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◀ Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.



Social Networking

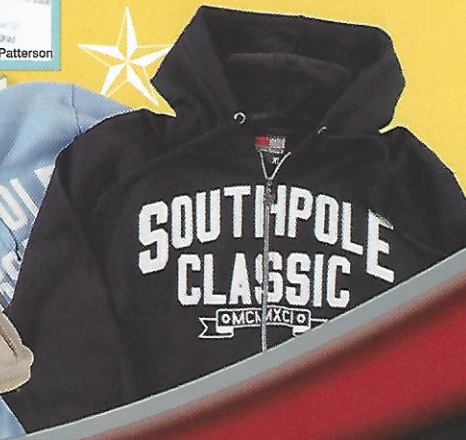


Digital TV

▶ The nation converts to all-digital TV in 2009. The Department of Commerce offers government coupons to make the conversion more affordable.

Lifestyle

Slippers to wear every day



Argyle & Plaid

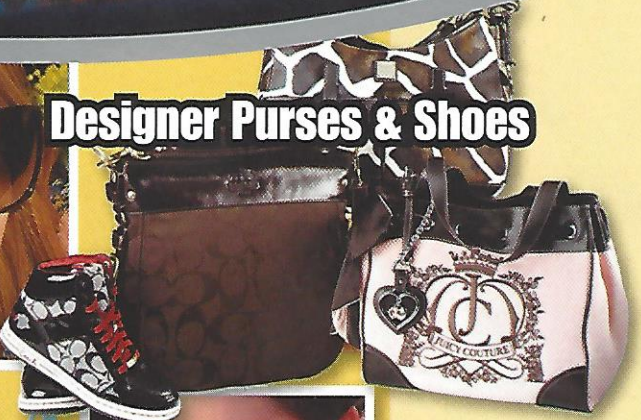


Designer Purses & Shoes



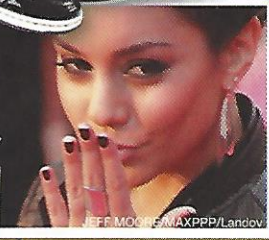
Big Sunglasses

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◀ Top style trends this year include baggy pants, oversized sunglasses, designer purses, black nail polish and plaids.

Black Nail Polish



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