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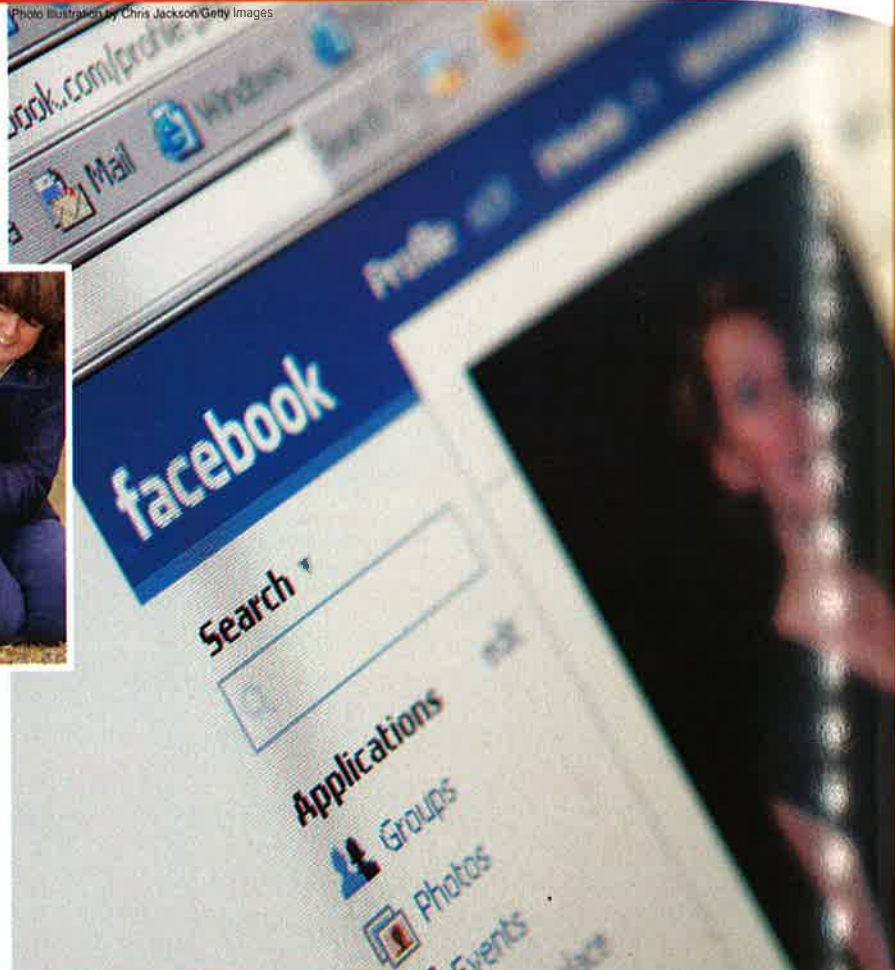
► Social networking websites continue to surge in popularity. MySpace and Facebook remain dominant as the sites of choice for young people and inspire a host of innovative imitators.

▼ Concerns about overweight dogs and cats hit the headlines. Veterinarians prescribe a regimen of fewer treats, more walks around the neighborhood and no people food.



◀ The healthy growth trend for vitamin waters and other nutrient-boosted consumables continues with the introduction of specialized formulas for immunity, focus and more.

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▼ User-generated content grows more popular as network television shows, mainstream musical acts and wannabe media stars join amateur home moviemakers on YouTube. One of the most-watched videos of 2007 features a feline pianist.



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▲ Higher prices for coffee beans do not lessen the nation's craving for coffeehouses. Independents and chains alike continue to be popular with younger consumers.

▼ Concerns over the environment and increasing energy costs create a growing consumer demand for energy-saving, long-lasting compact fluorescent light bulbs.



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▼ The Apple iPhone, with its revolutionary touch screen, packs mobile phone, camera, iPod, Web browser, email and IM capabilities into a sleek, portable package.

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