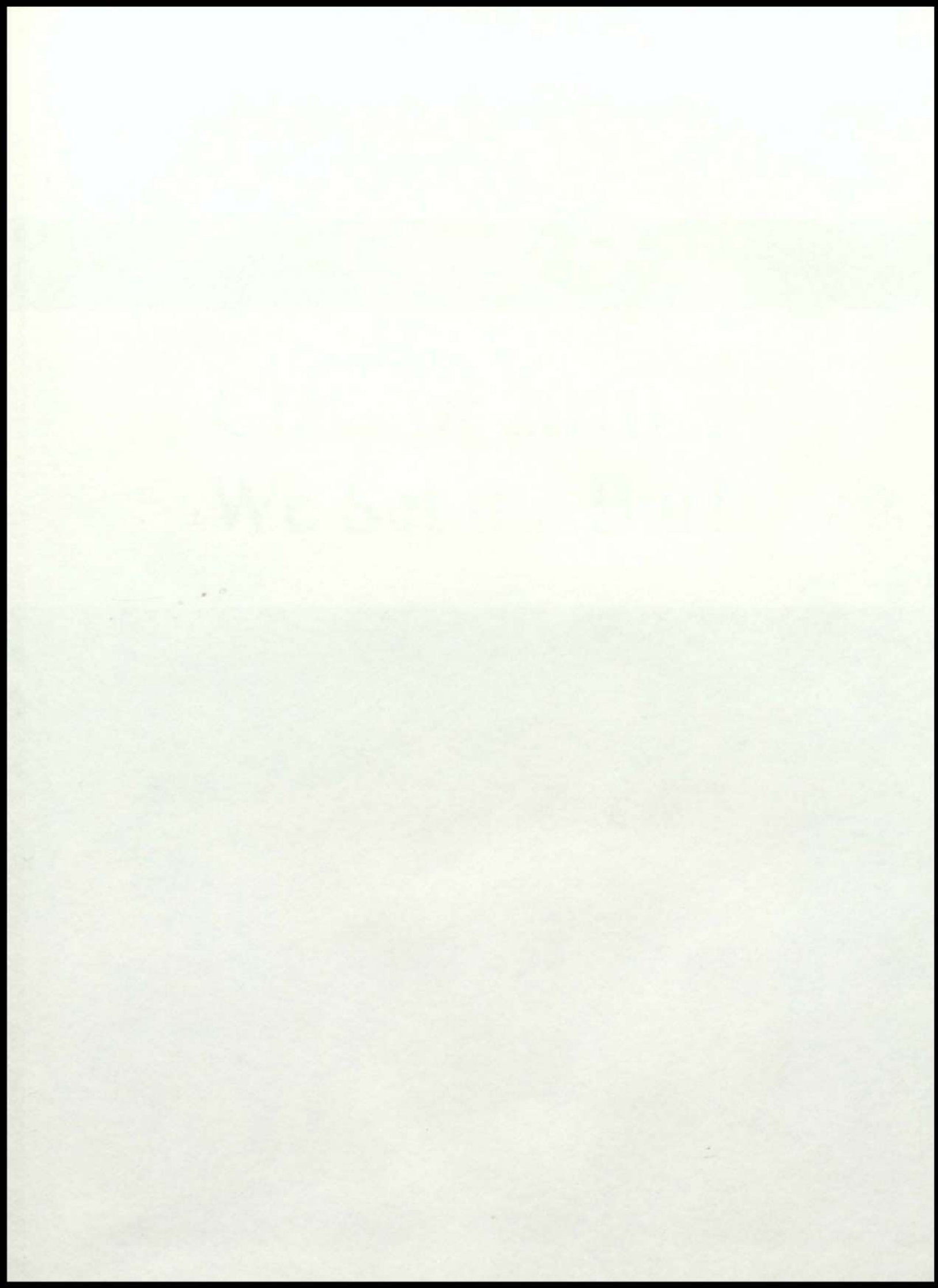


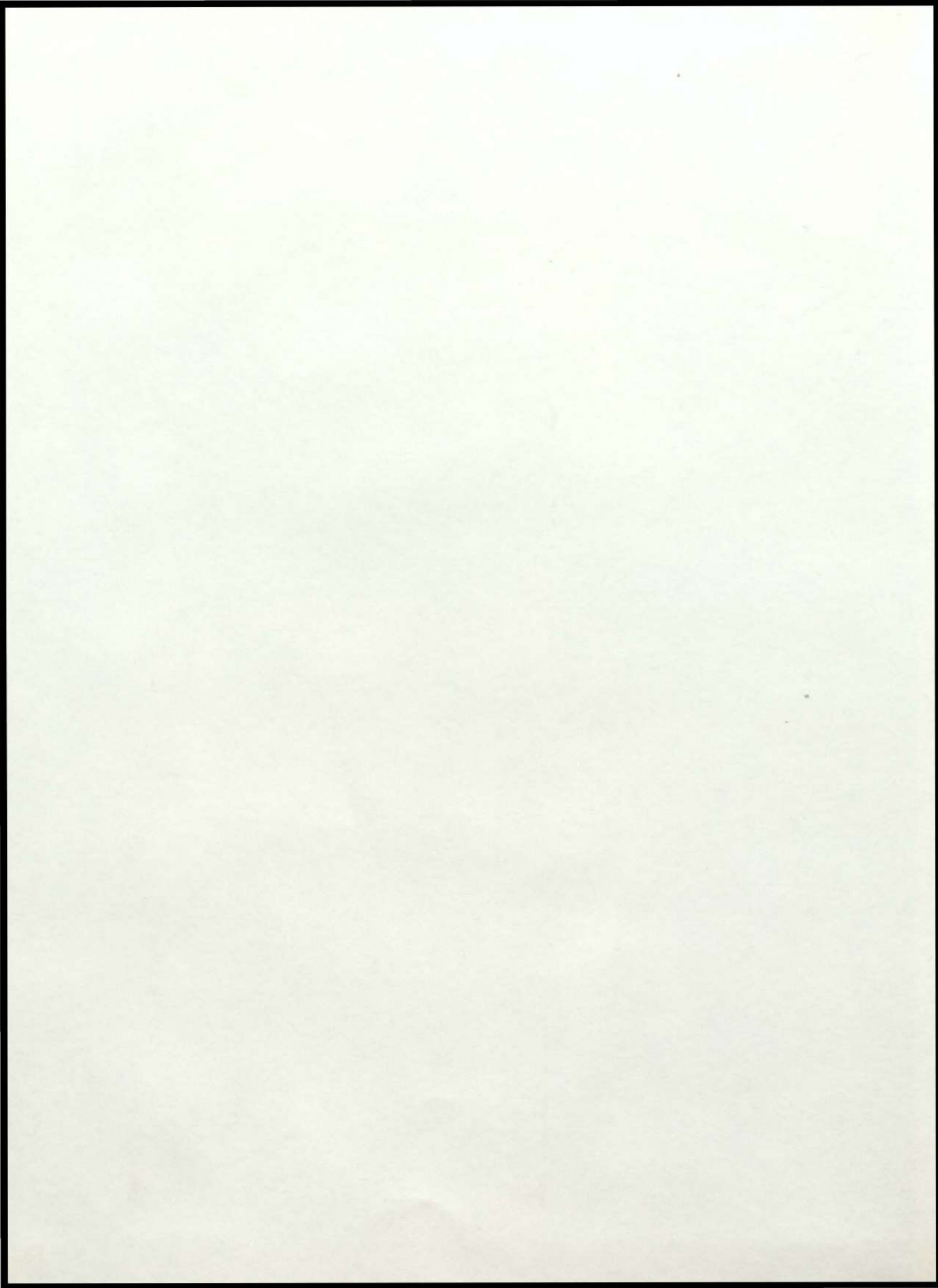
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The bar has been set









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## Class of 2010... We Set the Bar!



# *Class of 2010*



# Seniors



The Beautiful...  
The Brilliant...  
The Class of 2010



Bridget Ababio



Ashley Acosta



Luther Agyeman



Segundo Ajunanchi



Jeniece Alvarado



Alonya Anderson



Amir Anderson



Paola Arce



Nancy Argueta





Samuel Atta-Peters



Breanna Awuah



Barbara Barrios



Brandon Baskerville



Shanice Bell



Dominique Berrian



Monai Black



Marcus Blake



Sharee Branch



Anthony Brinson



Gustavo Brizuela



Amanda Brown



Davauni Brown



Latisha Brown



Alena Bruster



Kevon Budhram



Kevin Calo



Daouda Camara



Diego Campoverde



Dashae Canada



Cher Cappel



Genesis Carreras



Robert Carroll



Dario Castillo



Nicole Chang



Jose Chavez



Billy Checkovich



Quiyam Cherry



Nadira Chillious



Malcolm Clark



Tatiana Clark



Tiarah Cobb



Deshawnah Cody



Lashawna Cody



Gregory Coleman



Nikya Davis



Shanavia Davis-Mosley



Brytaney Day



Britney Deloach



Izabelle Denize



Alvar Dickens



Al-Quan Dobbs



Billy Dobbs



Barry Dowdell



Maurice Dowdell



Jessica Dutan



Ahmir Eaton



Aishah Edney



Brittney Edwards



Ximena Erazo



Roselis Familia



Richard Fernandez



O'Ryan Files



Bensito Fonvil



Nyasia Franklin



Andrew Freeman



Dominique Garvin



Esmailyn Gomez



Maria Gonzalez



Samarra Goosby



Carlos Granados



Kiyante Grant



Angelique Green



Ayesha Green



Lamont Griffin



Demetry Grizzle



Chellin Guaba



Cristian Guanquiza



Johanna Hernandez



Laura Hernandez



Justin Holland



Alicia Hudson



Zuri Hunter



Daniel Hyde



Jene Irving



Breinah Jackson



Yvonne Jackson



Danielle Jarrett



Mickens Jean-Louis



Mikail Johnson



Jonnai Jones



Kazim Jones



Patrick Jones



Sabriyah Jones



Takia Jones



Kassim Kaba



Maconneh Kamara



Papa Kamara



Ora Layer



Bryannah Leary



Malcolm Lee



Eugene Lennon-Wynn



Steve Llanos



Delia Lliguicota



Kaniyah Lockhart



Desiree Lopez





Tanajah Lowery



Kenneth Manning



Camille Mark



Andrew Marshall



David Martinez Jr.



Jasmine Mathis



Alexis Mendez



Yandrely Monegro



Todd Moore



Al'nisa Morrell



Christian Mui



Nadjirah Mullins



Dawane Murphy



Victoria Murra



Camille Naylor



Elijah Neal



Sumayya Newton



Enrique Nunez



Eugene Nyarko



Nana Osei-Agyeman Prempeh



Esther Osei-Wusu



Jose Pascual



Megan Payton



Christy Perez



Flisadam Pointer



Tyrick Pompey



Denesha Randolph



Dahlia Ravariere



Geomar Reyes



Brianna Reynolds



Cee-Jay Richards



Nishay Rios-Figueroa



Dontae Robinson



Jorge Rodriguez



Wilmary Rodriguez



Adriah Rolling



Monica Romero



Eboni Rose



Luther Ryals



Stefany Santana



Brenda Santiago



Andrea Santos



Mifelle Scarder



Keira Scott



Brandon Seebaran



Jah-Son Sheppard



Fitzroy Simmonds



Martin Sire



Kayla Small



Timothy Smith



Yahne Sneed



Romual Souverain



Zuberu Sumaila



Moses Tackie



Nahjia Terry



Samuel Tetteh



Jeffery Theodore



Nijah Thomas



Desiree Tindell



Andrea Torres



Luis Torres



Mahogany Turner



Tyron Underwood



Gina Vargas



Joshua Vargas



Tania Vasquez



Yeimi Velasquez



Elda Villanueva



Tony Walker



Jyquan Washington



Breanna Watson



Danayah White



Rasheed Wiggins



Equaisha Williams



Shantaya Williams



Tyquan Williams



Vincent Williams



Jerel Wilson



Richard Woods



Erica Zavala



Brandon Booker

# Your Daily Reality.





# *A Message From the Principal...*

Congratulations to MY class of 2010! I capitalized "my" because you are the first class that I actually brought in to Newark Tech. From the first day of school in September of 2006, I have watched each of you grow. I have watched each of you evolve into outstanding young men and young women. Yes, there have been challenges along the way, but it is the challenges in our lives that enable us to grow. As Booker T. Washington said in his classic book *Up From Slavery*, "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." In other words, you are the young men and young women that you are today because of the hurdles you crossed throughout your high school journey.

In June, you will walk across our stage in the gym and receive your diplomas. During that time, we will all celebrate your accomplishments. The real question though is, "What will you do the day after graduation?" Are you prepared? Have you made your final preparations? Are you ready to make the transition to the next phase in your lives? It is my hope that you are ready and prepared for success. There is so much opportunity out there but it is only for the people who deliberately and intentionally prepare for it.

I strongly encourage you to define your purpose in life. You must become purpose-driven. Your purpose should drive everything that you do and everything that you say. When one has a purpose, one has a specific focus on what one desires to achieve in life. Make sure that you are therefore "meaningful specifics" as opposed to "wandering generalities."

As for me, I will continue my own personal pursuit of success. As you are in your pursuit and I am in mine, I am sure that our paths will cross once again in the winners' circle!

Congrats again to MY class--the Class of 2010!

- Principal Kafele

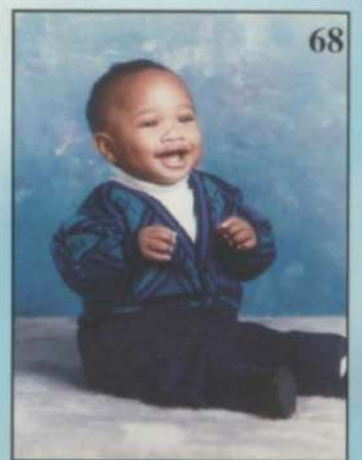
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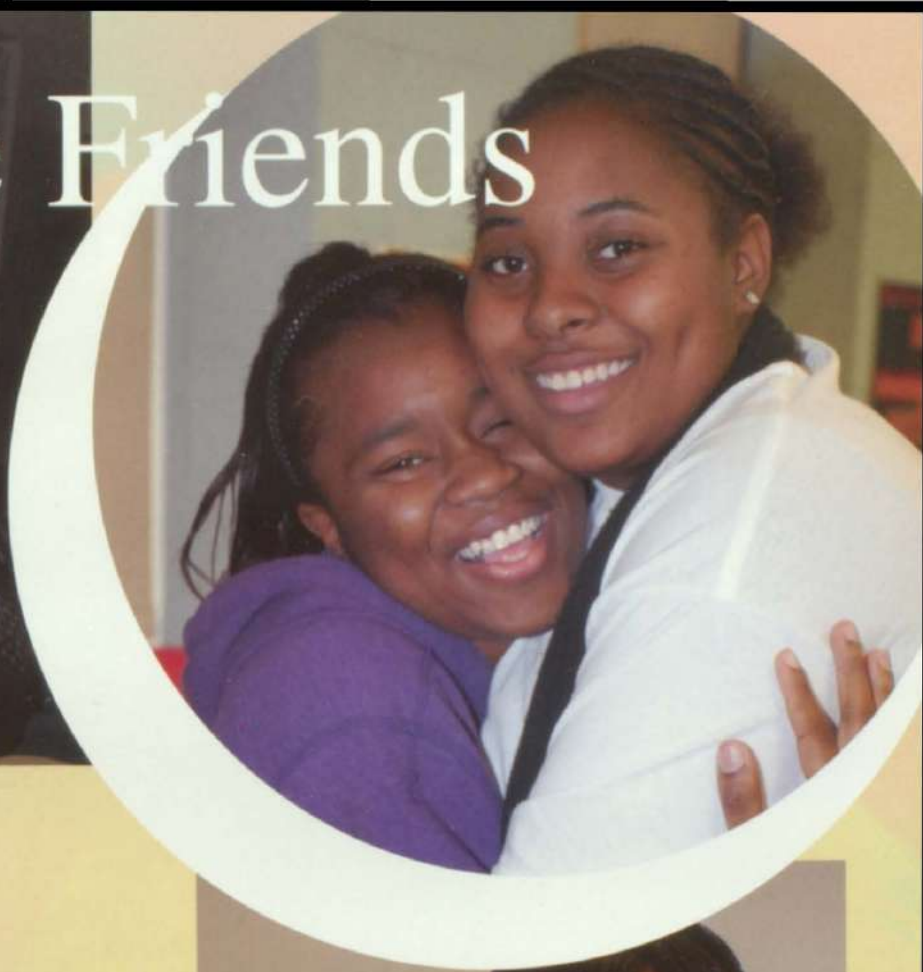
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| 3. Monica Romero     | 25. Jeniece Alvarado      | 55. Jonnai Jones      |
| 4. Tony Walker       | 26. Nancy Argueta         | 56. Patrick Jones     |
| 5. Nikya Davis       | 27. Breanna Awuah         | 57. Bryannah Leary    |
| 6. Ta'Tiana Clark    | 28. Latisha Brown         | 58. Kaniyah Lockhart  |
| 7. Brandon Seebaran  | 29. Shanice Bell          | 59. Desiree Lopez     |
| 8. Jene Irving       | 30. Dominigue Berrien     | 60. Dawane Murphy     |
| 9. Al'Nisa Morrell   | 31. Sharee Branch         | 61. Elijah Neal       |
| 10. Esther Osei-Wusu | 32. Gustavo Brizuela      | 62. Tanajjah Lowery   |
| 11. David Lopez      | 33. Amanda Brown          | 63. Christy Perez     |
| 12. Yeimi Velasquez  | 34. Dashae Canada         | 64. Tyrick Pompey     |
| 13. Kayla Small      | 35. Genesis Carreras      | 65. Brianna Reynolds  |
| 14. Alonya Anderson  | 36. Malcolm Clark         | 66. Cee Jay Richards  |
| 15. Andrew Marshall  | 37. Deshawnah Cody        | 67. Nishay Rios       |
| 16. Maurice Dowdell  | 38. Lashawnah Cody        | 68. Luther Ryals      |
| 17. Denesha Randolph | 39. Malcolm Lee           | 69. Dontae Robinson   |
| 18. Luis Torres      | 40. Ahmir Eaton           | 70. Adriah Rolling    |
| 19. Alena Bruster    | 41. Barry Dowdell         | 71. Keira Scott       |
| 20. Eboni Rose       | 42. Shanavia Davis-Mosley | 72. Mahogany Turner   |
| 21. Takia Jones      | 43. Aishah Edney          | 73. Jah-son Sheppard  |
| 22. O'Ryan Files     | 44. Brittney Edwards      | 74. Nahjia Terry      |
|                      | 45. Nyasia Franklin       | 75. Jeffery Theodore  |
|                      | 46. Dominique Garvin      | 76. Nijah Thomas      |
|                      | 47. Samarra Goosby        | 77. Breanna Watson    |
|                      | 48. Carlos Granados       | 78. Rasheed Wiggins   |
|                      | 49. Ayesha Green          | 79. Shantaya Williams |
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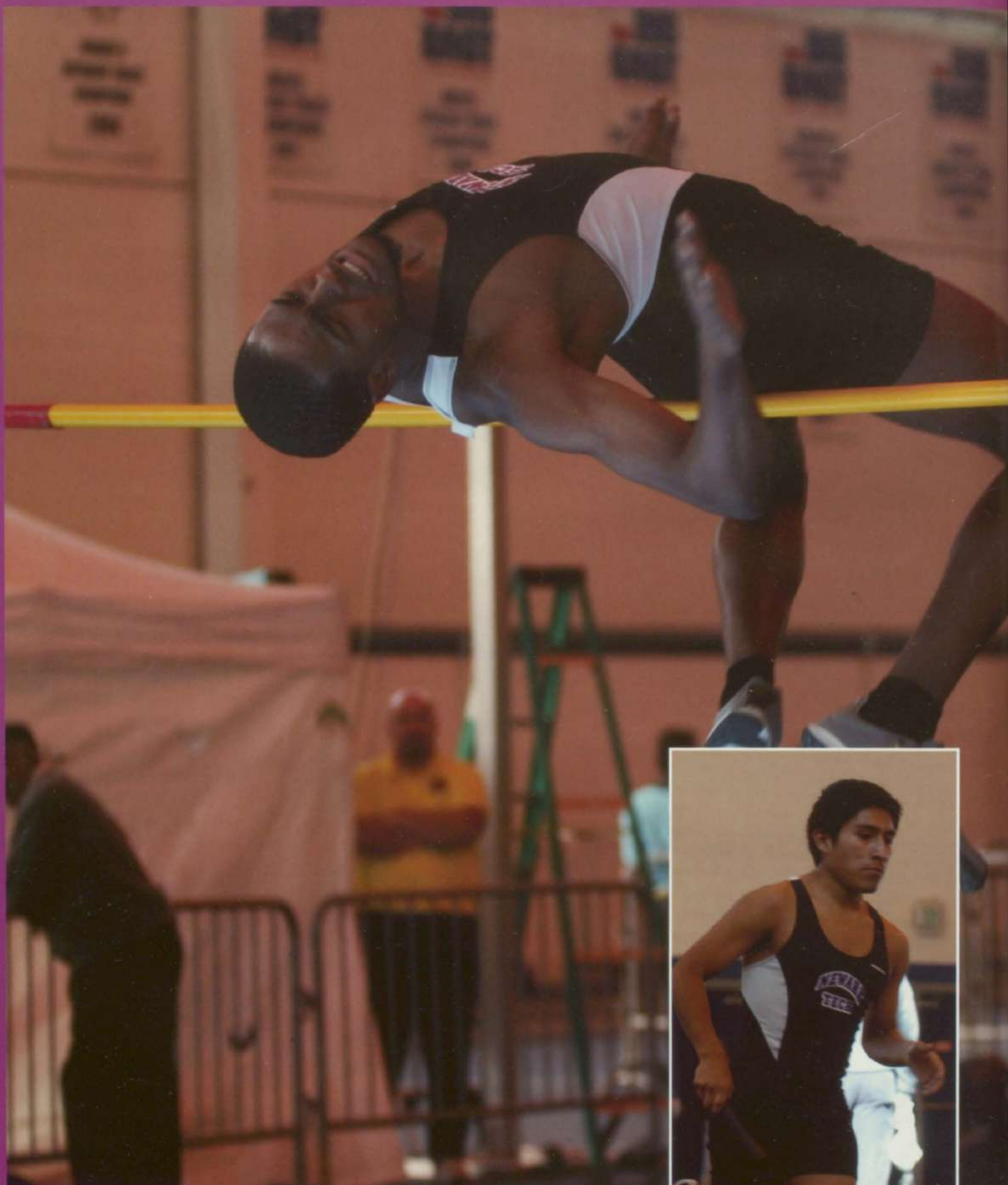


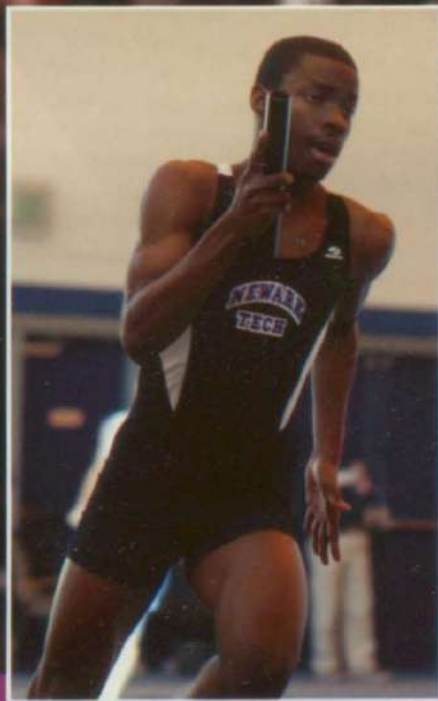
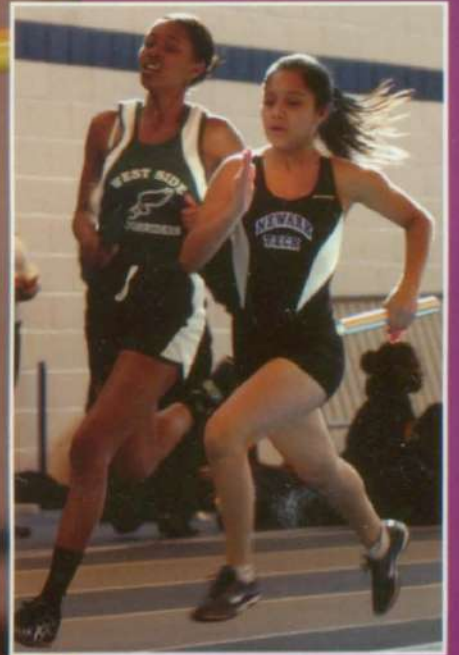
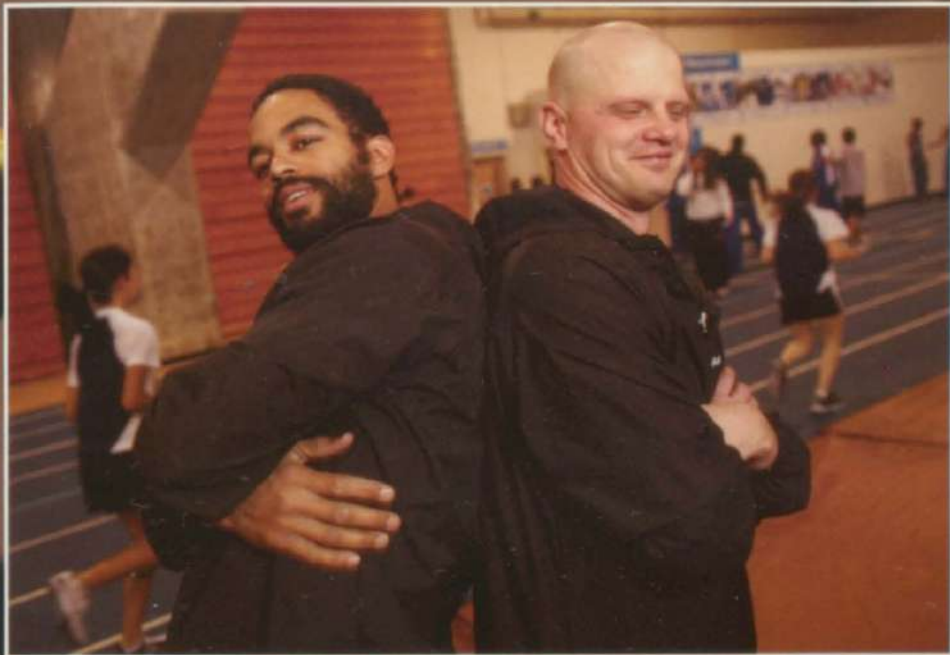


# the Friends



# Winter Track





I think you  
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running the  
wrong way.

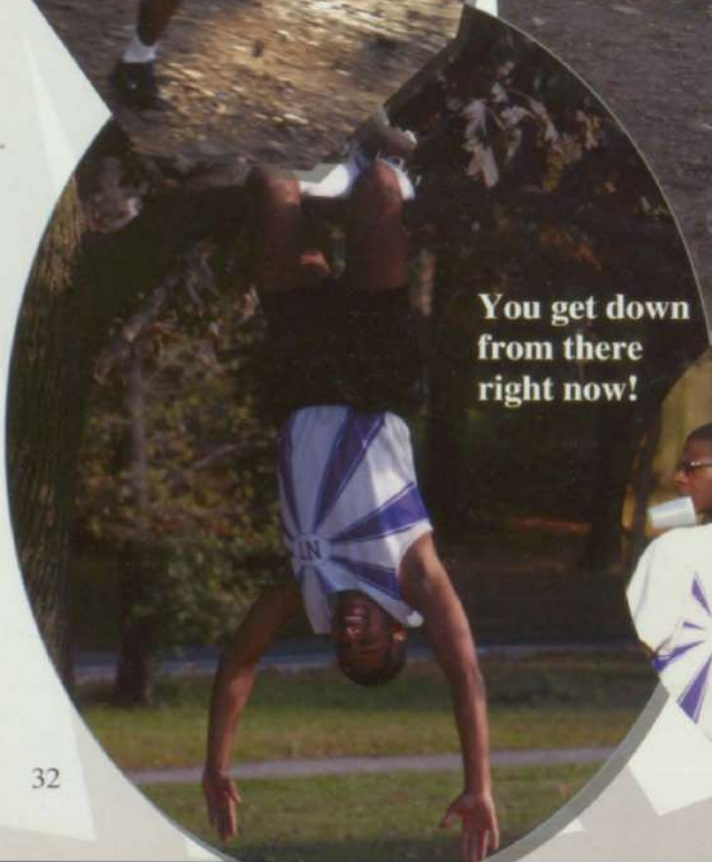


Run, Brandon,  
Run!

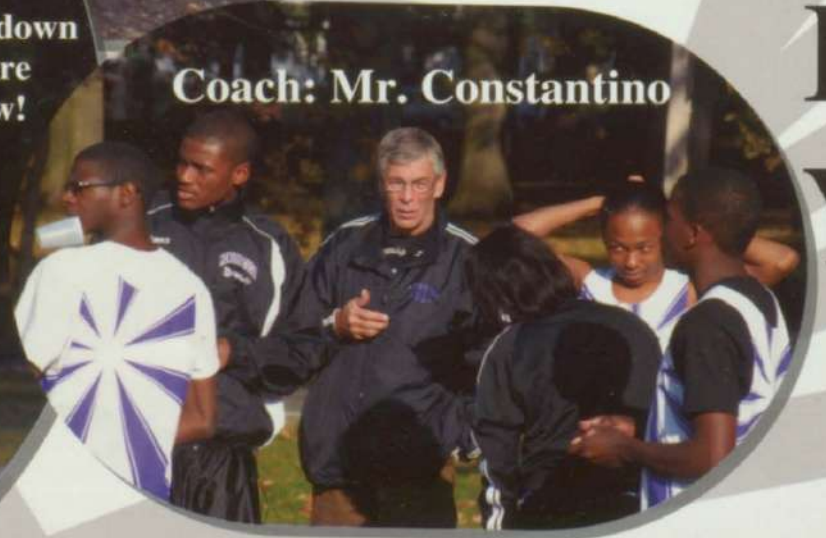


# X C O U N T R Y

You get down  
from there  
right now!



Coach: Mr. Constantino



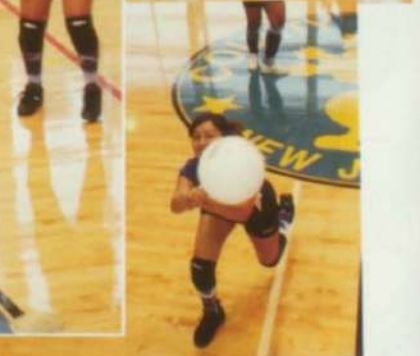
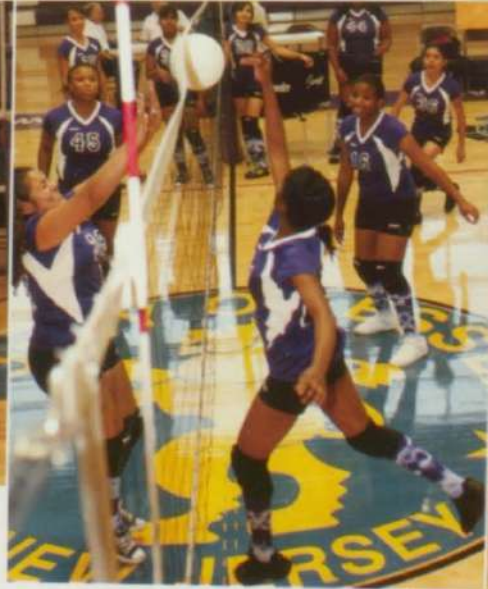
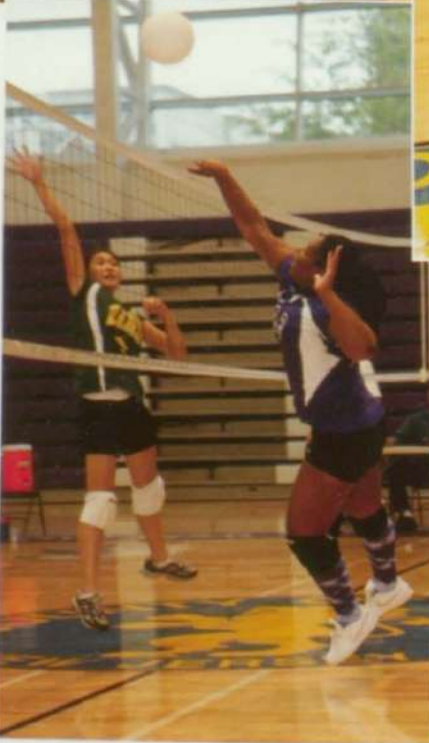
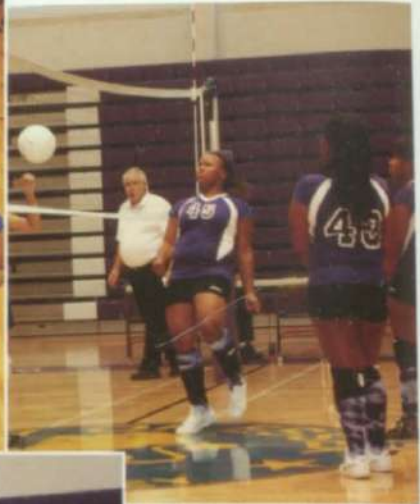
# Soccer Champs!



**Varsity Coach: Mr. Ramos**  
**JV Coach: Mr. Salmanowitz**  
**Assistant Coach: Mr. Fremgen**



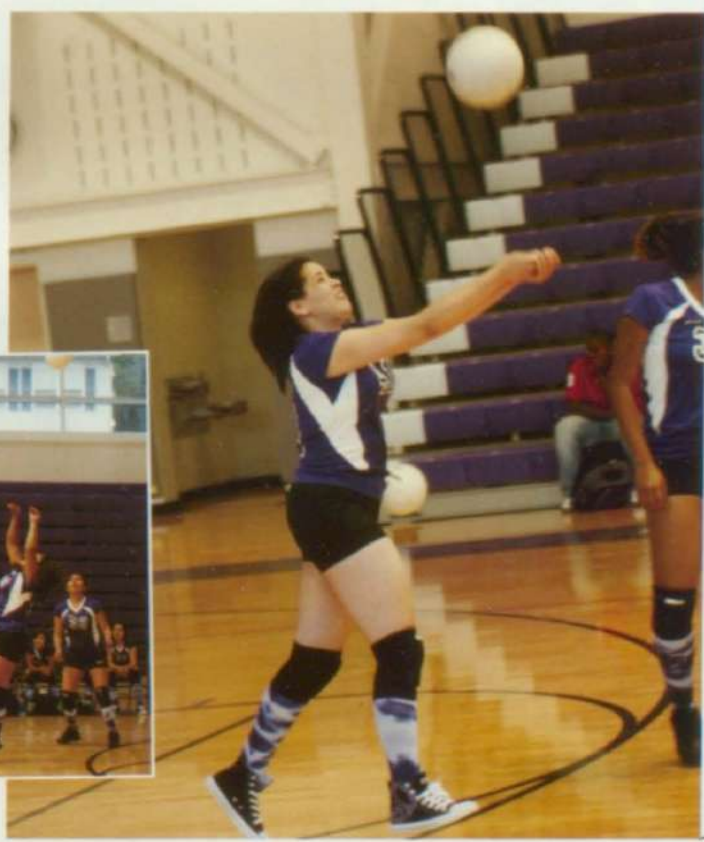
# V O L L E Y B A L L



# Bump, set, spike

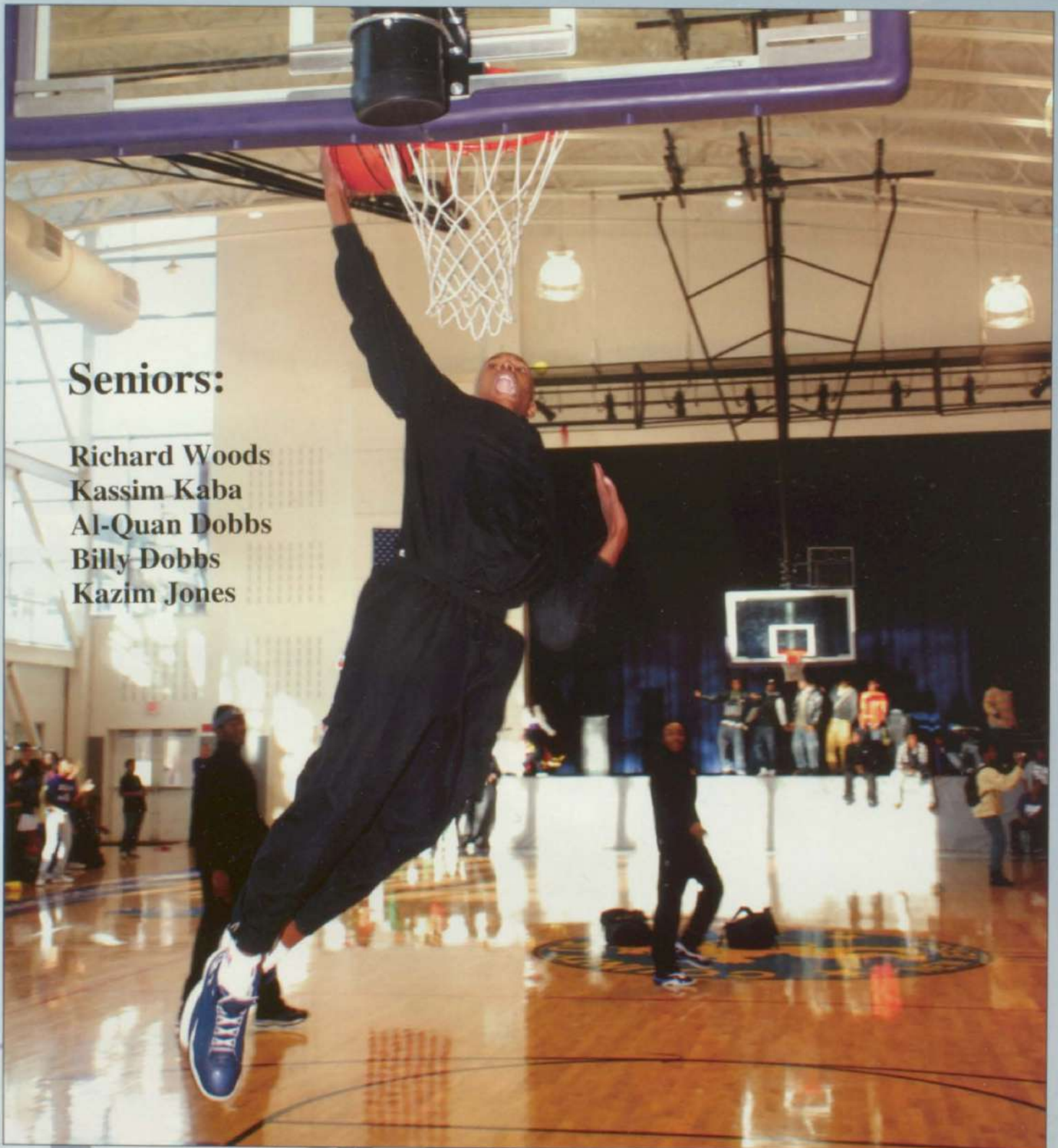


Senior Players: Ashley Accosta, Paola Arce, Ta'Tiana Clark, Brittney Edwards, Chellin Guaba, Ora Layer, Bryannah Leary, Ynadrely Manegro, Monica Romero, Brenda Santiago. Coach: Mrs. Shoop



# Emerging champions

The team achieved its success under the leadership of two great men: Varsity Coach Jordan and Junior Varsity Coach Benton



## Seniors:

Richard Woods  
Kassim Kaba  
Al-Quan Dobbs  
Billy Dobbs  
Kazim Jones





# Newark Tech Cheerleaders



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# girls' varsity basketball

Seniors:  
Cher Capelle  
Ta'Tiana Clark  
Brittney Edwards





NOTHING EVER HAPPENS

but...

Pep Rally ...

Are you ready to rumble?



All of our DREAMS can come true...if we have  
the COURAGE to pursue them.



I designed this page



Do what you can, with what you  
have, where you are.



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- Business Technology**
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- Computer Systems Networking/Net Plus**
- Computer Maintenance Technology**
- CNA**
- Electronics/Computer Repair**
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- Welding**
- Carpentry**
- Music Production**

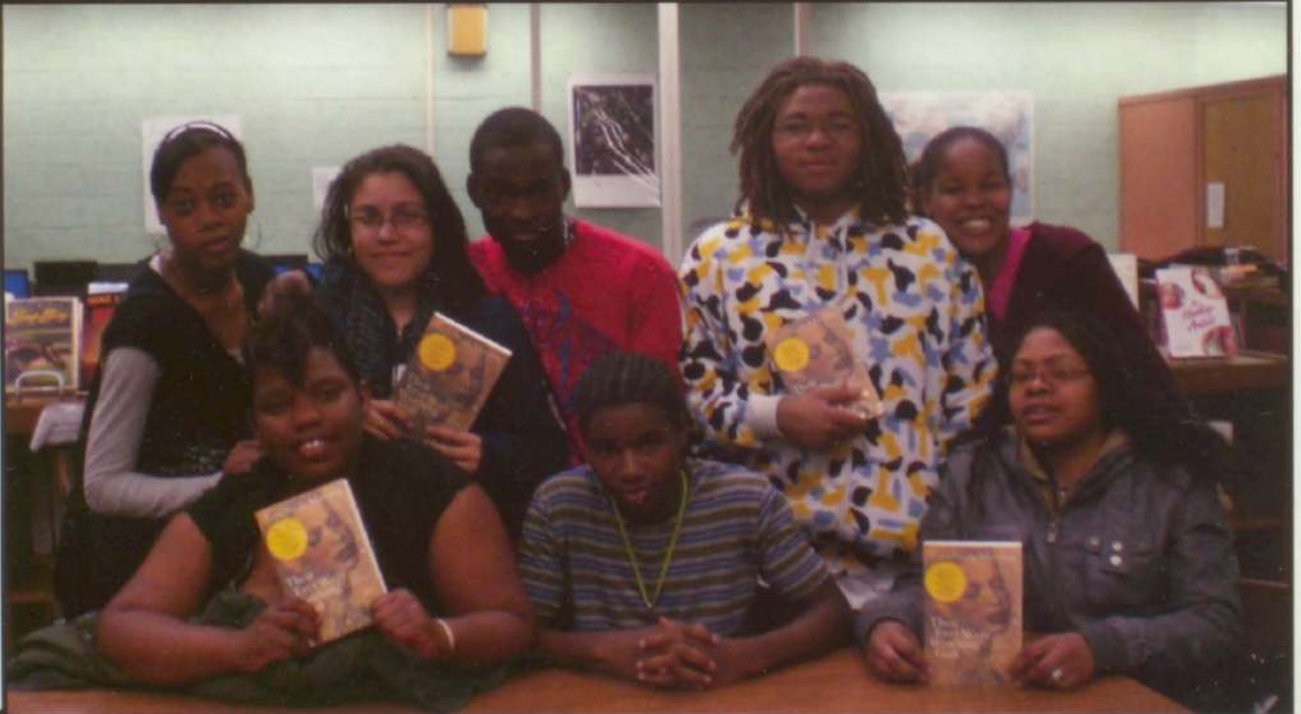
Paola and Izabelle at a National Honor Society Induction Ceremony



# Clubs

- Mock Trial
- Book Club
- Drama Club
- Step Team
- Yearbook Club
- Chess Club
- TNT
- Female Empowerment Newsletter
- Skills USA/VICA
- National Honor Society

## Book Club



# varsity baseball and softball



# A Secret:

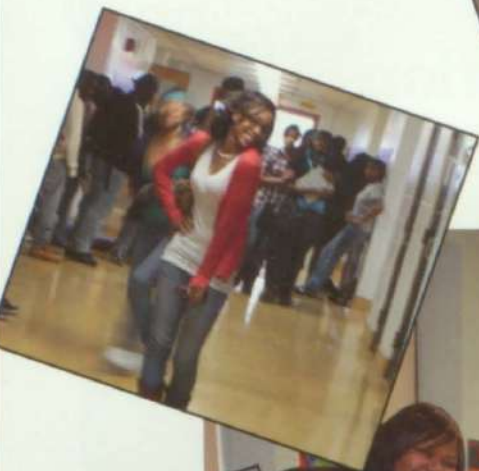
## Sssh...


Sometimes  
what we  
learned in the  
hallways  
was more  
interesting  
than what we  
learned in our  
classrooms



# Sag Buster Assembly complete with demonstration

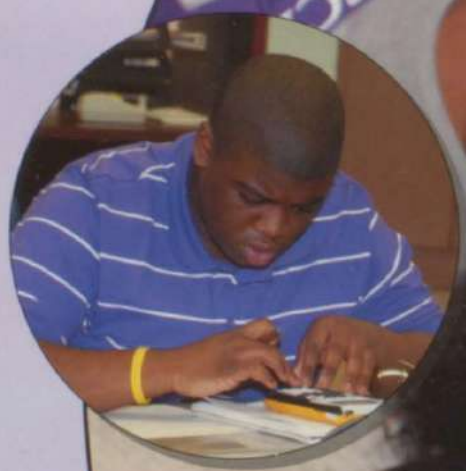
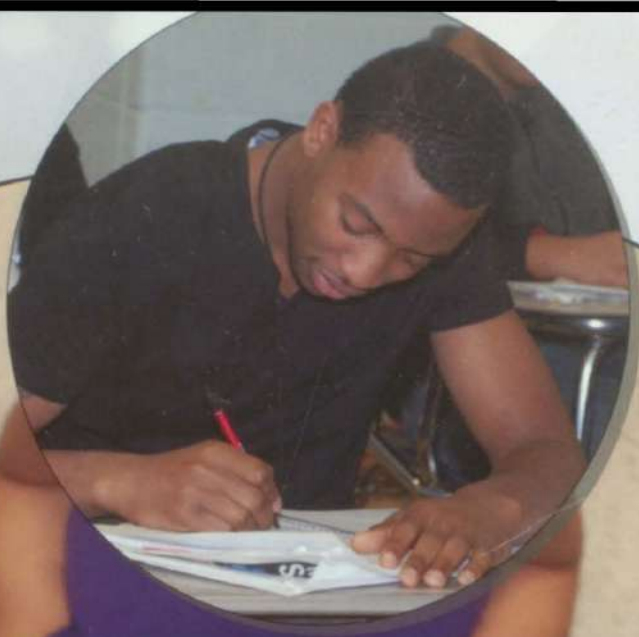




A large crowd of diverse students is gathered at a school event, possibly a homecoming or pep assembly. Many students are wearing red hand-shaped cutouts. In the foreground, a student wears a black hoodie with 'HGO' printed on it. At the top of the page, two students in graduation caps are featured in star-shaped cutouts. The student on the left is a young woman with glasses and a purple top, while the student on the right is a young man in a blue jacket. The background shows a building with windows and a sign that says 'Cafeteria'.

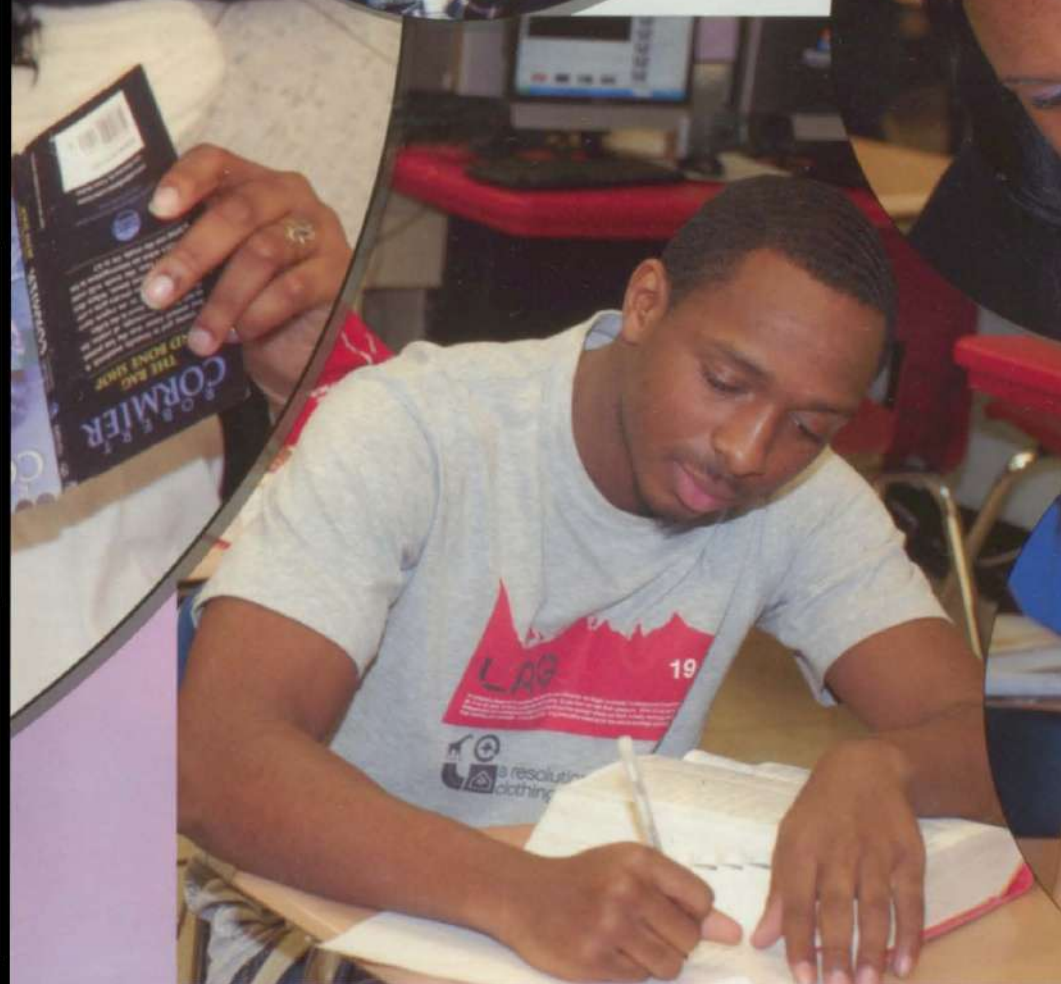
Billy, let me ask you something...Were we this happy every day of school?

Megan I have to get back to you on that one!

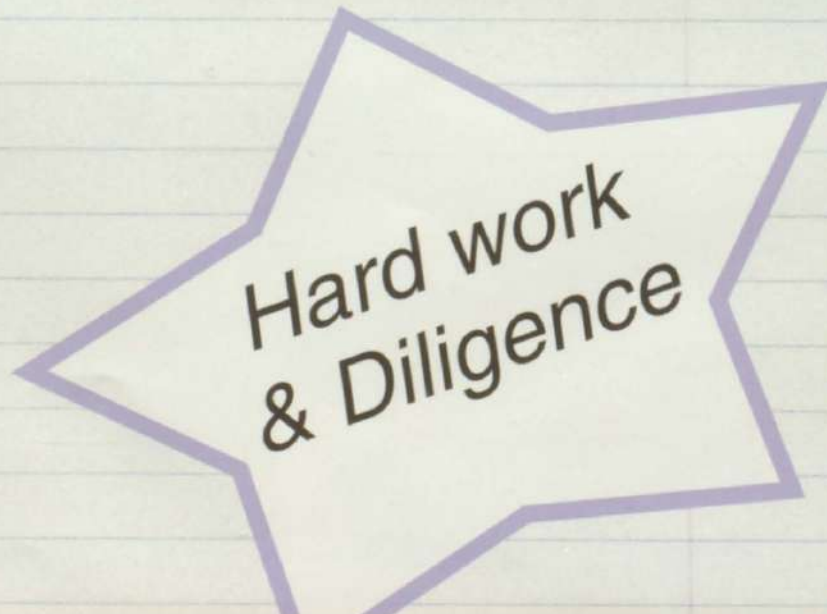
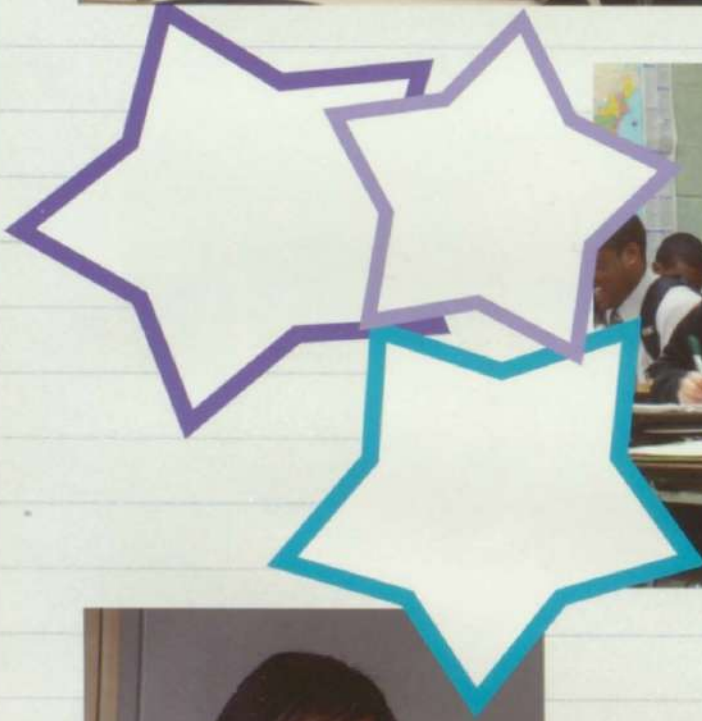
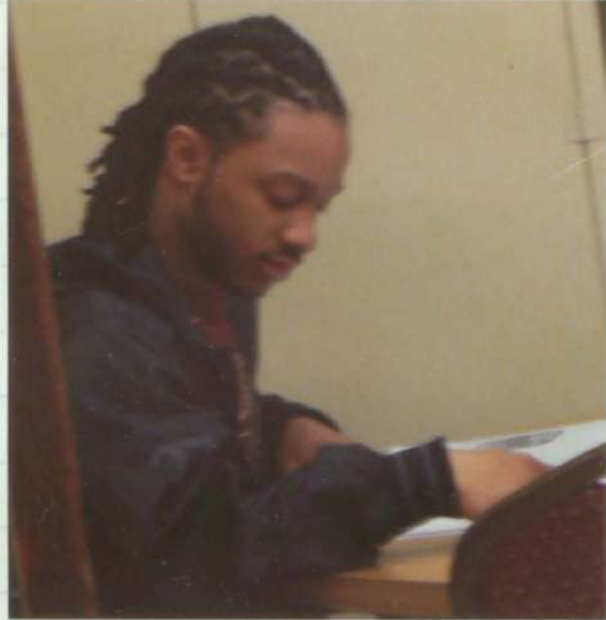
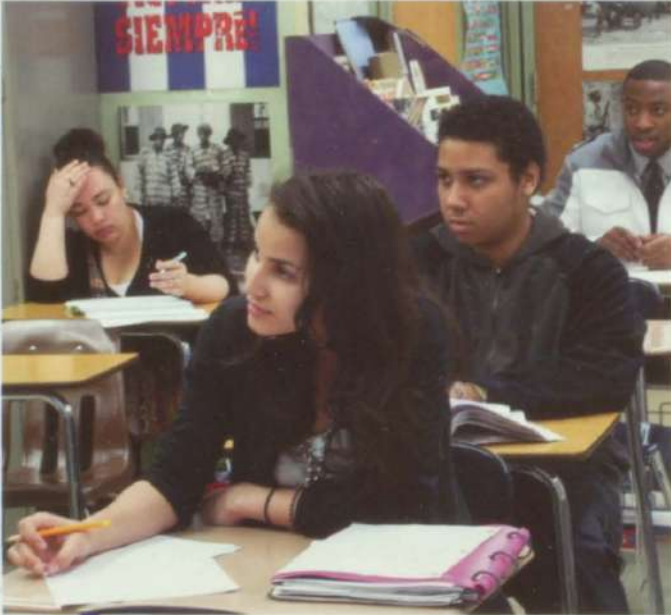




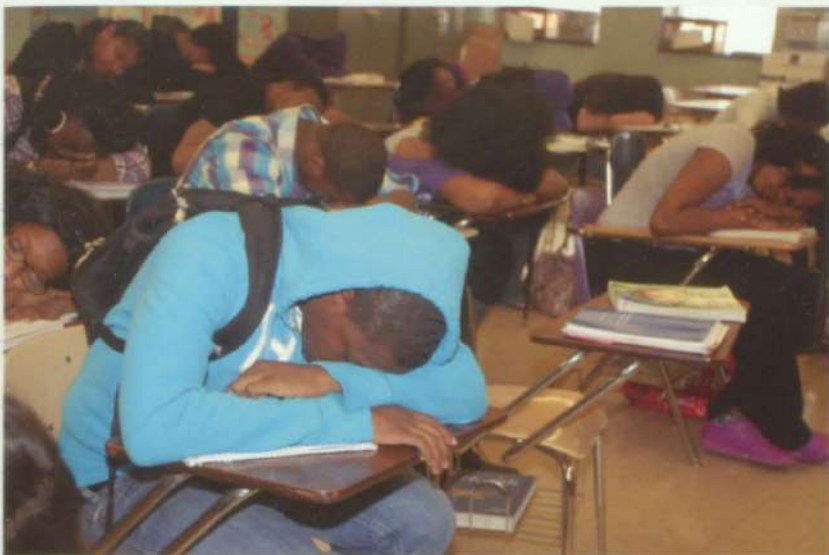
# The College Push



# The Year Of The Great "Class Of 2010"



Were you guys all up on facebook last night??



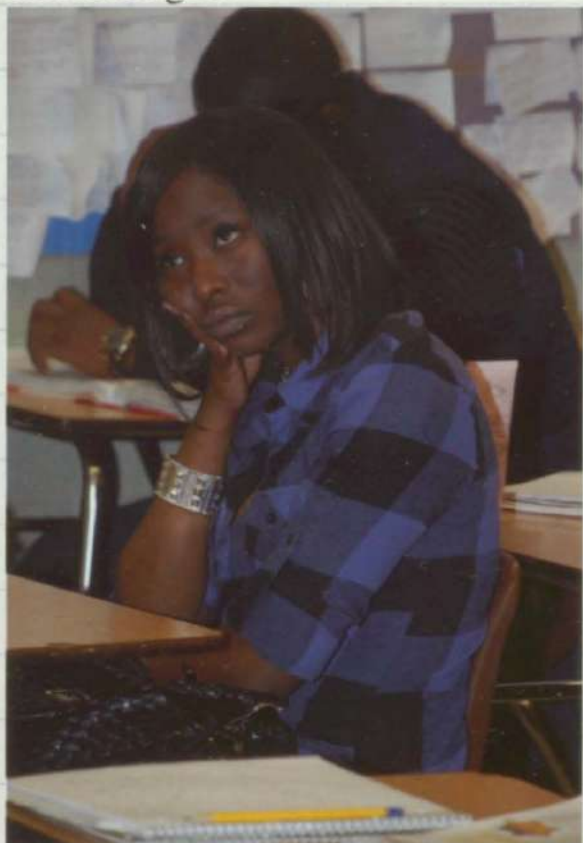
Is that drool?



*Sometimes  
we passed out  
from workin'  
so hard!*



OMG! I can't keep my eyes open  
much longer!



# You have to admit: We look tough!



Uggs, Chucks,  
Blazers,  
Hollister  
Air Max,  
Adidas,  
Steep Techs,  
Cowgirl Boots,  
American  
Eagle,  
Ralph Lauren,  
Levi's, Retro,  
True Religion,  
Cardigans,  
ACG's, Nike,  
Tall Cans,  
Forever 21,  
Leggings  
80's Fashion,  
Ed Hardy,  
Aeropostale  
Abercrombie  
Hippie  
Headband

Your  
**Clothes**  
say a lot  
about YOUR  
**Personality**



# Senior Superlatives: Part I



Best Physiques



Best Dressed



Rowdiest Class of 2010



Most Fashionable



Class Clowns



Most Athletic



Loudest and Quietest



Most Likely to Succeed



Best Nicknames



Worst Driver



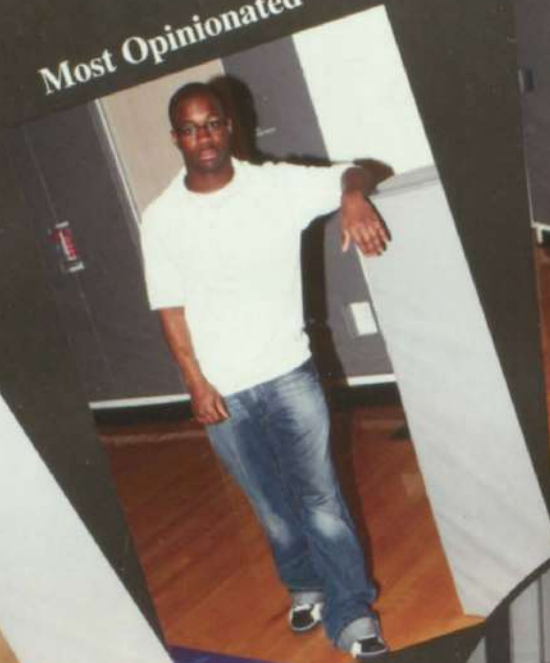
Biggest Story Teller

# Senior Superlatives

Best Dressed



Most Opinionated



Biggest Gossiper



Best Eyes



Looniest Laugh



Most Easy Going



Klutziest





Worst Senioritis



Teacher's Pet



Most Unique



Class Couple



Friendliest



Most Forgetful



Most Likely to become President



# *Class of 2010...*





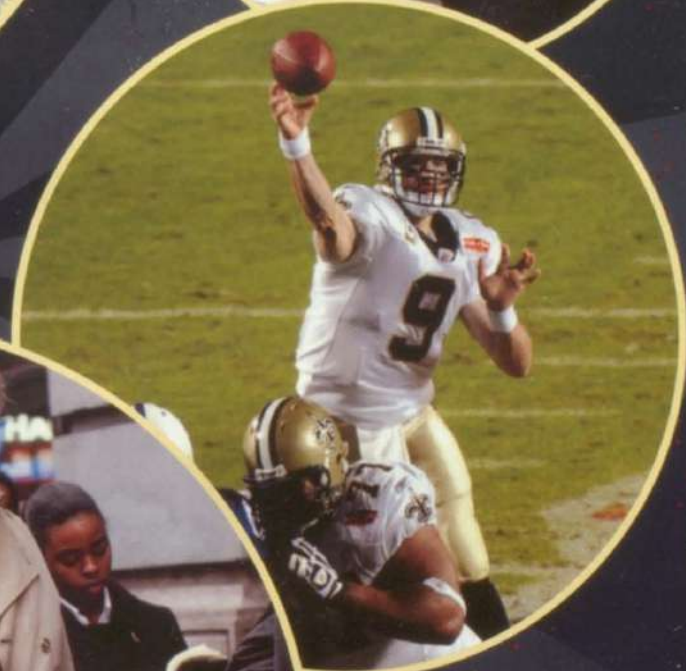
*All together one last time.*

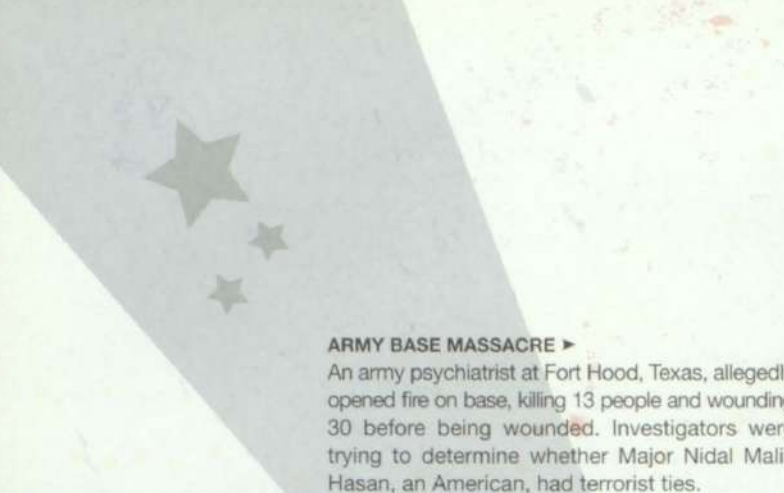


**Sorry you are leaving,  
We're sad to see you go,  
When you feel homesick,  
We're always here, you know  
Don't forget to keep in touch  
By e-mail, letter, or phone,  
But of course we'd love to see  
you  
There's no place like home**

# year. in review

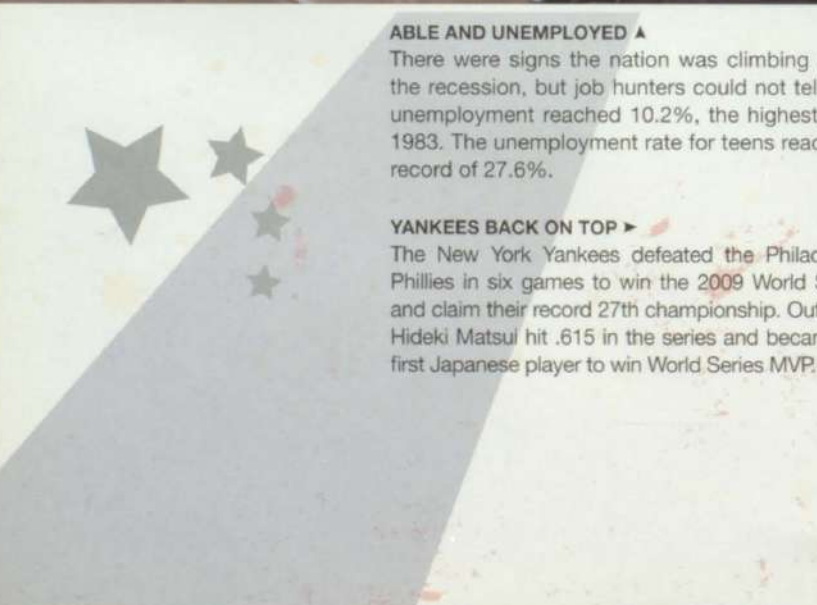
2009-2010





**ARMY BASE MASSACRE ▶**

An army psychiatrist at Fort Hood, Texas, allegedly opened fire on base, killing 13 people and wounding 30 before being wounded. Investigators were trying to determine whether Major Nidal Malik Hasan, an American, had terrorist ties.



**ABLE AND UNEMPLOYED ▲**

There were signs the nation was climbing out of the recession, but job hunters could not tell. U.S. unemployment reached 10.2%, the highest since 1983. The unemployment rate for teens reached a record of 27.6%.

**YANKEES BACK ON TOP ▶**

The New York Yankees defeated the Philadelphia Phillies in six games to win the 2009 World Series, and claim their record 27th championship. Outfielder Hideki Matsui hit .615 in the series and became the first Japanese player to win World Series MVP.





**BOLT INTO THE RECORD BOOK ◀**

Already the fastest man in the world, Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt won the 100 and 200 meters at the 2009 World Track Championships in Berlin, shattering the world records he already held. Bolt's time of 9.58 seconds in the 100 was more than a tenth of a second faster than the previous record he set in the 2008 Olympics.

**SPREADING GLEE ▼**

*Glee*, Fox's new comedy about the show choir group at an Ohio high school, became a critical success and was nominated for numerous awards. The show's musical format gained a loyal audience, led to frequent song downloads from the show's musical numbers and even to new glee clubs at some high schools.



**BALLOON BOY HOAX ▲**

The parents who claimed their 6-year-old son was carried away by a flying saucer-shaped balloon served some jail time. The plot by Richard and Mayumi Heene was revealed by their son, Falcon, during an interview when he said the family "did this for the show." The Heenes, who had appeared on *Wife Swap*, apparently were hoping the incident would lead to another reality TV show.

**SAFE LANDING ▲**

Airport security was looked at again after a Nigerian man tried to blow up his Northwest Airlines flight just before landing in Detroit on Christmas Day. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 23, was badly burned when he lit a small explosive device while sitting in his seat. He was held by passengers and crew until the plane landed.

**FLU VACCINE SCARCITY ▲**

While the government asked the public to take the H1N1 influenza seriously, vaccine shortages occurred because it could not be made fast enough. Then people had to decide whether to get the "regular" and the H1N1 vaccines – available in shot and nasal mist forms.

**TWEETING THE NEWS ▲**

Many news stories were beginning to appear on social websites like Twitter. Some events closed to traditional media outlets, such as Iran's government-controlled election, were reported to the world via Twitter users.



#### WAR ON TERROR ►

About 68,000 U.S. troops were stationed in Afghanistan to fight the Taliban as President Barack Obama planned to send an additional 30,000 troops. He also stated a goal of bringing troops home beginning July 2011.

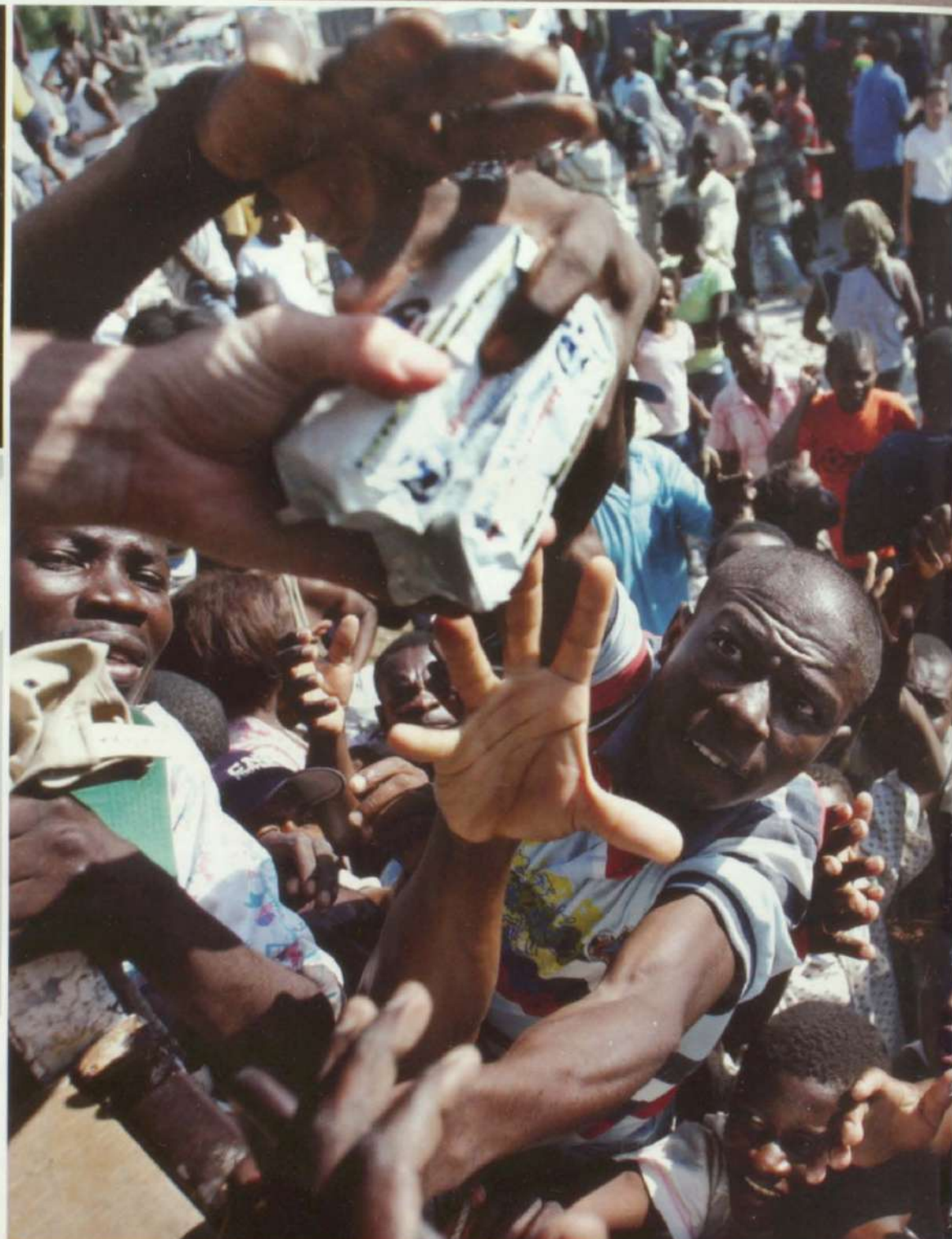
#### ENDING ON A HIGH NOTE ▼

The story of plane crash survivors who end up on a mysterious island, *Lost*, finally came to an end during its sixth and last season. The cult classic, which at its peak became one of the most-watched shows on TV, once again became one of the "events" of the TV season by wrapping up all its mysteries.



#### DISASTER BEYOND BELIEF ►

A powerful earthquake, measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale, hit just outside Port-au-Prince, the capital city of island nation Haiti. More than 217,000 people were killed, nearly 400,000 lost their homes and were left scrambling for aid and several of the country's historic landmarks were destroyed.







**EVERYONE GOES WIRELESS ◀**

Most people were now carrying wireless phones. And the gadgets could do more things, as products like Apple's iPhone allowed users to place calls, take pictures, access email and the internet, keep schedules and much more.

**HARRY POTTER STILL STRONG ▼**

The Harry Potter series continued stronger than ever through the movies. The film based on the sixth book, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, made nearly \$1 billion worldwide. Plans were made to split the story of the seventh and final book into two movies.



**AWKWARD MOMENT ▼**

When country star Taylor Swift won Best Female Video at the MTV Video Music Awards, rapper Kanye West grabbed the microphone and protested that Beyonce should have won the award. West's upstaging of Swift was met with boos. When Beyonce won Video of the Year later in the show, she called Swift back on stage for the two ladies to share a moment.



**SOME THINGS CHANGE ▲**

Showing how far hip-hop has come, the late rapper Tupac Shakur's song, "Changes," was included as one of the 12 songs on the Vatican's official MySpace Music playlist when it was released, alongside Mozart.

**THE BEST EVER? ◀**

Roger Federer won the 15th Grand Slam singles title of his career, when he defeated Andy Roddick in a five-set classic at Wimbledon. It was the most Grand Slam titles of any men's tennis player in history. Federer then added to his record in the new year when he won the Australian Open for the fourth time.

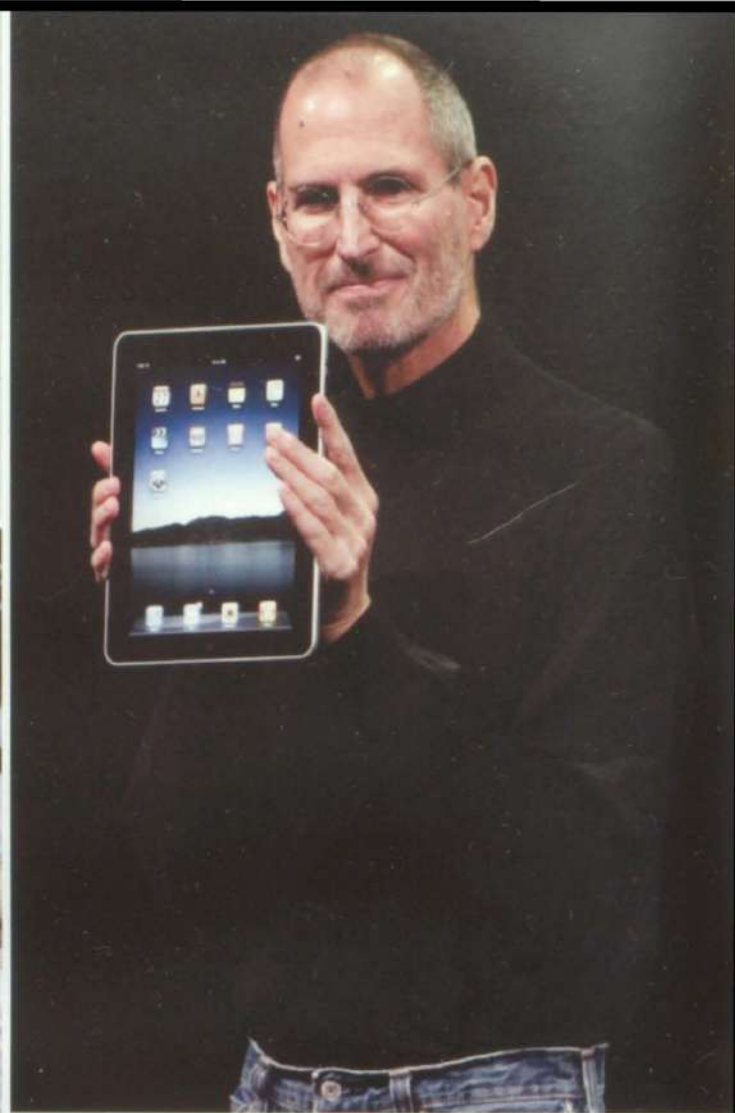


#### TOUCH THE IPAD ►

Apple once again created buzz with its latest product roll-out, this time releasing its version of a tablet computer with the iPad. Essentially functioning the same as an iPod Touch, the iPad primarily allowed users to access the internet, watch video and listen to audio.

#### SNOWED IN ▼

Two massive blizzards hit several major cities in the eastern U.S. in early February, closing schools and shutting down businesses for days. Baltimore, Washington D.C. and Philadelphia were all hit hard and set records for seasonal snowfall.



#### DRUG WAR ESCALATES ▲

Violence between rival drug cartels in Mexico continued to cause problems throughout the country and along the border with the United States. The Mexican government deployed thousands of soldiers in many cities to crack down, while the U.S. even began talk of offering the help of the National Guard.



#### DEALING WITH AUTISM ▲

Parents and doctors continued coming to grips with the apparent rise of autism cases among children. Various studies continued to search for causes, while medical professionals kept scrambling for cures and treatments. All the while, mostly questions remained.



#### BACK TO FORM ◀

Olympic swimming legend Michael Phelps returned to the pool at the 2009 World Championships in Rome and won five more gold medals. After finishing second in the 200-meter freestyle, his first race loss in four years, Phelps responded by being part of setting four individual and relay world records.

#### A WHOLE NEW, 3-D WORLD ▼

Futuristic, sci-fi thriller *Avatar* easily became the biggest box office hit of the year, and one of the biggest hits of all-time, mostly due to what audiences considered breathtaking visuals. Using new, advanced 3-D technology, the movie was in production for several years and cost more than \$250 million to make.



#### SHAKEUP ON IDOL ◀

*American Idol* continued to be a TV hit, even with a new judge. Paula Abdul left the show after eight years and was replaced by Ellen DeGeneres. Simon Cowell announced he was also leaving the show at the end of season nine.

#### NEW LINE OF DEFENSE ◀

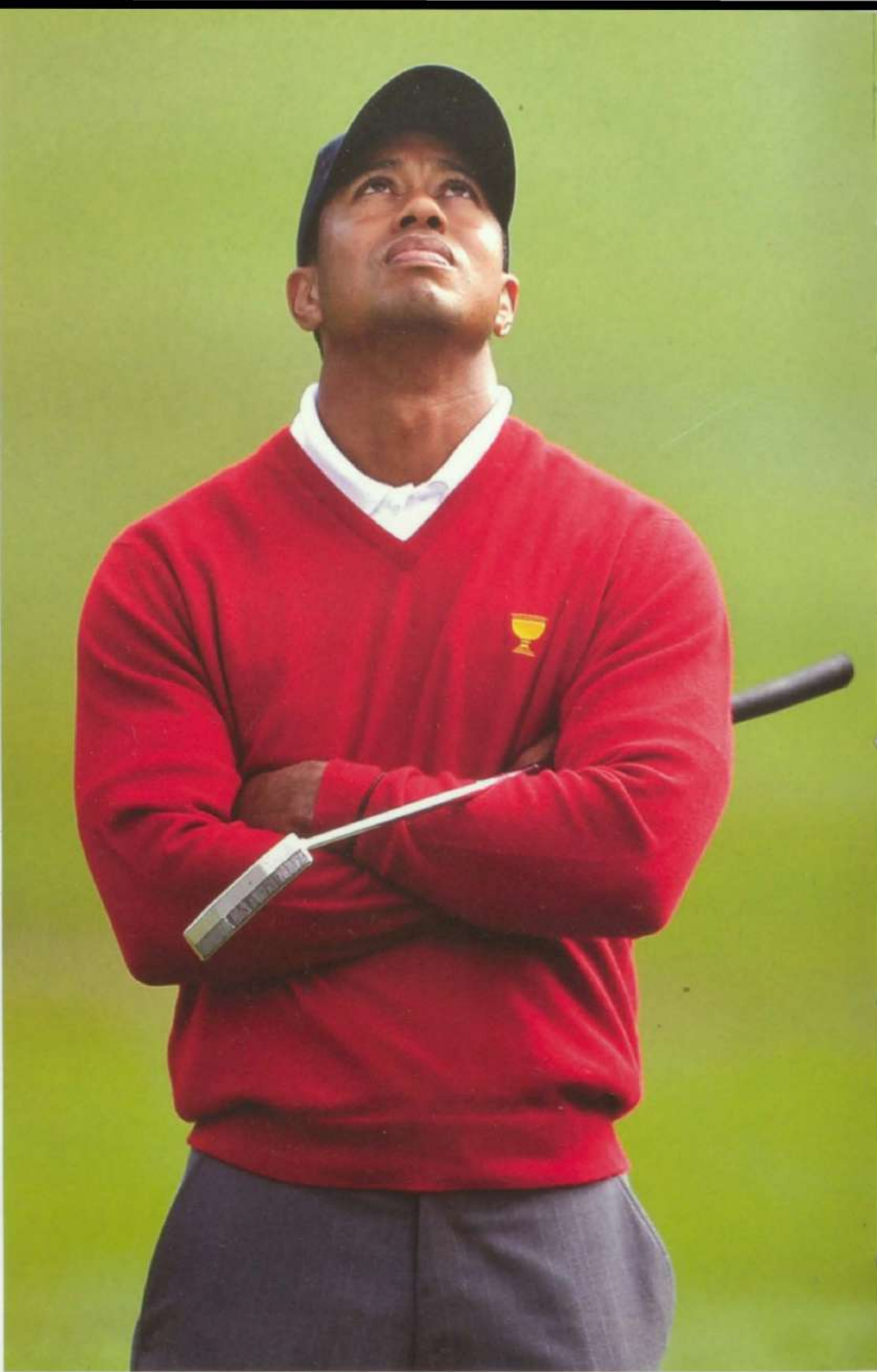
The U.S. revisited plans to deploy a missile defense shield to protect Europe, specifically due to rising concerns about Iran's nuclear capabilities. Romania was selected as the location of the interceptor missiles.

**TOUGH YEAR FOR TIGER >**

The golf world could never slow down Tiger Woods, but the planet's most famous athlete saw his career come to a halt after he was involved in a car accident outside his home the day after Thanksgiving. When media looking into the story discovered that Woods had been unfaithful to his wife for years, the golfer took an indefinite leave from the sport to regroup and refocus his life.

**MASSIVE TOYOTA RECALL ▼**

Various problems involving floor mats, accelerators and brakes led Toyota to recall more than eight million cars worldwide. Congress held hearings to determine the severity of the Toyota issues, and the recall took an economic toll on the company.



**OLD, OLD BONES ▲**

Scientists determined that fossils found in Ethiopia were an estimated 4.4 million years old and from the skeleton of a 4-foot female human-like species. Nicknamed "Ardi" by the team, the discovery was considered the oldest possible evidence of a human ancestor.

**CIVIL DISAGREEMENT >**

The U.S. Justice Department decided to try five suspected 9/11 terrorists in civilian court in New York City, a move opposed by many who still saw the defendants as enemy combatants not deserving of a non-military trial.





#### GLOBAL WARMING DEBATE ◀

While many in the scientific community continued to warn of the increasing harmful effects of global warming, skeptics continued to debate the cause and/or severity of the problem. The United Nations held a week-long conference in Copenhagen specifically to deal with climate change issues.

#### PROBLEMS IN PAKISTAN ▼

While the U.S. military continued to be preoccupied in Afghanistan, the situation wasn't much better in neighboring Pakistan. The Taliban began to see a resurgence of strength and popularity in the country, as they continued a guerrilla war against the Pakistani government.



#### GA-GA FOR THIS LADY ▲

Pop star Lady Gaga won multiple honors at the MTV Music Video Awards, including Best New Artist. Known for her wild outfits and elaborate dance numbers, Lady Gaga continued to score multiple top 10 hits with her second album, "The Fame Monster."

#### TRY A PET PIG ◀

Tiny "teacup" pigs were the latest pet craze. They typically never grow to more than about 60-65 pounds. Various celebrities began keeping the little pigs at home, even at a price of more than \$1,000 each.



**GOOD KIND OF HURT ►**

*The Hurt Locker*, an independent film about a bomb disposal unit of soldiers serving in the Iraq War, earned nine Oscar nominations, including Best Picture. The nominations put the small-budget war drama up against big-budget 3-D spectacle *Avatar*, which also scored nine nominations.

**HEALTH CARE DEBATE ▼**

Americans loudly voiced their opinions about health care reform. During Congress' August recess, people shouted down their congressmen at town hall meetings. Cost was a hot button, with reform bills in Congress ranging from \$848 billion to \$1.052 trillion.



**350 MILLION AND COUNTING ►**

Social networking website Facebook kept growing, reaching 350 million subscribers – more than the population of the United States. A movie was even made about the life of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who created the website in his Harvard dorm room.



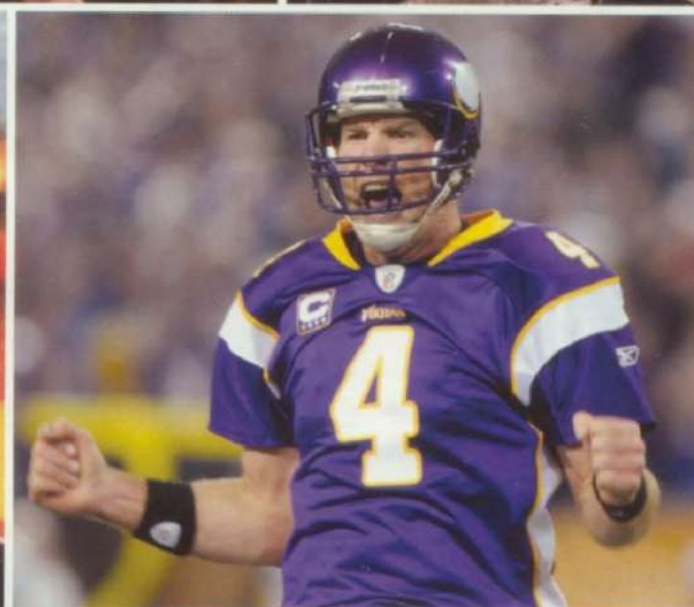
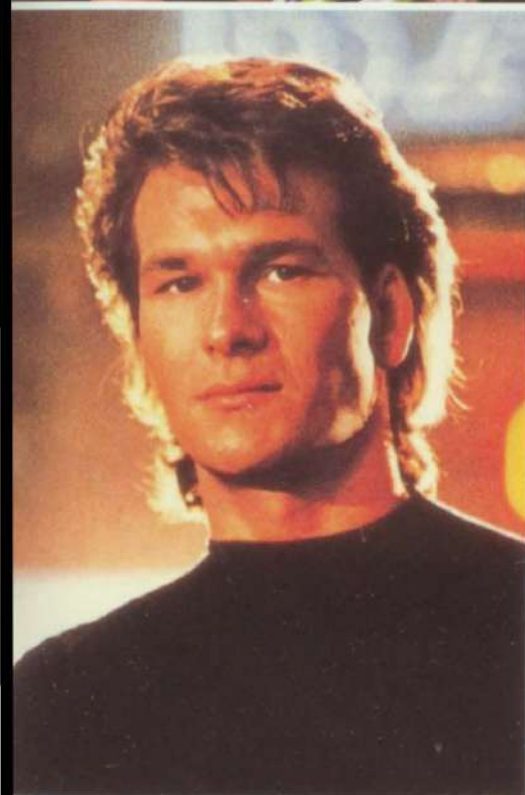


**SOME NBA HISTORY ◀**

Kobe Bryant led the Los Angeles Lakers to the 2009 NBA Finals for the 30th time, the most of any franchise in history, and the Lakers defeated Orlando for their 15th championship. Then, in the new season, L.A. became the first NBA team to win 3,000 games with a regular season win against Dallas.

**OVERNIGHT SENSATION ▼**

Scottish woman Susan Boyle became an international celebrity when she appeared on the TV show *Britain's Got Talent* and sang a powerful version of the song "I Dreamed a Dream" that shocked the judges and the audience. The YouTube video of the moment was watched by millions.



**STILL GOING STRONG ▲**

Brett Favre decided on one more comeback, this time with the team who was his hated rival for years – the Minnesota Vikings. The 40-year old Favre surprised critics by turning in one of the best seasons of his career, leading Minnesota all the way to the NFC Championship Game.

**PRESTIGIOUS AWARD ▲**

President Barack Obama won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize. The Norwegian Nobel Committee said it honored Obama because of his work to build ties between nations and people. The announcement was a surprise, even to White House officials.

**HOLLYWOOD ICONS PASS ON ▲**

The world of Hollywood lost a couple of legends to battles with cancer. Patrick Swayze, remembered by many as a 1980s heartthrob and action star, died of pancreatic cancer. Farrah Fawcett, one of the original *Charlie's Angels* from the 1970s, died after a long battle with cancer.



**SAINTS MARCH TO VICTORY ▶**

The New Orleans Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17, to win Super Bowl XLIV. It was the first championship in team history. Quarterback Drew Brees was named MVP after he tied the record for most pass completions in the game with 32. The win came just four years after much of New Orleans was under water from Hurricane Katrina.

**PATRIARCH PASSES ▼**

Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy, 77, died from a cancerous brain tumor. The youngest brother of President John Kennedy and Sen. Robert Kennedy made a name for himself as the "Lion of the Senate," helping to pass laws such as the Civil Rights Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

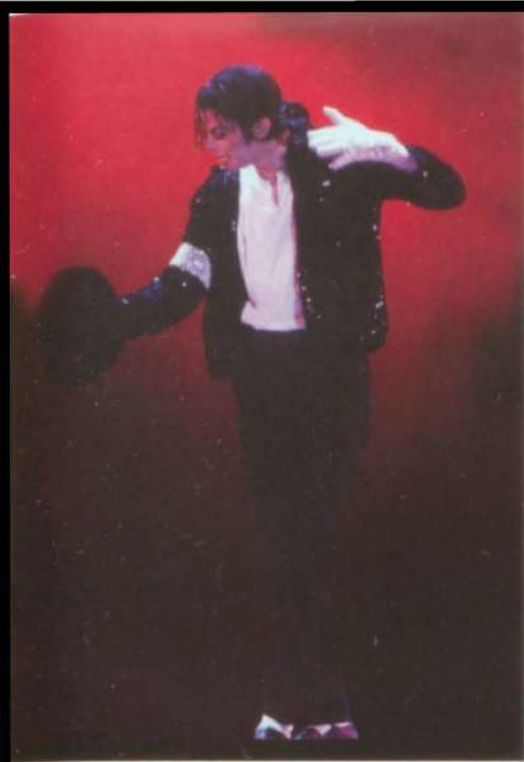


**MISSED THE EXIT ▶**

Two Northwest Airlines pilots lost their licenses after flying past their stop at the Minneapolis airport. At first, it was feared the plane was hijacked, as air traffic control could not make radio contact. But Captain Timothy Cheney and First Officer Richard Cole lost track of time and where they were because they were using laptops and talking about work schedules.





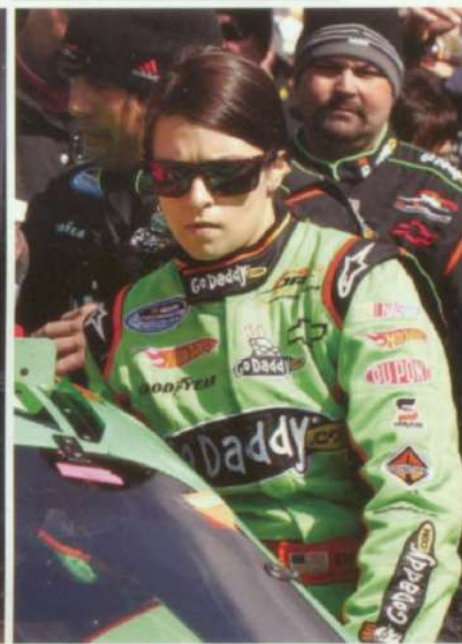
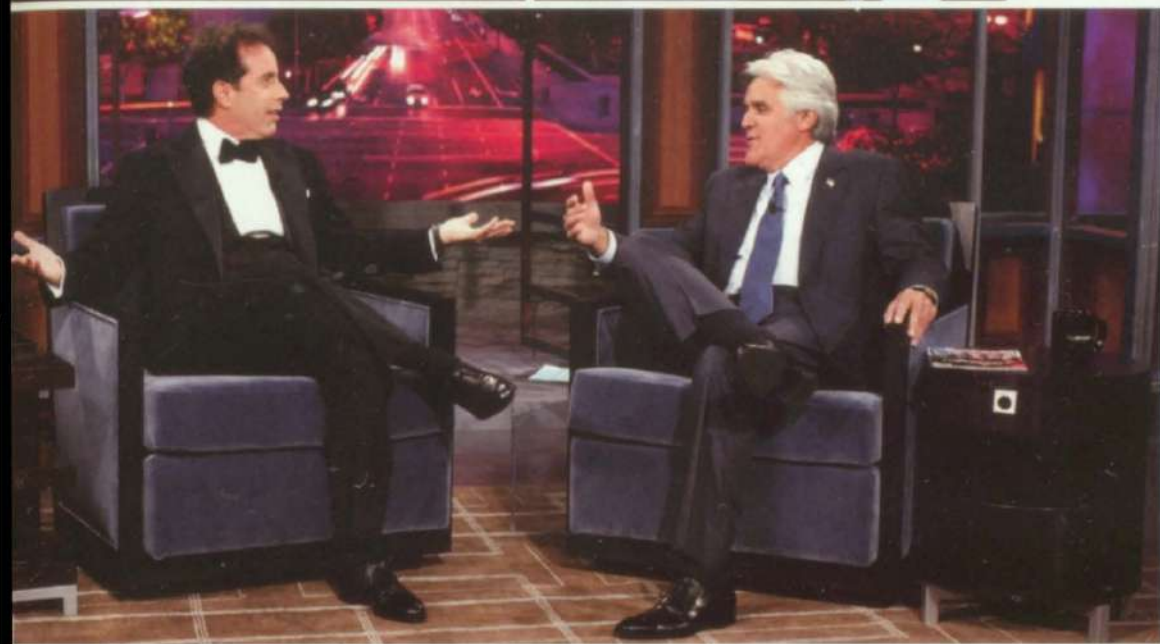


**GOOD-BYE TO THE KING OF POP ◀**

Michael Jackson, considered one of the most influential and famous entertainers, collapsed in his home and later died from an overdose of prescription medicine. Jackson's death led to much reflection and debate about his eccentric life.

**COUNTING HEADS ◀**

Counting of the U.S. population began in March 2010 when census forms were mailed. From April through July, census takers followed up on unreturned forms and searched for uncounted people. There was a push to ensure that African Americans were counted correctly. The census determines congressional districts and where to spend federal funds.



**LATE NIGHT BATTLES ▲**

NBC took a gamble by moving *The Tonight Show* host Jay Leno to a show in primetime, and replacing him with Conan O'Brien. Both new shows failed in the ratings, forcing the network to move Leno back to late night, give O'Brien the boot and angering the fans of both comedians.

**A MOVE FOR DANICA ▲**

Successful IndyCar driver Danica Patrick made a highly publicized jump to NASCAR, running a part-time schedule on the Nationwide Series in order to gain stock car experience.

**ROLL TIDE! ◀**

Alabama won college football's BCS national championship game, 37-21, over Texas. The Crimson Tide were led by 116 yards rushing from Heisman Trophy winning running back Mark Ingram. The game turned early when Texas quarterback Colt McCoy was knocked out of the game with a pinched nerve in his throwing shoulder.



**TOTAL DOMINATION ▶**

Connecticut became the first women's college basketball team to finish a season undefeated and go an entire year winning every game by at least 10 points. The winning streak continued into 2010, reaching 66 games by late February.

**ONLINE SHOPPING TAKES OVER ▶**

In yet another sign that the future of retail was online, holiday sales on Cyber Monday after Thanksgiving were up 14%, even generating more than the traditional Black Friday shopping day. At its peak, the online shoppers on Cyber Monday reached 4 million per minute.

**BACK TO THE MOON ▼**

NASA sent a robotic spacecraft to the moon, its first mission back to the lunar surface in more than 10 years. The mission was designed as the kickoff of a long-term project to explore whether the U.S. should colonize there. The first step – discovering water, which the spacecraft did in its first month.



**END OF AN ERA ▶**

USC football coach Pete Carroll, who won 97 games, two national titles and seven Pac-10 championships during his decade at the school, jumped to the NFL to become the head coach of the Seattle Seahawks.



**UP, UP AND AWAY ▲**

The movie *Up* was a huge hit with audiences and critics. The emotional, adventure tale of a grumpy old man and a boy who fly to South America in a floating house earned several awards, including a Best Picture Oscar nomination.

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## O CANADA

The 2010 Winter Olympics were held in Vancouver. Sadly, the Games were rocked by a tragic start when Nodar Kumaritashvili, a luge competitor from Georgia, was killed during a training crash. On a more upbeat note, speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno became the most decorated American male winter Olympian when he won his sixth medal.



## NO PAIN, NO GAIN ▲

Skier Lindsey Vonn won the gold medal for the U.S. in the women's downhill, even while racing on a painful bruised shin injury. Vonn was the first American woman to ever win the Olympic downhill event.



## UPSET ON THE ICE ◀

American figure skater Evan Lysacek pulled off one of the surprises of the Games by knocking off defending Olympic champion, Russian Evgeni Plushenko, in the men's singles competition. Lysacek became the first U.S. male to win Olympic gold in figure skating since 1988.

## LIGHTER THAN AIR ◀

Snowboarder Shaun White soared over the competition and defended his Olympic crown in the halfpipe. White's score of 48.4 for his last run in the finals was a new Olympic record.



**A NEW MOON AT THE MOVIES ◀**

Many theaters sold out two months in advance when *New Moon*, the second movie in the *Twilight* series, made it to the big screen. The romantic tale of Bella Swan and her vampire boyfriend Edward Cullen was a huge hit with the teen audience.

**FIERCE SUCCESS FOR BEYONCE ▼**

Beyonce Knowles won six Grammy awards for her album *I Am... Sasha Fierce*. The song "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)" became a number one hit, and the music video was one of the more memorable, parodied images of the year.



**FUNDING BACK FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH ▲**

As one of his first prominent acts, President Barack Obama lifted President George W. Bush's ban on the use of federal funds for medical stem cell research. Laws on the books still prevent scientists from creating new embryonic stem cells for research, but the renewed funding allowed them to once again study hundreds of stem cell lines already in existence.

**TROUBLING CONFESSION ▲**

Eight years after his retirement, former home run king Mark McGwire became the latest baseball superstar to admit to steroid use during his playing days. Long suspected, McGwire finally admitted to using the banned substances in the 1990s after he accepted a job as the hitting coach of the St. Louis Cardinals.

**A RECORD JUMP ▶**

X-Games motocross gold medalist and race car driver Travis Pastrana provided the nation with some unique New Year's Eve entertainment when he set a new world record by completing a 269-foot ramp-to-ramp jump with his car at the Long Beach pier.



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