

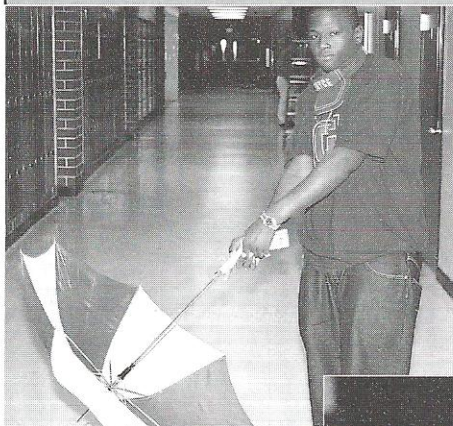
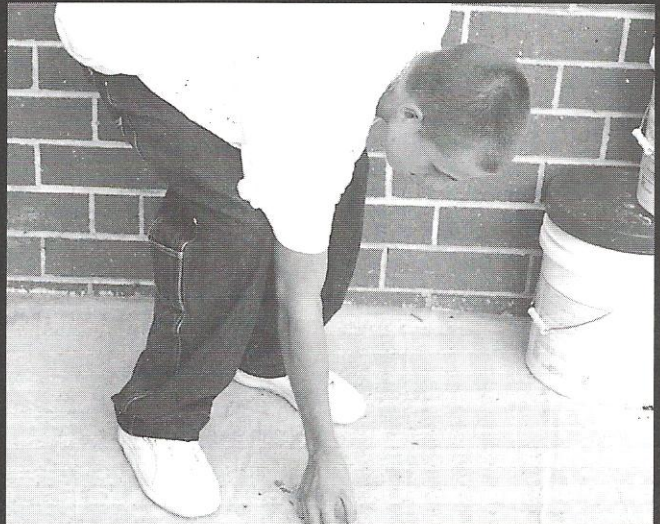
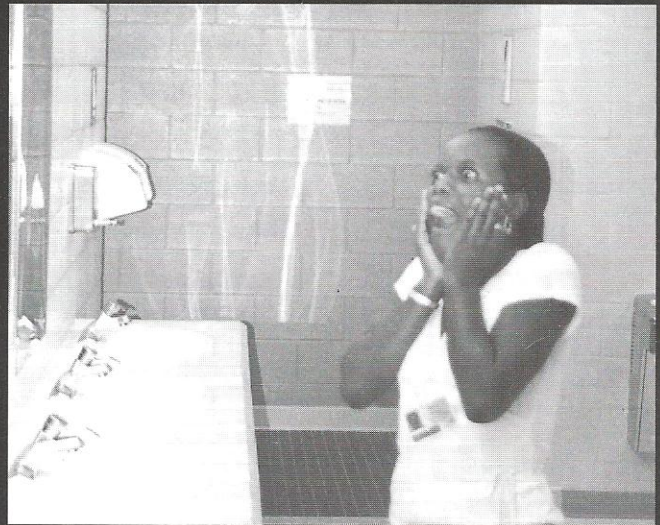
# Scaredy Cat

Senior **Ebony Wright** believed in superstitions. One such superstition was **Bloody Mary**, which was based on a belief that if you stand in front of a mirror, turn the lights off and say bloody Mary three times a women will jump out and stab you. "I believe in Bloody Mary because it seems so real," she said.

**Bloody Mary** was just one of the few superstitions she believed in. She also was careful with mirrors or stepping on cracks in a pavement. "Breaking a mirror brings seven years of bad luck, so I am careful with every mirror I have," **Ebony** said.

Horseshoes over doors, four leaf clovers, and rabbits feet brought good luck to **Westly Bradley**. "Good luck is the only luck that sounds sensible enough to believe in," freshman **Westly Bradley** said.

**Westly** believed only in the good side of superstitions, for example, dream catchers. A Native American tribe called the Chippewa started the tradition of catching one's dreams. People hung an object that looked like a spider web woven into the middle of a round willow branch above their bed a night. All of the bad dreams got caught in the web and the good flew out the middle of the web. The morning light perished all of the bad dreams that had been caught. "I believe that bad dreams truly are all caught in the dream catcher," said **Westly**.



"I am not scared of opening an umbrella inside. It's just a superstition."

-Julius Deal, 12th

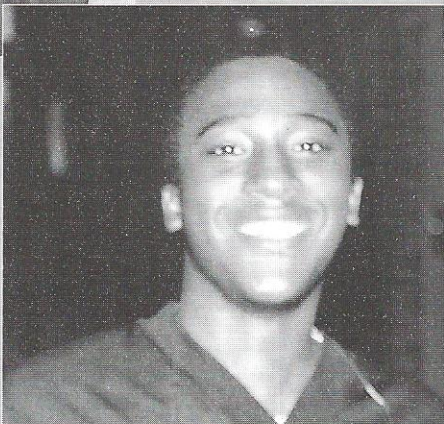


"I don't believe stepping on the cracks is bad. I have stepped on many cracks and my Mom's back has never broken!"

-Victor Johnson, 11th

"I have believed in superstitions because my grandma has believed in them since I was little."

-Kevin Taylor, 11th



"Even though everyone doesn't believe in superstitions, people have to have something to believe in."

-Celeste Gantt, Teacher

