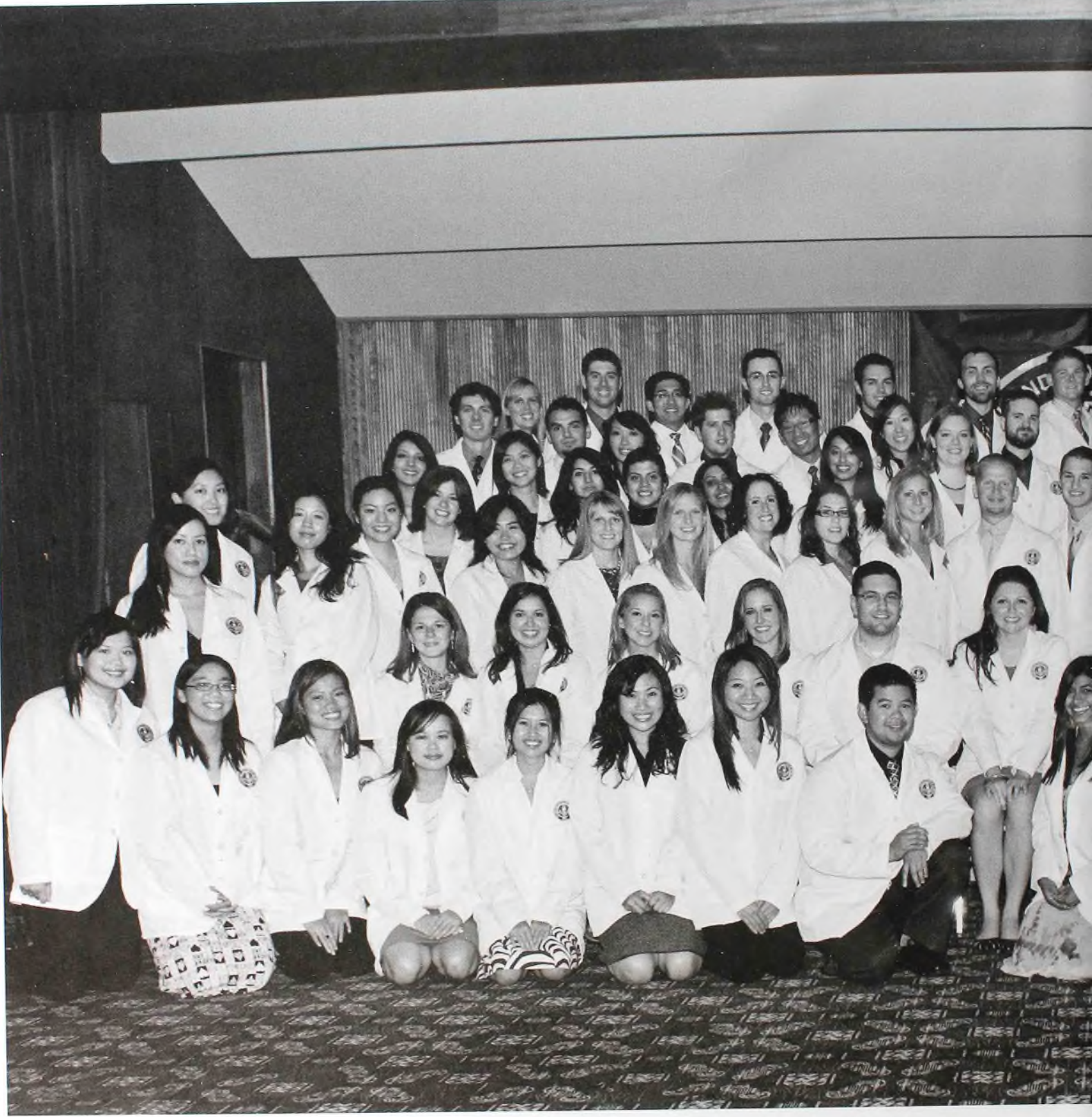




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*New England College of Optometry
Boston, Massachusetts*

To the Class of 2011:



Welcome to the profession of Optometry!

You should be justifiably proud of this accomplishment. For many reasons, your achievement is greater than that of your predecessors. The body of scientific and clinical knowledge is larger; your clinical education has been more intense; and you persevered through a unique set of professional challenges.

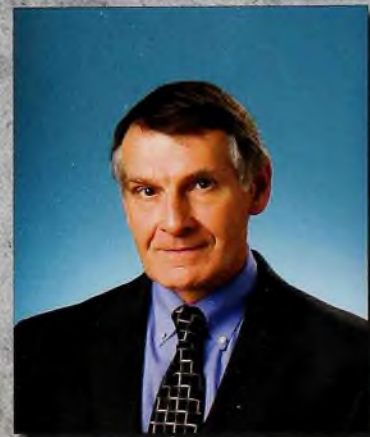
Although that annealing has helped you develop the confidence and stamina to overcome career obstacles throughout the rest of your lives, remember that we judge our doctors not by their strength but by their compassion. As you grow into seasoned practitioners, do not take for granted the influence that you exert on your patients. Respect and courtesy are equally as important doctoring traits as wisdom and skill.

Today, you are taking the first steps in replacing my generation of optometrists. Health care and the practice of optometry will become very different than the environment of your training. Be assured that you are prepared not just to navigate the system, but to actually help shape the field of eye care in the future.

You have my best wishes for a lifetime of personal and professional success.

Sincerely,

Clifford Scott



The Optometric Oath

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that: I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence. I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with the due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare. I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in performance of this my solemn oath and obligation

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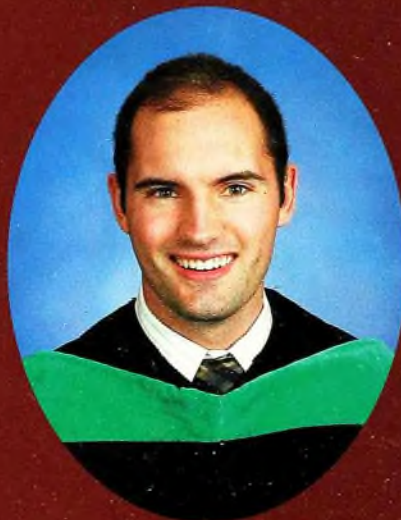
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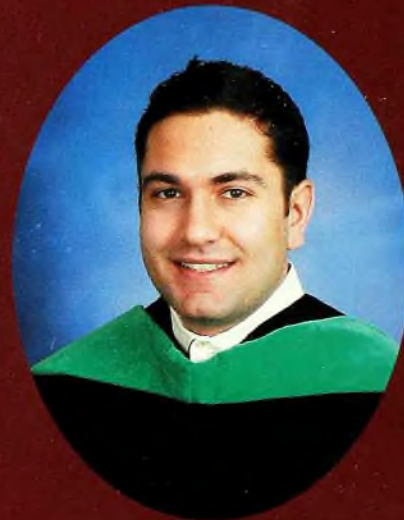
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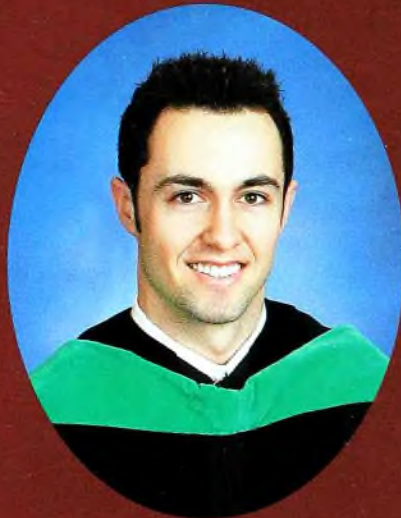
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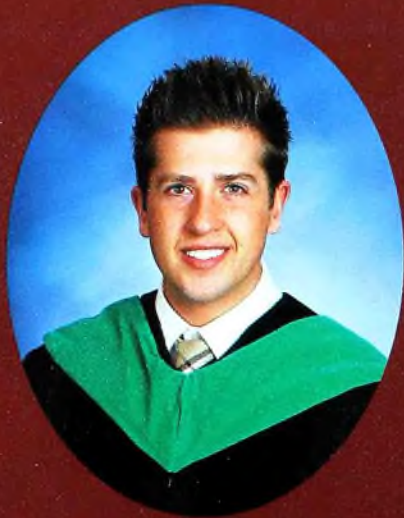
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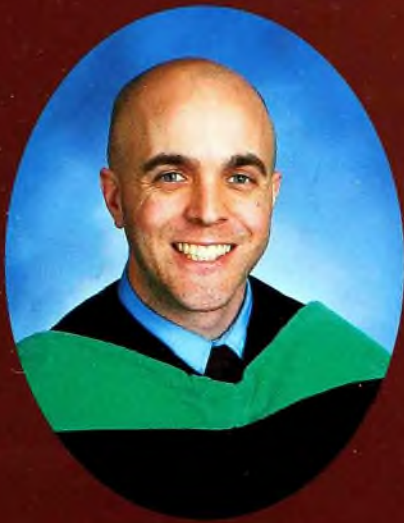
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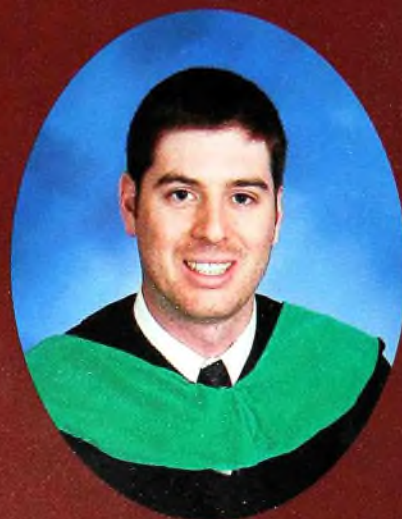
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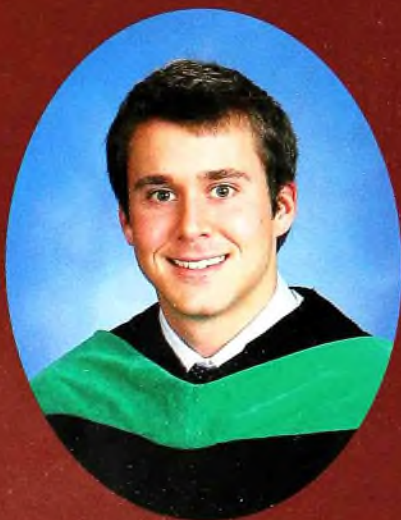
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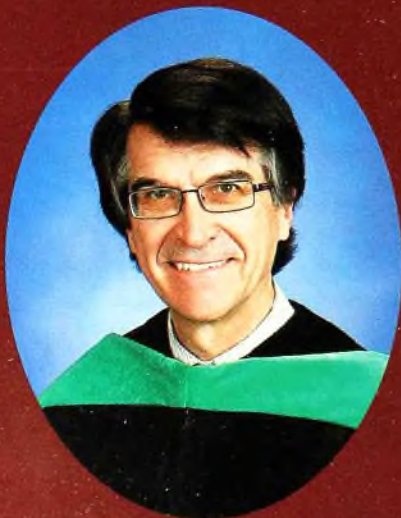
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National Optometric Student Association (NOSA)



The National Optometric Student Association aims to advance the visual health of minority populations. Through out the past four years it has held fall BBQs and membership recruitment leading to a record membership of 76 members in 2009-2010, more than twice the membership in previous years! It offers mentoring program for members along with potluck dinners and pizza parties for high fund raising. They have done a YMCA outreach project and vision screening, Boston Family Shelter vision screening, Fenway High School outreach project, raffle fundraiser to benefit The Barry L. Price Rehabilitation Center, a food/clothing drive and class contest to benefit The Boston Rescue Mission and St. Francis, spanish bilingual eye exam classes, lunch fundraiser to benefit The Greater Boston Food Bank, Wal-Mart career seminars on networking, resume writing, and different modes of practicing optometry, annual name tag sale to raise funds for NOSA's outreach projects and offers annual scholarships for outstanding officers and dedicated members

Submitted by Maria Pham- NOSA NECO Chapter President 2009-2010 & O.D. 2011



Private Practice Club

The Private Practice Club was started in 2007 when a group of NECO students decided that they wanted to know more about private practice. Today, the relatively new NECO student run organization works towards expanding the student knowledge about private practice. Our goal is to expose students to many aspects of private practice rarely discussed in traditional academic classes. Networking is also an objective of the private practice club and we have had doctors come in from across the country to discuss topics such as billing and coding, opening a practice cold and how to join a practice as an employee/associate. Our partnership with VSP allows us to provide services and information to students without requiring dues or fees.

Performance Vision Club (PVC)

Performance Vision is an area of optometry that focuses on enhancing the performance of an individual in a sport, occupation, or hobby by way of improving his or her functional visual system. Objectives of the PVC are to serve all patients in the community to improve their visual performance, to ensure proper eye safety and to reduce the risk of eye injury by providing appropriate information and education. The faculty advisor for PVC is Dr. Walter Potaznick.



Beta Sigma Kappa (BSK)

The Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Honor Fraternity is an elite group of Optometrists and Optometry students who are dedicated to stimulating scientific and clinical excellence and high moral standards in the profession.



College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD)

The COVD-NECO-Special Interest Group is a chapter for COVD at The New England College of Optometry. COVD-NECO-SIG serves as an advocate for comprehensive vision care with an emphasis on a developmental and behavioral approach to patient care.



Massachusetts Society of Optometrists (MSO)



The Massachusetts Society of Optometrists is dedicated to the fulfillment of quality vision and eye care needs of all the public. To achieve this goal, the MSO seeks to unite all Massachusetts optometrists in their effort to practice the highest standard of care through support of continuing education and research. The MSO promotes full scope of practice by all Doctors of Optometry in fulfilling their goal as primary health care providers through public education as well as legislative, legal and other pursuits. The MSO is also dedicated to promoting the success of its members in professional life.



NECO LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club aims to foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation. Their purpose is to promote the principles of good government and citizenship and to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community. They aim to provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest and to encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, progressions, public works and private endeavors.





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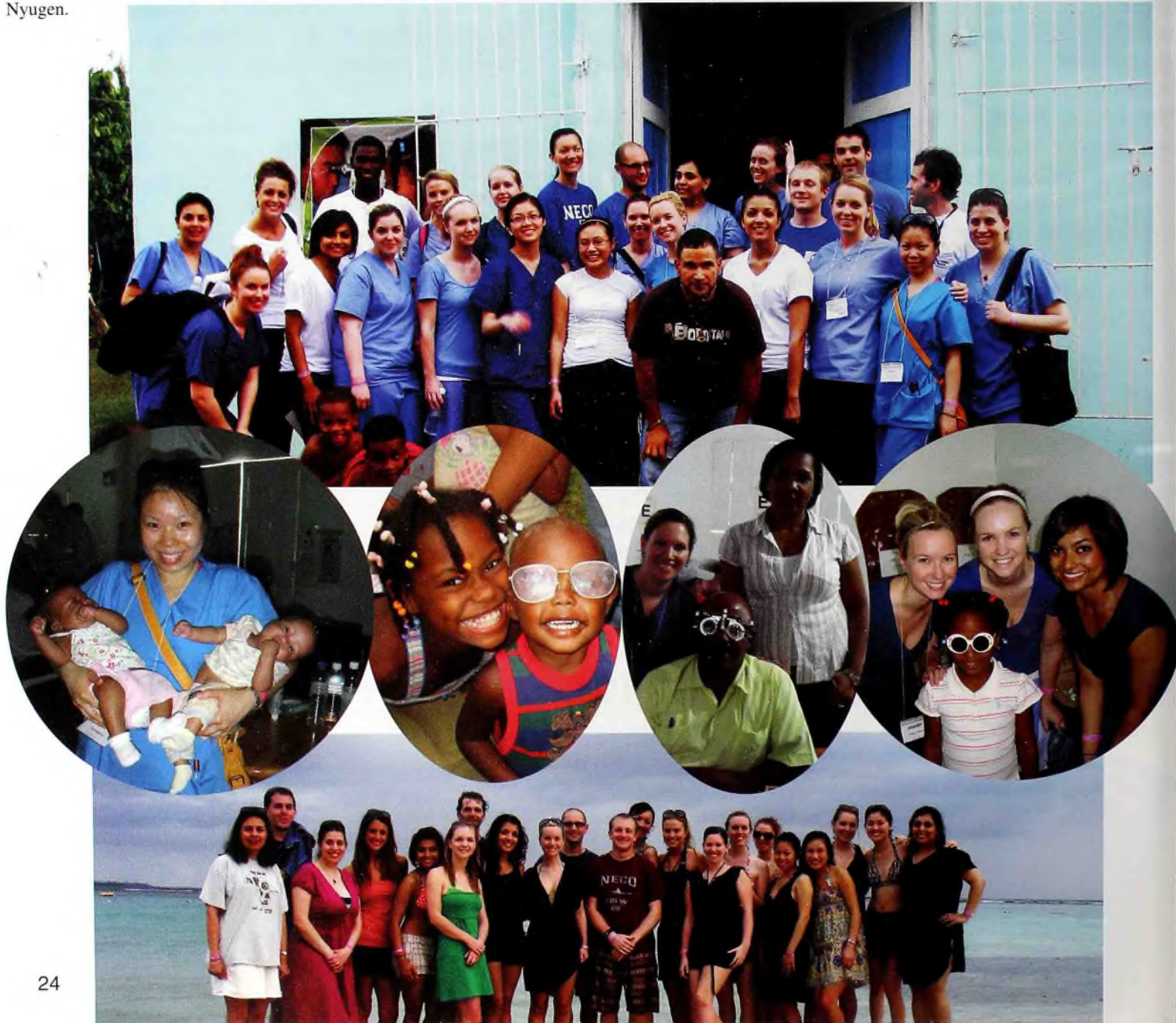
VOSH-ONE Mission 2010- San Antonio, Yamasa, Dominican Republic

Countless hours of fundraising, preparation and glasses sorting allowed the NECO section of VOSH-ONE to send one of the largest student groups into the Yamasa region of the Dominican Republic. Nineteen students and five optometrists hit the air April 10th, 2010 with thousands of donated glasses, sunglasses, eye medications and handheld equipment ready to provide quality eye care to the San Antonio community. The group collaborated with the BRA (Batey Relief Alliance), a non-profit organization established 10 years ago to help eliminate the longstanding disparities in healthcare & education present throughout the Bateys of the Dominican Republic. The country is comprised of more than 20 bateys, the majority of which are impoverished and have very limited access to medical attention.

Additionally, due to the lack of access to education and resources such as running water and electricity, these populations suffer a greater risk for developing morbidities that would otherwise be preventable. Complete eye exams were provided to over 1000 Dominicans of all ages as well as vision screenings to numerous children at nearby schools. Throughout the course of a week, we encountered many unique clinical cases including: advanced cataracts, keratoconus, end-stage glaucoma, initial stages of pthisis bulbi, congenital esotropia, and many suspicious conjunctival growths. The community support of the temporary clinic set up inside of the church was incredible. Each day we had more and more volunteers to help with translation, security and crowd control. Local women made traditional Dominican dishes for our lunch breaks and offered up use of their homes to make us more comfortable. On the final day the mayor presented each of us with certificates of thanks and recognition and the community came together to offer their thanks through poetry, dancing and singing. Although the four plus hour daily commute and 7 hours of clinic work made for long and tiring days, it was worth it to see the countless smiling faces in new glasses and sunglasses.

The group worked under the direction of : Dr. Bina Patel (our superb faculty advisor), Dr.

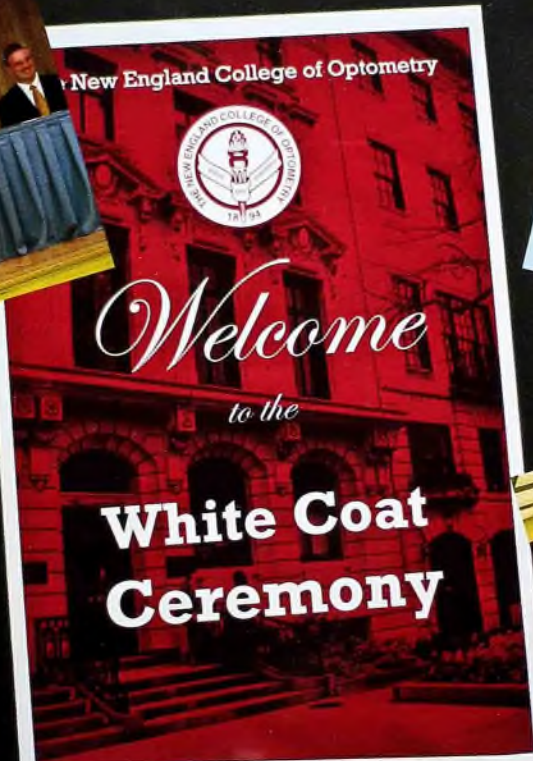
Michael Ruby, Dr. Andrew McLeod, Dr. Devina Patel and Dr. Anna-Maria Baglieri. The students that attended were Jake Gunn, Anna Luebbers, Mary Conroy (president-elect), Marion Hau, Michelle Nadeau, Allison Stickl (vice president), Nicole Ross (president), Yin-Yin Aung, Andrew Bodwell, James Caruso, Jenna Walden, Brandy Johnson, Brittany Palazzolo, Rutvi Shah, Reecha Kampani, Michelle Straube, Johni Curts, Amanda Powers, and Thuy Nyugen.





Where it all Began..











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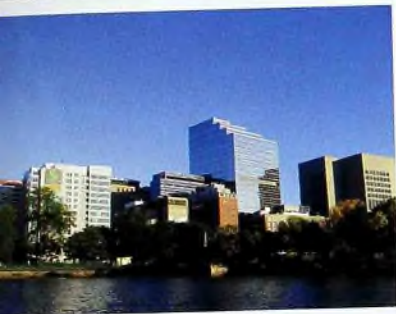






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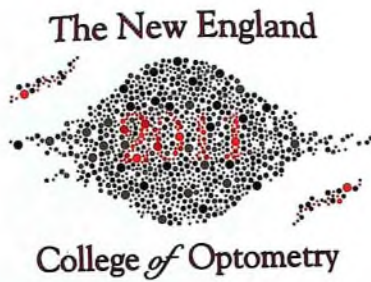


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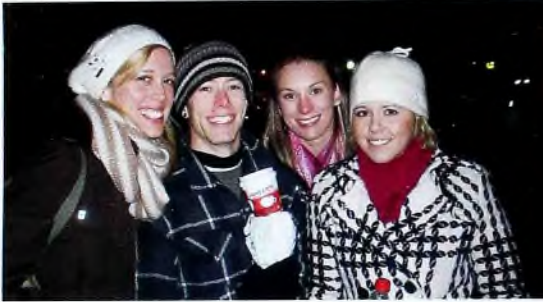


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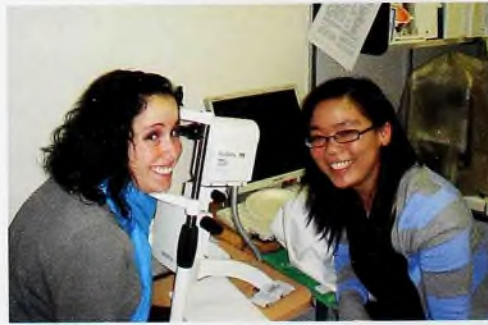


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What a Win ! Good times



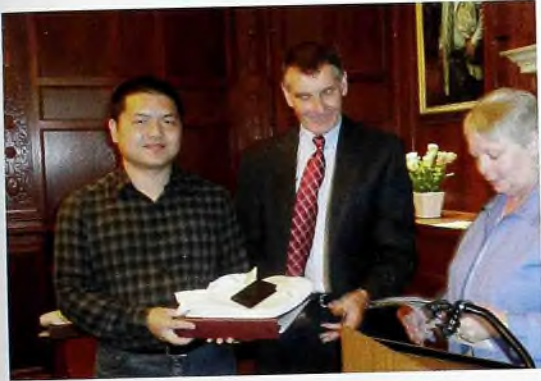
American Optometric Student Association (AOSA)

The AOSA is dedicated to promoting the visual welfare and health of the public, promoting the profession of optometry, and enhancing the welfare and education of optometry students. Since 1968, the AOSA has been the “voice” of optometry students in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Here at NECO, students have participated in many AOSA opportunities, including the annual AOSA trade show. At the trade show, students are able to interact with vendors from many different companies catering to optometrists, such as Alcon, Hoya, and Optos. Adding to the fun are chances to win great prizes, like iPods, Volk lenses, eye models, and gift cards. It will be tough to beat the year that AOSA was able to bring Luxottica to the trade show, where students could buy Ray Ban and Ralph Lauren sunglasses at incredible discounts!

Another highlight of membership in AOSA are the student grants that the club provides for students to attend the annual AOA meeting each year. AOSA also sponsors one student each year to represent NECO at the Varilux Student Bowl, held at the AOA meeting. At the Student Bowl, competition between schools is intense, so it helps to have many students in attendance to root for a NECO victory! AOSA provides NECO students with T-shirts, noisemakers, and thunder sticks to keep the NECO spirit high all night long! Nothing beats holding the crystal Varilux trophy up high and NECO students storming the stage, as occurred in 2009 when NECO student Arlan Aceto won the Student Bowl.





Student Council

Student Council works toward making change to Optometric legislation and organizes activities such as the NECO Olympics, the Halloween party, the ski trip, the Spring Bling party, the Eye Ball, and the yearbook.

The Council's Executive Board includes a president, a vice-president, two secretaries, and a treasurer all of whom are elected by the entire student body at the end of the year. Every year each class in the Four Year OD Program elects a president, a vice-president and three representatives to the Student Council. The AODP, ASIP and MS Programs each elect one representative. The students elected to these positions have the duty of representing their class during Student Council meetings as well as acting as liaison between their professors and classmates.

The Council meets periodically with school administrators to help set policies concerning student interests and elects student representatives to various administrative committees such as Curriculum, Student Affairs and Financial Aid. The President of the Student Council is a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors along with two other Student Council members selected by the Student Council President. The President of the Student Council also represents the students on the Board of Trustees.



Confidently in the direction
of your dreams!

Live the life you have imagined!

CONGRATULATIONS ALLISON!!

LET'S CELEBRATE!!

Love and Best Wishes Always,
Mom, Dad, Melissa, Trevor & A.J.



Dr. Emily Marie Richard



We are so proud of you!

Congratulations on your success!

*Love,
Dad, Mom, Andy, and Kramer*

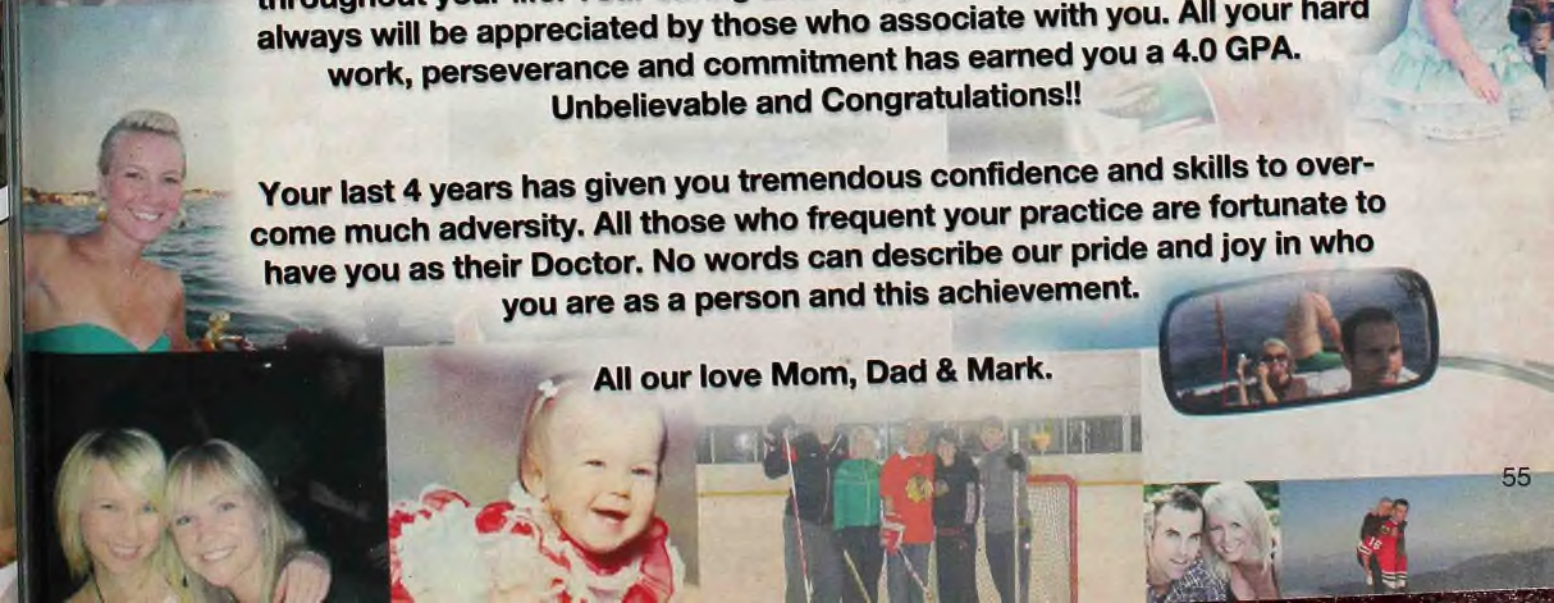


Brandy,

**Completing your Doctorate is a remarkable achievement!
Your diligence to be the very best is a character quality you have carried
throughout your life. Your caring and thoughtful personality has been and
always will be appreciated by those who associate with you. All your hard
work, perseverance and commitment has earned you a 4.0 GPA.
Unbelievable and Congratulations!!**

**Your last 4 years has given you tremendous confidence and skills to over-
come much adversity. All those who frequent your practice are fortunate to
have you as their Doctor. No words can describe our pride and joy in who
you are as a person and this achievement.**

All our love Mom, Dad & Mark.





Sarah Elizabeth Gibson

Your family is so proud of you for your dedication to accomplish your goals.

The future is yours to choose.

*We are all behind you 100%,
with all of our love.*



Michelle Marie Straube



What a remarkable woman you have become!

Of course, we knew that from the start.

We could not be any more proud of you or your accomplishments!

Your patients will soon realize what a special person you are.

Your devotion and dedication are now your reward.

We love you, sweetheart!

Love, Mom and Dad



Lindsey

You have always set your goals high and worked hard to accomplish them. This has been your dream for many years, and as you set out to begin your new journey as an optometrist, we can't wait to watch you continue to grow. We love you and are so proud of all you have done.

Love,
Jason, Mom, Dad, Jenny & Drew



*Congratulations
to the
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Crystal Arlene Gibson

It seems like only yesterday we held you in our arms, and now you have grown into a beautiful woman, Full of love, grace and charm. We are extremely Proud of all your accomplishments. With the help of God's blessing, your strong will and our support you have met your Goals. Your future is full of possibilities that will lead to Love, Happiness and Success.

We Love You,
Dad, Mom, Timmy, Robert, Pam and Robert (Dude)



Maria Hiep Pham



Even as a child, you always knew what you were going to be when you grew up. You wanted to be a doctor of some or a nurse. You knew you wanted to help and take care of others. Here you are now, an Optometrist. It takes knowing oneself, dedication, and perseverance to stay on the path one chooses. We have watched you work very hard, the sacrifices you made, and your devotion to reach your goal. There are not enough words to express how proud we are of our accomplishments. We wish you all the best as you set sail and embark on a new journey. May you always have and be ready for favorable winds!
With all the love in the world,
Mom, Dad, Hieu, Ly, and Brian



I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn her back on life.

~Eleanor Roosevelt



All glory comes from daring to begin.

~Eugene F. Ware

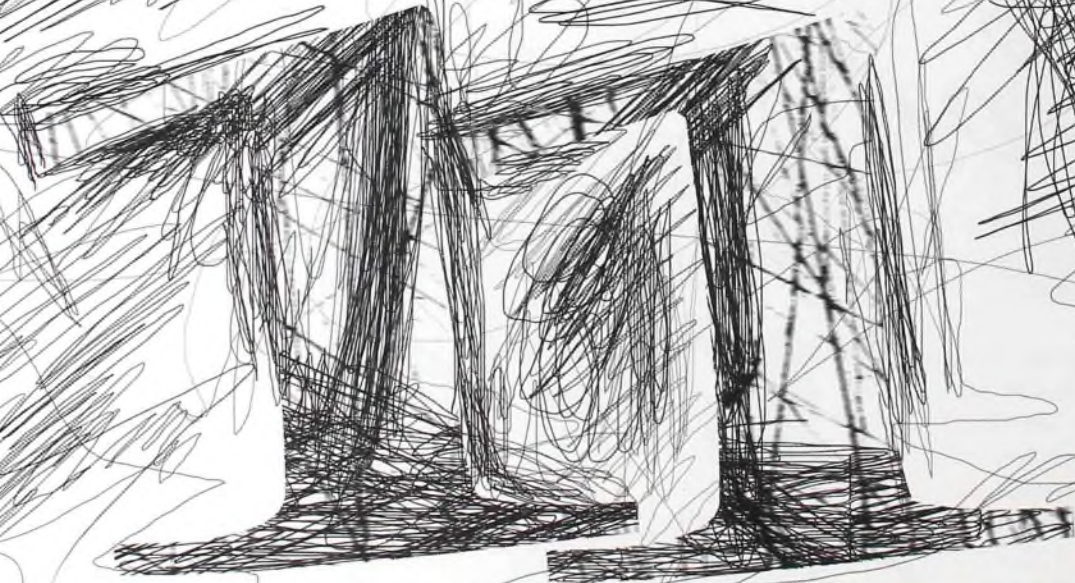


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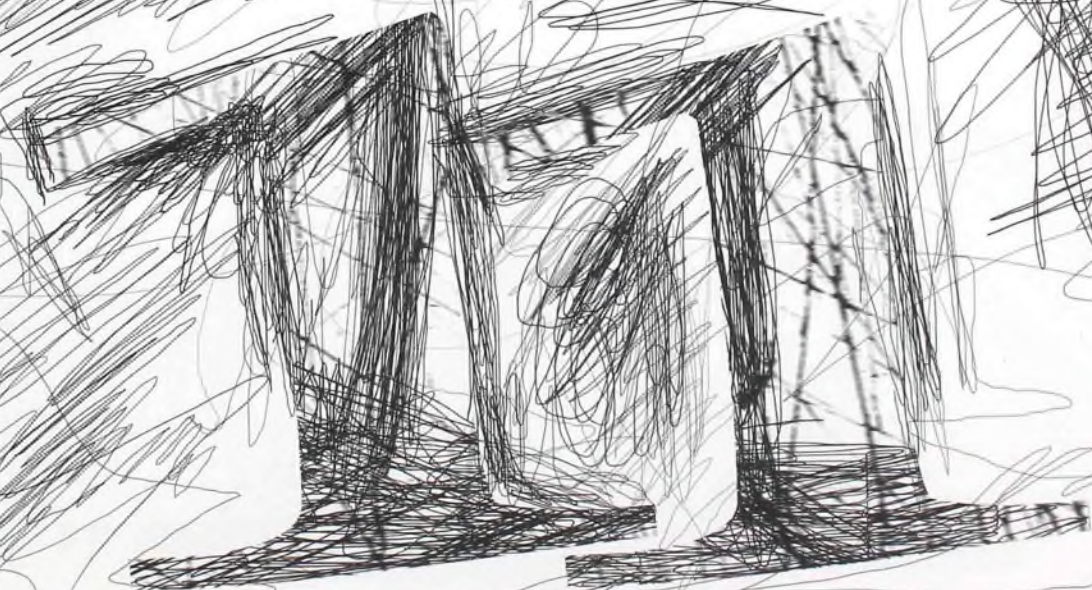
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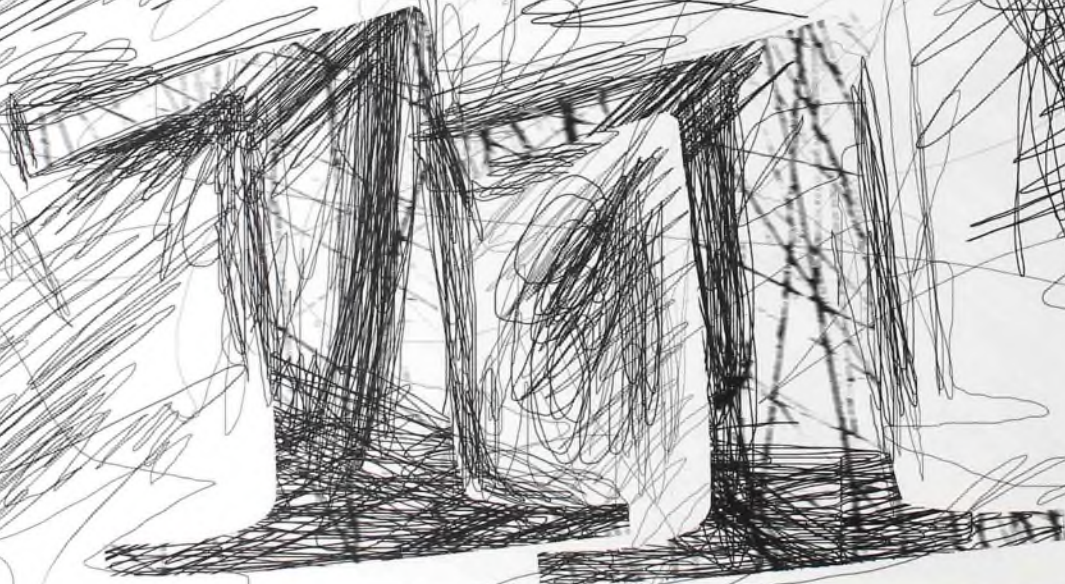
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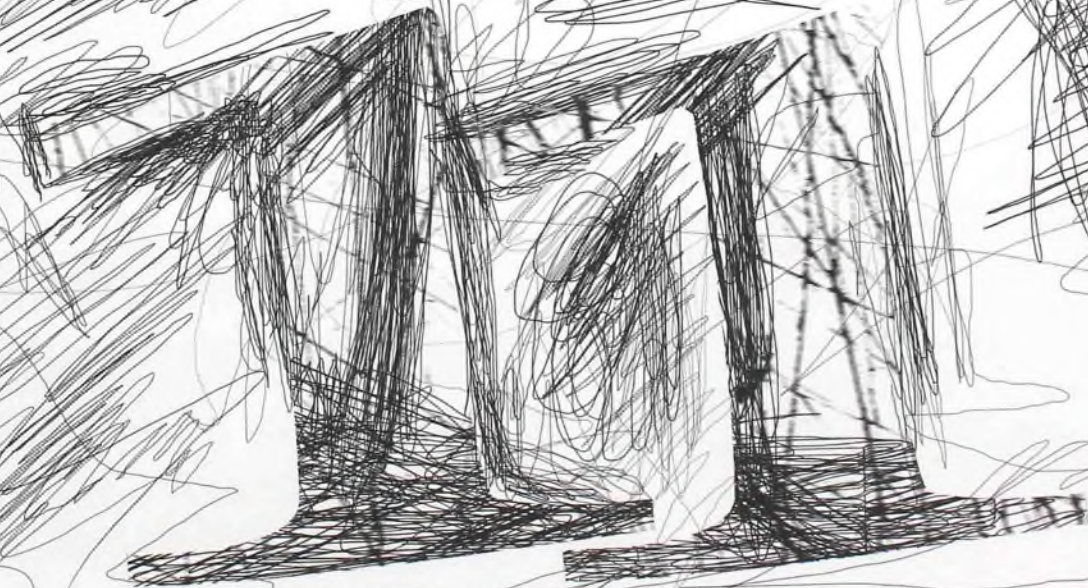
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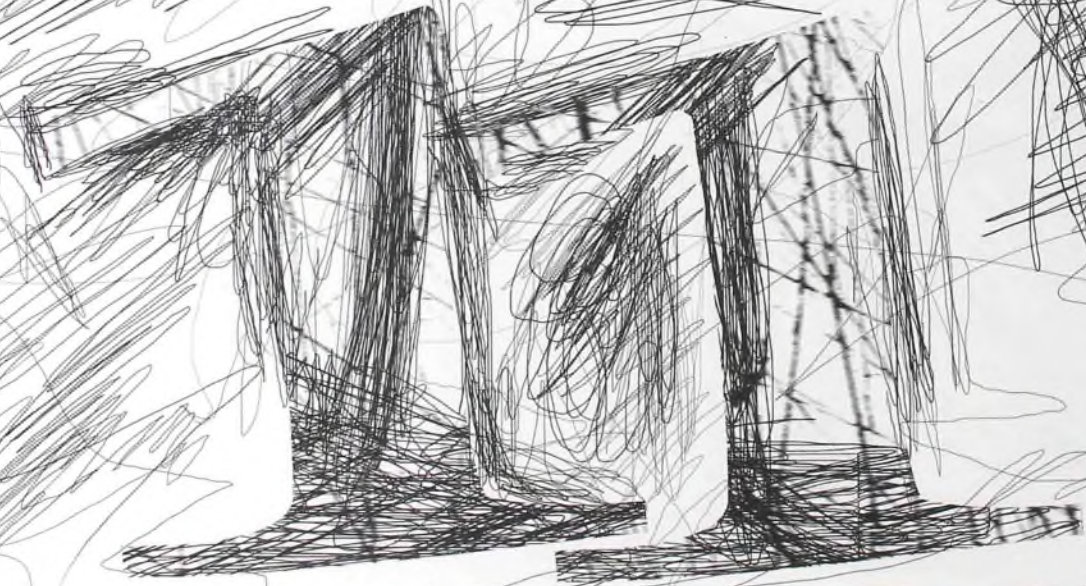
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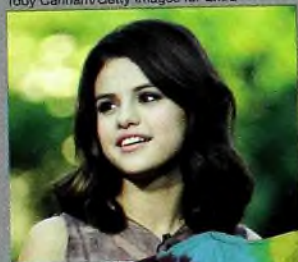


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Bedbugs

Bedbug infestations, once almost eradicated in the U.S., are a growing nuisance in hotels, stores, office buildings and homes in all 50 states.



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Republicans regain control of the House of Representatives in the midterm elections. Representative John Boehner of Ohio becomes the 61st Speaker of the House.



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Miners Rescued

The world celebrates as 33 miners from Chile's San Jose Copper-Gold mine are safely rescued after spending two months trapped 700 meters underground.

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Happy Meals

A new law aimed at fast food marketing in San Francisco requires that kids' meals meet nutritional standards before they can be sold with toys.

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General Motors

Emerging from bankruptcy, General Motors is profitable again. The company raises \$20.1 billion in the largest global initial public offering (IPO) in U.S. history.

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Egyptian President resigns

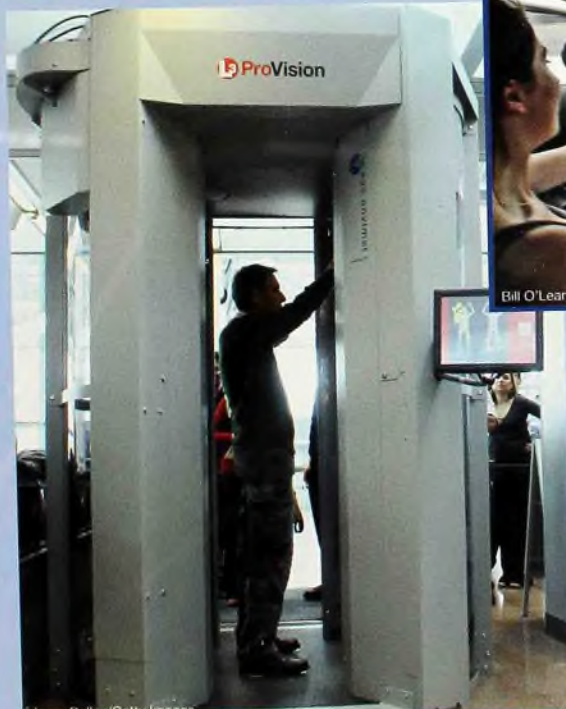
After protests in favor of democracy peaked in the streets of Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak steps down.

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Prince William Engaged

Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton announce their engagement in November 2010. They plan to marry in 2011.



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Despite attempted Thanksgiving holiday protests, airports across the U.S. implement full body scanners to screen airline passengers for possible weapons and explosives.



Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post/Getty Image

Teen Driver Fatal Crashes Drop

Teen driver fatalities decrease, thanks in part to graduated driver licensing (GDL) programs. Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death for teens.

To promote healthy family habits, First Lady Michelle Obama appears in multimedia Public Service Announcements with Disney Channel stars for Disney Magic of Healthy Living.



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NEWS NEWS NEWS

Anti-bullying Efforts

The federal government takes steps to prevent bullying in schools and communities. To make information accessible, a steering committee develops BullyingInfo.org.

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Soldiers Home From Iraq

This soldier, from the U.S. Army 4th Infantry, returns home to Colorado as a result of President Obama's directive to reduce our troops in Iraq.

AP Photo/Office of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, File



Rep. Gabrielle Giffords

After a nearly fatal gunshot wound, Representative Gabrielle Giffords continues her difficult recovery.

Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images



Medal of Honor

Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, a 25-year-old Army staff sergeant who served in Afghanistan, is the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor since 1976.

John Moore/Getty Images



Alaska Senator Re-elected

Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski is re-elected as a write-in candidate.



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Alex Wong/Getty Images

President Obama signs the Executive Order on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics to support education issues in the Hispanic community.



NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/Getty Images

WikiLeaks/Diplomats

The U.S. government is compromised when Julian Assange's WikiLeaks website publishes sensitive diplomatic cables discussing Pakistan, North Korea, Iran and China.

The Oil Spill

A BP oil rig explosion triggers the biggest oil spill in U.S. history, releasing more than one hundred million gallons into the Gulf of Mexico.

Not long after North Korean leader Kim Jong Il fires at the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong, he names his youngest son as his successor.



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Individuals and businesses affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill submit official claims for costs and damages with the Gulf Coast Claims Facility.



Daniel Acker/Bloomberg via Getty Images

President Obama signs H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The 2,400-page law is aimed at improving health care coverage and lowering costs.

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Comet

NASA's EPOXI Mission shows amazing images of comet Hartley 2, 23 million miles away from Earth, in November 2010.



AP Photo NASA/JPL-Caltech/University of Maryland

The NBA and WNBA promote Vaccines for Teens, an awareness campaign designed to educate teens and parents about the importance of vaccinations.



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Actress and singer Selena Gomez, age 18, serves as the spokesperson for UNICEF's trick-or-treat campaign. She is the organization's youngest goodwill ambassador

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Wind Power

Wind turbines become more prevalent. The emergence of "wind farms" signals the beginning of what could be a wind energy boom.

AP Photo/Zina Deretsky, National Science Foundation



Earth's Axis Shifts

An 8.8 magnitude earthquake in Chile shifts our planet's axis by about three inches and shortens the Earth day by 1.26 millionths of a second.

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Fracking

The Environmental Protection Agency investigates how to manage and regulate fracking, a process used to release the natural gas trapped under dense rock.

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Extinct Salmon Found Alive

The black kokanee, a species of freshwater salmon thought to be extinct for 70 years, is found living in a lake near Japan's Mount Fuji.



Scott Olson/Getty Images

Disappointing Job Growth

Despite optimistic economic news, including better-than-expected holiday shopping numbers, job growth is still slow, according to the Department of Labor.

No more searching your car for quarters! Cities from coast to coast are installing solar-powered, WIFI-enabled parking meters that can accept credit cards.



AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Jonathan Hayward

GIVE GIVE GIVE

Lead in Reusable Bags

A U.S. senator asks the government to investigate when reusable grocery bags sold by a Florida supermarket chain contain harmfully high levels of lead.

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TOMS Shoes

TOMS Shoes, which donates one pair to a child in need for every pair sold, becomes a philanthropic fashion phenomenon.



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A New Element

A new element, discovered in 1996, finally receives its official name: Copernicium. It is named in honor of Copernicus, the Renaissance mathematician and astronomer.

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New Life Form

NASA-funded astrobiology researchers discover a new life form, a bacterium that can use the toxic chemical arsenic as fuel for growing and rebuilding itself.

The Washington Post/Contributor



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NASA's Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite finds water in a polar crater on the moon. There is far more water than scientists expected.



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Fruit Fly

Researchers using fruit flies to study human obesity have found that obese flies have many of the same problems as obese people, including high cholesterol and difficulty regulating insulin.

Electric Car

Nissan introduces the Leaf, an electric car. According to the official EPA sticker, the car achieves the equivalent of 99 miles per gallon.



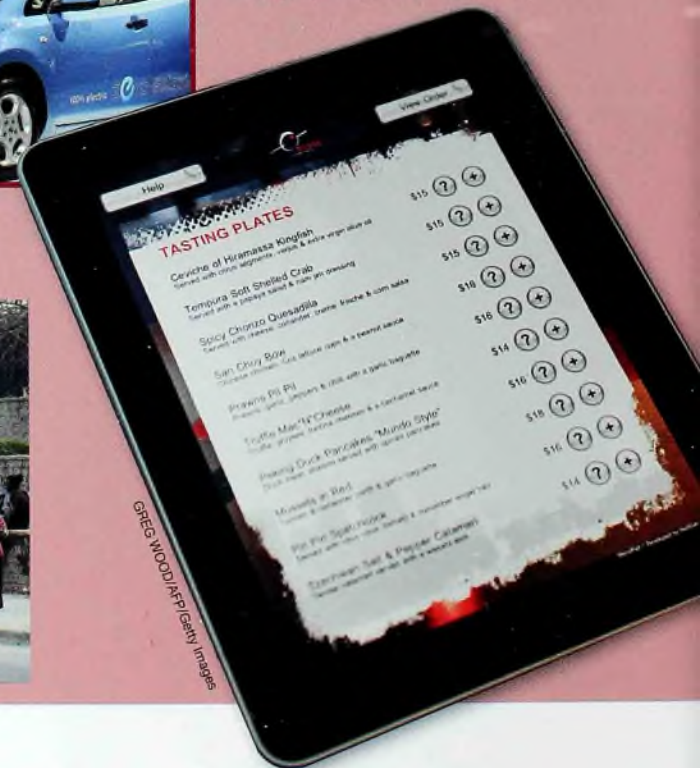
GABRIEL BOUYS/AFP/Getty Images

A Nielsen survey reports that the Apple iPad is the most-wished-for holiday gift among pre-teens. Thirty-one percent of kids want one.

The economic downturn continues to affect school districts across the nation, forcing many schools to close due to budget cuts.



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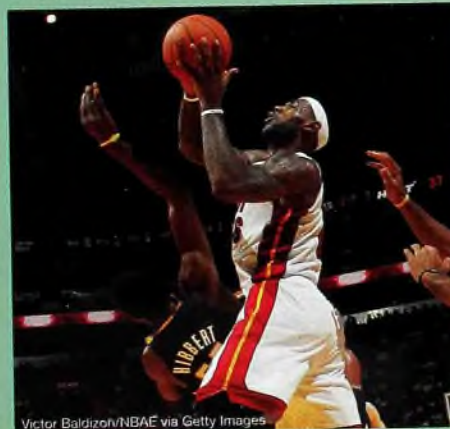
Jonathan Byrd's Hole-in-one

Golfer Jonathan Byrd wins his fourth PGA Tour victory with a hole-in-one on the fourth playoff hole in the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

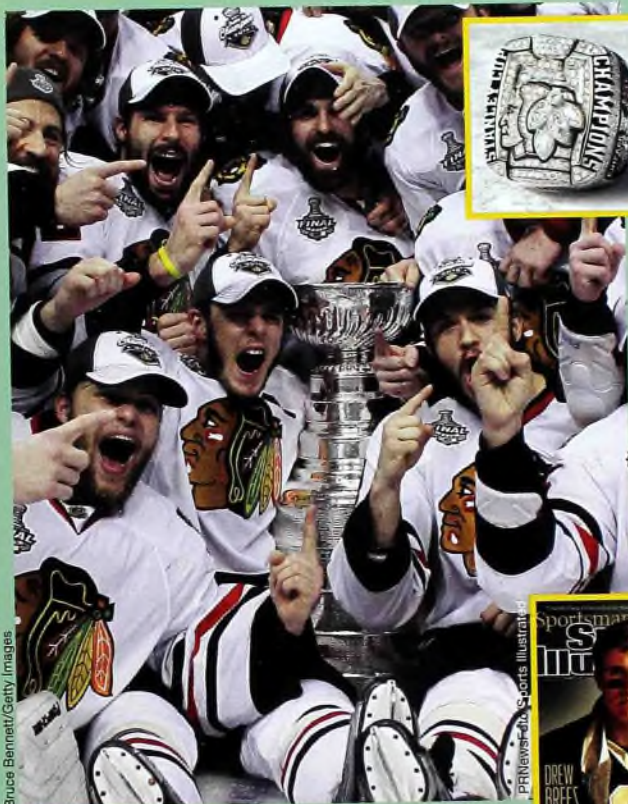


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LeBron James announces via live ESPN special that he is leaving the Cleveland Cavaliers to join the Miami Heat. Fans and commentators condemn the move.



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Blackhawks Take Stanley Cup

The Chicago Blackhawks win their first Stanley Cup since 1961. In Game 6, they defeat the Philadelphia Flyers 4 to 3 in overtime.

Jim Barcus/Kansas City Star/MCT via Getty Images



NCAA Volleyball Champs

The Penn State Nittany Lions women's volleyball team sweeps California to take the NCAA title for the fourth year in a row.

Drew Brees Sportsman of the Year

Sports Illustrated presents its 2010 Sportsman of the Year award to New Orleans Saints quarterback, and Super Bowl MVP, Drew Brees.



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Federer Ties Sampras Record

Roger Federer catches up to Pete Sampras' record of 64 singles tournament wins by winning the Stockholm Open in Sweden's Royal Tennis Hall.



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Lindsey Vonn Female Athlete of the Year

The Associated Press names Lindsey Vonn, the Olympic gold medalist skier, as its 2010 Female Athlete of the Year.

Jimmie Johnson drives his #48 Lowe's Chevrolet to his fifth straight NASCAR Sprint Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway.



Chris Trotman/Getty Images for NASCAR

Serena Williams Wins Her Fourth Wimbledon

Tennis champion Serena Williams captures her fourth ladies' singles title at Wimbledon without losing a single set in the entire tournament.



Didier Messens/Getty Images



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Gymnast Alicia Sacramone takes a hiatus from her college career to take a gold medal for vault at the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Rotterdam.

SPORTS SPORT

Spain Claims the World Cup

Spain defeats The Netherlands to win 2010 FIFA World Cup Championship trophy. Midfielder Andrés Iniesta's goal makes the final score 1 to 0. GREGORY BOISSY/AFP/Getty Images



Surfer Andy Irons Dies

The surfing community mourns the death of Andy Irons, age 32. The champion surfer had contracted dengue fever, a virus spread by tropical mosquitoes. ROBYN BECK/AFP/Getty Images



Manny Pacquiao

Manny Pacquiao fights Antonio Margarito to earn the WBC World Super Welterweight title. Pacquiao is also a Congressman in the Philippines. Peter Read Miller/Sports Illustrated/Getty Images



Lakers Win NBA Finals

Former Laker great Magic Johnson and Kobe Bryant celebrate the LA Lakers' NBA Finals Game 7 win against the Boston Celtics. Horse/Andy Lyons/Getty Images



Zenyatta

In the Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs, thoroughbred champion racehorse Zenyatta ends her 19-race winning streak, losing by a head to Blame. Ron Vesely/MLB Photos via Getty Images



NFL Stresses Safety

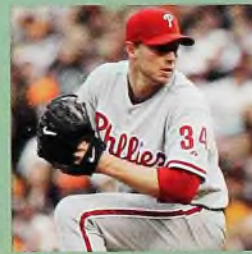
The NFL announces that players can be suspended without pay for dangerous hits to an opponent's head. The move is aimed at preventing tackling injuries. George Gokwich/Getty Images



The San Francisco Giants capture the Commissioner's Trophy by defeating the Texas Rangers 3 to 1 in Game 5 of the World Series. Denise Truscello/WireImage



Quarterback Aaron Rodgers leads the Green Bay Packers to a 31-25 Super Bowl victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Ezra Shaw/Getty Images



Cy Young Award

Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay wins the National League Cy Young Award by a unanimous vote, becoming the fifth pitcher to receive the honor in both leagues. Tony Hawk and Shaun White at a benefit event. Denise Truscello/WireImage



Tony Hawk welcomes Olympic gold medalist snowboarder Shaun White to his second annual Stand Up for Skateparks benefit in Las Vegas, Nevada.

MUSIC MUSIC

Usher

Usher performs at the American Music Awards show and takes home the awards for Male Soul/R&B artist and Favorite Soul/R&B album.

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A surprise comeback gave Train the Grammy for Pop Performance by a Duo or Group for "Hey Soul Sister."



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Jason Merritt/Getty Images



Lady Gaga took home two Grammy awards for Female Pop Vocal Performance and Pop Vocal Album.

WireImage/George Pimental/Contributor



Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber is named Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards. At age 16, he is the youngest recipient of this top honor.

Sugarland wins the CMA Vocal Duo of the Year Award and releases "Stuck Like Glue," the first single from their album, *The Incredible Machine*.



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Eminem

Eminem didn't crack a smile when he expressed his gratitude for winning the Grammy for Rap Solo Performance.

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Ke\$ha

Ke\$ha wins the Best New Act award at the MTV Europe Music Awards and ends the year with three songs on Billboard's Hot 100.

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Enrique Iglesias

Everybody likes "I Like It," the first release from *Euphoria*, Enrique Iglesias's bilingual album. The song tops the charts in the U.S., Canada and Australia.

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Carrie Underwood

Carrie Underwood wows the American Music Awards. Her third studio album, *Play On*, garners the Country Music - Favorite Album award.

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Black Eyed Peas

The Black Eyed Peas release a new album, *The Beginning*, and book an appearance at the halftime show of Super Bowl XLV.

MUSIC MUSIC M

Katy Perry

Katy Perry's headline-grabbing wedding to Russell Brand and her controversial *Sesame Street* appearance overshadow the release of her new album, *Teenage Dream*.

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My Chemical Romance

"Na Na Na," by My Chemical Romance, is a popular punk anthem. It's included in the Rocktober track pack for *Guitar Hero: Warriors of Rock*.

Rick Diamond/Getty Images



Francesca Battistelli

Genre-spanning Christian artist Francesca Battistelli releases a new album, *Hundred More Years*. The first single is "This Is the Stuff."



Jackie Evancho

Jackie Evancho, the 10-year-old soprano who came to fame on *America's Got Talent*, releases a bestselling holiday CD/DVD titled *O Holy Night*.

Mike Coppola/FilmMagic



Lady Antebellum

Country supergroup Lady Antebellum took home five Grammy awards, including Song of the Year and Record of the Year.

Kevin Mazur/TCA 2010/WireImage



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Bobby Ray Simmons, also known as B.o.B., sees his second single, "Airplanes," soar to the top of the charts in the U.S. and the U.K.



Brigitte Engl/Redferns

Travis McCoy

Travis McCoy, of Gym Class Heroes, releases his first solo album. The lead single, "Billionaire," goes double platinum and tops the U.S. and U.K. charts.

Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift's *Speak Now* is the first release by a female artist since Britney Spears to sell more than 1 million copies in its first week.



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Miranda Lambert receives a record-breaking nine CMA nominations. She wins three trophies, including Album of the Year for *Revolution* and Female Vocalist of the Year.



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Brad Paisley takes home the Country Music – Favorite Male Artist award from the American Music Awards and the CMA Entertainer of the Year Award.

TELEVISION

Cake Boss

Members of the Valastro family, of Carlo's Bake Shop in Hoboken, become popular reality television stars in *Cake Boss* on TLC.

Mike Stobe/Getty Images for New York Red Bull



The cast of *Jersey Shore* appears on *Barbara Walters Presents: The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2010*.



Donna Svennevik/ABC via Getty Images

Team Coco rejoices as Conan O'Brien returns to late night television. Conan uses Twitter and YouTube to announce the premiere of *Conan* on TBS.



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Minute to Win It, starring Guy Fieri, returns to NBC for a second season of fast-paced challenges and cash awards of up to \$1 million.



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Life Imitates Glee

Gleeks are being heard! The popularity of *Glee* prompts a resurgence of glee clubs in middle schools, high schools and colleges across the country.

Aria, Hanna, Emily and Spencer are back for another season of mystery, intrigue and secrets on the ABC suspense drama, *Pretty Little Liars*.



Richard Harbaugh/ABC Family via Getty Images

American Idol

American Idol announces that Jennifer Lopez and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler will join Randy Jackson to judge a new crop of aspiring singers for Season 10.

Bob D'Amico/ABC via Getty Images



No Ordinary Family

No Ordinary Family is a hit ABC drama. After the Powell family survives a South American plane crash, they develop new superpowers — and new enemies.

Betty White

The Associated Press names Betty White, age 88, as its Entertainer of the Year. She poses for a calendar to raise money for animal charities.

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Hawaii Five-0

An iconic, 1960s crime drama returns with a cool, new cast. *Hawaii Five-0* chronicles the adventures of an elite police unit in paradise.

Andrew H. Walker/Getty Images



Outsourced

A call center for an American company is recently outsourced to India in the NBC comedy hit *Outsourced*.

ENTERTAINMENT

Google TV

Google CEO Eric Schmidt gives a talk about how Google TV will unite web surfing with channel surfing.



Boom Box

This is definitely not your father's boom box. The latest MP3 technology combined with 1980s styling make this machine a must for modern parties.



Call of Duty: Black Ops

Black Ops, the seventh installment in the *Call of Duty* game series, sells a record-breaking 7 million copies in the first 24 hours of its release.



Bean Bag Chairs

A new generation adopts the retro bean bag chair. This updated classic is ideal for watching television, playing games, reading and keeping up with social media.



The Lost Hero

In *The Lost Hero*, the sequel to his *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* series, author Rick Riordan introduces three new characters: Jason, Piper and Leo.



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A new, motion-sensing controller debuts for the PlayStation 3 console. The Move is a Bluetooth wireless wand. Players can use up to four at once.



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Suzanne Collins publishes *Mockingjay*, the third and final book in her popular science fiction series, *The Hunger Games* trilogy.



Rock Band 3

Featuring a new keyboard and 83 songs, *Rock Band 3* is released worldwide. Its Pro mode mimics the experience of playing real instruments.

Xbox Kinect

You don't need a controller to play the newest technology games. The Xbox Kinect features a sensor that can read motion, faces and voices.



Younger kids get their very own dance video game. *Just Dance Kids* challenges Wii players to master more than 40 dances led by real kids.

MOVIES MOVIES

Justin Bieber

Teen superstar Justin Bieber hits the big screen with the biopic concert film *Never Say Never*.

Based on the true story of King George VI, *The King's Speech* earns 12 Academy Award nominations.

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Iron Man 2

Robert Downey, Jr. returns as the inventor-superhero Tony Stark in *Iron Man 2*, a long-awaited sequel featuring storylines adapted from Marvel Comics.

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Life As We Know It

An orphaned baby goddaughter inspires Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel to set their differences aside in *Life As We Know It*, a romantic comedy.

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Megamind

When a cartoon super-villain defeats his nemesis, he loses his will to be evil. Will Ferrell lends his voice to the reluctant hero of *Megamind*.

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The Crazies

After a mysterious toxin enters the water supply of an Iowa town, many residents go insane in *The Crazies*, a sci-fi horror flick.

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The Chronicles of Narnia

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader is a 3D feature film adaptation of the third book in the C.S. Lewis fantasy series.

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The sequel to a science-fiction thriller from 1982, *Tron: Legacy* follows the adventure of a young man who investigates his father's mysterious disappearance.



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Unstoppable

A runaway train is on a collision course with disaster, unless Denzel Washington and Chris Pine can save the day in the suspenseful thriller, *Unstoppable*.

Mysterious "burglaries" in a family home turn out to be something far more sinister in *Paranormal Activity 2*, the prequel to a popular horror film.



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MOVIES MOVIES

The Social Network

In *The Social Network*, Jesse Eisenberg stars as Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg, the brilliant and abrasive Harvard misfit who revolutionized social media.



Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps

Shia LeBeouf stars as a young trader who tangles with Gordon Gekko, a disgraced financier played by Michael Douglas, in *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*.



Secretariat

Secretariat, an acclaimed feature film, depicts the true story of a legendary racehorse, the 1973 winner of the Triple Crown of thoroughbred racing.



True Grit

True Grit, a mythic Western adventure story, earns 10 Academy Award nominations including Best Picture.



The Tourist

Angelina Jolie is a woman of mystery and Johnny Depp is an ordinary tourist. Or is he? The plot thickens in *The Tourist*.



Date Night

A case of mistaken identity spirals out of control when a suburban couple steals someone else's restaurant reservation in the action comedy *Date Night*.

What happens to toys once their owners go to college? In *Toy Story 3*, Woody and Buzz Lightyear find new friends and face new challenges.



How Do You Know

Reese Witherspoon tries to decide between Paul Rudd and Owen Wilson in *How Do You Know*, a romantic comedy about a love triangle.

Leonardo DiCaprio

Leonardo DiCaprio is the world's top-grossing movie star. His 2010 releases earn a combined \$1.1 billion at the box office.



Loyal fans line up for midnight screenings of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1*. The movie makes \$330 million during its first weekend.



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Amanda Seyfried stars as the title character in *Red Riding Hood*, a romantic horror tale about a medieval village terrorized by a werewolf.

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TRENDS

Vera Bradley Bags

Colorful, quilted Vera Bradley bags are the epitome of sorority sister style. Devotees mix and match Vera messenger bags, clutches, totes and wallets.



Hippie style is hip once more. Tie-dyed effects on shirts and dresses appear on runways, beaches and boardwalks.

Bill Hogan/Chicago Tribune/MCT via Getty Images



The rugged, battle-tested G-Shock watch is the preferred timepiece of snowboarders, skateboarders, surfers and other extreme sports fans

Mark Gail/The Washington Post via Getty Images



Girls Outfit

Go for an edgy, urban look in these American Rag Twill Skinny Cargos—perfectly paired with a belted Cowl neck sweater!



Big Scarves

Long, flowing scarves become a year-round trend. This must-have accessory is the easiest way to add color and interest to casual outfits.



Monkey Slippers

It's a toy. It's a slipper. It's a fun fashion trend. Sock monkey slippers are popular in college dorms and at slumber parties.



Silly Bandz

The bandz are banned! Some schools decide that Silly Bandz—the popular silicone rubber bracelets—are too distracting for the classroom.



Long Necklaces

Long, statement necklaces are trend-right. Gossip girls look luxe with Tiffany-style trinkets. Layered, chunky, vintage baubles create an alt-rock, art school vibe.



Everybody needs an afternoon snack but nobody has time for milk and cookies. The newest granola bars deliver easy energy between lunch and practice.

The mountaineer look comes to the metropolis, as high-performance outdoor apparel makes a comfortable, cold-weather fashion statement.



Over the Knee Boots

Boots go to great lengths. Over-the-knee styles are seen everywhere from runways to red carpets. Trendsetters wear them with short skirts or slim leggings.

TRENDS TREND

Plaid Shirt

The boy-style plaid flannel shirt is a popular look for both guys and girls. Just add a pair of perfectly worn jeans.

Tim Umphrey/Getty Images



Top Siders

From popped collars to Top Siders, prep style endures. *True Prep* shows a new generation how it's done and what it means.



Sequins

Shiny, sparkly sequins become a major fashion trend when Zoe Kravitz and runway models are spotted wearing them on hats, dresses and tops.



Hats

Self-expression is always in fashion and the right hat makes it easy to add panache (and hide a bad hair day). All you need is a cute fedora or a jaunty newsboy cap.



Military Jacket

There's nothing olive drab about this trend. Military jackets are snappy, sleek and chic — a far cry from the oversized Army surplus look of yesteryear.



Energy Drinks

Energy drinks are the beverage of choice among sleep-deprived students, despite concerns that they contain unhealthy levels of sugar and caffeine.

Pillow Pets

Now it's a stuffed animal. And now it's a pillow. Puffy, popular PillowPets™ may be the snuggliest, softest trend of the year.



Dentists report that more and more teens are asking about teeth bleaching procedures, especially for photo-op occasions like proms or sweet sixteen parties.

Flip Flops

Parents and foot doctors hate them but the flip-flop fad is a year-round phenomenon for guys and girls alike (except during snowstorms).



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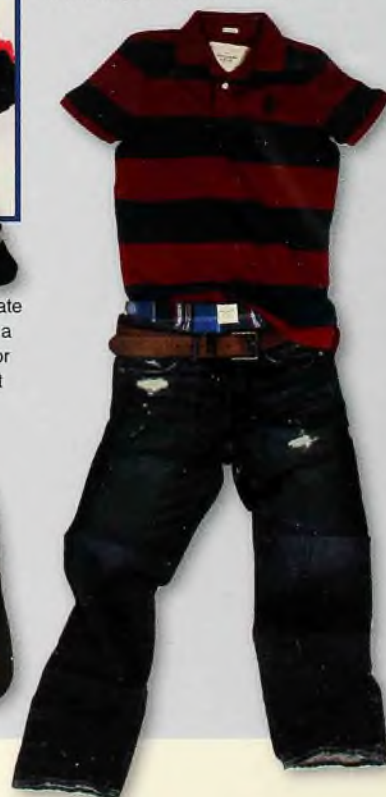
Dr. Dre's Monster Beats are state-of-the-art headphones that make a strong, street-smart fashion statement. They look cool. And they sound even cooler.



Mineral Makeup

Beauty mavens agree: mineral makeup rocks. These sheer, lightweight, powdery formulas are the smart alternative to goopy, pore-clogging foundations.

Get the look with a classic polo, distressed skinny jeans and leather belt with your favorite treads.



LIFESTYLE LIFE

Oprah's Pledge

Oprah Winfrey takes on dangerous distracted driving with her No Phone Zone campaign, where celebrities and civilians pledge not to phone or text while driving.

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Flintstones Turn 50

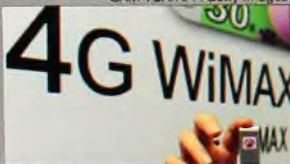
The Flintstones celebrate a milestone as the modern Stone Age family turns 50 on September 30, 2010. A special Google Doodle marks the occasion.

Top 10 Web Searches

The BP oil spill was the top topic of 2010, according to Yahoo! Here are the year's top 10 search terms:

1. BP Oil Spill
2. World Cup
3. Miley Cyrus
4. Kim Kardashian
5. Lady Gaga
6. iPhone
7. Megan Fox
8. Justin Bieber
9. American Idol
10. Britney Spears

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WiMAX 4G Technology

High-speed broadband devices are on the verge of multi-channel high-definition TV broadcasting thanks to emerging WiMAX 4G technology that improves image and data capabilities.

Mark Zuckerberg is Person of the Year

Old media acknowledges the power of new media when TIME names Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg as its Person of the Year for 2010.



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3D leaps from the movie studios into the palm of your hand. Panasonic launches the first consumer video camera that can record tridimensional images.



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Smartphones become faster, cheaper and more addictive than ever for everyone who loves to text, surf and maybe even talk once in a while.



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Flat Screens

Consumers are snapping up great deals on flat screen TVs as prices continue to drop and supply begins to outpace demand.



Redbox kiosks serve as conveniently located vending machines for DVDs and video games. Just pick a flick and swipe your credit card.



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You can buy anything from puppies to Pontiacs on Facebook's Marketplace app, which rivals Craigslist as the classified section of the social media generation.



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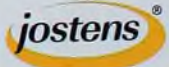


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Disgruntled passengers fight over space in the overhead bins as most airlines institute baggage fees ranging from \$15 to \$25 per bag per flight.



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