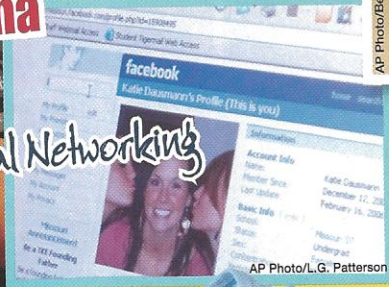




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Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.



**Social Networking**

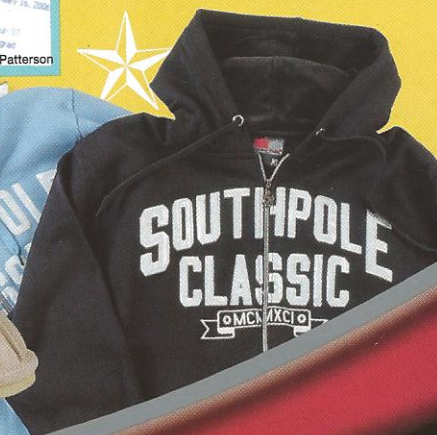


**Digital TV**

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

# Lifestyle

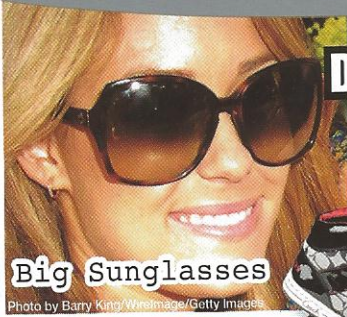
*Slippers to wear every day*



**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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