

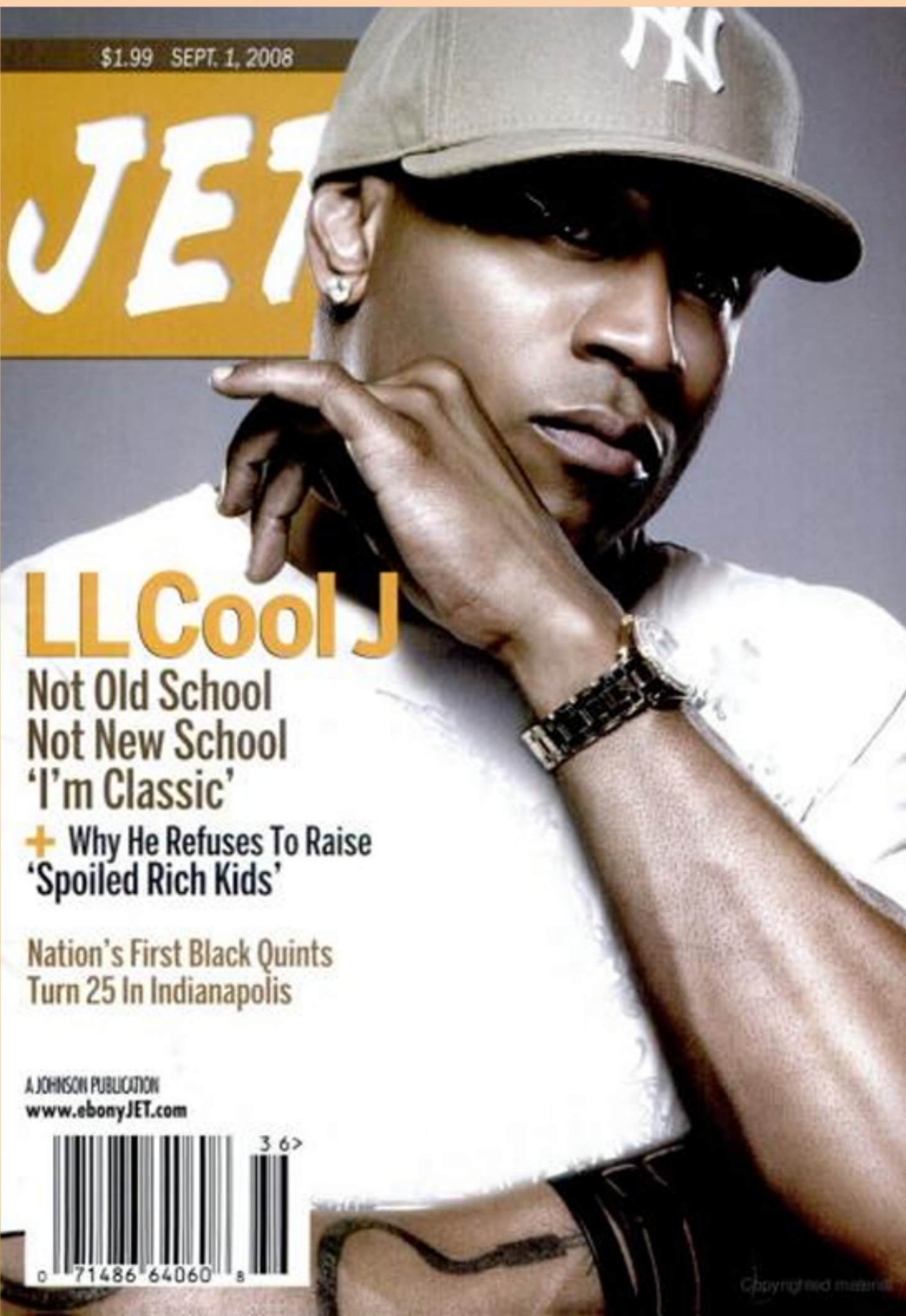
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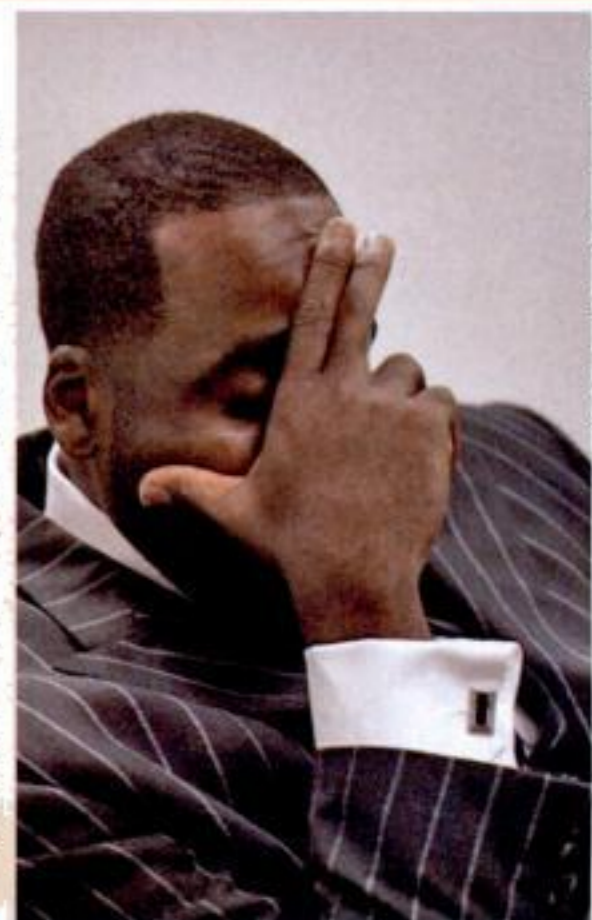
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NATIONAL REPORT

■ **KILPATRICK FACES MORE CHARGES:** Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick sits in the court of 36th District Judge Ronald Giles who ruled he must stand trial on two counts of felony assault. In that case, he is accused of attacking two county investigators as they attempted to serve a subpoena to his friend (JET, Aug. 18.) The decision capped a tumultuous week for the 38-year-old mayor in the courts. The day before, a county judge ruled Kilpatrick could remove an ankle monitor and freed him to attend the upcoming Democratic National Convention in Denver. Just hours later, Giles reinstated the electronic tether that had been a condition of Kilpatrick's release in the assault case. The beleaguered politician already faces charges of perjury, conspiracy and obstruction of justice for testimony in a civil trial in which he denied allegations of a romantic relationship with his former top aide Christine Beatty (JET, April 7).



Mondi Wright/Detroit Free Press/AP

AT&T Employee Wins Settlement In Bias Complaint

A Fort Worth, TX, woman who is an AT&T sales representative at the company's Arlington call center recently was awarded \$411,339 by a Dallas County jury after race was found to be a motivating factor in AT&T's repeated failure to promote her. The jury agreed that the company created a hostile work environment and retaliated against **Lakecious Edwards** when she complained.

Edwards, 32, an eight-year veteran at AT&T, was passed over on three occasions for promotions that went to White employees, two of whom were under disciplinary review, according to testimony. Attorney Stephen Drinnon of The Drinnon Law Firm represented **Edwards**.

AT&T denies any wrongdoing and plans to appeal. □

■ **SCHOOL DAYS:** Patrick DeBow (l) has some words of advice for his son Morgan, 5, on his first day of school at Lafayette Primary Center in South Bend, IN.



Jim Rider/South Bend Tribune/AP