



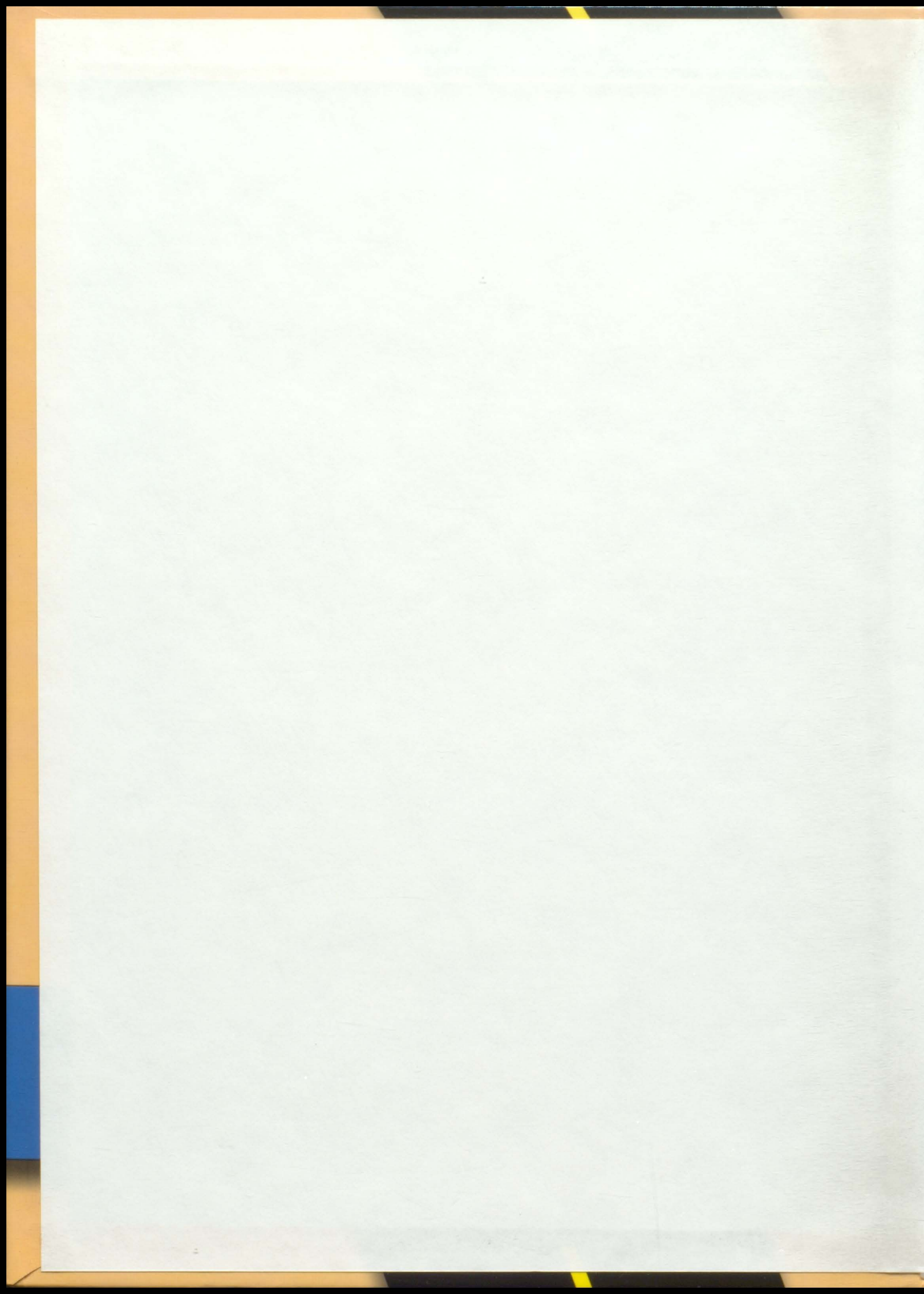
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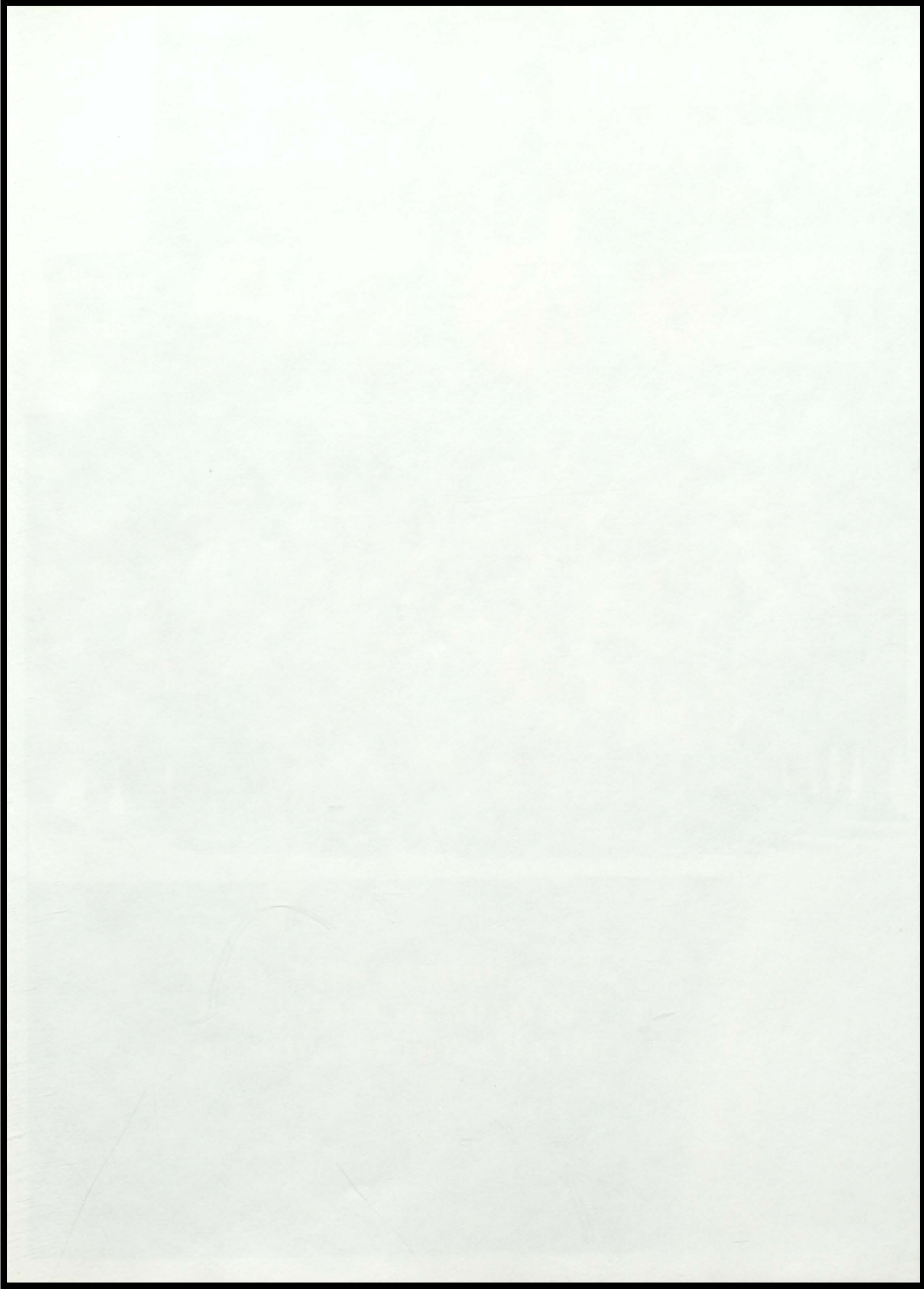
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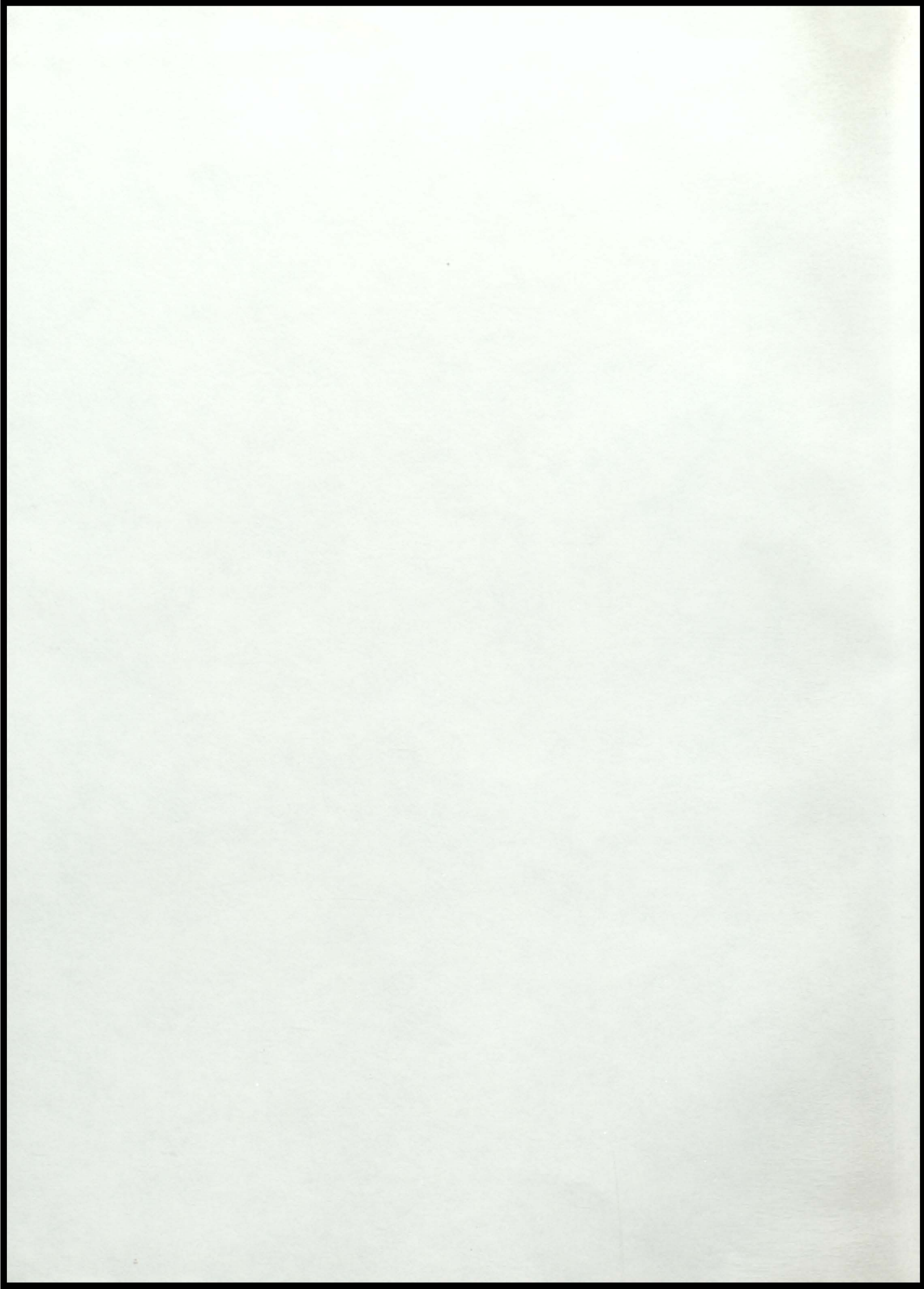
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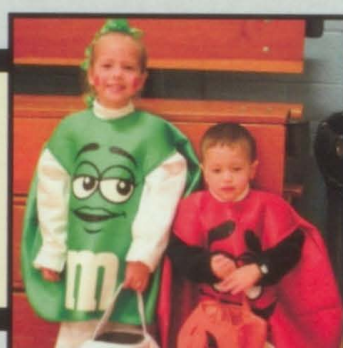
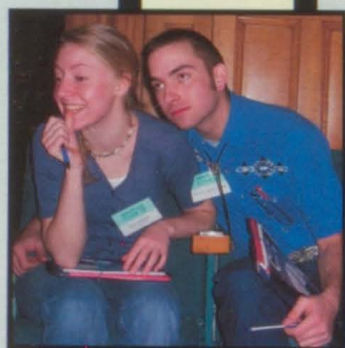
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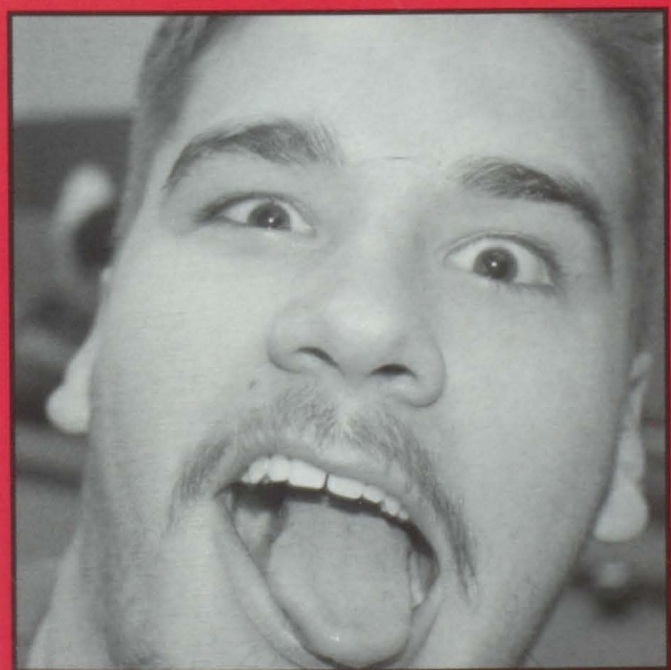
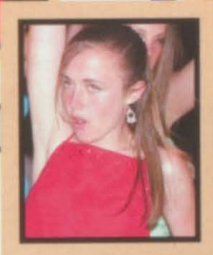
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**CAUTION: PLAINVIEW STUDENTS HAVING
FUN AHEAD--PROCEED WITH CARE**



**WRONG
WAY**



- 1: Opening: The Highway Begins**
- 2-3: Student Life: Life In The Fast Lane**
- 4-5: Outside of School/Best of the Best**
- 6-7: Student Lounge/School Cafeteria**
- 8-9: The T-shirts We Wear**
- 10-11: Cars and Toys/Riding the Bus**
- 12-13: 4-H/Student Council**
- 14-15: Blood Drive/Kite Day**
- 16-17: Playground/Classroom Fun**
- 18-19: Halloween Costumes/Fall Dance**
- 20-21: Junior/Senior Play: "Rumors"**
- 22-23: Homecoming Week and Dance**

Exit: Outside of School Activities and Fun



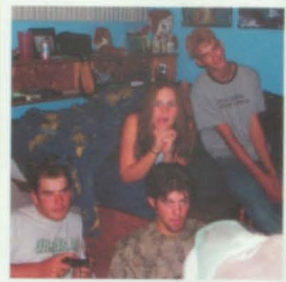
At left: Becca Specht receives a huge birthday surprise at Jason Frenz's house. All high school students were in attendance. The kids had a lot of fun playing video games, watching movies, and eating.



Above: Kirby Crownover wipes her mouth after finishing her messy, but very yummy lasagna. Right: Jason Frenz, Dave Crownover, Patrick Kulhanek, and Youssuf Chahb also enjoy their lasagna at Becca's surprise birthday party held at Jason's.



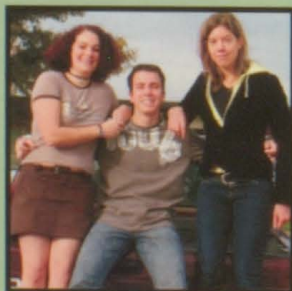
Above: Blaine Shivers, Patrick Kulhanek, Cassie Harris, Erin Specht, Jason Frenz, Hannez Prang, Val Doering, and David Gebele get to know each other while relaxing on the trampoline at Cassie's house.



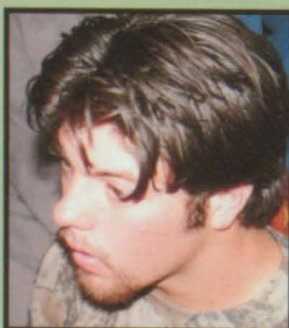
Above: Coty Carson and Becca Specht watch Blaine Shivers and Jason Frenz play video games at a movie night at Jason's house.



Above: Shelby and Cassie Harris show their love for each other while standing in the Colorado River.



Above: I guess you could say that Patrick Kulhanek is surrounded by girls. Val Doering and Lisa Kowarsch pose with their buddy Patrick on the back of Jason's pick-up.



Above: There is no way anyone can get Jason Frenz's attention now. Jason plays an intense video game one night after school.



Above: This truck looks to be "riding" in the mud—but in reality, the truck is lodged deep in the mud making it appear to be "floating" in the canoe. This "Redneck Fishin' Trip" is compliments of Dave Crownover and his brother, Bob.



Above: Whiling hanging out with her friends at her house, Shelby Harris gives a cute kissy face to her mom who is behind the camera.



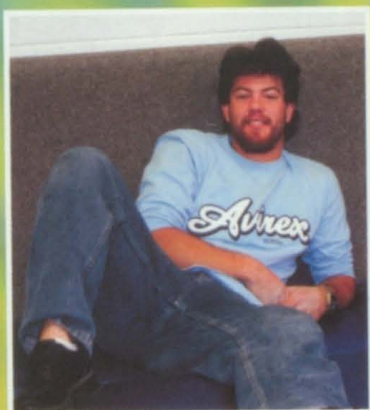
Above: Val Doering and Cassie Harris get launched into the air on an intense ride at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo.



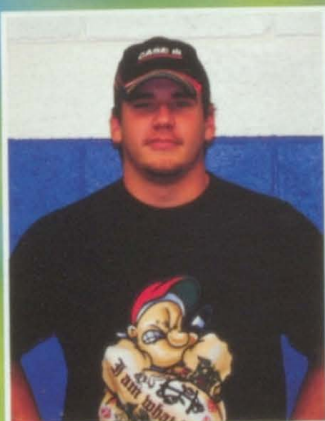
The Best of the Best



Above: Shelby Harris was voted "best hair," (barely edging out Mr. Pape) and best dressed. Patrick Kulhanek received "best hair" kudos for the boys.



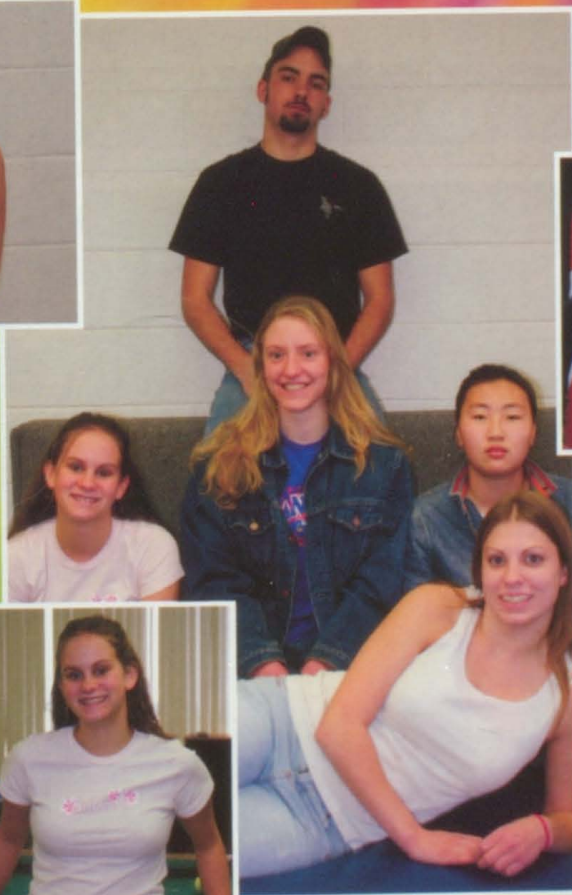
Above: Jason Freouf was voted "most athletic", "most outgoing", "most likely to succeed", "biggest flirt", "teachers pet", "best eyes", "best smile", "most talented", "best looking", and the male "2006 class clown." Accepting this award on Jason's behalf is his now-inflated ego.



Above: Blaine Silvers was voted "most helpful" by his peers, an honor he hopes will help his stellar reputation as a "southern gentleman."



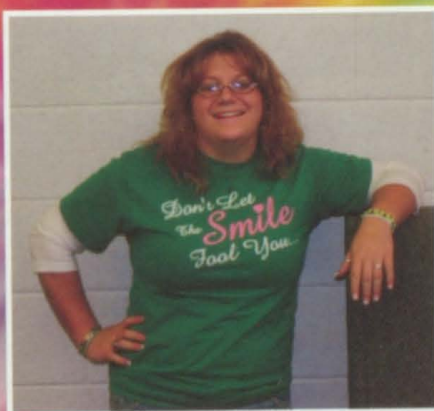
Above: In a surprising "election" result, Lana Weber was voted "biggest flirt" by the Plainview faithful--an award Lana says is reason enough to keep flirting--"It works!"



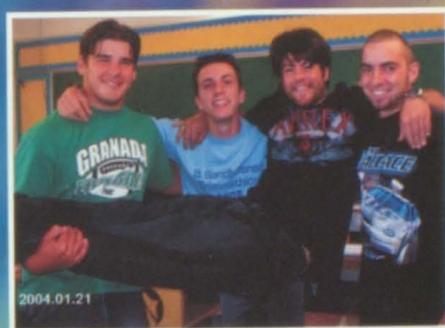
At Right: Becca Specht was voted "most athletic", "most outgoing", "best looking", and the Class of 2007 "female class clown." And she is still allowing the Journalism Class to take her picture for free--thanks, Becca!!



At Left: Lauren Weber displays that winning personality that propelled her peers to vote her as friendliest, most humorous, spirited, courageous, best smile, personality, and the 2009 class clown. She also was awarded Ms. Universe, but that vote is still being disputed by her sister. Congratulations, Lauren!



Above: Cassie Harris was voted "most helpful," as well as "female class clown" for 2006, narrowly defeating Undral Bayaraa by a nose.



At Right: "Our People" (Blaine Silvers, Patrick Kulhanek, Jason Freouf, and Dave Crownover) get together one last time to show they're the best.



Above: Jose Dominguez was chosen the class of 2009's "male class clown," proving once again that it is not what you say that counts, but how often you say it--again and again and again.



At Left: Dave Crownover was recognized as "friendliest", "best dressed", "most spirited", "most humorous", "most courageous", "best personality", and the "2007 male class clown." The majority of the school would also like to see him go far in life; adding, "the farther, the better," said one unnamed government teacher. (Just kidding, Dave)

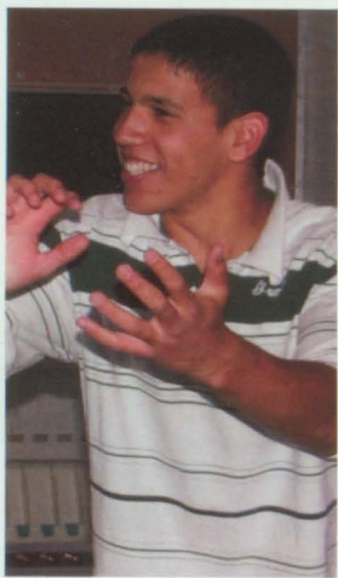
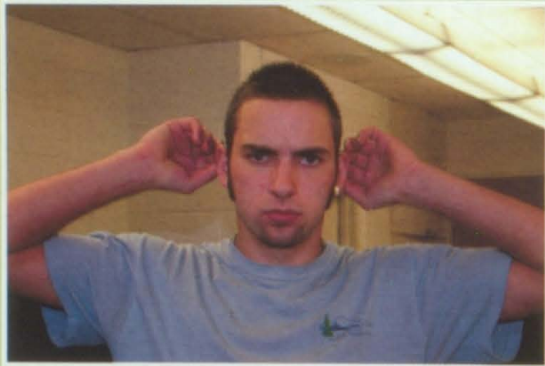


At Left: Erin Specht was voted "most likely to succeed", "biggest teachers pet", "best eyes", "most talented", and, in addition, the school would also like her to go far in life. Just don't cross her--or else you may find yourself swimming with the fish in Sheridan Lake.

At Left: The Junior Class of 2007 smiles with pride as the majority of students voted them "favorite class."



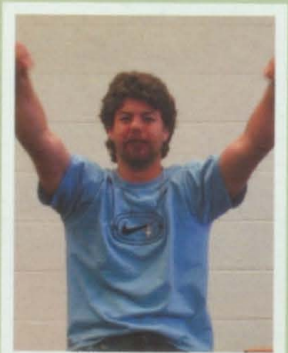
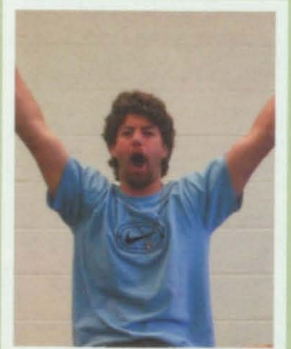
Exit for a Nap, Candy Bar, or Cold Pop



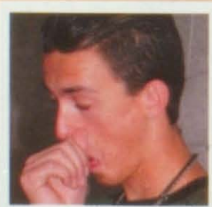
Above: Youssef Chahb is determined to explain his point of view to his audience in what might be called "point-counterpoint" in the Student Lounge.



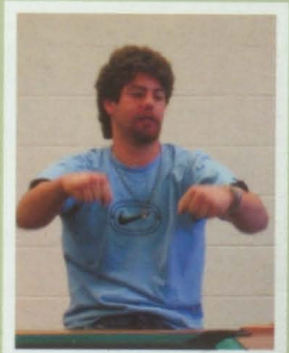
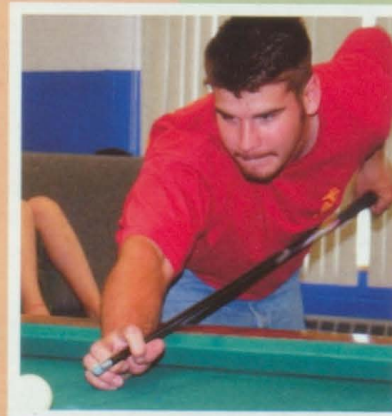
Left: Veronika Kastrankova and Jason Specht take time to smile during their free time of relaxation in the student lounge—the "free-time oasis" where students can "let their hair down."



Right: Becca Specht makes her friend, Lana Weber, laugh uncontrollably. At Left: Dave Crownover gives the picture-taker a "serious" "hood look." Below: Cory contemplates his next move. Below (left and right): Veronika and Becca try to avoid getting their pictures taken.



Left: Blaine Shivers is determined to beat his opponent in a game of pool—certainly one of the main attractions of the student lounge.



Above: This sequence of pictures shows Jason Freouf displaying his enthusiasm after winning a game of pool—the "Jason Victory Dance," if you please.





CAUTION! EXTREMELY HUNGRY STUDENTS AHEAD ENTER CAFETERIA AT YOUR OWN RISK



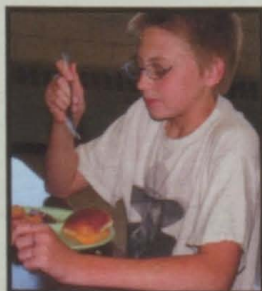
Cora Coffman



Sharon Scott



Above: Mercy Gardner sticks her 'tator tot' out at the camera instead of her tongue.



Above: Garrett Crownover stares at his food and asks himself, "What am I going to go back for?"



Below: Undral Bayaraa thoroughly enjoys her sandwich on the last day of school.



Above: Jason Specht gives a polite smirk while chewing his food.



Right: Dave Crownover enjoys his juicy hamburger while glancing, or should we say glaring, at the cameraman.



Left: While eating the delicious meal the cooks prepared, Leo Dominguez, Coty Carson, and Garrett Crownover talk to one another about their days' activities.

Right: Shelby Harris seems to be laughing at how her friend Heather is responding to the picture that is being taken of them eating their food.



Left: Normally, Erin Specht is hiding from the camera, so our guess is that she is either too much into her 'yummy' food or so engrossed in conversation that she does not see the camera.

Right: Rebecca Gomez gives a simple wave before eating her meal.

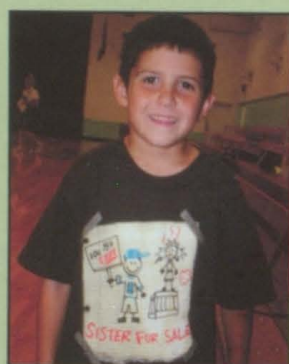


Left: Lana Weber realizes she took too big of a bite and grabs for her napkin before the camera can catch her in the act. Oops! Too late Lana! You've been punk'd!

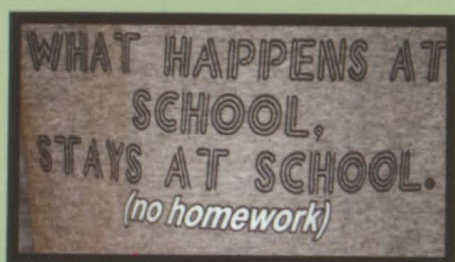


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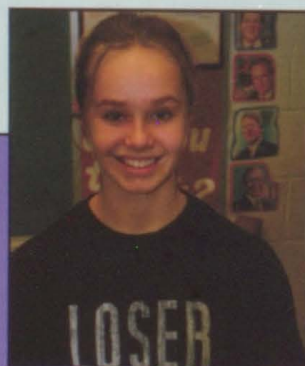
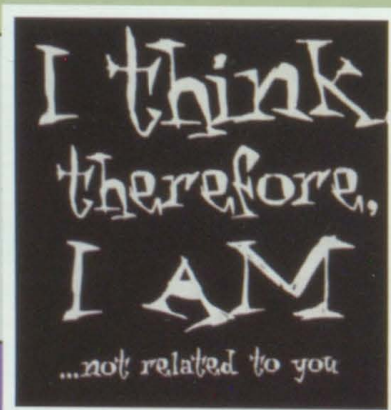
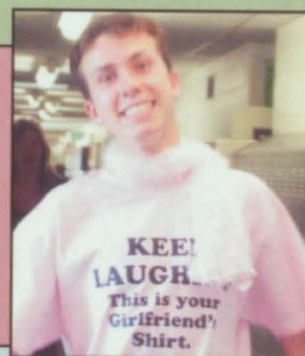
BEFORE EXITING



AT LEFT: STEPHEN WILSON WAITS PATIENTLY FOR CUSTOMERS TO TAKE HIS ADVICE FROM HIS T-SHIRT WHICH STATES "SISTER FOR SALE."



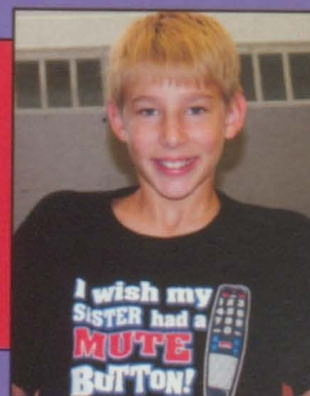
AT RIGHT: PATRICK KULHANEK DISPLAYS HIS HYPER PERSONALITY AS HE IS DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION OF MR. PAPE'S 41ST BIRTHDAY. HE IS WEARING HIS PINK T-SHIRT WHICH STATES, "KEEP LAUGHING, THIS IS YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S SHIRT!"



AT LEFT: SEVENTH-GRADER KATIE SANDERS PROUDLY DISPLAYS HER T-SHIRT WHICH DOES, IN EFFECT, STATE QUITE EMPHATICALLY, THAT WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING.



AT RIGHT: EIGHTH-GRADER KIRBI STUM'S T-SHIRT SEEMS TO EXPRESS THE IDEA THAT TEACHERS HAVE LONG-DESIRED BUT TECHNOLOGY HAS YET TO PROVIDE: A MUTE BUTTON FOR STUDENTS--ALTHOUGH KIRBI'S INTENTIONS ARE STRICTLY "DOMESTIC."

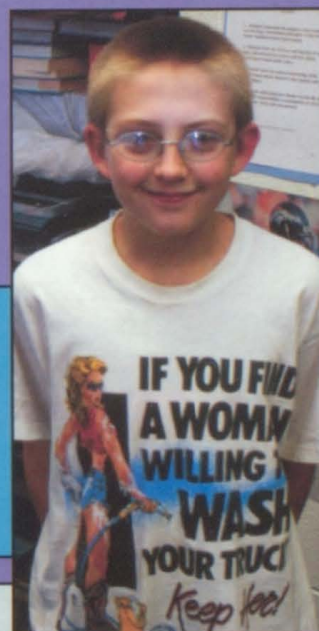




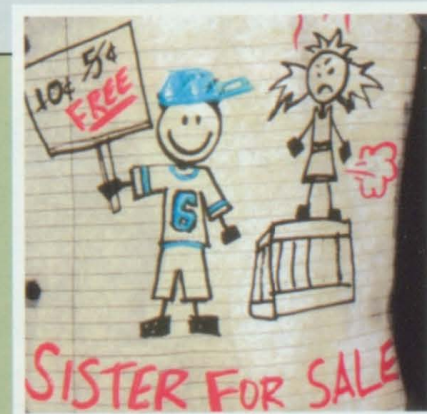
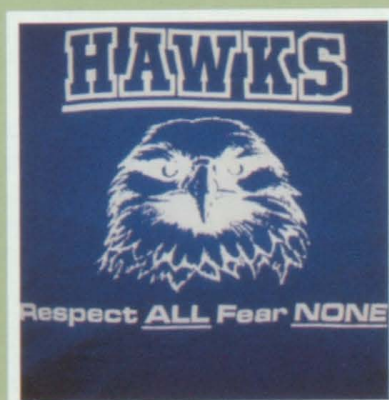
AT LEFT: OUR WONDERFUL COOKS, CORA COFFMAN AND SHARON SCOTT, DISPLAY THEIR "ALWAYS BE NICE TO THE LUNCH LADY" T-SHIRTS AFTER SERVING US OUR "YUMMY" LUNCHES.



AT RIGHT: GARRETT CROWNOVER IS WEARING A T-SHIRT THAT GIVES THE MALE POPULATION SOME VERY SOUND ADVICE: "A WOMAN WHO WASHES A PICK-UP IS A 'RARE' COMMODITY THAT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED."



AT LEFT: LANA WEBER AND KIRBY CROWNOVER 'MODEL' THEIR AMERICAN MISS PAGEANT T-SHIRTS. THE TWO GIRLS MET FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THIS PAGEANT BEFORE KIRBY AND HER FAMILY HAD MOVED TO SHERIDAN LAKE AND ATTENDED PLAINVIEW.





Pit Stop: Cars and Trucks



Left: Cassie Harris stands excited as she has a new car for the year. Below: Dave Crownover with his 1977 Ford F-150 Custom and brother Bob compare their two trucks.



Below: Lana Weber proudly stands with 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup.



Left: Jason Freouf stands with his 2001 Dodge 1500 on a hot spring morning. Below: Blaine Shivers leans with pride in what he calls his "Foad," a 1992 Ford F-150.

For some, they are just automobiles, or a means of transportation. For others, they are toys, a collector's pride and joy. How many people do you know that have cars and actually take pride in them? All of us do. Most of us look at our vehicles as a relative or a very close friend. Why, do you ask? Because high school just wouldn't be high school without the pleasure of knowing that you have a ride to the football game on Friday, or to your friend's house for a get-together, or driving Main Street on a Saturday night (if you wanna go to Lamar.) So, the next time you think about life in high school with a car or truck, think about all of the good times we've had with ours.

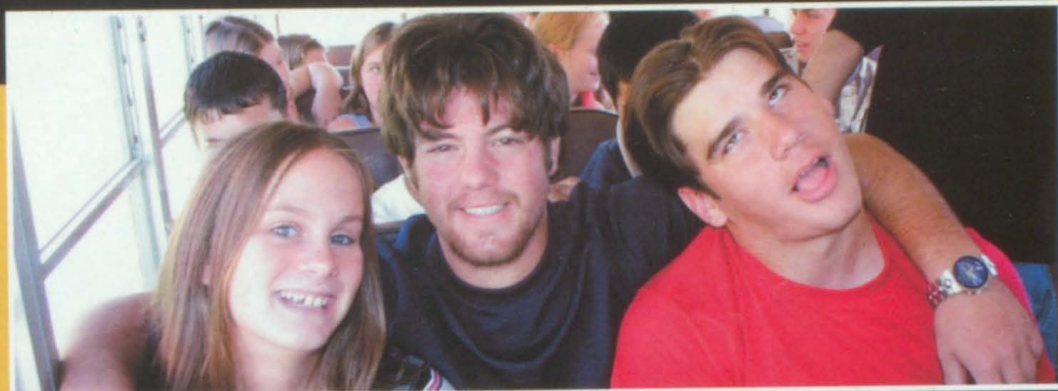




ON THE ROAD.....AGAIN!



Left: Erin Specht plays peek-a-boo with the cameraman while riding the bus home. Below: Mrs. Fickenscher waits for her students to board her bus.



Above: Jason Freouf, Becca Specht, and Blaine Shivers ride the bus to an assembly held in Eads. Below: While Veronika Kastrankova smiles, Shelby Harris and Katie Sanders blow kisses to the camera.



Left: Levi and Matthew Sanders, Stephen Wilson, Seth Splitter, and Thomas Specht smile big and ironically give the 'peace' sign while riding on a not-so-peaceful field trip to Burlington.



Top Right: When all those about you are losing their head, Lauren Weber calmly fixes her hair. Above Middle: Thanks to Mrs. Fickenscher (in the mirror), students are rarely late for school. Left: The seventh through twelfth graders attended an assembly held at the Eads High School. Above: Kirby Crownover smiles at the camera while Lauren Weber tries to avoid it.

4-H: WE'RE MOVIN ON



The 2005-2006 Edition of the Sheridan Lake Livewires

Above: (Back Row) Katie Sanders, Lauren Weber, Cassie Harris, Jose Dominguez, Vincent Koeller, Kacy Segers, Leo Dominguez (Middle Row) Natalya Weber, Shelby Harris, Lana Weber, Kirbi Stum, Rebecca Gomez (Front Row) Lyaneah Segers, Ryan Koeller, Matthew Sanders

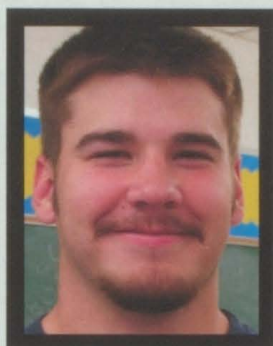


Exit: I Move to Adjourn the Meeting

Student Council 2005-06



Jason Freouf



Blaine Shivers



Cassie Harris



Miss Greenfield



Mrs. Arns



Left: Blaine Shivers and Dave Crownover drink a pop while Jason Freouf gets the grill ready for the Community BBQ. Right: Student Council sponsors, Miss Greenfield and Mrs. Arns take a picture with Cassie on the last day of school.



Below: Secretary-Cassie Harris takes a moment from her note-taking to smile for the camera.



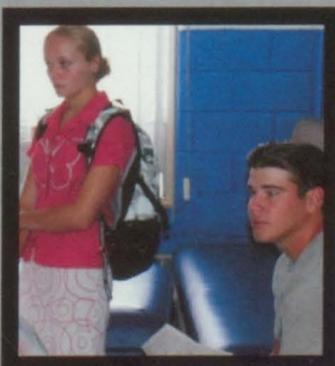
Above: Mercy Gardner and Cassie Harris serve at the Community BBQ. Right: Jason Specht waves goodbye as he leaves a Student Council meeting.



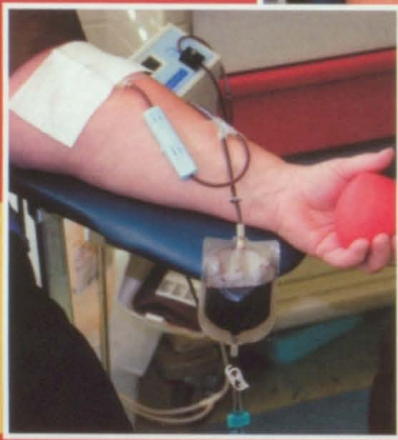
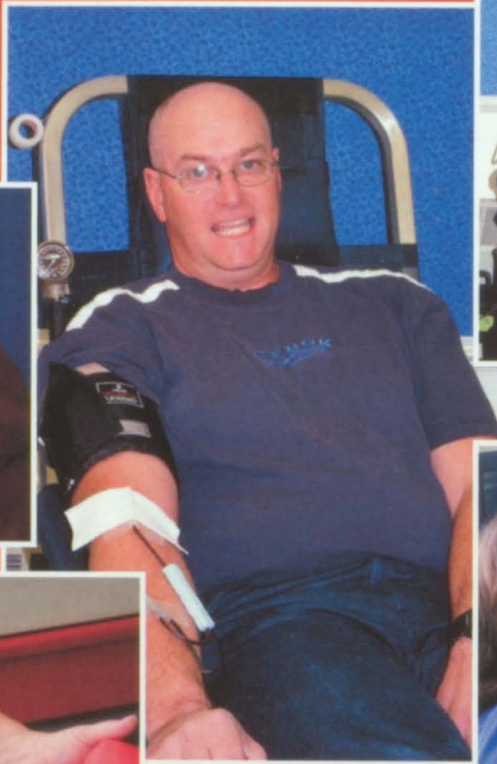
Above Middle: Becca Specht eats her yummy dessert. Shelby Harris moves to have a bake-sale at Walmart. Blaine Shivers has fun during the meeting. Youssef Chahb helps Jason Freouf set up for lunch.



Left: Secretary-Cassie Harris and President-Jason Freouf settle in on their first day of school with the new Student Council experience. Right: Veronika Kastrankova and Vice-President-Blaine Shivers listen as one of the members suggests the idea of a dance.



Exit 14a: Stuco Blood Drive



"I love to give blood!"

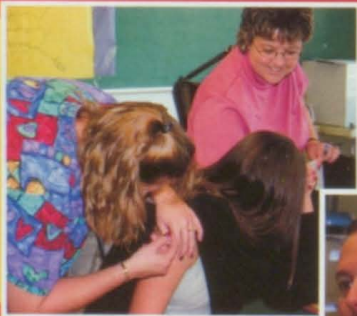
Michael Arns looks altogether too thrilled to get some blood siphoned from his person. Good job, Mr. Arns!

"It says here..."

Mrs. Hopkins makes sure she reads all the fine print so as to know exactly what she has to do after giving blood.

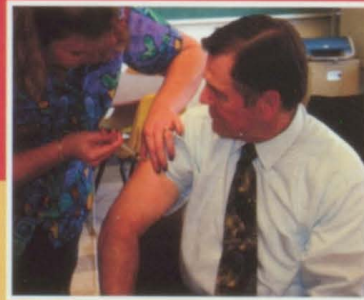
"Take your pick!"

Amy Schmidt shows the nurse both arms as the decision is made as to which one to get the blood from.



"The red stuff? Blood."

Mrs. Hopkins' arm and the blood leaving it.



"This is relaxing!"

Dennill Splitter is perfectly at ease as the bloodletting begins. Just keep squeezing that ball and everything will go smoothly.



"Check out my guns!"

Joanna Specht seems like she would rather be doing anything else but getting her flu shot. But she's tough—she probably won't even need a bandaid.

"I can't bear to look."

Becca Specht is not at all happy about getting her yearly flu shot from the school nurse. Mrs. Arns is there to give her support.

"Just put it right there."

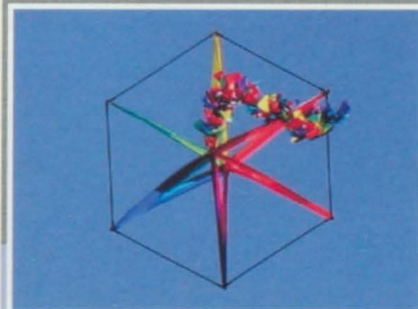
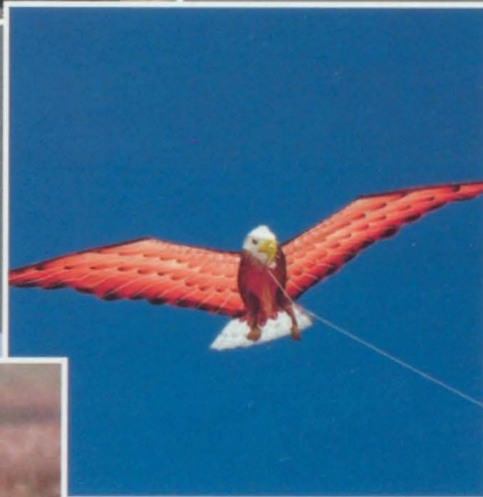
Coach Wilson puts on a brave face as he gets his annual flu shot. Now if we can only get him to be this brave for the blood drive.

"Tell me when it's over."

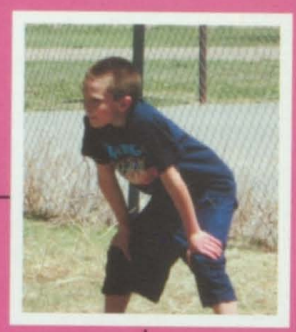
Mr. Pape tries to think of anything other than the needle being stuck in his arm today. Flu shots are always a good idea—but the way they're given...

Exit 14b: Flu Shots

Exit: Wind, Air, and Kites



CARLETON: Children At Play



At Left: Kirstin Arns, Katelyn Wanderlingh, and Luke Specht acknowledge the camera as they relax during recess.

Top left: Kristin Arns and Katelyn Wanderlingh play under the big slides, hoping to keep warm beneath the shade.

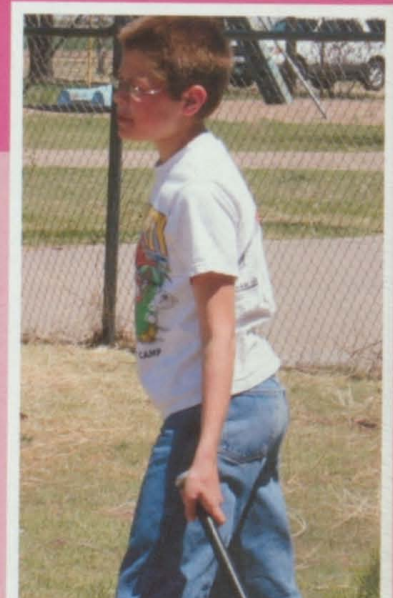
Top middle: Seth Splitter runs after a ball hit towards second base during a game of baseball.

Top middle: After a swing and a miss by Stephen Wilson, catcher Matthew Sanders throws the ball back to the batter.

Top right: Matthew Sanders waits on base for one of his teammates to hit a homer.



Far left: Alyssa Splitter attempts to catch a pop-fly.
Left: Marla Priddy enjoys her recess hour playing in the sand box.
Right: Zach Splitter drudgingly drags his bat to the batters box for his first hit.



FUN IN THE CLASSROOM

Far Left: Heather Arns and Joanna Specht enjoy having a little fun in science class. At Left: Kirby Crownover seems to be attentive in English class. At Right: Kirby Crownover, Shelby Harris, and Joanna Specht in the computer room.



At Right: Jason Specht is all smiles during Spanish class—he must have aced his quiz. Below Left: John Gardner gives a hint of a smile during what we believe is Spanish class.



At Left: Becca Specht models the latest in footwear as she wears both sneakers and pumps in order to determine which is more stylish.

At Right: Lauren Weber gives the "Lauren Look," which amounts to confusion over something someone said. Below: Shelby Harris helps Joanna Specht to hear no evil, as Paige Specht laughs along with them.



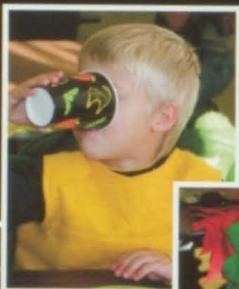
At Left: The "Dynamic Duo" of Kirby Crownover and Lauren Weber show us that they will even smile when they have something stuck to their teeth—a good look for them, don't you think?



Far Left: The freshmen work on their pinatas in Spanish class. Center: Cassie Harris, Erin Specht, and Becca Specht attempt to figure out what to do for science fair—it seems, however, that they are laughing more than they are solving their dilemma. At Left: Kirbi Stum flashes his "gang" signs as he sits in Mr. Pape's Civics class, or as Mr. Pape likes to call it, "Government Light."

Bottom Left: Wesley Arns takes a big bite from the cookie he decorated during the elementary's Valentine party. This was a great way to celebrate a day best known for both love and a mafia hit in the 1920s. Actually, eating cookies works for just about anything. At Left: Dave Crownover tries to reason with Mr. Hamilton over when to have the next math test—nice try, Dave.

Turn Back Now or EXIT On... ...Plainview's Costume Party



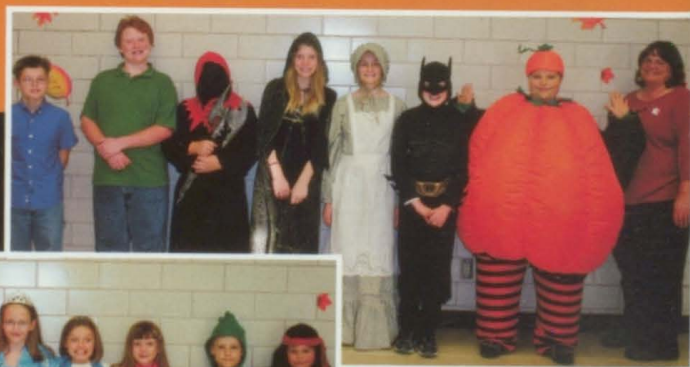
Below: Mikayla Schmidt and Natalya Weber, although we're not sure who they are dressed up as, show the camera that Halloween is not just about scaring people, but also about smiling and having a good time.



Above: Alyssa Splitter ponders the question, "Why are you pointing the camera at me?"



Above: Sporting a very happy costume and face, Lydia Splitter smiles as she eats her delicious sugar cookie at the Elementary Halloween Party.



Fall Dance

The Student Council, for the second consecutive year, put on a Fall Dance to celebrate both the new school year and Halloween. This year the festivities were held in the school cafeteria which proved to be just the right size to accommodate both the dancers and those who were more apt to "conversation." We were there to chronicle it all in pictures so you could relive it a year later. At Left: Lauren Weber sends Shelby Harris into flight as they do their best impersonation of "Dancing With The Stars." At Right: Joanna Specht, Heather Arns, Paige Specht, and Kirby Crownover pose with Shelby Harris on their lap at the Fall Dance.



Far Left and Under (Clockwise): Kirby Stum "swashbuckles" as he is dressed like one of the Three Musketeers. Unidentified heads of hair seem to be dancing to the beat at the Fall Dance. Lana Weber, Veronika Kestrankova, Lisa Kowarsch, Shelby Harris, Kirby Crownover, and Heather Arns dance the "Cotton-Eyed Joe." Leo Dominguez looks around as Vincent Koeller seems to be gaining on him. Paige Specht displays her pumpkin costume that seems just right for the occasion. Below Left: Lauren Weber, Paige Specht, Joanna Specht, Erin Specht, and Pave Crownover do some group dancing arm-in-arm.



At Left: Erin Specht shows all thirty-two of her teeth as she takes a break from the dance floor. At Right: Jessica Specht smiles as her date, Kandy Young looks on in a "daze."

Below: Veronika Kestrankova and Patrick Kulhanek mug for the camera as they dance a slow song. At Left: Mr. Pape, wearing his White Sox cap and jacket "twists the night away" with Miss Greenfield and Lauren Weber, while celebrating a game one World Series victory for his Chicago White Sox. They would go on to sweep the Houston Astros for the World Championship. Mr. Pape was very, very happy about that--just ask him.



Above: Seventh-grader Katie Sanders gets some "dance floor advice" from Junior Valasco Poring as they go back to their respective "people."





Rumors



*The Place: Snede's Landing, New York.
The Time: 2005*

By Neil Simon

The Cast

Erin Speckl.....Chris Gorman
Jason Freouf.....Kenney (Ken) Gorman
Becca Speckl.....Claire Ganz
Dave Crownover.....Lonny (Lon) Ganz
Youssef Chahb.....Ernie Cusack
Lana Weber.....Cookie Cusack
Mr. Thomas Pape.....Glenn Cooper
Cassie Harris.....Cassie Cooper
Blaine Shivers.....Officer Welch
Veronika Kostrankova.....Officer Pudney



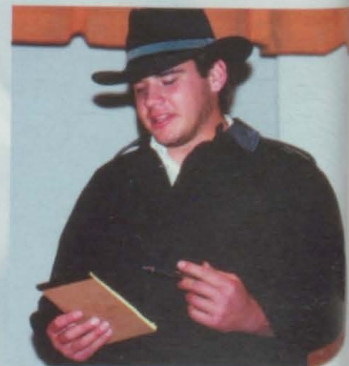
Above: (Clockwise) The big decision—*who will be Charley?* The solution? (from left) Dave Crownover, Jason Freouf, Youssef Chahb, and Mr. Pape all throw in numbers to see who will be the "odd man out" and have to act like they're the "mysteriously injured" Charley. Ernie and Cookie Cusack (Youssef and Lana) arrive at the party. Officers Pudney and Welch (Veronika and Blaine) have some fun after the skew. Lenny (Dave) agonizes over the "loss" of his friend Charley. Chris (Erin), Cookie (Lana), Ken (Jason), and Ernie (Youssef) skew their "moves" as they dance the night away.



Above: Cassie Cooper (Cassie Harris) angrily listens to her aggravated husband Glenn (Mr. Pape) as they have a spirited discussion about Glenn's political career and alleged "affair."



Above: Ernie (Youssef Chahb) gets told to "lay off" as Ken (Jason Freouf) thinks he knows what he is doing while he attempts to solve the dilemma of the mysteriously injured Charley Brock and the curiously disappeared Myra Brock.



Above: Officer Welch (Blaine Shivers) thoroughly checks over his notes before leaving "scene of the crime."



Above: (Clockwise) Cassie Cooper (Cassie Harris) looks a little frazzled as she announces that her husband will be hearing from her lawyer. Claire Ganz (Becca Specht) tells her husband Lenny (Dave Crownover) about the latest "rumor." Chris Gorman (Erin Specht) seems distracted as her husband Ken (Jason Freout) tries to understand what is being said on account of his temporary loss of hearing. The girls (Lana, Erin, and Becca) decide who will be Claire's husband now that Lenny was "volunteered" to be Myra's husband, Charley. (Above Top Right): Glenn Cooper does some finger-pointing in order to get the point across to his wife that he will be a successful politician in Albany, New York, whether she believes it or not. (Above Right): Claire shows that she has the rhythm when the "party-goers" have to dance to the music.



Above: The director of Rumors, Mrs. Hopkins, announces the cast.



Above: The cast of Rumors poses after the skew. (From Left-Standing): Cassie Harris, Blaine Shivers, Mr. Pape, Veranika Kestrankova, and Lana Weber. (From Left-Seated): Erin Specht, Jason Freout, Dave Crownover, Becca Specht, and Youseff Chakk. At Right: Lenny speaking as Charley details the night in question with a story that even the best fiction writer would be proud—from the gun shot through his earlobe to the whereabouts of his "missing" wife.



Jason Freout (Ken):
"The play went great even when we messed some lines up or forgot. But there was some great actors and actresses that really put on the 'show'."



Erin Specht (Chris Gorman):
"I had a blast performing with the rest of the cast"



Dave Crownover (Leonard Ganz):
"BANG! BANG! YOU IDIOT! I had a lot of fun, hopefully nobody took offense to Len's rude comments—"Yeah, to think now self be true."



Becca Specht (Claire Ganz):
"The play was fun! I'm glad I got to be in it!"



Lana Weber (Cookie Cusak):
"Cookie was definitely the part for me! I was able to be myself—in about 40 years!"



Youseff Chakk (Ernie Cusak):
"I enjoyed this play because I learned a lot. It was very hard to memorize everything, but I had a lot of fun."



Mr. Pape (Glenn Cooper):
"WAIT! JUST WAIT! CAN YOU WAIT?! WAIT! Aside from the short-term memory problems, this was a lot of fun, or so I said."



Cassie Harris (Cassie Cooper):
"I had a great time being a part of the play. There were many laughs, and I think everyone enjoyed the play!"



Blaine Shivers (Officer Welch):
"It could have been better but it could have been worse, too."

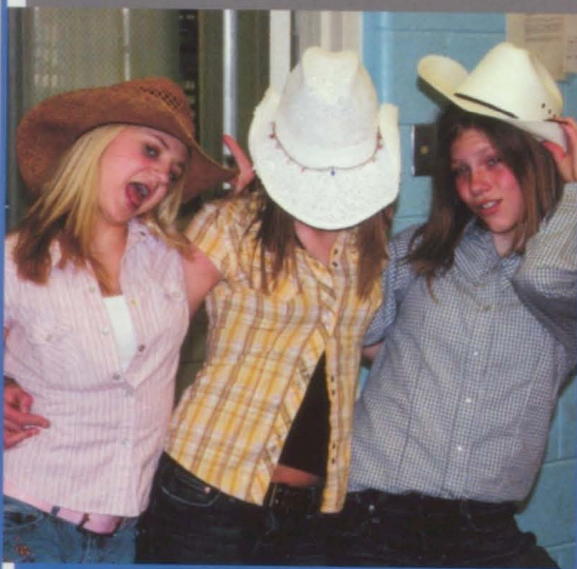


Veranika Kestrankova (Officer Pudney):
"I had just a small part so I had no trouble remembering my lines. It was easy for me! I had so much fun with everybody; I really enjoyed it!"

WARNING: DETOUR TO "CRAZY TOWN" AHEAD

Top Right (and going clockwise): Leo Dominguez, Wesley Arns, and Zach Splitter show their school spirit by painting their faces on Blue and White Day. Kirbi Stum is all decked out in order to celebrate the day with Hawk Pride--nice wig, Kirbi. Shelby Harris, Joanna Specht, and Natalya Weber are three tough cowgirls "wonderin' just who the sheriff is around here." Kristin Arns and Alyssa Splitter look ready for a ball in their formal wear for "Dress-Up Day." Erin Specht, Becca Specht, and Lana Weber, the "Three Little Pigs," will refuse to let any wolf huff and puff and blow their houses down during a day that honored the many famous and not so famous duos and trios in history.

YOU
ROCK!



Above: Mr. Pape and Ms. Fees dress up as Dr. Pape and Mini-Fees, on "Duos and Trios Day." Below: Kirbi Stum, Vincent Koeller, and Leo Dominguez come to school as a stoplight, and proving that their trio was by far the most quiet.

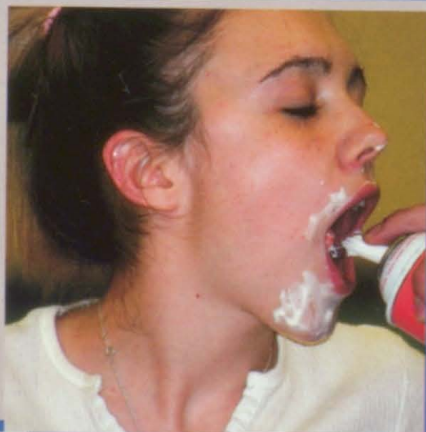


Above: Freshmen girls Lauren Weber, Mercy Gardner, and Kirby Crowover play cupid for a day as they dress up in pink and red to celebrate, not only initiation, but that day of love honoring St. Valentine.

SUPERSTAR



Above: Zach Splitter, Mikayla Schmidt, and Natalya Weber do their best "Three Stooges" impersonation as they stole the show on "Duos and Trios Day." Oddly enough, this really wasn't a stretch for any of them. At Right: Kirby Crowover opens wide and takes in some whipped cream during freshman initiation.



At Left: Eighth-graders Joanna Specht, Shelby Harris, and Heather Arns look very chic in their shades depicting the crime-fighting television-series and big-screen trio of "Charlie's Angels." The question is, however, "Where's Charlie?"

At Right: Homecoming King, Dave Crowover smiles wide along with the 2006 Homecoming Queen, Veronika Kestrankova following the crowning ceremony. Congratulations to this year's "Royal Couple!"



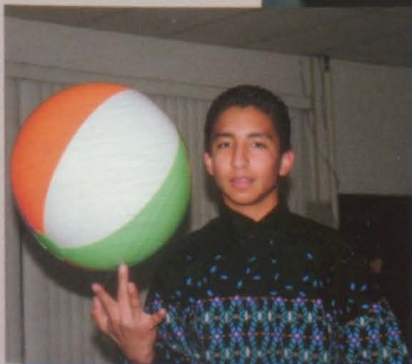
LEAVING: CRAZY TOWN; NEXT STOP: FUNKY TOWN



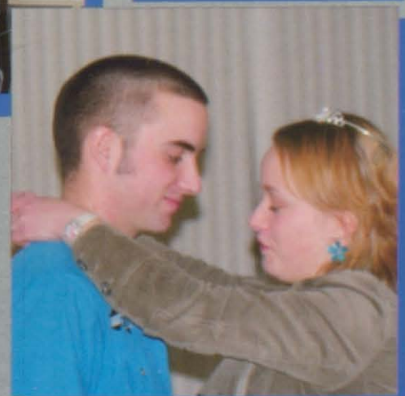
Above: The Plainview faithful, with Erin playing the role of the rope, try something called the "human knot." At Right: Youssef smiles for the camera on a cold and dreary dance night. Below: Becca, Kirby, and Lana find it all very funny. Far Right: The dance, although it was sparsely populated due to the weather, was a fun time had by all--as you can see by this group photo that included Stuco sponsors Mrs. Arns and Miss Greenfield. Far Right Middle: Veronika seems to be daydreaming as she contemplates her newfound royalty. Right Center: Kirby and Lauren prove their photogenic qualities as they flash their "pearly-whites" during a break at the dance.



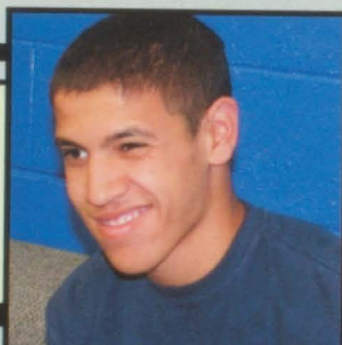
With the weather leaving a lot to be desired, Homecoming 2006 was a lightly attended affair. However, the students in attendance made the most of the situation and had a great time--as these photos can attest. At Right: Lauren Weber and Mrs. Arns attempt the tango without the benefit of either having a rose between their teeth. Right Center: Becca Specht seems to be quite "attached" to Kirby Crownover as she flips her during a country song. Far Right: Smiles seemed to be the order of business as Undral Bayaraa gives her version for the evening.



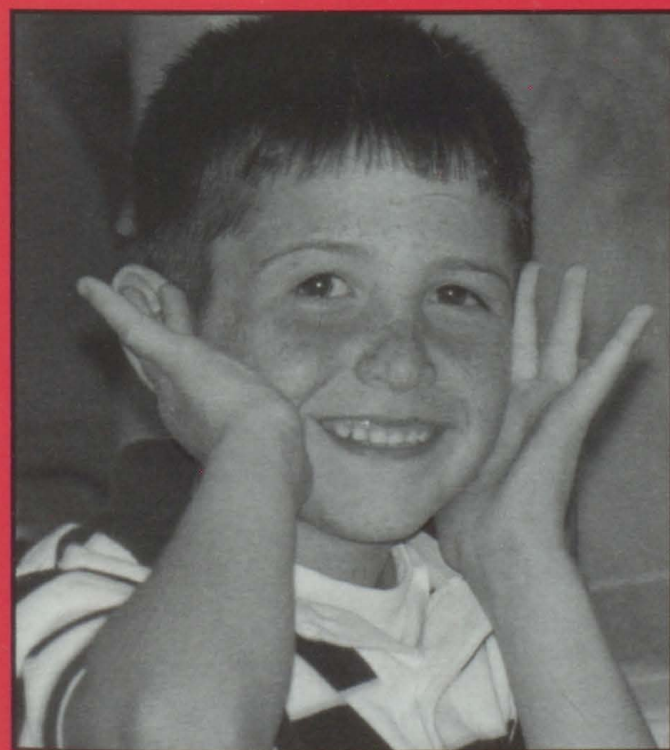
At Left: Jose Dominguez shows his new found talent--he can balance a beach ball on one finger. And now for his next trick... At Right: Dave Crownover battles a bad knee that puts him on the sideline for the better part of the evening. However, the "King"--not Elvis, was still able to cart himself out for the traditional "King and Queen Dance," with Veronika Kestakova. What a trooper!



MERGING TRAFFIC AHEAD: SENIORVILLE TO KINDERTOWN

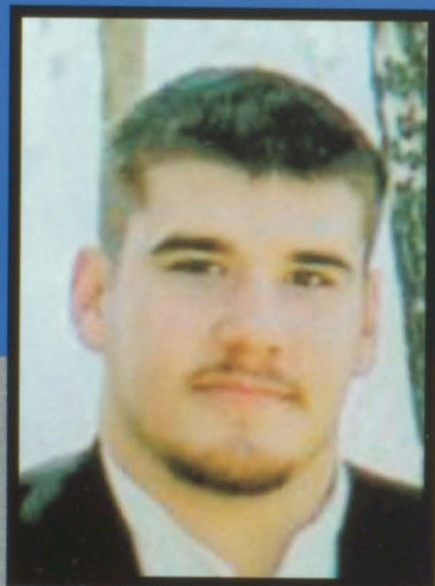


**WRONG
WAY**



24-25: Portraits Exit: Keep Smiling
 26-27: Seniors/Senior Baby Pictures
 28-29: Juniors/Freshman/Sophomore
 30-31: 7th & 8th Grade/5th & 6th Grade
 32-33: 3rd & 4th Grade/1st & 2nd Grade
 34-35: Pre-K & Kinders/Exchange
 Students
 36-37: Faculty/Staff

Plainview's Class of 2006



Blaine Bryant Shivers



Cassie Jo Harris

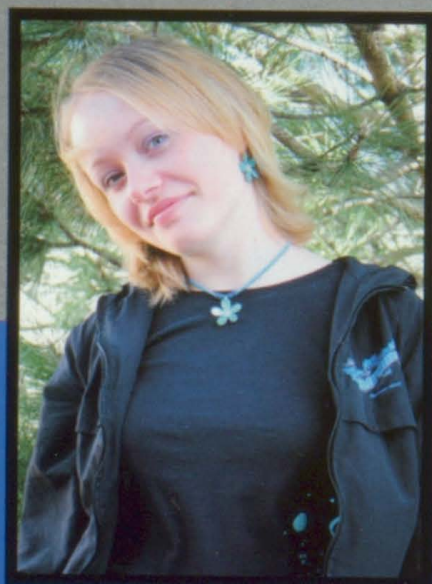


Jason Don Freouf

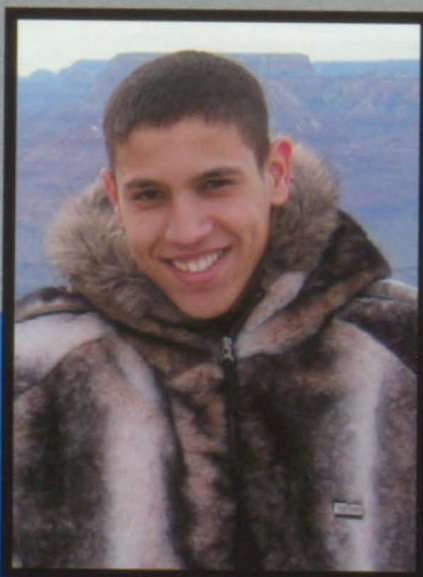


*Always
Friends*

*Forever
Memories*



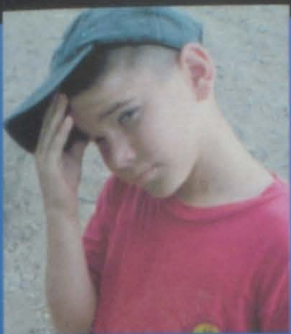
Veronika Kastrankova



Youssef Chabb



Mrs. Cheri Hopkins



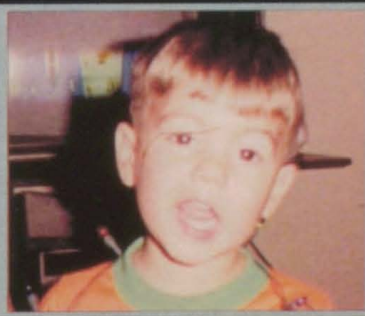
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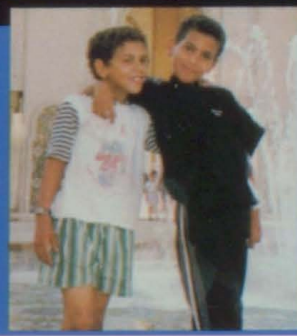
Veronika



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UNDRAI BAYARAL
(MONGOLIA)



DAVE CROWNOWER



VALESKA DOERING
(GERMANY)



DAVID GEBELE
(GERMANY)



LISA KOWARSCH
(GERMANY)



PATRICK KULHANEK
(GERMANY)



REBECCA SPECHT



ERIN SPECHT

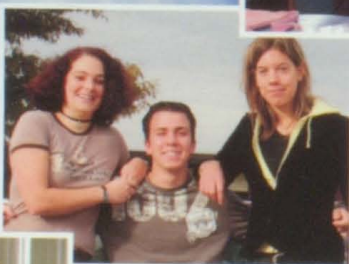
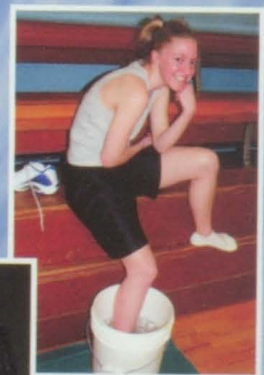
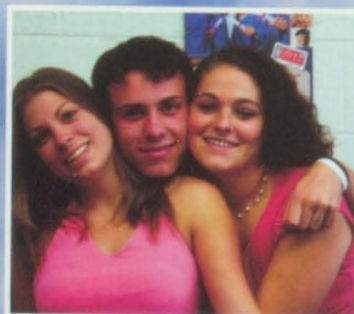
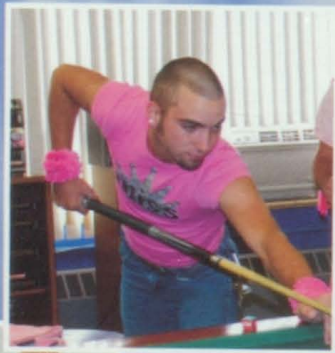


LANA WEBER



MRS. FICKENSCHER

Stuck In
Our Own
Little
World!



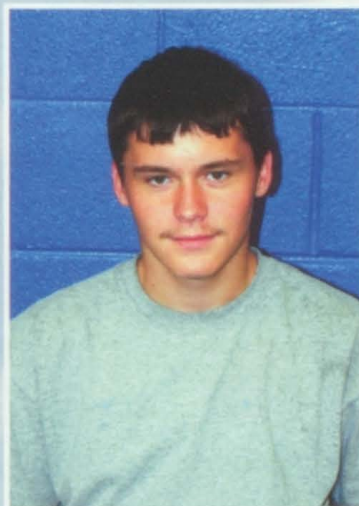
Exit 29: Freshman and Sophomores



Kirby Brownover



Jose Dominguez



John Gradner



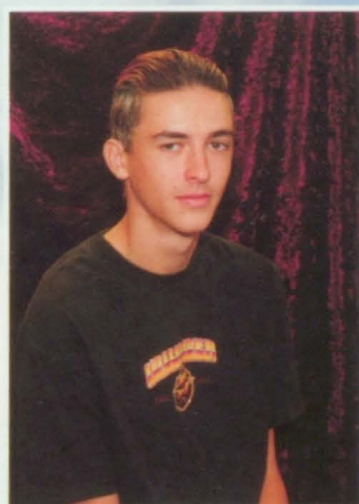
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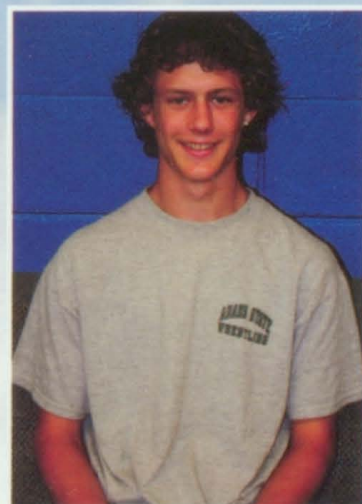
Jason Specht



Lauren Weber



Cody Carson



Tony Harris



Ms. Ruth Foss, Sponsor



Above Left: Kirby Brownover flashes that winning smile at the 2006 Prom. At Right: Jason Specht declares victory at the freshman initiation. Above: Moray Gradner, Lauren Weber, and Kirby Brownover are more than happy that initiation has ended.

Merging Right: 7th and 8th Graders Prepare for Life in the Fast Lane



Garrett Crownover



Rebecca Gomez



Katie Sanders



Paige Specht



Mr. Hamilton,
Sponsor

Right: Garrett
Crownover
walks with
Wesley Sims
to his next
event at a
track meet.



Left: Kirbi Stum is
chillin' while riding in a
limo to Lamar in
celebration of the last
day of school.



Left: Vincent
Koeller smiles as
he works hard on
his 4-H project in
shop class.



Class Photos



Right: Dressed as
cowgirls, Joanna
Specht and Shelby
Harris show off
their strong arms.



Above: Shelby Harris and Katie
Sanders pose as gangsta girls
and give the camera the 'peace
out' sign.



Left: Paige Specht smiles at the
audience while cheering during
the junior high boys basketball
game.



Heather Sims



Leonardo Dominguez



Shelby Harris



Vincent Koeller



Joanna Specht



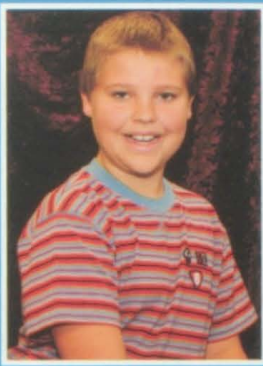
Kirbi Stum



Mr. Papp
Sponsor



Wesley Arns



Luke Specht



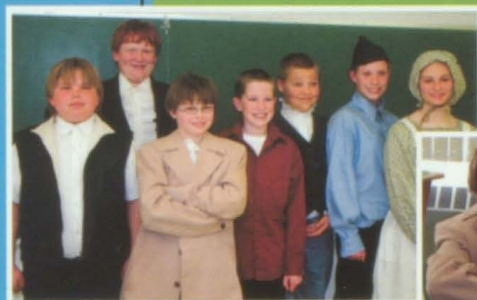
Mrs. Hopkins



STUDENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION: 5TH AND 6TH GRADE



Ray Lhamon



Far Left: The fifth and sixth grade classes take a group picture dressed as an individual living during the Revolutionary War. At Left: Zach Splitter gets into character as he prepares to be a Founding Father.



Mikayla Schmidt



Left Center: Fifth-grader Luke Specht comes to school as a festive pumpkin, just the right outfit for a Halloween Party. At Left: Sixth-grader Wesley Arns looks perfectly colonial for his history presentation.



Kacy Segers



Far Left: The Fifth and Sixth Graders pose in their Halloween costumes ready to get some real treats or threaten some real tricks otherwise. Below: Kacy Segers studiously awaits the next assignment from Mrs. Hopkins.



Zach Splitter



Natalya Weder



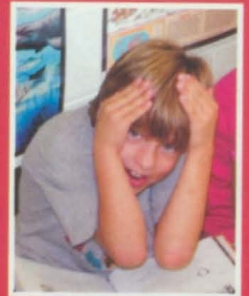
CAUTION: ELEMENTARY STUDENTS FOR THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS

The 3rd and 4th Grade

At Right: Matthew Sanders shows us just how colorful he is as he shows us his markers.
Center: Kristin Arns, Katelyn Wanderlingh, and Alyssa Splitter have fun with their snowman. Upper Right: Kristin Arns smiles during class.
Far Right: Mariah Priddy looks to see who is taking her picture.



At Right: Katelyn Wanderlingh sneaks in a smile during class. Right Center: Lyaneah Segers seems to have company while she does her homework. Far Right Center: Alyssa Splitter looks bright and cheery at her desk. Far Right: Thomas Specht peers through his arms to say hello to the camera.



Kristin Arns
Matthew Sanders
Lyaneah Segers
Alyssa Splitter



Katelyn Wanderlingh
Mariah Priddy
Thomas Specht
Miss Greenfield



Exit 33: The 1st and 2nd Grade



Ryan Koeller

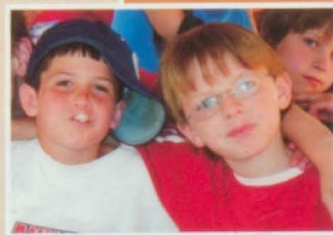
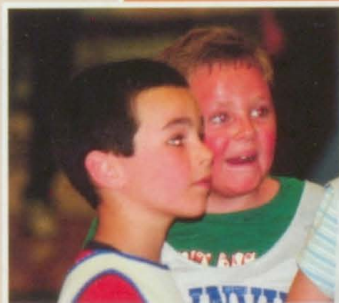
Jared
Wanderlingh

Stephen Wilson

Levi Sanders

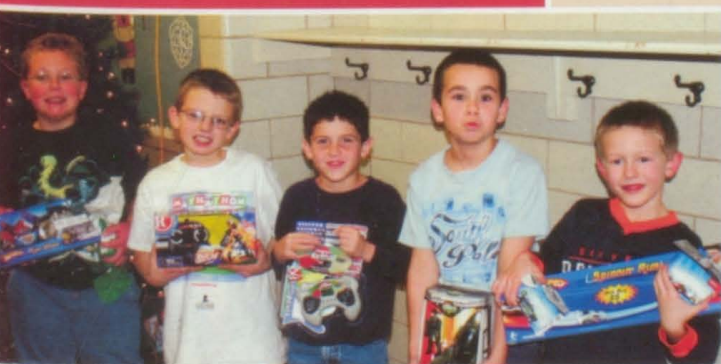
Seth Splitter

Mrs. Carney



Above Left: Seth Splitter, Levi Sanders, Stephen Wilson, and Ryan Koeller are together to take a picture on the playground equipment. Above Middle: The whole gang sits down to enjoy their Valentine Day treat of cookies they decorated themselves. Above: Stephen Wilson gives a little smile as he gets ready to consume some calories.

Far Left: Mrs. Carney poses with her skeleton, two Batmans, a photographer, and a guy with a bloody shirt--all of whom would normally be her first and second graders--on Halloween. Above Left: Levi Sanders and Ryan Koeller get some last minute instructions during a timeout at the Elementary Basketball Game. At Left: Stephen Wilson and Seth Splitter relax as the bus takes them to Burlington for a trip to Olde Town. Below Left: Ryan, Seth, Stephen, Levi, and Jared pose for the camera with their holiday goodies. Bottom Left: Ryan Koeller takes a break from being a skeleton in order to get some nutrition.



Pre-K and Kindergarten



Mrs. Reinert



Nicholas Gumm



Eva Froese

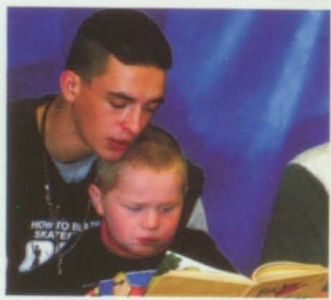
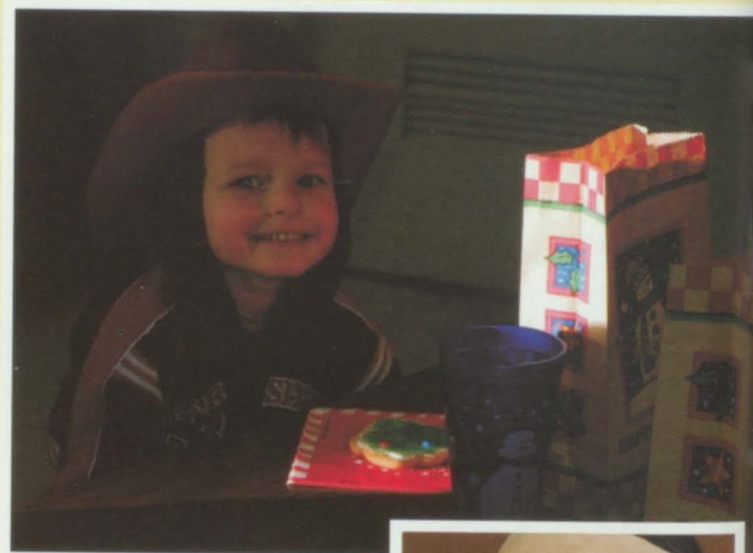


Lydia Splitter



Grant Specht

The Pre-Kindergarten
 Anna Froese (not pictured)
 Shelton Segers (not pictured)
 Kayla Wanderlingh
 Kaylee Wilson



"Fast and Foreign"



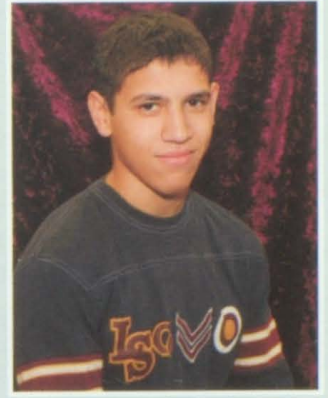
Veronika Kestrankova
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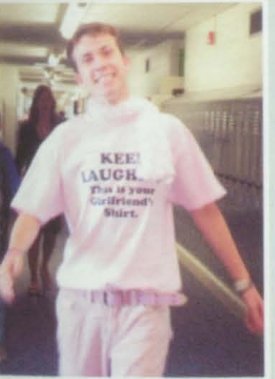
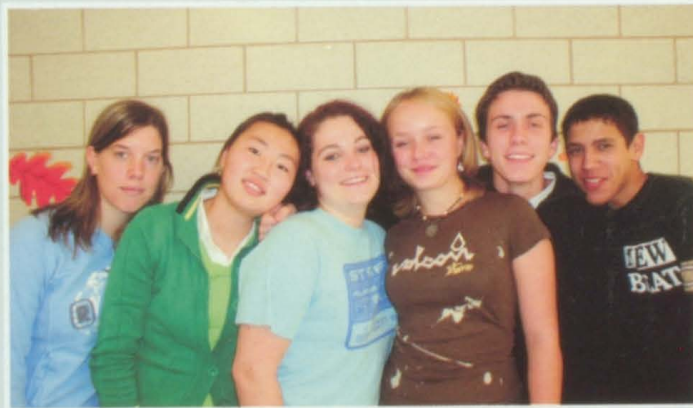
Patrick Kulhanek
(Germany)



Valesca Doering
(Germany)



Youssef Chahb
(France)



Lisa Kowarsch
(Germany)



David Gebele
(Germany)
Our common
enemy (cf. Mr.
Pape)
(Just kidding,
David)



Undral Bayaraa
(Mongolia)

Faculty and Staff

-Sharon Arns
Business/Computers
-Jan Carney
First and Second Grade
-Brenda Fickenscher
Science/Life Skills/JH
P.E./Coach
-Ruth Fees
English/Spanish/Newspaper



-Susan Greenfield
Third and Fourth Grade
-Marvin Hamilton
HS and JH Math/JH Reading
-Cheri Hopkins
Fifth and Sixth Grade
-Thomas Pape
History/Journalism/P.E.



-Phyllis Reinert
Kindergarten
-Kathy Specht
Special Education/Pre-K
-Jay Wilson
P.E./Coach/Industrial Arts
-Sharon Wilson
Counselor

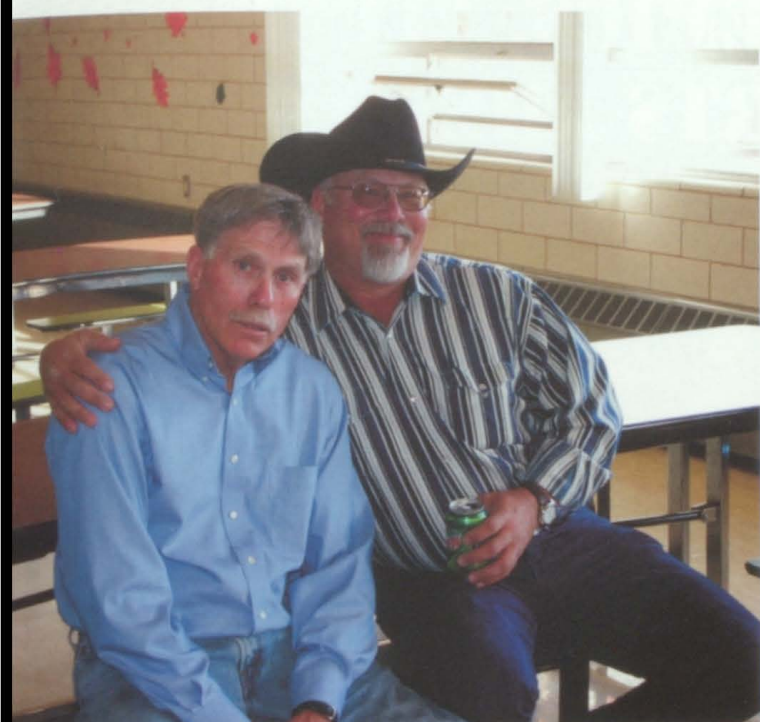


-Kim Harris
Librarian
-Cora Coffman
Head Cook
-Sharon Scott
Asst. Cook
-Marilyn Hopkins
Secretary



-Garold Deines
Maintenance/Bus Driver
-Zelpha Woelk
Bookkeeper/Bus Driver
-Katarina Fehr
Custodian
-Barb Wanderlingh
Bus Driver



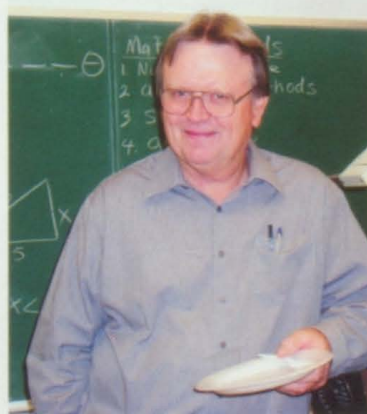


At Left: Plainview School Board members Bob Weber and Monte Stum smile for the camera in the school cafeteria before a board meeting. Below Left: Fifth and sixth grade teacher as well as assistant administrator Mrs. Cheri Hopkins wears one of her many hats as she gets ready to conduct the students in their Christmas program.

Below: Computer and business teacher Mrs. Sharon Arns and English instructor Ms. Ruth Fees work on tabulating the results during the Plainview Knowledge Meet in October of 2005. Once again, the Plainview staff pitches in to show their "team spirit" in going above and beyond for their school and their students.



The 2005-2006 Plainview School Board: (from left to right) Jay Specht, Marvin Koeller, President Mike Lening, Bob Weber, and Monte Stum.

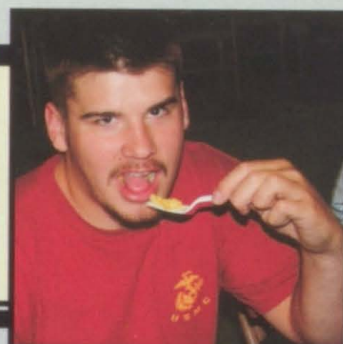


Above: Mathematically speaking, Mr. Hamilton feels right at home at the chalkboard in his first year teaching at Plainview.

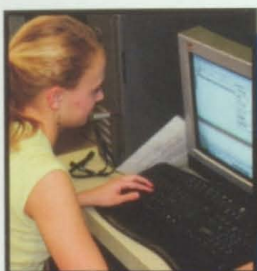
Above: Mr. Pape stands at his most familiar and favorite spot right behind his trusty podium, no doubt regaling his students with tales of governmental glory and civic pride. Or is it just him bragging again about his White Sox? We can't tell.



KEEP RIGHT: ACADEMICS, ELECTIVES, AND CONCERTS AHEAD



WRONG WAY



**38-39: Academics and Electives Exit-Put
On Your Thinking Caps and Watch For
Falling Rocks**

40-41: Science Class/Science Fair

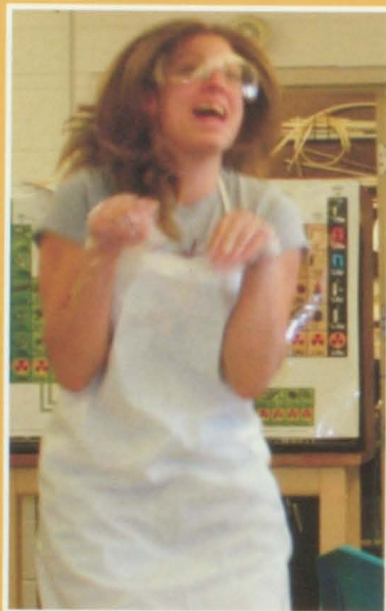
42-43: Spanish & English/Government

**44-45: Newspaper & Journalism/Life
Skills**

**46-47: Junior High and High School
Shop/Knowledge Bowl**

**48-49: Christmas and Spring
Concerts/Memories**

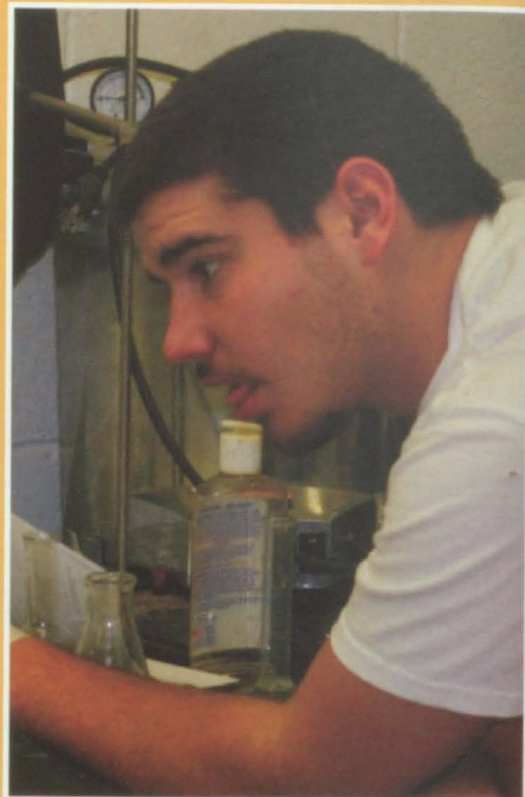
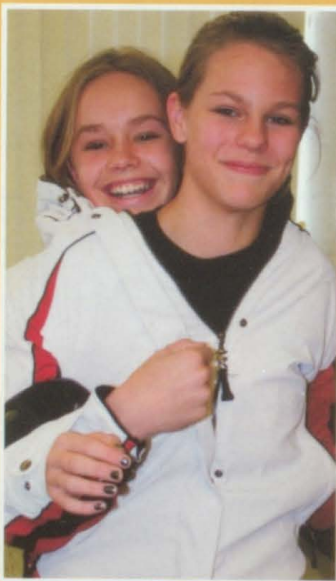
Warning:



Above: Is Lana Weber a rabbit, a dog begging for a treat or a person trying to do an impression of one of the two?

Top middle: Erin Specht, Cassie Harris and Lana Weber listen as their teacher gives instructions on how to continue with the experiment.

Top right: Blaine Silvers is deeply engrossed in a project...I hope he doesn't blow something up!
Right: It's a two headed monster!!!



Upper left: Is Becca examining her nail polish or trying to put something together?
Above: Erin Specht gives the cameraman a 'get out of my way so I can continue working' look. My advice to the cameraman: MOVE!
Upper right: Judging by the way Erin is chewing on her nails, she and Cassie Harris might have just messed something up.
Right: Lauren Weber and Kirby Crownover work at putting something together...possible an explosive device to use as a threat to gain control over the world??
Left: Cassie Harris stirs her concoction while giving the cameraman a blank stare.



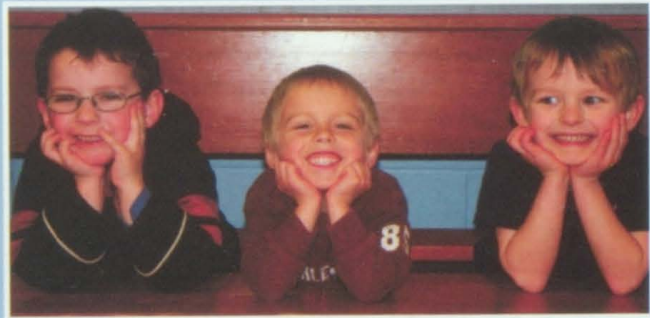
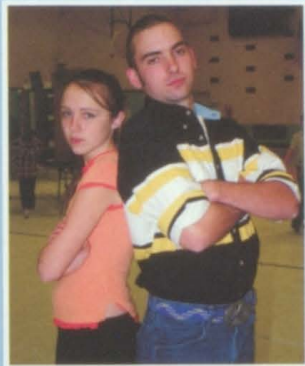
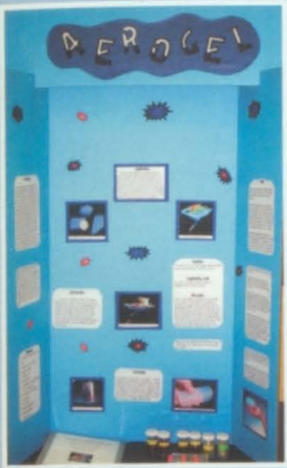
Science Class 2005-06

Caution: Experiments Ahead

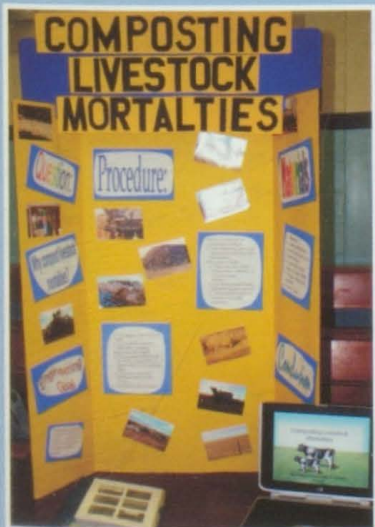
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Above Corner (going clockwise): Jason Specht's Aerogel board had many people wondering: Is this for your hair? Kirby and Dave Crownover finally square off--and decide who has the more scientific mind. Japheth Frey, Alex Schmidt, and Benjamin Splitter enjoy watching projects get examined. Kristin Arns, Thomas Specht, and Katelyn Wanderlingh take a break from projects to smile for the camera. Joanna Specht makes a sweet face to cover for the mistake she just made.



Left: Lauren Weber and Kirby Crownover's board on composting livestock mortalities...just makes you want to eat beef doesn't it? Right: Mr. Pape allowed make-over fanatics to have a hack at him! What exactly is this--Middle East meets Lana Weber's all-pink wardrobe?

Above above: Luke Specht demonstrates what a stressful science fair will do to a person! Above: We were right--It appears Mr. Pape did allow some of the "make-over fanatic" girls to take a stab at him...I think he made the wrong decision. Right: Paige Specht and Heather Arns anxiously await the arrival of the dreaded judges.



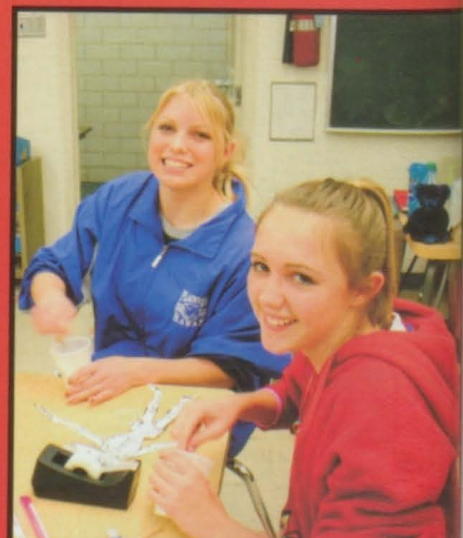
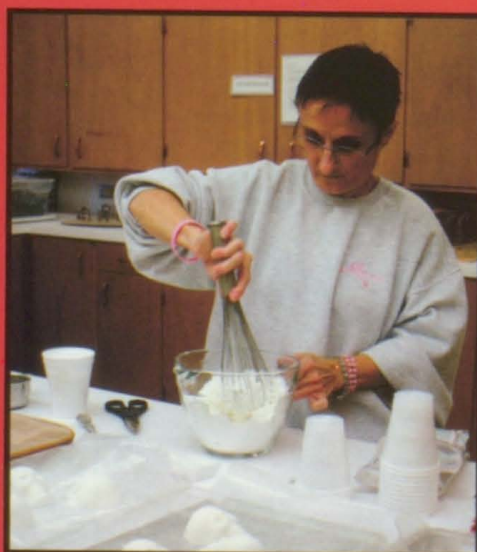
EXIT 42: SUR DEL BORDE, AMIGO! CLASE DE ESPANOL

Spanish class was a hub for activity as Ms. Fees had her students celebrating all the Spanish holidays with colorful and creative projects for all to enjoy.

At Right: Lauren Weber, Kirby Crownover, John Gardner, Jose Dominguez, Jason Specht, and Veronika Kasrunkova make a mess with paper mache as they begin their pinatas. Middle: John Gardner shows us the skeleton puppet he made for the "Day of the Dead." Far Right: Veronika works diligently on her Spanish art project, so much so that she has failed to notice someone taking her picture. Center: Jose Dominguez displays his artistic side with his painted skeleton masks. Below: Lauren Weber models the latest in "Betty-Wear" as she struts the runway in her plastic bag with holes--a must for any paper mache user. She plans to market it this fall as her "Trashy But Classy" line of clothing--it must be European.



At Right: Jason Specht has a new friend that he made in Spanish class--a skeleton puppet with feathers. Far Right: Who is that stranger with the paper mache head that resembles the Grinch? We don't know and he or she isn't telling. Right Corner: Lauren Weber and Kirby Crownover are altogether too happy--to be in Spanish, that is. Bottom Center: John Gardner shows us the Grinch head that will be filled with candy and smashed with a baseball bat--how festive. Below: Ms. Fees mixes her secret formula for making skeleton molds.





The Platview American Government class in front of the Capitol Building in Denver during Colorado CloseUp: Undral Bayarara, Youssef Chabb, Veronika Kastrankova, Blaine Shivers, Lana Weber, Erin Specht, Dave Crownover, Cassie Harris, and Becca Specht sitting in front.

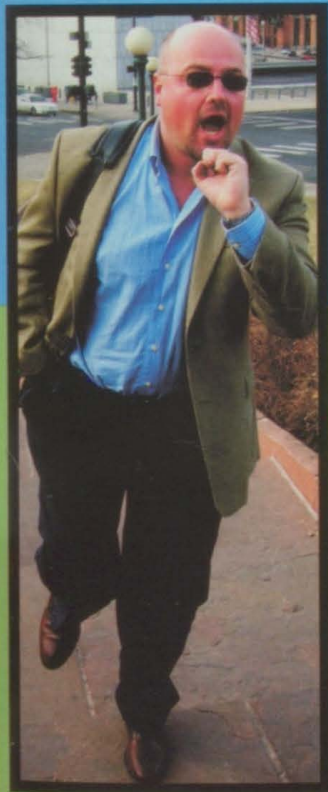
In the highway of life...

Below: The Platview Juniors and Seniors get a picture with their state senator, Greg Brophy of Wray after students had breakfast with their legislators. Back row: Veronika, Becca, Lana, Mr. Brophy, Erin, Cassie, and Undral. Sitting in the front: Blaine, Dave, Mr. Pape, and Youssef.

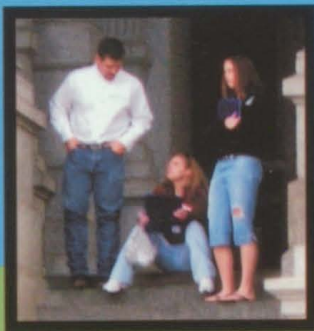


...you're the car and the government maintains the roads.

Colorado CloseUp 2006



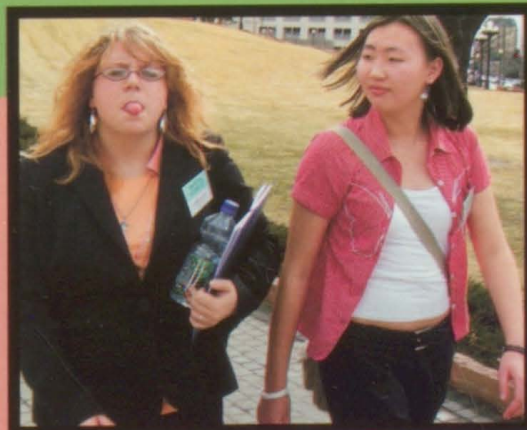
Above: Mr. Pape walks and chats all at the same time. The question remains: Is he also chewing gum? Below: More walking...places to go and people to see.



Above: Blaine Shivers, Lana Weber, and Becca Specht take a break on the steps of the Capitol and decide where to go for lunch. Middle: Built over one hundred years ago, the Capitol in Denver remains a prominent landmark in the ever-expanding Denver skyline.



Above: Erin Specht and Dave Crownover try to take notes and pay attention at the same time—one or the other might be something of a distraction. At Left: Mr. Pape attempts to explain to Dave, Undral, and Youssef that his bag must be loaded in the van first—and then the rest may follow.

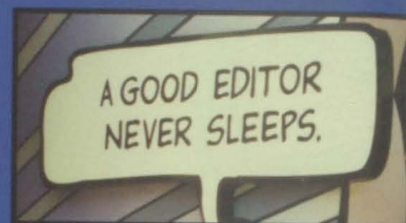


Above: Dave, Erin, and Cassie wait outside the Capitol for the rest of the group to catch up. At Left: Cassie gives the picture-taker 'the raspberries' as she and Undral walk the city of Denver on a beautiful spring-like day.

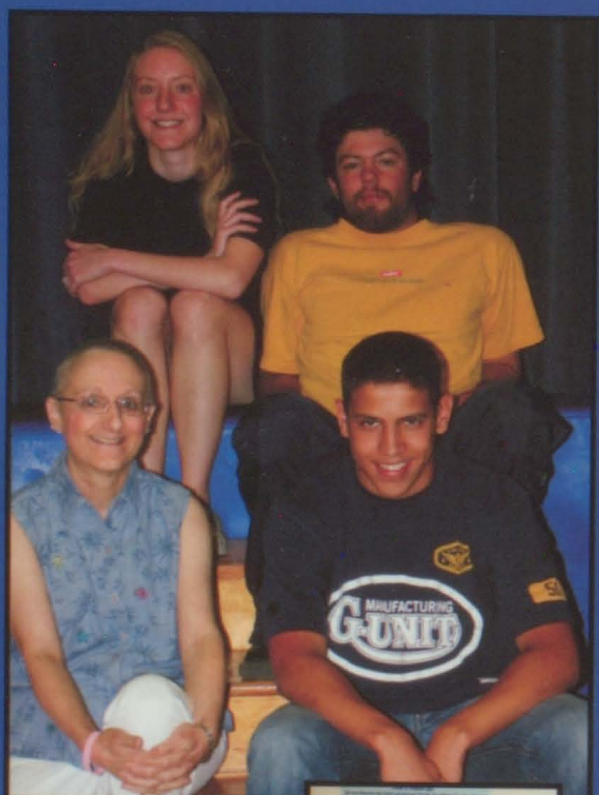


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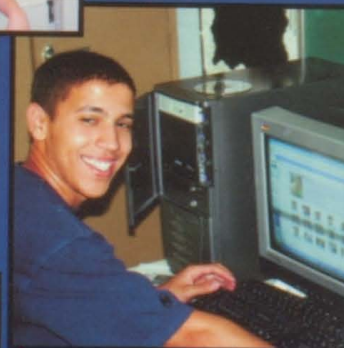
*Mr. Pape
Cassie Harris
Dave Crownover
Coty Carson*



*Ms. Fees
Erin Specht
Jason Freouf
Youssef Chabb*



Above: The newspaper staff takes a break for a group photo. But... shouldn't they be getting ready for the paper they need to put out... in just a few hours!?



Top Left: Cassie Harris seems to have run into a bit of trouble while doing the sign... or maybe it was just a little spider. Top Middle: Dave Crownover gives his eyes a rest during class. Top Right: The journalism class poses for a class photo...for once they're not the ones taking the picture. Middle: Erin Specht leans on the printer while waiting for the newspaper to print. Above left: Cassie Harris fixes a letter for the sign so it looks very presentable. Above Middle: Youssef Chabb works on his newspaper article. Above Right: Coty Carson reads up on the yearbook program. Left: Coty and Cassie battle the wind and put up the events for the week.

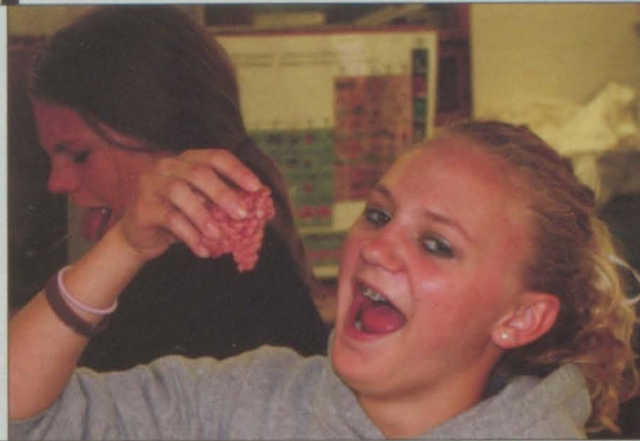


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Rebecca Gomez sews her project for Life Skills.

Right>>

While making beef jerky, Shelby Harris acts as if she were going to eat the raw meat...but change of plans...she waits till the meat's cooked.



Below: Joanna Specht blocks the camera from taking a picture of her by putting her painted hands in front of her face.



<< Left

Katie Sanders and Joanna Specht smile as they hold their Baby Think It Over babies.

Right>>

Katie Sanders acts as if she is going to chuck the raw meat at one of her classmates.



<< Left

Heather Arns smiles as she holds her Baby Think It Over baby on the first day. How long will that smile last?

Right>>

Rebecca Gomez and Paige Specht spend a little 'mommy and daughter' time, before having to send the babies back.



Exit: Cooking, Baking, and Sewing

ENTER: THE TOOLBOX



Above: Garrett Crownover reads the back of the paint cans to be sure he has the correct one. Right: Vincent Koeller sands his grandfather clock, which he is building for his 4-H project.



Above: Leo Dominguez gives the wood some "elbow grease" while sanding his project. Below: Garrett Crownover uses the planer to plan his board.



Above: Kirbi Stum shows the chair he made in shop class. Right: Kirbi Stum takes a picture of himself in the mirror that is in the shop.



Above: Mr. Wilson helps Leo Dominguez glue and clamp his project together.



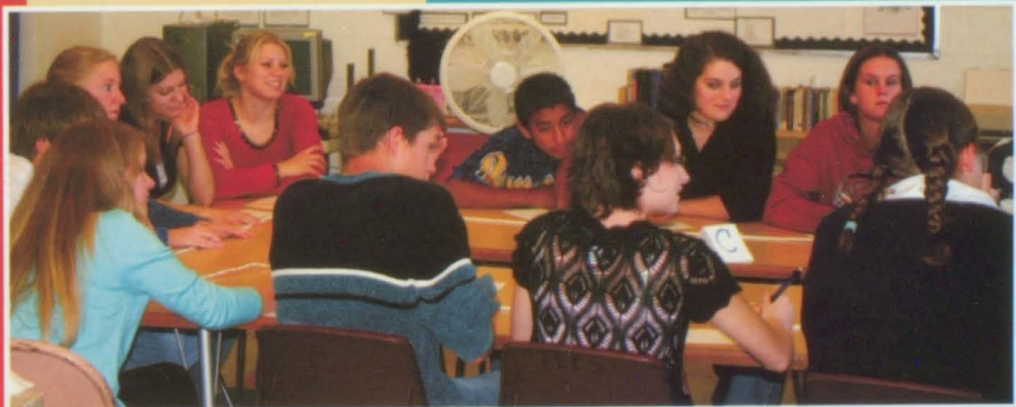
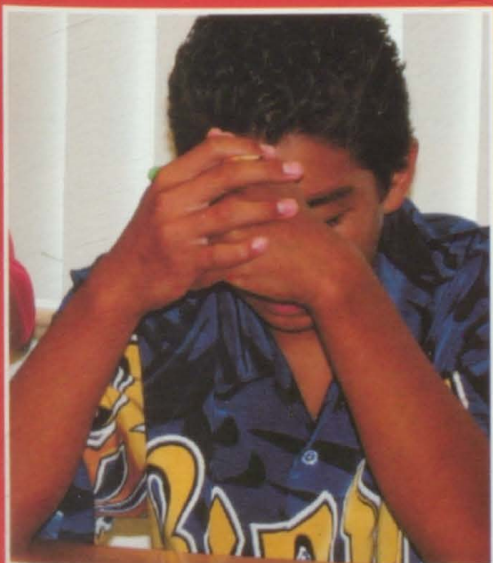


BRAINS AT WORK

High School
Knowledge Bowl
2005-2006



Above: Jason and Erin Specht and Lana and Lauren Weber concentrate on figuring out how to work a math problem.
Far Left: Lauren Weber is either very caught up in the question or she is daydreaming about Prince Charming.
Left: Shelby Harris, Joanna Specht, Kirby Crowmover, and Ms. Fees present awards at the Plainview Knowledge Meet.



Above the one above: Patrick Kulhanek sits, bored out of his mind, while the question is read to participating teams.
Above: Plainview Team A and B rival against each other to see who will come out of this round on top!
Left: Jose Dominguez is either sleeping or praying...hmm...maybe for an answer?



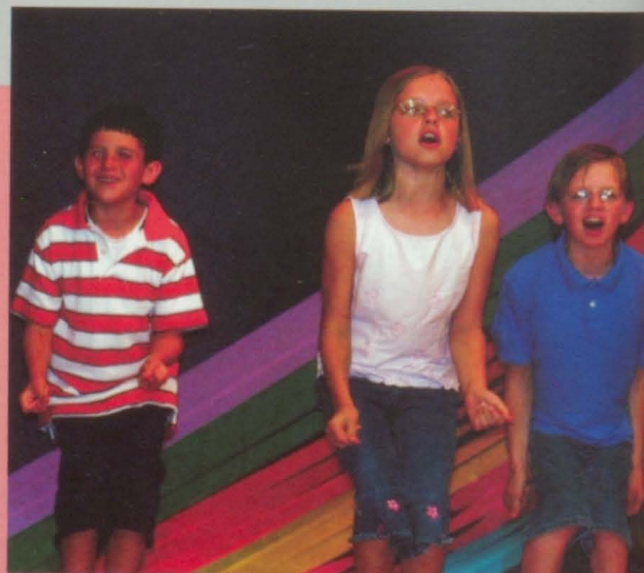
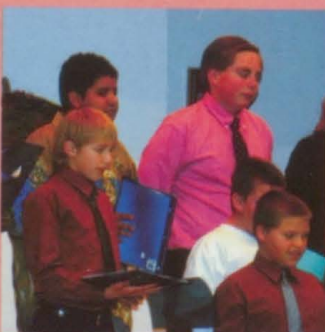
Above: Stephen Wilson, Levi Sanders, and Seth Splitter belt out the chorus to a pizza song!
Below: The junior high and high school students sang many songs throughout the night—one the old standby, "Heart and Soul."



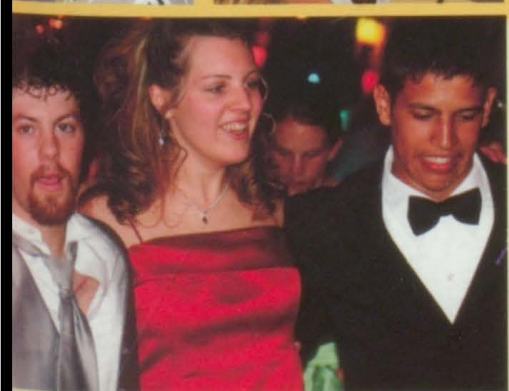
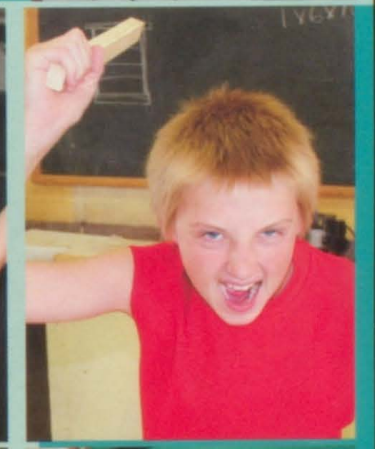
Top: The elementary students performed lively dances and enjoyable songs throughout the spring concert.
Above left: Nicholas Crum concentrates on saying his lines correctly during the Christmas Concert!
Above middle: Ryan Koeller and Lydia Splitter dance together before having to switch partners.
Above right: Cassie Harris, Kirby Crownover, and Natalya Weber were a few of the girls performing at the Plainview Christmas Concert.



Left: Undral Bayaraa and Veronika Kastrankova enjoy some "sisterly love" after the spring concert.
Right: Could it possibly be that Stephen Wilson, and Alyssa and Seth Splitter are imitating bunnies?
Bottom right: The elementary girls seem to be more concerned with their hunger than the song at hand.
Bottom left: Kristin Arns glances over to Katelyn Wanderlingh, perhaps to see if they are singing the same song?



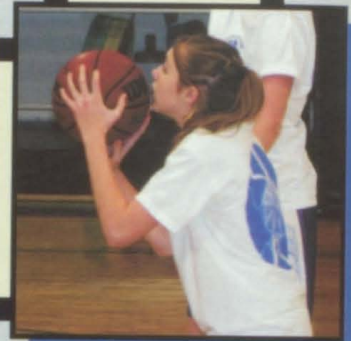
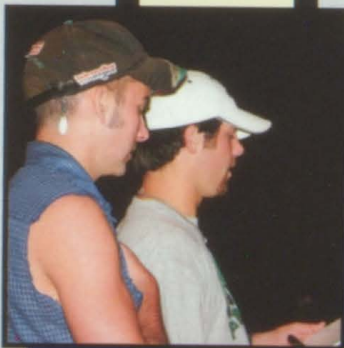
Don't be in a Hurry to Exit...Always Remember the Memories



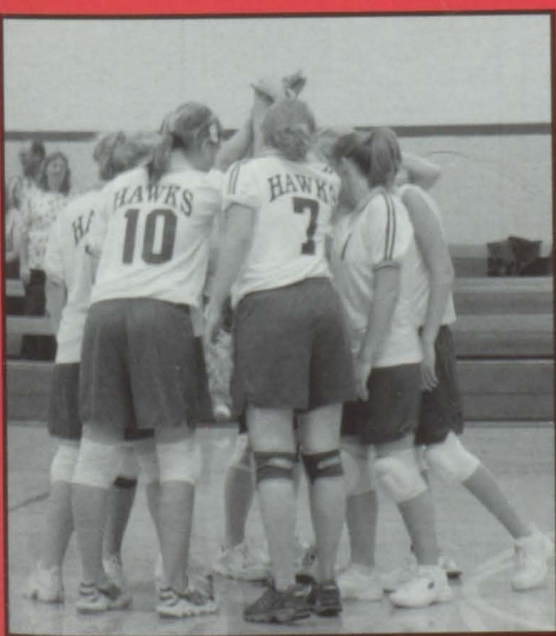
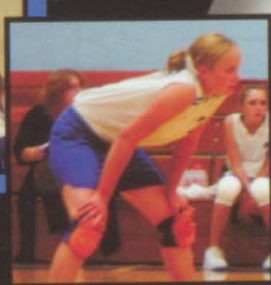
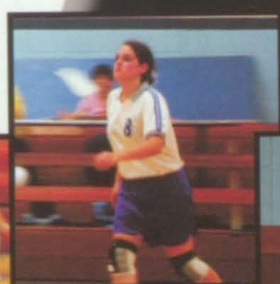
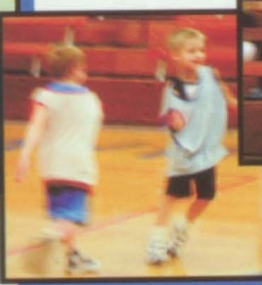
EXIT 50: PLAINVIEW SPORTS COMPLEX

FOOTBALL FIELD-GYMNASIUM-TRACK

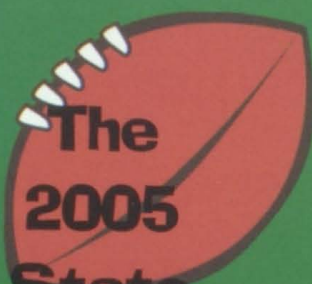
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WRONG WAY



- 50-51: Sports Division: Increase To Maximum Speed**
- 52-53: HS Football**
- 54-55: HS Volleyball**
- 56-57: HS Basketball**
- 58-59: HS Track/HS Cheerleading**
- 60-61: JH Girls VB/JH Boys VB**
- 62-63: JH Girls BB/JH Boys BB**
- 64-65: JH Boys and Girls Track**
- 66-67: JH Cheer/Elem. Basketball Game**
- 68-69: Elementary Field Day**

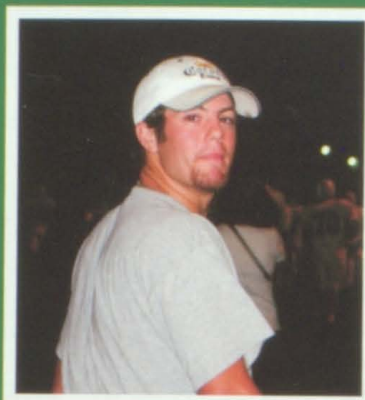


The 2005 State Semi- Finalist Granada Bobcats



You talkin' to me?
Jason Freouf (at right) diligently walks the sideline taking statistics and giving that much-needed positive reinforcement. (Far Right): Seniors Jason Freouf and Blaine Shivers discuss game strategy and ways to improve the attack.

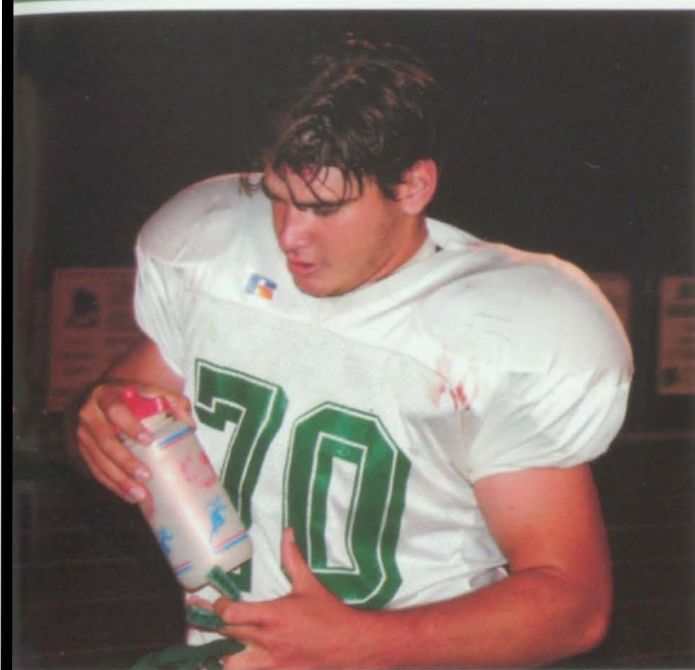
Ready to run over the opponents, sir!
Blaine Shivers gets ready to do battle as he takes the field one more time. Right Center: Freshman Jose Dominguez backpedals on defense as he gets ready to make a tackle versus Wiley. Lower Right: Freshman Jason Specht patiently waits for the call to get in the game. Below Left: Granada kicks off another season as a contender. Bottom Left: A Granada receiver catches the ball.



Granada Football Caution: Hard Hitting Ahead

At Right: The Granada Cheerleaders get ready to once again sing the fight song following another score. Bottom Right: The sidelines get anxious as another victory seems imminent.





Football Heroes In Action

Above Left: The sideline can get to be a very crowded place during the game. Above: Number one, Jose Dominguez stands next to fellow Plainview freshman, number two, Jason Specht. Way to give them the old one, two! At Left: Senior Blaine Shivers takes a much needed break on the sidelines in order to rehydrate. Bottom Left: The Plainview faithful once again come out to support their adopted team. Below: Jason Specht closes in on the runner and gets ready to make the tackle.

Blaine Shivers, Senior



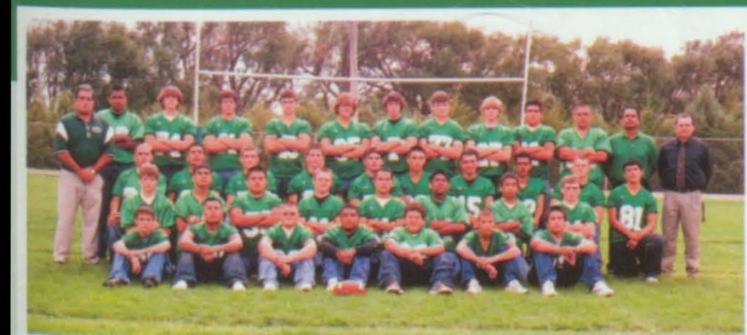
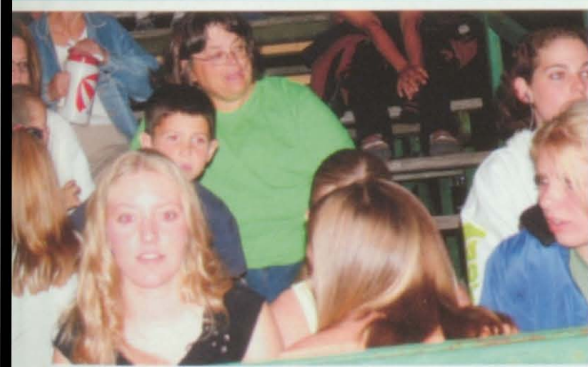
Jason Freouf, Senior



Jason Specht, Freshman



Jose Dominguez, Freshman



The 2005 Granada Bobcat Football Team

	Us	Them
Genoa-Hugo	60	14
Walsh	62	0
McClave	30	22
C. Wells	20	14
Springfield	52	22
Holly	30	6
Wiley	6	13
Eads	33	6
S. Cristo	61	6
Swink	28	19
Marino	3	16



Above: Blaine Shivers, a member of the team for four years, looks on from the sideline. Granada went 9-2 overall, losing in the state semifinal game to Merino, the eventual state champs.

Back Row (L to R): Coach Manual Gonzales, Hector Martinez, Riley Widener, Logan Dorenkamp, Tyson Thrall, Aaron Widener, Bret Laprarie, Kevin Merrit, Bryson Smith, Tyndon Marquez, Cody Baker, Coach Carlos Huerta, Coach Manual Gonzales, Jr.
 Second Row (L to R): Alex Carrillo, Anthony DeLaRosa, Caleb Duvall, Ryan Schulz, Blaine Shivers, Rinaldo Vega, Jon Exparza, Leonel Morales, Matt Carrigan, Francisco Morales.
 Third Row (L to R): Jason Specht, Manuel Perez, Miguel Zavala, John McMillan, Michael Buchanan, Andrew, Medina, Jose Dominguez, Dustin Bohlander.
 Fourth Row (L to R): Manager Traegan Marquez, Miguel Berzoza, Ruben McMillan, Julio Vasquez, Ramiro Covarrubias, Manager Dakota Baker, Manager Chris DeLeon.

"Serves Up!": Bumping, Setting, and Spiking on the Road to Success



Above: The 2005 Plainview Lady Hawks Volleyball Team: (Standing from left) Becca Specht, Val Doering, Coach Wilson, Erin Specht, Lisa Kowarch, Coach Pape, Veronika Kastrankova, Cassie Harris; (Front row sitting) Lana Weber, Kirby Crownover, and Lauren Weber. At Left: Junior Val Doering concentrates on the ball.



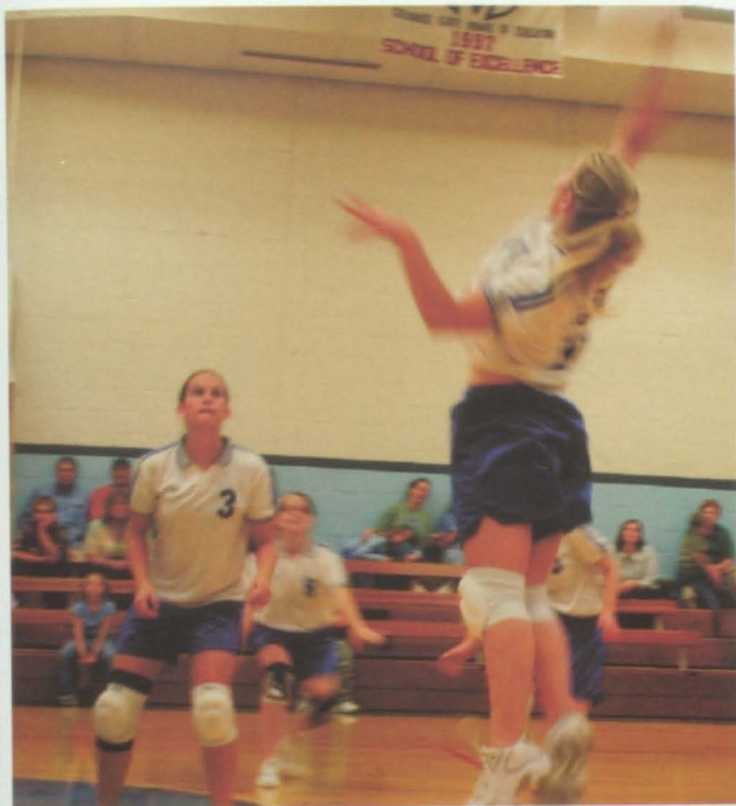
Above: Junior Lana Weber pushes senior Veronika Kastrankova to her position, showing a little "tough love" in order to make the right play.
At Left: Junior Lisa Kowarch warms up with senior Veronika Kastrankova, uniting Germany with the Czech Republic on the volleyball court.
At Right: The 2005 Plainview Lady Hawks volleyball team huddles up for one last pep talk prior to the beginning of the match.



Top Right: Teammates Becca Specht, Kirby Crownover, and Lana Weber wait to receive a serve.

At Right: Junior Becca Specht displays some hops as she stretches to hit the ball with authority as freshman Lauren Weber looks to cover.
Below: Veronika Kastrankova "jumps" with all her might to attempt to hit a ball over the net.





Top: Lauren Weber reaches for the rafters as she attempts to spike while her teammate, Becca Specht, keeps an eye on her and waits at the ready to go after the ball if it is blocked.

Left: Erin Specht sets Lauren Weber up perfectly for what we hope is going to be an amazing spike!

Below: The volleyball girls stand in a line ready to dig any balls Coach Wilson hits at them during warm ups.

Below Right: The volleyball girls relax as they wait in the gym before getting dressed for the game.

At Bottom of Page: Veronika Kastrakova, Lauren Weber, Becca Specht, and Lisa Kowarsch get down and get ready to receive the serve.



**Veronika
Kastrankova**



**Lisa
Kowarsch**



**Rebecca
Specht**



**Valesca
Doering**



**Erin
Specht**



**Lana
Weber**



**Lauren
Weber**

**Kirbi
Crownover**



The 2005 Plainview High School Volleyball Season

Brewster	L
Bethune	W
Weskan	L
Cheyenne Wells	L
Campo	W
Kim	L
Vilas	W
Granada	W
Campo	W
Cheraw	L
Kit Carson	L
McClave	L
Karval	L
Eads	L
Kit Carson	L



Basketball and Life: Just Playin The Game And Driving The Lane

Hoopin' It Up High School Basketball 05-06



Top Left: Junior Erin Specht dribbles around the perimeter, looking to get the ball inside. Top Middle: Senior Veronika Kastrankova sprints to get out on defense. Top Right: Erin, Veronika, and Freshman Kirby Crownover gallop down the floor to get back on 'D.' Above: Junior Lana Weber appears to have more than enough arms to play defense. Above Right: Junior Becca Specht (no. 32) and Lana Weber (no. 33) look to get in there and rebound the ball. Far Left: Lana Weber attempts to go 'coast-to-coast' for a layup. At Left: Becca Specht does what Coach Wilson always asks her and the team to do: 'Everything to the rim!'



Becca Specht



Erin Specht



Lana Weber



Veronika Kastrankova



Undral Bayarra



Lauren Weber



Kirby Crownover



Cassie Harris

The 2005-2006 Plainview Lady Hawks Basketball Team. Left to right, Front Row: (sitting) Lana Weber, Undral Bayaraa, Kirby Crownover. Standing (From Left): Becca Specht, Erin Specht, Coach Wilson, Lauren Weber, Coach Pape, Veronika Kastrankova, and manager Cassie Harris.



The 2005-06 Plainview Lady Hawk Scoreboard

Opponent	Us	Them
Springfield	20	59
Wiley	33	67
Pritchett	11	32
Moscow KS.	12	41
Tyrone	19	40
Campo	24	40
Pritchett	28	33
Cheraw	17	42
McClave	11	74
Cheyenne Wells	32	48
Campo	31	42
Campo	22	33
Karval	34	48
Vilas	45	10
Manzanola	28	31
Eads	14	62
Kit Carson	39	48
Kit Carson	21	53



Above Left: Undral Bayaraa out-tips her opponent at Vilas in what would be the Hawks lone victory of the year. Top Right Corner: Kirby Crownover gets her arms up on defense as a Cheyenne Wells player passes around her. Top Right: Veronika Kastrankova focuses on the job at hand, looking to pass the ball to her teammate. At Left: Erin Specht waits for Lana Weber to set the pick in order to spring her towards the basket. Above: Lauren Weber takes a seat on the bench during the Springfield Tournament, grimacing in pain at what would be a season-ending knee injury. At Left: Becca Specht takes a deep breath before knocking down a free throw.



Above Left: Undral Bayaraa gets ready to play defense against Granada. Above: Becca Specht brings the ball up the court and gets ready to call a play.



At Left: The Lady Hawks all line up against a Kit Carson defender in an attempt to run an inbounds play. Above: Freshman Kirby Crownover chases down a Cheyenne Wells player in order to give her a gentle 'push' in the right direction.

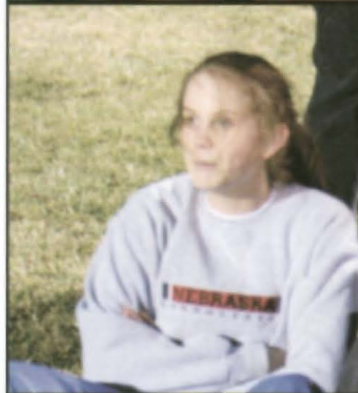


EXIT 58: A 400 METER OVAL



THE RUNNERS

Upper Left: Becca Specht sprints for the finish line. Upper Right: Youssef Chahb turns the corner on the 400 meters. Above Left: Jose Dominguez seems to be chasing his shadow as he approaches the last lap. Above: Kirby Crownover appears to be a blur as she picks up speed towards the end of her race. At Left: Kirby's thoughts are crystalized in her expression of exhaustion following her mile run.



Top Left: Jose Dominguez looks ready to compete against anyone on what seems to be under a "Plainview-Blue" sky. Top Right: Kirby Crownover is exhausted after a long track meet. Upper Right (Below picture of Jose): Becca Specht takes a breather in between races. Middle: Becca checks the position of her feet as she lands in the triple jump. Above Left: Youssef Chahb sports his New York Yankee cap during a meet, and battles the sun in order to see who is taking his picture. Above Right: Kirby smiles at the prospect of running the mile once again as coach looks on.

Meet the Squad!



NEXT RIGHT: SPIRIT LANE



Erin
Specht



Lana
Weber



Lauren
Weber



Kirby
Crownover



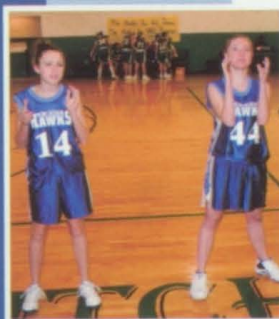
Ms. Fees
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At Left: Erin Specht, Lana Weber, and Kirby Crownover think about what to do next during an assembly. Below: Erin seems to be praying to the cheerleading gods as she ends a routine.



At Right: B-ball-uniformed-clad Kirby and Erin show what troopers they are as they cheer for the Junior High girls during their basketball game in Pritchett. Far Right: Lana and Kirby display their team spirit during Homecoming Week as they embrace following one of the daily activities during this very festive occasion. Below Right: Lauren and Lana are in sync as they lead a cheer during a pep assembly.

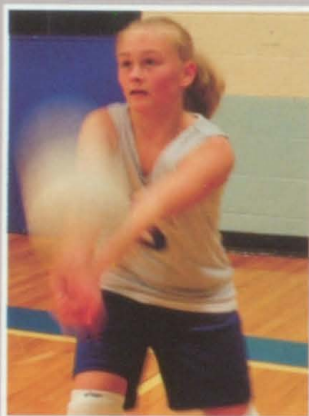


Below: Lana discusses with Ms. Fees which class had the most enthusiasm in what is known as the awarding of the "spirit stick." Bottom: Erin Specht and Lana Weber "kick it" during one of their cheers.

Bottom Left: The 2005-06 Cheerleading Squad: Lauren Weber, Cassie Harris, Erin Specht (standing), Ms. Fees, and Lana Weber and Kirby Crownover lying on the floor.



The Junior High Digging Life on the Volleyball Court



Left: Mikayla Schmidt cushions the ball as she gets prepared to bump it to her setter.



Right: With the action moving so fast as to seem almost an invisible ghost-like blurr, Heather Arns, after bumping the ball, watches her teammate's next move.

Right: Heather Arns and Shelby Harris are in their "down and ready" stance. They are prepared for anything that comes their way.



Above: Joanna Specht gets set to receive the ball, which was bumped over the net by one of her opponents.



Above: The team huddles together for a quick drink and coach's talk. "Listen up girls, this is what we're going to do..."

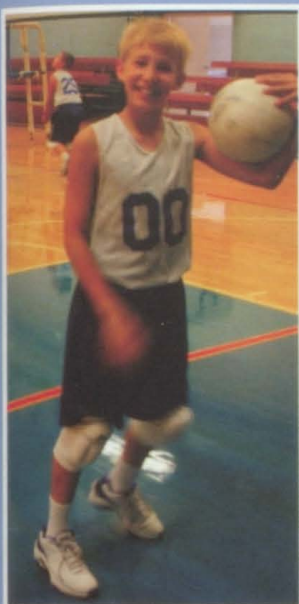


Junior High Girls Volleyball 2005 Season

- W Granada
- W Holly
- W Vilas
- W C.W. Tournament
- L Cheyenne Wells
- L C.W. Tournament
- L C.W. Tournament
- L Eads
- L Kit Carson



CAUTION: DIGGING AND SPIKING AND MEN AT WORK



Far Left: Kirbi Stum is all smiles as he gets ready for the afternoon's match. Left Center: Vincent Koeller prepares to set the ball as Leo Dominguez looks on. At Left: Zach Splitter concentrates on the ball coming his way.



Far Left: Wesley Arns looks to help his teammates during a match. Left Center: Kacy Segers gets ready to play, while the photo to the right of Kacy features a laid back Luke Specht warming up before the game. Upper Left: Kirbi Stum bumps the ball over the net. Lower Left: Wesley Arns is just about to serve.



Far Left Bottom: Trying to save the point, Leo Dominguez sets the ball. Left Center: Coach Fickenschner talks to her team. At Left: Vincent Koeller is the first out on the court.



THE 2005 JUNIOR HIGH BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (STANDING): KIRBI STUM, LEO DOMINGUEZ, COACH FICKENSCHER, VINCENT KOELLER, AND KACY SEGERS. KNEELING (LEFT TO RIGHT): ZACH SPLITTER, LUKE SPECHT, AND WESLEY ARNS.



We regret that we do not have a scoreboard for Junior High Boys Volleyball. This was an error by the yearbook staff that we hope will not happen again.



Shelby Harris, 8th Grade
"I loved our basketball season! It was a blast! It was extremely exciting when we got 3rd place... I can't wait until next year to play and start a new season! I love basketball!"

Katie Sanders, 7th Grade
"I loved playing with our team this year! It was great watching all of us improve! I loved this season...Basketball is definitely my favorite sport!"

Joanna Specht, 8th Grade
"This year's basketball team worked hard and made a lot of progress throughout the year... Our season was exciting and I can't wait to play next year. I can only hope to improve."

Heather Arns, 8th Grade
"Loved the season! Can't wait until next year's season!"

Paige Specht, 7th Grade
"Awesome season! I'll miss the eighth graders! Hope to have a good season next year!"

Natalya Weber, 8th Grade
"I really had fun beating teams. I had loads of fun with all of my teammates. I can't wait until next season."

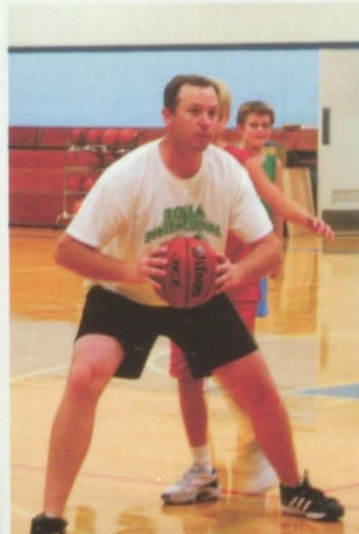
Mikayla Schmidt, 8th Grade
"I had a great time and look forward to the next year's season. Basketball is cool!"

Somara Reikfeld, 8th Grade
"Thanks for having me. I had loads of fun. Can't wait to do it again!"

Erin Reikfeld, 8th Grade
"I had a great time!"

Rebecca Gomez, 7th Grade
"I loved it, and the best part was when we beat Eads A team!!! Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Fickenscher are the best coaches ever. Thank you lots. Can't wait till next year..."

Driving The Lane: Junior High Girls Basketball



Hawks Display Hoops Sense

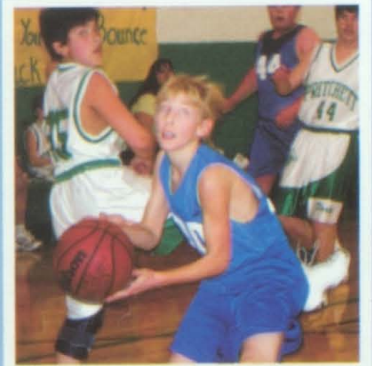
Top Left: Eighth-grader Joanna Specht leads her team off the court and into the locker room at halftime in the Choyenne Wells gym. Above Left: Seventh-grader Katie Sanders attempts to pass the ball inside to one of her teammates. Far Left: Erin Reikfeld looks to get position on the rebound against the Vilas Broncos. At left: Coach Wilson demonstrates the proper way to power dribble and go up for the inside layup during practice. Lower Far Left: Joanna Specht calls for the ball inside as she leaves on her Pritchett defender. Lower Left: Seventh-grader Paige Specht states emphatically, "Not in my house!", as she swats the shot away against the Pritchett Pirates. Below: Eighth-grader Shelby Harris tries to stay one step ahead of the defense at Vilas as they both go for the ball.

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C. Wells	3	25
Eads	35	2
Eads A	9	12
C. Wells	15	23
Eads A	30	9
Granada	20	4
Pritchett	L	W
Karval	30	15
C. Wells	15	33
Eads A	21	10



The 2005-2006 Plainview Junior High Girls Basketball Team.
Back Row (standing from left): Heather Arns, Joanna Specht, Erin Reikfeld, Somara Reikfeld, Coach Jay Wilson, and Paige Specht. Front Row (kneeling, from left): Katie Sanders, Natalya Weber, Shelby Harris, Mikayla Schmidt, and Rebecca Gomez.

Next Right: Junior High Boys Basketball



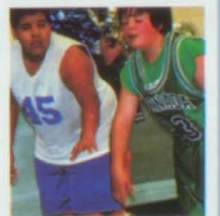
Top Left: Kirbi Stum gets airborne as he attempts to shoot the ball against Pritchett. Top Right: Luke Specht and Garrett Crownover scramble to get back on defense as Vilas starts the fast break. At Left: Leaving the sideline spectators in a veritable blur, Zach Splitter puts it in another gear as he runs down the court to defend the layup at Vilas. Above: Coach Wilson, Mr. Pape, Wesley Arns, and Luke Specht closely watch the play on the court against Granada, thinking about the adjustments that need to be made.

Top: Kirbi Stum holds the ball away from the Granada defenders. Above: Kacy Segers gets ready to break open in the lane against the Vilas Broncos. Below (clockwise): Vincent Koeller shoots the jumper from the corner. Zach Splitter drives around a Wesley Arns pick. Kirbi, Vincent, and Wesley defends the inbounds play. Leo Dominguez gets ready to box out in the lane. Kacy plays some zone defense.



The 2005-2006 Plainview Junior High School Boys Basketball Team.

Standing (from left to right): Zach Splitter, Leo Dominguez, Luke Specht, Vincent Koeller, Garrett Crownover, Kacy Segers, Kirbi Stum, and Coach Wilson. Kneeling (in front): Wesley Arns.



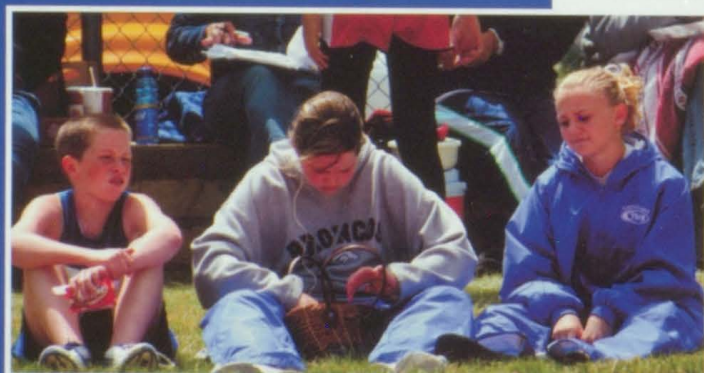
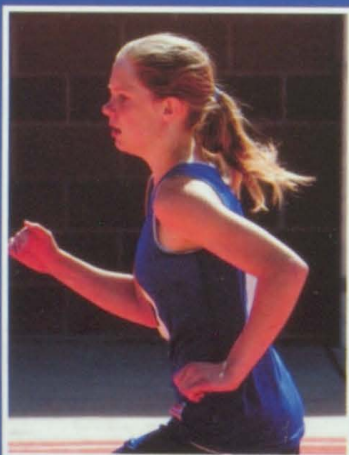
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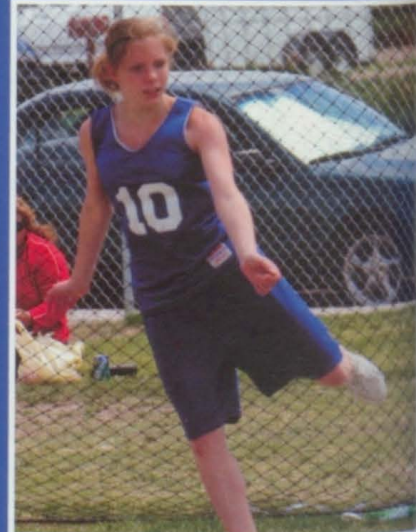
CAUTION: WATCH FOR JUNIOR HIGH RUNNERS, JUMPERS, AND THROWERS...



Above: The girl's relay team of Joanna Specht, Paige Specht, Natalya Weber and Shelby Harris pose with their baton. Above Middle: Garrett Crownover shows proper form as he rounds the track. Above Right: Wesley Arns lands in the sand pit. At Right: Natalya Weber runs the 400 meters. Center: Leo Dominguez shows his colors at the Lamar Track Meet. Far Right: Mikayla Schmidt gets a running start in the long jump.



Above: Wesley Arns, Heather Arns, and Shelby Harris take a break on the grass during a meet. Above Middle: Heather Arns gets off to a good start in the 100 meter dash. At Right: Zach Splitter shows his determination running the 400 meter race at the League Track Meet in Lamar. Right Center: Shelby Harris shows great balance as she makes sure her shoes are tied tight--this wasn't one of the events, but rumor has it she was chewing gum while this photo was taken.



Above: Natalya Weber watches as her discus throw travels a winning distance of just over 69 feet in her heat.

...ALL RUNNING, JUMPING, AND THROWING LIKE THE WIND, AND USUALLY INTO THE WIND



Far Left: Helping out in Lamar, freshman Kirby Crownover gives encouragement to eighth-graders Heather Arns and Shelby Harris.

At Left: Kattie Sanders shows how important it is to keep properly hydrated during a long Saturday track meet as she smiles beneath a beautiful "Plainview-Blue" sky.



Far Left: Shelby Harris sprints so fast that her hair can barely keep up with her as she heads toward the finish line during the last leg of the girls' 400 meter relay. Middle Left: Heather Arns, Shelby Harris, and Leo Dominguez show that they are always prepared for any contingency as the rain starts to come down at the League Track Meet. At Left: The Boy's relay team of Vincent Koeller, Garrett Crownover, Wesley Arns, and Kacy Segers are all smiles at the conclusion of the day's festivities.



Middle Left: Natalya Weber gets ready to hand off the baton to Joanna Specht during the girls' 400 meter relay event. At Left: Shelby Harris is sporting her Plainview baseball cap in hopes of keeping the sun out of her eyes during a very long day.



Above: Zach Spiltier tries to make a futile attempt to keep the sun out of his eyes before he takes his afternoon nap between events.



Above: Kattie Sanders shoots the breeze with fellow track member Joanna Specht as they wait their turn during the high jump.

coolness



Shelby Harris



Joanna Specht



Rebecca Gomez



Katie Sanders



Paige Specht



Natalya Weber



Far Left: The Junior High Cheerleaders group together during a game at Villas. Pictured (left to right) are Katie Sanders, Shelby Harris, Joanna Specht, Paige Specht, and Natalya Weber.

Top Right: Shelby Harris and sixth-grader Natalya Weber display that friendship only cheerleaders seem to understand.

Junior High Cheerleading: Getting Their Kicks On Route 66

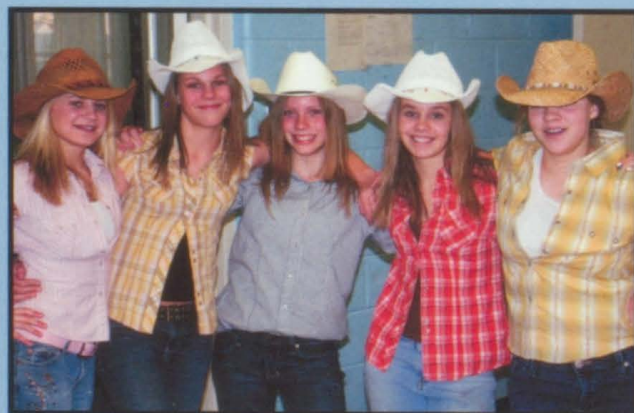


The 2005-2006 Junior High Cheerleading Squad.

Standing:
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Kneeling:
Rebecca Gomez, Joanna Specht, Natalya Weber

Sitting: Katie Sanders, Paige Specht, Shelby Harris

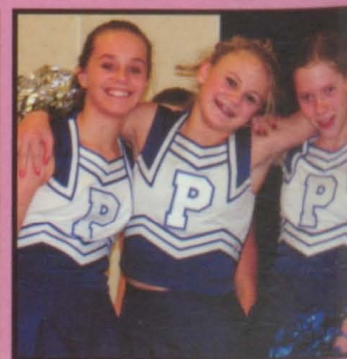


At Left: Shelby Harris, Joanna Specht, Natalya Weber, Katie Sanders, and Paige Specht are gettin' all country as they prepare for their dance routine. Above: The group cheers during a home basketball game.

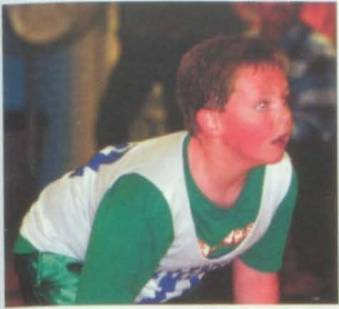


Far Right: Katie Sanders, Shelby Harris, and Natalya Weber are all smiles during the game.

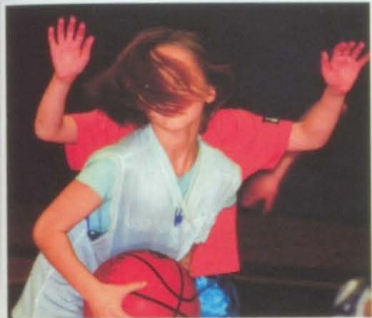
At Right: Everyone gets their kicks and "jumps" during one of several pep rallies throughout the year.



Exit 67: Tiny Town Basketball



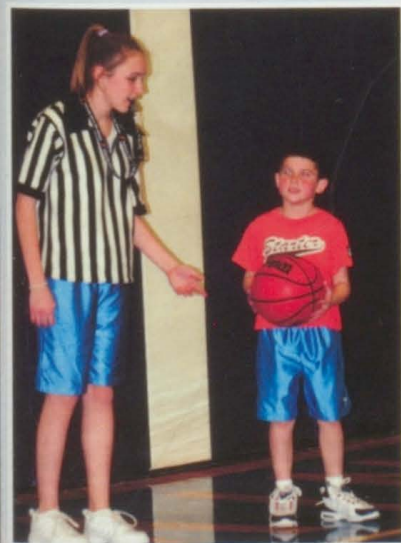
Above: A red-faced Ryan Koeller gets ready to shoot the ball as the offense comes his way.



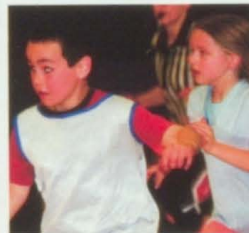
Above: Alyssa Splitter wheels around so fast her hair hasn't caught up with the rest of her as she scrambles to keep Stephen Wilson from stealing the ball.



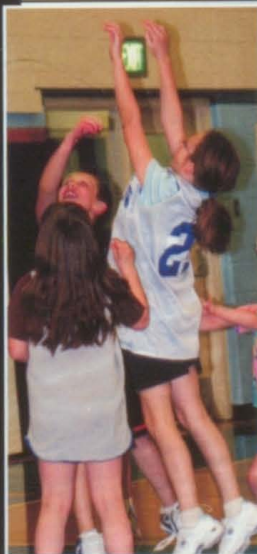
Above: Fourth-grader Matthew Sanders is determined to drive the ball down the court for a score as first-grader Ryan Koeller defends. Below: Referee Kirby Crownover hands the ball over to the much smaller, yet same-colored short-wearer, Stephen Wilson.



Above: "Plainview Travellers" Coaches Becca Specht and Veronika Kastrankova encourage their team to make more baskets during a timeout in order to get more points. Right: Coaches Erin Specht and Ondral Bayaraa give their team, the "Double-Dribblers", orders to play some solid defense for the final minute. Below: First-grader Stephen Wilson scrambles for the ball against kinder Nicholas Crum during the game.



Top Right: Second-grader Seth Splitter shows off his "blue" attire and his excited expression as he just misses a shot during the first half of the annual elementary basketball game. This year's contest pitted the Plainview Travellers against the Plainview Double-Dribblers; a game where both were prominently displayed at times. Above Right: Refs Kirby Crownover and Lana Weber discuss their officiating "strategy" as they get ready to start the game. Above Middle: Nicholas Crum warms up before the game. Above: Levi Sanders gets in front of Alyssa Splitter in hopes of getting a basket.



Above: Third-grader Thomas Specht reaches high to grab the rebound over the other players.

Left: Fourth-grader Katelyn Wanderlingh stretches to shoot the ball over defenders in the lane.



Above: The little "Plainview Travellers" look to get back in the game following words of encouragement from their coaches.



Above: The Double Dribblers' coach Erin Specht has a captive audience as she gives her troops last minute instructions.

Run Fast, Jump high



Top left: Coach Wilson concentrates on getting everything and everyone where they need to go.

Right: Grant Specht and Nicholas Crum take a break from all the exhausting work they were forced to do throughout the day!

Bottom left: Fourth grade girls, Lyaneah Segars, Katelyn Wanderlingh, Kristin Arms, and Alyssa Splitter...aren't they cute?

Bottom right: Squinting through the bright sunlight, Kristin Arms watches other events as she waits her turn to to run.



Right: Third-grader Katelyn Wanderlingh makes what we hope will be a successful attempt to clear a jump in her event.

Below: Kindergartener Lydia Splitter takes off from the starting line in hopes to get first in the fifty-yard dash.

Bottom middle: Fourth-grader Alyssa Splitter flies through the air during her attempt at the long jump.

Bottom right: First-grader Stephen Wilson runs as fast as his legs can take him in what looks to be first place. Way to go, Stephen!



Elementary Field Day



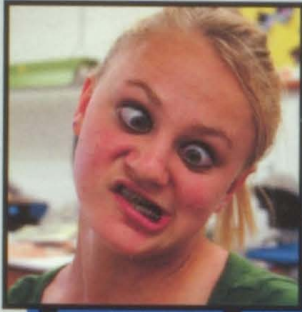
Left: Wesley Arms and Alyssa Splitter demonstrate that cousins really can get along...sometimes!
Right: First-grader Stephen Wilson, kinders Lydia Splitter and Nicholas Crum, and first-grader Ryan Hoeller, take a long awaited break between events to pose for photographers.



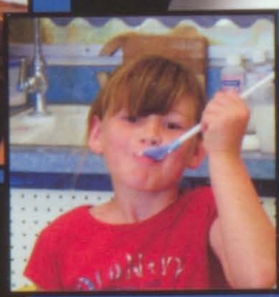
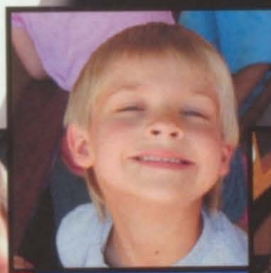
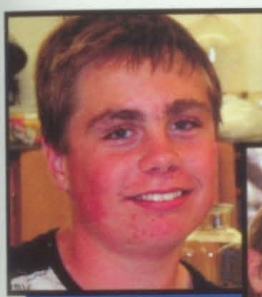
Middle left: Kindergartener Grant Spacht races happily toward the finish line. Go, Grant, go!!!
Middle right: First-grader Levi Sanders appears to catch some air as he soars for the long-jump pit.
Middle far right: Fourth-grader Matthew Sanders pushes himself as hard as he can toward the finish line, so far ahead we can see no one else.
Right: Alyssa Splitter attempts to "flop" over the bar in the high jump.
Below: Fifth-grader Luke Spacht enjoys a little splash during what was a beautiful field day.



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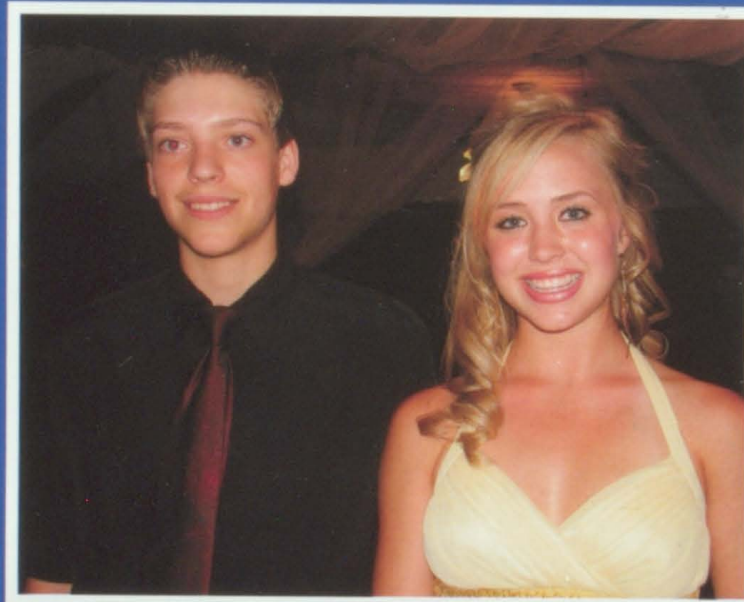
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- 70-71: The Final Exit; End Of School**
- 72-73: Prom**
- 74: Mr. Pape's Senior Prophecies**
- 75: Athletic-Academic Awards Banquet**
- 76: Kindergarten Graduation**
- 77: Eighth Grade Graduation**
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- 81-95: Advertising: Highway Bills**
- 96: Last Day of School**



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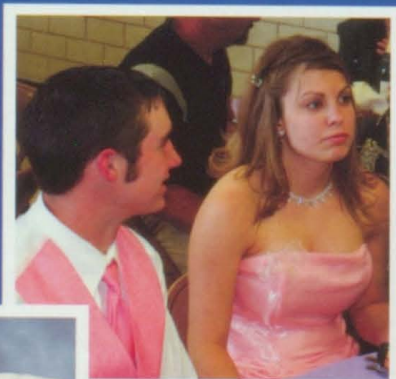
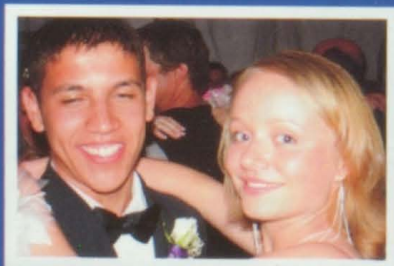


Top Left: Queen Cassie Harris and King Blaine Shivers share a dance after being crowned. Top Right: Andral Bayaraa gives a big hug to one of her "smaller" fans.

Above: Jason Specht and his date smile for the cameras while participating in the Grand March.

Above right: Blaine Shivers and Cassie Harris were crowned King and Queen at the 2005-2006 Prom.

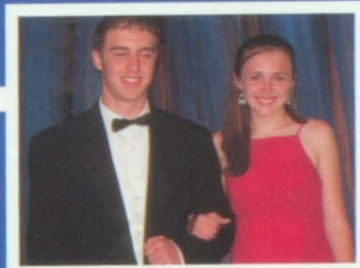
Bottom: Jason Trovuf takes a break from all his chaotic dancing to catch his breath and get a drink.



Above: Hmm... we wonder who's so interesting to listen to. They've sure got Lana Weber's attention...and Lana's definitely has her date's attention! At Right: Erin Specht smiles wide as her picture is taken with little Koveah.



Prom 2006



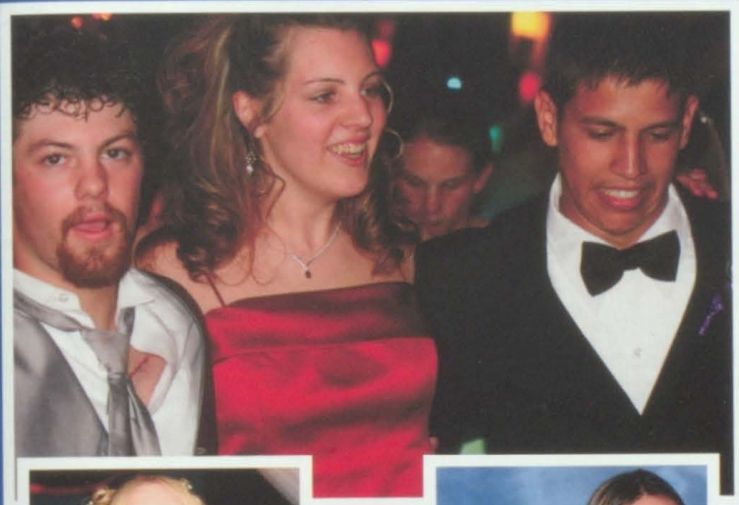
Above: Lauren Weber and date Michael Berggren arrive at the Grand March, as does Kirby Crownover and her man from Tribune, Ben Pierce (top right).

Left: Jason Troouf, Evelyn Kassel, and Youssef Chahib, attempt to dance the Cotton-Eyed-Too.

Below the one above: Lauren tries unsuccessfully to communicate with the aliens from outer space.

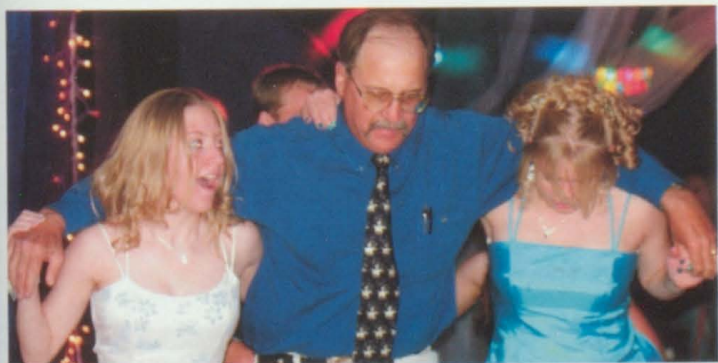
Beside the one below the one above: "Sisters" Veronika Nastrankova and Undral Bayaraa pose for their picture before the festivities begin.

Below: Dave sure does have one big baby...though Jason Troouf is not quite as cute as the one being held by Undral and Erin on the previous page.



Middle left: Erin Specht, Bruce Nickonscher, and Lauren Weber also attempt to do the Cotton-Eyed-Too, although their attempt seems to be more successful than the one at the top of the page. Bruce is probably thinking he is one lucky guy.

Bottom left: Lauren Weber and Kirby Crownover show everyone their "S" in the "S.M.E.S." as they dance to that over-popular 70s group, the Village People!



Above: All girls attending prom posed for the "leg shot", also known as the annual garter picture. At Left: Patrick Kulisnek and Cassie Harris listen attentively to Mr. Zapp wax poetic as he reads the senior prophecies.



The Senior Prophecy: Back To The Future V: The Sequel

How does one predict the future? I ponder this idea each and every spring, and, quite frankly, it has become quite the conundrum. I have no crystal ball, no weegie board, not even one of those magic eight balls that you ask yes or no questions of in the hope of getting the answer you wanted in the first place. And how reliable are these artificial forms of prognostication? Let's face it, the weatherman is only right a percentage of the time, and he or she has millions of dollars in technology to back them up. All I have is a pencil, a pad of paper, and a hard drive to store it on. History and literature are filled with people who put great faith in individuals with that "gift." First ladies Mary Lincoln and Nancy Reagan consulted with "psychics," and Sophocles wrote about a blind seer who was brought in by some guy named Oedipus in order to figure out what was plaguing Thebes. Turned out, old Oedipus had some kind of complex. And heaven knows we've had more than a few presidents that could have used a good oracle or two on the payroll--not that they would have listened to them. So first off, I want to make this perfectly clear--what I say here this evening; don't take it to the bank. If I end up getting any of this right--well, let's just say, I was flinging spaghetti at the wall and some of it just happened to stick. So, ladies and gentlemen, here's my story:

The thought of being sixty-six years old didn't really sit well with me. I mean, in another twenty years, I will have hit mandatory retirement age, and the hair plugs and botox treatment haven't been much in the way of help. I seemed to have had a "canceling out" effect on me: Yes, I had more hair (which was great), but my forehead seemed to expand to the point that I looked like a cross between Martin van Buren, Dwight Eisenhower, and a GE 75-watt light bulb. I'll let that thought sink in a moment before I go on. Where did the time go? It seemed that only yesterday I was saying goodbye to the graduating Class of 2006, wishing them well, hoping that success would come knocking at their door more often than the polio. Hey, I could dream, couldn't I? The phone rang. Yes, I believe that I was one of only six remaining humans still using a land-based telephone without caller i.d.--kind of a museum piece really. But I remember thinking to myself, "I really need to be able to know who is on the other end of that line before I answer--I mean, screening calls--geez, Ruth Fees was doing that way back in the late nineties." Certainly, being the year 2031, I could look into this technology. Note to self... I picked up the phone and all I hear is a flushing sound--yes, even in the year 2031, they still utilize toilets. "O.K., is this Lauren Weber?" There was no answer--just this uncontrollable laughter. "You know Lauren, I was mildly amusing when you did this as a fourteen year old, but at what, what is it--forty-one?" And with that, all I heard was silence...yes, I believe she had seen the juvenile nature of her act. And just when I thought I would get some teeming apology, another flush. Lauren finally achieved some measure of composure in order to inform me that Lana was trying to get a hold of me in order to invite me to a Plainview Reunion that her, Becca, Erin, and Dave were organizing. They were recognizing several classes, but primarily the Class of 2006, because it had been 25 years. Geez. Twenty-five years. What could these people possibly be like in their mid-forties? I can remember as clear as day Jason, Cassie, Blaine, Veronika, and Youssef in my American government class, representing their unique brand of scholarship and studiousness. Well, at least I think some of them could spell scholarship and studiousness. I can only imagine what the Class of 2007 had become: Becca probably became a registered nurse and caregiver in hopes of seeing me in a nursing home some day, and realizing her dream of terrorizing me in my wheelchair and manipulating my medication for her own amusement and recompense. Of course, for all I know, she may have fallen off the edge of the earth someplace in Kansas--if I remember correctly, she liked that state. Lana Weber had to have become a correspondent for FOX NEWS, working closely with her mentor and idol, Bill O'Reilly, and eventually replacing Mr. O'Reilly after he could no longer count on his asbestos bloomers protecting him every time his pants caught on fire--differing camera angles were able to hide the immense size his nose had become. I imagined Erin Specht probably got a job with border security along the Rio Grande before becoming the warden at the Super Max Facility in Florence, Colorado. I know she seemed mild mannered, but I'll bet I'm not too far off on that one. And Dave Crownover? Well, Dave undoubtedly wrote a book entitled, "You Know You're A Redneck From The Hoosier State," a collection of amusing one-liners and anecdotes describing the characteristics of the Gangsta Redneck Hick from the city who lives in the country, drives a Ford pick-up truck, and listens to Johnny Cash, Ludicrous, and Fitty Cent. But those were only guesses--I had no idea what really happened to these people, but I had a reliable source I could go to in order to find out--one who would never exaggerate and always tell it to me straight, just like he did in government class--that same redneck from the hood, Dave Crownover. I tracked Dave down doing what he loved to do best--working on cars. Now Dave had become a pretty big-time high-priced mechanic, but he was not above helping his old history teacher. I wondered if he could check the "check engine" light on my car, and he was quick to give me his expert diagnosis. "You know what your problem is, Mr. Pape--it's that you drive that crappy Japanese automobile instead of a Ford--get yourself a Ford, and all your problems will be solved. Now what else can I do for you?" So I explained my dilemma, and Dave was only too happy to oblige. "Gee, Mr. Pape, I haven't seen those people in like a thousand years." "A thousand years, Dave?", I replied. "Well, I guess I did hear from them last week." Some things never change. Do Dave gave me the lowdown on the Class of 2006--Twenty-five years hence.

Youssef Chahb.

After returning to France, Youssef went on to graduate from high school and then proceeded to attend and graduate from university, go to law school, and eventually get involved in politics. Oddly enough, he worked his way through higher education making Danishes at a local bakery in Paris. He couldn't get over the irony of it all. Every morning, up at the crack of dawn making pastries, or as he liked to call them, "Roses of the Prophet Mohammad." The Danes were still trying to shake off those controversial cartoons they published in 2005. Youssef used his soft-spoken approach to become quite the effective diplomat--of course, many people seemed not to understand him--but that probably helped his career. If only his French accent was as good as Mr. Pape's was back in the day. After studying every Pink Panther movie with Peter Sellers, Youssef had achieved that lofty goal. And, after serving France in many different capacities, from deputy foreign minister to United Nations Ambassador to the number one guy in foreign affairs, Youssef was able to broker peace in places in the world that hadn't seen peace in generations. Americans had eventually become such big fans of the French that not only did they forget all those silly "Freedom Fries," "Freedom Toats," and "Freedom Bread" protestations of post-9-11, but we actually changed the names of some beloved American institutions in order to show our great thanks and appreciation. Come to think of it, I can't wait to get home and watch my beloved Chicago White Sox take on the despised, yet respected New York Frenchie. By the way, the game will be played at Frenchie Stadium in New France, New France in, of course, the good old United States of America, uh, sponsored by the People's Republic of China. Don't worry, I won't describe the changes in the flag. But the good news is our government is back and operating in the black--and you know what they say, "Once you operate in the black, you never want to go back--to red."

Jason Freouf.

What can I say about Jason Freouf? The man lived one day at a time--the only thing was I probably only saw him about 2 1/2 days a week the last two years of high school. Jason wasn't really big on school, and I remember correctly, "hated government." But he did love to ride four wheelers and shoot four-legged creatures. Pigs, rabbits, elk, moose, deer, antelope, rabid dogs, possum, skunk, bears, stray history teachers, and the list goes on and on. Jason was one to "live on the edge." So much so, that after his 57th accident on his four-wheeler, and the doctors telling him that an off-balanced sneeze could possibly be fatal, Jason finally took his doctor's advice and rehabbed properly. He took school seriously, graduating from LCC and then attending CU in Boulder. Initially wanting to be an architect, he decided on going to law school after all--just like his character Ken Gorman in Neil Simon's play, Rumors. Jason became a personal injury lawyer, going after companies and individuals who were negligent in their actions, and getting as much money as he possibly could for his clients. This "Strong Arm" put Frank Azar to shame--and who would know more about personal injuries? Oddly enough, Jason also had a unique hobby--that of Civil War reenactor. When asked about his sudden love for history, Jason said it was a no-brainer. He got to shoot guns--at people no less, didn't have to shave or shower for days at a time, could grow a beard longer and faster than James Longstreet and George Pickett put together, and Civil War battles lasted no more than two or three days--and that's about all the history he could take at one time. Now if they only had pajama pants in the 1860s...

Cassie Harris.

Upon graduation, Cassie rebelled somewhat. After years of living with the self-proclaimed "Secretary of the Interior," her sister Shelby--the girl who matches everything--Cassie made it a point to clash every chance she got. This worked well in college, although she tended to attract the more "liberal" coffee house latte-drinking, laid-back, anti-establishment-save-the-Spotted-Owl group as opposed to the more conservative, buttoned-down, white-milk-drinking, establishment, to-heck-with-the-Spotted-Owl-they-only-prevent-trees-from-being-cut-down group. Being an activist on campus was quite the task--there were so many causes and so little time. I mean, going to school in Boulder, she had a smorgasbord of issues to march and hold signs and shout about. One afternoon, on her way to protesting the ban of pajama pants and flip-flops on campus, she came across a fellow Boulderite who injured himself on his Segway--apparently George Bush isn't the only person who couldn't figure out how these two-wheeled contraptions ran. In properly mobilizing the injury to his knee, and diagnosing the problem correctly in the first place, Cassie came to the realization that her calling in life was truly in medicine. I mean, she was able to help this poor little rich kid who hurt his knee without any real training whatsoever--not even staying in a Holiday Inn Express the night before. She saw the economic possibilities as well--why not utilize all the knowledge she received from her numerous knee surgeries and make some money as well? "Medical school, here I come," she was heard to have uttered that fateful day. Look out all you reckless rich kids or those who may not be rich but have really good insurance policies, and all you old people or nearly old people needing knee and hip replacements--Cassie Harris is going to clean up. Heck, all she needed was about a half a dozen little Jason Freoufs on her client list and viola! It would be almost like owning stock in Exxon-Mobil. Don't get me wrong--Cassie still did her humanitarian work, but being a world-famous orthopedic surgeon with a building named for her at the University of Colorado allowed her to do that work from a more comfortable environment--in her multimillion dollar mansion wearing her CU sweatshirt, pajama pants, and flip-flops, thank you very much.

Veronika Kestrovova.

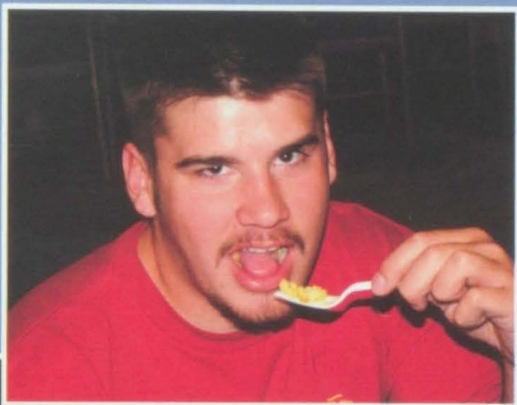
I somehow pictured Veronika returning to the Czech Republic and marrying some guy named Jughead while in college. But that was kind of stupid considering that no one names their children Jughead anymore--although Jason Freouf had stated that his first-born son would be given that name--which really frightened me--not that he would name his first-born son Jughead, but that he would actually have a child. But back to Veronika. Like most of Plainview's foreign exchange students, Veronika was pretty smart. She spoke many languages, was able to pick up many different subjects very quickly while in the U.S.. She never quite understood why Mr. Pape tried so hard without success to simulate her Czech accent. It always sounded like he was imitating either Boris and Natasha from the cartoon, Rocky and Bullwinkle, or Arnold Swartzenegger. But she laughed and humored him, thinking that that is how your must treat the old and feeble-minded. Veronika eventually returned to the United States in order to go to school, get her undergraduate degree, and eventually study international law. While pursuing her academic career, Veronika chased her dream of becoming a professional basketball player. She loved the sport. Thanks to the Plainview girls that year, she found a real passion athletically. She practiced tirelessly, finally learned how to jump and shoot simultaneously, make her college team as a walk-on, and eventually found her way to the WNBA, when she was discovered by a modeling agency. Yes, Veronika Kestrovova had the makings of a supermodel--sure the looks helped, but she had something even more crucial--her last name ended in o-v-a. How many supermodel/athletes had that going for them? Plenty. Take it from someone who as received Sports Illustrated for over forty years--you can't be both a supermodel and a super athlete without the o-v-a ending--it just doesn't happen. I think it's a prerequisite anymore. I'm surprised women don't change their last names just to give themselves a better shot. Veronika went on to have a very successful WNBA career, and an even more successful modeling career, making millions. Of course, like all former supermodels, she now schlep products like the Ab-Lounge and that In-home gym on t.v. infomercials with Chuck Norris' grandson, and has come out with her own tiabo/aerobic video, "Punchin' and Sweatin' to the Not So Oldies," where she can be heard to say, "Push it--Feel da burn--get da hart pumpink, vil you?"

Blaine Shivers.

Yes, Blaine finally graduated from Plainview. It wasn't easy, and although I have never owned firearms, I must admit, I considered the possibility, thinking that either that or an acetylene torch under his gluteus maximus might do the trick. I always found it humorous how often Blaine and Jason would invite me to go hunting with them--all I could do was picture that I was that old dude Harry Wittingham and Blaine and Jason were Dick Cheney and that I would have received more than a little bird shot to the face. I could just see them on the FOX NEWS interview--"It was the worst day of my life--Mr. Pape just walked into our line of fire unannounced--we thought he was a wild pig. We told him to wear the orange vest, but he was worried that it wouldn't match his tie. Poor, poor Mr. Pape." Enough of that and back to Blaine Shivers' story. Blaine enlisted in the marines, serving our country in a most distinguished manner. While being in Afghanistan, Blaine stumbled upon this sickly old man in a wheel chair toting around a dialysis machine. Could it be? Yes, it was none other than Osama bin Laden. Well, Blaine was received back in the states with a hero's welcome, getting a special commendation from then-President Jeb Bush who succeeded Hilary Clinton in 2016. Blaine was on countless talk shows--The O'Reilly Factor with Lana Weber, Chris Matthews, Wolf Blitzer, Tim Russert, and I could go on and on. He told his story over and over and over again, did Celebrity Deal or No Deal, signed a big fat book deal, and is now, and I'm not kidding, a senator from the state of Colorado. Yes, Blaine traded in on his celebrity and got involved in politics. Blaine had been a key player in getting biodiesel mainstreamed into American society, along with selling the Iranians on the idea--leaving it unnecessary for them to pursue their nuclear enrichment. We are all convinced that once this country runs out of Bushes or Clintons--let's see, we had Neil, one of the Bush twins, Chelsea Clinton, George P. Bush, George Clinton--and don't ask me how we elected him--I mean he's not even a politician, and it was strange to see him and the P. Funk All-Stars playing Hail To The Chief at the Inaugural--that Blaine will be able to run for president. Of course, he might be in his eighties by then, but today, your eighties are considered the new forties--and he'll still be five years from his mandatory retirement age. And if I'm still alive and Becca Specht hasn't found me and poisoned me, I will seriously consider voting for him.

Wow. I thanked Dave for his time, and he, in turn, thanked me by giving me a bill for his time. Since when did mechanics become like lawyers and therapists? Next time, I swear I'm going to make this stuff up.

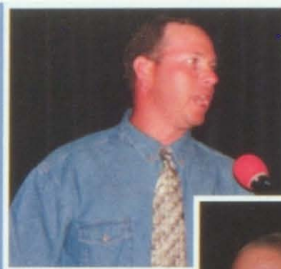
Exit: Keep Running, Passing, Spiking, Dribbling, and Cheering



Above Right: The cameraman catches Blaine Shivers at just the right time...eating. Above: Dave Crownover and Erin Specht smile as they wait for the awards to come non-stop. Right: Becca Specht giggles while she walks back to the table.



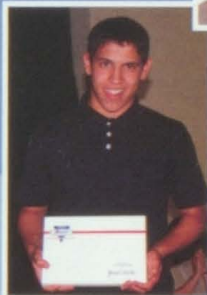
Right: Mr. Wilson begins the "awarding" with a short speech.



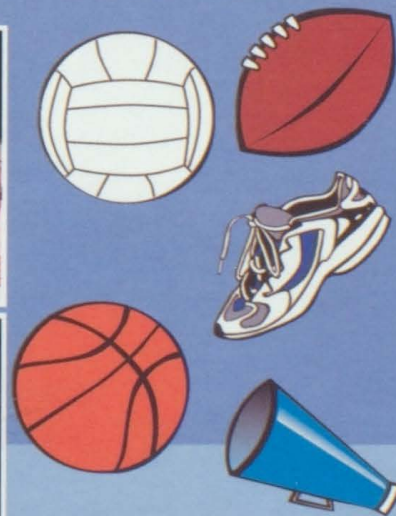
Right: Ms. Fees has the audience spellbound with her pin-and-letter speech.



Above: Erin Specht gives a cheesy grin after receiving an award. Left: Cassie Harris smiles and shows her cute, little Student Council pin.

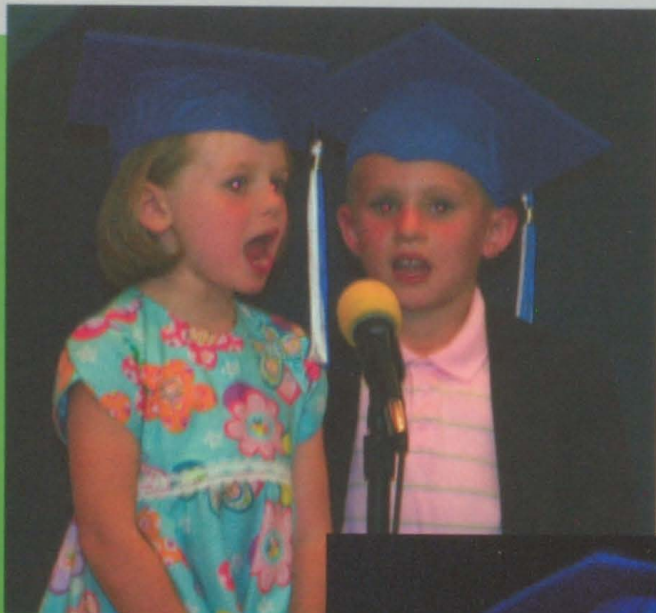


Right: Senior award in hand, Youssef Chahb smiles big for the camera.



Top Left: Kirby Crownover sticks out her tongue while the camera takes a picture of Lana Weber enjoying the yummy food. Bottom Left: Mr. Pape awards Jose Dominquez with Mr. PHS Track. Above: Lauren Weber does a 'little dance' for the camera on her way back to sit down. Top Right: Ms. Fees awards Jason Specht with the English I award. Bottom Right: Veronika Kastrankova shows off her Most Improved Basketball trophy. Right: The 2006-2007 Student Council officers are: Dave Crownover, Erin Specht, and Shelby Harris.

Exiting ABC's and Entering WORDS



Left: Lydia Splitter and Nicholas Crum entertain the audience by singing. Below Left: Eva Froese takes her mom a big yellow flower while the others sing "You Are My Sunshine." Below: Grant Specht welcomes everyone to their Kindergarten Graduation.

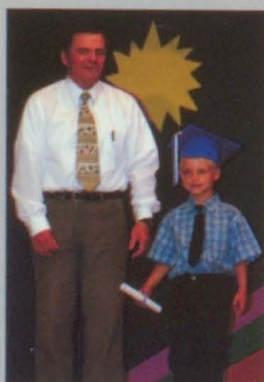


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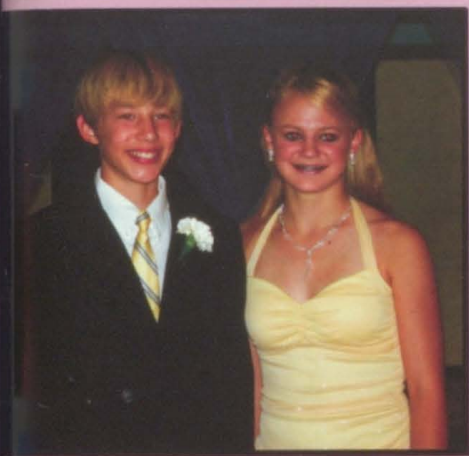
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Exiting Junior High but Entering High School



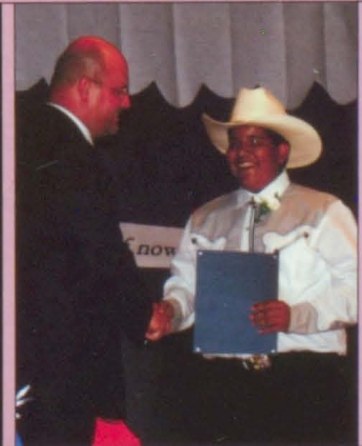
Above Left: Heather Arns and Shelby Barris are all smiles before they walk down the aisle. Above Right: The Class of 2010 pose for a pre-graduation class photo. Far Left: Shelby Barris and Kirby Stum smile as they move forward to high school. Middle: Joanna Specht shakes hands with School Board member Marvin Koeller as she receives her Continuation Certificate. Right: Shelby Barris glances at the audience as she walks up the stairs to receive her Continuation Certificate. Congratulations to the Class of 2010!



Left: Joanna Specht and Katie Sanders spend sometime together after the graduation; Joanna probably reminding Katie that she is only going to be an eighth-grader next year. Right: The guy's of the Class of 2010: Vincent Koeller, sponsor Mr. Pape, Kirby Stum, and "cowboy" Leo Dominguez.



Far left: Kirby Stum and Vincent Koeller smile for the camera one last time as junior high students. Left: Heather Arns poses for her graduation picture. Right: Leo Dominguez shakes hands with Mr. Pape as he accepts his continuation certificate.



The Class of 2006 Graduates and Moves On



Above: Blaine Shivers shows the camera his decorative graduation cap. Right: Phil Splitter congratulates Youssef Chahb at a year well done. Below: Blaine Shivers smirks as he walks down the aisle.



Above Right: Jason Frouf and his parents, Harry and Kelly Frouf, take a family picture before the ceremony. Right: Veronika Kastronkova gives a kiss to everyone at PH&T. Below: Youssef Chahb and Cassie Harris walk out the doors of Plainview for the last time.



Above: Cassie Harris glances at her Grandma Sue's watch to see what time it is. Right: The Class of 2006 poses for a graduation photo. They're ready for the adventures in their lives.





Left: Blaine Shivers smiles as he waits for his classmates to show up for the class photo. Above: Best friends, Jason Frouf and Cassie Harris hug each other at the end of the ceremony. Right: After hugging, the two smile with tears in their eyes.

Right: Youssef Chahb and Veronika Kastrankova show both their excitement and sadness respectively after the graduation ceremony.



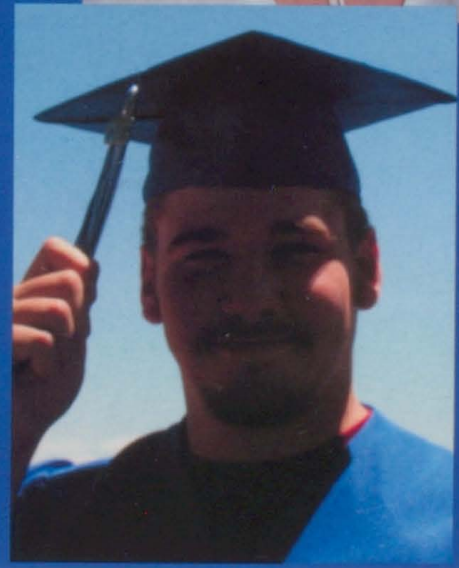
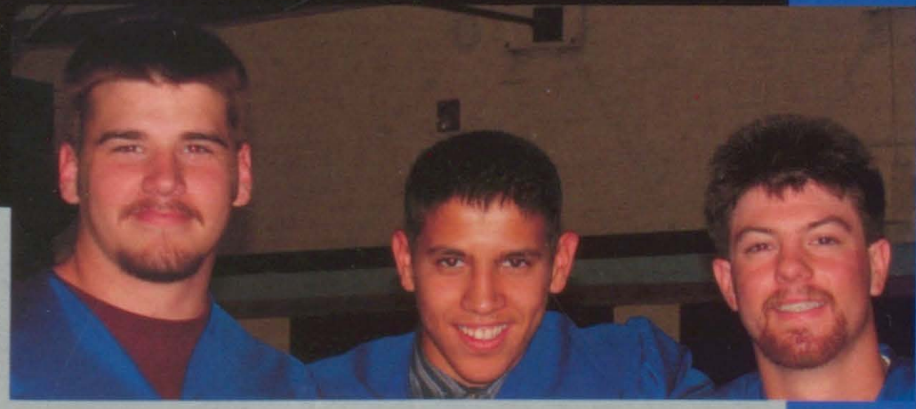
Right: Does Rick want to be a high school graduate again? Cassie and her dad show that-by the tassels on the caps- Rick has graduated, but Cassie hasn't...yet!



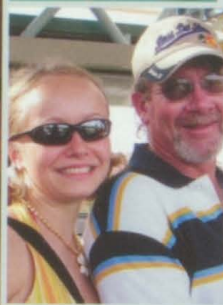
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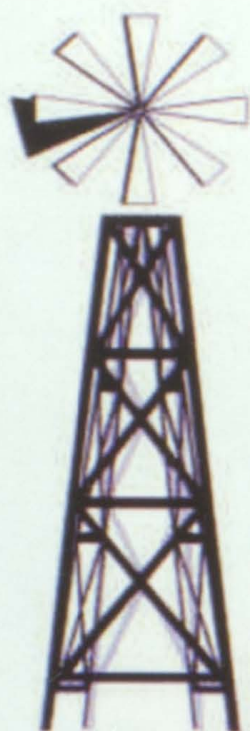


Left: Veronika Kastrankova and Mrs. Firms show their love for each other before Veronika walks down the aisle. Below: Blaine Shivers, Youssef Chahb, and Jason Frouf smile for the camera right before they are to walk down the aisle.



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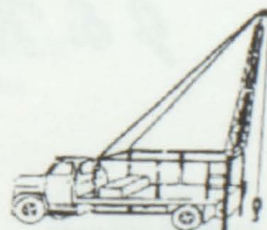
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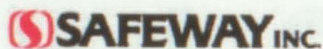
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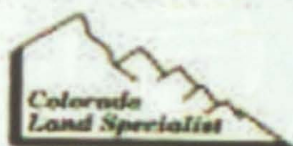
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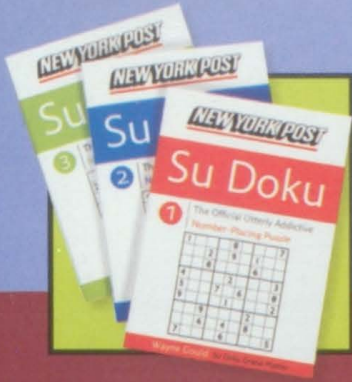
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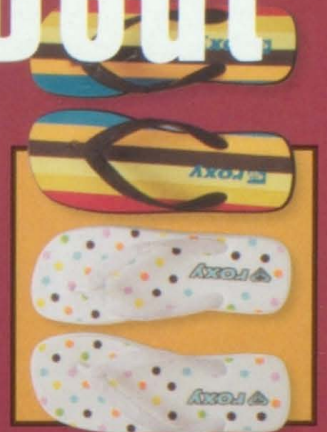
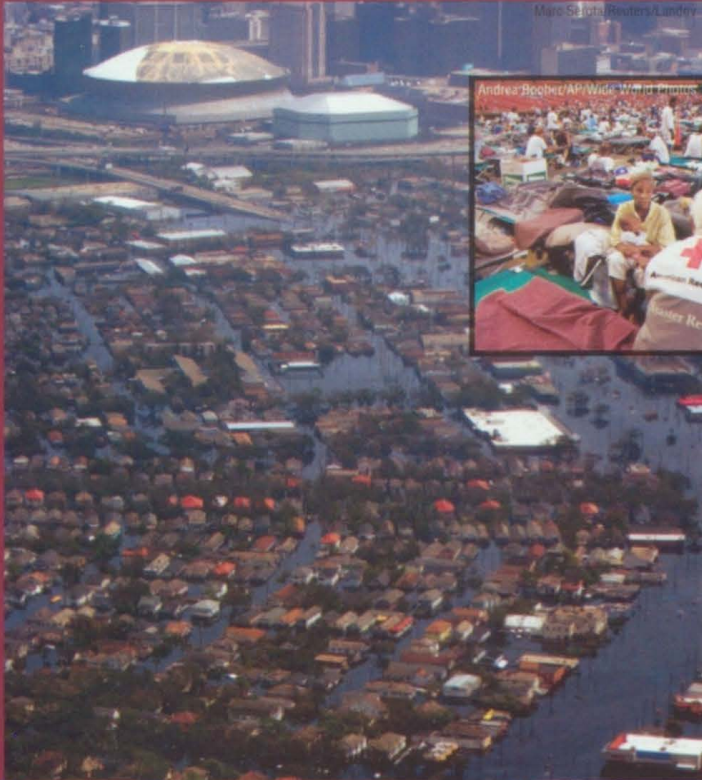
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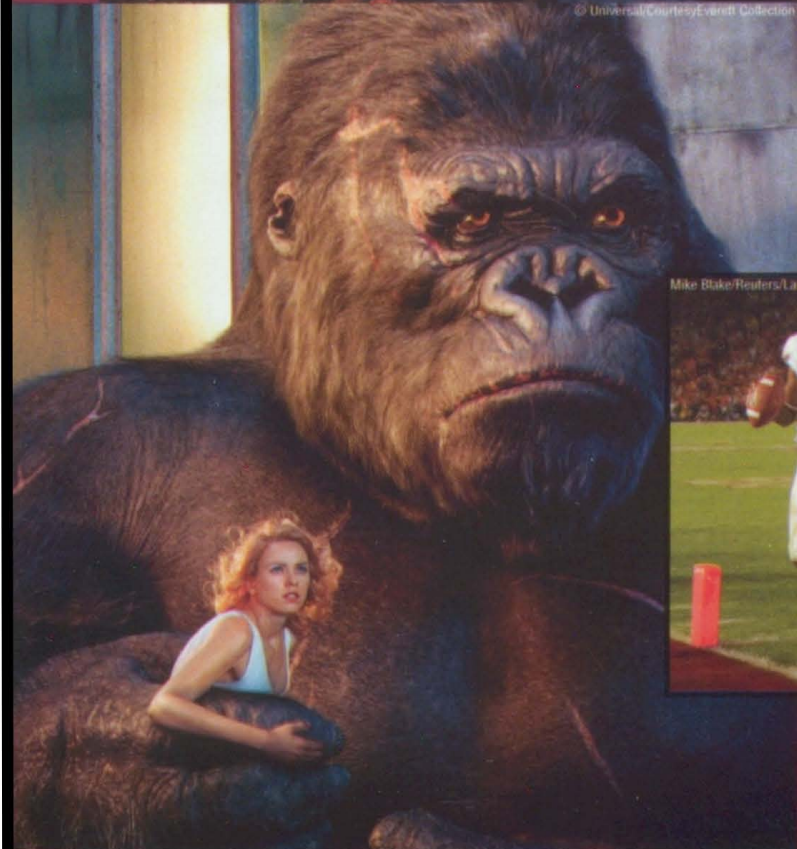
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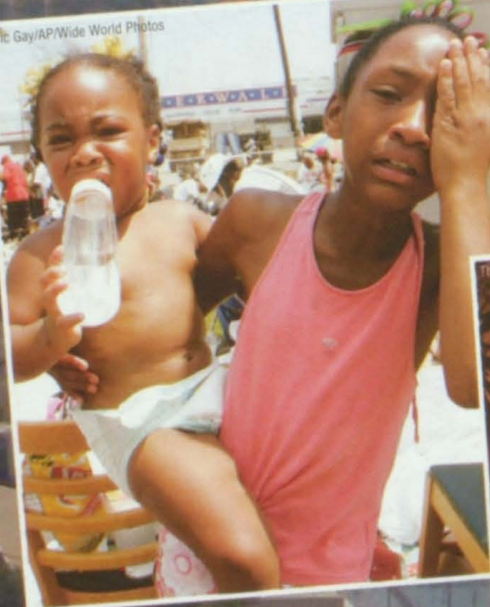
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KATRINA

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RITA

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Hurricanes ravage the Gulf Coast region in the fall of 2005, posing an unprecedented test of the United States federal emergency response efforts. Hundreds of lives are lost and thousands are left homeless in the wake of Category 4 Hurricane Katrina, followed by Rita and Wilma. The tragedy spurs contributions of money, talents, homes, food and more in an attempt to raise spirits and rebuild the area.

August

- 25 Hurricane Katrina strikes Florida.
- 28 Mandatory evacuation of both New Orleans and Mississippi is ordered as Katrina becomes a Category 5 storm in the Gulf of Mexico.
- 29 Downgraded to a Category 4 storm, Katrina hits land. 1.3 million homes and businesses lose electricity in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. 30 levees are breached, flooding New Orleans and leaving 100,000 people stranded. After slow government response, civil unrest and looting begins.
- 31 President Bush surveys the damage.

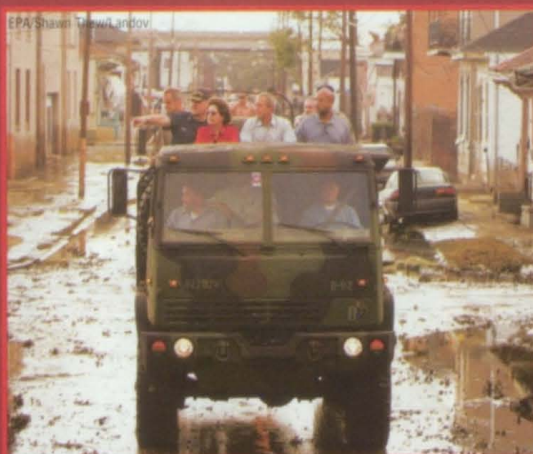
September

- 1 30,000 National Guard troops are deployed. Gas prices spike to as high as \$5 per gallon.
- 2 President Bush visits Louisiana and signs a \$10.5 billion relief bill. Nearly 154,000 evacuees arrive in Texas.
- 4 The New Orleans Superdome is evacuated.
- 6 President Bush and Congress pledge to investigate the flawed disaster response.
- 9 Government-issued debit cards are distributed to evacuees. The program fails and is ended days later.
- 12 Michael Brown, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, resigns. Flooding is down to 50 percent in New Orleans.
- 14 New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin announces a phased repopulation plan.
- 15 New Orleans begins to reopen. Katrina is named the most destructive hurricane in U.S. history.
- 20 Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco declares a state of emergency as Hurricane Rita strengthens off the coast.
- 22 Rita hits the Louisiana coast and heads for Texas.
- 23 Thousands evacuate eastern Texas and the 9th Ward of New Orleans floods once again after levees are overrun.

October

- 24 Hurricane Wilma hits southwest Florida.

RIISING FROM THE STORMS



EPA/Shawn Newell/Andov

- ◀ Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco, President Bush and New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin survey the damage in New Orleans.



Michael DeMocci/Associated Press/News Service/Andov

- ▶ Thousands of Louisiana evacuees receive shelter and medical care in the Astrodome in Houston, Texas.



Andrea Booher/AP/Wide World Photos

- ▶ Many animals left behind during evacuation are rescued and given shelter or reunited with their owners.



Damian Dovarganes/AP/Wide World Photos



Gregg DeGuire/Habitat for Humanity

- ▶ Homes across the country are opened to families left homeless in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

- ▶ Thousands of volunteers help Habitat for Humanity rebuild homes in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.



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- ▶ Three months after Katrina strikes, the first New Orleans public school reopens on November 28.

05-06

Front Page Headlines

▼ On October 15, Iraqi voters ratify a U.S.-supported draft constitution that establishes a federal state. A second election, in December, creates the new government's first parliament.



▲ Several airlines declare bankruptcy due to huge fuel, labor and security costs. Passengers see fees for pillows, aisle seats and more as carriers seek new revenue sources.



▲ During rush hour on July 7, London is hit by terrorist attacks. Bombs strike one bus as well as the city's underground trains, leaving 56 people dead and 700 injured.



▲ John G. Roberts Jr. becomes the 17th Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court following the death of William Rehnquist.



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▲ Violence in Iraq continues to cost lives. Since the war began in March 2003, over 27,700 Iraqi civilians and 2,300 coalition troops have died.



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▲ Gasoline prices surge in September before falling back to pre-hurricane levels. Major oil companies face federal questioning after revealing profits of over \$35 billion during this period.

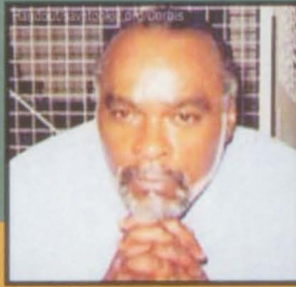
▶ A devastating 7.6-magnitude earthquake hits the Kashmir region of Pakistan in October, killing 87,000 and leaving 3.5 million homeless.



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▲ In January 2006, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf is sworn in as Liberia's president, making her Africa's first elected female leader.

▲ Vice President Dick Cheney's top aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby resigns after being indicted in October on criminal charges relating to the leaking of a CIA officer's identity.

▲ Despite his years of anti-gang advocacy while in prison, on December 13, former Crips gang leader Stanley "Tookie" Williams is executed by lethal injection for four 1979 murders.

▲ Methamphetamine use becomes a national crisis as meth-related crimes skyrocket on the West Coast and in the Midwest. Pharmacies remove pseudophedrine products from shelves in an effort to control meth production.



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▲ On January 2, 2006, an explosion at the Sago Mine in Tallmansville, West Virginia, traps 13 miners 260 feet below the surface. Sadly, only one of the miners is pulled out alive.

▶ In October, former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein goes on trial in Baghdad, pleading innocent to the murder and torture charges against him.



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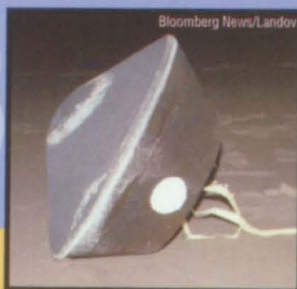
◀ Hoping to restart the peace process with the Palestinians, Israel evacuates the Gaza Strip, an area it has occupied since the 1967 Six-Day War.

▶ Civil unrest rocks France as more than 300 towns and suburbs explode with riots and arson. High unemployment, racial discrimination and rage are blamed for the outbreaks.

05-06

Science and Nature

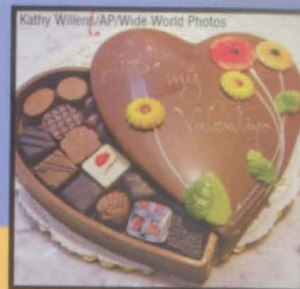
- ▼ A global pandemic is feared as the avian flu claims 73 lives in Asia by the end of December and threatens to spread across the world.



- ▲ After seven years and 2.88 billion miles, NASA's Stardust capsule returns to earth carrying dust particles from the tail of the comet Wild 2. Scientists believe the samples hold clues to the formation of the Solar System.



- ▲ The American Dental Association cites bottled water and its lack of fluoride as a major contributing factor in the rise of tooth decay in children.



- ▲ According to recent research, chocolate can be a healthy treat thanks to its high content of flavonoids, which help maintain good circulation and reduce blood clotting.



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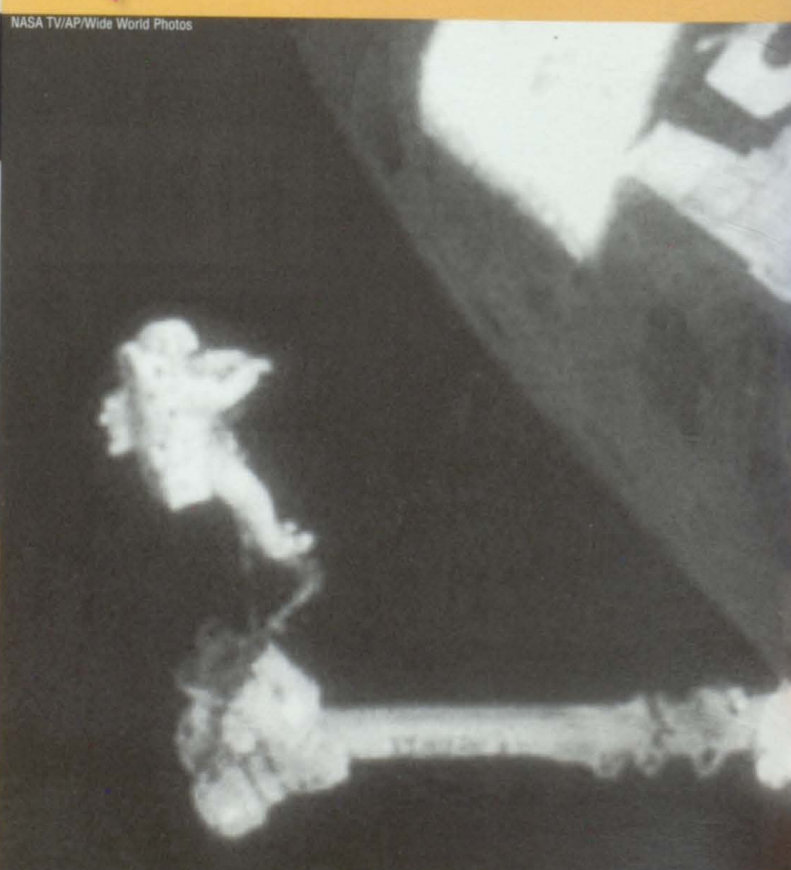
- ▲ A vaccine that may potentially fight recurring cancer cells is successfully tested on 14 breast cancer survivors. It is hailed as the first step toward preventing the disease.



Jessie Cohen/National Zoo/AP/Wide World Photos

- ▲ The Sichuan Wolong Panda Protection and Breed Center in China deals with a baby boom — 16 pandas, including five sets of twins, are born between July and November 2005.

- ▶ In August, U.S. astronaut Stephen Robinson successfully completes an unprecedented emergency repair of the space shuttle Discovery while in orbit.



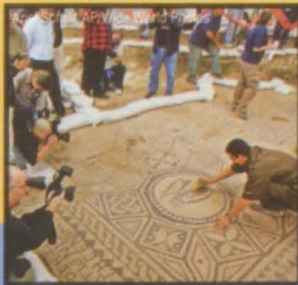
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▲ Hikers scaling Mount Mendel Glacier in California discover the remains of Leo Mustonen, a World War II airman whose plane crashed in 1942.



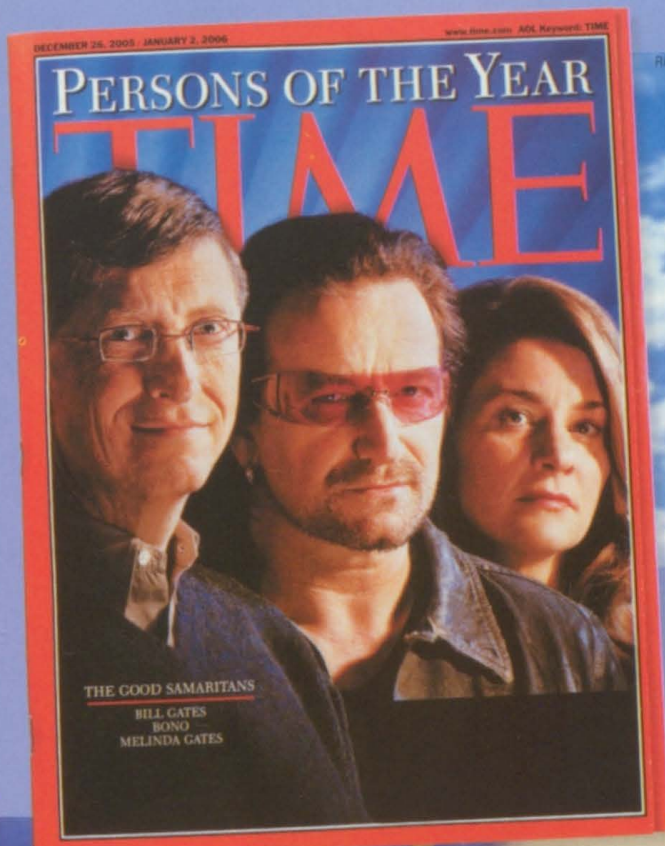
▲ U.S. scientist Gregory Olsen pays \$20 million for a trip to the International Space Station aboard the Russian Soyuz spacecraft.



▲ The ruins of what may be the oldest Christian church, built in the third or fourth century A.D., are discovered on the grounds of Megiddo Prison in northern Israel in November.

05-06 Human Interest

▶ Anticipating the G8 summit in July, Bob Geldof organizes musicians for a series of concerts around the world to highlight the problem of global poverty.



◀ Bill Gates, Bono and Melinda Gates are named *TIME*'s Persons of the Year for their efforts to battle poverty, AIDS and malaria in Africa.

Holloway Family Photo/AP/Wide World Photos

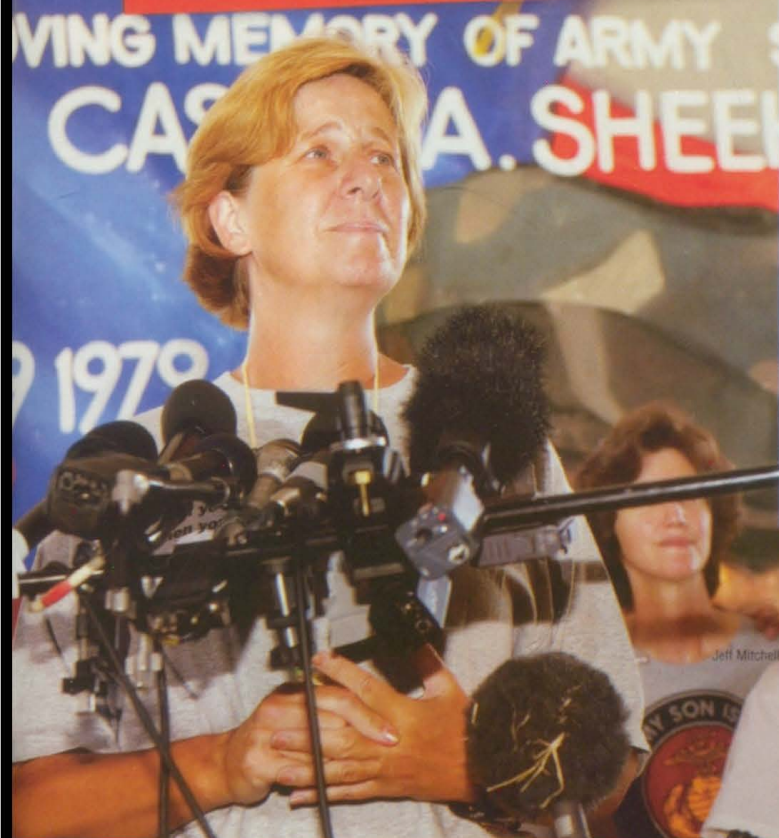
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◀ Natalee Holloway, an 18-year-old from Birmingham, Alabama, becomes the lead story for every major news outlet after her disappearance while vacationing in Aruba.



◀ In August, American anti-Iraq War activist Cindy Sheehan, whose son Casey was killed in action in 2003, holds an extended demonstration at a peace camp outside President George W. Bush's Texas ranch.

05-06 Fashion



◀ Everywhere you look this year sparkle is in with teen girls.



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▲ From preppy to vintage looks, vests make a bold statement in the fall of 2005.



▲ Cowboy boots see a rise in popularity, and not just for line dancers and country music fans.



▲ The "hoodie" is a staple in most teens' wardrobes.

▶ Blazers with a retro fit make a big splash on the fashion scene.



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▲ Style gets a dose of fun over formal with these unique fashion alternatives.

▼ Flip-flops are considered a fashion necessity, not just casual footwear.

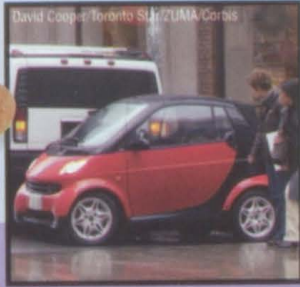




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05-06 Lifestyle

▲ Shops that help you prepare meals to freeze, take home and cook offer a fun, quick and easy mealtime solution for busy moms.

▲ Pets receive the royal treatment with gourmet pet foods, available in upscale pet food shops, pet food bakeries and even ice cream parlors.

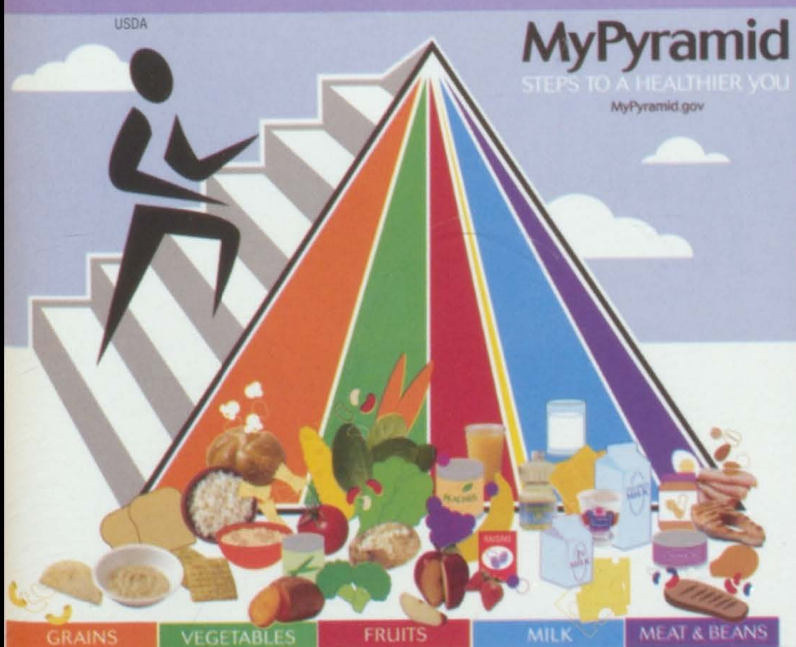
▲ Due to high gas prices, consumers opt for smaller cars with better gas mileage rather than gas-guzzling SUVs.

▼ The popularity of poker on television results in one of the biggest fads of the year — home Texas Hold 'Em tournaments.



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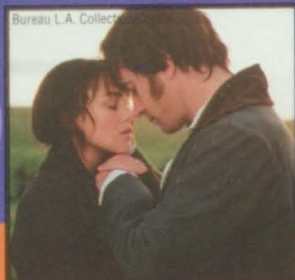
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◀ The new food pyramid recommends that kids eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains than in the past, and exercise 30 to 60 minutes each day.

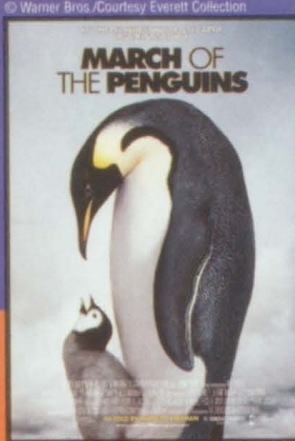
▲ Blogs become the biggest Web craze since the inception of the Internet thanks to sites like Blogger.com and MySpace.com.

05-06 Movies

▼ Praised by critics and audiences alike, Peter Jackson's remake of the 1933 classic *King Kong* becomes a giant box-office success.



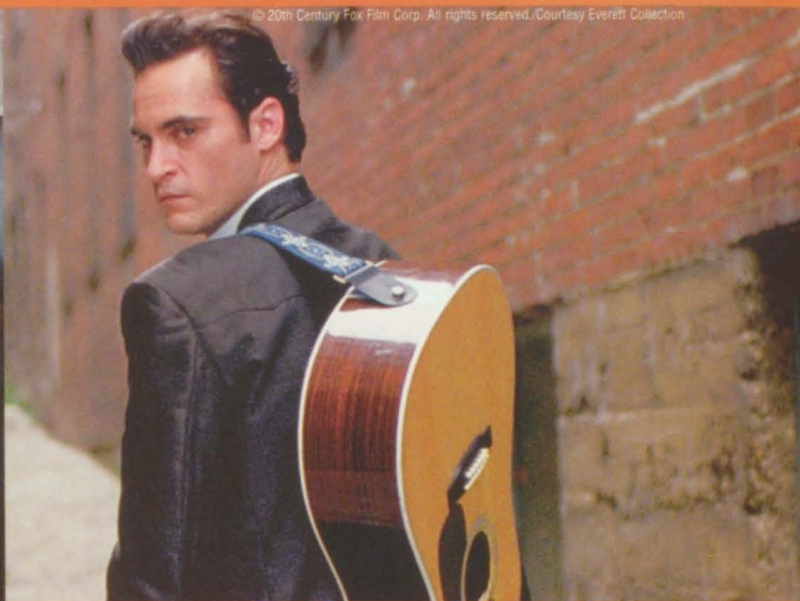
▲ Golden Globe Best Actress nominee Keira Knightley shines in the hit movie *Pride and Prejudice*, based on the 1813 Jane Austen novel.



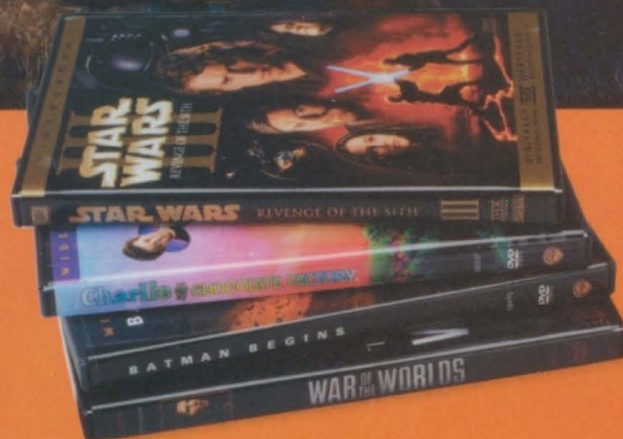
▲ Moviegoers rush to see *March of the Penguins*, a surprise hit documentary that follows a year in the life of a flock of Emperor penguins.



▲ "The boy who lived" returns for more adventure in the fourth movie installment of the Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.



▲ The life of the late Johnny Cash is the basis of the Golden Globe-winning *Walk the Line*, starring Best Actor winner Joaquin Phoenix as Cash.



▲ Box-office profits are down in 2005, due in part to the trend of movie fans opting for the quick release of hit movies on DVD.

▶ The beloved C.S. Lewis series comes to life on the big screen in Walt Disney's *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

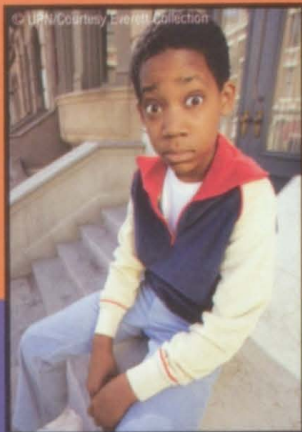


Best Picture Academy Award Nominations

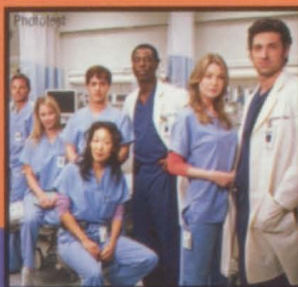
- *Brokeback Mountain*
- *Capote*
- *Crash*
- *Good Night, and Good Luck*
- *Munich*



▲ Geena Davis receives popular approval as television's first female President of the United States in one of the year's best new shows, ABC's "Commander in Chief."



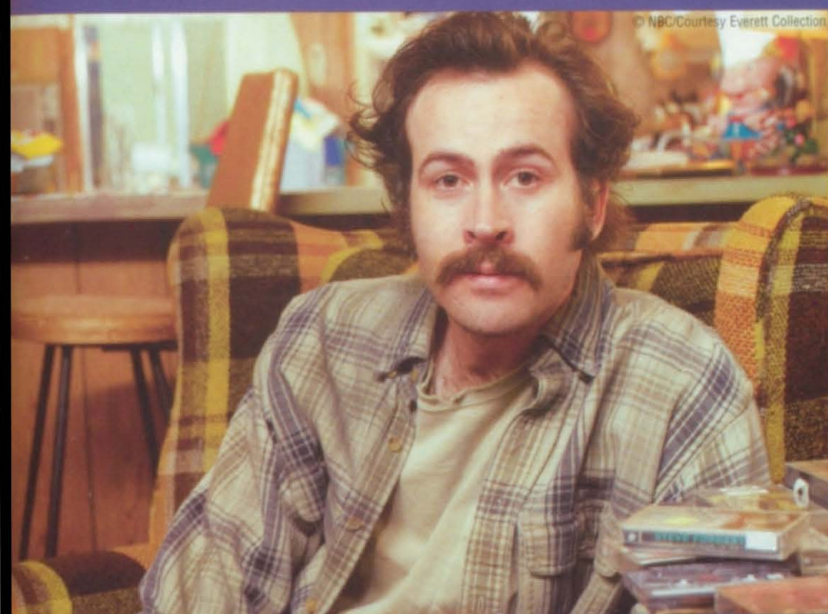
▲ Based on the childhood of comedian Chris Rock, UPN's "Everybody Hates Chris" is a hit.



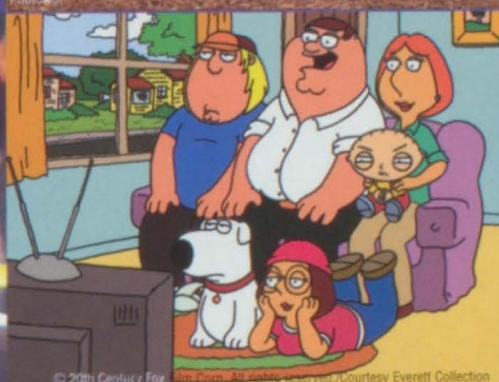
▲ Doctor "McDreamy," also known as Dr. Shepherd, and the rest of the staff at Seattle Grace Hospital achieve healthy ratings in ABC's "Grey's Anatomy."

05-06 Television

▼ Viewers can't get enough of ABC's "Lost." The show earns a Golden Globe for Best TV Series Drama and spawns countless fan speculation sites.



▲ NBC finds a new hit comedy with the quirky story of a man in search of redemption, "My Name Is Earl."



◀ Surprisingly high DVD sales influence FOX to bring back the formerly canceled cult favorite "Family Guy."

◀ America's No. 1 rated show for 2005 is the CBS crime drama "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation."

2006 People's Choice Nominations for Favorite Reality Show Competition

- "American Idol" (FOX)
- "Fear Factor" (NBC)
- "Survivor" (CBS)

05-06 Music



▲ With *Late Registration*, Kanye West maintains his status as hip-hop's top dog, landing on top of *Rolling Stone's* Top 50 Albums of 2005.



▲ Reggaeton, which blends influences of hip-hop, Jamaican reggae and dancehall with Latin American bomba and plena, reaches its height in popularity in 2005.

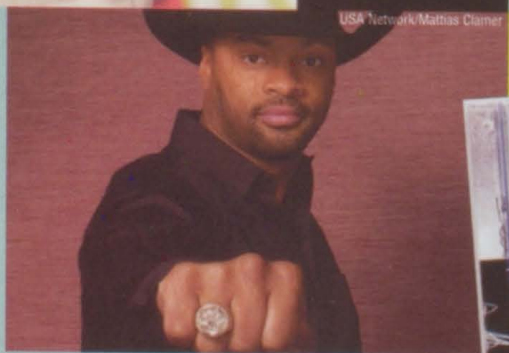


▲ Seattle indie favorites Death Cab for Cutie break into the mainstream with the album *Plans* and "Directions," a series of 12 short films.



▲ Eight years after the death of former lead singer Michael Hutchence, Australian rock band INXS selects new frontman J.D. Fortune on the CBS show "Rock Star: INXS."

► University of Texas grad Cowboy Troy bursts onto the country scene with a new music genre, "hick-hop," which he proudly displays on his class ring.



► Strong releases by Kelly Clarkson, Shakira, Mariah Carey and Gwen Stefani rule the music scene. Carey's *The Emancipation of Mimi* earns eight Grammy nominations and is the top-selling album of 2005.



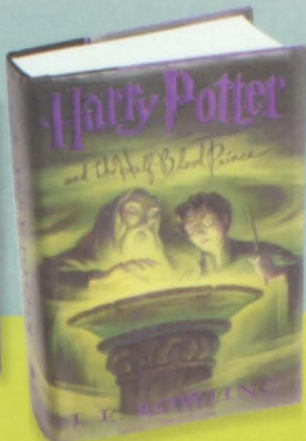
2006 Best New Artist Grammy Nominations

- Ciara
- Fall Out Boy
- Keane
- John Legend
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▲ Nintendo DS owners can now be virtual dog owners as well, thanks to the wildly popular *Nintendogs* series.

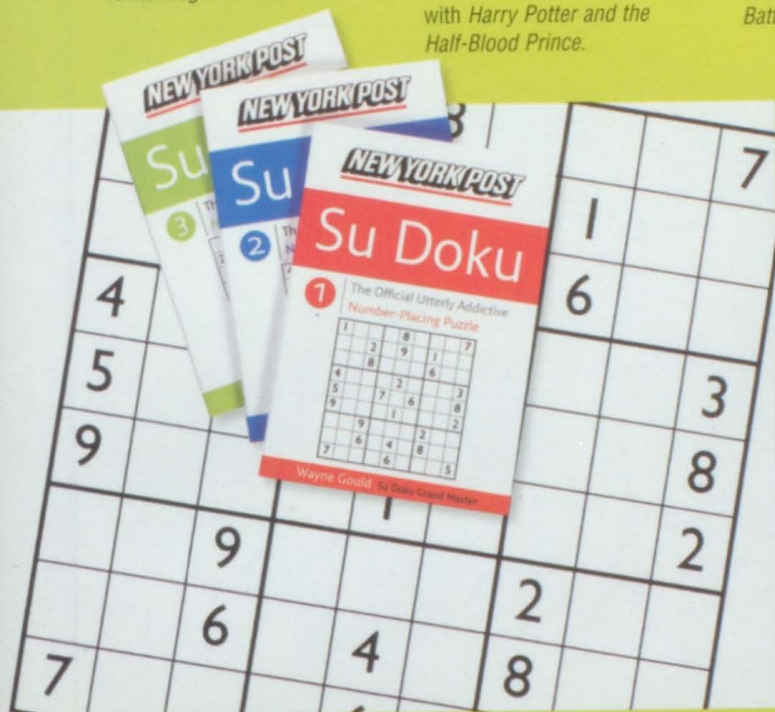


▲ J.K. Rowling releases yet another bona fide best-seller with *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.



▲ The Star Wars franchise remains a juggernaut in the videogame industry with the winter release of *Star Wars: Battlefront II*.

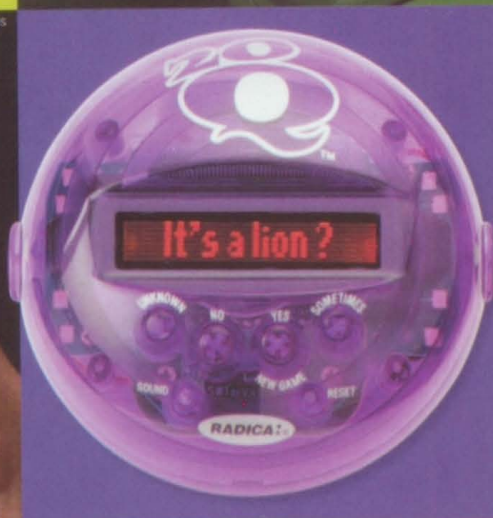
▼ Gamers wait in line for hours to get their hands on the year's hottest holiday video game console, Microsoft's Xbox 360.



▲ The addictive numbers logic puzzle, Su Doku, captures the attention of crazed puzzlers across the nation.



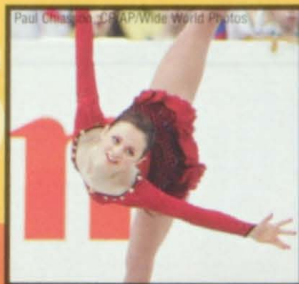
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◀ The classic game of 20 Questions gets a makeover for 2005 with the artificial intelligence powered 20Q, one of this year's hottest toys.

◀ Music videos and TV shows are accessible on the go with the newest must-have item from Apple, the iPod with video.

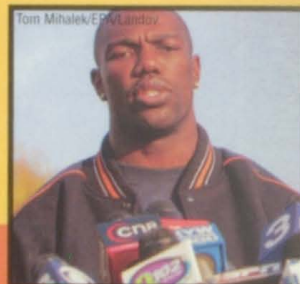
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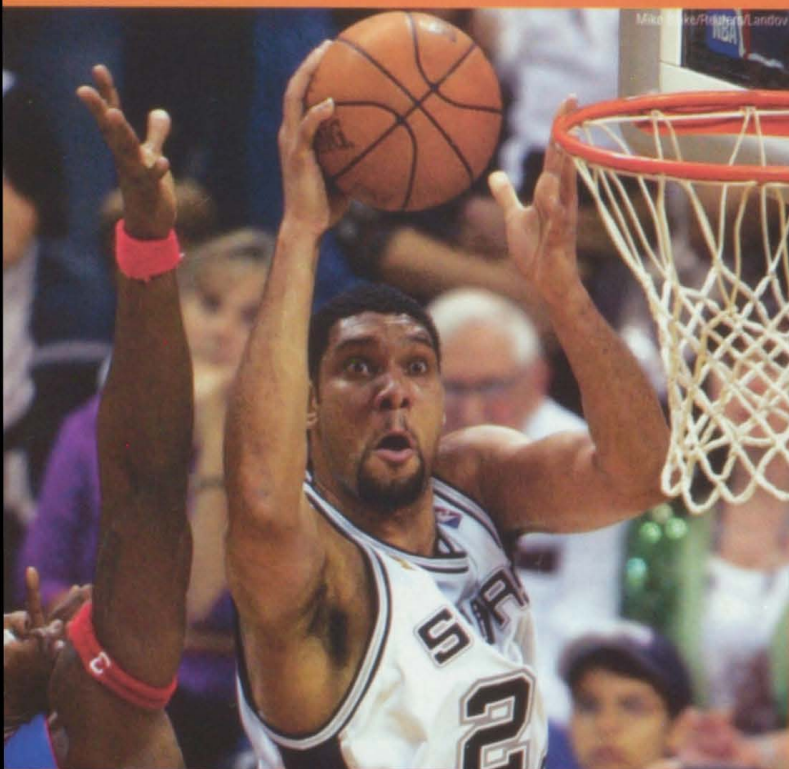
▲ In February 2006, figure skater Sasha Cohen leads the U.S. Olympic Team into the XX Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy.



▲ Danica Patrick, 23-year-old race driver, wins Rookie of the Year honors in both the Indy Racing League's IndyCar Series and at the Indianapolis 500, where she finishes fourth.



▲ Citing conduct unbecoming to the team, the Philadelphia Eagles suspend wide receiver Terrell Owens for four games and deactivate him for the remainder of the NFL season.



▲ NHL hockey returns in fall 2005 after losing the entire '04-'05 season to a labor dispute. Fans flock to see players in new uniforms and exciting innovations like tie-breaking shootouts.

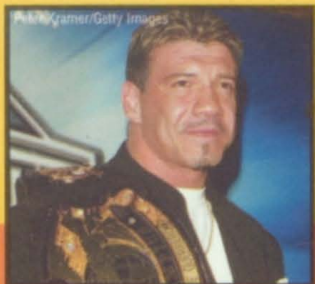
▶ Hawaiian golf phenom Michelle Wie turns professional on her 16th birthday and signs endorsements worth \$10 million, making her one of the highest paid female athletes in the world.



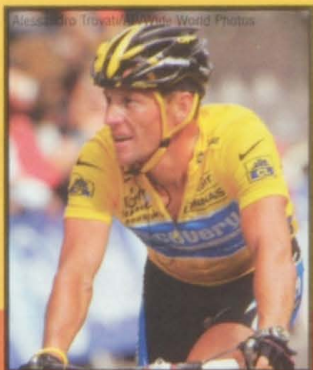
▲ The Pittsburgh Steelers hold off the Seattle Seahawks for a 21-10 victory in Super Bowl XL. Future Hall of Famer Jerome "The Bus" Bettis retires after the game.



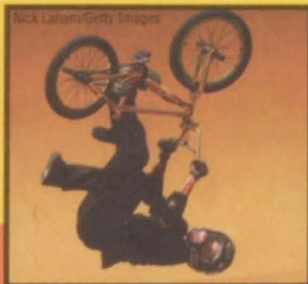
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▲ In November, WWE superstar Eddie Guerrero dies of heart failure. In 2004, Guerrero was only the second wrestler of Hispanic heritage to win the WWE championship.



▲ American Lance Armstrong wins his unprecedented seventh Tour de France in July. Armstrong then retires from competitive cycling.



▲ BMX superstar Dave Mirra wins the gold medal in the BMX Park Finals of X Games XI.

▼ Longhorns quarterback Vince Young leads Texas to a national championship with a dramatic 41-38 comeback victory over USC in the 2006 Rose Bowl.



▲ After an 88-year wait, the Chicago White Sox win the 2005 World Series, sweeping the Houston Astros in four games. White Sox right fielder Jermaine Dye is named Series MVP.



◀ Two-time champion Tony Stewart wins NASCAR's Nextel Cup Series and a record \$13.6 million in winnings in 2005. Stewart's career Cup earnings now total over \$48 million.

▲ Swiss tennis superstar Roger Federer wins two Grand Slam titles, at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, along with all four ATP Masters Series events.

05-06 Faces



▲ Beloved "Gilligan's Island" funnyman Bob Denver dies of cancer at 70. Although only 98 episodes of the popular sitcom were made, Denver was typecast as the nutty Gilligan his entire career.



▲ Kristin Cavallari, featured on the MTV reality show "Laguna Beach," becomes one of Hollywood's hottest young personalities.



▲ Chinese actress Ziyi Zhang shines in the lead role of Sayuri in the film adaptation of the acclaimed Arthur Golden novel *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

▼ Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks dies at 92 in Detroit. Parks' refusal in 1955 to give up her seat on an Alabama bus eventually led to laws desegregating public transportation nationally.



▲ Actor Tom Cruise, 43, makes headlines all year with his controversial views on psychiatry, his new love, actress Katie Holmes, and his couch gymnastics on CBS's "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and NBC's "Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

► Actor-comedian Richard Pryor dies at 65 in December. Pryor's concerts and movies in the '70s and '80s inspired performers like Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall and Robin Williams.

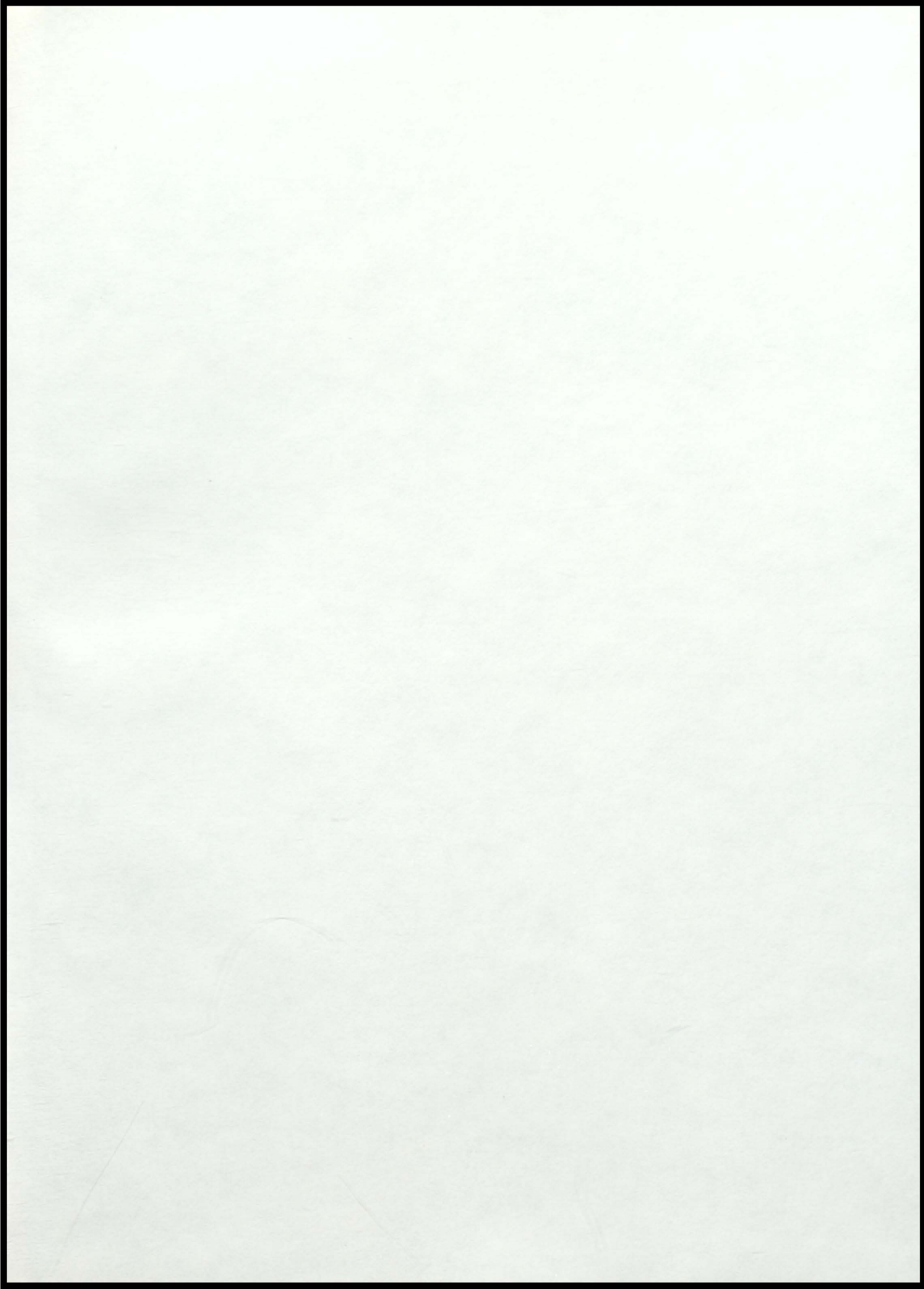


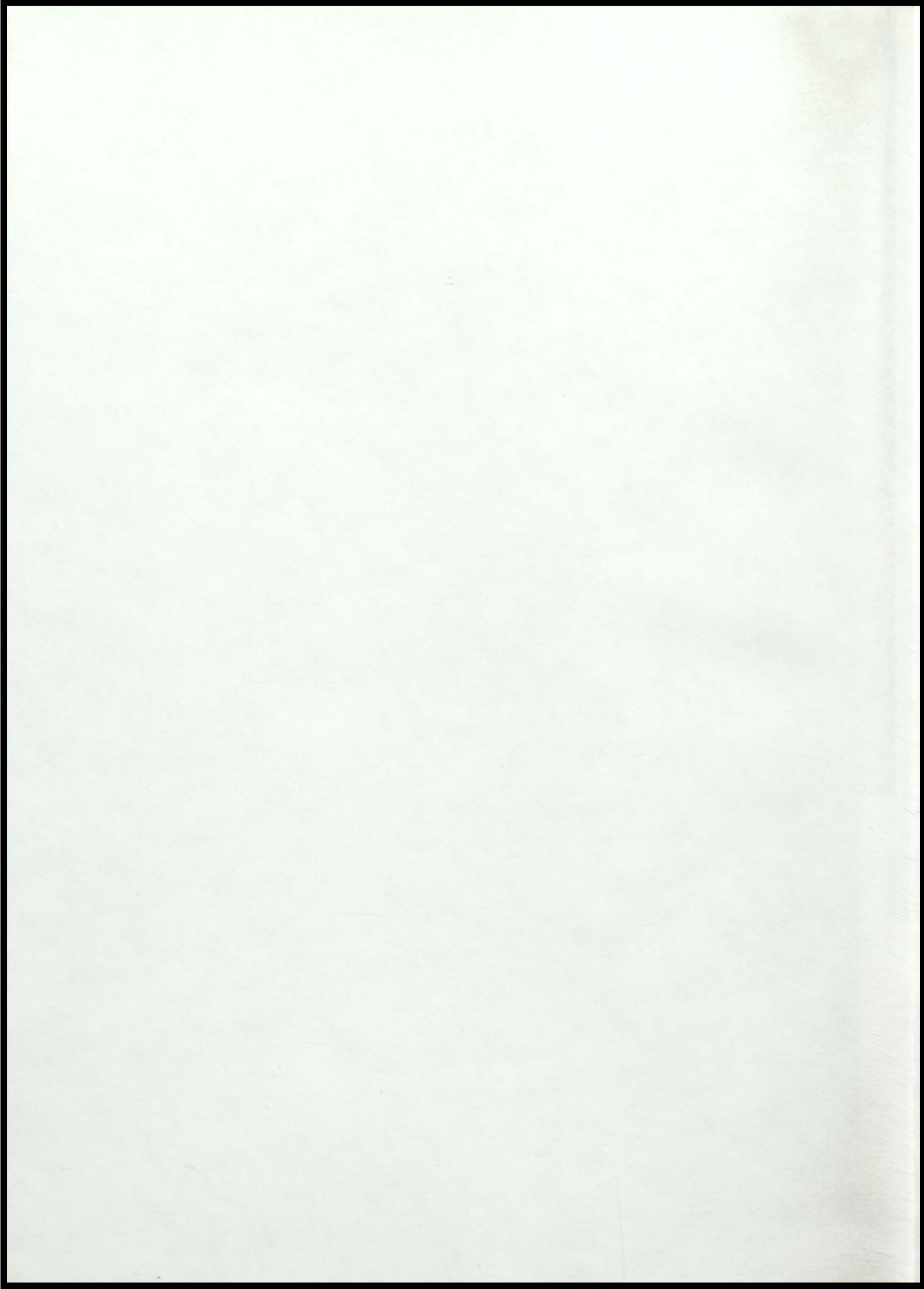
▲ Peter Jennings, anchor of ABC's "World News Tonight," dies of lung cancer in August. The popular TV journalist held the anchor position for 22 years.

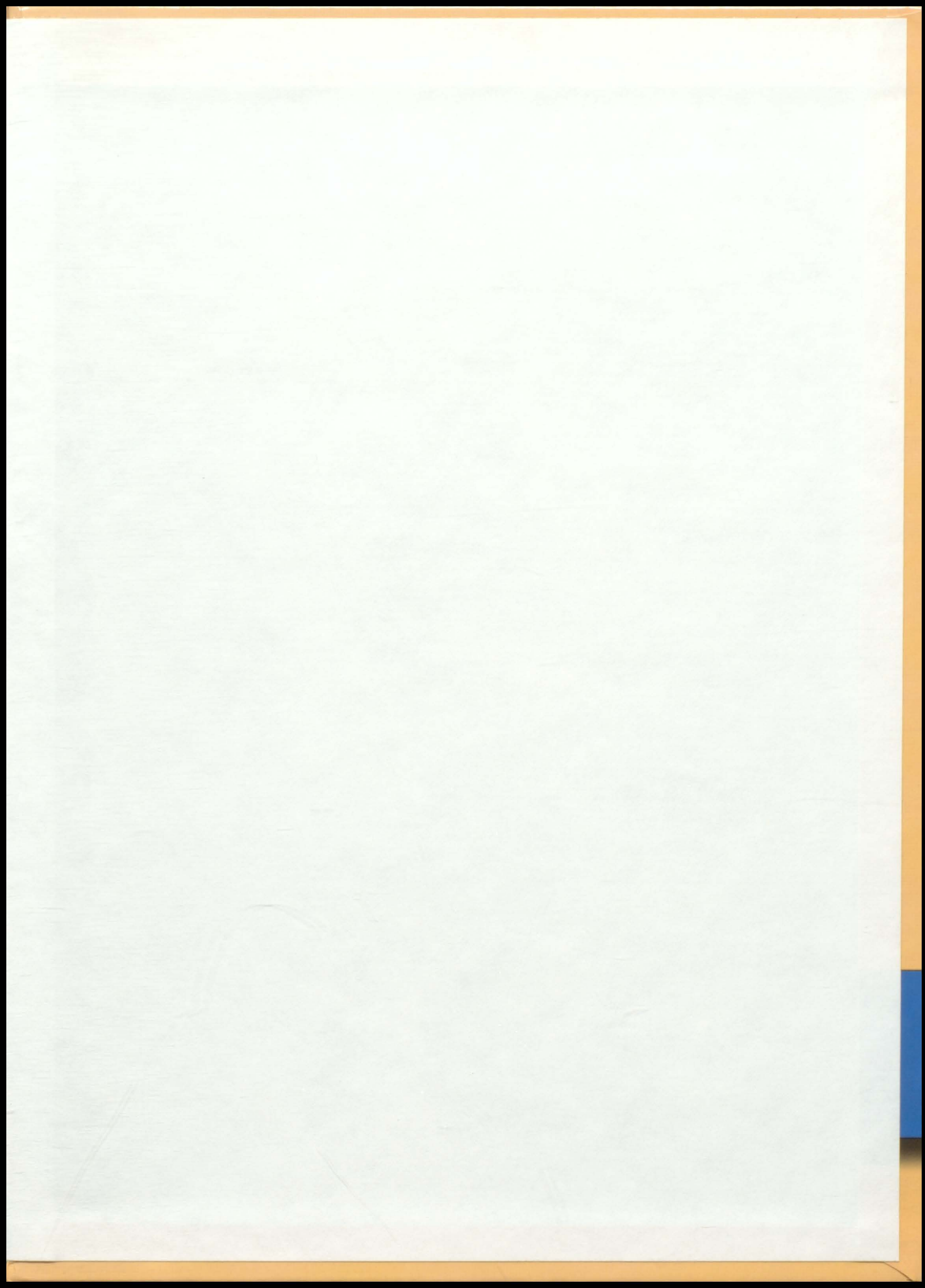


▲ Coretta Scott King, legendary civil rights advocate and widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., dies in January 2006. She was 78.











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