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SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OF ADULT AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION BROOKLYN CAMPUS A Tribute to My Years at Saint Joseph's College

By Alessandra A. Porteus

The Class of 2004

We are all different people with different ideas, different qualities. As I began reflecting on the past three years, I realize how much all of my friends, family, and the Saint Joseph's faculty have meant to me. Not that I haven't realized this before now, but graduation is a point of closure in our lives and the start of a new beginning.

Thinking of what we've all gone through, an image of our class comes to mind ... It was a warm, sunny day - no clouds appeared in the sky. But then a slight breeze swayed the tree, a bird soared across the sky to the movement of the breeze. My eye was attracted to a large oak tree tucked far away in the street. I had found a place that, unaware, we would spend the next three years of our life. I believe that it is almost as if we are like twenty-two birds in a nest with the Saint Joseph's faculty looking over us. They have guided us to see reality and to learning what we were not initially ready to understand. Then they began to nourish us with the knowledge and ability to make concise quality judgments. And very soon, we soared high above all that. My professors were always there when one of us was brave enough to try spreading his or her wings to fly. And perhaps if we were not strong enough, the faculty was there in a flash to swoop us off the ground in their wings. Their wings were also there to protect and comfort us when emotional differences fluttered in the air.

Through the years, we grew in confidence as each one of us experienced rough places and met with the challenges of smoothing them out. Friends left, new people joined us, and we had to learn how to accept their differences.

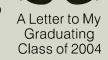
Like climbing a mountain, there would be obstacles in our way, but by helping each other,

we got around those obstacles and over those rough places. Sometimes this would slow us down, but when we reached the other side we quickly regained our footing and continued on our journey. At times, our class did not seem quite a whole, but someone was always there to bring us back together. Each of us, at one time or another, felt we could not go on but our friends and the faculty was always there to encourage us. At times like these, the climb would not even be noticeable, as we pooled our efforts to reach common goals. Our classes grew collectively stronger as we developed individually. The mountain was steep toward the end, but by now we all knew our place and wanted to help each other cover the last bit of ground.

Although it feels as if each one of us has reached the top, I realize as I look back that I only climbed a small hill. These three years have been a small part of our lives, and although the journey was hard, each one of us has to start another climb - it will be a steeper and, once again, an unknown mountain - one that will bring us through the rough and even places in our lives. Because of our three years together, we are now better equipped for this move forward. I will not have this particular group with me for the next step, but I will continue to draw on the strength and confidence that I have found together. I will remember that it is not about reaching the top of the mountain, but about being together for the journey, and the friendships that were made along the way.

Special thanks are in order to professors: D. Beni, R. Campbell, L. Campbell, S. James, T. Napolitano, J. Beckwith, H. Argent-Tariq, G. Gaspar, J. Fuentes, G. Graves, A. Gordon, B. Polito, C. McDermott, A. Ramlal, A. Diaz, N. Nicholas, A.B. Mohamed, and the entire staff of Saint Joseph's.

I extend special thanks to my parents *lleen and Roderick Porteus, Michelle Porteus, Dr. McEachrane, Dr. Ocasio, Local Union 1199, and Prison Health Services, Inc.*



It has been one of the most rewarding times in my life, both professionally and personally, to share the Saint Joseph's experience with you. I've been lucky to meet a wonderful group of professors and friends. My life has been enriched as a result of your friendship, support and insights, especially during the past few years, when all of our lives changed so much. These changes brought so many of us to a new appreciation of what we share in common with each other. My mind has also been opened further to new ideas and experiences that I never previously imagined, because of my attendance at Saint Joseph's. I will never forget Professor Roger Archibald and the hard-earned B+ I achieved in his class on the Legal Aspects of Health Care! As an Organizational Management major. I was pleased to learn the Process of Management from Professor Rupert Campbell and move all the way to Advanced Human Resources Management, which was taught by Professor Minnie Stanley. These learning experiences have made this educational trip well worth the ride. In most cases, I was able to immediately apply my classroom learning to my job the very next day! The things that I have walked away from Saint Joseph's with will last a lifetime! To my circle of encouragement and special friends, Emma, Lotricia, Odessa, and Sharloma: we did it! Thanks for giving me the push that I would sometimes need. To the entire graduating class of 2004, I wish you continued success, and hope that someday our paths will cross again.

Respectfully, Sherrilynn L. Zeigler The Class of 2004

The Most I Ever Wanted

As a child I wanted almost everything So I strived hard to do everything possible to behave myself

As a teenager I began to take a ride on the highway of life Making decisions some good some bad Along the way I kept the words of encouragement tucked away in my mind

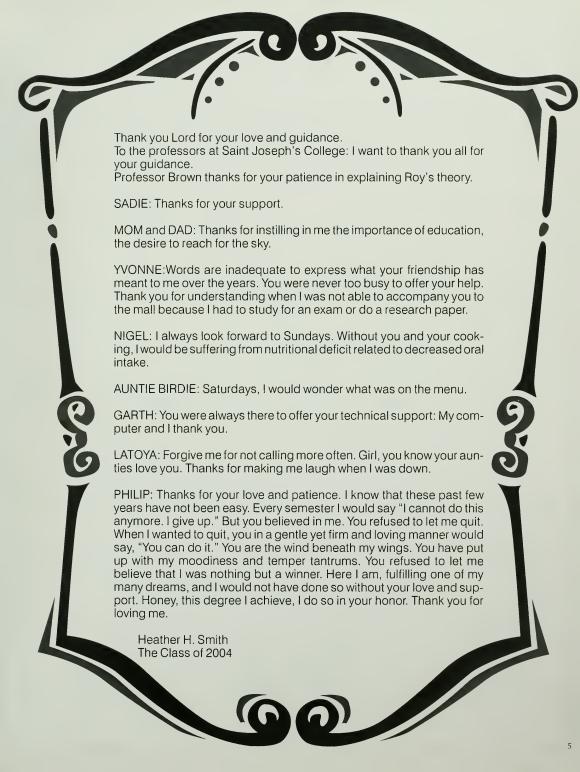
As a young adult I tried to set my own pace I struggled for something but I was not sure what it was But I knew it was something I wanted

As an adult I have a better understanding of this thing called life I opened my mind and examined and applied those words of encouragement

The most I ever wanted was to be the best that I could be

By Sherrilynn L. Zeigler The Class of 2004





Each of Us Must Climb Our Separate Mountain

Each of us must climb our separate mountain

To reach at last our own extended view.

We can be no more than what we are;

Yet that is quite enough for us to do.

The world is far too great for comprehension,
And so we only know what we can know.
But given the abilities we're given,
That's still a long and weary way to go.

Yet on the way, how beautiful the moments!

How good it feels to have some skill or art!

How wonderful to pause in awestruck wonder

At what must fill the unsuspecting heart!

And so we're proud of each of you today

For all you've learned, and all you've tried to learn.

Knowledge brings the deepest satisfaction,

Not least because it's something that you earn.

Tribute to Allesandra A. Porteous



"20 Minute Break" By Michelle Jubert

"Okay, let's take a break and we'll come back in 20 minutes!
That's what the professor said when he realized we were getting restless.
While getting up, I ask my friend if he'll take a walk with me to get a snack and he says "Sure".

Walking in the hallways, I realize that we're not the only class taking a break.

I see unfamiliar and familiar faces. Some are so familiar I say,

"Hi, how have you been?"

"Pretty good and you?" is the response I get.

The halls are warm and cozy and the smell in the air is that old recognizable one -SJC.

The high ceilings and original woodwork set the atmosphere.

We're family here.

Some of us are mothers with adult children and aging husbands and some are new fathers who hope they make it home before the baby goes to sleep.

Others are single parents who are sacrificing quality time

with their teenager and

others are newlyweds that miss their spouses dreadfully.

Some are singles that are using their free time to better themselves and some are seasoned citizens who've lived their lives for others and now want to do something for themselves.

Some are Black and some are White. Some are Asian and some are Hispanic.

Some live in Long Island and some in Clinton Hill.

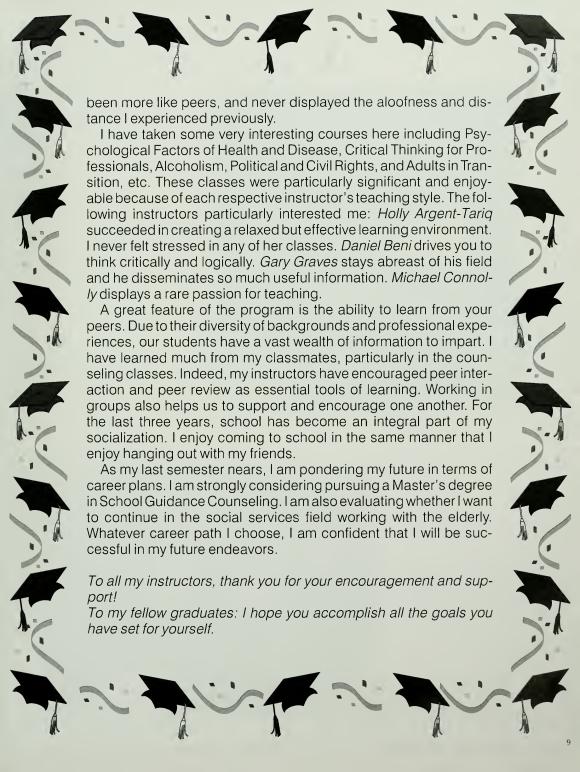
But there's one thing we all have in common.

We are all struggling and sacrificing to achieve academic goals.

We read, study, listen, research, write, answer and ask questions.

And when we get to the finish line we will all proudly say "We did it!"
What a feeling, what a family and what wonderful inspiration to receive during something so secondary as a 20 minute break.





A AND P HAPPENINGS



Roger Archibald (bottom row) treats his students to a formal dinner for a job well done. Roger continues this tradition yearly.

Sister Tesa Fitzgerald of Hour Children accepts a check for \$4,550 from SHRM.



Over the years, I have held many jobs. These ranged from a part-time clerical job to a full-time position as a manager of Information Technology. In each position, I accelerated, as I am an overachiever.

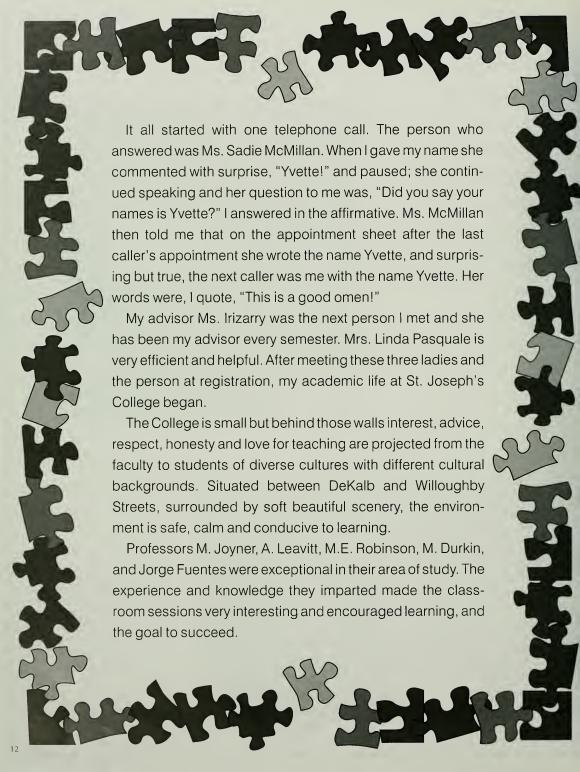
About a year ago, I started to lose interest in my job, and career field - information systems. I thought hard about what I truly would like to be doing. The first and last thing to come to mind was teaching. I have always been interested in becoming an educator, a teacher of children. I love to see the smile on a child's face when discovering something new. However, I do not hold a college degree. Therefore, I am not employable for this position.

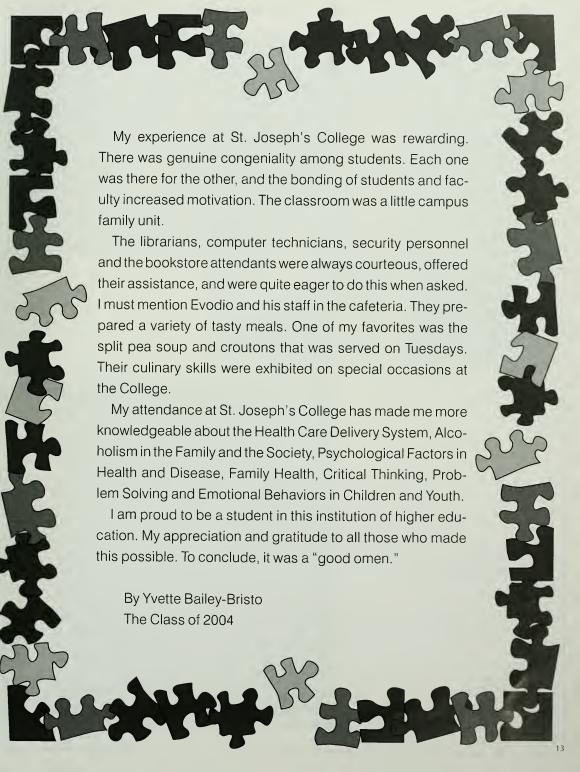
To accomplish my dream, I decided to return to Saint Joseph's College. Yes, return. I first attended Saint Joseph's when I graduated from high school but quit before the end of the first semester. Although I spent a short time at the college, I remembered the friendliness of the students and teachers, the small classes, and the individual attention the instructors provided to each student. I hoped to find this again. Upon my return, twenty years later, it's all still at Saint Joseph's.

I am working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems with a minor in education. When I complete my degree, I will go on to teach and hopefully inspire young people to achieve their educational plans and encourage them to follow their dreams - no matter how long it takes them.

By Stacey E. Kerr









Sister Elizabeth A. Hill, J.D. President







Thomas G. Travis, Ph.D. Vice President and Dean School of Adult and Professional Education

Dear Graduate:

The season of graduation is a time to mark a significant accomplishment and to take a moment to focus our thoughts on how to move forward with the rest of our lives.

In many ways what you have gone through over the last few years is a step in the life-long progression toward the ultimate goal of Wisdom, conceived in the broadest sense and oftentimes used interchangeably with Integrity. As you may know

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from your studies, there are philosophers and psychologists who, in wrestling with such issues, have come to see commonalities between the truly wise person and one who is living a life marked by self-actualization. While there are many qualities associated with the self-actualized person, there are two that I would like to explore, which I have drawn from the work of Abraham Maslow.

The first has to do with the importance of having "some mission in life, some task to fulfill," and the second relates to the importance of interpersonal relations, which include "feelings of identification, sympathy, and affection" for others.

So what does this have to do with graduation and the life that lies before you? Certainly in your private lives, it suggests the importance of family and friends, many of whom have been supportive in your efforts to attain this degree, and it calls on us to make part of our life's mission to dedicate ourselves to the maintenance of those bonds of affiliation and love.

In the work world, it would suggest that we find a place where we can fulfill our calling and realize our full potential. And the hope is that your newly earned credential will assist you in that regard. But whether or not you are able to find the dream job, there is still the opportunity before us to assist and support those with whom we work. Putting aside the managerial effectiveness benefits of this approach, our workplaces provide a unique opportunity to stand in relationship with others in a way that will advance them in their development and enrich our own lives in return. We spend the bulk of our waking lives at work, so it would seem only logical to live that time in tune with principles that we know are in accordance with the goal of Wisdom.

In closing, let me congratulate you on the accomplishment of earning your degree. It is a tribute to you. I would also like to extend a word of appreciation to Daniel Beni, S. Carole Lessard, Susie James, Sadie McMillan, Leslie Barna, and Linda F. Fonte for the work that they have done to make this year's *Achievements* such a success. May it serve as a reminder of your accomplishment and the friends you have made at St. Joseph's College.

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Sincerely, Thomas G. Travis Vice President and Dean



Daniel Beni, Preceptor in General Studies and *Achievements* Moderator

To the Graduates of 2004,

Graduation from college is a defining event in a person's life. Indeed, one is transformed by the experience. The graduation ceremony itself is a visual feast to behold. Replete with majestic pageantry and gleaming academic colors, it dazzles, and in turn, inspires us. Furthermore, the moment the baccalaureate degree is conferred, the graduate experiences a newfound sense of empowerment that is at once profound yet highly personal: one's view of oneself is changed forever and a new worldview begins to take shape. This is a time to treasure and reflect upon, long after those nearest and dearest have tendered words of praise and best wishes, and the symbolic ceremonial caps and gowns have been placed on a stack to be returned and made ready for a future graduating class to don.

This is also a time to pay formal tribute to the entire graduating class of 2004. You are a group of women and men who have accomplished an extraordinary thing: you have attained your heart's desire, the baccalaureate degree. But your journey has not been an easy one. You had to continually stretch time thin, and thus were somehow able to complete those complicated research papers and ace the seemingly endless succession of examinations required. You also successfully met the rigors of full time employment, and in many instances, the hectic demands of family life. I take the greatest pleasure in dedicating this yearbook to you and to those who supported you in your great undertaking.

Creating a yearbook that illuminates the world of the adult learner is no easy task. If we accomplished this, it is only because the following graduates and students contributed narratives and visuals infused with energy, grace, and a sense of shared struggle in the pursuit of a grand educational objective. In these regards, I would like to thank Yvette Bailey-Bristo, Shaloma Coppage, Michelle Jubert, Stacey Kerr, Sharae Nobles, Alessandra Porteus, Heather Smith, and Sherrilynn Zeigler. I also appreciate the efforts of Susie James and Leslie Barna who provided indispensable administrative support for this endeavor. Leslie also undertook the considerable task of transcribing and correcting the text of this yearbook. Finally, a word of thanks is extended to Sadie McMillan, who continually encouraged graduates and students alike to contribute their talents and energies to this edition of Achievements.

Once more, I extend congratulations to the graduating class of 2004. May your achievements be bright and bold, and may this yearbook rekindle happy memories of your time at Saint Joseph's College.

Cordially,

Daniel Bene

Spirit of the Little Flower
Blooming with love.
Sprinkled with the living waters
Falling from above.
Showers of blessings
Soothing suffering and pain.
Such faith still praising
Not discouraged, strong again.
So small yet fearless
Salute, honor and
Stand out, precious, pretty, pure.
Serene with joy, and full of grace
Oh! Little flower Therese

By Yvette Bailey-Bristo The Class of 2004





Rupert Campbell takes a photograph with the youngsters of Hour Children in front of the Christmas tree. Rupert loves the kids.

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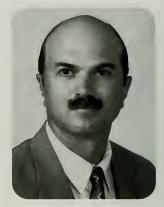
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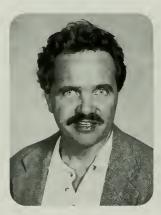
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Maude Robinson and her students in Family Health share a light moment.



Sylvia Storch and members of her Problem Solving class break for a photo.



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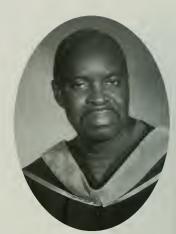
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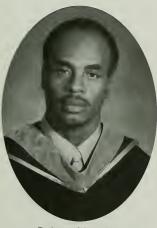
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Rupert Campbell (far right) along with SHRM executive staff. Pictured left to right: Allesandra Porteous, Sharloma Coppage, Victor Valentin, and Sherrilynn Zeigler.



SHRM distribution of tickets for Hour Children.

MY LIFE WITH THE COMPUTER

My day interacting with computers starts early. The first computerized interaction is heading to my kitchen for the cup of jolt. My first cup of coffee is key for me. Seeing how I have an automatic coffee machine, I set the machine the night before so the coffee is already made and waiting for me to pour in a cup and continue my day.

Normally, the next interaction is off to the actual computer for a quick check of the news, weather and of course my e-mails. Surfing the web for job sites and employment opportunities is a big part of my day. It's really quite helpful with my employment search.

The next interaction would be checking my messagges on my voicemail. Thank goodness for voicemail. What would I do without my voice mailbox or my cell phone? My cell phone has a "point to point" two-way radio feature. Since my job has me on the road at all times, this feature has given me a sense of security. Making me feel safe by knowing that if found in a pinch on the road, I could be in touch with someone within a few seconds for help and/or comfort.

Then there's my workday. I work for a marketing company. I walk around with a palm computer. On this computer I input data by scanning the packages' UPC (Universal Pricing Code) codes. No more punching in manually. Just by simply pressing a button over the UPC's, the information is recorded. I also have e-mail capabilities. This is how I communicate with my home office and supervisor and also how I transmit my time card.

I can honestly admit I have become very dependent in this computer age. I would surely struggle getting most things done without the speed and convenience of the computers, and would truly be lost without them.

By Jeanette Arce

ADDITIONAL THANKS ...

Achievements would like to thank Debra Freedman and her students in Microcomputer Applications I for the following articles. We are glad to share them with you.

COMPUTER ENCOUNTERS

The 24-hour period that I chose to record all my encounters with computing devices started at 7:00a.m. on Monday, February 2, 2002, better known as Groundhog Day. This was the day I would take note and be aware of all devices that had anything to do with a computer. I would also think about the positive and negative impact, and what life would be like without them.

What an eye opener for me!

When the alarm clock started singing, I found myself wondering if there was a computer chip inside. If there were, it would be one item that I could list. I guess the only way that I would know the answer would be to beak open the case. On second thought, breaking open the clock would have a negative impact upon my ability to go out and earn a living. Bad idea! Next stop was the kitchen to press a button on my thermal Cusinart coffee maker. Certainly,

this must have a computer chip inside. But how would I know? Break into the case? I think not. At least, not until it brewed that first cup of coffee. Breaking open the coffee pot would also have a negative impact upon my ability to wake up and function like a human being.

So far, fifteen minutes into my 24-hour period had been a total failure to detect any

computer device encounters.

After showering and dressing, I left the house and clicked a gadget to gain access to my car. Did this little black clicker have computer device inside? How would I know without breaking open the clicker? They say that cars have computer chips to control certain systems? What systems, where is the chip? What if the chip didn't work? I couldn't get to work. Having to resort to public transportation would take me twice as long to get to work and I most certainly would be late for that 9:00a.m. meeting.

While driving to work, I thought about the traffic lights and thought surely a computer somewhere controlled the ebb and flow of traffic. Having controlled lights was a positive

impact on everyone's life.

Arriving to work on time, I turned on my computer and checked my e-mail. There were only 32 messages since Friday night. Scrolling through them, I opened the important ones that required immediate answers. Thought a minute about the impact of my work computer and how my job has changed dramatically in the last fifteen years. Instant messaging, instant replies ... speed has taken over my life.

Most of the day, I was in and out of various applications software, organizing files,

documents and reviewing data.

Returning home that evening, I checked my thermostat and realized that it contained a computer chip that enables it to program time and temperature for a week. Clever gadget! While preparing dinner on my "GE Profile" stove, I came to the realization that it probably

has a chip as well.

Later on in the evening, I turned my home PC on to check my e-mails from family and friends. There were two e-mails from cousins in Canada, one from a niece in France and one from a brother in Florida. Can you imagine what my phone bill would be if they were phone calls I had to pay for? E-mails are probably the most economical way to stay in touch.

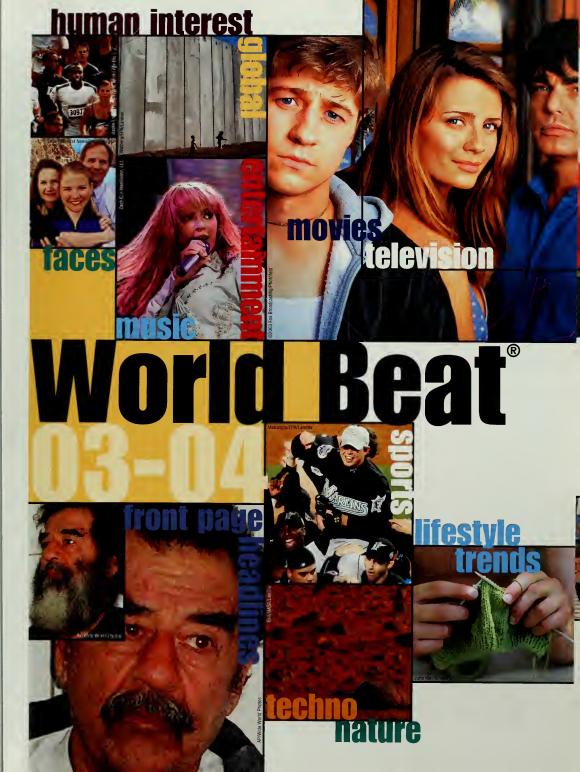
By the way, the cell phone that I carry never rang all day. This too must have a chip inside.

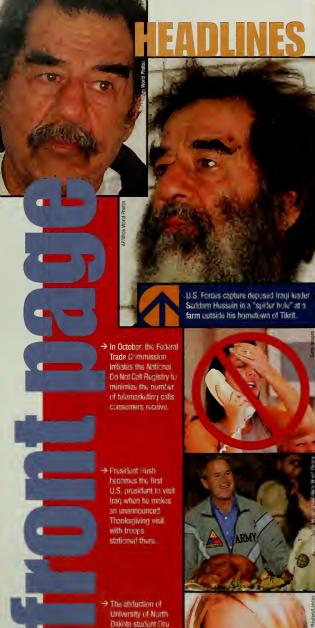
Thank God for small blessings.

Overall, computer devices have been a boom!









Sjorlin, 22, results in the arrest of convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50.



A fatal Staton Island Ferry crash in New York harbor leaves 10 dead and dozens injured affer the pilot loss consciousness and slams into the dock.

← NBA star Kube Bryant of the Lus Angeles Lakers is charged with the sexual assault of a 19-year-old Colorato woman

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

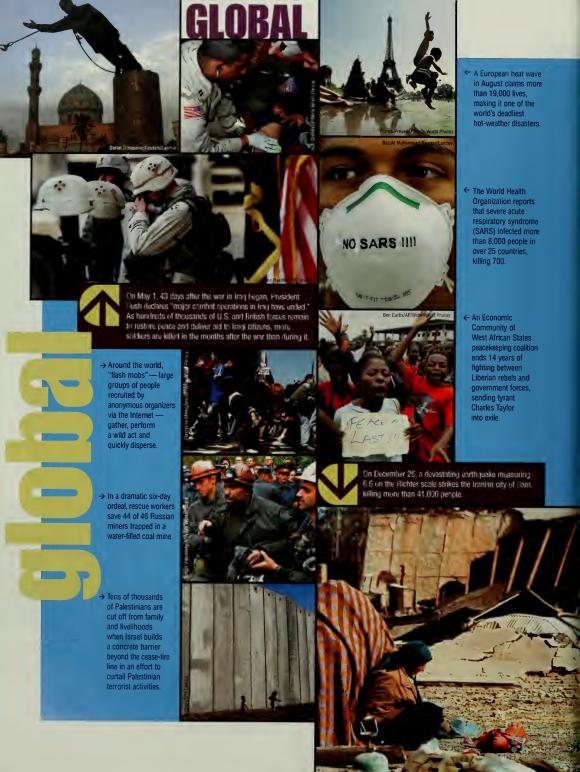


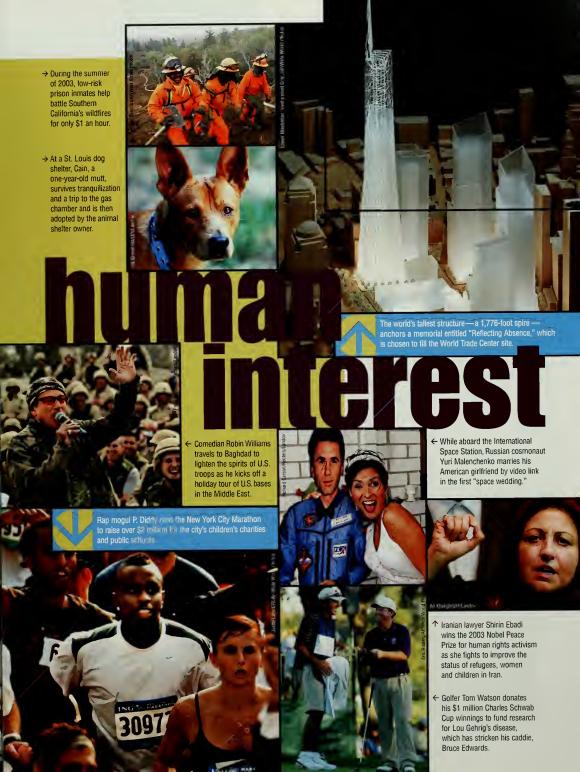
The economy shows signs of recovery when the Dow Jones Industrial Average tops 10,000 points for the first time in over 18 months on December 12.

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











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

ordering kiosks.

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

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





THE ENRANCES



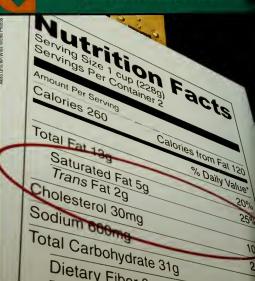
← British Airways and Air France ground the supersonic Concordes after 27 years of service. Despite their speed, the aircraft were uneconomical to operate

← 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 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.

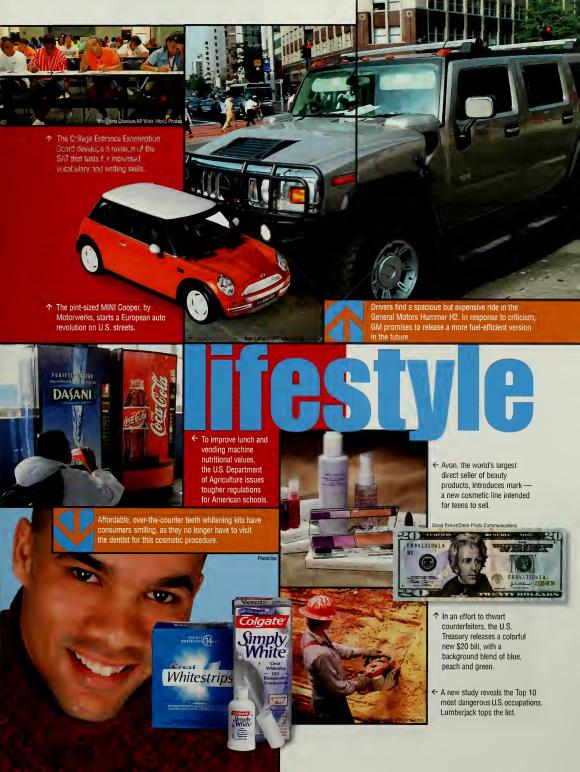
The Food and Drug Administration mandates that nutrition labels disclose the amount of cholesterol-increasing trans-fatty acids.



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- → 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.

television



earns high viewer ratings for ABC TV and lights up the big screen in 13 Going on 30.





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

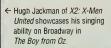


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← Pop diva-turned-author Madonna releases two children's books: The English Roses and Mr. Peabody's Apples. Her third book, Yakov and the Seven Thieves, arrives in late winter.

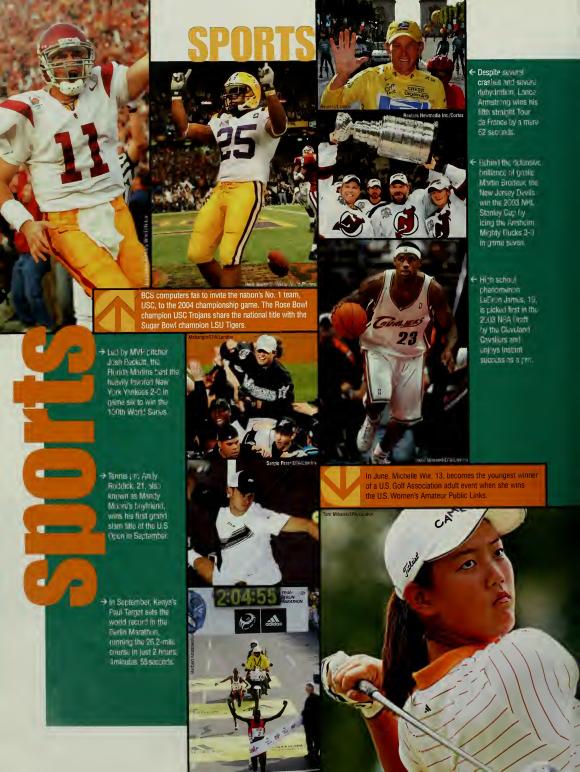
Two months after being mauled by a tiger, Roy Horn, half of the famed "Siegfried and Roy" wild animal entertainment act, is released from a Los Vegas hospital.

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- ↑ On CBS's "Late Show" host Davi 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.





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





← 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.

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





← 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.

→ 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.

→ 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.

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

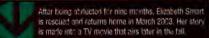


America loses three entertainment icons with

the deaths of comedian Bob Hope, actress

↑ 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.

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