)



most stylish

ariel, rajiyyah, Julissa, & stanley



best friends

Kari, nikeema, Danny, & andre



























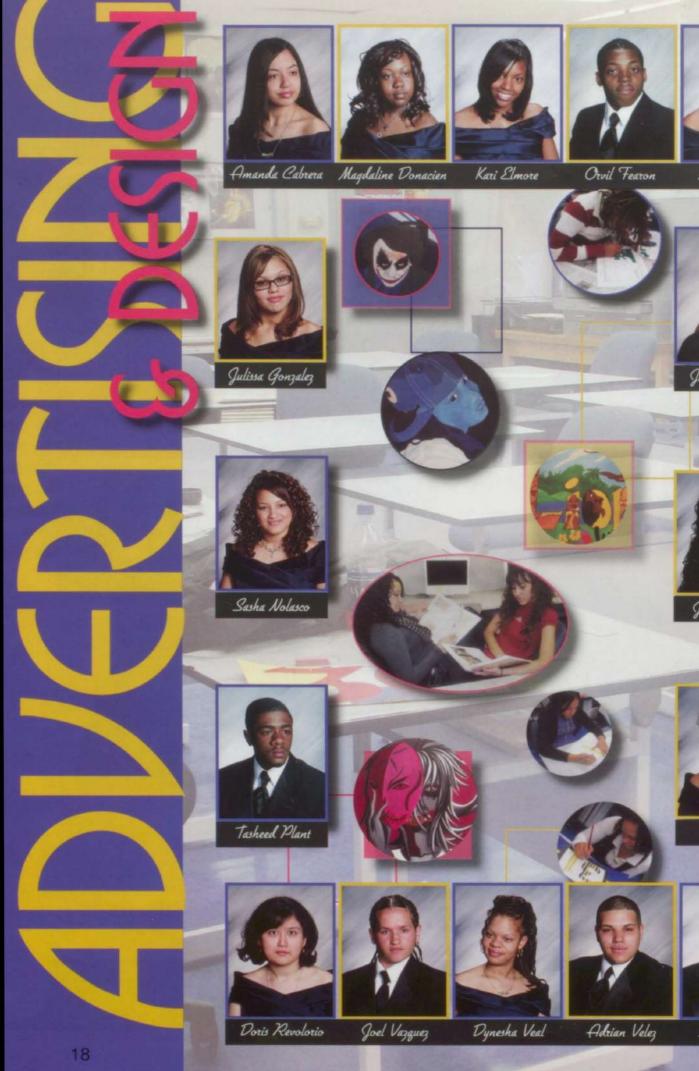












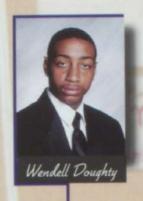














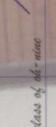


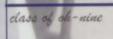


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mission accomplished





computers













Jennifer Aguilar



Angelica Garcia



Cydney Jackson



Tatiana Javis







Rayven Johnson



Eunene McCeary



Joana Ramirez



Amelia Strand



Dennis Vicente



Junehisy Chapatto



Alex Chavas



Abdarelys Correa



Brian Jackson



Dayana Moya



Kiana Nichols



Aimee Paul









Marline Regalado



Joseph Santos



Kaleena Smallwood



Michelle Walton



Kashmeer Williams



Keyonda Williams



Rajiyyah Woodson



David Arce



Phillip Foreman



Phillip Garcia



Benny Gonzalez



Xaviet Lugo



Kyle McMillan



Nataly Mendieta



Danny Padilla



Omar Reyes



Anthony Rivera



Ariel Rivera



Gustavo Romero



Juan Cordero



Shamad Elder



Curstin Faison



Darrell Glover



Keith McKoy



Felix Morales











Christopher Morris



Richard Padilla



Andre Perez



Justin Reavis



Justin Rivera



Aurelio Romero



Mike Trani





Shaquan Adams



Hildebrando Cangas



Brandan Boyer Comerie













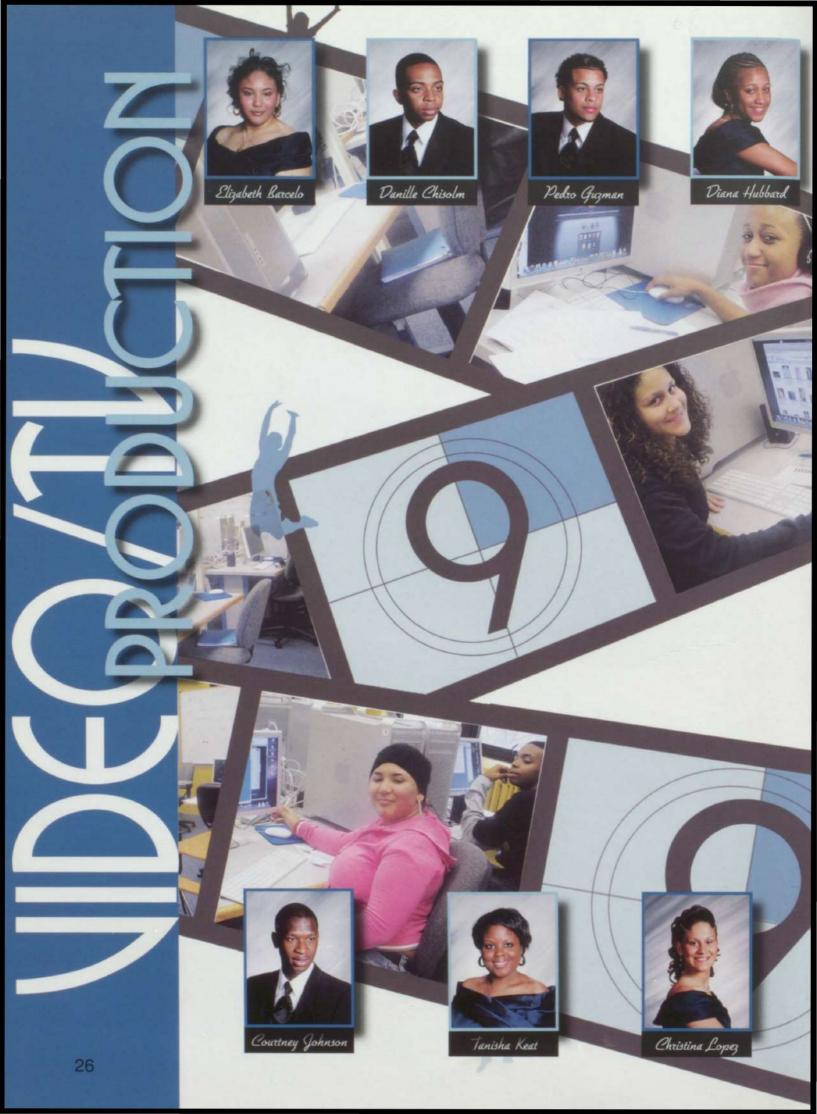
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Bernardo Flores



Carlos Rivera

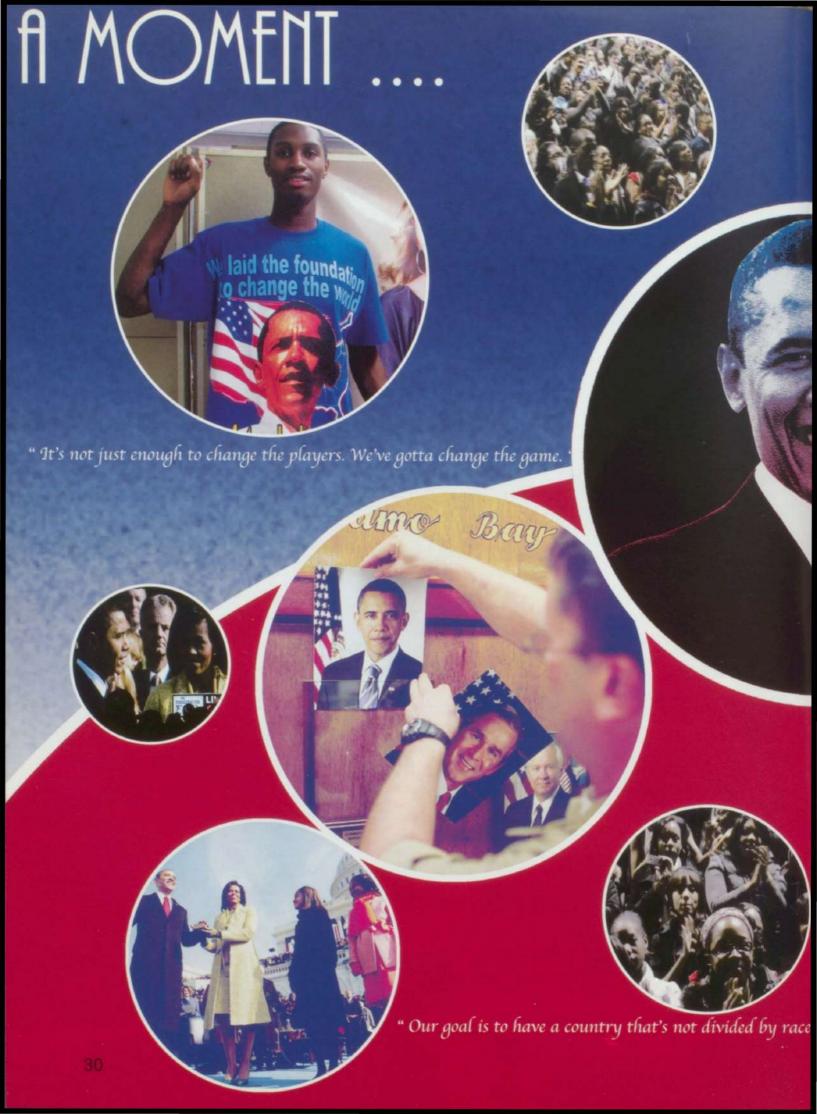






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Clubs & Activities

Clubs



Yearbook:

Julissa Gonzalez, Jonathan Encarnacion, Jomanda Bolivar, Shermaine Waters, Lorissa Negron

PSE&G CLUB:



Courtney Johnson, Alexandria
Fitzgerald, Richard Podilla, Amenah Melvin,
Branden Comerie, Nataly Benjamin,
Shamad Elder, Phillip Garcia, Joseph
Santos, Mr. Rosado

WORK STUDY:



Junehisy Chaparro, Latoya Hendricks, Gustavo Naravez, Aimee Paul, Sapphire Zeda, Keith McKoy, Kiana Nichols, Cydney Jackson, Nataly Benjamin, Eunene McCeary, Amelia Strand, Dayana Moya, Shanteea Moore, Marline Regalado, Dennis Vicente

FBLA:



Michelle Walton, Nikeema Tucker, Rajiyyah Woodson, Kashmeer Williams, Keyonda Williams, Joseph Santos, Kari Elmore, Joanna Ramirez, Marline Regalado, Kaleena Smallwood, Alex Chaves, Klana Nichols, Sherisse Keat, Joelle Kearney, Ronald Ruiz, Victoria Caban, Tionna Brown, Angela Lopez, Jerelyn Viruet, ShaQuill Thomas, Antonio Dawkins, kevin Philemon, Reggle Anderson, Danielle Murray, Sherice Inniss, Tiana Summers, Tamara Desjardins, Neema Daniels, Qualeem McSwain, Christine Albert, Steven Brown, Josh Plaza, Simena Carey

STUDENT COUNCIL:

Brenda Gonzalez, Shermaine Waters, Nikeema Tucker, Kari Elmore, Dynesha Veal, Nataly Benjamin, Anthony Bush, Michelle Gonzalez, Rajiyyah Woodson, Neema Daniels, Antonio Dawkins

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:



Branden Comerie, Alexandria Fitzgerald, Megdaline Donacien, Melissa Mazariegos, Andre Perez, Tionna Brown, Cristina Andrade, Adrian Velez, Nataly Benjamin

GREEN CLUB:



Amani Abdul Majeed, Andre Perez, Anthony Bush, Ashley Soto, Branden Comerie, Cristina Andrade, Christopher Reid, Dasia Stewart, Haniyyah Glenn, Jorge Arlas, Neema Daniels, Qadir Shabazz, Renee Jeffries, Shaquill Thomas, Stephanie Marcano, Wasim Baksh, Desirray Orejueta, Jordan Richards, Cindy Bernard, Jamie Aldarondo, Janice Aldarondo

DECA CLUB:



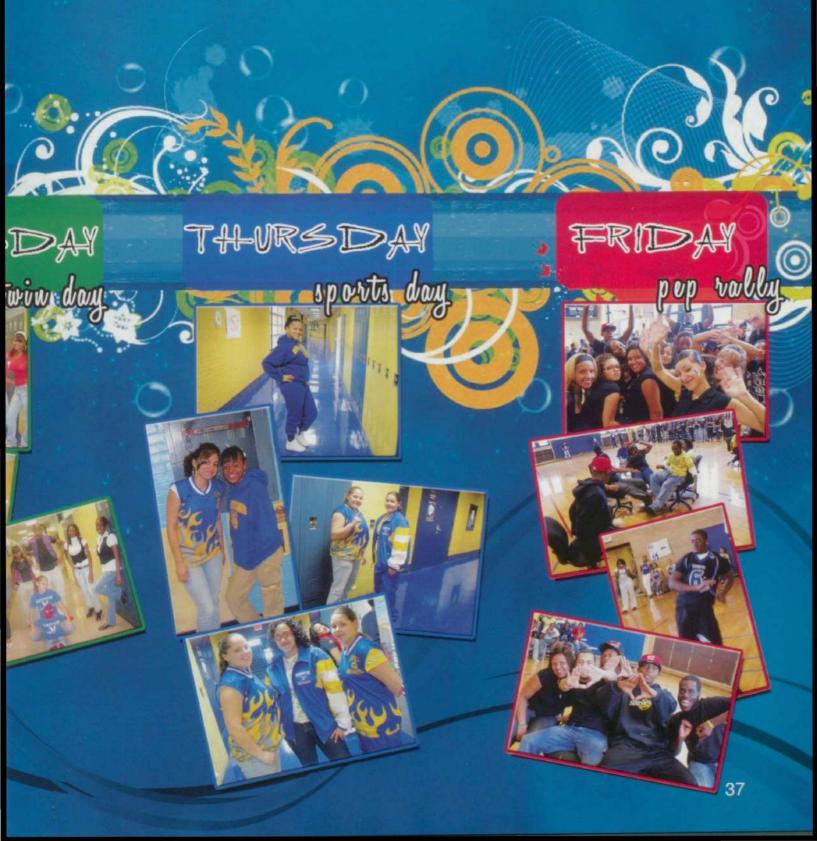
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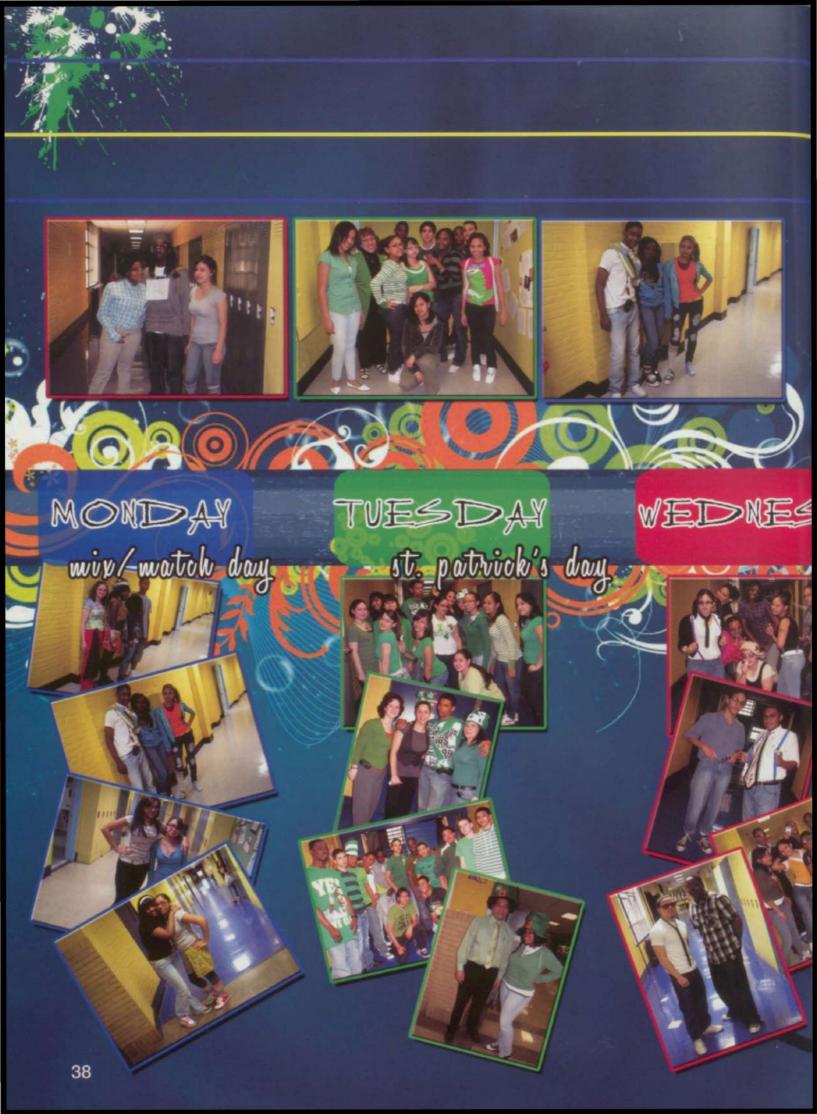
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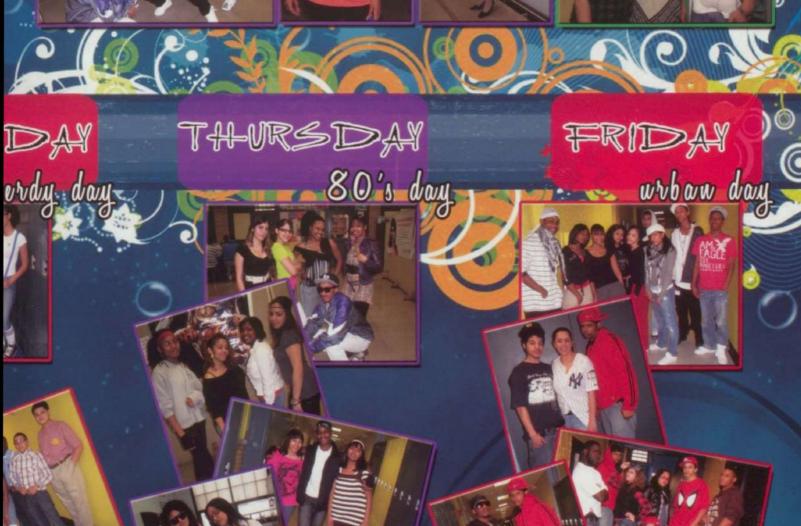
emember back in our freshmen days, how much fun we used to have. Everybody was cool with each other because our true colors didnt really come out. We were too busy having fun to worry about grades or showing so much of school spirit. Now we're SENIORS and things changed. From grades & college to showing underclassmen that it's our time to shine. Class of 2009, get with it or get lost. (=

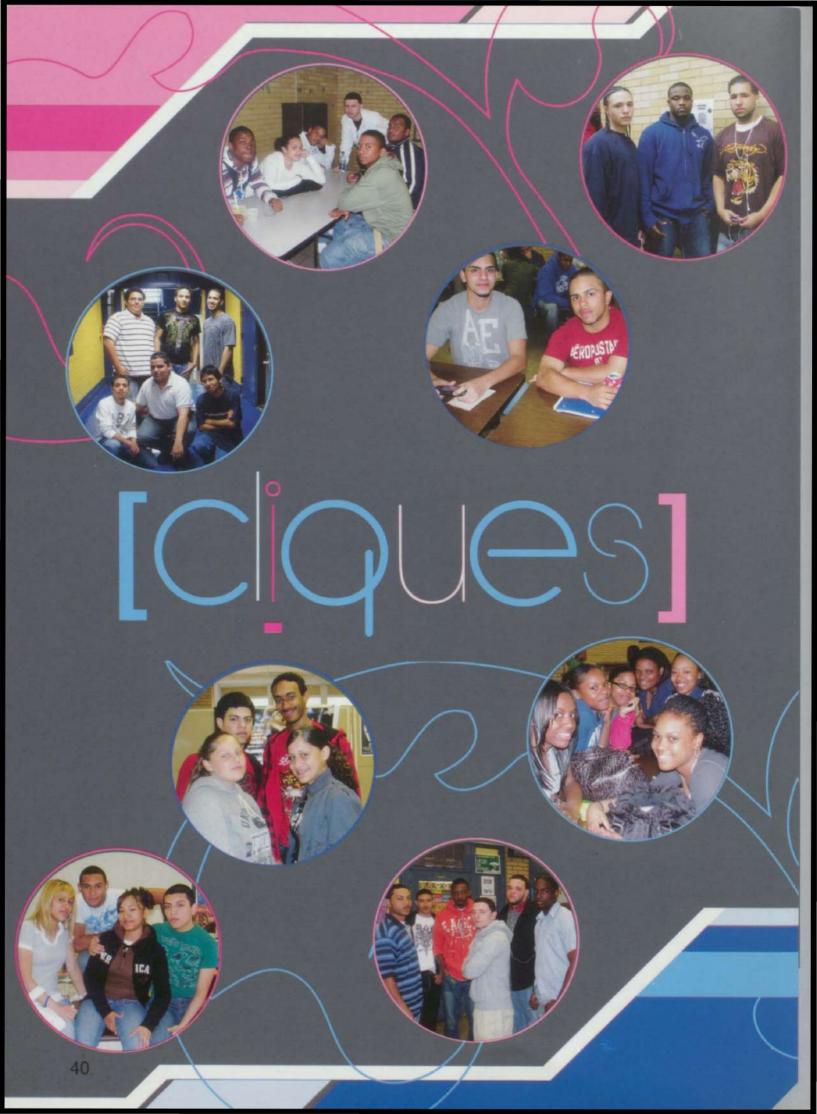


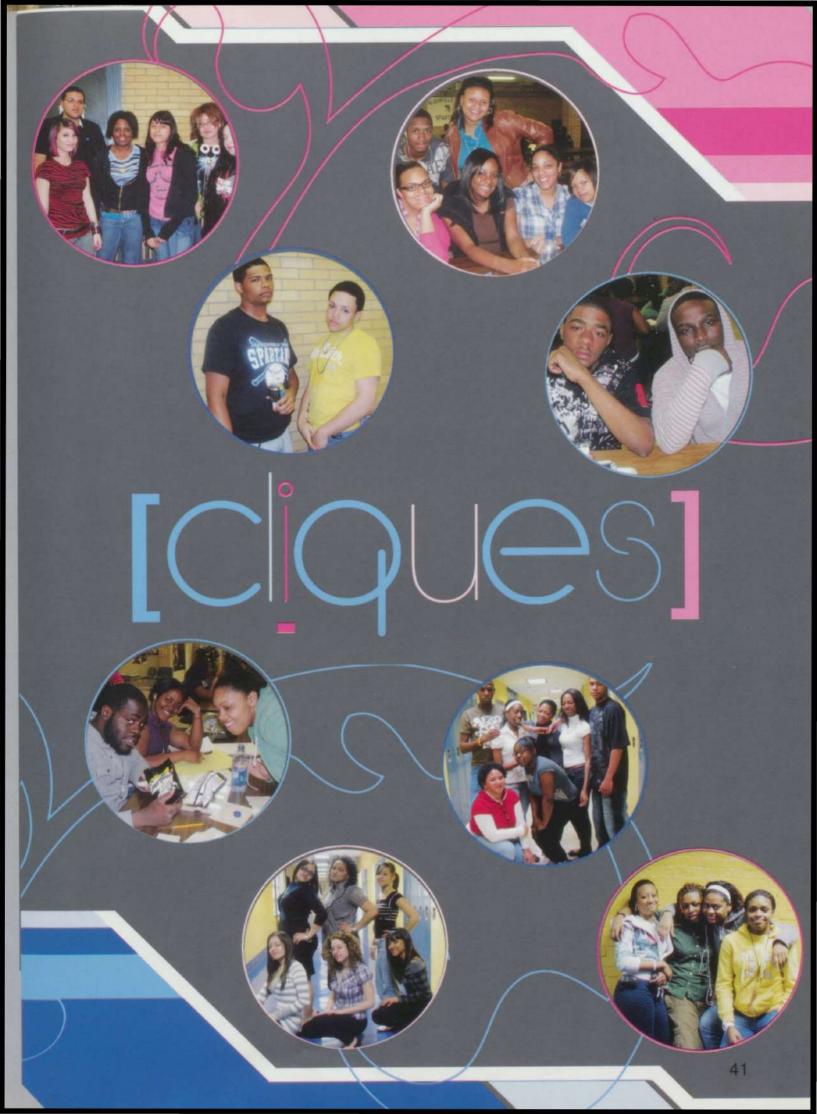












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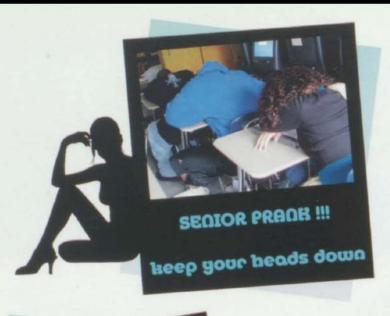


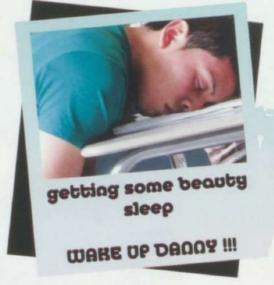


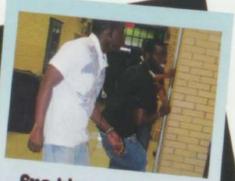












fun times at lunch
SPOTLIGHT !!!



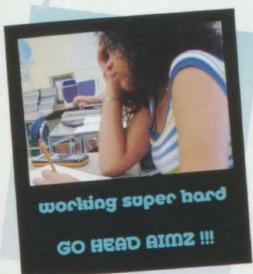


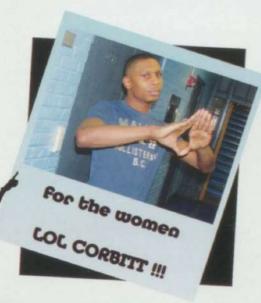
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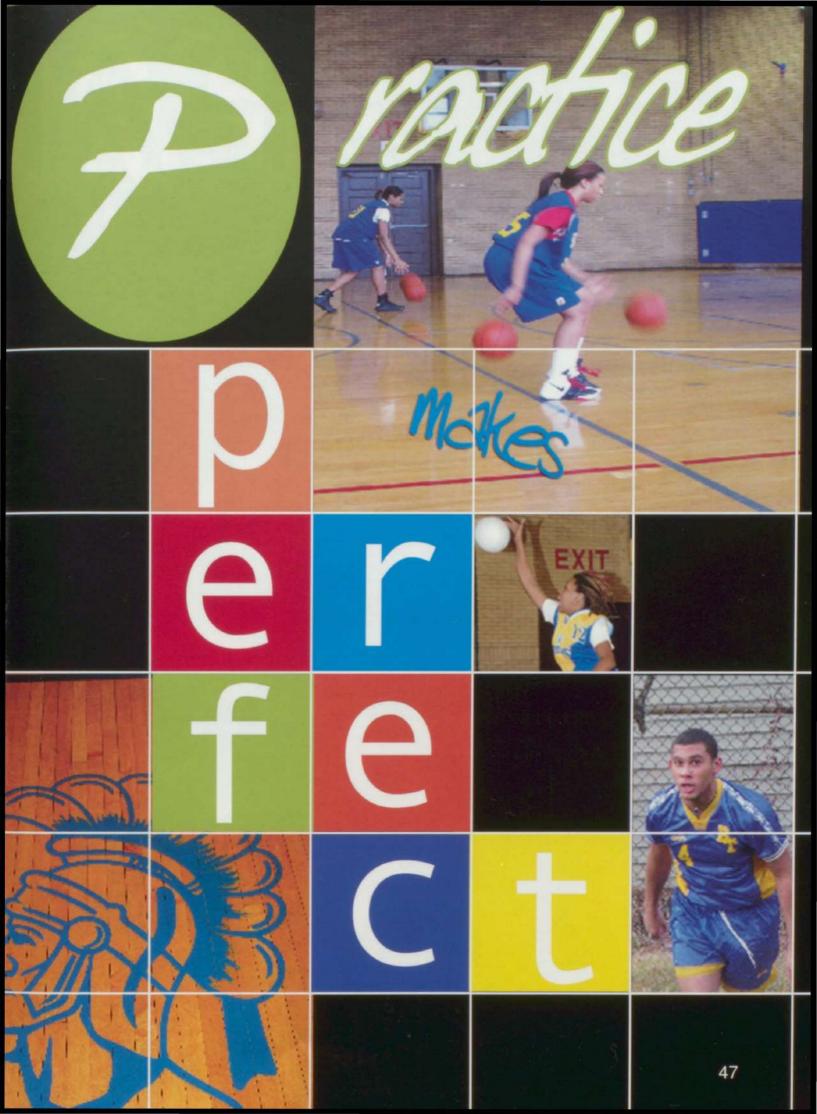


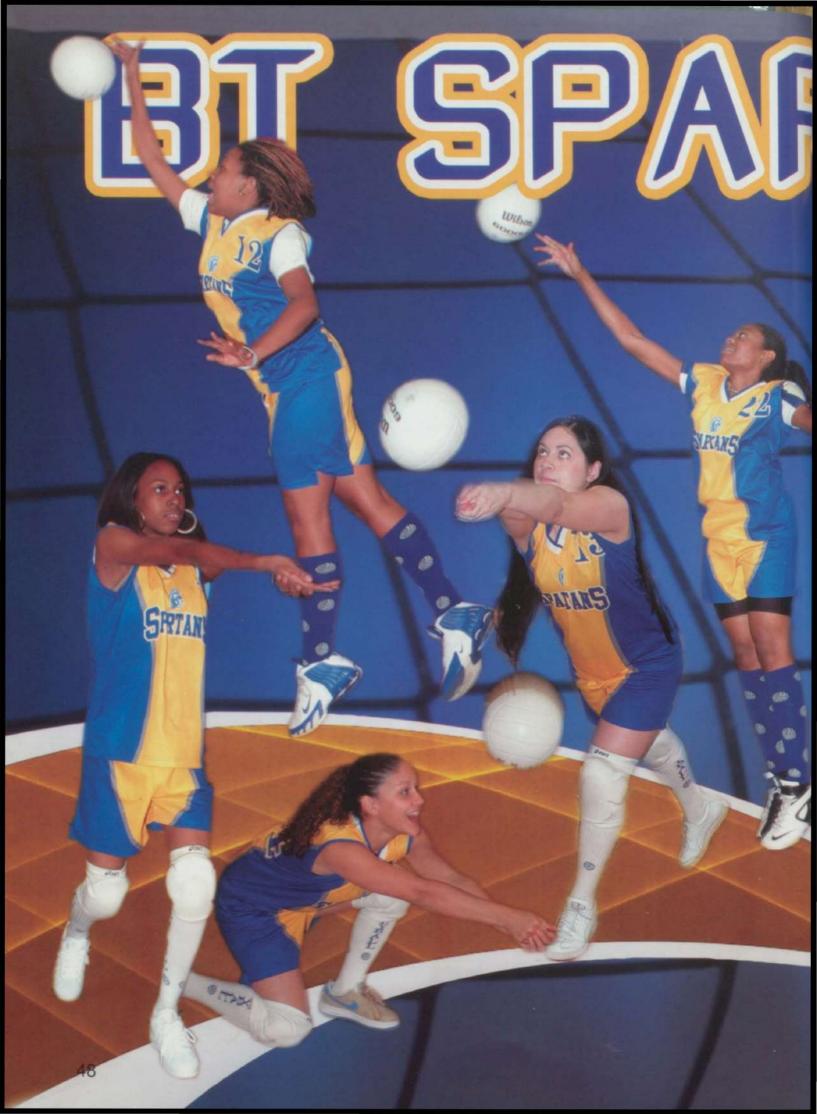
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Everyone remembers the good old days when stress didn't include relationships and college essays but instead we were ...

- Memorizing the words To "The Fresh Prince" show
- Raising our "GigaPets" and playing with our GameBoys
 - Wearing skorts and feeling stylish
 - Reading or watching the "Goosebumps" series
- Sure the Pink Ranger and Green Ranger were meant to be
- Watching movies like "Space Jam" & "The Mighty Ducks"
 - Collecting Pokemon or Yu-Gi-Oh Cards
 - Playing M.A.S.H with our closest friends
 - Having or attending birthday parties at McDonalds
 - Listening to music from "Boom Boxes" & Walkmen
 - Making decisions on "Eeny-Meeny-Miney-Moe"

& GROWING UP TO BE THE CLASS OF 2009 !!





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Tatiana Javis

Rory Forney

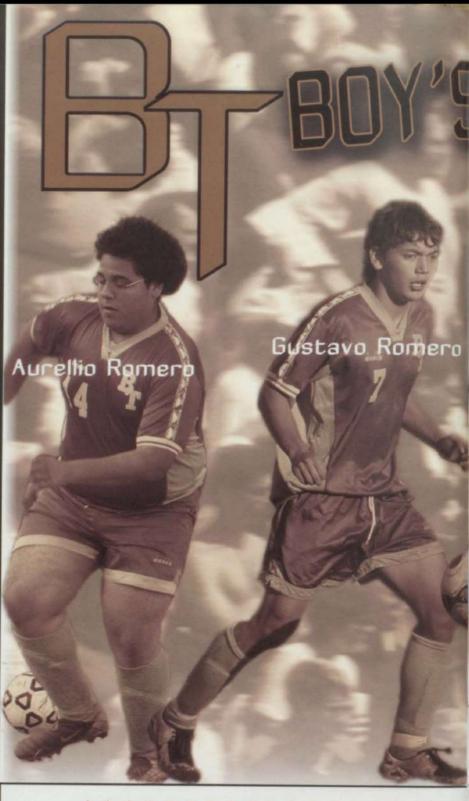
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Melissa Mazariegos

Ameenah Melvin

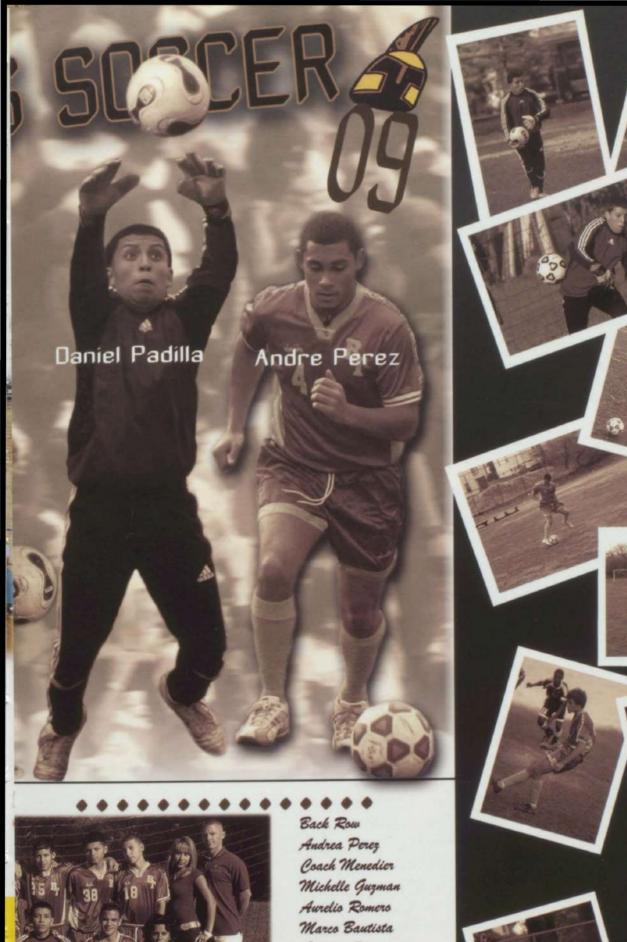
OLLEYBALL





Front Row
Fernando Torres
Giovanni Sanchez
Michael Cerna
Danny Padilla
Morris Cruz
Christopher Gerena
Meshach Gerena

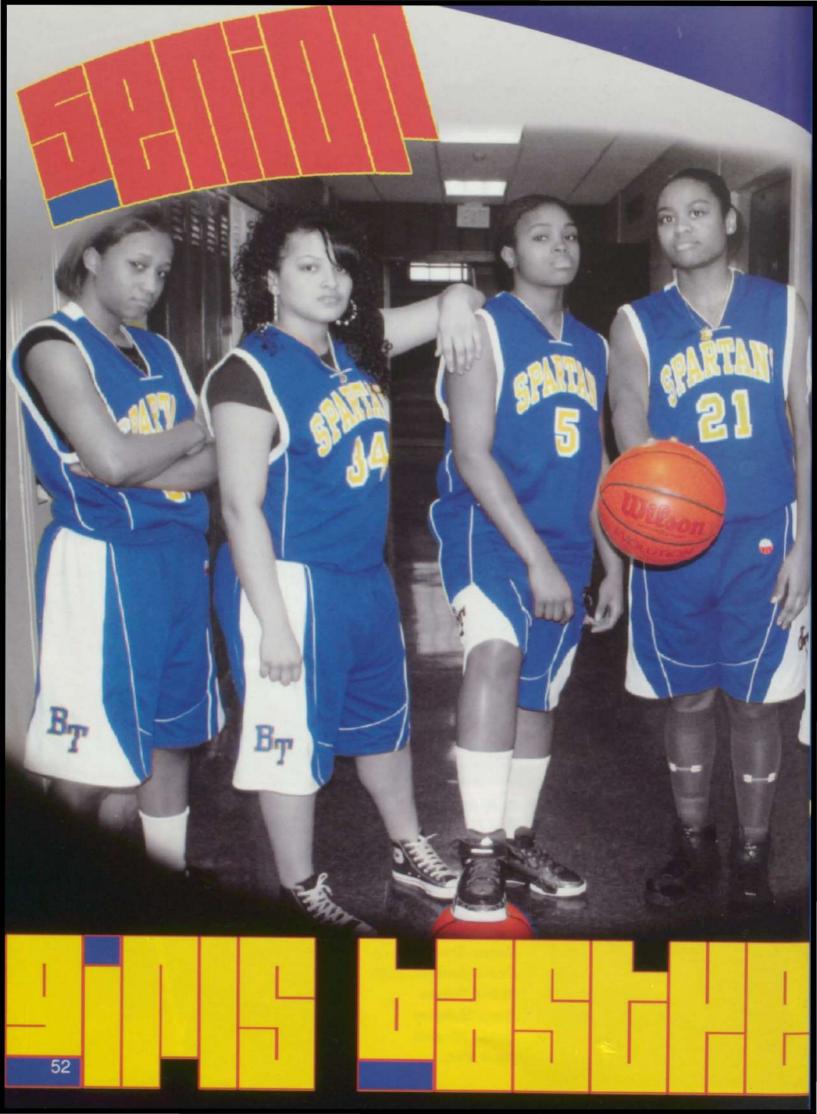


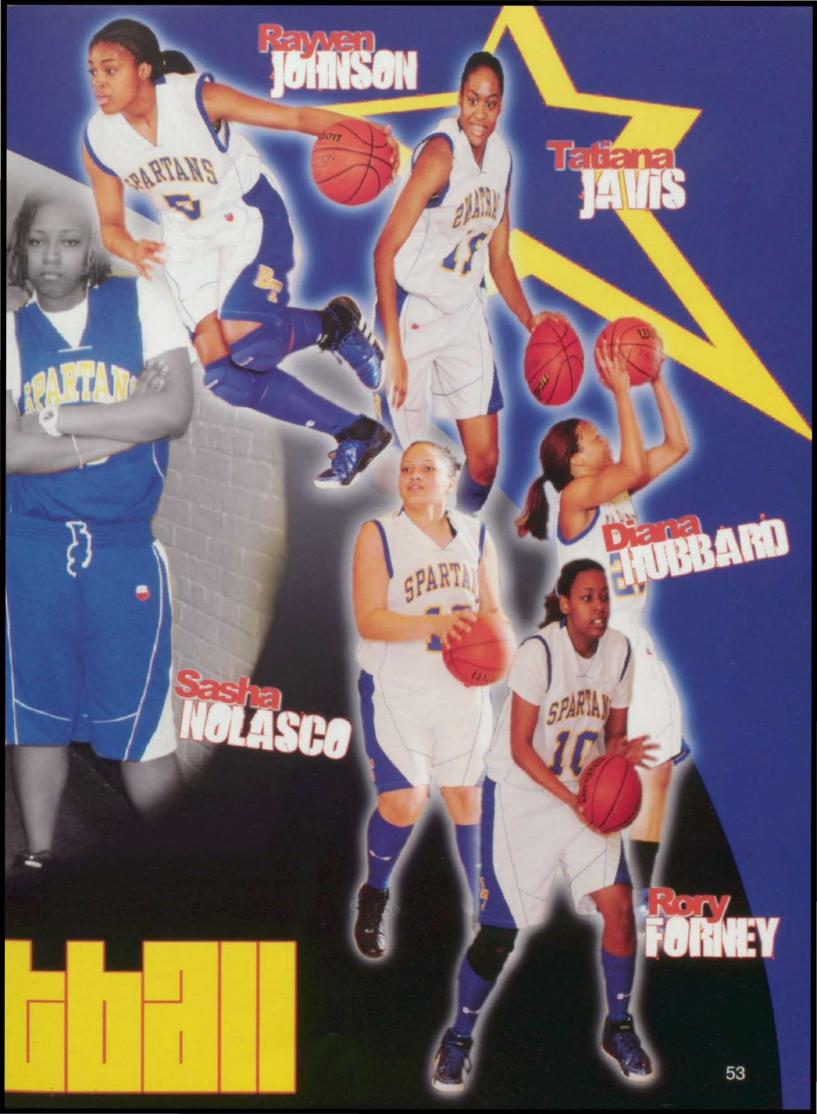




Gustavo Romero Edison Carangi Ruberth Valencia Steven Rodriguez Natalie Mendieta Coach Rudy







BOYKBASKETBALL

Coaches:



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#20 Rashid Sabur JR #10 Kevin Philemon JR #23 Corey Winston FR #33 Aaron Gowans JR #4 Thaddeus Haley JR

#1 Asaad Bell JR

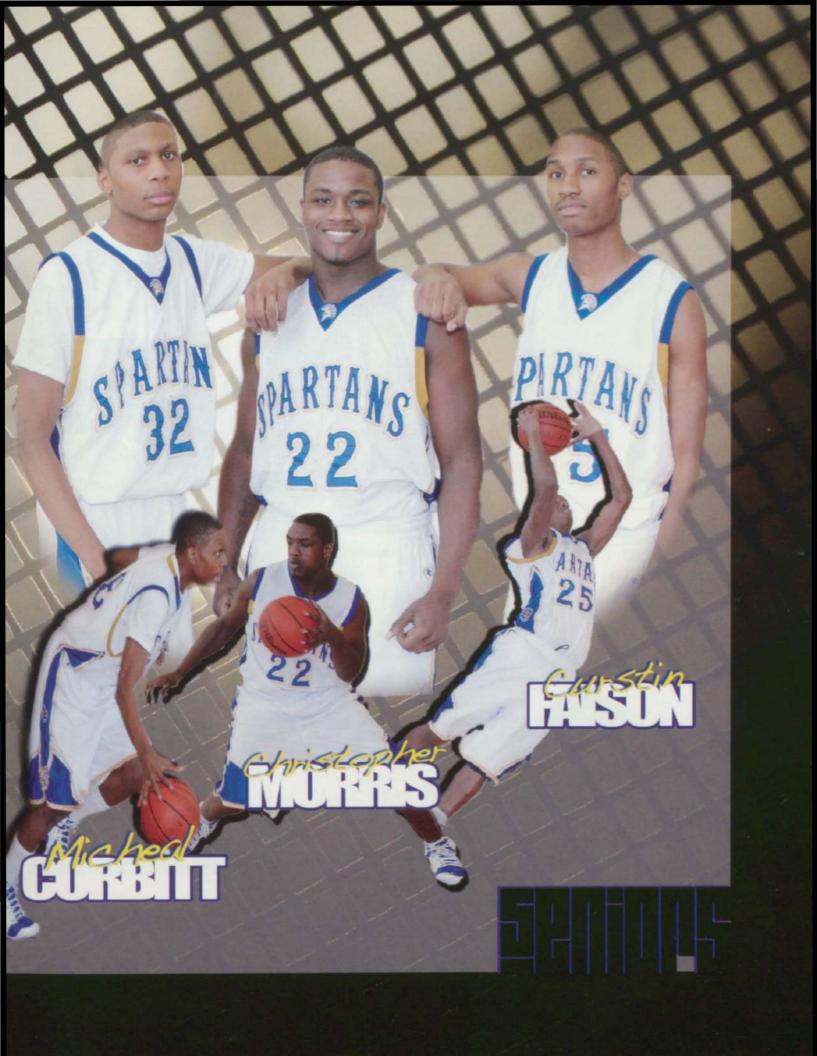
#15 Wilson Cody SO #3 Mykhal Corbitt FR



#21 Faraji James FR
#31 Yasim Simmons FR
#25 Trevor Martindale FR
#12 Nicholas Anderson JR
#31 Reggie Anderson JR
#5 Rian Hill FR

Managers: Nataly Benjamin Demetry Mallory

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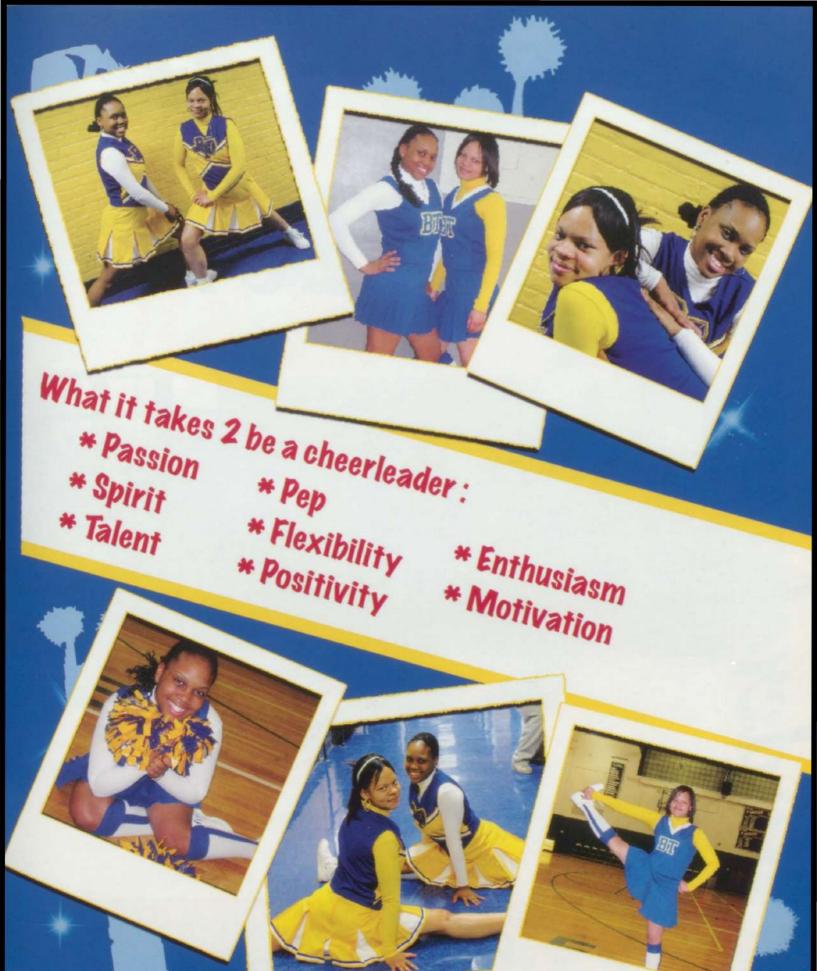




Bloomfield Tech High School SQUAD

CHERLEADING SQUAD

> BT 08-09 SENIOR CHEER JOURNEY



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Freshmen

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Dreams

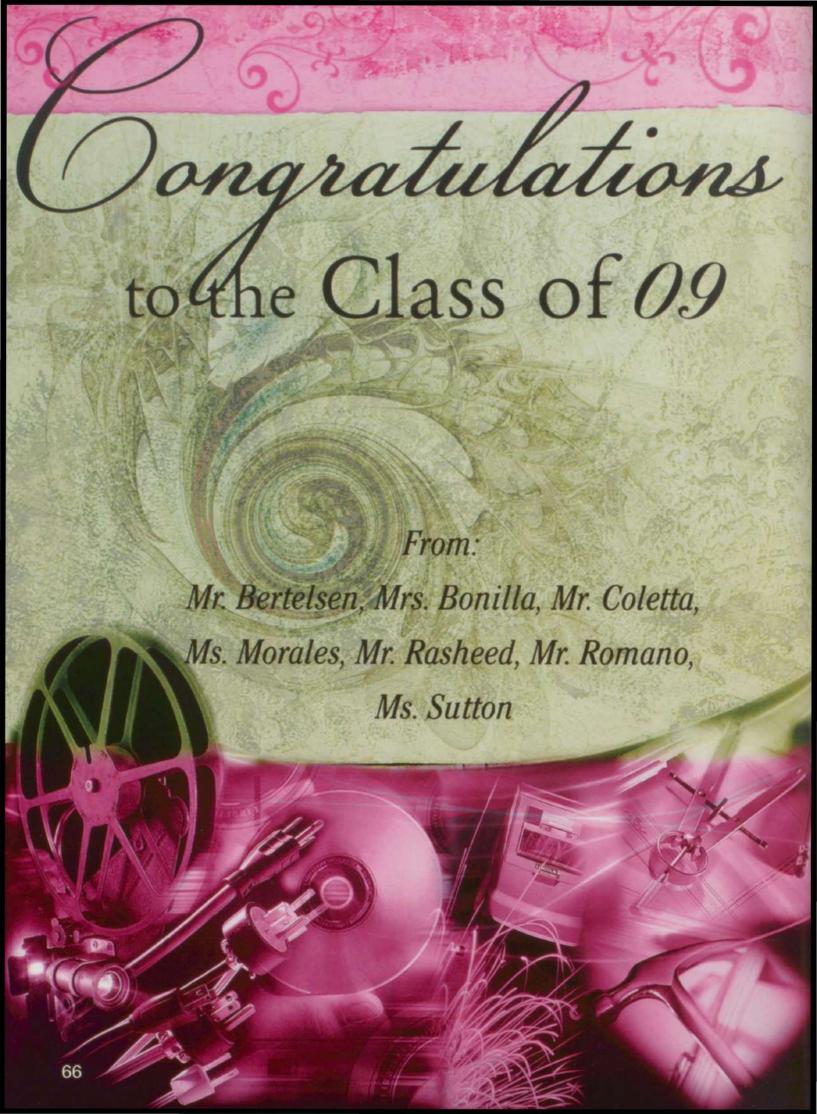


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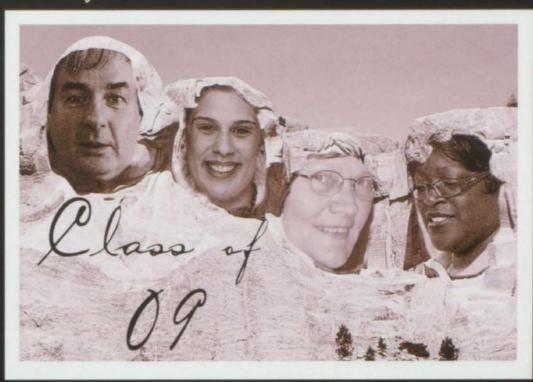


From the

main office staff



Congratulations to the



From the Social Studies Department



"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

Frederick Douglass

Because

"Knowledge is power."

So

"Read in order to live."

Best wishes from: Mrs. Garrison, Mr. Healy, Ms. Quijano, Mr. Shallcross, Ms. White, Mrs. Yamoah ⁶⁷ Chass of 2009

congratulations

to the nth degree!

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FROM THE BLOOMFIELD TECH MATH AND SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS 4x2

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MRS.ATFIELD, MS.DAVIDSON, MRS.DIAZ, MR.JAGNIATKOWSKI, MS.LANDIS, MR.MARKOT, MS.VANDERHEYDEN,

MR. JARGIELLO, MR. MENADIER, MRS. R. MORALES



Cydney,

Congratulation! You make us proud in all you do.

We love for your grace, intelligence, and independence.

You are true to yourself and we can only admire that.

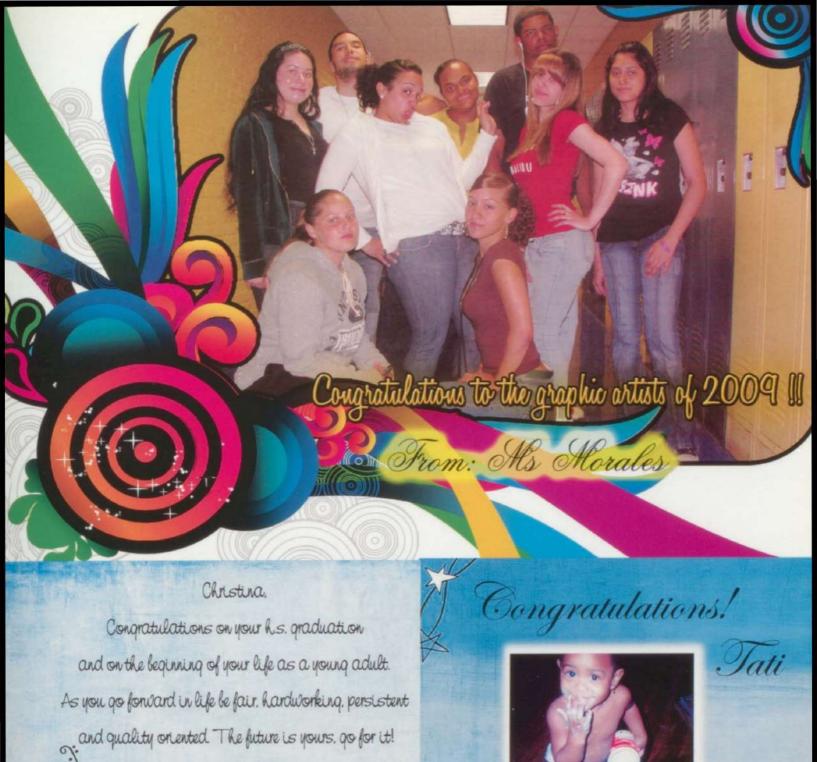
Enjoy this time in life Because it is as special as you are.

We love you so much!! We are proud of you!!

Sove.

Mommy and Savanna





Always continue to educate yourself because knowledge is power. We're proud of you!! God Bless you and quide you always.

Mani. Dad. Destinee, Anthony. fr. and all your family.

beautiful





Keep on in the right direction. you are capable of going much further. Good Luck, With Love

Grandma Stevenson

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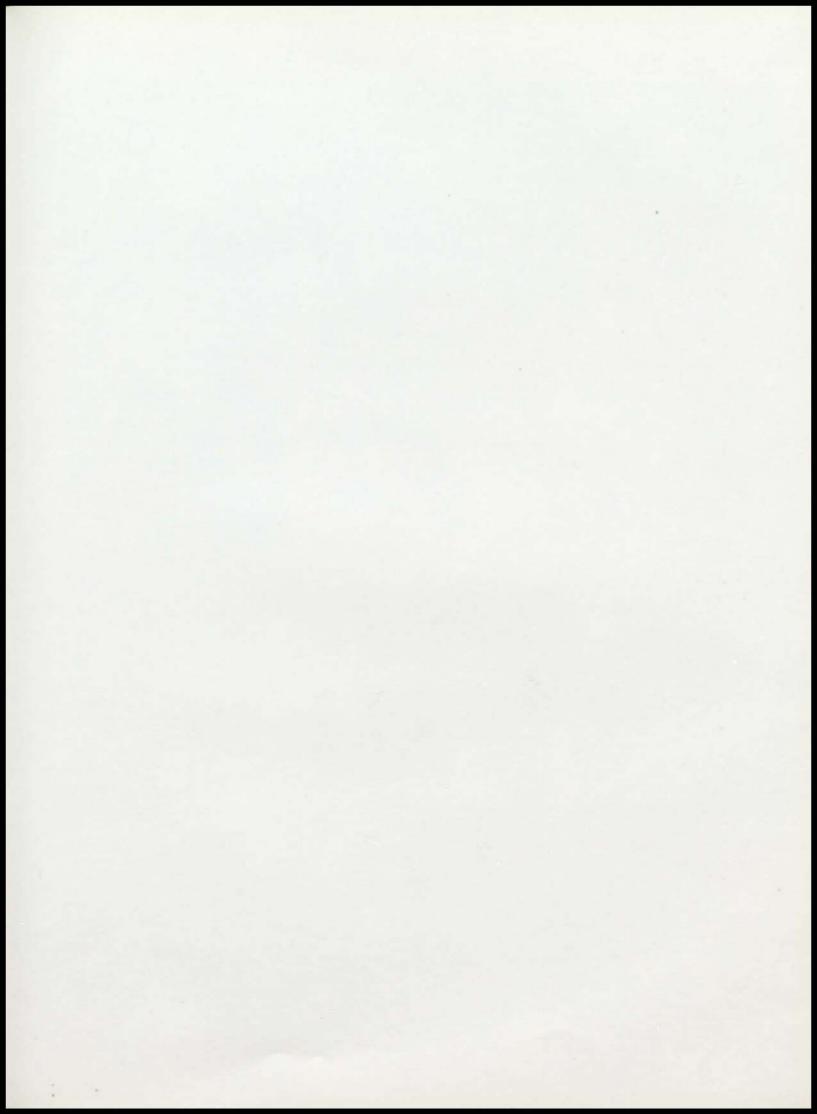
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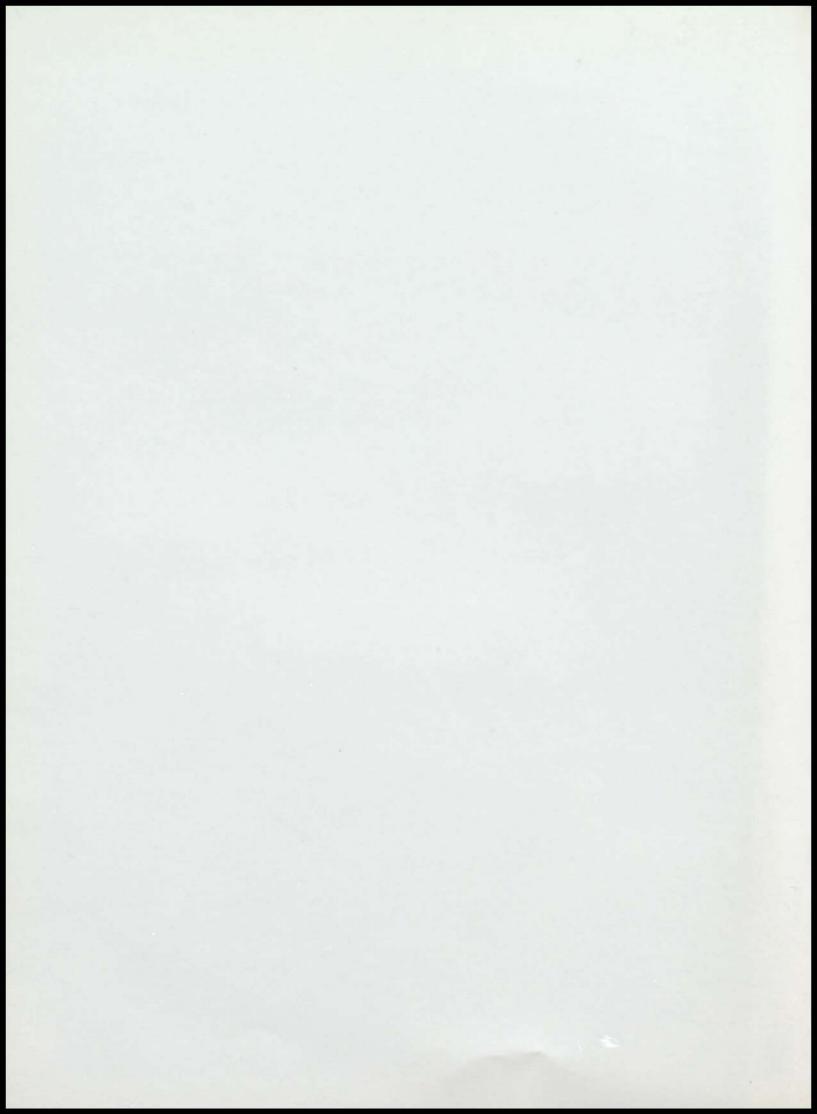
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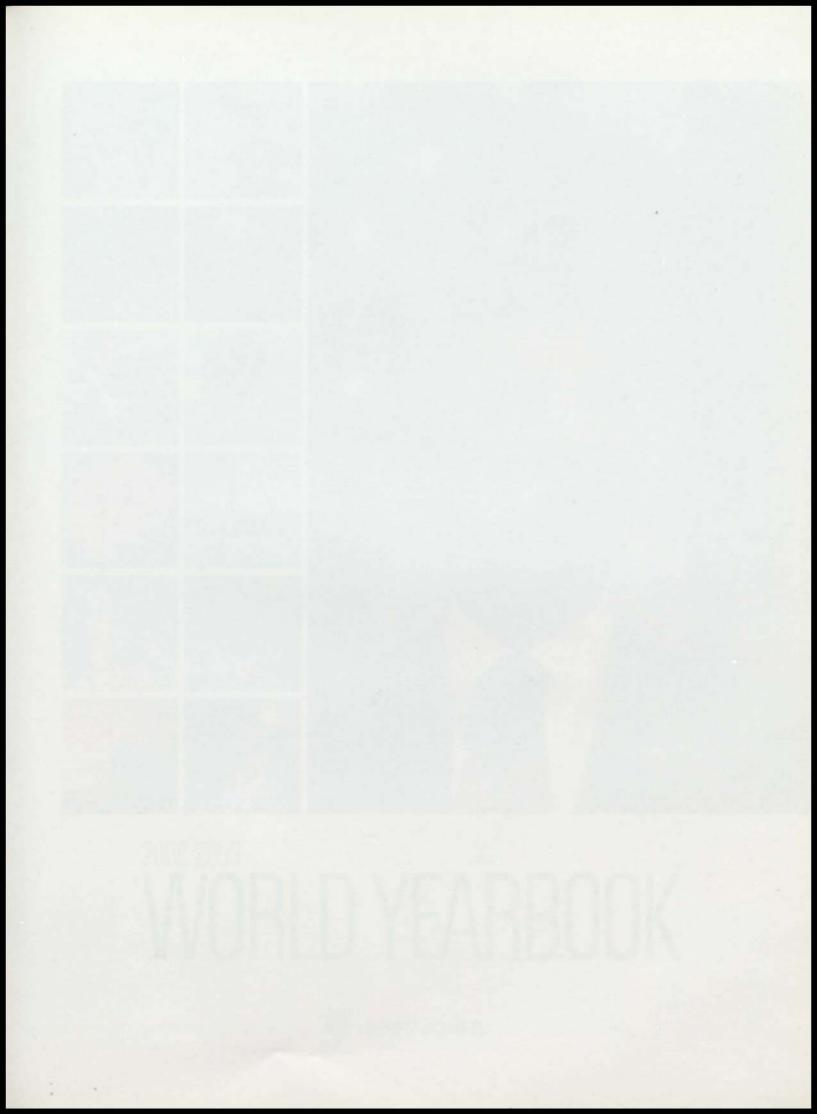
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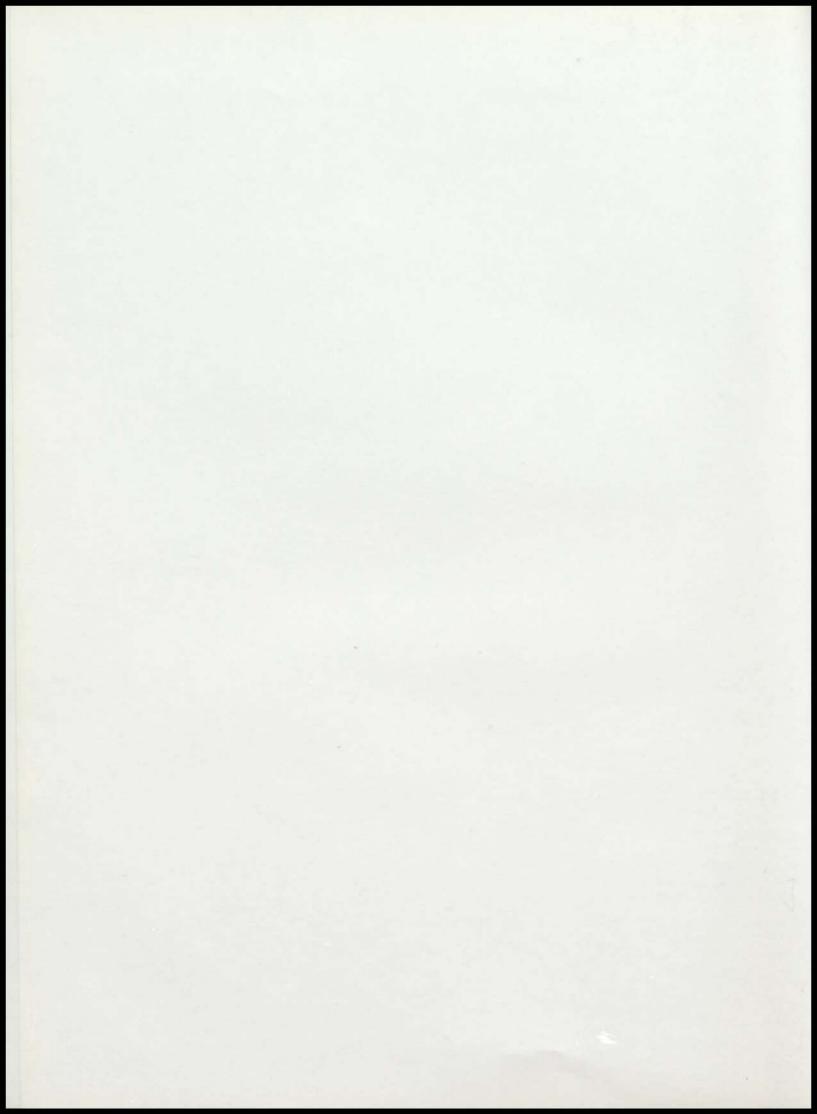
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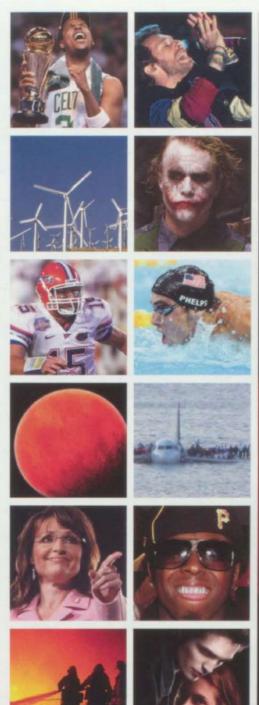
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WORLD YEARBOOK



TIGER WOODS won his third U.S. Open title at Torrey Pines, outlasting Rocco Mediate on the 19th hole of a play-off, BILL GATES, Microsoft's chairman and largest shareholder, marked the unofficial end of his career, "retiring" to spend more time guiding his charitable foundation. NASA's space shuttle Discovery landed safely in Florida after delivering a new Japanese laboratory to the International Space Station.



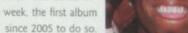




NEW ORLEANS RAPPER

LIL WAYNE grew his fan base with free songs, then sold more than a million copies of "Tha Carter III" in a week, the first album since 2005 to do so.





MIDWESTERN FLOODING

caused by severe storms that dropped nearly a foot of rain from Iowa to Michigan and Indiana displaced thousands and left at least eight dead.



made Coach Pat Summit's Lady Vols the NCAA champions for a second consecutive year; Candace Parker won backto-back MVP honors

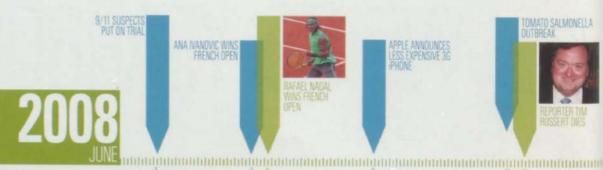




OBAMA'S NOMINATION made history when, on June 3, 2008, Barack

Obama finally had what he needed - more than 2,118 delegates - to clinch the Democratic nomination and become the first African-American with a viable chance of winning the United States presidency. Obama, an Illinois senator in office less than four years, and New York senator and former First Lady Hillary Clinton had campaigned from coast to coast for months for the right to face Republican John McCain in the Nov. 4 general election.











DETROIT'S STANLEY CUP win over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 6 of the finals brought the National Hockey League title to the Motor City for the fourth time in 11 years. THE BOSTON CELTICS won their 17th NBA championship title by the largest margin ever, trouncing the L.A. Lakers by 39 points in the final game of the playoffs.



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THE SHACK - YOUNG
TALES OF BEEDLE THE BARD - ROWLING
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"THE DARK KNIGHT," a sequel

to Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins," shattered box office records with its July release. In just 10 days, the superhero thriller brought in more than \$300 million at the box office, eclipsing the mark held by "Dead Man's Chest" by nearly a week. Filmed in Chicago, the movie's special effects, musical scores and viral marketing added to its allure and mystique. "The Dark Knight" was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including a posthumous nod for Heath Ledger (for Best Supporting Actor as the Joker). Attempting to enhance its Oscarwinning chances and to surpass \$1 billion in worldwide gross, the film was re-released on Jan. 23, 2009.

> **TOUR DE FRANCE** winner Carlos Sastre wore the leader's famed yellow jersey on the final day of the three-week race. The Spaniard won the 95th title by just 58 seconds.

PRESIDENT BUSH's noted July legislation included lifting a 17-year ban on off-shore drilling and signing a rescue bill into law, hoping to bolster the sagging housing market.

STARBUCKS ANNOUNCES **CLOSINGS** of as many as 600 U.S. stores. After years of aggressive growth, the world's largest coffee chain announced cutbacks.



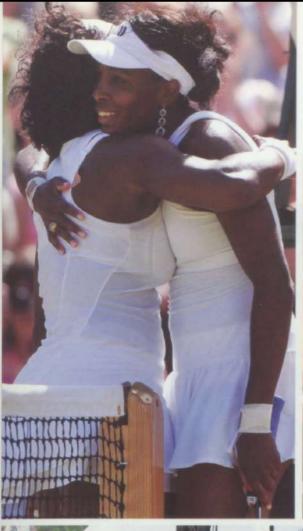






FAMILY G

BRITISH OPEN



VENUS WILLIAMS defeated sister Serena to win her fifth Wimbledon singles title. The pair beat Lisa Raymond of the U.S. and Samantha Stosur of Australia for the doubles crown.



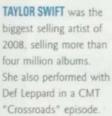
THE JONAS BROTHERS had a busy summer with the release of both the album "A Little Bit Longer" and their Disney movie "Camp Rock" plus a 46-



JULY WILDFIRES

show tour.

threatened property across California as firefighters in the Sacramento and Big Sur areas battled flames in 100-degree weather.





- THE DARK KNIGHT
- **IRON MAN**
- HANCOCK
- - WANTED
- SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2
- STEP BROTHERS
- MAMMA MIA!
- INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL
- HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3



MORE BABIES joined the family of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie in July when twins Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline were born in France. In addition to their family responsibilities and charitable work, the pair had a productive year careerwise with both "Changeling" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" receiving box office and critical acclaim.







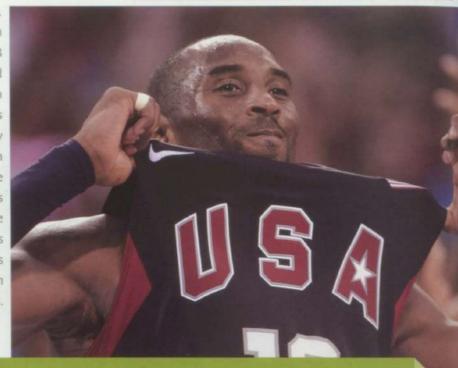
OPENING CEREMONY preparations of nearly seven years culminated in an extravaganza featuring more than 14,000 performers. BERNIE MAC'S DEATH saddened fans of the 50-year-old Chicago comedian/actor.





THE OLYMPICS meant national pride,

athletic competition, pageantry and more. More than 10,000 athletes competed in 300-plus events in 28 sports at 31 competitive venues, many of which had been constructed specifically for the Olympics. An estimated 6.8 million tickets were sold for the various competitions, and the Beijing Olympics was officially the most-watched television event of all time. Through 16 days of coverage, 211 million viewers tuned in to the Olympics on NBC. Among the American success stories were Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor's consecutive golds in beach volleyball, the gold won by U.S. men's basketball team after a disappointing bronze in Athens and swimmer Michael Phelps' eight golds, which brought his lifetime total to 14 Olympic golds.



MEDALS

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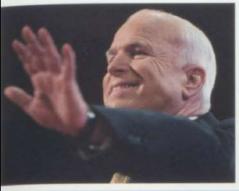


APPRECIATION DAY, GO. HUG A COW.





NATIONAL CHEESE PIZZA DAY



REPUBLICAN JOHN McCAIN accepted the presidential nomination saying, "Change is coming." The former POW had been an Arizona senator for more than 20 years.



TV/MOVIES IN **3-D**

A NEW TREND IN FILM WAS DIGITAL 3-D. FILMS SUCH AS HANNAH MONTANA'S CONCERT FILM, "JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH" AND "BOUT" WERE COMMERCIAL HITS AND 2009 FILMS "MONSTERS VS. ALENS" AND "POREAL DIE" MEDIC EXPRESSED TO MARGES AS NOTAL





ROGER FEDERER won his fifth U.S. Open crown after losses in the finals of both the French Open and Wimbledon to top-ranked/gold medalist Rafael Nadal of Spain.



U.S. OLYMPIC GYMNASTS

won the team silver medal with Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson collecting an additional pair of golds, four more silvers and a bronze.



THE FASTEST MAN EVER.

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt set a new world record (9.69 seconds!) en route to his Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter dash in Beijing.





GENERAL PETRAEUS
HANDS OVER CONTROL OF
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WILL TAKE CHARGE OF
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A PRIVATE JET CARRYING SIX PEOPLE CRASHES: FOUR PEOPLE ARE CONFIRMED DEAD AND PERFORMERS TRAVIS BARKEH AND HIS PARTNER DJAM WERE INJURED IN THE CRASH

NINTENDO WII FIT allowed millions of users to do virtual yoga, strength training. aerobics and balance games. U.S. TROOPS remained in Iraq after more than five years at war in the Middle East, but combat casualties were down significantly and only four coalition countries' troops remained. Fewer than 150,000 U.S., U.K., Australian and Romanian troops remained on Iraqi soil





TWILIGHT, the first in a series of romantic/ vampire fantasy novels, exceeded expectations at the box office, prompting immediate discussion of additional adaptations.



WIND FARMS continued to spring up at a record pace in 2008 as Americans sought cost-effective sources for zero-emission power. Texas. Iowa and California led production



GUITAR HERO AND ROCK BAND continued their battle for virtual musicians; with 4 million units sold (to Guitar Hero's 23 million), Rock Band included drummers.





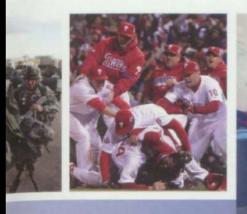
PRIMENT BAILOUTS were back in the news for the first time

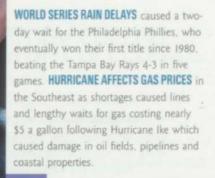
since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 crippled the already-ailing airline industry. Beginning with a \$30 million assist in the March acquisition of financial giant Bear Stearns by JP Morgan Chase, a series of federal aid bills aimed at preventing collapses of myriad finance and investment businesses were signed into effect. In October, President George Bush signed a \$700 billion financial bailout package which would allow the government to start buying up troubled assets from financial institutions caught in the home foreclosure epidemic





DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE BARACK OBAMA RAISED \$150 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER, SETTING A RECORD FOR THE MOST RAISED IN ONE MONTH









WORLD RECORD THRILLER

A GROUP OF LOS ANGELES ZOMBIES NAMED THRILL THE WORLD LOS ANGELES PERFORMED MICHAEL JACKSON'S "THRILLER" DANCE POUTINE AT THE HOLLYWOOD 6 HIGHLAND CENTER ON SAT. OCT. 25, 2008 AS PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO CLAIM THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE LARGEST SIMULTANEOUS THRILLER DANCE: 55 CITIES WERE INCLUDED IN THE SIMULTANEOUS THRILLER DANCE WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT.

A SEARCH TEAM FINDS THI WRECKAGE OF THE AIRPLANI FLOWN BY ADVENTURER STEW FOSSETT IN THE MOUNTAINS ON MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



A LAS VEGAS JURY FINDS CJ SIMPSON GUILTY OF 12 CHARGES, INCLUDING KIDNAPPING AND ARMED ROBBERY



FORMER FINNISH PRESIDENT MARTI AHTISAARI IS AWAROED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

UANDWASHING DAY



AMERICAN SPACE TOURIST RICHARD GARRIOTT RETURNS TO EARTH AFTER SPENDING \$30 MILLION FOR 10 DAYS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

POLLING DAY lines were the talk of the nation. While many states allowed for early voting, the "unprecedented turnout" meant long lines and waits of many hours





CELEBRATING IN GRANT PARK was a logical conclusion for hundreds of thousands of Chicago residents who gathered to hear the victory speech. The party on "Chicago's front lawn" featured six spotlights piercing the nighttime sky and nine Jumbotrons on which CNN's Wolf Blitzer projected Obama's victory shortly after 10 p.m.



2008 ELECTION RESULTSPOPULAR OBAMA-66,882,230

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COLLEGE

365

270 to win





THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY INCREASED ITS MAJORITY IN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CAPTURING AT LEAST SIX SENATE SEATS FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND EXCEEDING THE 218 SEATS NEEDED FOR A MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE

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VICTORY SPEECH Flanked

by his wife Michelle and daughters Sasha (7) and Malia (10). Obama addressed the more than 250,000 gathered in Grant Park and millions more who watched on television. "If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," he said. Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill shared the stage.







SHEPARD FAIREY's collage portrait of Obama became a popular poster and T-shirt during the campaign. Before Inauguration Day, the piece by the L.A. street artist also hung in the National Portrait Gallery. GLOBAL REACTION generally favorable; world leaders and random citizens voiced support for Obama in media worldwide.



LT. GEN. ANN E. DUNWOODY IS PROMOTED TO GENERAL BECOMING AMERICA'S FIRST FOUR-STAR FEMALE GENERAL TRL (TOTAL REQUEST LIVE) ENGS ITS TEN YEAR MTV RUN, FALLING VICTUM TO SAGGING RATINGS

13 YEARS IN THE MAKING. GUNS IN FIGSES RELEASES NEW ALBUM, "CHINESE DEMOCRACY" VUTING ISSUES

GAS PRICES **46.2%** ECONOMY **37.5%** ENVIRONMENT **30.1%** EDUCATION **24.2%** IRAQ **22.1%** HEALTH CARE **20.5%** TAXES **17.2%**

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THE LARGEST DINOSAUR FOSSIL FIELD

EVER was discovered in China this year. Paleontologists announced in December that more than 7,600 fossils, including a skull measuring two meters, were uncovered.

HILLARY CLINTON, once his opponent for the presidential nomination, was later selected by President-elect Barack Obama to serve as Secretary of State.



F-18 CRASHES INTO A **NEIGHBORHOOD** in San Diego en route to a nearby Marine base after a training exercise; the accident killed three residents of one home.



ROD BLAGOJEVICH,

governor of Illinois, was charged with corruption after conspiring to obtain personal gain in filling Obama's vacated seat in the Senate.



COLDPLAY'S CHRIS MARTIN, who was accused of plagiarism by guitarist Joe Satriani, won three Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Viva la Vida."





RIOTS BREAK OUT IN ATHENS AFTER A GREEK LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHOOTS A TEENAGER FOR THROWING STONES AT POLICE



NATIONAL CAKE DAY

more than a design and the complete and

LEAN HOLIDAY SALES reflected the struggling economy. A

decrease of 1.5-2% in both November and December was the first since 1969, when such records originated. On the other hand, discount stores such as Target, Costco and Walmart were less affected and Amazon declared the 2008 holiday season its "best ever," selling more than 6.3 million items worldwide on Dec. 15, its peak day, amounting to "a record-breaking 72.9 items per second."







RUINS OF A CITY from the Wari culture were discovered in northern Peru, providing the "missing link" between two ancient civilizations. A NEW ENGLAND ICE STORM left nearly a million homes and businesses without electricity. The powerful storm's heavy rains, cold temperatures and high winds wreaked havoc on the region.

UNES DOWNLOADS

- LEUNA LEWIS BLEEDING LOVE
 COLDPLAY VIVA LA VIDA
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 KATY PERRY I KISSED A GIRL
 RIHANNA DISTURBIA
 LIL WAYNE LOLLIPOP
 JORDIN SPARKS NO AIR
 NATASHA BEDEINLES LOVE SONG
- RIHANNA DON'T STOP THE MUSIC

- COLDPLAY VIVA LA VIDA Jack Johnson Sleep Through the Static

- JASON MRAZ WE SING, WE DANCE, WE STEAL ONEREPUBLIC DREAMING OUTLOUD ACROSS THE UNIVERSE SOUNDTRACK LEONA LEWIS SPIRIT



THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS won

their second BCS championship title with a 24-14 victory over second-ranked Oklahoma. Gator QB Tim Tebow threw for 231 yards and rushed for another 109 yards. A SOLAR ECLIPSE, the year's first, occurred on Jan. 26 and was visible from southern Africa to Australia, Southeast Asia and Indonesia. The 2009 calendar also showed four lunar eclipses and a total solar eclipse in July.







"24" RETURNS TO FOX for

a seventh season after a hiatus of nearly 20 months. The awardwinning drama was nominated for 57 Emmys in its first six seasons.



THE SECOND ANNUAL NHL WINTER CLASSIC, played

outside at Chicago's Wrigley Field on Jan. I. ended with the Detroit Red Wings beating the Blackhawks 6-4.



AN AL FRANKEN VICTORY

was declared on Jan. 5. after nearly eight weeks of recounts and appeals. Incumbent Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman announced his appeal





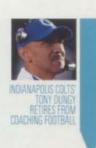
A MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON

Airways Flight #1549 to escape safely after the Airbus A320 struck a flock of birds during a LaGuardia take-off for Charlotte, NC. Veteran pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger guided the jetliner over New York City without engines and landed it in the Hudson River, where passengers waited on the wings and in rafts to be rescued from the frigid waters by ferries and Coast Guard vessels.



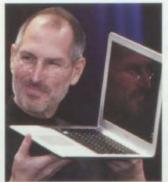




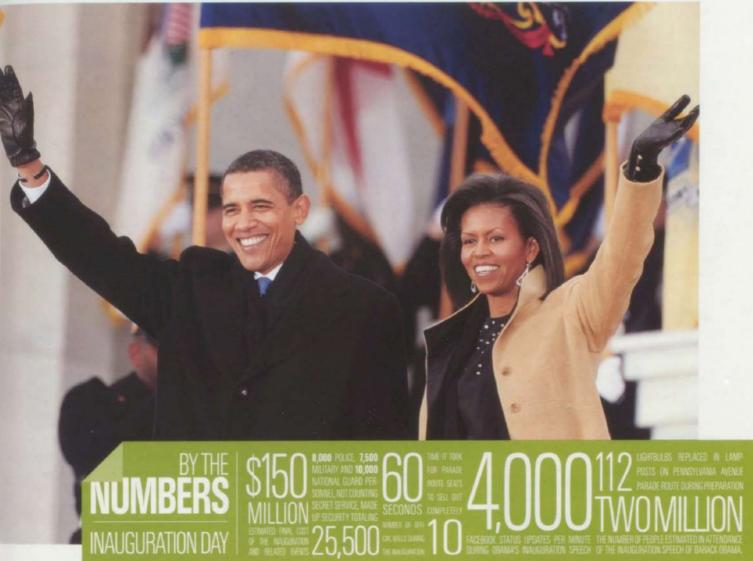


allowed all 155 aboard US





"LOST" RETURNS TO ABC with unresolved mysteries and many questions. The fifth season of the award-winning drama opened in January attracting more than 12.2 million viewers. APPLE CEO STEVE JOBS announced a leave of absence in January, citing health reasons. Jobs asked COO Tim Cook to take the reins through June, when he planned to return. PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA and his wife Michelle greet the public on Inauguration Day.









THE STEEL CURTAIN 's historic sixth Super Bowl victory in Tampa once again gave

Pittsburgh bragging rights as the Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 with a last-minute touchdown by MVP Santonio Holmes. The Steelers won their second Super Bowl in four seasons after a game-ending seesaw that also included a 64-yard Arizona TD by All-Pro Larry Fitzgerald with just 2:37 remaining.

USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH, a

new Navy aircraft carrier, was commissioned in honor of the 84-year old 41st president and decorated WWII Navy pilot in January.



LAST EPISODE OF "THE

LATE SHOW" with Conan O'Brien was Feb. 20 and Jimmy Fallon took over as host March 2. In June. O'Brien replaces Jay Leno as Tonight Show host.



LIFE ON MARS was

considered a possibility after European space scientists found ice packs near the planet's surface and higher atmospheric methane levels.



BRITISH SINGER ADELE

won the Grammy for Best new artist. The 20-year old vocalist also won Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for her hit "Chasing Pavement."



JAPAN'S MOUNT ASAMA

erupted, sending a plume of ash a mile into the sky. FACEBOOK TURNS FIVE:

with 150 million users, the business is worth more than \$1 billion.

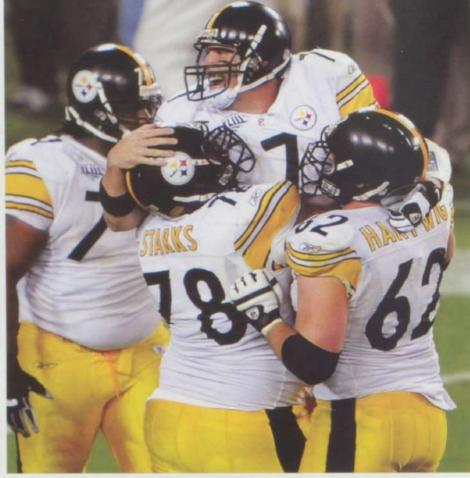


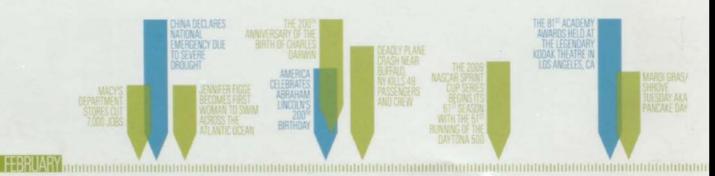


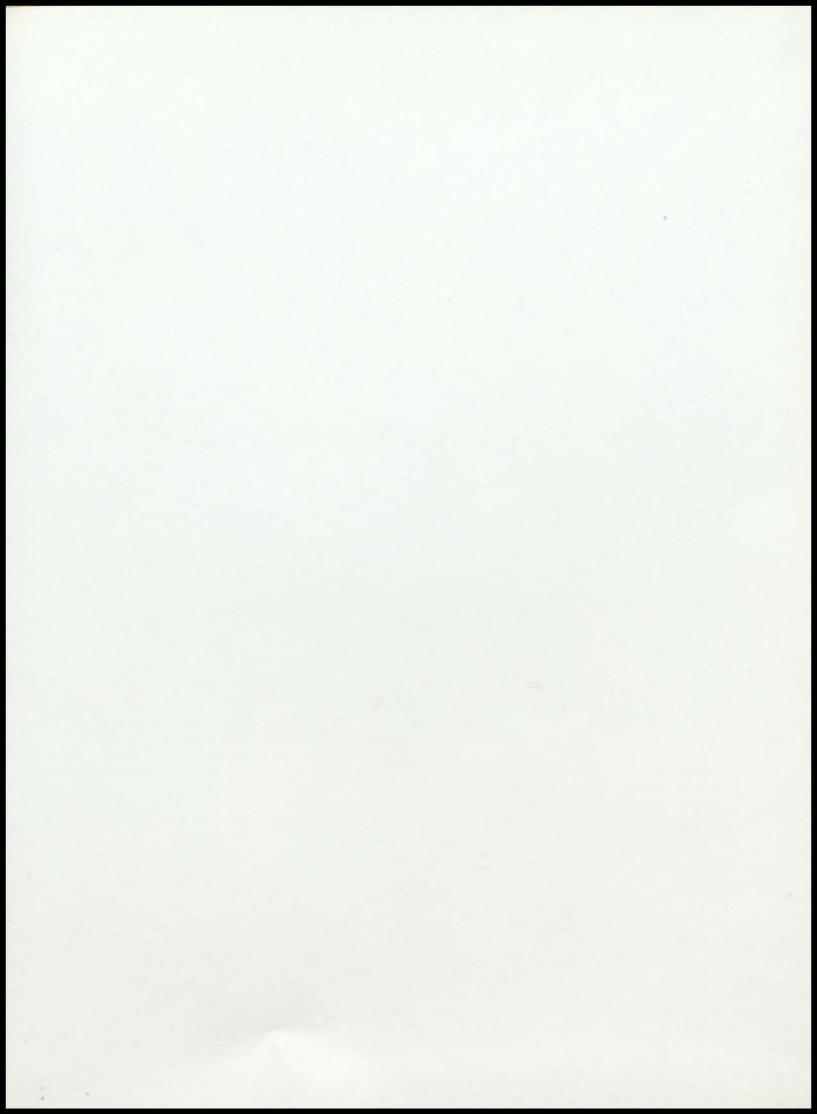


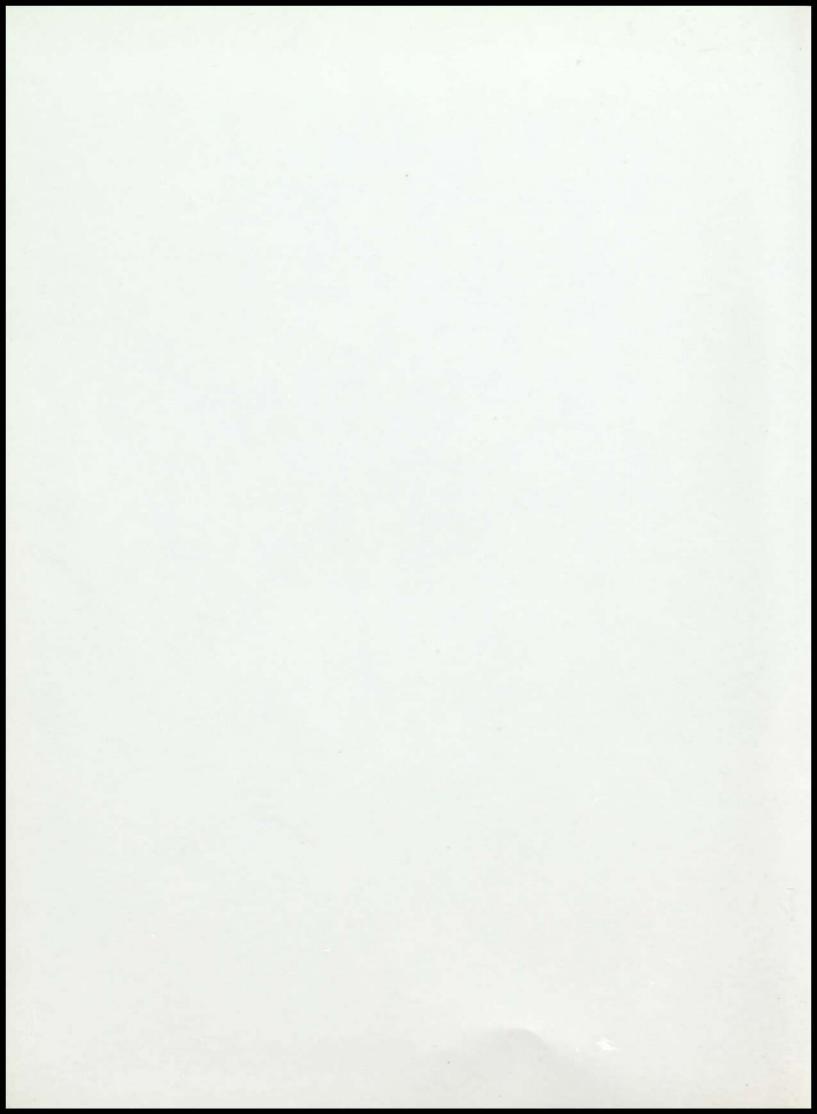
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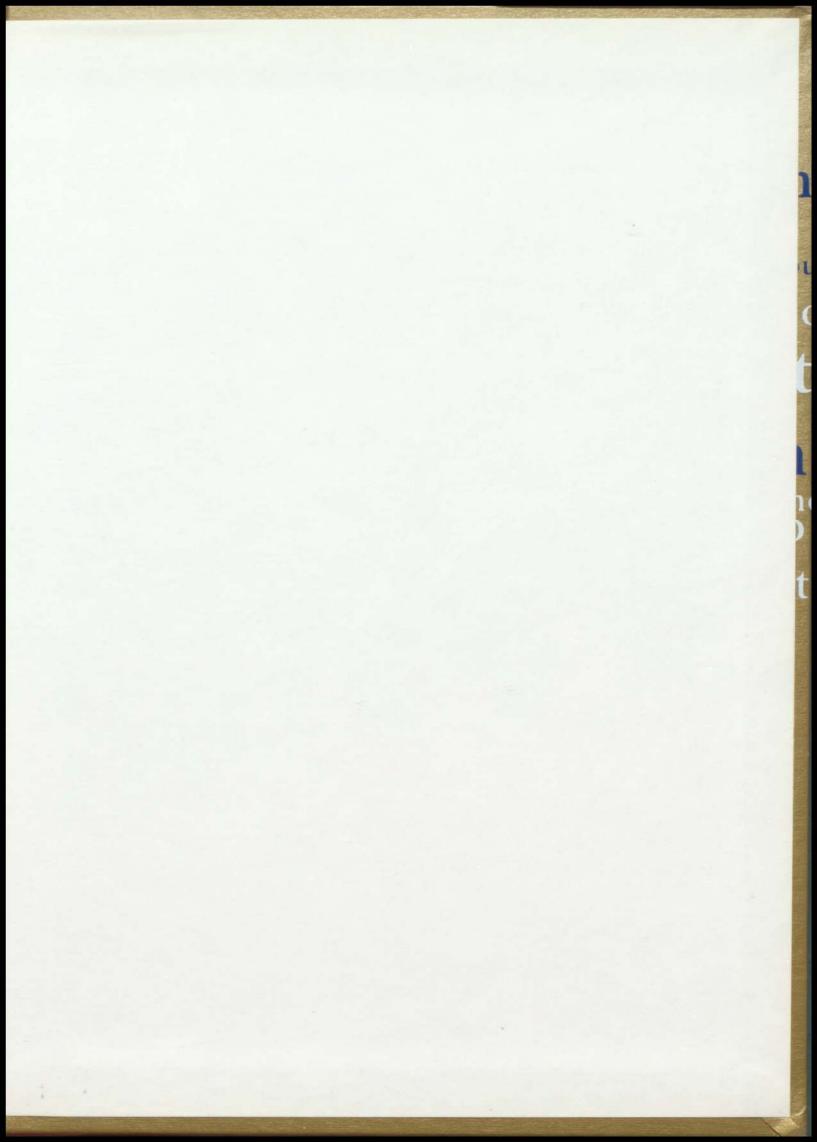
supporting actress in "The Reader" and Best Actress in "Revolutionary Road" ended her streak of nominations-not-wins at five in both the Golden Globe and Oscar awards. Six weeks later, Winslett won the Best Actress Oscar for "The Reader."











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