

Augusta High
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POWER OF 2010



Sydney Anderson



Kelly Beenken



Lindsey Berg



Kate Berlin



Martika Bertrang



Josh Bonick



Jessica Casetta



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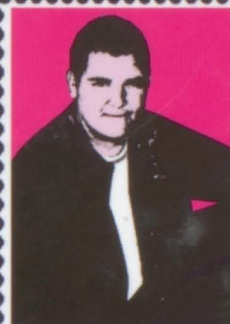
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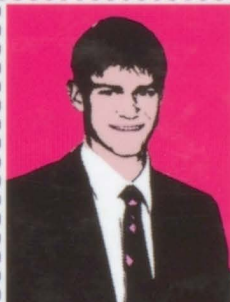
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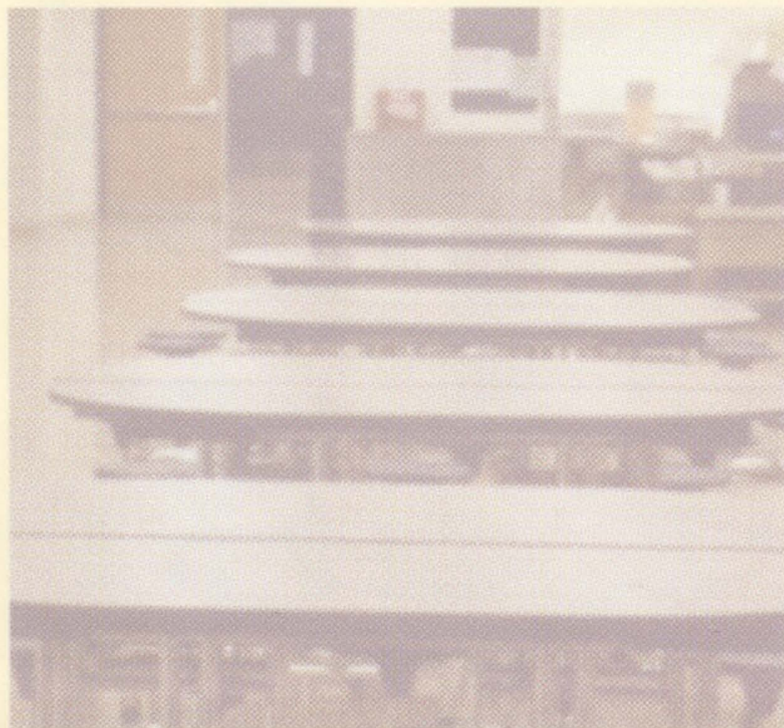
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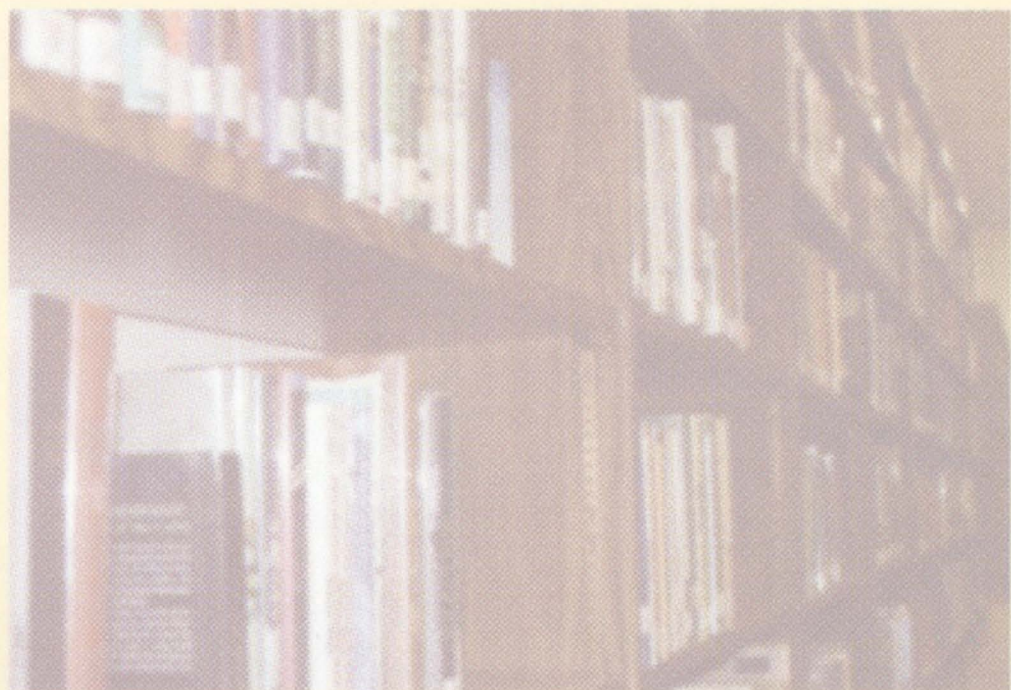
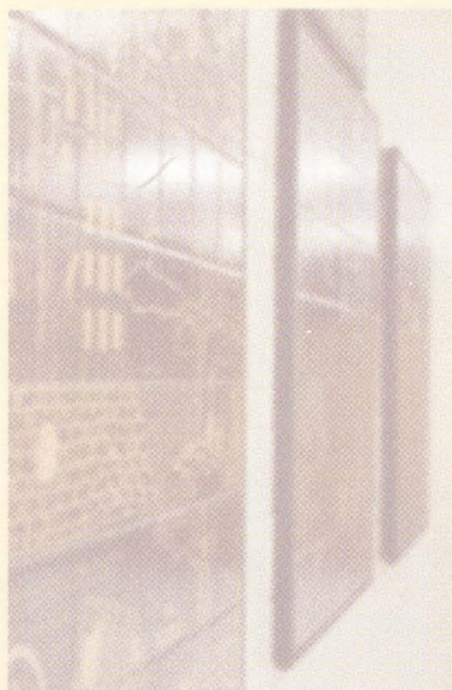
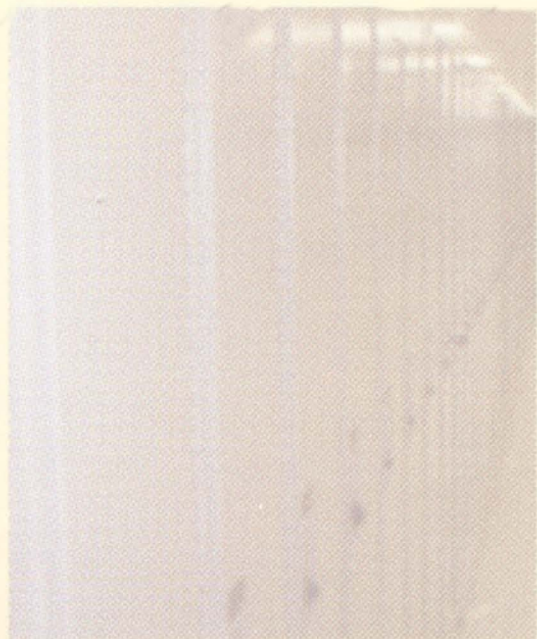


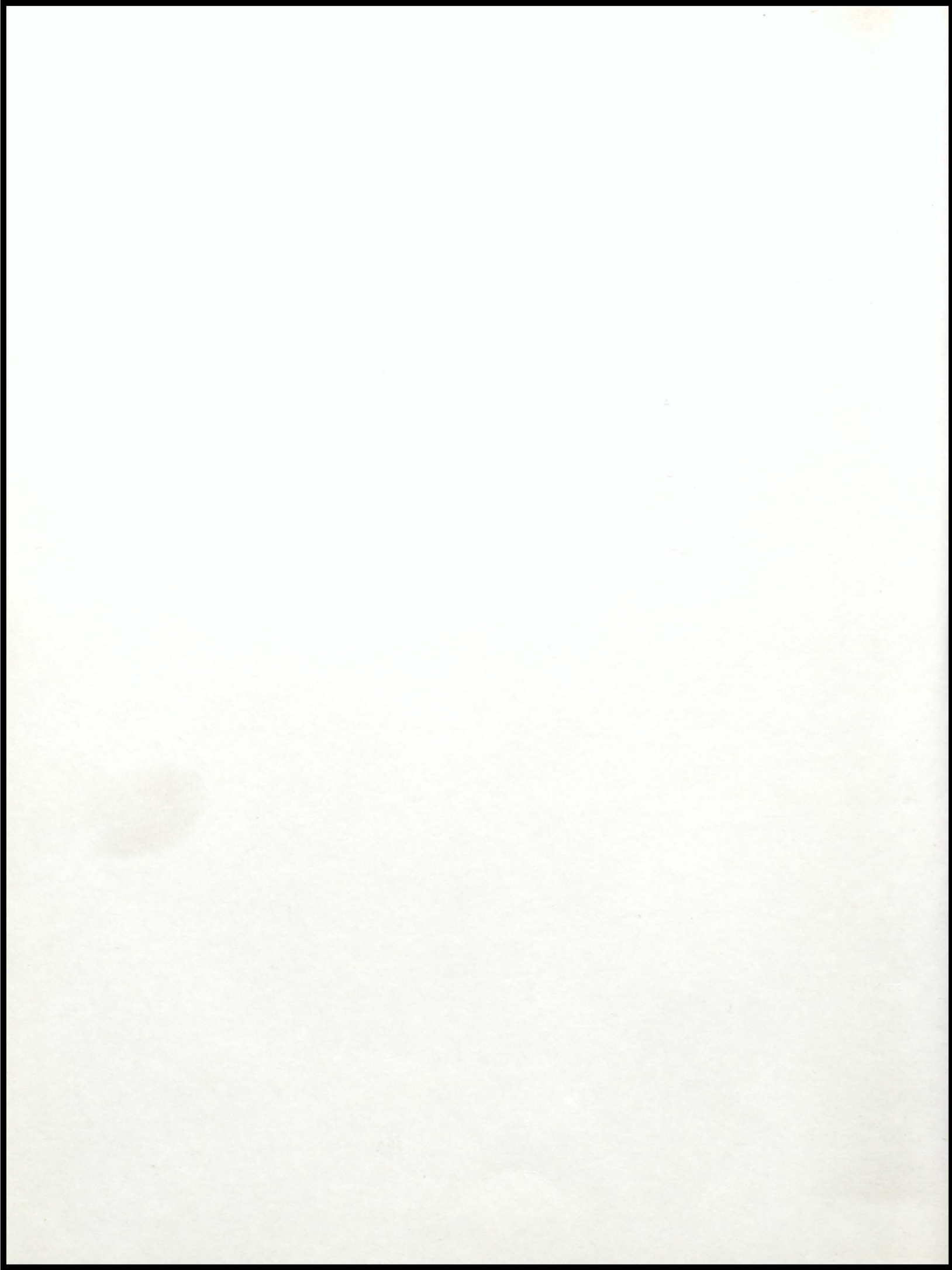
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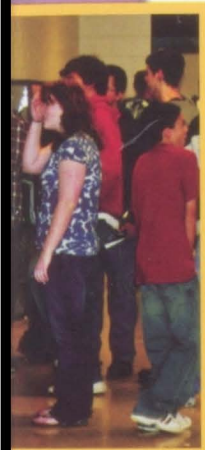
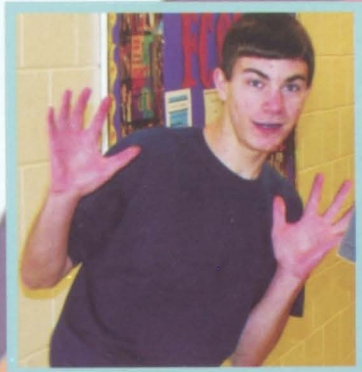
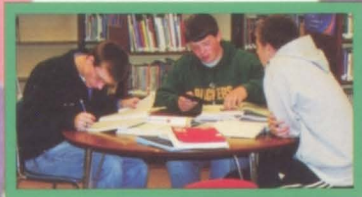
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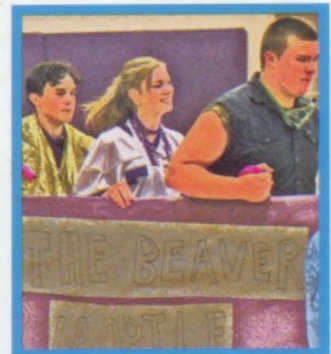
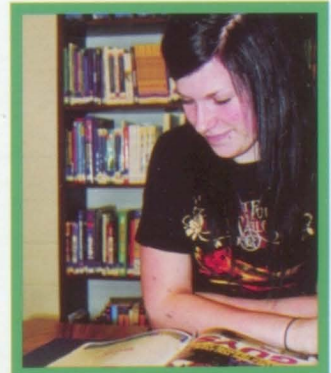
Dear Reader,

The Power of 2010 theme carried throughout this yearbook not only represented a super heroic comic book theme, but also the strength of the Class of 2010 as a whole throughout the years. The student body of Augusta High School possessed the invincible power of school pride, the ability to unite in the face of anger or sorrow, and the skills to soar above its

enemies.

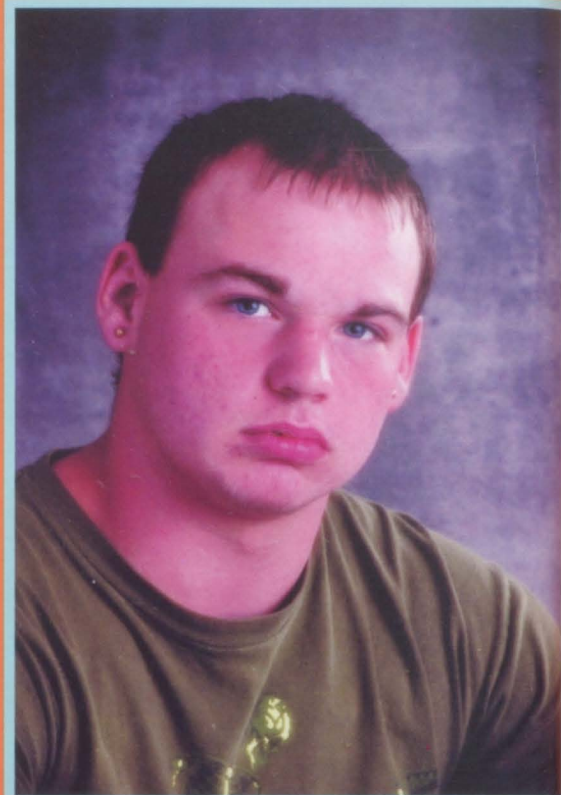
As Co-Editors, we sincerely hope that you enjoyed this yearbook. Each yearbook member who contributed to this yearbook has their own unique super-powers that helped make this yearbook a truly heroic feat. Take note of the special features never before seen in an AHS yearbook, the array of photos, and the remarkable effects applied to them! Enjoy!

Co-Editors
Jessica Casetta and Molly Rosentreter



MEMOIRS

The class of 2010 would like to recognize someone who would have been a fellow graduate, Nick Lewis Schmidt. Nick was born February 2, 1992 and passed away April 20, 2008. Many members of the class remember Nick as being a class comedian who enjoyed making people laugh. Nick, number 78 of the varsity football team, played guard on the line. Nick also enjoyed weightlifting, music, and making home videos with his close friends. Many remember Nick as a fun and adventurous person, with a zest to make people laugh. In the years that would come classmates and friends would remember Nick with a tree that the class of 2010 planted in his honor.



Like a broad brush stroke, Mrs. Peterson had an impact on so much of the canvas of life at Augusta schools and the community. Over the past 15 years she taught a variety of classes in the high school and elementary including drawing, painting, print making, sculptural fibers. Before coming to Augusta, Mrs. Peterson was first employed at Colfax elementary as a art teacher in 1980-1981, then moved to Utah and worked in the Moab schools from 1984-1985. In 1992-1993 Mary was a substitute at Augusta, then in 1994 she was hired as a part time teacher in the elementary school, until 1999 when she was hired as a full time in the high school/elementary teacher. Her passion for art, and love of teaching was evident in her classroom. Mrs. Peterson inspired the work of many students including a cave painting reproduced by the class of 2010 when they were in 7th grade. She also created many works as examples for projects she taught in class like the horse and the flowers done by an art technique called Motif. Mrs. Peterson always focused on the positive aspects of life, always quick to re-direct a negative statement like "I can't", or "I don't know how" into a learning experience to teach how to or give a trick or techniques to help the student. She was a positive person that truly enjoyed life and believed in piece, joy and respect to create happiness.



STAFF



Our staff taught students how to harness their powers for good, not evil. What superhero powers did your teachers impart on you? Did Mrs. Kragness give you geometrical powers, or Mrs. Maenner give you the secret formula to solve an algebraic equation? Maybe Mrs. Brenner or Mr. Bygd empowered you to leap tall buildings with a single bound through Physical Education? Perhaps Mr. Stutzman or Mr. Gilles showed you how to rock a voting ballot? Maybe Ms. Schlough helped you find the power to feed the world? Mr. Bertelson and Mr. Sigurdson could have even explained the scientific powers to solve the problems of our generation? The Middle school teachers prepared students for the world of High School? Our Staff taught us to tap into our personal superpowers so that we would be able to bring good to the world, and fight the forces of evil.

ENFORCERS OF GOOD,



Only Mrs. Rugotzke knows which bookshelf is really a revolving door to the teacher's secret lair!



"Yeah, it's a party. A book party!"



Mr. Sigs looking for the right supplies to brew a liquid remedy that will subdue the villains.



Peggy Anderson



Rod Anderson



Jennifer Bertelsen



Kris Bertelsen



Sarah Brenner



April Burback



Neil Bygd



Sandy Casetta



Chuck Catt



Karen Clark



Michael Collins



Judy Dekan



Chuck Forseth



Jerrilyn Geiger



Brent Gilles



Kay Goss



Jeff Hadorn



Paul Henrichs



Will Jacobs



Linda Kragness



Scott Kunick



Stephen La Fave



Lori Logterman



Susan Maenner

NOT EVIL



Ashley
Mason



Paul
McIlquham



Kati
Meyer



Kathy
Olson



Heather
Patton



Brenda
Pettis



Diedra
Powell



Patricia
Price



Tom
Puchalla



Marty
Rugotzke



Aaron
Sands



Arica
Schlough



Kris
Selberg



Kristine
Sell



Liz
Seubert



Ken
Sigurdson



Randy
Stutzman



Paul
Tweed



Kim
Van Grunsuen



Kelli
Zastrow



Sharon
Zimmerman



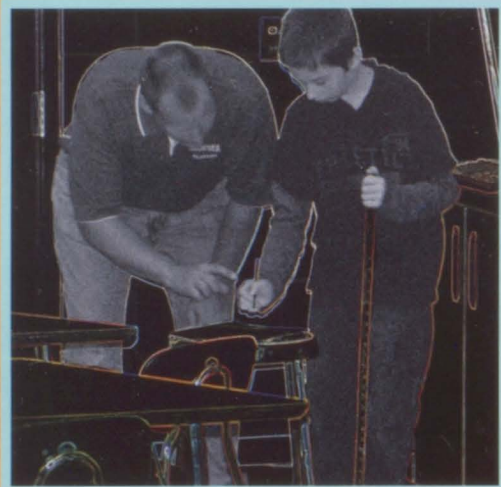
Pretending to battle an enemy, Mr.
Bertelson aims for a bullseye!



Mrs. Burback using her superpower
to help defeat world hunger.



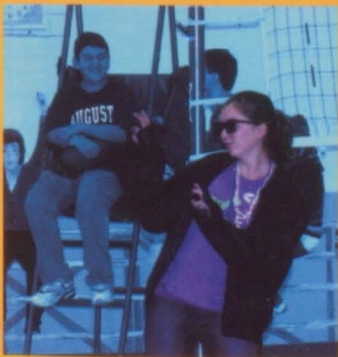
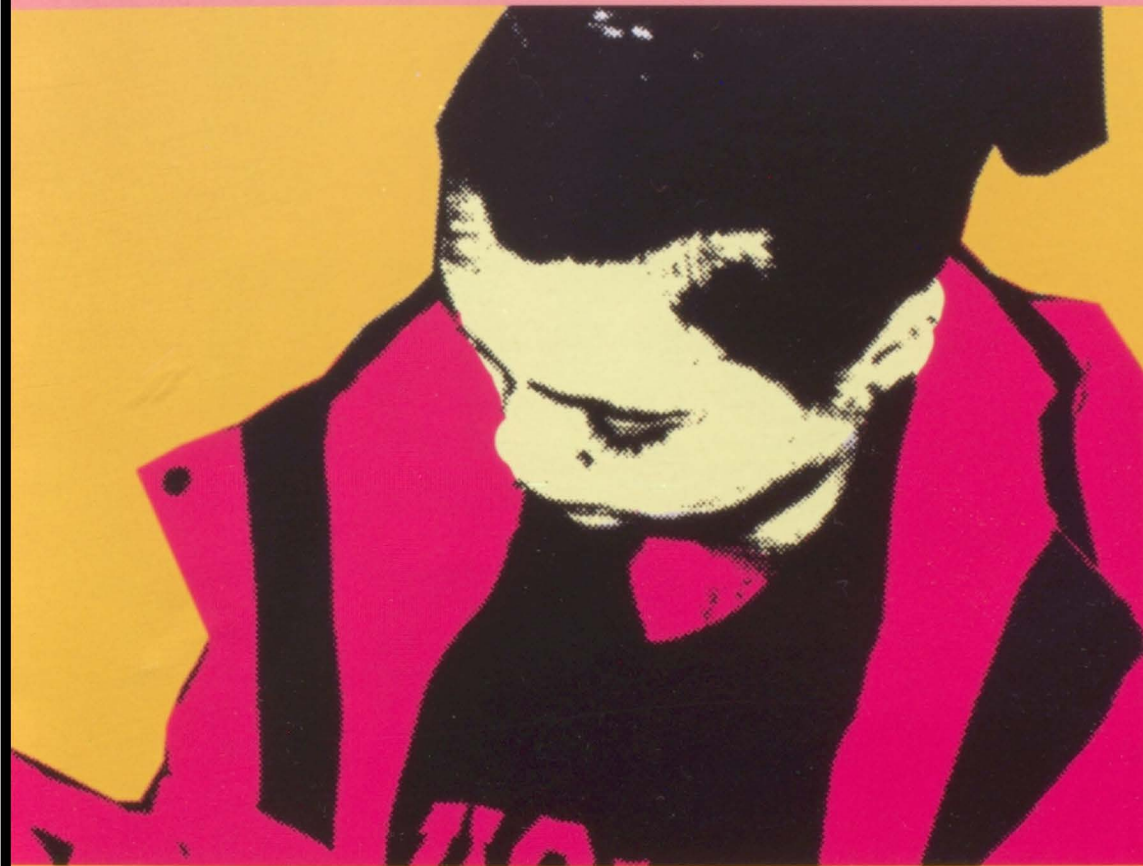
Skip, putting in the extra time to
repair the Mother Ship before
battle.



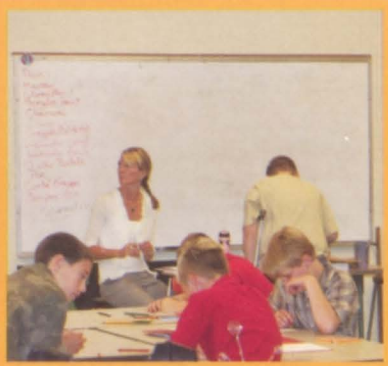
"An Investment in Knowledge
always pays the best interest."
Benjamin Franklin

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Soon to be high school super heroes experienced adventures at Bruce Mound, the Science Museum of Minnesota, and several trips to Beaver Creek Reserve. As part of their training, mid-level academy members also wrote some daring conservation speeches, as well as action packed poems, drawings, and stories for the Winding River Review. Students also refined their skills through sports. To make it to the highest level of training at the high level these mid-level super heroes made it through all of this training.



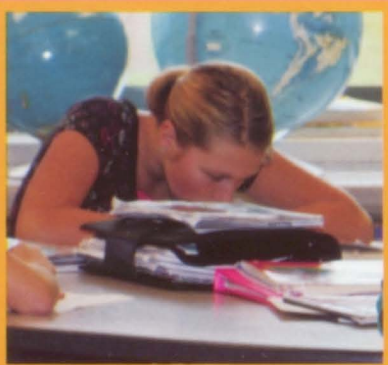
6TH GRADERS: THE



Mrs. Grunsuen attentively watching her students work on there super secret assignment.



Tyler Walters, Carter Berlin and David Lemon caught in between classes showing off their powers.



Seaann Nuetzmann working hard to figure out that math problem to solve the case.



Phoenix
Abley



Hunter
Alix



Adam
Austin



Zackery
Bergman



Carter
Berlin



Megan
Bertrang



Payton
Bethke



Jasmin
Boettcher



Omar
Bustamante



Gabriel
Carrillo



Kacie
Conner



Destiny
Daniels



Amber
Ducommun



Annalise
Goodell



Skyler
Hahn



Shantae
Harke



Calvin
Heaps



Brandon
Hugdahl



Eric
Huth



Timothy
Kunshier



Isabel
Lane



Andrew
Lea



David
Lemon



Daniel
Mansur

UP AND COMING HEROES



Faith
Martin



Madalaine
McConville



Seaann
Nuetzmann



Abby
Randall



Catherine
Renneke



Austin
Reynolds



Michael
Schultz



Austin
Scott



Alex
Sobotta



Jeanne
Solie



Alexa
Stensen



Destiny
Walker



Mayzie
Walker



Dakota
Walters



Tyler
Walters

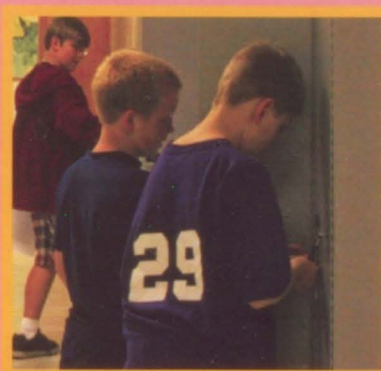


Lucas
Zoesch

BAM!



Shantae Harke hard at work trying to solve the mystery.



Tyler Walters and David Lemon catching up in the halls between training.



Alex Sobotta listening in on Mr. Catt's directions in Computer class so he can master the computer powers.

THE INVADERS



The mighty Bryanna Hugest practicing her sentence structure in Mr. Mac's English class.



Logan Green, no relation to the Green Lantern, is required to refocus his super hero powers in the middle school hallway.



Jack Schneider and Shawn Sauers learning how to cook so they can fight off the Hunger Villain.



Chelsie Anger



Cody Blanchard



Jamie Brown



Jordan Cerrillo



Dakota Dlamatter



Rachel Dorf



Kayla Erdman



Gabriel Gerdes



Samuel Goberville



James Goings



Logan Green



Dylan Guse



Alexa Gutshall



Kataryna Hawkins



Hunter Hoffman



Cade Hughes



Bryanna Husel



Maryatt Karstensen



Brandon Kimball



Quinn Kirchoff



Abigail Larson



Connor Larson



Justin Larson



Rachael Lebarron

IN BETWEEN



James
Lengyel



Austin
Lewallen



Halle
Luedtke



Elizabeth
Marino



Calvin
Mayer



Frankie
Monnier



Michael
Nehring



Danielle
Nelson



Megan
Peters



Mekayla
Phelps



Noah
Plewa



Kyle
Priest



Katelyn
Randall



Shawn
Sauers



Brian
Schick



Jack
Schneider



Michael
Schroeder



Devon
Shilka



Blake
Solie



Matthew
Stanek



Samuel
Witte



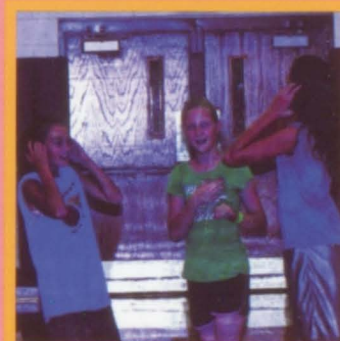
Andrew
Zebell



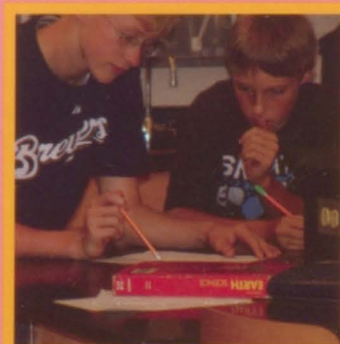
Troy
Zimmerman



Hunter Hoffman in training learning how to be serious when disguising his happy side.

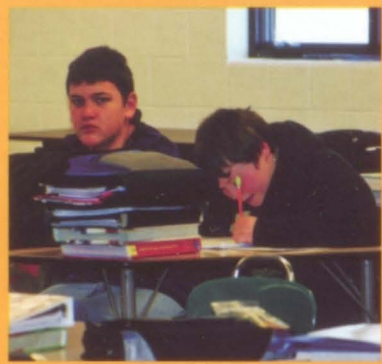


The seventh grade girls show off their running skills as they sprint for the ball.



Michael Nehring and Connor Larson working hard on their Marvel Moves skill Test.

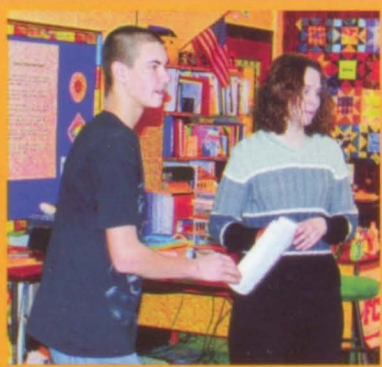
MIDDLE SCHOOL



Mareano Carrillo and Alex Knutson thinking of a strategy to use against invaders.



Courtney Shaffer in hot pursuit of a villain in the middle school hallway.



Mrs. Burbach using her superhero power of knowledge by teaching Marshall Mayer how to use his powers for good and not evil.



Haven Allard



Trevor Barka



Colton Barnhardt



Blake Bethke



Sophia Black



Nadene Boggs



Maverick Brandt



Brooklynn Bruder



Mareano Carrillo



Kyle Ellwood



Eric Emborsky



Cameron Folkers



Wyatt Frazee



Nathaniel Goodell



Bradley Grunewald



Damin Hadorn-Papke



Audrey Harriman



Dylan Haubrich



Kaitlynn Herold



Amber Herrick



Tayler Hess



Adam Hitts



Cheyenne Hoffman



Gina Huth

MONARCHS



Autumn
King



Desyre
Klindworth



Alex
Knutson



Mikayla
Larson



Marshall
Mayer



Connor
McCormick



Keegan
Miller



Gage
Morse



Clare
Nelson



Hunter
Neuenfeldt



Stephanie
Peterson



Matthew
Purdun



Zachary
Ramsden



Cody
Reetz



Shelby
Rios



Matthew
Schick



Kyle
Schmitt



Courtney
Shaffer



Angelle
Solie



Damien
Sprinkle



Kerry
Stensen



Moriah
Vlcek



Dominic
Walters



8th graders performing their Homecoming skit, trying to soar over the abilities of the other middle schoolers.



Shelby Rios refueling before headed back to defeat the nemesis.



Amber Herrick taking a break from her superhero studies.

MARVEL IMPOSTORS



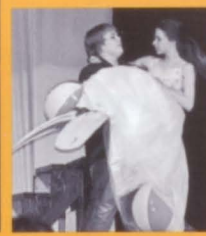
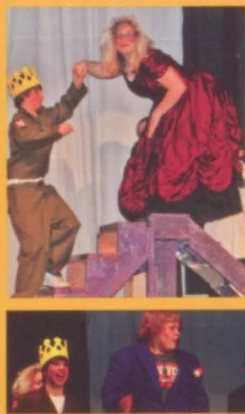
Joe Whalen and Teresa Pritzl, both executive directors, discuss the plans for Sanders' vacation as cautiously as a superhero in an archenemies' secret lair!



Before Jesse Joles, Jordan Berry, Seth Severson, and Isaac Siegel morphed into their characters for the Cinderella Play, they were a group of comically powerful moving men.



Seth Severson officiates the marriage between the Prince, Jesse Joles, and Cinderella, Candace Wiese after the two fall madly in love at the ball.



And they all lived happily ever after!
THE END!

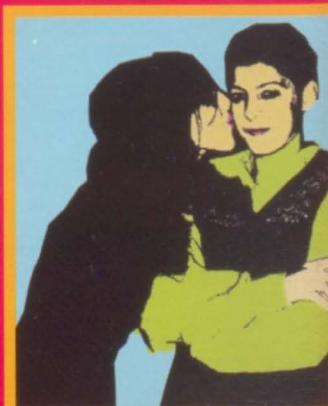


Row 1: Jeanne Hudson, Candace Wiese, Brittney Bertrang, Zachary Nelson, and Peggy Hoffman. Row 2: Kayla Huse, Nikita Barka, Nicholas Post, Chelsea Spear, Kyle LeBarron, Jaime Sieg, Seth Severson, Catherine Shaffer, Brittany Lee, Naomi Sobiech, Dana Larson. Row 3: Teddy Sauers, Arturo Bustamante, Andrew Robinson, Blake Ramsden, Teresa Pritzl, Joe Whalen, Jesse Joles, Aaron Herrick, Jordan Berry, Kayla Lone, Isaac Siegel, Robert Edwards, Tanner Walker, Nathaniel Ziawsky, and Jasmine McGeary.

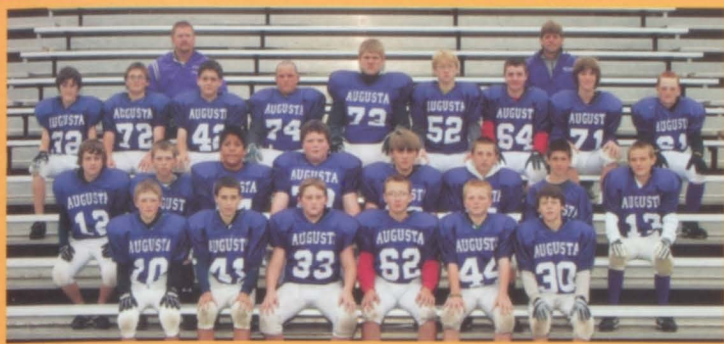


"One of the best experiences in my fourteen years of life." These vivid words described Brittney Bertrang's experience in 8th grade play for the class of 2013, which took place in May of 2009. Shoestring Theatre, directed by Mrs. Maenner and written by Eddie McPherson was a comical rendition of a play within a play. The actual play was about a famous director, Sanders, played by Zachary Nelson, who received a budget cut of 80% right before the opening of his highly anticipated production of Cinderella. The publicity chairman, Pepper, played by Robert Edwards, tells Sanders that he heard the reason for the budget cut was in order to fund a tropical vacation for the producers, Teresa Pritzl and Joe Whalen. Little did he know that the vacation was actually a reward for Sanders! Still oblivious to the real reason for the budget cut, Sanders along with his allies, including co-workers, a crazy chicken lady, a wacky bag lady, two rowdy chefs, and a gang of brawny moving men, all with little or no acting experience, unite to put on a very cheap performance of Cinderella.

Knowing that the mayor of New York City and a sinister, hard to please play critic, Capri, played by Blake Ramsden, would be in attendance at the show, Sanders plans to get revenge on the 'rotten' executive directors and embarrass them for cutting the budget. The group of local yokels and Sanders intended to put on a horrendous performance, but in actuality the show was out-of-this-world funny; complete with outrageous costumes, a killer beaver, lots of dancing, a wedding, and more! Capri gave the play raved reviews! As Jesse Joles, who played a moving man and later, the Prince, put it, "I was a little nervous, but I did what I had to do. Everyone can step out of their comfort zone." Comments from the student body verify that the show was a hit. Seniors Alicia Goss and Kate Berlin, who were both in attendance at the show, agreed that it was "hysterical!" Mrs. Maenner mentioned that she received a lot of compliments on how funny this play was. Possibly, it was due to the hard work and dedication of the class of 2013. "They never complained, **never**. They always worked hard and worked together."



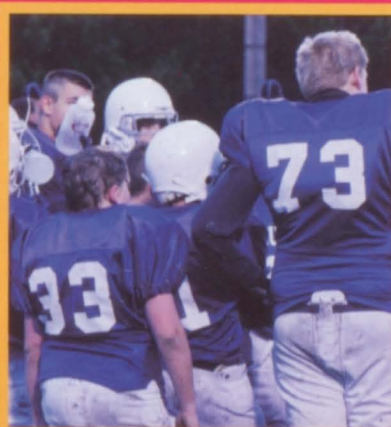
MIDDLE MEN



Front row: Daniel Mansur, Andrew Lea, Payton Bethke, Eric Huth, Tyler Walters, Zackery Bergman, Middle row: Jamie Brown, Troy Zimmerman, Omar Bustamante, Cater Berlin, Cole Cleasby, Samuel Witte, Alex Sobotta, Back row: Jack Schneider, Austin Lewallen, Samuel Goberville, Calvin Mayer, Blake Solie, Connor Larson, Andrew Zebell, James Goings, Matthew Stanek,

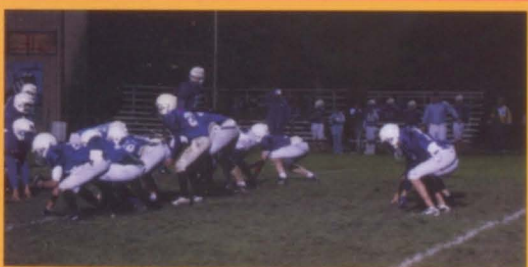


Front row: Alex Knutson, Nathaniel Goodell, Bradley Grunewald, Wyatt Frazee, Dominick Walters Back row: Zachary Ramsden, Damon Hadorn-Papke, Marshall Mayer, Trevor Barka, Eric Emborsky



Left: Payton Bethke and Blake Solie where perfect examples of players come in all shapes in sizes.

Far left: Coach Hadorn in the halftime huddle to giving the team a pep talk before sending them back on to the field



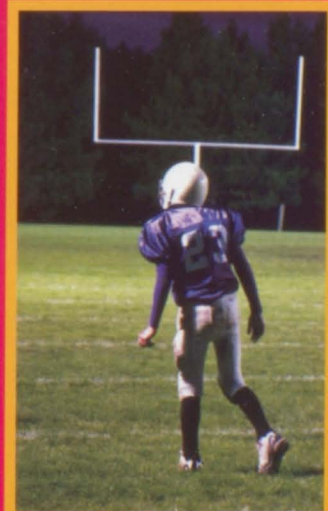
Woosh!



It was another building season for the Augusta Middle School football team, coach Sigurdson said "these young athletes were eager to listen and learn anything about are system, we have a great bunch of kids" with 35 young men on the playing field there is many memories made over the season but the most memorable one to coach Sigurdson is when Brandon Kimble ran back a interception for a 70 yard touchdown. Although the Beavers did not have the number of some of

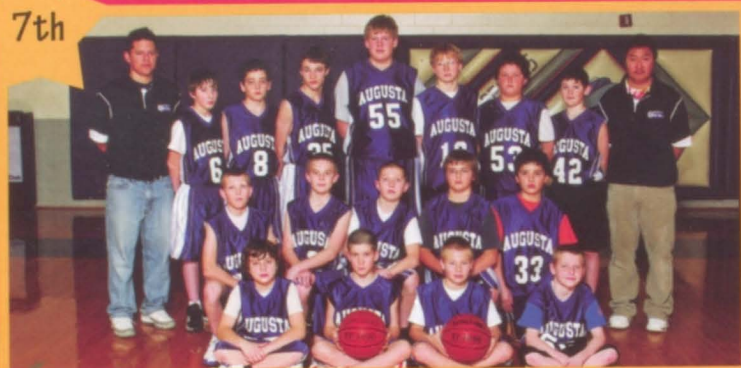
the other schools the team managed to do well.

We had many kids playing up 7th graders on the 8th grade team and 6th graders starting on the 7th grade level, we even had a few 6th graders subbing in on the 8th grade level" said Sigurdson. Not only did the talents and fundamentals of the game grow with the boys but so did the importance of team work. They learned that football relies on team work more then any other sport it took all 11 players to execute the play.



ALL STAR SQUADRON

7th

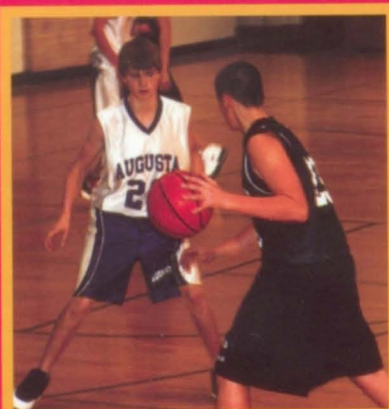


Back row: Coach Gilbert, Cole Cleasbey, Samuel Gooberville, Gylan Guse, Blake Solie, Connor Larson, Calvin Mayer, Jack Schneider, and Coach Clark. Middle Row: Troy Zimmerman, Michael Schroeder, Brandon Kimball, Austin Lewallen, Jordan Cerrillo. Front row: Jamie Brown, Samuel Witte, Logan Fuller-Swift, and Logan Green

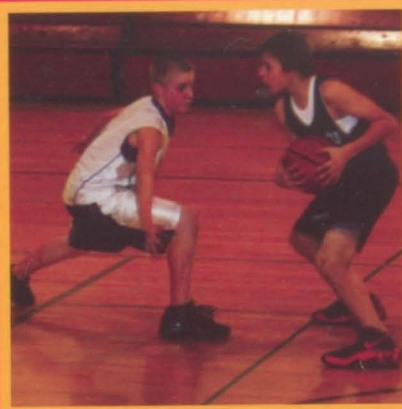
8th



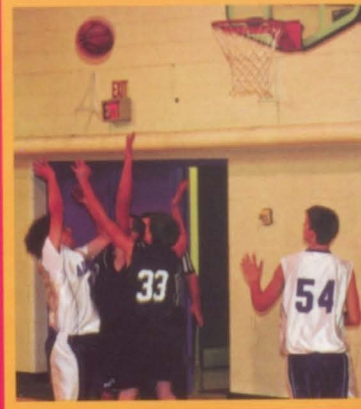
Back row: Coach Gilbert, Eric Emborsky, Marshall Mayer, Cody Reetz, Trevor Barka, and Damon Hadorn-Papke. Front row: Haven Allard, Nathaniel Goodell, Matthew Purdon, Mareano Carrillo, and Bradley Grunewald.



Left:
Damon
Hadorn-
Papke
playing
some
strong
defense.

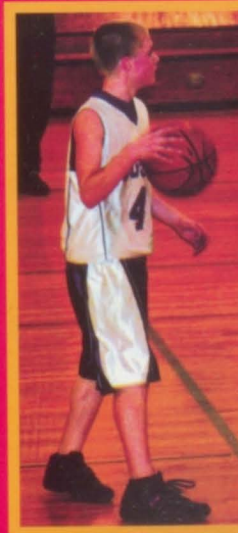
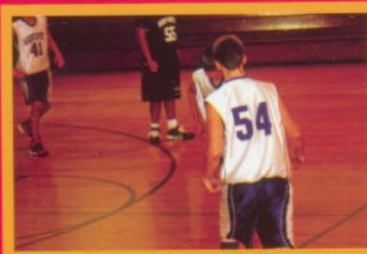
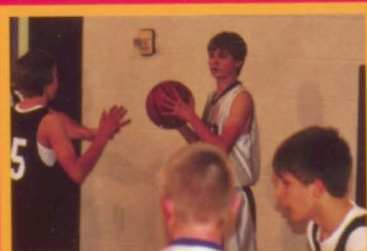
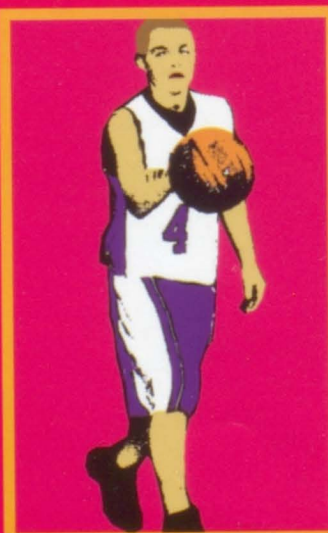


Left:
Bradley
Grunewald
going for a
super steal
against
their
enemy,
Osseo.



With a successful season wrapped up, the Middle School Boys Basketball team showed a promising future. This all-star team was full of boys who were looking to win, rather than about how many points he individually put up. One of many key players for the Middle School Basketball team was Bradley Grunewald. "He showed many skills out on the court, many of which can't be thought on the court," said Coach Gilbert. He adds "One player does not make up a team, each player is just as important as the next. We couldn't do it without each and every guy. The boys were very mature for their age on the court; they played as a team rather than individuals."

This group of super athletes had shown off some of the most amazing super powers ever seen such as: shooting, ball handling, passing, defense, and most importantly, team work. With these super powers, these young men looked to have a very bright future on the basketball court.



MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE IN TRACK & FIELD



Danielle Nelson passes the torch to Devon Shilka to finish the race in warp speed time.



Taking to the air on the high jump is 7th grader Desyre Klindworth.

As the track season came sprinting around the corner, so did two new faces to the coaching scene. Coach Henrichs and Coach Korger were excited for their inaugural season and so were their athletes. The first practice brought over 35 eager kids ready for what their new coaches had planned for them. "The season started out great; we had excellent numbers and all of the kids were ready to compete," stated Coach Korger.

With the first meet just around the bend, the members knew that they would have to compete with each other for a winning spot. The first track meet went really well. Both the boys' and girls' teams succeeded in the relays. "Our field events also gave us a pretty good advantage over our evil nemesis. Tanner Walker helped us out tremendously. He set a new middle school record for discus and shot put, along with several others who also set records," declared Coach Henrichs.

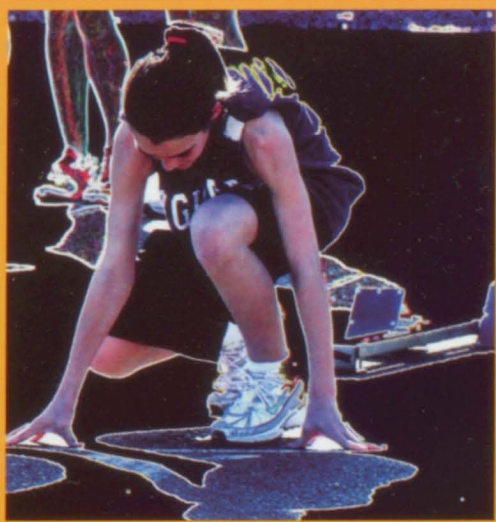
With so many positives throughout the season and with little to no setbacks, the coaches both look forward to next season where they hope to soar back to the same success.



"Don't let anyone tell you you can't, just because they can't."

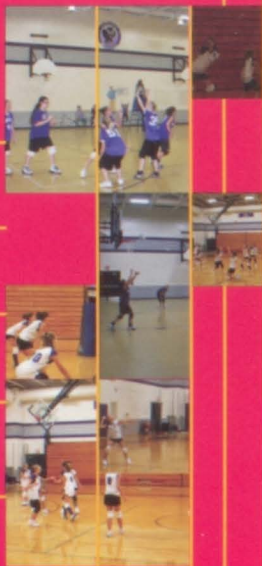


Front- Sam Witte, Danielle Nelson, Jack Schneider, Cole Cleasby, Chelsie Anger, Devon Shilka, Logan Green, Jaime Brown Second- James Goings, Colton Barnhardt, Kayla Erdman, Calvin Mayer, Kaitlynn Herold, Maryatt Karstensen, Alexa Gutshall, Mariano Carrillo, Halle Luedtke Third- Desyre Klindworth, Kataryna Hawkins, Quinn Kirchoff, Dylan Guse, Marshall Mayer, Blake Solie, Kyle Elwood, Damin Hadorn-Papke, Zachary Ramsden, Beth Marino, Bryanna Huset Coaches- Coach Korger, Coach Henrichs



Preparing to launch in 3-2-1 at the super-hero sprint is super speeder, Danielle Nelson, who will fly by the competition and win the race.

HEROES AT THE HITTING LINE



Desyre Klindworth, Taylor Hess, Kerry Stensen, Angelle Solie, Courtney Shaffer, Kate Herold, Audra Harriman, Coach, Amber Herrick, Shelby Rios, Brooklyn Bruder, Stephanie Peterson

"Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability."

The 2009 Middle School Volleyball Team may have looked sweet on the sidelines, but as soon as they stepped on the court, a vicious game face was all that their competitors saw. The Middle School Girls Volleyball team ended with a very good season by winning their games! The girls had a lot of fun uniting their powers to defeat enemy opponents. One super power the team was looking for was to keep the momentum going for next year, because they would be losing 11 8th grade players. The team did contain, however, many 'Super-Players!' The 'Super-Players' were the players who soared above the competition during games! They

excelled at all the roles, serving, bumping, setting and spiking needed on the court. When asked what made her season spectacular, "All of my friends made it more fun to a part of the team. Volleyball is a great sport to play with your good friends."

This year all of the 8th grade girls had the best year of volleyball ever. Volleyball this year inspired us to do well. Our coach made us work hard and that made us do better than all other years. It taught us team work. If we could describe volleyball in five words it would be fun, good experience, exciting, rewarding.



Up above: Augusta is proud that their super powers helped them score on their archenemy.

To the right: Chelsie Anger, Bryanna Huset, Alexa Gutshall, Kataryna Hawkins having a fun time in volleyball.



Augusta Team

Top row: coach, Kate Herold, Desyre Klindworth, Stephanie Peterson, Angelle Solie, Amber Herrick, Audra Harriman. Bottom row: Taylor Hess, Kerry Stensen, Shelby Rios, Courtney Shaffer, Brooklyn Bruder.

Augusta Team
Top row: , Bryanna Huset, Kataryna Hawkins, Alexa Gutshall, Kayla Erdman, Coach. Bottom row: Devon Shilka, Halle Luedtke, Chelsie Anger, Dani Nelson.



Devon Shilka, getting ready for it to send it back.



Amber Herrick is ready to hit it back to the enemy.



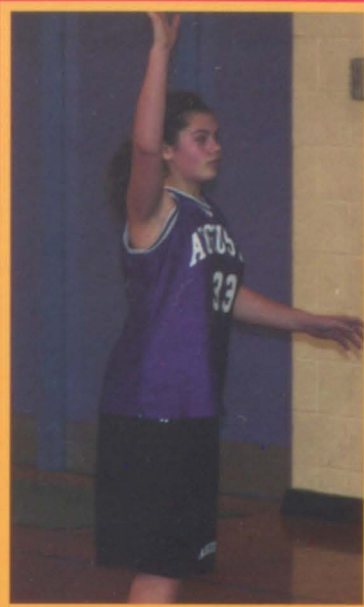
Kataryna Hawkins is giving a little bump.

Amber Herrick is ready to spike the ball to score.



MIDDLE TRIUMPHS

Commitment, hard work, and a lot of heart is needed to be a part of a team. The Middle School girl's basketball Team showed that and even more in the past season. Basketball teaches you how to work as a team and how to communicate with others. The girls really enjoyed the sport and there will be many returnees next year and more new comers who are ready to begin working on their super skills for high school.

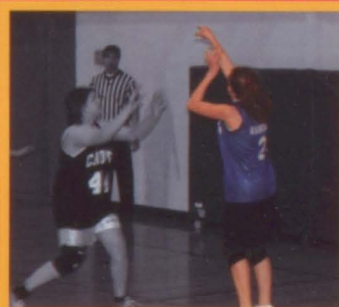


Top row left to right: Coach Guntner, Kayla Erdman, Beth Marino, Kataryna Hawkins, Katelyn Randall, Alexa Gutshall, Chelsea Anger. Danielle Nelson, Devon Shilka, Halle Luedtke.

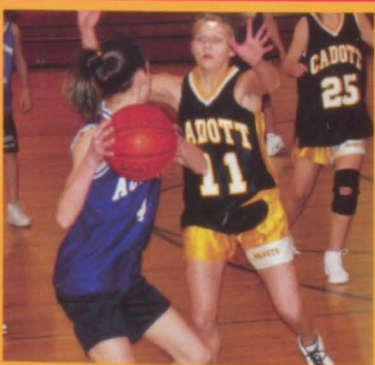


Top row left to right: Kaitlynn Herold, Desyre Klindworth, Stephanie Peterson, Amber Herrick, Coach Gilbertson. Bottom row right to left: Autumn King, Audrey Harriman, Kayla Huth, Courtney Shaffer, Taylor Hess.

Below: Katelyn Randall utilizes all her strength and hits a basket.

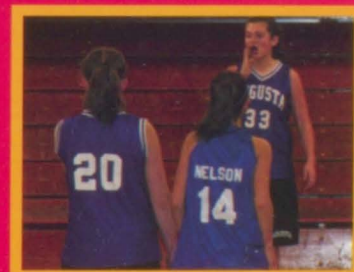


Above: Kayla Erdman dribbles around Cadott easily.



Above: Amber Herrick hesitates for the right moment to hand the ball to a teammate.

Below: Courtney Shaffer gets ready to use her super powers to pass the ball.



MARVELOUS MUSICIANS

Behind every good theme song there was a band performing it, this took great skill and hours of practice. These abilities were developed at a young age at Augusta since most started in the 5th grade, and the learning transformed them into the Middle School Band. Veteran teacher Mrs. Zastrow has taught countless band members to develop their skill and become a master at playing theme songs as easily Superman jumps a building in a single bound. Each new year brought new musical powers it has been said that each student will only be as good as they are taught and with a teacher who has been teaching around since time of the original Batman and Superman, they would soon become marvelous musicians. Many students agreed that they found band to be a fun and challenging class. With hours of practice and major dedication, these band members learned more than how to play an instruments they learned special mind powers that would help them achieve goals their whole lives.



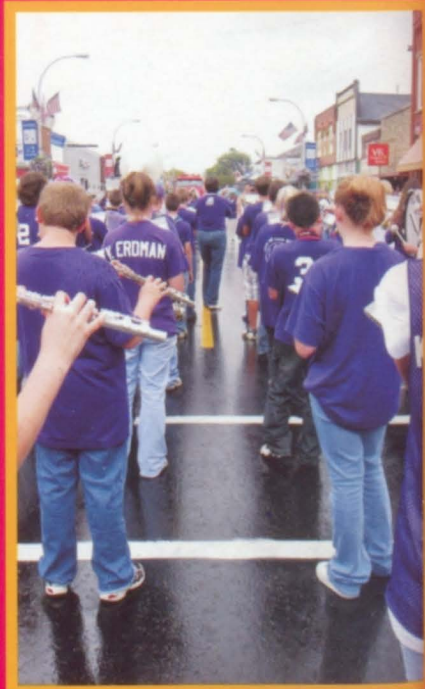
7th and 8th grade Middle school Band



Front row: Annalise Goodell, Abby Randall, Kacie Conner, Jasmin Boettcher, Megan Bertrang, Faith Martin, 2nd row: Madalaine McConville, Seaann Nuetzmann, Shantae Harke, Gabriel Carrillo, Michael Schultz, Alex Sobotta, Hunter Alix, 3rd row: Andrew Lea, Mayzie Walker, Skyler Hahn, Lucas Zoesch, 4th row: Daniel Mansur, Omar Bustamante



Right: The Middle School Band playing loud full of school spirit downtown at the homecoming parade
Left: Mareano Carrillo awaiting his part in one of the many songs in the middle school bands song selection



VOICE OF THE HEROES

One of the hardest things in the world for many was to stand on a stage and perform into a sea of people. It wasn't difficult for Ms. Powell's Middle School Choir. The task of the lyrics and vocals for each and every theme song is the Middle School Choir. The ability to sing was more than a natural given gift with practice and the encouragement of Ms. Powell, choir members developed what used to be hidden within themselves and put them on display to hear. Like band, choir members are never done learning, so as the student's super powers grew, they would become victorious and diminish the fear of stage fright.

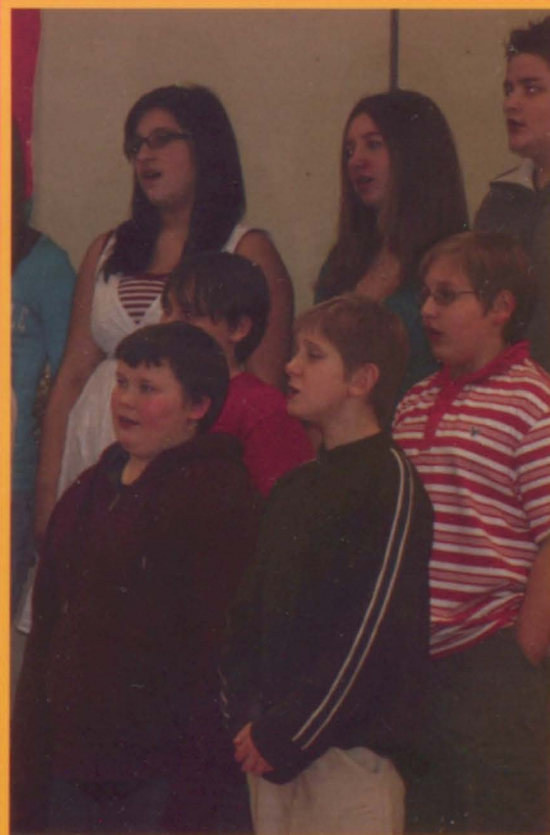


Front row: Isabel Lane, Kacie Conner, Jeanne Solie, Destiny Daniels, Alex Knutson, Lucas Zoesch, Middle Row: Desyre Klindworth, Abby Randall, Nadene Boggs, James Lengyel, Michel Schultz, Back row: Angelle Solie, Maryatt Karstensen, Alexa Gutshall, James Goings, Devon Shilka, Amber Herrick, Shelby Rios, Gina Huth, Shawn Sauers, Brian Schick

Below: Shelby Rios, Gina Huth, Shawn Sauers, James Lengyel, Micheal Schultz, Alex Knutson, and Lucas Zoesch send Rudolph a message to hurry as they sing "Run Run Rudolph" at their Christmas Concert.



Left: Lucas Zoesch belts out a tune at the Middle School Choir Christmas concert
Right: The director of the Middle School Choir Ms. Powell



TAKING THE MIDDLE

Commanding through the Student Council was a leadership opportunity that only a few of Augusta's middle school students were able to participate in. Being a part of the Student Council gave the students a chance to learn the necessary leadership skills that being a super leader required. Getting your voice heard and organizing fun events were other opportunities student council had to offer. Trips to Bruce Mound, Homecoming, and the Halloween Dance were the biggest activities the students tackled. Working at concessions helped raise money for all of these activities. They also hoped to contribute to the devastating earthquake that rocked Haiti in January, causing tremendous suffering for the nation.



Back Row: Kayla Erdman, Angelle Solie, Amber Herrick, Zach Ramsden, Seaann Nuetzmann,
Front row: Logan Green, Jack Schneider, Michael Shultz.

6th



Michael Shultz and Seaann Nuetzmann.

7th



Logan Green, Kayla Erdman, and Jack Schneider.

8th



Amber Herrick, Zach Ramsden, and Angelle Solie.



To left: Middle school students organized raking leaves for the greater good of the community. To right: Students enjoyed a super Halloween dance that the student council planned.



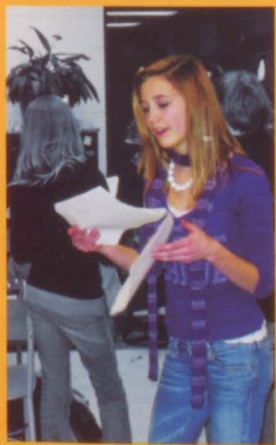
ACTORS IN THE MIDDLE

Finding a 'Secret Identity' could sometimes be a challenge, but not for the Augusta Middle School Forensics Team. Forensics gave students a chance to have an alternative persona and taught them basic acting skills, and helped develop their speaking skills. Members improved by meeting every Tuesday and Thursday, and performing for elementary students. "When the time would come, members found themselves enjoying the bus ride where many of the memories are made," said Adviser Mrs. Lippert.

All members have shown much dedication, like Michael Shultz. He took on the challenge and worked on pieces on his own. Many students received ribbons this year, and are very proud of their hard work and dedication to forensics.



Back Row: Desyre Klindworth, Beth Marino, Angelle Solie, Maryatt Karstensen, Amber Herrick, Gina Huth. Middle row: Courtney Shaffer, Jasmin Boettcher, James Goings, Bryanna Huset. Front row left to right: Alexa Gutshall, Destiny Walker, Kacie Conner, and Isabell Lane.

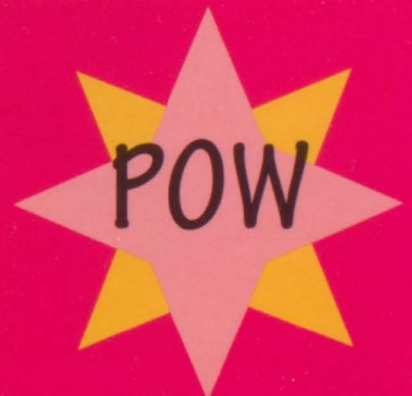


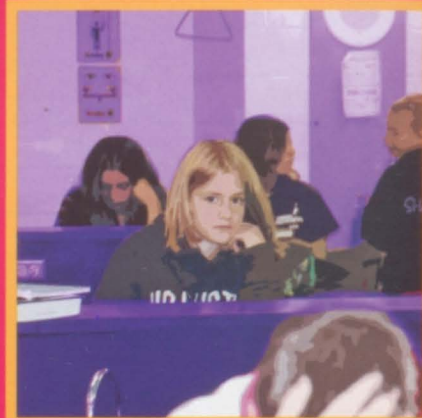
Above: Amber Herrick practices to perfect her lines.



Left: The group plans a super scene together.

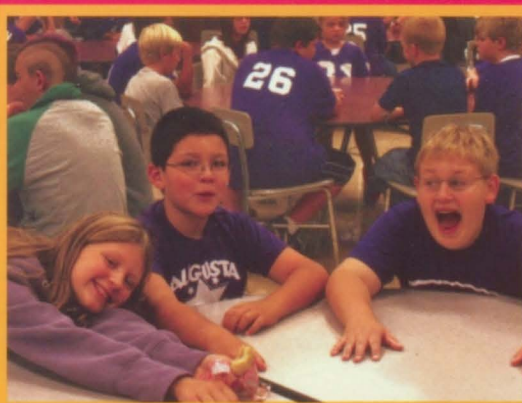
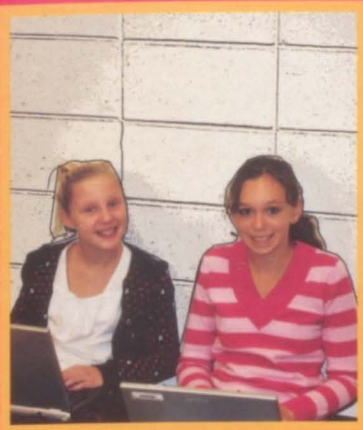
Right: Michael Shultz brings out his super skills by working on an individual piece.





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School

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER ADVENTURE

Wildlands, the charter school in the district, celebrated five years of giving students an alternative to a normal school environment. The school worked to give an outside environment in a small classroom setting. Mr. Tweed, Mr. Hadorn, and Mrs. Seubert who were the protectors of this world. This learning setting had much to offer the student who wanted to learn with their hands and in the outdoors. They also strived for hands-on learning instead of reading something out of a book. Students were able to experience what they were learning about in the field. Twenty high school students and twenty middle school attended Wildlands.

TRIPS, TRIPS, TRIPS

Wildlands had always been known for the trips they took and this year was no exception. This year started with a two day canoe trip and a couple of bike trips in between. In November, some of the students got a chance to visit the Environmental Conference at U.W Stevens Point. The students learned how they could be protectors in their towns so that the earth can benefit. "We only have one earth, so I think that learning to help it is very important" according to senior Megan Raether. Students paid a visit the Titanic exhibit at the Science Museum in Minnesota, to Mall of America in early December to see Underwater Aquarium and Bodies Exhibits. Along with school-oriented trips, they ventured out to four skiing trips and a rock climbing trip to the rock climbing center in Minnesota.

WHAT IS COMING UP . . . ?

Throughout existence the scope of Wildlands has changed over the years in size and technology. The students learned so many things and learn to use state of the art equipment like H.D video cameras giving them the best quality picture. Every student at Wildlands had his or her own computer. They had a Mac that had 5 trilobites of memory which could hold a lifetime of video. It also had dual screen making it easier to multitask.

Wildlands

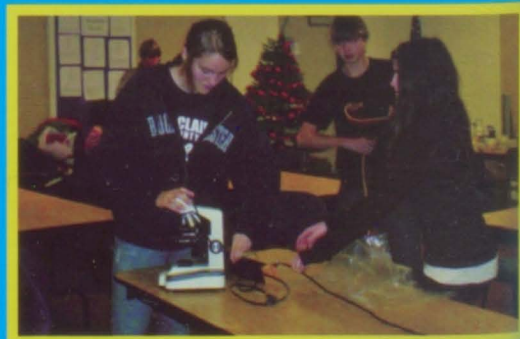
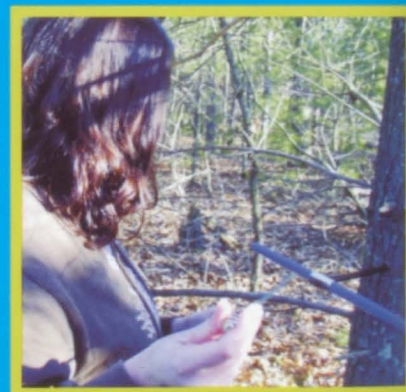
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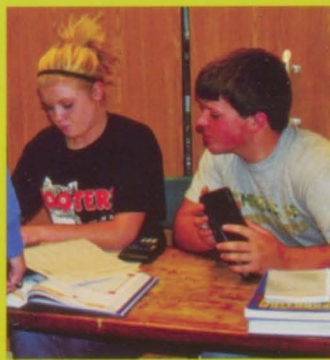
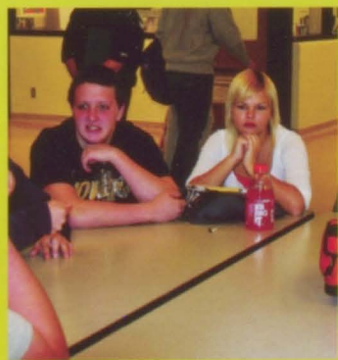
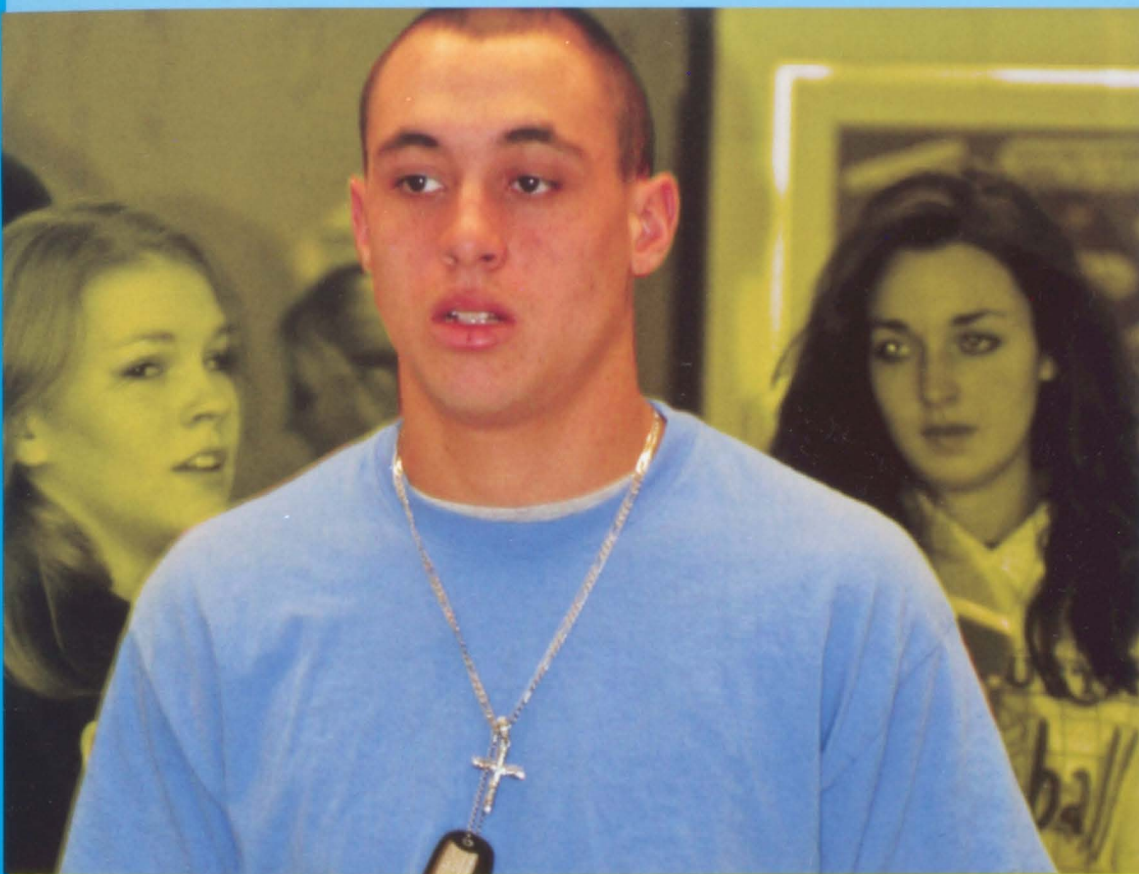
Tyler Degenhardt trying to find the right tool for the job at hand.



Daniel Wiersgalla breaking down the element to find the answer.



UPPERCLASSMEN



The upperclassmen were the leaders among the heroes of Augusta High School, showing that with great power came great responsibility. They revealed courage and bravery to the highest power making them the top dogs in the school. They demonstrated great school pride and showed the underclassmen how to be proud of our school. They illustrated the powers of intelligence and brawn no matter what was thrown at them. They persevered over all. They paraded powers not to give up when down but to push even harder. They also proved that with hard work anything could happen and if you pushed themselves hard enough there was nothing that could stop them. The upperclassmen showed that if we worked as one, we all succeed.

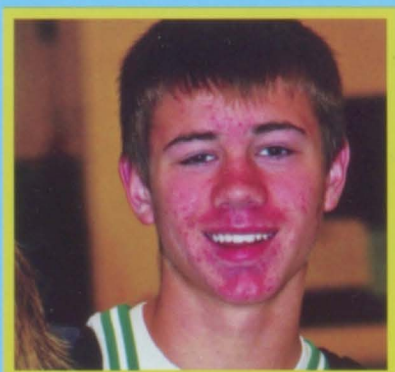
FRESHMEN



Zach Nelson, Joe Whalen, and Blake Ramsden use all their strength in tug-o-war during Homecoming week.



Chelsea Spear and Teresa Pritzl work together to defeat evil villains!



Jordan Berry makes his way to class, before his arch nemesis, 'The Bell', rings!



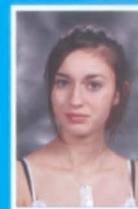
Nikita Barka



Michael Barton



Jordan Berry



Brittney Bertrang



Arturo Bustamante



Esau Casetta



Jerry Dopson



Robert Edwards



Aaron Gutshall



Aaron Herrick



Jeanne Hudson



Kayla Huse



Brady Janssen



Jesse Joles



Jessica Kunz



Dana Larson



Kylee Lebaron



Brittany Lee



Colton Lewallen



Kayla Lone



Jasmine McGeary



Zachary Nelson



Nicholas Post



Teresa Pritzl

INVASION



Andrew
Robinson



Sarah
Rosenquist



Teddy
Sauers



Seth
Severson



Catherine
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Jaime
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Naomi
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Chelsea
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Samantha
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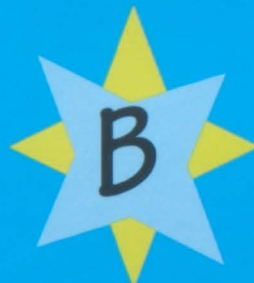
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Candace
Wiese



Nathaniel
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Jeanie Hudson shows her heroic side.



Jessica Kunz perfects her Superman Flight Position on the first day of school.

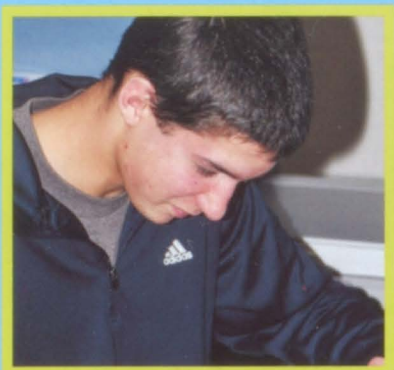


Kylee Lebarron shows she has no secret identity to hide.



Seth Severson and Jesse Joles on the first day of school competing in circle the wagon.

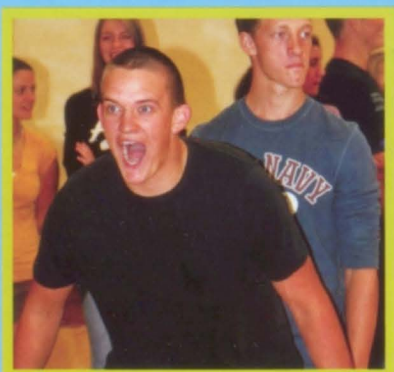
TRIUMPHANT TALES OF



Skyler Bertrang studies with all of his might for good grades.



Jenna Hoekstra shows off one of her many superpowers.



Alex Sell puts on his game face on in a lunchtime battle of Good and Evil.



Jordan
Beenken



Kyle
Berlin



Steve
Bertram



Skyler
Bertrang



Madeline
Black



Brittni
Boyea



Billy Jo
Brown



Harley
Brown



Denise
Bustamante



Tyler
Degenhardt



Brenda
Dingler



Randy
Dobson



Michael
Frazee



Alex
Gajewsky



Daniel
Gjerseth



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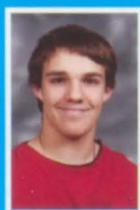
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Cory
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Larose



Brett
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Chanel
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Joshua
Markham



Taylor
Mayenschein

THE SOPHOMORES



Riley
McCormick



Allison
Nelson



Jacob
Neuenfeldt



Isaac
Nitz



Alyssa
Olson



Molly
Perkovich



Aaron
Pritzl



Mandi
Raether



Casey
Reetz



Sheldon
Rupp



Amy
Schick



Jessica
Schiller



Amanda
Schneider



Alex
Sell



Heather
Sobiech



Simone
Sommers



Krystal
Spencer



Austin
Stensen



Anissa
Thompson



Shirley
Verdezoto



Courtney
Voorhies



Daniel
Wiersgalla



Josiah
Will



Zachery
Williams



Samuel
Wold



Rebekah
Wood



Taylor
Zamora



Heather Sobiech and Cory Kirchoff work hard
in Mr. Catt's computer stats class.



Simone Sommers researches information
for an important project.



Denise Bustamante listening to the teacher
intently while Anissa Thompson has other
things in mind.

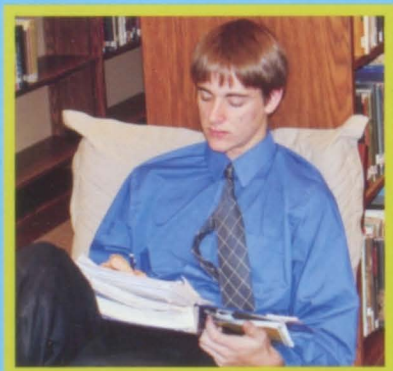
CONQUERERS OF



Thumbs-up for Juniors! The Junior girls encourage their boys during the Homecoming competitions at lunch.



Austin Ramsden setting an example of a perfect student by focusing hard on his assignment in the library.



Johnathon Stabenow lounges back while completing his math assignment for Mrs. Maenner. Who says math can't be relaxing?



Bonna Bergman



Samantha Berry



Sara Connett



Devin Dehnke



Allison Emborsky



Aaron Forde



Kaitlyn Geiger



Misty Gerber



Jacquelyn Gibson



Stephanie Guntner



Cory Hamman



Matthew Haubrich



Andrew Hazard



Brandon Hazard



Caitlin Henke



Tyrel Hess



Jessica Hodge



Tamara Howlett



Weston Huth



Joshua Kunz



Christian Larson



Samuel Larson



Shelby Lone



Montana Lund



Victoria McConville



Maxwell McCormick



McKenzie Mulhern



Lyle Olson



Shane Olson



Alvin Ortega

2011



Allison
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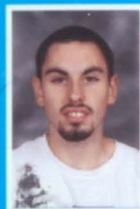
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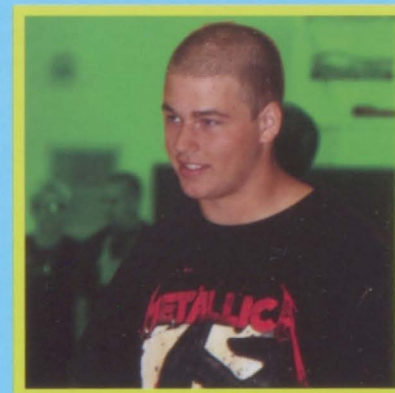
Abby
Whalen



Christopher
Winters



David
Zimmerman



'After lunch, Cory Schmidt makes his way to the gym to shoot a few baskets with his friends and recharge for the next half of his day.



Upcoming hero, Kaylee Troutman, practicing technology that will allow her to Blog and stay super connected.



"Heeeeeeey!" David Zimmerman and AJ Ortega share a few laughs in the gym during their lunch hour...What could be so funny?

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Vamos
castores!

(Go Beavers! in
Spanish)

THE INCREDIBLE INVADERS!

Vá
castores!

(Go Beavers! in
Portuguese)

Allez les
castors!

(Go Beavers! in
French)

SHIRLEY VERDELOTO

Main Headquarters: Quito,
Ecuador

American Headquarters:

Shelby Lone's Families

Mission while in USA: "To

learn new cultures, have a new experience,
and learn English."

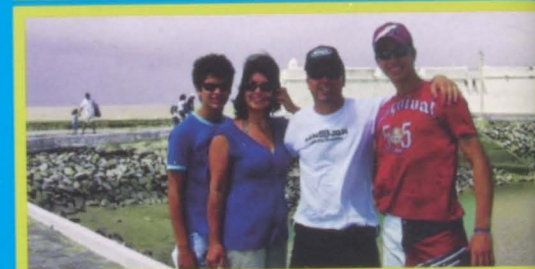
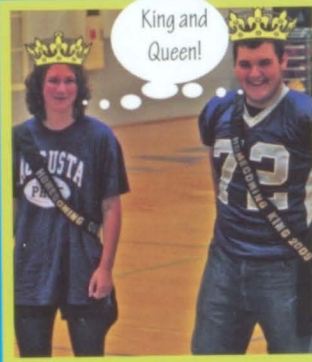
Hobbies in USA: Nightstorm

(dancing), church youth group, painting,
shopping, bike riding, cooking, swimming,
and basketball.

Activity you were most

excited to do in USA: "Play in
the snow and build a snowman!"

Greatest food in USA: Pizza,
ice cream, everything!



FELIPE NOGUEIRA

Main Headquarters: Braganca Paulista,
Brazil

American Headquarters: Allie and
Zach Nelson's Family

Mission while in USA: "To learn
American culture and improve my English."

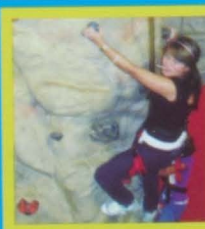
**Something you really wanted to
do in USA:** "Make new friends, play different
sports, and see the snow."

**Had you ever seen snow before
coming to USA?** No.

Favorite Brazilian foods: Rice, steak,
bean, and french fries.

**How was school in the USA
different from school in Brazil?**

There were different subjects and sports, and how
long you stay at school.



CLÉMENCE CASTIN

ORGANIZATIONS

Students had a variety of organizations to choose to become a part of. VICA called to student's inner mechanical powers. Students could harness that power to build structures to assembling Harleys or, pull tractors. FFA represented more than just farm it called to agricultural and leadership powers. If students wanted to release their inner CEO through their alter egos they could of join FBLA. Members participated in community service events by fundraising, preparing for business competitions or listening to local business super hero's advice. FCCLA received training at Stout and planned projects including Halloween safety at the elementary school. To release his or her inner actor or actress students could have been in One Act Play which was class that had so much to offer if a student needed to overcome the challenge of being shy. If a student was looking to show off some legal powers then Mock Trial would have been the organization for them. With all of these organizations, and so many more to choose from there was one waiting for students to explore.



ADVENTURES OF THE

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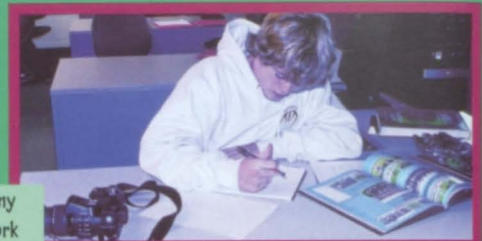
POW!

From left, Devin Dehnke, Tommy Schmidt, Tory Walker, Kelly Beenken, Dion Shilka, Molly Rosentreter, Jessica Hodge, Jessica Casetta, and Paulette Tompkins.

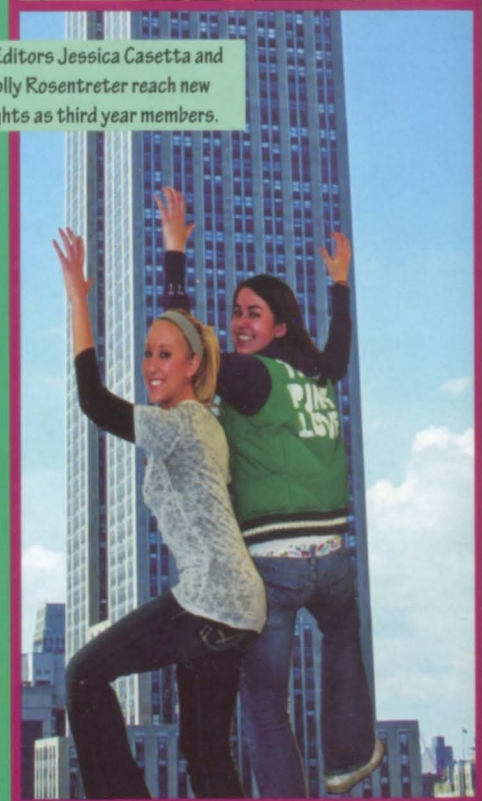


Creeping to a whole new level of fun, are staff members, from back, Dion Shilka, Tory Walker, Devin Dehnke, Tommy Schmidt, Paulette Tompkins, Jessica Hodge, Kelly Beenken, Jessica Casetta, and Molly Rosentreter.

Tory Walker, above, and Tommy Schmidt, below, soar into 'work mode' while working on their pages.



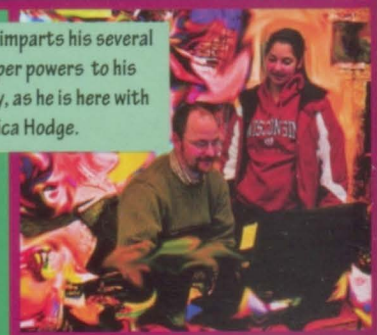
Co-Editors Jessica Casetta and Molly Rosentreter reach new heights as third year members.



Pixilated pictures, misspelled names, tricky titles, and strenuous software; these were just some of the many villains that the nine members of the Annual Staff battled daily. The super staff included six first year rookies, juniors; Devin Dehnke, Jessica Hodge, Tom Schmidt, and Paulette Tompkins, and seniors; Kelly Beenken and Tory Walker. The staff also included one second year hero, senior; Dion Shilka. Completing the staff were third year incredible heroines, seniors and co-editors Jessica Casetta and Molly Rosentreter. The staff, along with the supremacy of the nine year advisor Mr. Catt, knew that since they were small in numbers they would have to decide on theme shortly after school started. After about a week of voting and brainstorming, the remaining candidates were Geico, Paradise, and Comic Book. In the end, Comic Book prevailed, processing several super powers, multiple personalities, and more exciting possibilities than the other themes. The staff began work on their pages quickly, constantly battling

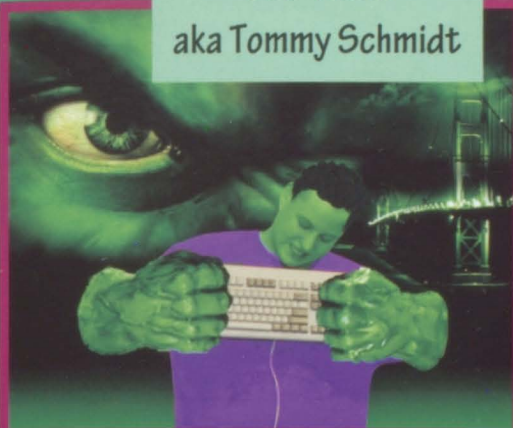
their biggest arch nemeses; Terrible Time and Dangerous Deadlines! Interviewing advisors and members, writing copy, taking and editing photos, creating layouts, and tweaking their pages were all tasks that the Annual Staff had to complete to create a superb page. Co-Editors Jessica Casetta and Molly Rosentreter agreed that no matter what size staff you have, a good yearbook takes an immense amount hard work and dedication. Before school, break, study hall, lunch, and after school you may have noticed that yearbooks members were often absent this year. Not to worry though, they were busy combating blank pages and blasé photos. "The majority of the staff came in to work outside of class," commented Mr. Catt, known in the super hero world by his alias name; CattMan. "When members first learn something," he adds, "they are a little bit shaky. By the third deadline, we were in our stride." Thanks to powers and commitments of the yearbook staff, a notable book was produced for all to enjoy!

Wise Mr. Catt imparts his several yearbook super powers to his students daily, as he is here with Jessica Hodge.

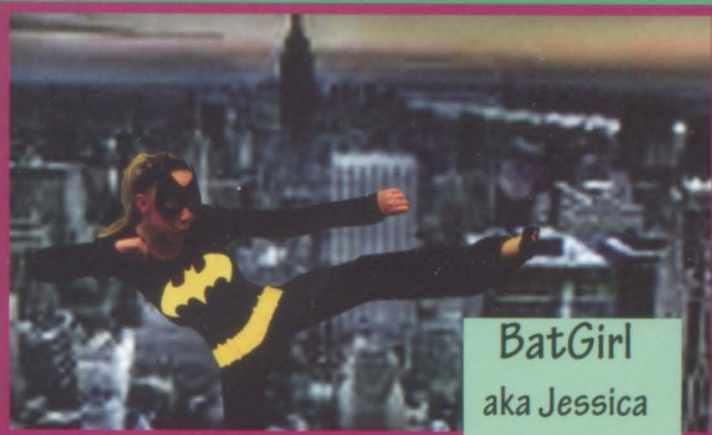


ANNUAL AVENGERS

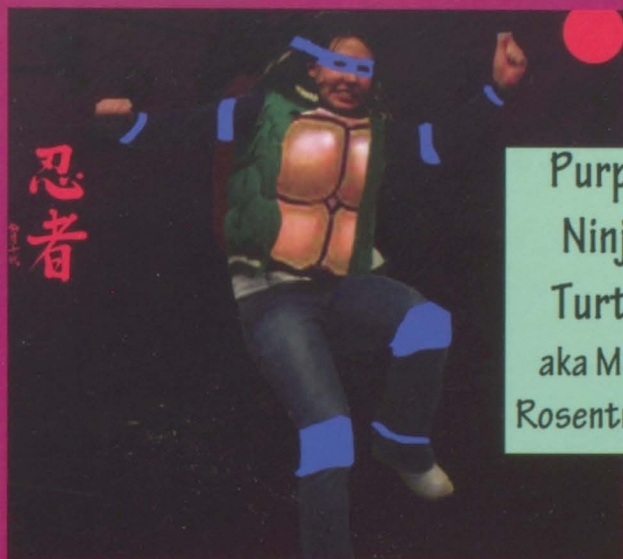
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aka Tommy Schmidt



BatGirl
aka Jessica
Casetta

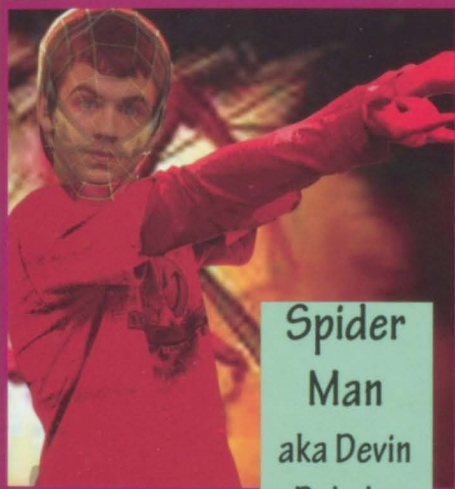


Purple
Ninja
Turtle
aka Molly
Rosentreter



Staff

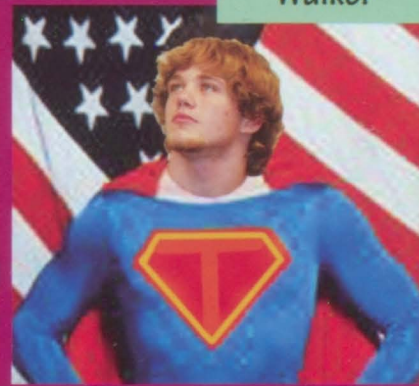
SuperMan
aka Tory
Walker



Spider
Man
aka Devin
Dehnke



WonderWoman
aka Kelly Beenken



Green
Goblin
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Cat Girl
aka Paulette
Tompkins



Mermaid Girl
aka Jessica
Hodge



FFA

Fantastically Fierce Avengers

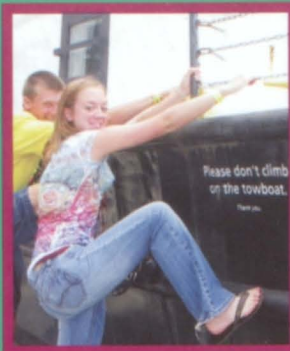
Sixty protectors of the agricultural society revealed themselves through the FFA organization. FFA exposed its members to more than just farming; it opened up the worlds of leadership, ecology, horticulture, and of course, agriculture. These opportunities made members stronger leaders, better communicators, and overall well-rounded individual. FFA is contributing to a bright future for our nations youth.

FFA was parliamentary driven. In other words, officers were appointed to keep everything running smoothly. The President Alica Goss and Vice President, Shelby Reetz, were the leading FFA officers. The other officers were Treasurer, David Zimmerman. Secretary Karley Travis and Reporter Kayla Kurtti. Kyle Berlin was Sentinel who was the person in charge of events. And last, but not least, Austin Stensen was the Parliamentarian, who made sure the parliamentary procedure was

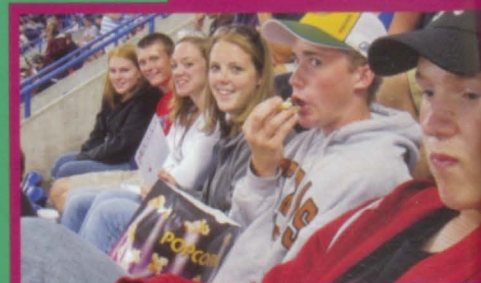
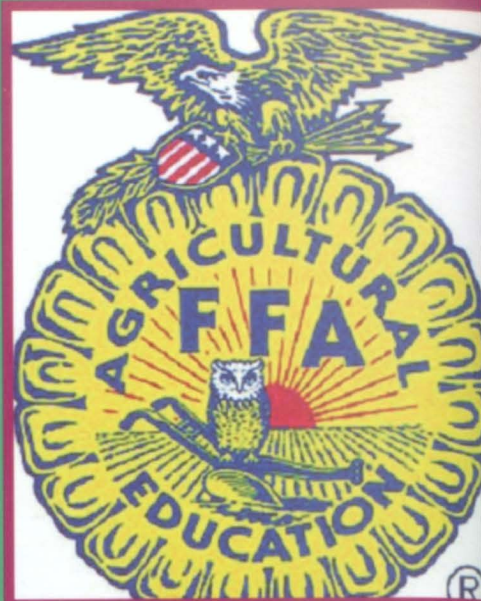
used at meetings.

FFA was a very active in giving back and protecting the community. They helped in many ways including volunteering at the food pantry and putting the town on the map through students competitions. Some of the leadership opportunities were the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the State FFA Convention in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. These experiences helped improve the power of the entire group of FFA super heroes in attendance. Along their journeys, they visited the Walton Distribution Center in Defrost, Wisconsin where they learned about a veterinary and Agriculture consulting company who specialized in artificial insemination.

Overall, the heroes of FFA had a fulfilling year and conquered many feats for their community, their group, and their members.



Alica Goss and David Zimmerman following Ms. Schlough's instructions on following directions.





The fourth row: Andrew Robinson, Tanner Walker, Kristina Gerike, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Matthew Grunewald, A.J Ortega, Jason Kelnhofer, Jordan Beenken, Kaitlynn Herold, Audrey Harriman, and Blake Bethke. The third row: Brenda Dingler, Micheal Schroeder, Alexa Gutshall, Danielle Nelson, Allison Pieper, Kaitlyn Geiger, Shelby Rios, Bradley Grunewald, Troy Zimmerman, Brian Schick, Courtney Voorhies, Micheal Frazee. The second row: Megan Pettis, Maryatt Karstensen, Alex Knutson, Colton Barnhardt, Nathaniel Goodell, Kerry Stensen, Angelle Solie, Desyre Klindworth, Marissa Yule, Anissa Thompson, Danny Fugett, Autumn King. The front row: Kyle Berlin, Kayla Kurtti, Alica Goss, Karley Travis, Shelby Reetz, Austin Stensen, David Zimmerman.



David Zimmerman and Karley Travis Presenting their newest ideas to help FFA grow to the FFA Alumni.



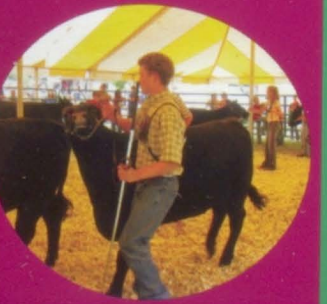
FFA Members at Sectional Leadership Shelby Reetz, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Amanda Robinson, Kate Berlin, Beth Pettis, Alica Goss, and David Zimmerman.



Alica Goss and Shelby Reetz are working very hard on their tans at the Officer Retreat.



FFA members at the Ffa State Convention in 2009 back row Beth Pettis, Kayla Kurtti, and Josh Bonick. Front row Shelby Reetz, Samantha Pettis, Alica Goss, and Karley Travis.



DEFENDERS OF MALEVOLENCE

To promote
personal
growth and
leadership-

through
family and
consumer
science and
education.

Family Career and Community Leaders of America, FCCLA served as this year's heroes taught our school how to be tremendous leaders, quick to help, overcome obstacles, and honor our school well! Advisor, Mrs. April Burbach, has been the advisor for Augusta's league for six years. She says her favorite part of coordinating FCCLA was, "Being able to work with students outside of school and make a difference." FCCLA brought our school many great opportunities this year, starting with a Team Training at the UW Stout, kicking off for the FCCLA season, energizing members for the events to come! Members were active at the Friday Night Fish Fry Fundraiser during homecoming. Students also were active in community service projects that included the Elementary Halloween safety night and the Volunteer breakfast, Senior breakfast, and several other catering events. The schedule of a FCCLA member continued to fill with Students Taking Action with Recognition. These star events participants contributed to their super powers chose a topic and presented it in front of judges. This year's team consisted of Kaitlyn Geiger, President, who competed in National Programs in Action Project on Financial Fitness Kaitlyn won silver and went to state in April. Kristyn Reid, Vice president competed in the Focus in a Children project. She created a presentation about child development. Kristyn received Gold, also went to state. Other members Misty Gerber, Dana Larson, Heidi LaRose, Denise Bustamante and Jessica Kunz also competed in events, making the year a tremendous success!

cREED: We are Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. We face the future with warm courage and high hope. For we have a clear consciousness of seeking old and precious values. For we are the builders of homes, Homes for America's future. Homes where living will be the expression of everything that is good and fair. Homes where truth and love and faith and security will be realities, not dreams. We are Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

FCCLA

Future Community Career Leaders of America



President: Kaitlyn Geiger.



Vice president: Kristyn Reid.



Junior Kaitlyn Geiger and Senior Karlee Dusso



Above: STAR event members:
Kristyn Reid, Kaitlyn Geiger,
Denise Bustamante, Jessica
Kunz, Heidi LaRose, Dana Larson
and Misty Gerber.

Left: Dana Larson, Misty Gerber,
Heidi LaRose, Kaitlyn Geiger,
Denise Bustamante, Kristyn
Reid, Jessica Kunz, Bonna
Bergman, and Stephanie Leland.



RUBE GOLDBERG



Back row: Neal Kickbusch, Danny Fugett, Dakota Montgomery, Austin Ramsden, Aaron Pritzel. Front row: Ben Pritzel, Zach Williams, Lyman Smith, Weston Huth, Tyrel Hess.

The power of taking a simple task and making it into a maze of steps to complete the simple task is truly the power that the Rube Goldberg team developed. The group members had a variety of important powers from math team to gear heads who bring their own kind of powers that were put to the test to finish their project. The team competed in a tournament at UW Stout on March 9th. Mr. Sands said "The boys worked hard inside and outside of school to finish the project." With the mission to build a machine that would give an appropriate amount of hand sanitizer in to a judge's hand. The Rube Goldberg team split the mission into little missions such coming up with a plan, designing how they will execute the plan, and then building it. The team decided to go with a our town Augusta theme for their project, they did this by using a buildings such as Dells Mill and other buildings and item you could find n Augusta. The team found this to be a fitting theme. Due to the fact it's a race to finish and they will work on it up to the day they go to the tournament. The team set the goal of at least 20 steps for their project. To reach their goal the team used levers, pulleys, hydraulics, motors, and other random objects to reach 20 steps. The team worked hard on the project and did very well at the tournament at UW Stout taking 4th place.



Top Left: Aaron Pritzel doing some wiring on a electric motor. Bottom Left: Tyrel Hess taking apart a paper towel dispenser for parts for the project.

Bottom right: Dakota Montgomery and Weston Huth drilling a hole threw a sheet a plywood. Top Right: Mr.Sands and group member Lyman Smith talking over the project plans.



PLY

SAVING THE UNIVERSE ONE BUSINESS AT A TIME

THE

SUPER STRATEGIC

"What did you learn today?"

Below: Group Photo consisting of; ROW 1: Jessica Casetta, Karley Travis, Weston Huth, Denise Bustamante, Allie Nelson, Caitlin Henke, ROW2: Molly Rosentreter, Tyrel Hess, Jon Stabenow, Taylor Manschein, Tori McConville, and David Zimmerman



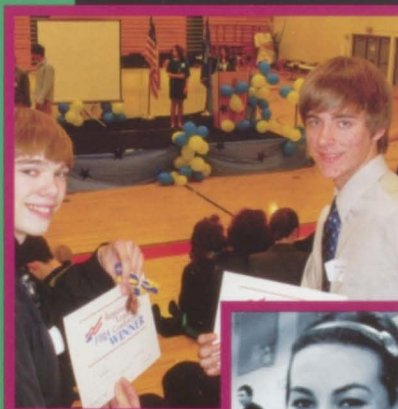
FBLA stood for Future Business Leaders of America, but after this year it should have stood for Fantastic Business League Action-heroes! To be a member of this splendid league took dedication, hard-work, and the ability to have fun. The year included many super activities that members actively participated in. During the fall, to get into the spirit of the autumn season, members sold Caitlin Henke's home-grown pumpkins at football games. It was a great experience for the members to bond during the cold fall nights while enhancing their entrepreneurship powers. The next event that FBLA members prepared for was the 2010 Regional Level Competition (RLC), in Somerset, Wisconsin. The competing

members included Seniors Jessica Casetta and Molly Rosentreter, and Juniors Tyrel Hess, Weston Huth, and Jon Stabenow. Molly participated in Public Speaking II, Jessica in Business Communications, Weston in Accounting I, and Tyrel and Jon in Entrepreneurship. Molly finished first in her event, Jessica second, and Tyrel and Jon fifth. Molly and Jessica's scores earned them a spot at the State Level Competition where they moved on and tested their super powers against the archenemies in Wisconsin Dells at the Chula Vista. With another busy year behind them, the members of the Fantastic Business League Action-heroes had increased their of knowledge about business, and remember, knowledge is power... super power!

FBLA



Above: The Super Regional Hero Line-up; Juniors Jon Stabenow, Tyrel Hess, Weston Huth and Seniors Molly Rosentreter after a successful day of defeating the competition.



LEFT: Juniors Tyrel Hess and Jon Stabenow show off their certificates indicating their super performance in their Regional Event. They received fifth place in their event, Entrepreneurship.

RIGHT: Co-President Heroes, Seniors Molly Rosentreter and Jessica Casetta study up on their super power of knowledge for their Regional Events. Molly received first in her event, and Jessica second in hers.



BEST

SUPER STRATEGIC HEROES

VICA



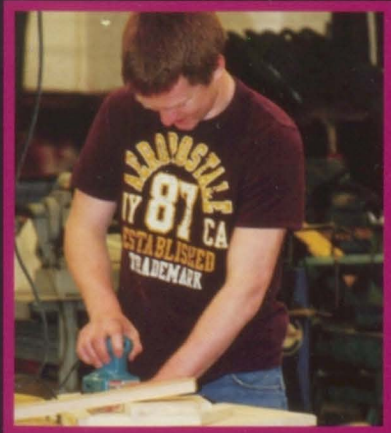
VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA



Tory Walker cleaning up some metal for his project.



Steve Bertram sanding a piece of wood for the Rube Goldberg project



Above: Blake Ramsden working on his woodworking project.



VICA is a part of Skills USA, who are teaching kids about the industrial world across the United States.



Austin Ramsden working on a ramp for the Rube Goldberg project.

Perfecting their hands on super powers was the purpose of VICA or Skills USA. This extracurricular activity exposed students to the hands-on world needed to keep society from becoming a total lost cause. Group members worked on various projects such as engine work, metal fabricating, and woodworking. Four year VICA member Tory Walker said "over the last four years I have learned a lot of useful knowledge and skills that I will continue to use the rest of my life." VICA wasn't just for gear

heads and grease monkeys. It was for anyone who wanted to further their knowledge in the industrial world and develop their skills for a hands on world. This year's project for VICA was to rebuild an engine and raffle it off along with the Rube Goldberg project; VICA's advisor Mr. Sands said he would have liked to have seen an increase in the number of members, with only 15 members the VICA crew was smaller than years past. VICA is a fun filled learning experience for anybody.



BUILDING SKILLS FOR OUR FUTURE

SKILLS USA

CONDUCTORS OF GOOD DECISIONS

BANG! BOOM!

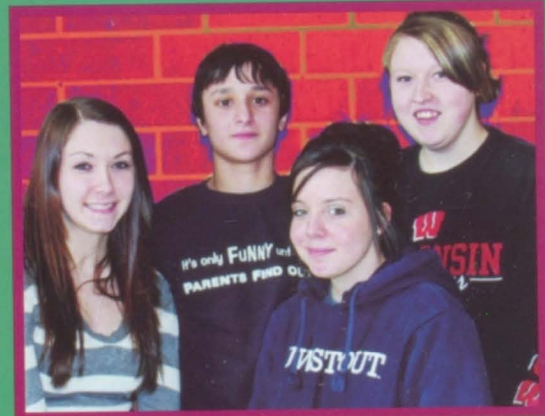
Augusta High students had the chance to become mighty superheroes of the S.A.D.D. organization. S.A.D.D. stood for Students Against Destructive Decisions. The purpose of S.A.D.D. was to encourage peers to make smart choices, and healthy decisions. There were seven members in S.A.D.D. and 150 members in Eau Claire County. It was a good organization to be involved in because, "it's a good way to meet new people and make a positive impact!" said adviser Missy Seibel.

One campaign that S.A.D.D. was a part of was "Underage Drinking is it worth the Risk?" They made billboards, put together cinema slides, and did public radio announcements. Denise Bustamante made a radio announcement this year. She talked about all the consequences there are when you drink while you're underage.

Junior, Tori Mcconville, said she liked being in S.A.D.D. because she liked doing all of the different activities, meeting new people, and making a positive impact on the lives of others. According to adviser Ms. Seibel, most members said their favorite project was the Mock Car Crash because it gave them some background information on drunk driving. Even though they already knew that drinking and driving was a bad decision it still opened their eyes to see how one mistake can impact many people's lives. She loved being the advisor of S.A.D.D. because she liked working with a variety of people, and loved making a positive impact on our society. The heroic endeavors made a positive impact, not only on the young apprentices themselves, but on the student, and community, as a whole.



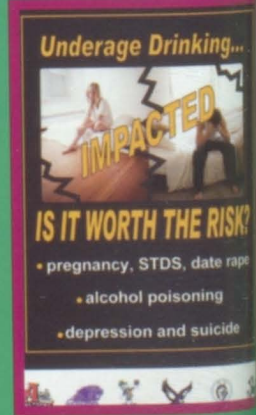
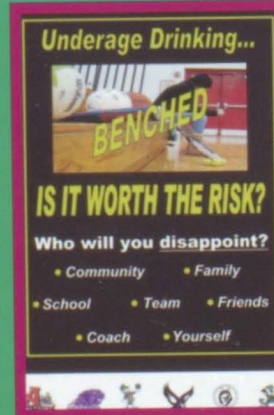
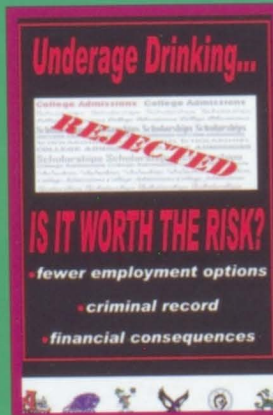
Above: Freshman Jessie Kunz, Theresa Pritzl, Chelsea Spear, Senior Amanda Hoekstra, Junior Victoria Mcconville, Abby Whalen, AJ Ortega and Sophomore Denise Bustamante.



Juniors Abby Whalen, AJ Ortega, Victoria Mcconville and Senior Amanda Hoekstra.



Left: Freshman Chelsea Spear, Theresa Pritzl, Jessie Kunz and Sophomore Denise Bustamante.



COMMANDERS OF THE HIGHER HIERARCHIES

POW!

BAM!



Above: Shelby Lone, Dakota Montgomery, Jessica Schiller, Alicia Goss, Dion Shilka, Lindsey Berg, Seth Severson, Matt Severson, Lucus Green and Gabby Solie.



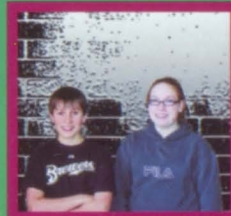
Left: Lindsey Berg and Alicia Goss
President and Vice President



Left: Shelby Lone and Gabby Solie
Junior Representatives



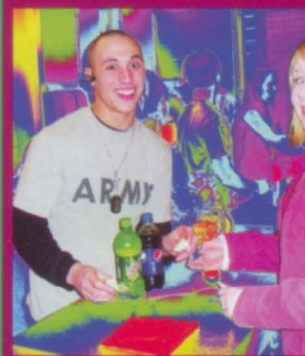
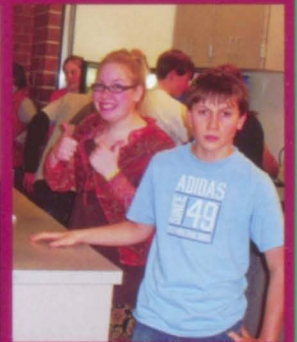
Left: Jessica Schiller and Lucus Green
Sophomore Representatives



Left: Seth Severson and Jessie Kunz
Freshman Representatives

Boredom was the biggest arch nemesis of the High School Student Council. The members worked to combat this villain by organizing engaging activities like MORP and Winter Carnival. They helped at the concessions during home games. After the massive earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010 the Student Council planned to help out some of the Haitian families by raising money. Members met once a month or more often if they had a special event planned. Advisor, Mr. Collins, had advised the Student Council for one year. He loved being the advisor because he enjoyed seeing the involvement in student life. He thought it was a wonderful idea to have a Student Council because it organized events for the student body. Senior, Dakota Montgomery, said that he loved being in Student Council because he was able to lead his fellow classmates and take a collection

of ideas and make something out of them. Members gained valuable life skills from partaking in the heroic journey of leading the student body including the following: involvement, leadership, responsibility, respect, teamwork and compromise. This was all preparation to become a super citizen.



THE MUSICAL MAFIA

READY, MARCH! High school band, pep band, and jazz band were the fighting force on musical crime. The legendary band participated in a number of events, including high school football, basketball games, Bean and Bacon day's parade, Memorial Day parade. Large group festival, all conference Chanhassen dinner theater, and a Christmas concert were among the events performed this year.

Twenty year veteran, Band teacher, Mrs. Zastrow plays all instruments quite well due to the teaching of band lessons with all the band members. She originally started out playing the French horn and the saxophone, added the clarinet, and trumpet her senior year. Mrs. Zastrow put a lot

into her students and legendary band, including early morning practices, band lessons, and pure dedication brought by her in order to master the Musical Mafias talents. Mrs. Zastrow said that her favorite part of being a leader of musical superheroes was, "The interaction with students, seeing her students grow as people and make their goals not only in band but as students." She also said, "I think my job is the best one here I get to teach these students from 5th grade on to their senior year." "This year's Senior's will be especially missed because of their many strengths, including personalities, real natural leadership, positive attitudes and the willingness to learn."

Below: The entire mafia getting ready for the Homecoming pep rally.
Right: Mafia members blocking there true identities as nerds for pep band.



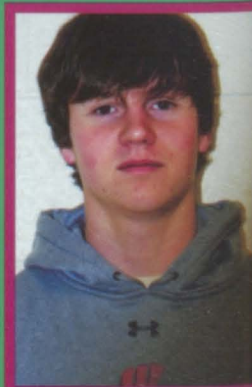
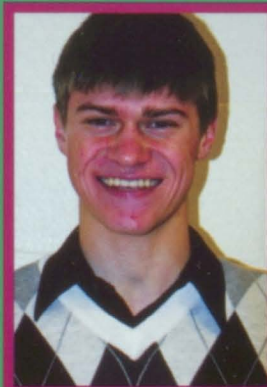
Alica Goss
8 years

Lindsey Berg
8 years

Melissa Erdman
8 years

Devin Hadorn-Papke
6 years

Matthew Severson
6 years





Above: The magnificent mafia members of All Conference Band.

Right: The super Seniors in one last mafia shot.



Front Row: Catherine Shaffer, Chanel Ludwig, Mandi Reather, Anissa Thompson, Allison Nelson, Kaitlyn Geiger, Kristina Gerike, Melissa Erdman, Kristyn Reid, Taylor Mayenschein, Jessica Schiller, Candace Wiese.
 Second Row: Blake Ramsden, Naomi Sobiech, Aaron Pritzl, Denise Bustamante, Lindsey Berg, Teresa Pritzl, Shelby Reetz, Alica Goss, Matthew Grunewald, Jessica Kunz.
 Third Row: Samantha Tuttle, Aaron Herrick, Nathaniel Ziwick, Seth Severson, Austin Stensen, Allison Pieper, Cashton Warner, Jazmin Jones, A.J. Ortega, Heather Patton (Student teacher).
 Back Row: Sydney Anderson, Matthew Severson, Jenna Hoekstra, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Robert Edwards.

Shelby Reetz
8 years

Sydney Anderson
7 years

Jazmin Jones
8 years

Kristina Gerike
8 years

Cashton Warner
8 years



READY-SET-ACTION!



After experiencing the adventures of the 8th grade play and being a marvel impostor one could advance to being a real marvel actor through the One-Act-Play. "One-Act-Play will help you throughout your life in many ways such as, talking in front of groups, presenting to teachers, and peers, and it will help you with your social life," said junior Abby Whalen. Members of the One-Act-Play competed in Sub-district, District, Sectionals, and State. This year the One-Act-Play went on to state and performed the play call "Help Wanted" based on teenagers searching for jobs and experiencing duties that come with the job search, filling out the job applications, resumes and getting an interview. The play helped explain what becoming a young adult is like for many teens. While at state the play

received two awards; the ensemble, and Critics Choice award. Also many members received acting awards. In the past nine years, Director Susan Maenner has taken a group to state seven times. When she first started at Augusta High School, One-Act-Play was already an organization here. Mrs. Maenner loved being the director because she loved seeing how kids formed relationships with each other. She loved to see them in a different perspective other than when she taught math. The members rehearsed for 45 minutes each day during class, but they also had morning and after school rehearsals. Being a leader, follower, responsible, respectful, open-minded, and reliable are some of the qualities that are needed to be a part of One-Act-Play.



Left: Senior Heidi Larose One Year Veteran.



Right: Senior Chante Larson three year veteran



Left: Senior Amanda Hoekstra four year veteran



Right: Senior Jazmin Jones two year veteran



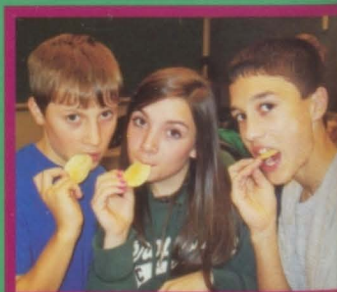
Left: Senior Stephanie Leland two year veteran



Right: Senior Cashton Warner four year veteran

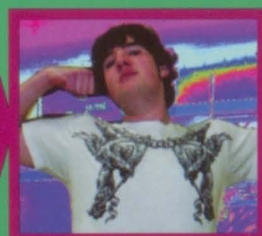


Left: Juniors Shelby Lone, Jessica Hodge and Abby Whalen go undercover in their secret identities.



Right: After a long day of rehearsal some of the members munch on some super nachos.

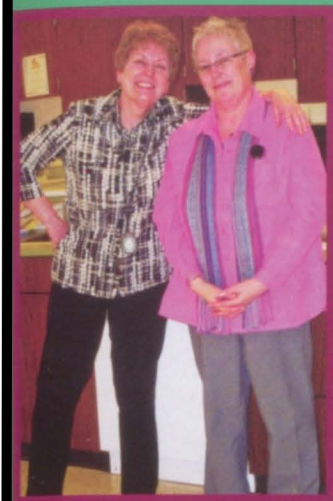
One Act Play members were: Seniors: Amanda Hoekstra, Jazmin Jones, Heidi Larose, Chante Larson, Stephanie Leland, Ben Pritzl, and Cashton Warner. Juniors: Jessica Hodge, Shelby Lone, and Abby Whalen. Sophomores: Harley Brown, Denise Bustamante, Jenna Hoekstra, Scott Larose, Taylor Mayenschein, Krystal Spencer, Jessica Schiller, Anissa Thompson, and Zach Williams. Freshman: Robbie Edwards, Aaron Gutshall, Aaron Herrick, Kayla Lone, Seth Severson, Isaac Siegel, and Samantha Tuttle



Above: Senior Ben Pritzl four year veteran

ONE ACT PLAY!

LEAGUE OF THE LOUD AND ☆ PROUD! ☆



Left: Mrs. Rugotzke and Mrs. Sell. Both have given their time and efforts to help these super speakers achieve great feats. With many hours of practice, and attendance of many meets, Mrs. Rugotzke and Mrs. Sell are true superheroes and have defeated the villain, fear of Public Speaking.

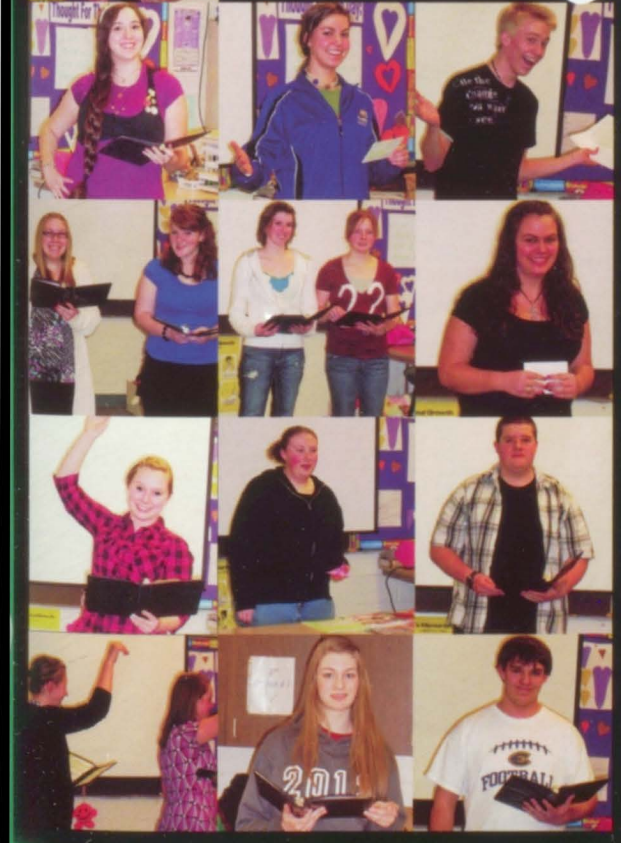
Below are highlights of Parent's Night. Parent's Night was an annual Forensics event held before District, that provided the Forensics Team with a great practice session, not to mention a good meal with great family, teammates and coaches!

A knee-weakening fear instilling, sweaty palm causing villain was successfully defeated by the mighty Forensics Team! Public Speaking, the fearsome villain, stood no chance of survival against the 19 brave, creative, performance-inclined forensics members. Members chose from 15 categories. The most popular choices were Prose Reading, Poetry Reading, and Group Interpretation. Depending on which category each member chose, they had to either write their own piece or select an already written one to perform. One thing was parallel, though, for all members, and that was PRACTICE! With the wise guidance and critiques of the Forensics Advisors/Coaches, Mrs. Rugotzke and Mrs. Sell, who had over 25 years of combined experience under their capes, the Forensics

Team worked to perfect their pieces for competition.

Sub-District was the first battle the Forensics Team fought. All members successfully conquered Public Speaking and successfully earned a spot to compete at District! Between Sub-District and District there were Invitationals each Saturday. Several forensics heroes arose in the early morning hours and spent their Saturdays competing for trophies and medals! The invitationals offered members the chance to have fun, bond with and meet other Forensics heroes, but, most of all, to prepare for District. District was significant, intense combat where members had to be victorious in order to move onto State. 17 heroes soared to state in April and earned a variety of bronze, silver, and gold medals, proof that the fear of Public Speaking was completely abolished!

Parent's Night 2010



The Forensics Team consists of, Front: Scott LaRose, Teresa Pritzl, Karley Travis, and Jessica Kunz. Middle: Amanda Hoekstra, Brenda Dingler, Cashton Warner, Kaitlyn, Geiger, Anissa Thompson, Stephanie LeLand, Denise Bustamante, Allison Pieper, Kristie Reid. Back: Taylor Mayenschein, Heidi LaRose, Aaron Pritzl, Steve Bertram, Molly Rosentreter, and Tori McConville



NATIONAL HEROES SOCIETY

The smartest of the Super Heroes assembled as the National Honors Society. This organization honored those special students who took school to heart and maintained at least a 3.25 grade point average.

NHS inducted 12 new members from the junior class. This added to the already fourteen senior members of NHS. These were members in the top of their class when it came to academics. These students showed so much more than academics to be selected into NHS. They had to show leadership and responsibility.

To be in NHS, students needed to show dependability, organization, and that willingness to be leaders

in the community as well as in the classroom. NHS gave students more than just an organization to be in. It gave students scholarships, an opportunity to build leadership, service, citizenship, and character. They also needed to show courtesy and concern. NHS was a very hands on organization when it came to working with and in the community. As a NHS member, you needed a minimum of ten hours community service. In this town there were so many ways to volunteer, for example the food pantry or helping out neighbors. "It's a great honor and good feeling to be in such a good organization like NHS," said junior Weston Huth.

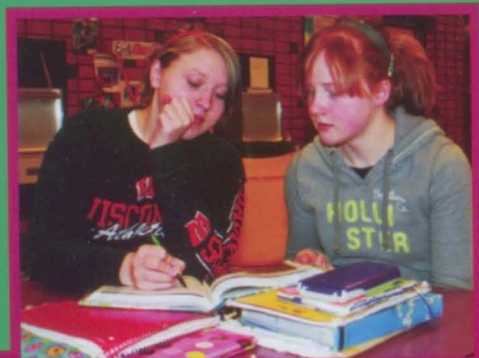
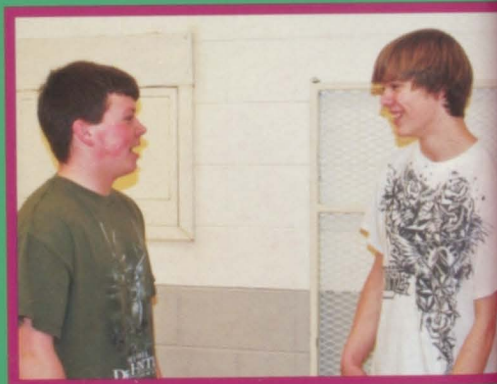


Back Row: Victoria McConville, McKenzie Mulhern, David Zimmerman, Devin Dehnke, and Jacques Gibson
Front Row: Caitlin Henke, Weston Huth, Allison Pieper, and Karley Travis.

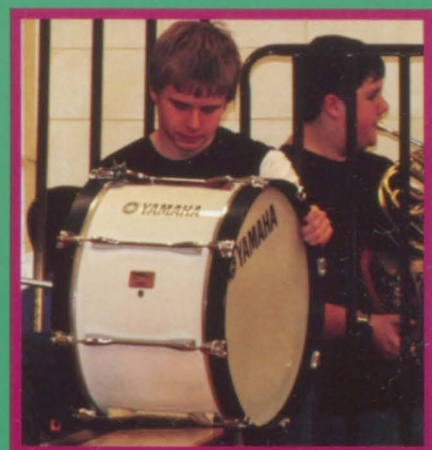
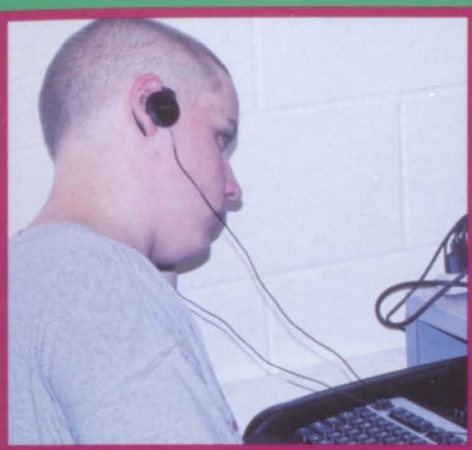


Back Row: Molly Rosentreter, Austin Ramsden, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Kate Berlin, Cullen Gabler, and Neal Kickbusch
Middle Row: Shelby Reetz, Kristina Gerike, Lindsey Berg, Jessica Casetta, Sydney Anderson, and Jazmin Jones
Front Row: Dion Shilka and Matthew Severson.

Juniors, Weston Huth and Tyrel Hess, are discussing their ideas about NHS.



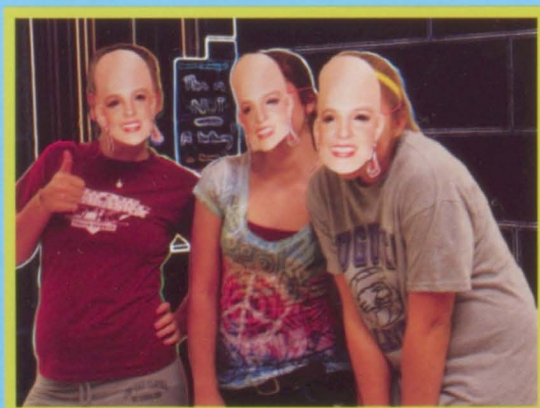
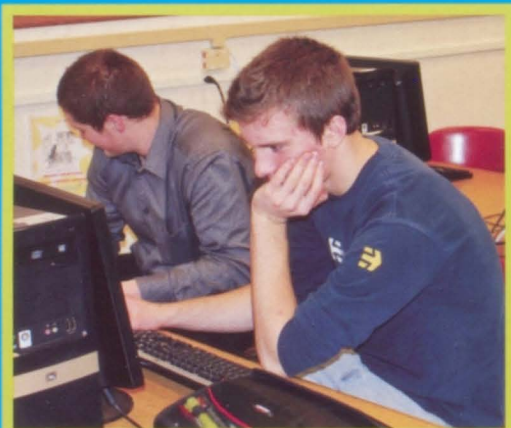
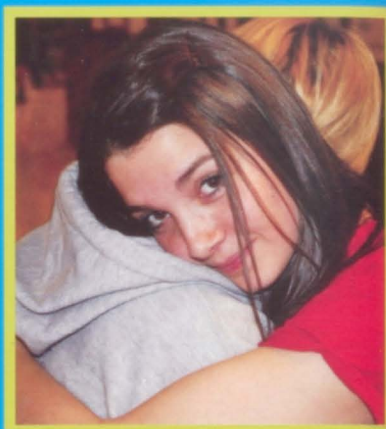
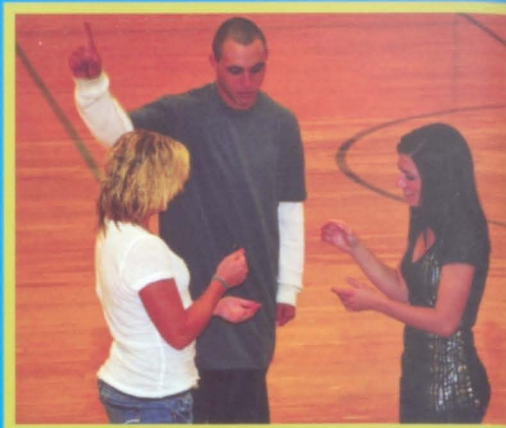
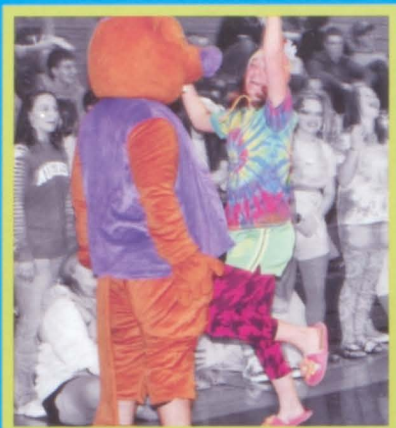
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"Do what you can, with
what you have, where
you are."

~Theodore Roosevelt





"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows." ~Sydney J. Harris

ACTIVITIES

Sweeping in to save the days of school from becoming mundane were the super activities Augusta High School offered. Prom and homecoming week offered the chance to break out of your normal routine and turn into a completely different person, a superhero. Whether you used your superhero cape to hide your secret identity during homecoming week, or pulled out your supernatural dance moves at the feature premiere of Las Vegas at prom, many students couldn't resist but letting their heroic persona come out and even found themselves brave enough to do the cha-cha slide.





Above: 2008 Prom Queen and Prince, Valarie Dehnke and Alex Tompkins, make their way down the Vegas carpet.



VIVA LAS VEGAS!



The Junior class from top left to right: Sydney Anderson, Jessica Casetta, Kenny Spencer, Mallory Lee, Canaan King, Dakota Montgomery, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Tory Walker, Dion Shilka, Ben Pritzel, Matt Severson, Danny Fugett, Lindsey Berg, Cullen Gabler, Heidi LaRose, Stephanie Leland, Justin Ludtke, Neil Kickbusch. Second row left to right: Amanda Hoekstra, Molly Rosentreter, Mack Cavanaugh, Karley Dusso, Kate Berlin, Amanda Strauch, Melissa Erdman, Alicia Goss, Shelby Reetz, Christina Gerike, Marissa Yule, Chante Larson, Kayla Kurtti, and Kelly Beenken.



Above: Alicia Goss waits to hear her fate as prom queen while Matt Severson is crowned king.

What were you doing on the night of May 2nd 2009? If you were one of the many Augusta students who attended prom you would have been living Las Vegas! The bland Auxiliary gym was saved by the juniors and transformed in to a Las Vegas paradise. The class of 2010 worked hard, using their superpowers and luck, to make their junior prom an experience of a life time. "They worked very well as a team and there was hardly any drama," said adviser Mrs. Burback. The juniors didn't gamble when it came to the decorating; Balloons and Vegas themed decorations made you want to spin the roulette wheel and pull the slot machine all night. Fortunately, the dance floor

saved everyone before they bet all their time away. Everyone danced the night away until it came to 10 p.m. when the Juniors announced themselves in pairs to the song "Poker Face" by Lady Gaga. Following was the grand march which announced Alicia Goss and Matt Severson as prom queen and king. Shelby Reetz and Dion Shilka were their sidekicks, or as we would call them the Princess and Prince of the night. The night turned out to be a success and you could find everyone on the dance floor letting the gambler in them come out and having a great time.

Below: Sophomores Allison Emborsky, Kristy Reid, Montana Lund, and junior Gage LeWellen huddle to protect their money from gamblers.



Below: Juniors Jessica Casetta and Molly Rosentreter live up the Vegas dance floor.





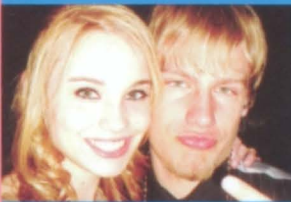
Left: Sophomore girls Sami Berry and Shelby Lone, and senior Constance Guntner getting close before making their way to the dance floor.



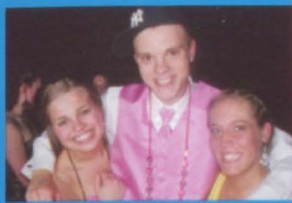
Right: Juniors Kate Berlin and Devin Hadorn-Papke make their way to the Vegas stage with the rest of the juniors.



Right: Sophomore Paulette Tompkins and freshmen Casey Reetz put on a poker face before gambling the night away.



Left: Sophomores Ally Pieper, Karley Travis, and David Zimmerman take a few from the dancing and roulette wheels.



Left: Seniors Jaimie Herrick and Sherry Gutsch get close with junior Canaan King.



Right: Senior Sherry Gutsch and freshman Taylor Mayenschein are saved before they gambled all their money away.



Left: Sophomore David Zimmerman and junior Shelby Reetz show off their Vegas moves on the dance floor.



Left: Juniors Brandon Herold and Melissa Erdman cool off from the Vegas life.



Right: Freshmen Skyler Bertrang and Daniel Gjersest get close with junior Molly Rosentreter.



Left: Seniors Sherry Gutsch and Brandin Henke take a break from the slot machines to slow dance.

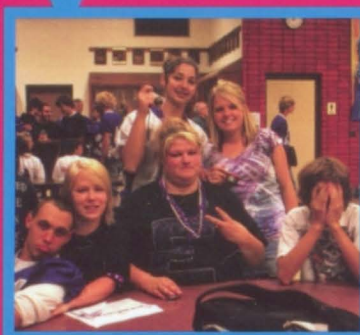


Above: Seniors girls Emily Voorhies, Sarah Weiss, Leah Grams, Erin Nelson, and Val Dehnke dance on the Vegas stage.





THE BLUE



No, Hollywood didn't show up at our secret lair on Monday, September 21, 2009, it was just the first day of Homecoming week 2009. Dressing up for Homecoming has been a long-time standing tradition at Augusta High School. Celebrity day, animal day, decade day, ugly-sweater day, and spirit day were included in the line-up for the dress up days. It gave the students a chance to really show their 'secret identities'. The sophomore class skit removed the secret identities of three teachers at Augusta High School. The seemingly regular teachers were really just Cattman, the Smiler, and

the Sigometer in disguise. The football game was a classic battle of good versus evil against the Athens Blue Jays with powerful hits from each side. POW! The Athens Blue Jays got a touchdown. BANG! The Augusta Beavers got a tackle. Sadly, the Blue Jays defeated the Beavers. The next night was the traditional Homecoming Dance where superheroes that had saved damsels in distress, showed off their 'super' style and 'super' dance moves. Dancing to songs such as 'Swing' by Savage and "I Know You Want Me" by Pitbull, the student body had a 'super' time at the Homecoming dance, and the whole week.

"I really enjoyed the competitiveness of the Tug-o-War!" ~Mandi Raether (Sophomore)

"My outfits were awesome!" ~Cashton Warner (Senior)

"Welcome to the Tundra!" ~Aaron Gutshall (Freshman)

"Powder-Puff Football was intense, but super fun!" ~Tori McConville and Karley Travis (Juniors)

JAYS BLACK AND BLUE

Secret Identities



TUG! PULL!



Wild Thing



JUST BEAT IT!



Mr. President...



Peace yo!



Can't read this Poker Face!



You're fired!



Secret Hideouts



In the Jungle...



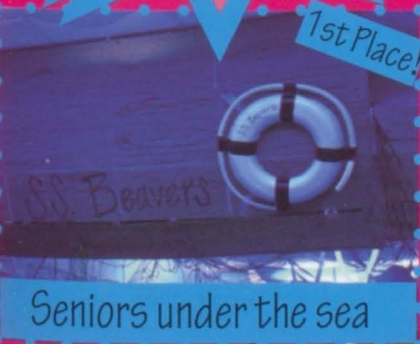
WELCOME TO THE TUNDRA



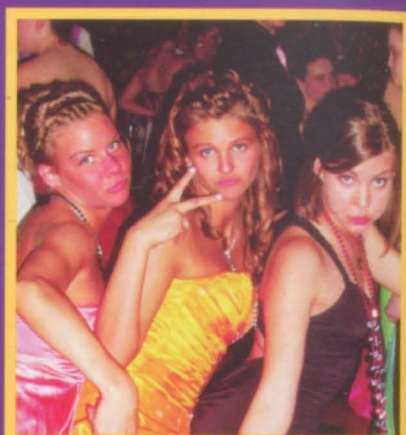
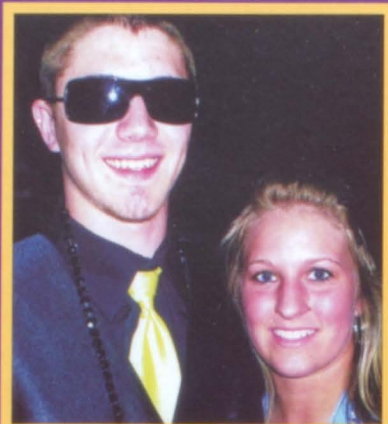
The Freshmen Lair



I wish I could be a real human with legs, so I could walk down the aisle and marry one of the amazing Senior Football Players @ AHS!



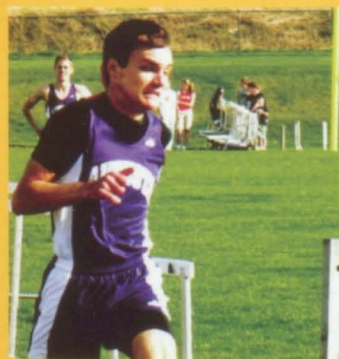
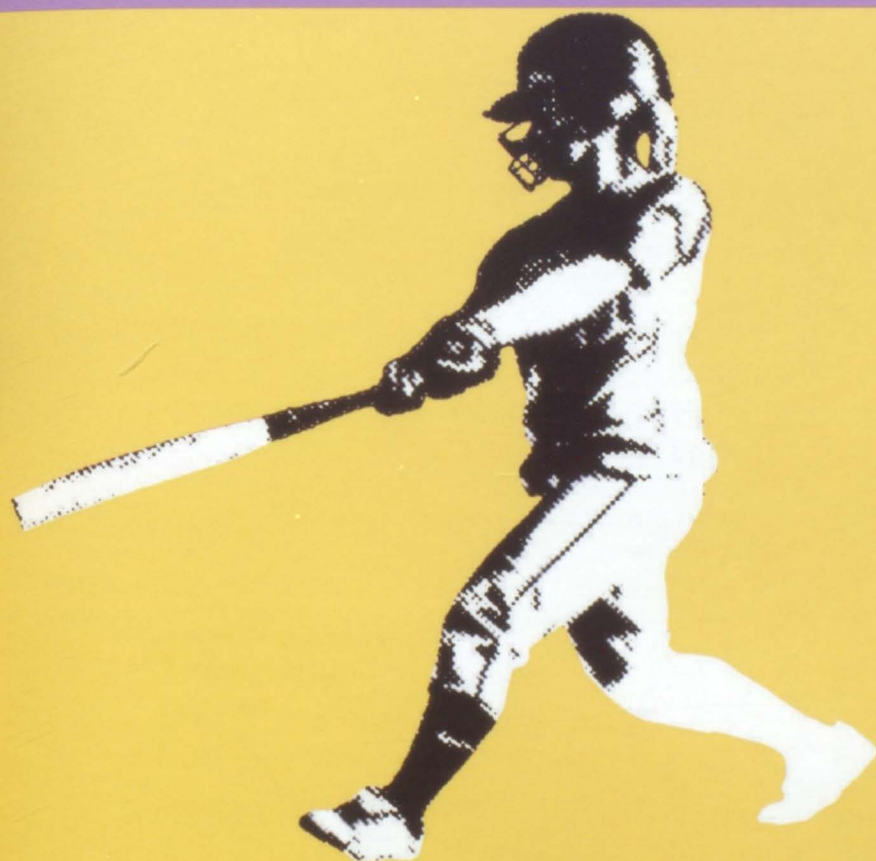
Seniors under the sea



"Nobody cares if you
can't dance well. Just
get up and dance."

~Dave Barry

SPORTS



It was a great year for superheroes in sports. Sports were a way for superheroes to work together and become a team. Sports are great to boost up the superheroes' ability like strength, speed, and the ability to move quickly on their feet. The superheroes are in football, baseball, basketball, softball, track, volleyball, and wrestling. It was always great to see the superheroes having a good time playing to win. Some superheroes have the ability to win and keep moving on. Our superheroes are respectful to one another, and to their opposing teams. The superheroes will keep striving for victory, one step at a time. Good luck, to all the superheroes at Augusta High School. We are looking to see you go evening bigger.

POWER



HITTERS



Front Row: Cameron Ulrich, Arturo Bustamante, Tory Walker, Austin Stensen, Matthew Severson, Blake Ramsden, Skyler Bertrang, Shane Olson, Weston Huth, Seth Severson Second Row: Dakota Montgomery, Tanner Walker, Cory Hamman, Robert Edwards, Isaac Siegel, Alex Sell, Zachary Kirchoff, Jordan Beenken, Dion Shilka, Christopher Winters Third Row: Christian Larson, Andrew Hazard, Danny Fugett, Cory Schmidt, Brandon Felton, Jon Stabenow, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Aaron Forde, Kyle Berlin, Cullen Gabler, Tyrell Hess Fourth Row: Coach; Stutzman, Kunick, Gilles, Bygd, and Sands

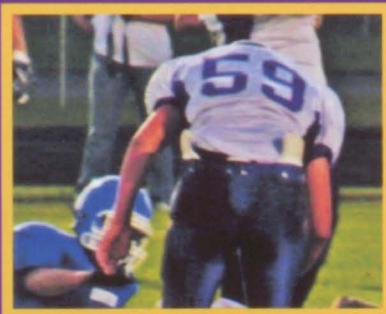


POW!

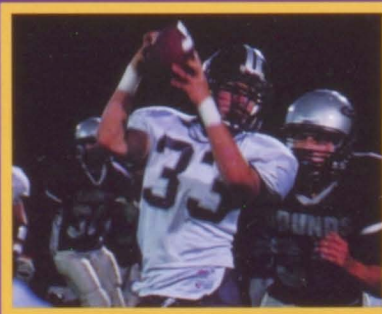


The general rounding up his troops to give them their new mission.

"Build up your weaknesses until they become your strong points."



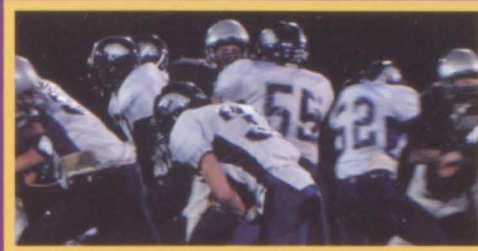
Felton searching for the force within, to overcome the battling Royals.



Senior, Dion Shilka, catches a pass with his super-human strength.

The Cloverwood crusaders marching to battle.

"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it."



Schedule

Greenwood W 8-0

Assumption L 8-31

Thorp L 32-0

Abbotsford L 17-30

Athens L 34-7

Owen-Withee L 0-44

Newman L 42-15

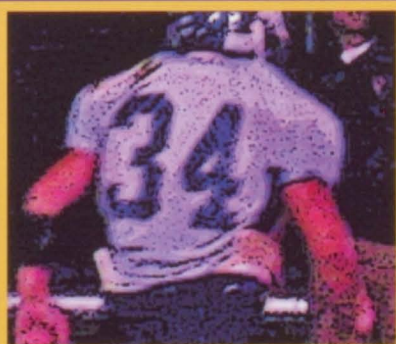
Loyal L 17-49

Gilman L 0-40

With the gloomy shadows of last season lurking over the shoulders of the returning Beaver football squad they were ready, eager, and determined to quiet the villainous critics and make some noise in the Cloverwood conference this year. The season started with one goal, "Improve from last year!" and that is exactly what the Beaver offensive line did as they led the way for Senior Dion Shilka in the first game of the season. Shilka walked in for the only score of the game to shut-out the Red Men 8-0. Soaring off their high of winning their first game in over a year the fighting Beavs trekked to face the Assumption Royals, hoping to play together and be atop the conference. The defense was quieted early as the Royals scored 21 unanswered first quarter points and continued to dominate in the second quarter with 10 more unanswered points until Senior Defensive End Devin Hadorn-Papke had a late half heroic pick six. The second half stayed silent as neither team scored. The next week the Beavs were determined to come out victorious versus the struggling and young Abbotsford team. Now, the Beavers turned to their quarterback Forde, to help them outdo the Falcons. Despite his gallant efforts, 167 passing yards and rushing tuddy, the Beavers Special Teams couldn't seize the moment and help the offense put away the fraught Falcons

as they came out victorious 17-30. Beat the Blue Jays Black and Blue, which was the theme for this year's homecoming game against the assertive Athens. The game seemed too many to be a repeat of last year's homecoming game as the Blue jays went on a 28 point run in the first half to rush into half time 28-0. The second half started out better for the Beavers as Senior Tory Walker scampered into the end zone for a score, but that's where the luck stopped for the beavers as they were defeated 34-7. After losing six straight the All Star Squadron of Beavers had about had enough as they ventured to Loyal to face the Greyhounds. The game seemed as if it was going to be a close one as the score in the first quarter was 10-13. After that the Greyhounds had enough as they went on a four score run until Dion Shilka ran one in late in the third. In the end, the game went the Hound's way, 49-17. Heading into the last game for the seniors was the Gilman Pirates at home. Nothing really went the Beavers way as they Pirates scored 40 unanswered points in the first half. The Beavers did hold the Pirates scoreless in the second half to end the game 0-40. Although the Beavers would have liked to end the season with a few more wins they did reach their goal of improving from last year by increasing in the win column and giving up 119 less points from the previous year! A super epic feat.

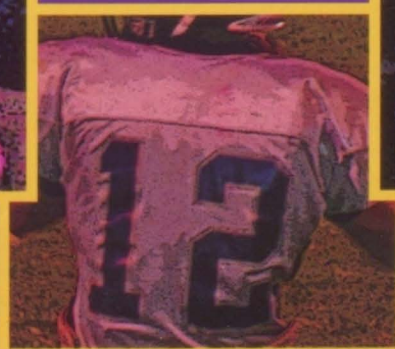
Aaron Forde
Quarterback
Honorable Mention



Weston Huth
Line Backer
2nd Team



Tory Walker
Defensive Back
Honorable Mention



Cullen Gabler
Tight End
2nd Team

FULLCOURT FURY



Back: Coach Henrichs, Aaron Forde, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Jon Stabenow, Scott Halvorson, Casey Reetz, Coach Korger, Coach Schmitt Front: Christian Larson, Joe Whalen, David Zimmerman, Matthew Grunewald, Dion Shilka, Cory Schmidt



Back: Coach Korger, David Zimmerman, Kyle Berlin, Jon Stabenow, Christian Larson, Daniel Gjerseth Front: A.J. Ortega, Lyle Olson, Jordan Berry

"I want to be the best, and to be the best you have to win, that's what drives me."

-Kobe Bryant

Hoping to leave the gloomy shadows of last year in the dust, the High School Boys Basketball Team was ready to step up and take on the challenges of graduating the best player in the Cloverbelt Conference, Christian Berry, and put together a winning program. The team knew they would have to work hard to establish a super power in the Western Cloverbelt Conference.

"Together We Win," was the team's motto and that is exactly what they did, by achieving the best regular season record in the last eight years! The team ended the season with an 11-10 record, which put them in great position for the playoffs.

The Beavers started out the season with a big road win over Abbotsford

then traveled to Spencer where they couldn't quite pull off a W. The next game was a big one for the Beavers, as it was their home opener against Eleva-Strum. Augusta came out strong and put the hammer down as they

put up 70 points on the brand new scoreboards, beating Eleva-Strum by 19. For the rest of the season the Beavers built off of their tough losses to put together some important wins.

As the regular season ended, the Beavers soared into tournament time sitting in good position as they received the 2nd seed. Their first battle was against the powerless Bulldogs of Granton. After being ahead for the whole game and having a 13 point lead at one point, the Beavers let the Bulldogs fight their way to within 5, but they couldn't defeat the ferocious Augusta team! The second round of playoffs arrived as the boys hosted the Pirates of Cochrane Fountain City. Hoping to make the Pirates walk the plank, the Beavers prepared for the ultimate showdown. The Beavers started out playing the game tremendously well but the Pirates took the lead and sailed forth with it. After halftime, the Beavs hoped to turn things around, but struggled with turnovers and a lack of leadership; the Beavs lost 42-56.



Casey Reetz
1st Team All-Conference



Matthew Grunewald
Honorable Mention



SCOREBOARD

@Abbotsford	W	47-38
@Spencer	L	47-59
Eleva-Strum	W	70-51
Owen-Withee	W	44-34
@Marshfield	L	46-63
Granton	W	67-40
Greenwood	W	55-39
@Loyal	L	40-47
Colby	L	50-66
Osseo-Fairchild	W	60-56
Neillsville	L	48-67
Spencer	L	38-43
@Cadott	W	65-62
@Owen-Withee	L	44-53
Marshfield	L	46-52
@Granton	W	55-42
@Stanley-Boyd	W	55-52
@Greenwood	W	69-57
Loyal	W	53-39
@Colby	L	54-58
@Neillsville	L	53-63
Osseo-Fairchild	L	44-62
Granton	W	58-53
Cochrane-Fountain City	L	42-56

Back: Coach Schmitt,
Austin Stensen,
Robert Edwards,
Brett Lewallen, Jason
Kelenhofer
Front:
Aaron Herrick, Jaime
Seig, Zachary Nelson

"Teamwork divides the task
and multiplies the success."

BAT BOYS



Row 1: Alvin Ortega, Jason Kelnhofer, Clinton Grant, Tory Walker, Dion Shilka, Jordan Beenken, Matthew Severson, Devin Dehnke. Row 2: Coach Henrichs, David Zimmerman, Kyle Dusso, Scott Halvorson, Jonathan Stabenow, Zach Brown, Andrew Gutshall, Jordan Strasser, Coach Korger.

Get up. Get up. Get out here, GONE! Was the thought during baseball season as Juniors Tory Walker and Brandon Felton both went yard this last season. The Beavers season was full of highlight real plays but that wasn't enough to get wins they were looking for. "We lacked consistency, we will make a great play one play and then somehow we manage to miss an easy one the next play" Said Senior Zach Brown.

5 to 4. The score that clinched the home opener over the Hornets of Alma Center Lincoln and gave the Beavers their first win of the season. Third year Head coach Luke Korger felt that the team grew a lot during the season. "We had a lot of first year starters at the varsity level due to only returning four starters, we where a young inexperienced

team" said Korger. "Are inexperience got to us, we would come out and get the first two batters out but then we just could not make a play to get out of the inning" said Korger. Even with these setbacks and the loss of starting pitcher Zach Brown due to injury, the boys stuck together and played as a team. Korger said "We grew a lot this season as individuals and as a team. I think next year we will come and have more confidence in ourselves and each other and actually make some plays and get a few more wins." The team looks to return 8 starters, including second team all conference catcher Tory Walker. "We are bringing lots of more experienced player's back this year so I feel we should have more success" said Korger.



Tory Walker
2nd team All-Conference
Catcher



Clinton Grant
Honorable Mention
Outfield/ Pitcher



Jason Kelnhofer chokes up on the bat looking for a base hit to help the Beavers get on the score board.

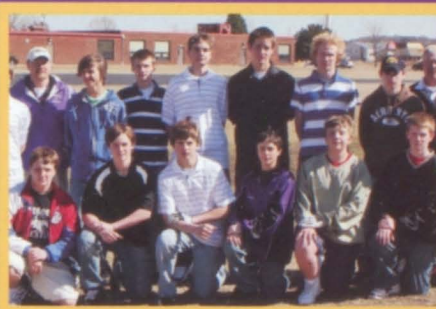


Coach Korger giving the team a pep talk to get the team out of a long inning.

IRON MEN

With a lot of experience under their capes and two of the best "Iron Men" on varsity, Brandin Henke and Bradley Messerschmidt, the Augusta Boys Golf Team did exceptionally well this past season. Brandin Henke overcame his average from last year and was a sectional qualifier. Even though he

didn't make it through he still worked his hardest and had a good time. "The thing I am most proud of is that the team wants to golf beyond their high school years." Says Coach Anderson. The whole team enjoys the sport immensely and is looking forward to filling in the iron shoes of the seniors who flew to a new mission.



Top row: Brandin Henke, Coach Sigurdson, Mack Cavanaugh, David Zimmerman, Brad Messerschmidt, Jon Stabenow, Christian Larson, Shane Olson, Coach Anderson, Scott LaRose. Bottom row: Jordan Beenken, Matt Severson, Jordan Strasser, A.J. Ortega, Jason Kelhofner, and Matt Grunewald.



Brandin Henke
Senior Brandin Henke is a senior iron man who's improvement throughout the years has earned him most improved, most valuable player, and he attended sectionals.

Bradley Messerschmidt

Senior Brad Messerschmidt is a letter winning iron man with an average rank of 2 on the team.



To left: Junior Matt Severson determines where the ball will go when he hits it.



To right: Junior Mack Cavanaugh gets his club in place to make his move.



To left: Senior Brad Messerschmidt gets ready to hit the ball.



To right: Senior Brandin Henke shows he's not messing around when it comes to golf.



LADY CLUBS

The Augusta Girl Golf Team completed a stupendous season, utilizing the power of four year athlete Kristina Gerike and the skill of a strong new comer, Mandi Raether. Even with a lack of some experience in some of the golfers, the girls did well and improved greatly to become worthy and skilled enough to earn

the title Lady Clubs. Every returning player improved their average from the previous season and five played their best over the course of two matches. Even though the team was small this year, they proved they were a mighty force abundant with hard work, skill, and dedication.



Senior

To left: Senior Kristina Gerike is a fourth year letter winner and averaged in the mid 50's this year. With her combination of average, leadership, and determination, she is named the most valuable player of the year.



From left to right: Mandi Raether, Allison Pieper, Allison Nelson, and Kristina Gerike. Not pictured: Jamie Purdun.



To left: Junior Ally Pieper gets ready to swing.



To right: Junior Jamie Purdun gets her club ready to hit the ball.



To left: Sophomore Allison Nelson swings a big hit.



To right: Sophomore Mandi Raether gets ready for a golf match.



THE VORTEX OF SPEED, STRENGTH, DISTANCE, AND HEIGHT



Front Row: Jenna Hoekstra, Denise Bustamante, Sherry Gutsch, Beth Pettis, Courtney Voorhies, Paige Taylor, Molly Perkovich, Anissa Thompson, Molly Hurt, Jessica Schiller. Second Row: Taylor Zamora, Brooke Loppnow, Skyler Bertrang, Alex Tompkins, Amber Honadel, Zachary Kirchoff, Neal Kickbusch, Daniel Gjerseeth, Molly Rosentreter, Clinton Grant, Christopher Winters. Third Row: Cory Hamman, Nick Perkovich, Andrew Gutshall, Cullen Gabler, Austin Ramsden, Dakota Montgomery, Devin Hadorn-Papke, Scott Halvorson, Kevin Kickbusch, Kyle Dusso, Tyrel Hess, Rocko Hunt. Back Row: Coach Gilles, Coach Kardin, Coach Jacobs



Cullen and Devin talking over strategy on how to leap past the competition in the triple jump.



Junior Molly Rosentreter propels herself through the air due to her super-bionic muscles.



Junior Karlee Dusso powering the shot put and herself into a top 5 finish.

"My sport is your sport's punishment"

As another track season jumped into action, so did many high school athletes, hoping to build from the three school records broken in 2008. Paige Taylor flaunted her speed at the state meet in LaCrosse and earned herself a sixteenth place finish, while others ended a very well-fought season at Sectionals including the Boys 4x100M Relay team, which ended just short of State. Following a season of three broken records proved to be hard for some, but not for Sophomore Brooke Loppnow, who set a new school record in the girls 400 M Dash, smashing the old time of 1:04.55 with a supersonic 1:02.68! Coach Jacobs commented that "The season was a success, with the boys who added some people to crucial events and finished third in Conference. Even though the girls were short on distance runners and numbers, they still finished with a solid seventh place! According to Junior Molly Rosentreter "Even though track

is a super fun team sport, you really have to know how to get in your own head and push yourself to get better." Possibly this was the super secret formula that caused the individuals to do so well at the conference meet in Colby. The athletes included, Senior Rocko Hunt, who received All-Conference in the 200M Dash. The runners up were Scott Halvorson; high jump, Brooke Loppnow; 400M dash, Boys Cullen Gabler, Scott Halvorson, Kevin Kickbusch, and Andrew Gutshall; Boys 4x200 M relay Boys, Cullen Gabler, Kevin Kickbusch, Andrew Gutshall, and Dakota Montgomery; Boys 4x100 M relay. All the coaches agreed that one of the most memorable moments of the season was watching senior Paige Taylor run at the brand new track at State.



Paige Taylor, Molly Perkovich, Molly Rosentreter, and Brooke Loppnow unite their super hero powers before they run the 4x400 Meter Relay at the Conference meet in Colby.

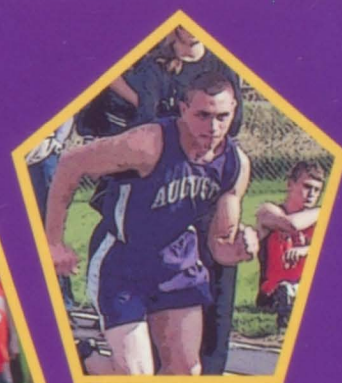
"The will to win is worthless, without the will to prepare."

"You have a choice. You can throw in the towel, or you can use it to wipe the sweat off of your face."

"Real athletes run others just play games."



Alex Tompkins whizzes past Beavis during his 800 M Dash at Fall Creek.



Junior Dakota Montgomery bolts out of the blocks at the May 5th, Fall Creek meet.

Varsity



Varsity Team Photo; Row 1: Coach Perkovich, Amanda Schneider, Tori McConniville, Kate Berlin, Lindsey Berg, Molly Perkovich, Coach Mason, Coach Kangas Row2: Simone Sommers, Alison Nelson, Melissa Erdman, Karley Travis, Chanel Ludwig Row 3: Caitlin Henke

SERVIN SUPER V



ABOVE: Sophomore Chanel Ludwig sets up a hitter during a home game versus their nemesis, the Spencer Rockets.



RIGHT: Senior Melissa Erdman serves up a killer serve that even Super-Man couldn't save.

SENIORS



Melissa Erdman



Lindsey Berg



Alicia Goss



Kate Berlin



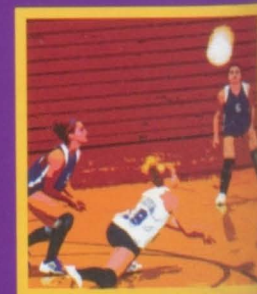
Clemence Castin

SET!



RIGHT: Senior Kate Berlin uses her super skills to save a spike from the other team.

BOTTOM: Junior Caitlin Henke saves the day as she soars to aid her team as a hard drive from their opponent heads for the gym floor.



G UP A ICTORY

C-Team

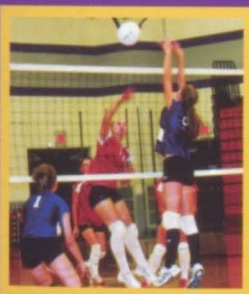
BUMP!

JV Team Photo (Below): Row 1: Karley Travis, Clemence Castin, Taylor Mayenschein, Courtney Voorhies, Coach Kangas Row 2: Jenna Hoekstra, Anissa Thompson, Simone Sommers



C-Team Photo (Above): Row 1: Coach Mason, Katherine Schafer, Jeannie Hudson, Jessica Schiller, Denise Bustamante Row 2: Samantha Tuttle, Taylor Zamora, Candice Wiese

JV



TOP: The C-Team girls work together to set up a destructive hit over the net.

LEFT: Taylor Mayenschein, a sophomore, flies up to block a spike from their arch-rival and rebuttals the hit.

SPIKE!

BUMP! SET! SPIKE! The 2009 High School Girls' Volleyball team was off to a vibrant, 'super' start. With a two game winning streak, the season looked very promising. Senior, Melissa Erdman, the Varsity team setter, was excited to use her 'super'-setting powers to defeat their opponent and defend the Augusta name with the other girls. Battling the other teams in their league, the girls used their secret powers to unleash their talent. Sophomore team member, Jessica Schiller, says "Throughout the season, our girls came together as a team and every win was celebrated!" With their senses tingling,

every win was well-deserved by the girls. Despite their super-human abilities, the girls ended the season on a loss to Eleva Strum. The battle versus the teams was a tough one. The first game was a tough loss, but during the other games, Augusta gave Eleva -Strum a run for their money. Tori McConiville had a super game with a 'super' save, and Melissa Erdman also used her super powers to save the ball. Kate Berlin, a Varsity senior said about the season, "The chemistry between the team was evident, and it was really fun playing as a team." What a positive way to end the season.

THE

Lady
Beavs

In
Action!



HEROINES OF THE HARDWOOD!

With one year of Cloverwood Conference experience under their capes, the High School Girls Basketball team soared into action. Their first game was a team lifting victory on the road at Abbotsford. Unfortunately, this momentum did not help the girls escalate to any more victories for quite some time. They lost five straight games. Finally, when Granton ventured to Augusta for a duel, the Augusta girls played extremely well and achieved a great triumph! Regrettably, this win did not come to the Beaver Heroes' aid in the games to follow, as they went on another losing streak, which lasted for 11 miserable games. The Lady Beavs had a most wicked weakness that hindered their performance in almost every game, playing at the level of their villainous opponents and not playing their own game. They let their opponents determine their skill level. Finally, as the end of the season neared, the Lady Beavs got the monkey off their back and started playing extremely well, most of all with intensity! The girls achieved their first winning streak by caging two dog teams. They beat the Granton Bulldogs on the road and then hounded the Greyhounds of Loyal with a HUGE win at home! Although the wins were bittersweet, because they were gained without the help of senior center Alicia Goss. Alicia sat out the Granton game, because she was unable to move her right leg, for reasons unknown at the time. When the Loyal game rolled around, Alicia was again unable to play, this time because she was in the hospital. Alicia was battling a real life villain, Necrotizing Fasciitis, commonly known as a flesh eating bacteria. She endured two weeks

of surgeries and hospitalization. Thankful that Alicia survived this rare and serious bacterial infection, the team dedicated every game to her from Loyal on! The dedication must have worked because the girls upped their intensity immensely, even though they lost on the road against Marshfield Columbus. The game was super intense, ending with a final score of 66-61. The Lady Beavs finished the season with a Conference Record of 3-13. They struggled, but eventually made the Gilman Pirates walk the plank at the Crossover Game, and picked up another win. Playoff season was in full blast and the Lady Beaver Heroes traveled to Alma-Center Lincoln for their first playoff game. Alicia attended the game after being recently released from the hospital and remarked from the sidelines, "This a totally different team from the last time I saw them play!" The girls powered over their opponents and lived to see another day of March Madness. It was now off to Independence for the second playoff game show-down! The game was intense, but in the end, the Beavers did not prevail. They lost 60-32. Throughout the season, the most super Lady Beav of them all was notably, sophomore, Allie Nelson. Allie was not only the leading scorer for the Lady Beavs, but was also selected for First Team All Conference! "It feels great that after all the hard work I have put in, I was recognized for my dedication!" she commented. Intensity and dedication; these were qualities that truly represented the Lady Beavs, Heroines of the Hardwood!

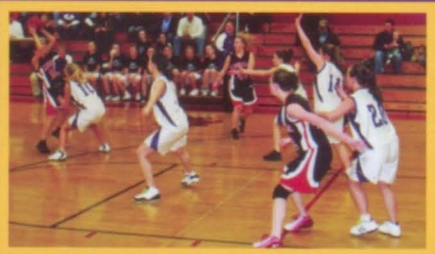


Sophomore Super Star Chanel Ludwig punishes her opponent from Eleva Strum with some hard core, one-on-one defense!

Coach Mason goes over a stealthy play with her JV All Stars, in hopes of scoring a basket.



Left: Seniors Melissa Erdman, Molly Rosentreter and Jessica Casetta have Alicia with the court with them on the court at all times with a bright green shoelace on their left shoes! Below: The teams striking new warm up tops show how much they care and miss their senior teammate, Alicia Goss!



The Lady Beavs begin their first playoff game in a tough man to man defense, wearing out their villainous opponents!

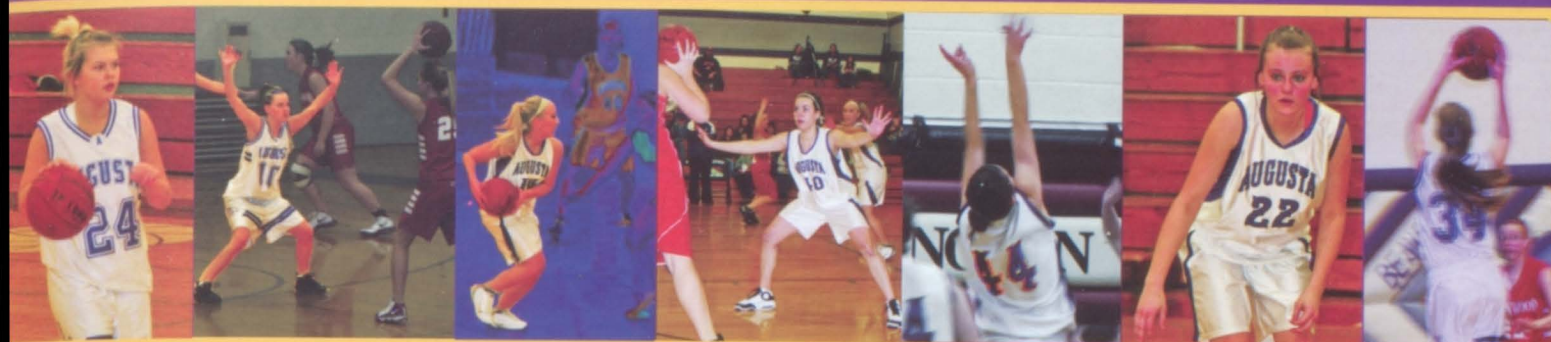


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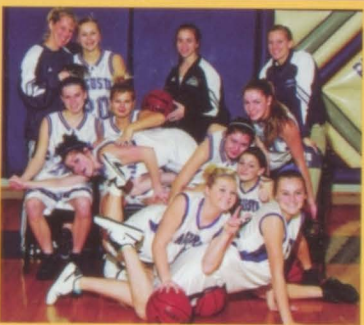
1st Team All
Conference

Allie!





Varsity Girls Basketball Team:
Front, Coach Perkovich, Coach Brenner, Coach Mason. Up ladder, from left, Chanel Ludwig, McKenzie Mulhern, Alicia Goss, Caitlin Henke, Molly Rosentreter, Allie Nelson, Jessica Casetta, Melissa Erdman, and Manager Kayla Erdman.



Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team:
From left, front, McKenzie Mulhern, Caitlin Henke, and Chanel Ludwig. Middle, Amy Schick, Mandi Reather, Simone Sommers, and Amanda Schneider. Back, Coach Perkovich, Molly Perkovich, Manager Kayla Erdman, Taylor Mayenschein, and Coach Mason.



SUPER SLAM DUNKIN' SENIORS!!!

S S P E C T A C U L A R !

Taylor #34

#4

Mandi #30

#44

Amanda #14

Cpt. #42

Molly

Chanel #32

@ Abbotsford	W	48-35
@ Owen-Withee	L	37-56
@ Spencer	L	39-60
Eleva Strum	L	37-64
Greenwood	L	44-63
@ Neillsville	L	28-56
Granton	W	54-18
@ Loyal	L	34-46
@ Osseo-Fairchild	L	20-70
Stanley-Boyd	L	50-61
Marshfield Columbus	L	38-62
Owen-Withee	L	40-70
@ Colby	L	24-66
Cadott	L	35-46
Spencer	L	28-41
@ Greenwood	L	29-63
Colby	L	40-59
Neillsville	L	26-60
@ Granton	W	39-29
Loyal	W	48-45
@ Marshfield Columbus	L	61-66
@ Gilman	W	47-38
@ Alma Center Lincoln	W	37-51
@ Independence	IL	60-32

JAMMIN' JUNIORS !!

McKenzie #22

One girls team, sharing one mirror..now that is super teamwork!



Before their first play off game versus Alma-Center Lincoln, the girls get pumped up, thanks to the super signs made by the Middle School Girls Basketball players!



Melissa #20 Cpt.

Alicia #24 Cpt.

Jessie #10 Cpt.

Molly #40



THE FANTASTIC 12

Senior players Val Dehnke, Emily Voorhies, Sarah Weiss, and Heather Loppnow, each pitched their leadership skills to the younger players in hopes that they would succeed together as a team as they finished their last year on the softball team. Through tough losses and victorious wins, the team stuck together and worked through until the end to complete yet another season. Softball: blood, sweat, tears, and you still

want more. "Never let fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." Spoken by a softball player to her fellow team mates. She was hoping to really inspire athletes across the board. From the experienced seniors, to the upcoming freshmen, everyone, at one time or another, had the fear of striking out, not catching the ball, or getting out on base. This season, however, the girls worked hard and made it home safe.



The pitcher, Senior Sarah Weiss, is looking for a perfect game.



The Augusta Beavers warm-up their super softball powers prior to an intense game versus Loyal.



Right: The catcher, Senior Val Dehnke, feels ready for one of her last games of high school softball.



Left: Kate Berlin is up to bat and ready to hit one deep.



Augusta team: Top Row: Sarah Weiss, Amanda Schneider, Kate Berlin, Jessica Montonya, Lindsey Berg, McKenzie Mulhern, Allison Nelson Middle row: Chanel Ludwig, Chante Larson, Heather Loppnow, Shelby Lone, Simone Sommers Bottom Row: Caitlin Henke, Emily Voorhies, Valarie Dehnke.



At the beginning of Augusta's game against their archenemy Loyal, the captains meet before they unleash their powers.



At short-stop, Sophomore Caitlin Henke is on her toes, pumped up for the game.

TWIRL POWER



Super Seniors Shelby Reetz and Melissa Erdman get ready to retire their flags and move on to the next page of their lives.



Above: Sophomores Jessica Schiller and Jenna Hoekstra take time off from fighting evil forces to have some fun.



Right: The elite team performing at the Homecoming pep rally.



Bottom right: Sophomores Taylor Mayenschein and Chanel Ludwig all tied up after fighting villains at AHS.

Top left: Up coming crime-fighters Allison and Chanel extending powers to there fellow twirlers.

Bottom left: Jessica and Allison perfect there super crime fighting stance.

Above: Jenna learning to extend her supper powers high in the sky.

What sport took drive, determination and super human powers? FLAGS! Each year potential heroes have to try out for the 8-10 elite team members. Each new person was chosen by the current members. Returning members voted and decided who the next members will be. The supreme super hero coach, Mrs. Zastrow, said "Before tryouts all the girls were given a routine called the 'Cadence' to practice. Their timing and accuracy is key." Another very important part was coordination and super bionic memory to remember the routines; members had to keep a rhythm and move well. Flag members created their routines based on the songs they chose. In Mrs. Zastrow's 20 years of advising of the elite force, she only guided the flag twirlers through the routines and they choreographed most on their own. She said the best part of advising the 8 magnificent team members was watching them succeed "They were a great team and worked very well together and she was very proud of them for all their drive and determination".



Jenna Hoekstra, Shelby Reetz, Melissa Erdman, Jessica Schiller, Jessica Kunz, Taylor Mayenschein, Chanel Ludwig, Allison Nelson.

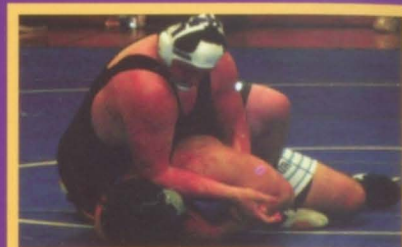


THE STRONG HOLD BEHIND OUR HEROES

The force in wrestling was carried out by a dynamic duo that represented the middle and high school. Alex Knutson defended the middle school, as Jordan Beenken honored the high school. Alex Knutson had been wrestling for a total of 9 years. His record for the year is 14 and 7. Alex had gone to many dual meets including Spencer, Abbotsford, and LaCrosse Aquinas, placing first in all three events. Alex also competed in youth tournaments placing first at Ellsworth and placing second at Loyal, allowing him to advance to Regionals. As far as the high school teams, there were many dual meets. The teams won the Necedah invite, and took 3rd at North High School, for the 'Husky' invitational. Jordan took 5th out of 16; these two invites were the two biggest dual meets of the season. Jordan Beenken at Augusta Academy for Training of the Heroes, had been wrestling for 11 years and has been able to declare many achievements, but none greater than this year, when Jordan made "The Wall." "The Wall" was a wrestling room tradition. To achieve this honor, it mandates that in one season a wrestler needs to have at least 20 wins. Jordan surpassed that with a total of 21 wins, which makes his record 21-21. Throughout the season, Jordan participated in many different invites, tournaments and duals, some of them being The Northern Badger Tournament where he received 8th place out of a 39 man bracket. Jordan also competed in the Chi High tournament in Chippewa Falls, accomplishing a 4th place win out of 8 wrestlers, and at Conference he took 4th place out of 8, which led him to Regionals in Baraboo where he took 4th out of an 8-man bracket and qualified him for Sectionals.



Middle schooler Alex Knutson, pins his villain and advances to Regionals. While Jordan Beenken soared his way to sectionals by strong manning his opponents.



CALCULATING IN A SINGLE BOUND

Calculating, dividing and finding the Axis of Rotation, our school was defended by the 32 squad of heroes that was handpicked for greatness. The students were asked to join the league based on problem solving abilities, courses taken and their level of dedication. With a return rate of over half this year's veteran members made up of Star Seniors. Senior Austin Ramsden and Junior Tyrel Hess placed in the top 5, and 8, seniors, who made the year truly great. The new members added an ever greater challenge to our villains Altoona, Chippewa McDonnell, Stanley, Regis and Fall Creek. Each year, the math team had two tournaments, including The University of Eau Claire. The squad took 2 teams of 6, and Stanley the Clover Belt Math Meet, and teams consisted of 4 teams of 8. Mrs. Maenner and Mrs. Kragness were the duo who carried our team of heroes through the last four years and have poured hours of training into the team. Mrs. Maenner had been an adviser during the 4 years the squad competed. With Mrs. Kragness' help, the team was built for complete success.

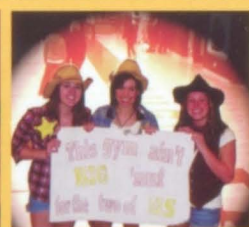
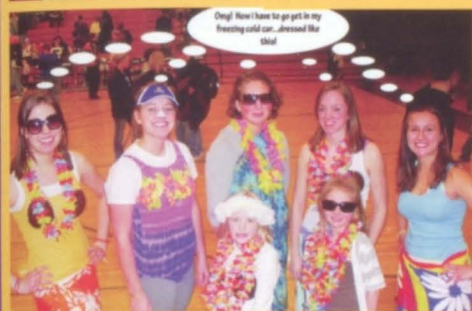
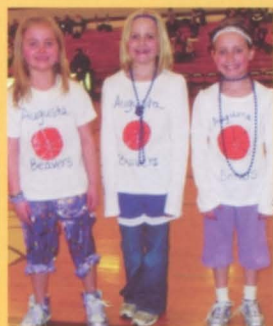
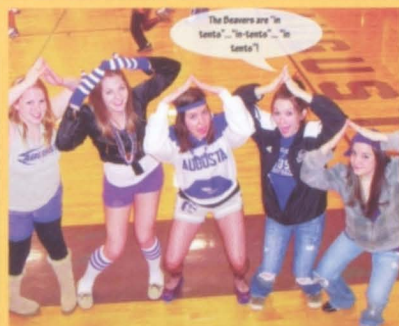


Group photo: Top left back row: Taylor Mayenschein, Tyrel Hess, Molly Rosentreter, Austin Ramsden, Cullen Gabler, Zachery Williams, Matthew Severson, and Neil Kickbusch.
Front Row: Allison Nelson, Karley Travis, Jessica Casetta, and Shelby Reetz

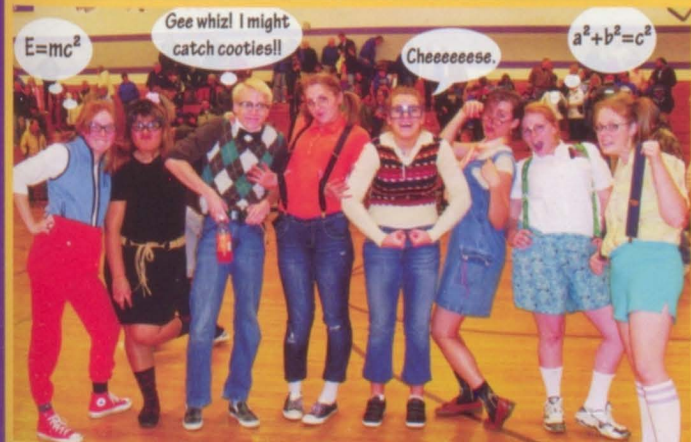
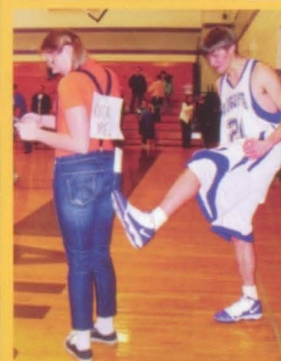
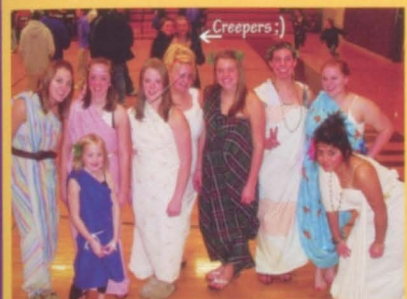


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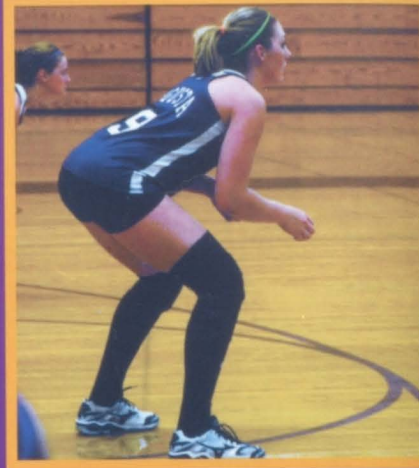
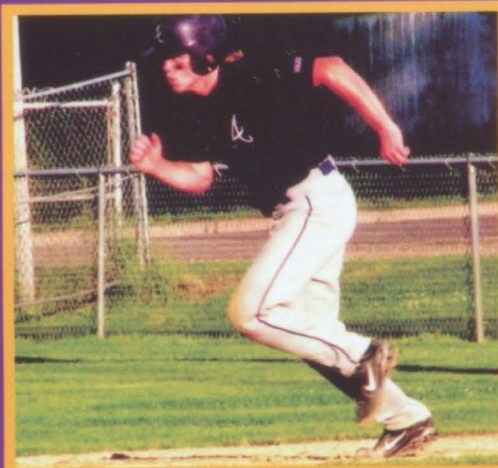
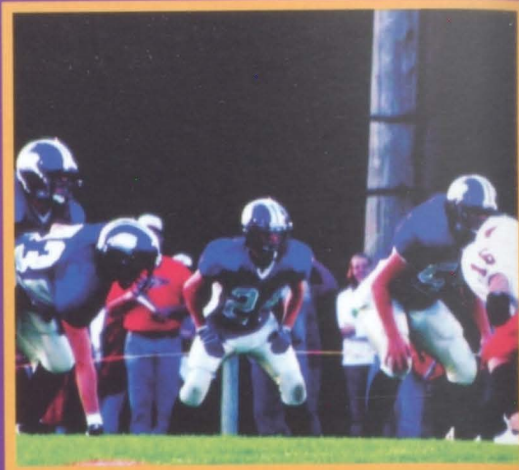
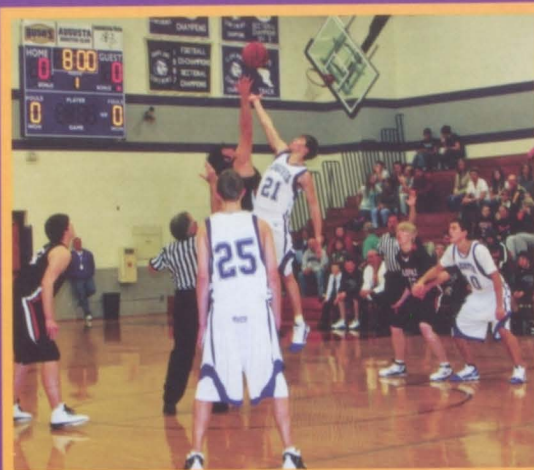
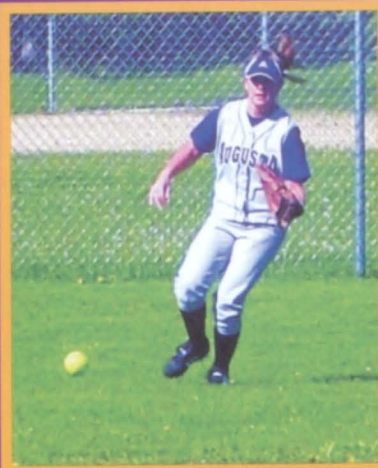
DEFEAT OF BORING FANS!



Boring Fans, a long standing, lackluster enemy of all sports teams, was finally defeated during High School Boys Basketball season! Dedicated seniors, Kate Berlin and Molly Rosentreter, led the battle against Boring Fans. In order to get fans more involved at the boys basketball games, Kate and Molly united their school spirit powers! The girls selected dress up themes and promoted them throughout the student body with announcements and colorful posters. When the night of a home game arrived, swarms of dressed up students bursting with school spirit soared into the gym! Shouts, claps, and cheers, led by the powerful voices of Molly Rosentreter and Karlee Dusso, soon filled the gym. Stevie B. generated spirit as well by transforming into his alter ego, Beavy Beav! The encouragement often helped the boys on the court achieve victory! The school spirit demonstrated by the student body was truly a most prevalent super power at AHS and all who participated should be proud! **Go Beavs!**



Dress Up Themes	
Boys Home Ball Game	
Friday, Dec. 18 th	NERD NITE!
Saturday, Dec. 19 th	CHRISTMAS!
Sunday, Dec. 20 th	BEACH NITE!
Monday, Dec. 21 st	TRIP NITE!
Tuesday, Dec. 22 nd	BLACK OUT!
Wednesday, Dec. 23 rd	LOVE NITE!
Thursday, Dec. 24 th	FORMAL NITE!
Friday, Dec. 25 th	CHRISTMAS!

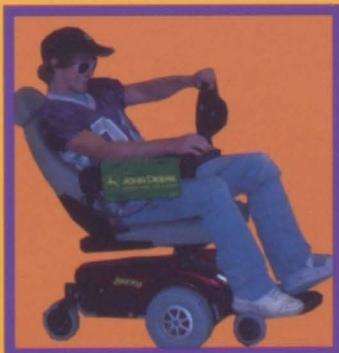


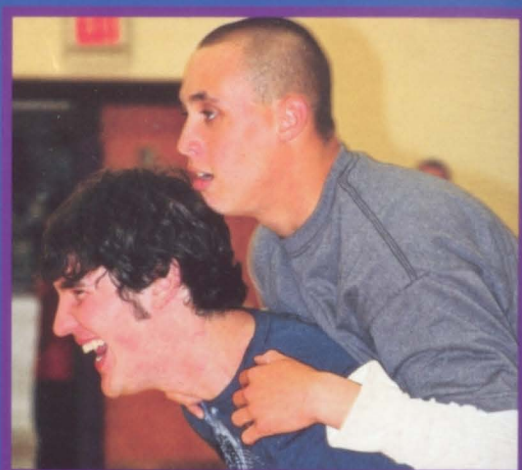
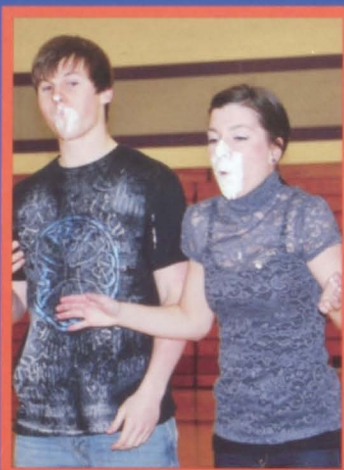
"Setting a goal is not the main thing. It is deciding how you will go about achieving it and staying with that plan."

-Tom Landry

SENIORS

With three years of super hero training under their belts these class of 2010 looked to make the walk that would transform them from sidekicks to super heroes. The final walk across the graduation stage would mark the end of one chapter of their comic book adventures, and the start to another. Whatever path their lives would lead them the class of 2010 could look back and realize the experiences they shared. No senior had the power of seeing into the future, but the road that would lead away from school was paved with memories, whether it's the loss of a dear friend, class mate, and team mate or just coping with the everyday struggles in life, but through all this the class stuck together and will continue to do so the rest of their super lives.





"Obstacles are put in our way
to see if we really want to
reach our goals or if we just
thought we did."
-Alyssa Farmer



"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."
-Les Brown

Sydney Marie Anderson



"The chances we are given are often a one-time deal. Make sure you take all chances you wish for; you may never get that moment back again."
-Kelly Beenken

Kelly Kay Beenken



"We're all pretty bizarre. Some of us are just better at hiding it."
-The Breakfast Club

Lindsey Lane Berg



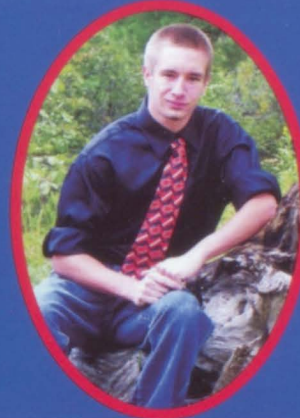
"It is better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring."
-Marilyn Monroe

Kate Jacki Berlin



"The purpose of life is a life of purpose."
-Robert Byrne

Martika Lynn Bertrang



"Kiss my SS"
-Chevy Proverb

Joshua William Bonick



"A girl should be two things: Classy & Fabulous."
-Coco Chanel

Jessica Lee Casetta



"Soyez Realistes: Demandez L'Impossible!"
(Be realistic: ask for the impossible)
-Ernesto Che Guevara

Clémence Castin



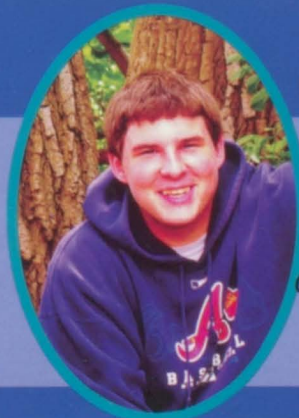
"Forget the times of your distress, but never forget what they taught you."
-Herbert Gasser

Karlee Lynn Rose Dusso



"It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today, and the reality of tomorrow."
-Robert H. Goddard

Melissa Kay Erdman



"Pressure is nothing more than the shadow of great opportunity."
-Micheal Jordan

Brandon Dean Felton



"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."

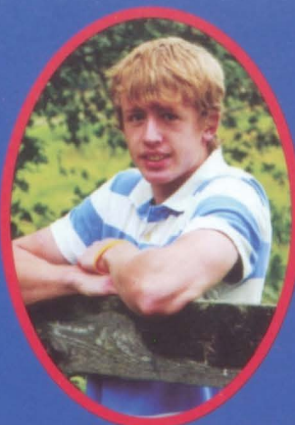
-Yordy Rosa



Danny Lee Fugett, Jr.

"Everything I'm not, makes me everything I am."

-Kanye West



Cullen Mathias Gabler

"Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age. And dreams are forever."

-Anonymous



Kristina Mae Gericke

"I'm the one that's going to have to die when it's time for me to die, so let me live my life the way I want to."

-Jimi Hendrix



Brandon Michael Herold

"Hakuna Matata."

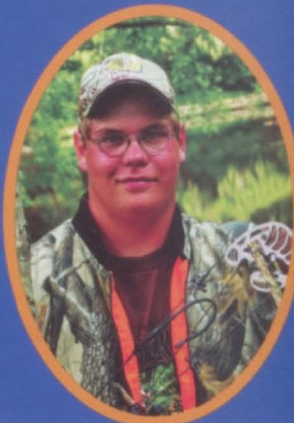
-Timone & Pumba



Amanda Marie Hoekstra

"If things go wrong, don't go with them."

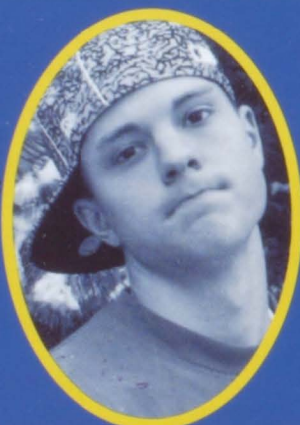
-Roger Babson



Dennis James Hudson

"I wear short sleeves like I bare arms."

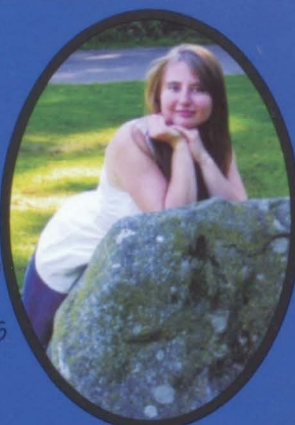
-Jay-Z



Canaan George King

"Love is infinite, more is always available."

-Anonymous



Kayla Marie Kurtti

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

-Walt Disney

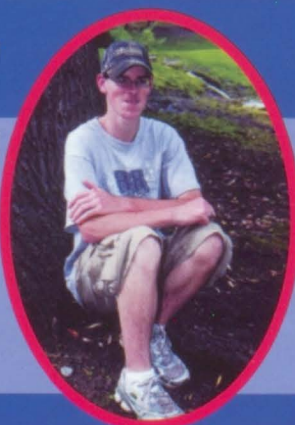


Heidi Kayleen LaRose



"In between goals is a thing called life that has to be lived and enjoyed."

-Sid Caesar



Derrick James Lewallen

"The greatest satisfaction is not the decoration. It is knowing that I am able to help someone who needs help."

-Jimmy Page



Gage Walter Lewallen



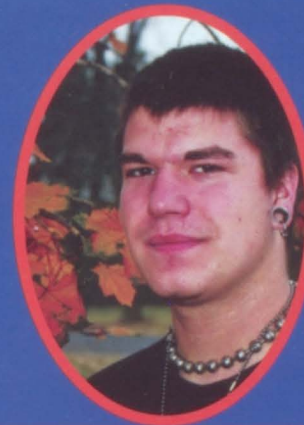
"The difference between a successful person and other is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."
-Vince Lombardi

Alicia Alice Goss



"Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records."
-William A. Ward

Devin Jule Hadorn-Papke



"America is all about speed. Hot, nasty, speed."
-Misquote of Eleanor Roosevelt from Talladega Nights

Scott Anthony Hammond



"How you feed your mind is every bit as critical to your happiness as how you feed your body."
-Jeff Olson

Jazmin Dean Jones



"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."
-Winston Churchill

Chelsie Lynn Kelly



"Either write something worth reading, or do something worth writing."
-Benjamin Franklin

Neal Wayne Kickbusch



"There comes a point in your life when you realize who matters, who never did, who won't anymore. and who always will. So don't worry about people in your past, there's a reason they didn't make it to your future."
-Adam Lindsay Gordon

Chante Leah Nicole Larson



"Make jokes. No stress. Love. Live. Life. Proceed. Progress."
-Lil' Wayne

Mallory Gwendolyn Lee



"You know you're in love when you can't sleep because reality is finally better than your dreams."
-Dr. Seuss

Stephanie Colette Leland



"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad."
-Theodore Roosevelt

Justin Michael Ludtke



"In the event of my demise, when my heart can beat no more, I hope I die for a principle or a belief that I have lived for."
-Tupac Amaru Shakur

Dakota Lee Montgomery



"Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It means you have decided to look beyond the imperfections."

-Anonymous



Brittney Ann Nehring

"The unreal is more powerful than the real, because nothing is as perfect as you can imagine it, because it's only the intangible ideas, concepts, beliefs, and fantasies that last. Stone crumbles. Wood rots. People, well, they die, but things as fragile as a thought, a dream, a legend, they can go on and on."

-Chuck Palahniuk



Amanda Marie Pettis

"Sometimes a smile is all you need."

-Megan Pettis



Megan Irene Pettis

"I am he as you are he as you are me and we are all together."

-The Beatles



Molly Carol Rosentreter

"All know the way, but few actually walk it."

-Gautama Buddha



Steven Karl Scharein

"Yesterday's answers have nothing to do with today's questions."

-Sid Caesar



David Lee Schick

"It's easy to stand with the crowd. It takes courage to stand alone."

-Anonymous



Amanda Louise Strauch

"Then as it was, then again it will be, and though the course will change sometimes, rivers always reach the sea."

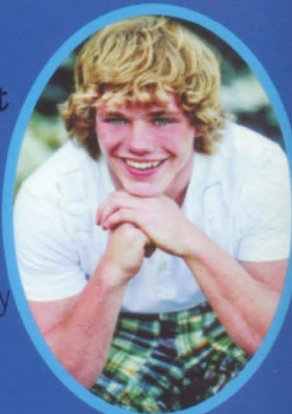
-Led Zeppelin



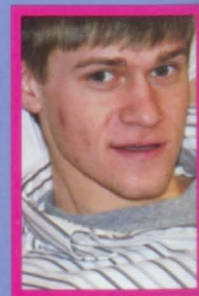
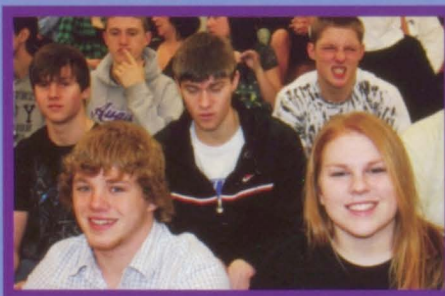
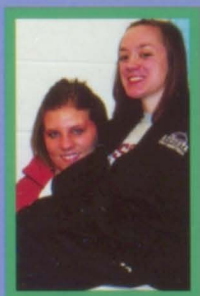
Jessica Lynn Wagner

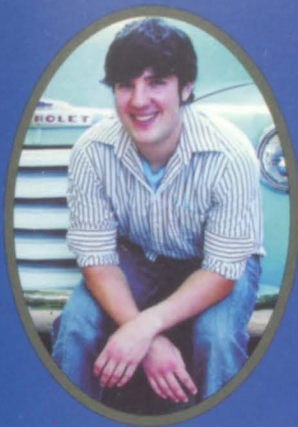
"If you ain't first, you're last."

-Ricky Bobby



Tory J. Walker





"I'd rather regret doing something than not doing something."

-James Hetfield

Benjamin Joesph Pritzl



"Not all who wander are lost."

-J.R.R. Tolkien

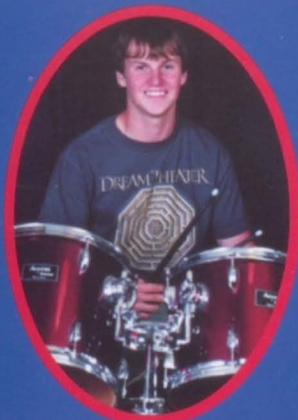
Megan Jean Raether



"Stay young and wild as long as you can."

-Eric Church

Shelby Lea Reetz



"If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice."

-Neil Peart

Matthew Dennis Severson



"If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning."

-Anonymous

Dion Scott Shilka



"My music will go on forever. Maybe it's a fool say that, but when me know facts me can say facts. My music will go on forever."

-Bob Marley

Kenny Ray Spencer



"When you find yourself lost in darkness or despair, remember it's only in the black of night you can see the stars, and those stars will guide you home."

-Anonymous

Cashton Lee Warner



"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."

-Judy Garland

Renae Catherine Yoder



"Keep your heart open to dreams. For as long as there's a dream, there is hope, and as long as there is hope, there is joy in living."

-Anonymous

Marissa Eva-Marie Yule



Not Pictured: Sarah McGeary

THE CLASSES OF 2010 FAVORITES AND

Hey Seniors! What's your favorite...

Color?

Blue.

Food?

Spaghetti.

Season?

Summer.

Class?

Social
Issues.

Sport?

Football.

Animal?

Dog.

Subject?

Math.

YouTube

Video?

Indian Guy
Getting
Electrocuted.



Invention?

Cellphone,
Computer/
Internet and
Snuggie.

Holiday? Christmas.

2010

Phrase? "If you know
any Buddahs...Stop into
Buddah's."

TV Shows?

Gilmore Girls, Family Guy, and
The Real World.



Chocolate Candy?

Hershey's.

Sweet Candy?

Skittles.

BIG TO
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Restaurant? Altoona Family
Restaurant.

Attention Seniors! Who's
your favorite...

Pro Football/ Baseball/ Basketball Team?
Packers/Brewers/Suns.



Band?

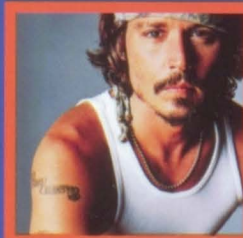
Red Hot
Chili
Peppers.



Teacher?

Mrs. Kragness.

Guy
Celeb?
Johnny
Depp.



Disney
Princess?
Cinderella.



Girl
Celeb?
Megan
Fox.



Disney
Villain?
Scar and
Cruella Deville.

PRESENTS THEIR MEMORIES!

Yo Seniors! This or That?

Chocolate	Vanilla
Blonde	Brunette
Pepsi	Coke
Love	Money
Paper	Plastic
Twilight	Harry Potter
Sweet	Sour
Talk	Text
Ketchup	Mustard
Go 'Green'	Who cares?
McDonalds	Burger King
Good	Evil
iPod	Other
Jo Bros	Miley Cyrus
PC	Mac
School Lunch	Pack Lunch
Hot	Cold
Beaver	Other Mascot
Taco Bell	Taco John's
DVD	Blu Ray
Real Pencil	Mech. Pencil
Ice Cream Cone	In a Bowl
White	Black
Shower	Bath

Holla Seniors! Do you remember...

Nikk Schmidt?
Gone but not forgotten.

In 8th grade when Mr. Hadorn 'warned us' of the Elector Gang?

Mr. Sig's fashion choices?



Mrs. Spearsted?... 'Pass the magic broomstick...', Square Dancing, Magic Mountain "Hands, feet, and objects to yourself. Don't touch the walls, don't touch the walls."

In Ms. Runice's class in 8th grade when Dion said, "What kind of a name is ArchNuke?!"

Our Homecoming 'float' junior year?

When the fire alarm went off at our freshmen Prom?

When Canaan was obsessed with Culver's AND Alicia?



When Ben freaked out on Shelby in English class junior year?



When Canaan tied the garbage bag 'Black Hawk' to the back of the bus after the Homecoming parade junior year?

When we got to play with the scooters in elementary gym class?



The 'Poop Artist'? (from elementary school)

The 8th grade play?



when it was cool to...

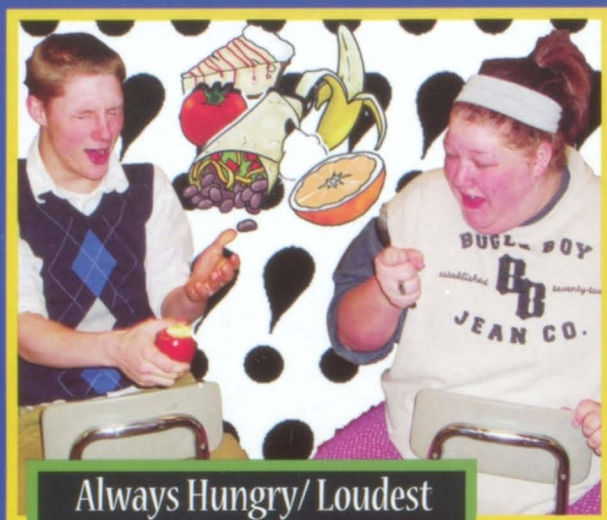
chat on MSN...wear a sweatshirt around your waist...play Pokemon...say "If you like it so much why don't you marry it?"...wear flip-flops in the winter...buy things from the school store...play 'lava' at recess...point your milk carton arrow at the person you liked...try to swing all the way around the swing set...have Furbies and Gigapets...play 4 square...read chapter books...have a Bebo account...say "Booya Grandma!"

When we got our 'sexting talk' junior year?

100 day?

When Brittney wore her "Mrs. Hadorn-Papke" shirt to school?

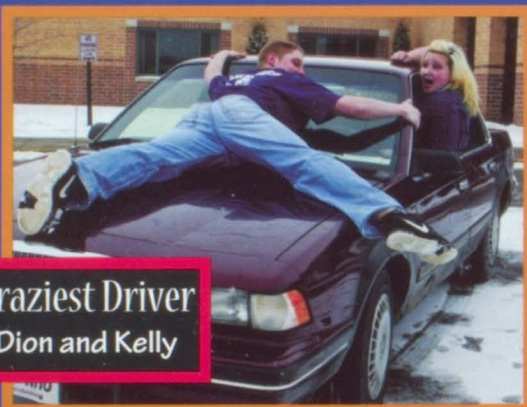
★ MOST LIKELY'S ★



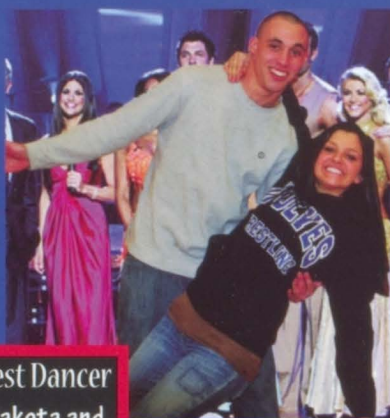
Always Hungry/ Loudest
Dion and Karlee



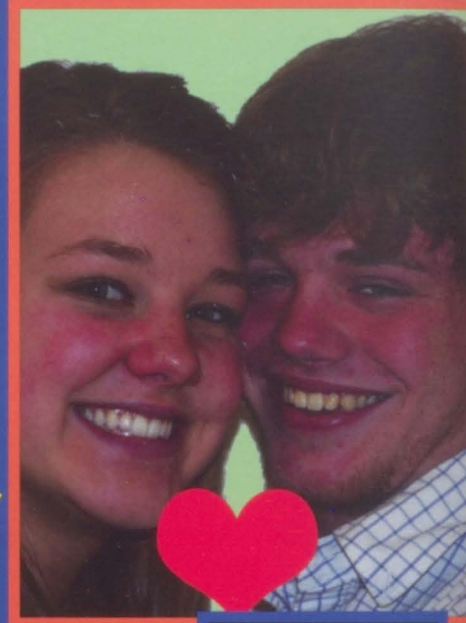
Biggest Ego/Flirt/Gossip/Most Opinionated
Dion and Sydney



Craziest Driver
Dion and Kelly



Best Dancer
Dakota and Renae



Cutest Couple
Tory and Lindsey

To Be Late to Graduation -
Steve & Sydney

Most Distinctive Laugh -
Dion & Alicia
Friendliest -
Derrick & Jazmin

BEST...

Eyes
Tory and Renae

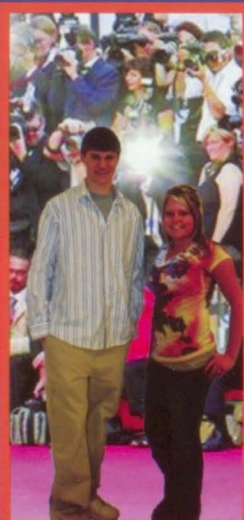


Hair
Tory and Brittney

Smile
Devin and Sydney



Dressed
Devin and Brittney

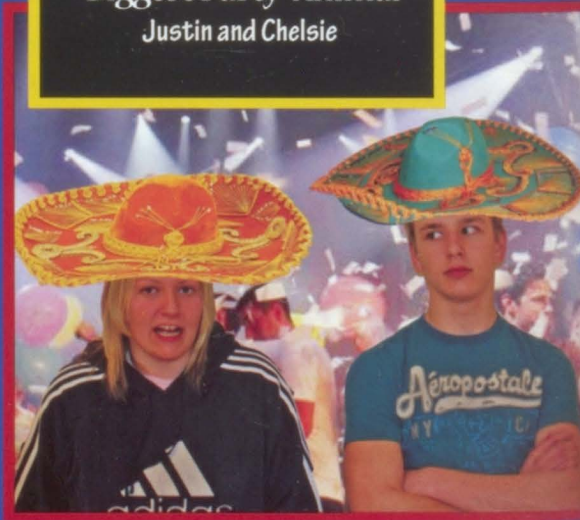


Class Clown -
Canaan & Molly
Worst Car -
Matt & Kelly
Best Car -
Neal & Alicia
To Succeed -
Cullen & Molly
Teacher's Pet -
Ben & Megan P.
Best Body -
Dakota & Molly
Most Confused -
Brandon F. & Chante
To Get Lost -
Brandon F. & Shelby
Teacher's Pet -
Ben & Megan P.
Strongest -
Dakota & Karlee



To Be Famous -
Canaan & Jessi

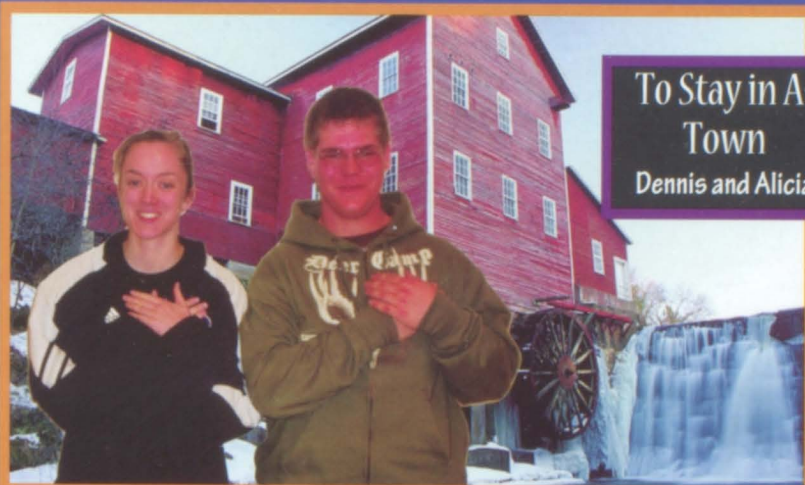
Biggest Party Animal
Justin and Chelsie



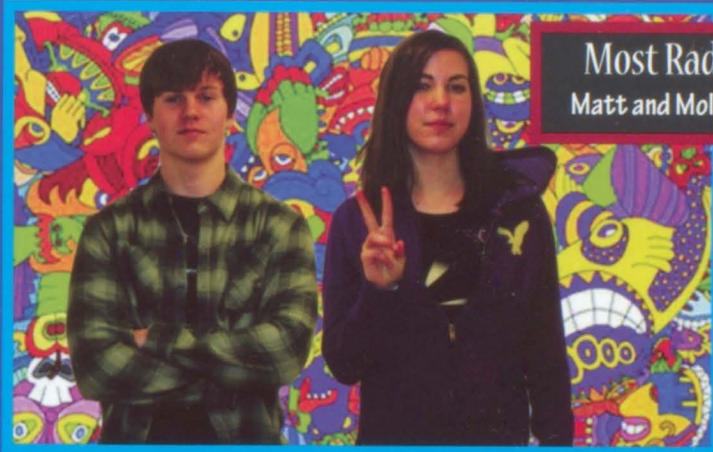
To Move out of A-Town/Be a Millionaire
Cullen and Jessi



To Stay in A-Town
Dennis and Alicia

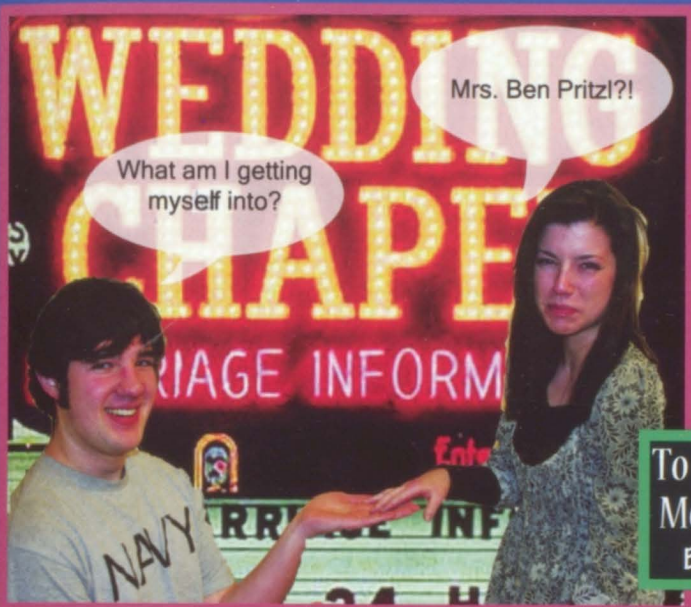


Most Rad
Matt and Molly



Mrs. Ben Pritzl?!

What am I getting myself into?



To Get Married/
Most Talkative
Ben and Sydney

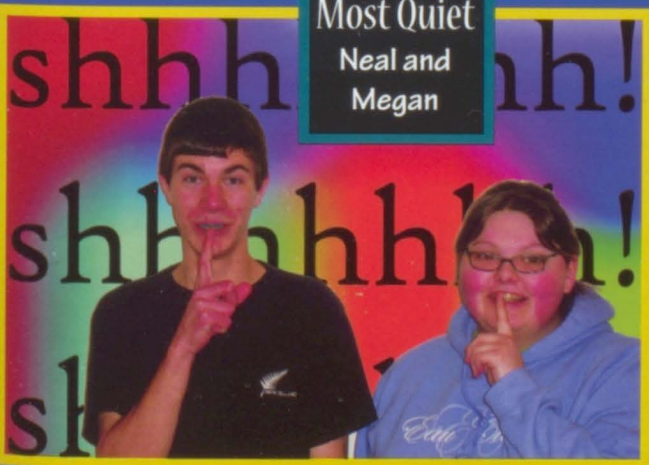
Cooldest Personality -
Canaan & Molly
Most Talkative -
Ben & Sydney
Most Blond -
Cashton & Jessi

Most Athletic -
Dion & Melissa
Nicest Person -
Derrick & Molly
Bookworm -
Danny & Megan R.

Most
Unique/Artistic
Cashton and Heidi



Most Quiet
Neal and
Megan



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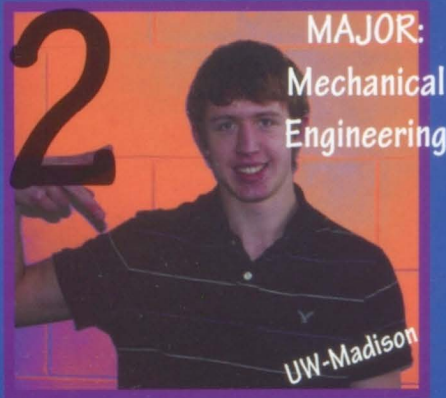
Best
Musician
Matt and
Lindsey



TOP TEN HEROES



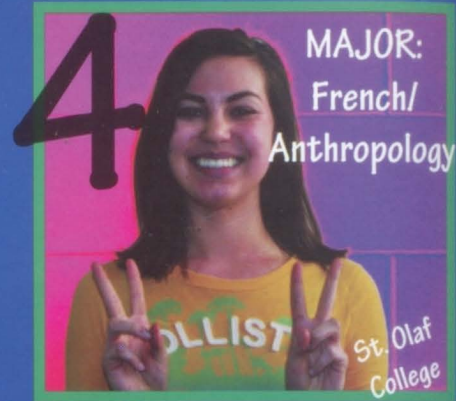
Jessica Casetta



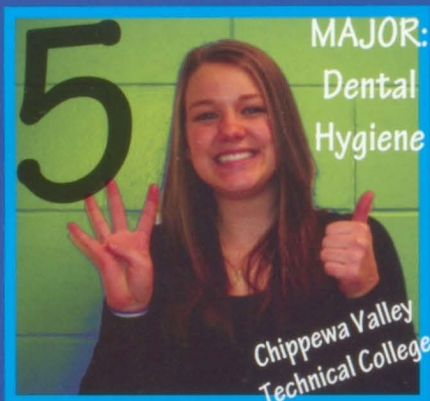
Cullen Gabler



Kate Berlin



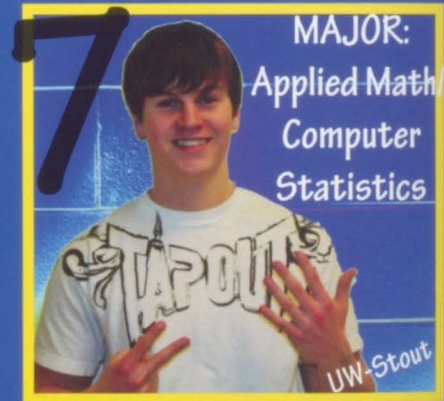
Molly Rosentreter



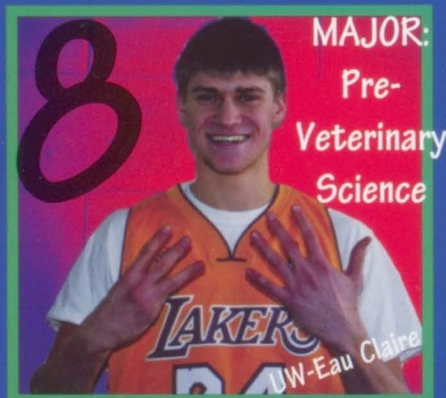
Lindsey Berg



Brittney Nehring



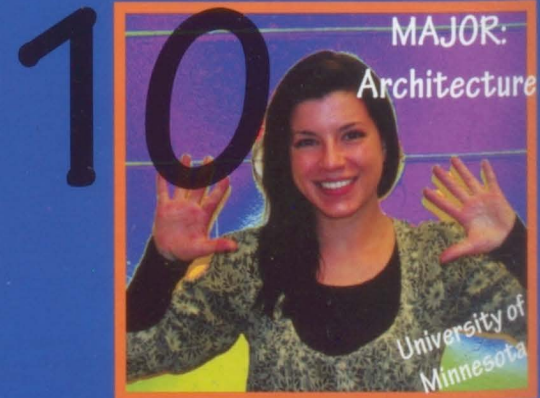
Matthew Severson



Devin Hadorn-Papke



Alicia Goss



Sydney Anderson

Dennis,
Our little Buck Shot. It seems like yesterday you were born. We couldn't wait for you to talk, and then walk. Now you're graduating. Wow!! Life goes by so fast, slow down and enjoy it. Good luck.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Dion,
You grew so fast, but what a blast- we are very proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad,
Donovan, Devon, Damon



Gage,
Proud of you then and proud of you now. You're an amazing, funny, interesting, Creative and a wonderfully unique person. Follow you dreams and let nothing stand in your way.
Congratulations Gage, we're so proud of you.
Love,
Robin, Myron, Micheal,
Christopher, Brittney, and Casey



Sydney,
Your graduation from high school ends one chapter of your life and the beginning of a new one as you head off to college in a few months. It seems just moments ago you were starting kindergarten, then onto middle school and now your high school graduation. WOW, how time has flown by, Dad and I am very proud of you and know you will succeed in your future endeavors. How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in life, you will have been all of these.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Karlee,
Where has the time gone? You were once our little curly top, and now you're a beautiful young lady! Love ya much podder face
Love,
Mom & Dad &
Kyle

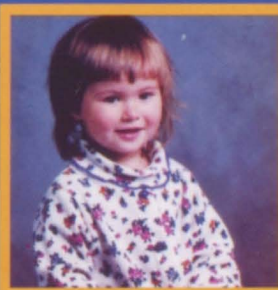


Melissa,
You are a special gift. So many memories I have make me proud of you. May your future be bright and happy. And may you always have enough!
Love,
Great Grandma Z.

Melissa,
Congratulations! You have grown into wonderful young women. We are very proud of all you have accomplished. Best of luck in the future.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Neal,
You have made us so proud! Graduation marks a new beginning for you. With your natural abilities and great personality, you can go anywhere and do anything you wish in life.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Melissa,
Congratulations and Good luck in the future. You will do great!
Love your Sister,
Kayla



Megan,
It is hard to believe you are graduating already... It seems like it was just yesterday that you were our little girl! We wish you love, happiness, and great success as you step into the next phase of your life. The best is yet to come, always walk your own path and live each day to the fullest.
Love ya,
Mom and Dad



Melissa,
You were the cutest baby and our first grandchild! It has been so much fun to watch you grow and mature into the fine young woman you are! We are so proud of your accomplishments. We are always here for you and wish you good health and happiness now and in your future.
Love,
Grandma Mary and Grandpa Dennis

My 1st grandchild "Snuggle Bunny"

You were born in Iowa and I drove your parents crazy with my constant phone calls. Finally there you were, I remember talking with your mom while she held you she said, "Mom she so mellow." I couldn't wait to get to Iowa to meet you. When we finally got there you were sleeping on your daddy's chest. I of course picked you up and held you for a few minutes, then had to turn you over to your grandpa, he said it was his turn. You have since grow up to be and beautiful and special young lady. One grandpa and I are very proud of. We will always remember that trip to Iowa and everything after.

We love our Snuggle Bunny.
Grandpa and Grandma Wenzel

Krissy,

There are always things in life that are bigger then you expect. With being persistent and having a great understanding you have always shown us that you will overcome anything that comes to you. You have become a great tractor operator and a large part of helping on the farm.

Best wishes and good luck in your career in Agriculture.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Matthew,

We are so proud of the wonderful young man you have become. The challenges you have already faced have helped mold you into the strong and capable person you are today. With your courage and determination, we know you'll go far. May God bless and guide you always!

Love,
Mom and Dad



To my wonderful Pita,

It is so hard to believe that 18 years have gone by and you are graduating from high school. It seems like only yesterday you were next to me in your car seat kicking you feet to the song Bad to the Bone, and here you are all grown up and ready to start your life on your own. You have grown up to a truly amazing person who isn't afraid to stand up for what you believe in, and I truly admire that about you. I know that you will succeed in anything that you set your mind to, and that life will take you far. I am proud to call myself your mother, but more importantly I am proud to have you call me your best friend.

I love you with all my heart,
Mom



Cashton,

Our last born. You were the best surprise! You've taken us through Rusty, The Lion King, Micro machines, Shrek, Transformers, SpongeBob, Pokémon, and the Nightmare before Christmas. We've enjoyed you in t-ball little league, forensics and one at plays. What a talent! We love your wit and sense of humor, compassion for others, ability to know right from wrong, and your strong faith in God and your church and family. You've made us proud of the person you've become.

Thank you and we love you.
Mom and Dad

Dan Boy,

You may be bigger than us but you're still our little brother. Watching you grow up had been an experiences, and we are both proud of the gentleman you have become, Aim high for the future and realize that this is just one step of many to come in your life. We love you "little" brother.

Love,
Beth and Cindy



Jessica,

You are my precious little girl that has turned out to be a beautiful young lady. We all want your dreams to come true, Best wishes,
Love Mom



Renae Catherine Yoder,

God sent you down from heaven Together with your brother James You were now the youngest of eleven I know we have had our differences Sometimes you felt you didn't belong But we always talked things through And it made our love more strong You are in every way my daughter You are a part of me And as a mother love her child I love you unconditionally!
Love,
Mom and Dad



Danny,

It's been so much fun watching you grow up, your "happy-go-lucky" personality and you're since of humor are what makes you the person we love. Keep in mind that no matter how old you are or how tall you get, you are always going to be out "little man".

We love you.
Mom and Dad



Sissy,

Since the day you were born, I have been so proud to call you my sister. I know you'll continue to make me proud, just keep that amazing level of dedication you possess I couldn't hand-pick a better sister or best friend than you!!

Awuv,
Court



Lindsey,

You have a beautiful smile and a contagious laugh. Go forward and share it, you can do anything... I have seen it. Dream big and stay determined. You make me prouder every day baby girl.

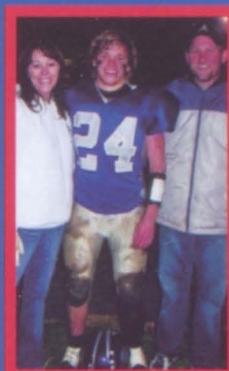
Awuv,
Mom

Marissa,
Congratulations on the beginning of a new chapter in your life. I have watched you grow in to a beautiful and strong young woman. I have no doubt that you will accomplish anything in life that you set your mind to. Believe in yourself and always follow your heart and your dreams and do not worry what others think. Remember... do not be afraid to wear whatever hat you may choose!

Love,
Auntie Julie



My #1 Son,
No words can ever express what you mean to us. You are a blessing in our life. You are a caring, compassionate, and big hearted young man, we are so proud of who you were, who you are, and who we see you becoming. You are strong yet gracious, confident yet humble, and it is our honor to call you son. You will do great things in life and we can't wait to be there on the sidelines cheer you on! GO 2-4!
Love, your biggest fans,
Mom and Dad

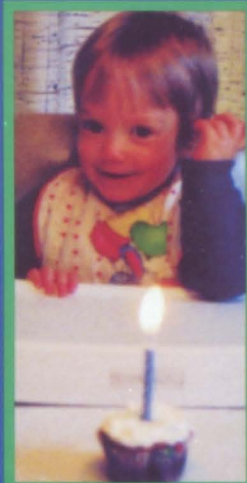


Marissa,
I would first like to thank you for not only being a great sister but being a good friend too! I know firsthand how determined (stubborn) you are, so I know whatever you strive to do, will get done. I think you are an amazing young lady and have a great heart that will shine through into your future. Thank you for all the great years growing up with ma and pa! Good luck with school and everything else. Remember I am always here for you.

Love you,
Jordan



To MY Tory J,
What a joy it has been watching you grow up. I have enjoyed watching your games you are an awesome athlete. I love YOU, Higher than the mountains; deeper than the ocean; stronger than a dinosaur; and to the moon and back.
Grandma Rose.



Marissa,
We remember all the days you waited to go to school with you "Bro". You would say "sco, sco" over and over. Now all those days have passed and you are ready to move onto the next chapter of your life. There are so many opportunities and open doors ahead of you, explore all of them, and don't stop looking or sell yourself short on anything life has to offer you. You are a beautiful, wonderful and amazing young lady. We are so proud of you. You bring so much love and joy to our lives. We can't wait to see what gifts you will share with the world. You have many talents, are such a giving person, and we wish you all the best this would have to offer.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Putz,
It wasn't that long ago, I remember waiting for you to get ready for your first day of school or waiting for you to tie your shoe so we could go outside to play. Seems like I was always waiting for you, now I can't wait to see you graduate high school. You are so smart- you can do anything you set your mind to. I couldn't have asked for a better little sister.
Love you a lot,
Nate.

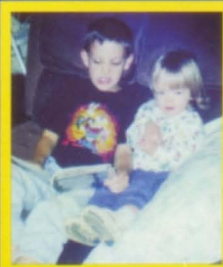


Jessica,
You have taken many "walks" in your life. There have been "walks" with Grandpa and Grandma when you were young, the outdoor adventure "walks" with your father and Esau, and many "walks" that you and I have done while shopping and in New York City. Now you are ready for your "walk" into your future. We are so proud of you, and we know that you will do well! Remember that we are always with you and wish you the best in everything!
Love and God Bless,
Dad, Mom, and Esau
P.S.
I am looking forward to future "walks" when shopping abroad!
Mom



Kate,
Enjoy every moment that comes your way. I have truly enjoyed every single minute I have shared with you and look forward to sharing many more!

Love,
Mom



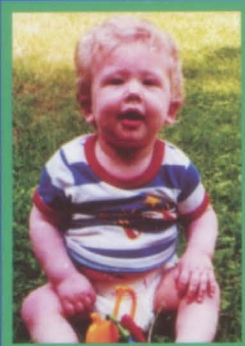
Alicia,
It seems like just yesterday you were sitting in your little rocking chair with your "baby" - now look at you. You have accomplished so much; you have taken advantage of so many opportunities in high school and learned something from all of them. As you begin the next stage of your journey, please remember those valuable lessons learned along the ways and always be yourself. We have faith in you.
Love,
Mom and Dad



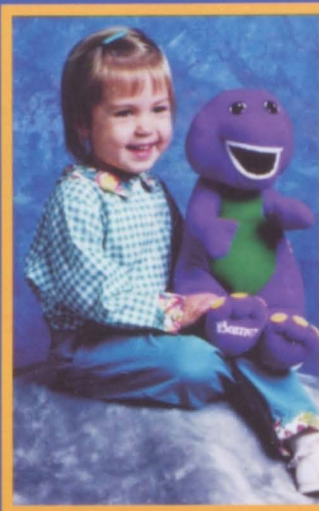
Molly,
As I sit and look through pictures of you and me, I think to myself, "Where did all the time go?" it seems like just yesterday I was holding my baby sister in my arms and now she is about to graduate! I am so, so proud of you Molly. You have grown up to be a beautiful, intelligent, independent young lady and I am honored to have you as my sister. The world is in the palm of your hands and no matter where it takes you or the challenges it presents you with, may you always be blessed with strength, wisdom, happiness and love.
I love you always and forever doodle bug!
Amy



Molly,
It makes us both happy & sad to see you all grown up and graduating high school. Happy because you have grown into a fine young woman and sad because now you're off to college and another chapter in your life. We are very proud of you and also very confident that you will succeed in your future endeavors. Good luck and we will miss you!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Ron



Cullen, (Beanaronni Fettachinni)
We are blessed to have you as our son & also a "big" brother. From a famous man to a special son some men see things as they are and say why. "I dream things that never were and say why not" dream, seek, believe, learn & achieve. Know that the will of God will never lead you, were the grace of God cannot keep you.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Conrad, Mike Chloe (from sis, take care Elephant B.)



Shelby,
You have become a beautiful hard working young lady. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

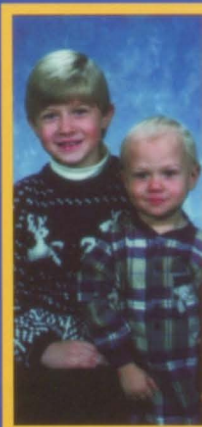


Devin,
As our first child, you could never have been more perfect. Your sweet disposition and caring personality has never failed to amaze your father and me. Your father admires your athletic abilities and your academic skills are likewise there, even if I have to push it out of you. Your acuity to the world and people around you make you an outstanding young man who has a vision beyond your years. You have never let challenges stop you. From piano, tap dance, karate, soccer, basketball, football and track you have never failed to put forth your best effort. Although you are competitive you can separate yourself from it, to still help and teach others, including your brother. Watching you excel in all that you tried has always given your father and I great pride. This past year you rose above the shackles that bound you in football to realize that being an adult or a coach is more than a title. It is something that is earned through intelligence, observation and hard work. You and your teammates excelled beyond the abilities that your football coaches possessed. Never let what a negative coach or a teacher says, hold you back. You have made your father and me proud to claim you as our son. I believe that you are the type of person who can be a great leader, without stepping on people. Through your eyes there are no unobtainable goals or limits, never shut your eyes on that which you want. Strive for perfection, but never let failure hold you back, as it will only make you stronger. Remember that even the smallest object can create a ripple in the water, which can be seen and felt. Make sure you continue to create ripples, never allow yourself to become tainted by the negative and continue to challenge the adults around you to excel beyond the mediocre.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Shelby,
It's hard to believe my little sis is graduating already. Thanks for being the best sister and friend a girl could ask for. Congratulations and remember I'll always be there for you!
Love,
Stace

Brittney,
You are an amazing and talented person and I find myself lucky to be with you. Whatever your future holds, I wish the best. Congratulations and I love you.
Love,
Ross



Devin,
As an older brother you haven't been too bad, of course you're the only older brother I have. We have done a lot of things together even though we are four years apart. In karate we were an awesome bo staff team and it was cool that we were able to go through black belt training together and become black belts together. I really appreciated the time you spent with me doing beef cattle, I also really appreciate the patients you had to help me with it. Remember when we were in Japan and we spent hours looking for the Godzilla statue and then it was just a foot and a half tall? What about our cruise were the cruise ship left us?
Good Luck Devin,
Damin



Clem, it was so 'great' having you as a part of our family for five months. we are so glad America was your choice! we miss you very much and hopefully we'll see you again in Wisconsin or maybe even Belgium love, Molly, Michael, Ron, Ginger & Wiggy.

Characteristics of the last child in the family: youngest children are usually the very different from their older siblings. They tend to be more social, funny, outgoing, creative and complete, risk-takers and have a sense of humor!
All the things we love about you,
Love Aunt Dana.



Heidi,
Dream, laugh, love, & make your spirit soar. Family, children, reading, music, drama, art and writing allow you to accomplish fantastic things. The world is your stage and notebook. One day we hope to see your art and read a book written by you. We want you to always realize you can turn around and come back home.
With Love,
Mom & Dad

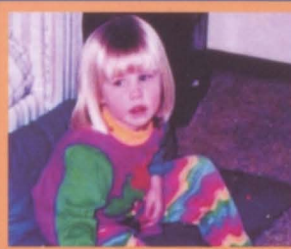
Stephanie and Heidi,
May you always keep your friendship. You are wonderful granddaughters.
I love you.
Grandma Dorothy

Dakota,
You are truly a gift from heaven above, as your journeys through life continues always remember when the going gets tough it's all a learning experience, it will make you stronger and the Lord will be by your side along with your grandmother.
Love Grandma Nancy,
Xoxoxoxoxoxoxo



Love ya lots too big sis!
From,
Munchkin

Congratulations
Megan,
Kevin



Maggie,
Congratulations! good luck in the future. Keep reaching for the stars and you will accomplish anything. Remember I am just a phone call away.
Love ya lots,
Samantha



Megan,
Keep looking forward there is a whole world out there for you to explore. We are so proud of you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.
Love ya,
Mom & Dad



Squirty,
From pig tales to basketball, kindergarten to senior high, from volleyball to the 8th grade play, and friends found and dear friends lost. The first 18 years had been a true joy to us; we only wish the journey was staring all over again not ending. We look forward to the next 18 year and the joys and excitement that you bring us. Remember "quitters never win, and winners never quit". Set your mind, accomplish your goals, and bring joy to the people you touch. We love you.
Mom and Dad

Heidi,
Take time to enjoy life. Come home to talk with us. We'll decorate cookies and make s'mores. We are very proud of you. You are the best sister and aunt.
With Love,
Bob, Melissa, Ken, Scott, Rachel, and Jacob



To my Best Friend,
As our journey ends and yours begins. I want you to know that I am so very proud of you. We have overcome many obstacles in our lives together; and along the way many lessons learned. No matter how little or how big we have always pulled through and it had made us stronger throughout the years. Dakota, I cannot begin to tell the world that you are an amazing son. "There is no definition long enough that can explain what this word means to me". As I watch you grow and go off to fight for your country, I want you to know that I will stand you 110%. You are an amazing person in heart and soul. Our country is very blessed to have a strong young man fighting for them. You never ceased to amaze me with your courage, hard work and beliefs on how life should be, a lot of parents say that children learned from them, but I being one that can say I have learned many lessons of life through your eyes and I want to say thank you for everything you have taught me about life really is about. Keep up the hard work and remember you are my hero and like I have always said, "I hope you dance".
Love,
Your mommy,
Xoxoxoxoxoxoxo



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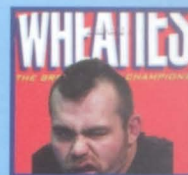
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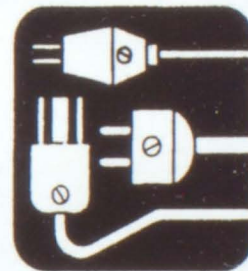
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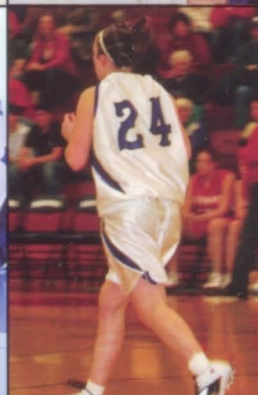


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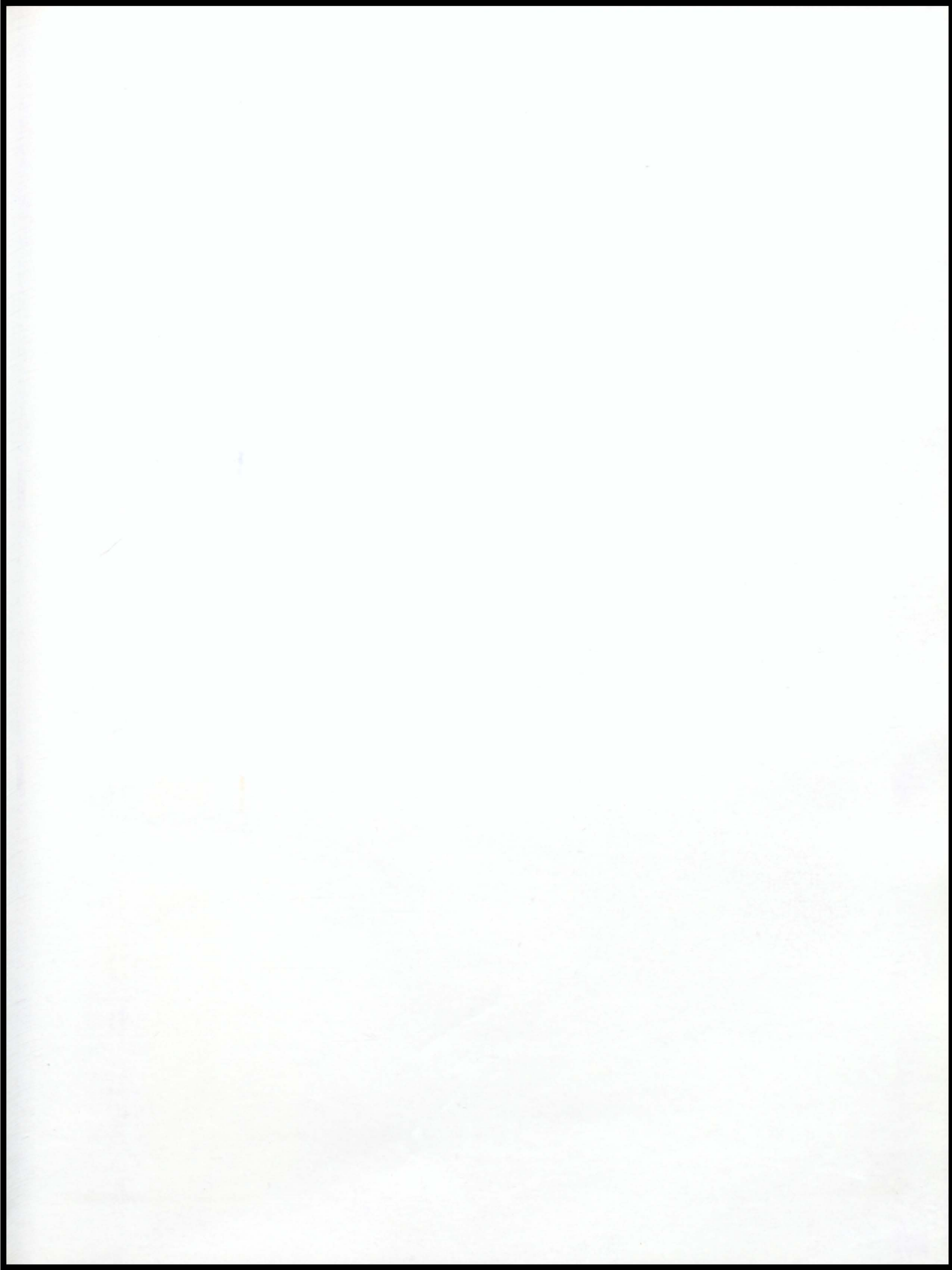
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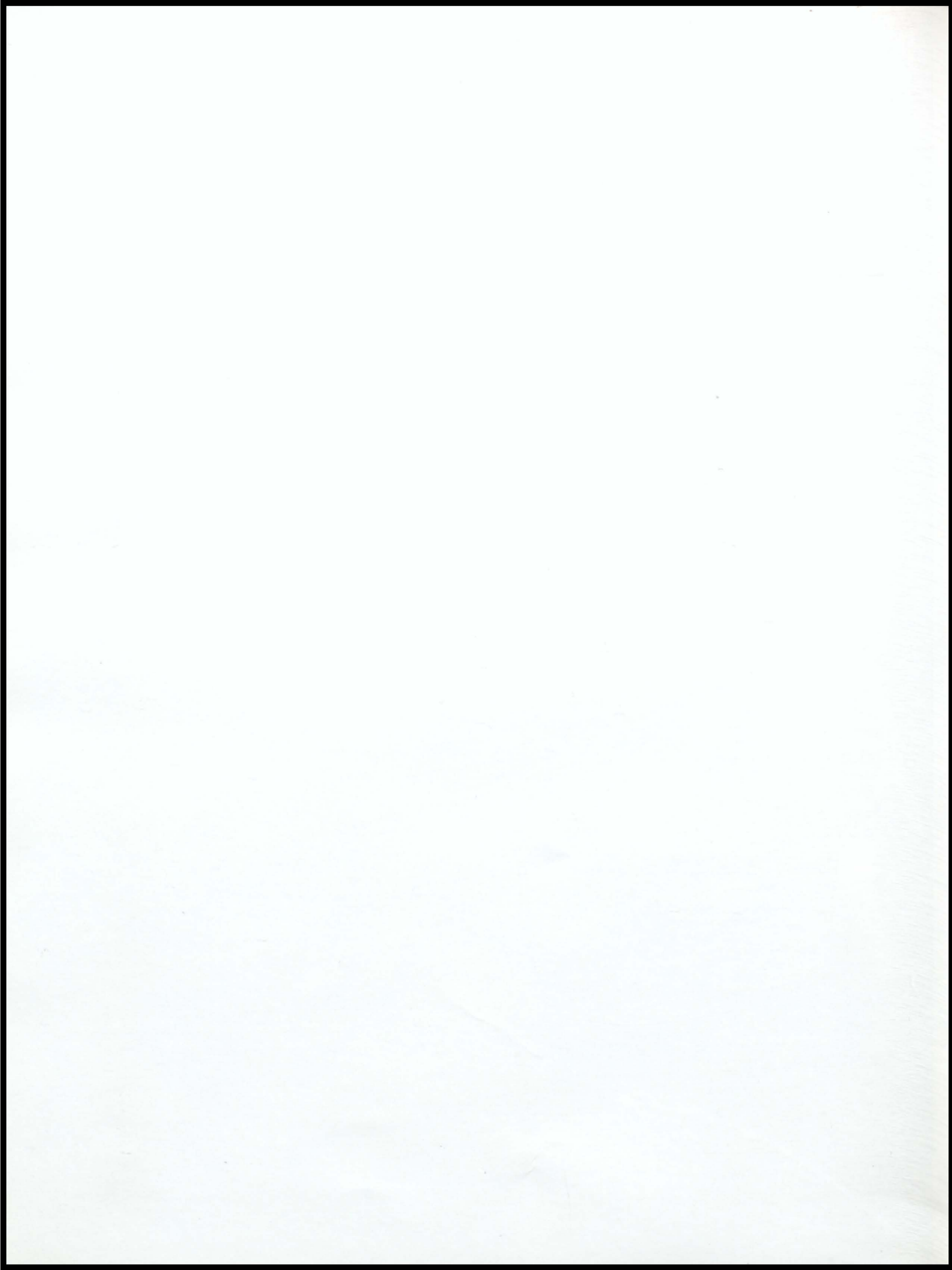
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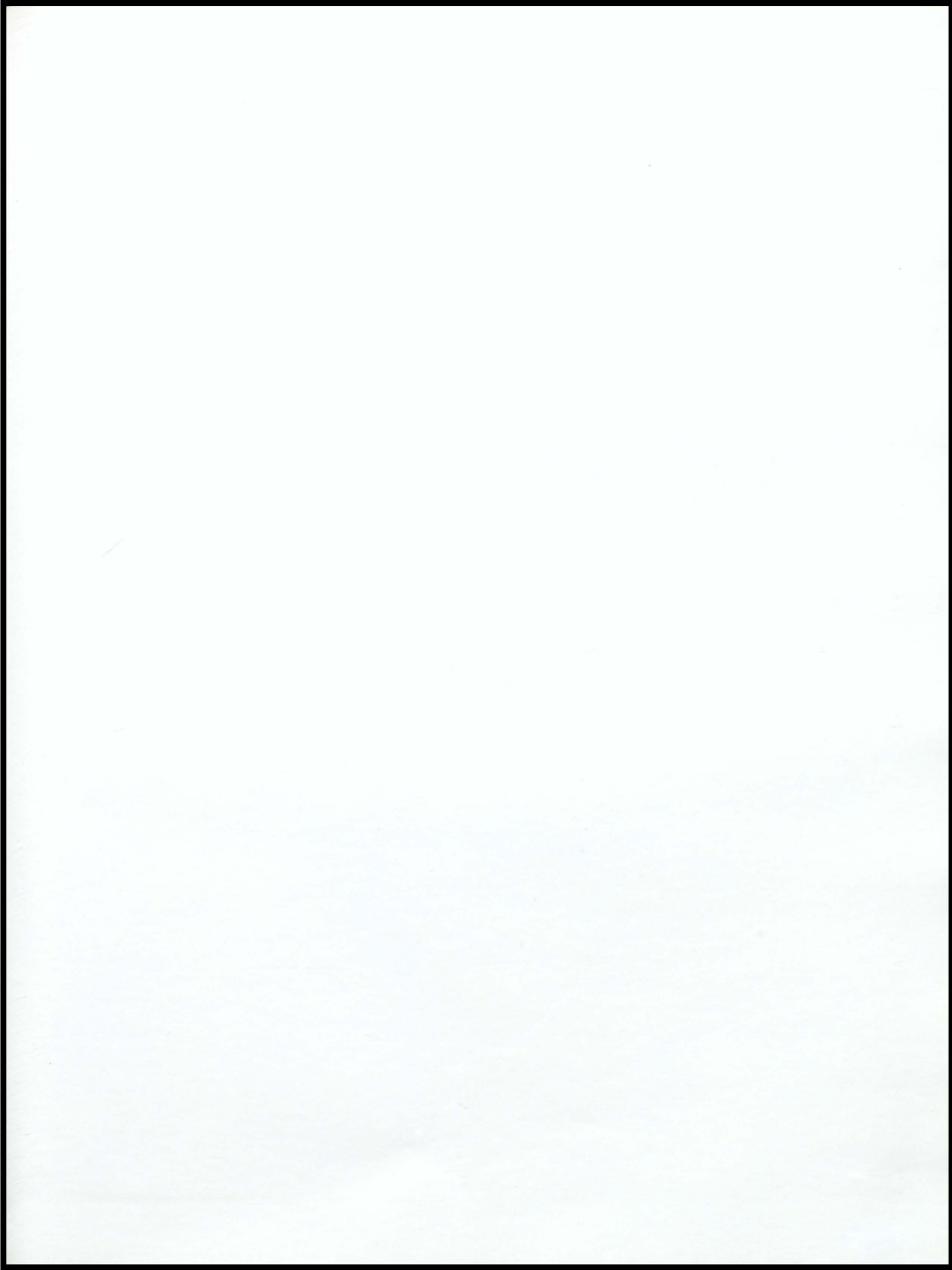


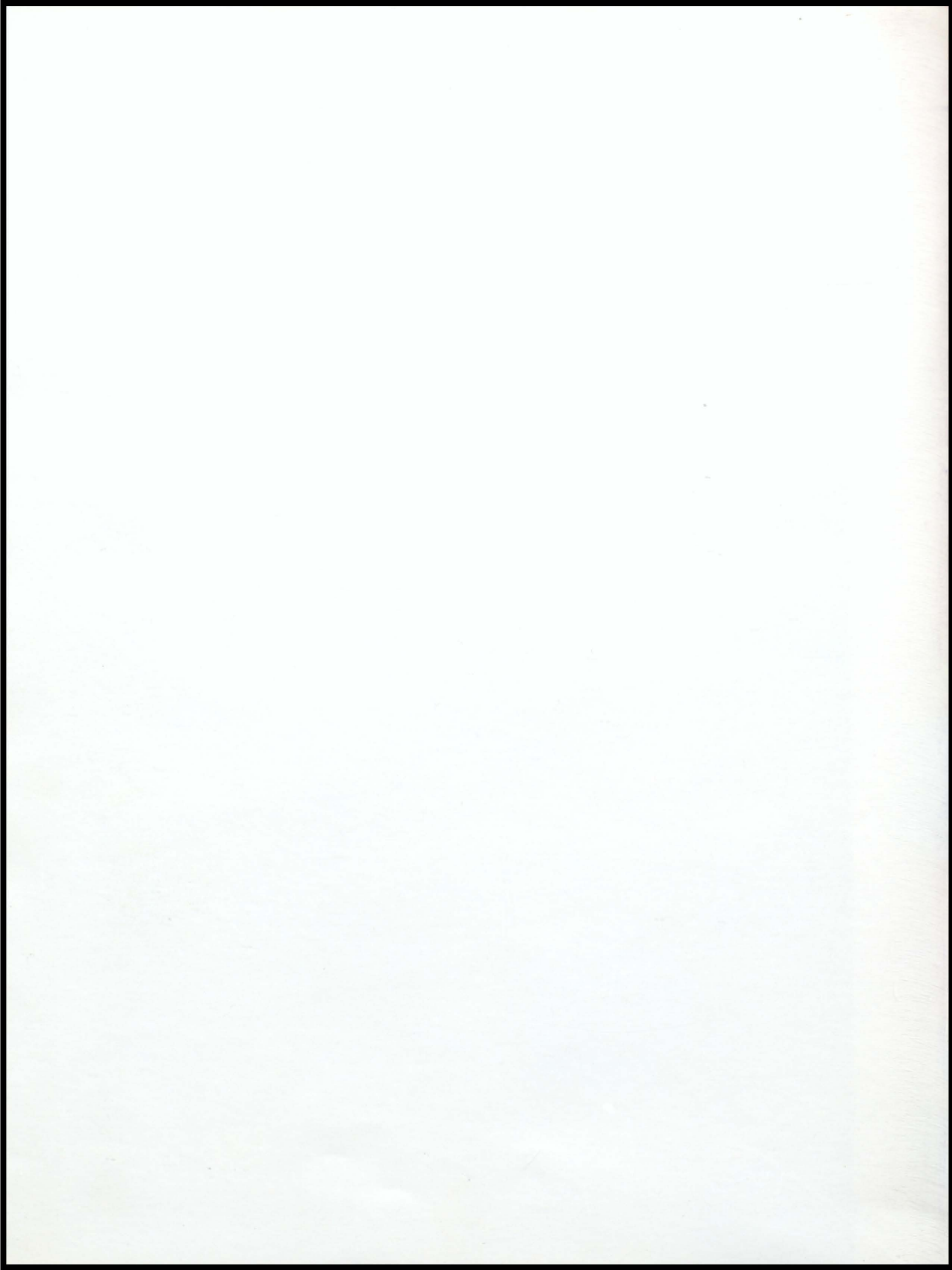
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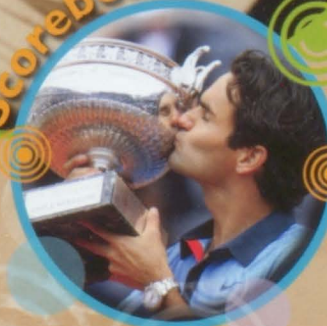
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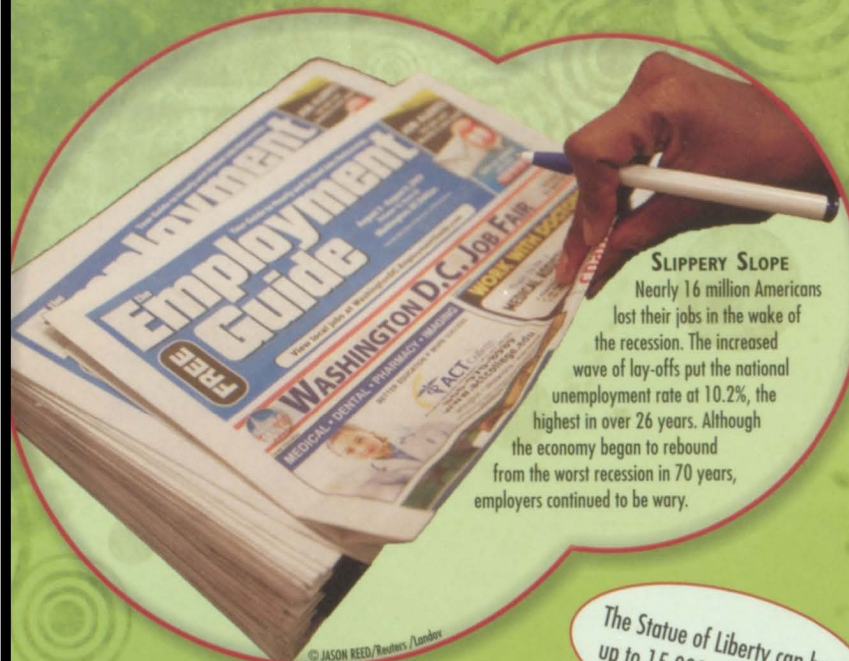
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Nearly 16 million Americans lost their jobs in the wake of the recession. The increased wave of lay-offs put the national unemployment rate at 10.2%, the highest in over 26 years. Although the economy began to rebound from the worst recession in 70 years, employers continued to be wary.

The Statue of Liberty can have up to 15,000 visitors per day.



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BALLOON HOAX

Millions watched as a large metallic balloon, said to be carrying a 6 year old boy, soared through the air in Colorado. When it landed and "balloon boy" Falcon Heene was not inside, the world was relieved to learn he had been hiding in the attic the entire time. Three days later, after a telling interview, the whole spectacle was deemed a hoax in the parents' pursuit of fame and fortune. The parents pled guilty to criminal charges and received jail time.

LIBERTY REOPENS

On July 4th one of the nation's most recognizable symbols of freedom, the Statue of Liberty, reopened its crown to visitors. After the September 11th attacks, the monument was closed to all visitors until 2004 when the base and lower observation decks were reopened. Guests will be allowed to make the 168-stair climb to the top for the next two years, when the crown will close again for safety work.



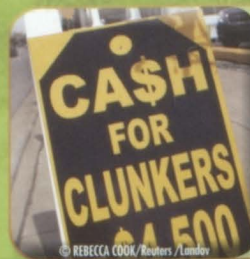
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FORT HOOD TRAGEDY

On November 5, 2009, Fort Hood, America's largest military base, transformed from a place where soldiers prepare for war to an actual battlefield. Major Nidal Malik Hasan, a licensed military psychiatrist, opened fire in the processing center where soldiers report before deployment. Twelve soldiers and one civilian lost their lives, while 30 others were injured, including Hasan. In the past, Hasan had been openly critical about the war on terror.



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CLUNKERS MAKE SOME NOISE

For nearly a month in the summer of 2009 America was consumed by CARS (Car Allowance Rebate System), commonly known as Cash for Clunkers. The government program was designed to encourage drivers to trade-in old gas-guzzlers in favor of new, fuel-efficient vehicles. With an incentive of up to \$4,500, the program was wildly successful and nearly 700,000 cars were traded in.

A MUSIC ICON REMEMBERED

Legendary performer Michael Jackson passed away suddenly at the age of 50. As news spread of his death, the internet suffered a significant slowdown as people worldwide conducted simultaneous searches. Jackson was also nominated for five American Music Awards in 2009, including Artist of the Year, after his music saw a tremendous surge in sales and airplay. As a final tribute, Sony Pictures released *This Is It*. The never-before-seen footage of Jackson rehearsing for his final 50 shows was a massive success, making millions.



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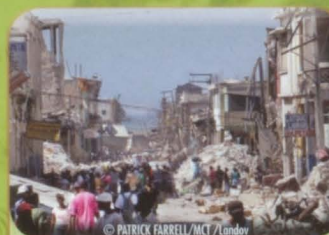
North Korea conducted a series of rocket and missile tests, including an underground nuclear bomb test in an attempt to lure the U.S. into talks to loosen sanctions. The international community was outraged, stating that the test was in clear violation of international law. In 2008, North Korea agreed to suspend its nuclear testing in exchange for economic stimulus, but the deal fell through after it removed inspectors from the country.

ALL A BUZZ

Kavya Shivashankar, a 13 year old from Kansas, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee. A four-time competitor and aspiring neurosurgeon, Kavya won the trophy and more than \$40,000 in cash and prizes with her correct spelling of "Laudicean"—meaning lukewarm or indifferent in religion or politics.



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CATASTROPHIC QUAKE

The island nation of Haiti was struck by a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake so strong it could be felt nearly 200 miles away. The flattened capital city left millions seeking shelter and medical attention and Haitian government officials estimated over 111,000 people lost their lives. Humanitarian organizations such as the Red Cross set up aid and relief efforts while streamlining donations by allowing individuals to text message pledges. Within days, over \$355 million in donations had been raised through the combined efforts of companies, charities and individuals.

OPRAH MOVES ON

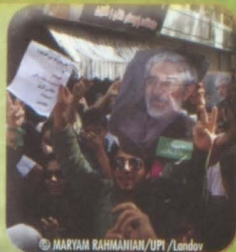
Popular syndicated talk show host and business tycoon, Oprah Winfrey, announced she would end *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in late summer 2011. The news came as a shock to fans that have elevated her status to nothing short of an icon since the show's inception in 1986. Early speculation indicated she may start a new show on her own Oprah Winfrey Network in 2011. Her show currently draws about 7 million viewers a day.



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IRANIAN ELECTION PROTESTS

Iran's presidential election drew international attention when disputes over the winner sparked two weeks of protests. Reformist activists claimed Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's landslide win was a fraudulent mishandling of the ballots. The protests resulted in 20 fatalities, numerous arrests and trials for nearly 100 demonstrators facing charges such as attacking government property, violence toward security forces and creating panic in public.



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SONIA SUPREME

With a vote of 68-31, Sonia Sotomayor became the first Hispanic person to become a Supreme Court Justice and just the third woman of all time. Sotomayor was appointed to the Supreme Court with 17 years of federal experience, having tried over 3,600 cases.

TOYOTA TROUBLES

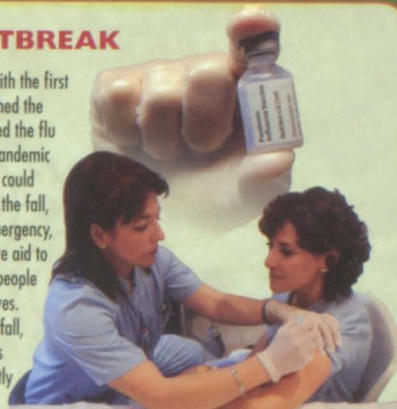
Automobile giant, Toyota, recalled eight of its models after learning of a problem with its acceleration mechanisms that caused some gas pedals to stick and vehicles to accelerate without warning. Though the company said the problem is "rare and infrequent" it decided to recall about 4.2 million vehicles worldwide and brought U.S. sales and production to a halt. The company tried to remedy the situation and ease the nerves of uncertain drivers by sending new parts to dealers to fix the faulty pedals.



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H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK

In the spring of 2009, H1N1 emerged with the first reported cases in Mexico. The virus reached the United States in April and officials worried the flu would spread rapidly, causing a global pandemic and fear that the unpredictable flu virus could mutate into a more dangerous strain. In the fall, President Obama declared a national emergency, enabling the government to provide more aid to the states. In the U.S. alone, millions of people were infected and thousands lost their lives. When a vaccine became available in the fall, thousands flooded phone lines and clinics around the country, as the demand greatly outnumbered the first supply.



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HEALTH CARE HURDLES

In groundbreaking sessions of Congress, both the House and Senate passed bills for health care reform after months of debate. The next step was to merge the nearly \$1 trillion proposed plans for a final vote. If passed, the bill would become the largest federal health care expansion in forty years since the introduction of Medicare and Medicaid. The goal of the bill is to bring extended insurance coverage to an additional 30 million Americans.



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ARES BLASTS OFF

Forty years after putting the first men on the moon, NASA is once again elevating its space program with the new Ares I-X Rocket. The streamline rocket's simpler design is cheaper and up to 10 times safer than its shuttle predecessors. Despite a successful first test in late October, officials say that the I-X may not carry astronauts until 2017.

TIME Magazine's
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My Headlines

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SHIFTING FRONTLINES

President Obama announced the deployment of 30,000 additional American troops to Afghanistan starting in early 2010, bringing the total U.S. presence to about 100,000 troops. The intended strategy was to combat the growing momentum of the Taliban in the region and to provide training for Afghan security forces. Plans to begin withdrawing troops were set for 2011.

DUBAI IN THE SKY

Marking a stunning architectural achievement, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai opened, becoming the tallest skyscraper in the world. The towering needle-shaped structure stretches nearly 2,700 feet into the air. The building has 160 stories which include apartments, office space and a hotel designed by Giorgio Armani. The eye-catching main attraction of a new shopping district, the Burj Khalifa reportedly cost \$1.5 billion to build.



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FOUND 18 YEARS LATER

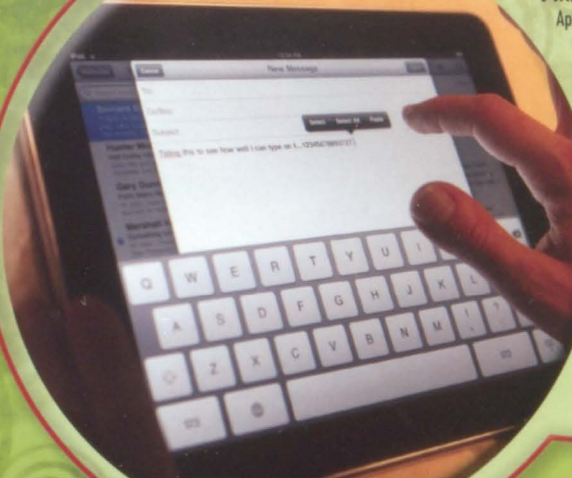
The discovery of Jaycee Dugard 18 years after her disappearance renewed hope for families of missing children. When Dugard was 11 years old she was abducted by Philip Garrido while walking to her school bus. Jaycee was held captive in Garrido's backyard. Both Garrido and his wife face multiple charges, including kidnapping and false imprisonment. Jaycee has since reunited with her family.

Headline News

MAD FOR iPad

Apple unveiled its highly anticipated iPad this year to mixed reviews. Many

Apple devotees were excited about the tablet with its nearly 10-inch touch screen and 3G connection, while others were skeptical about the name and data plan. As part of the iPad, Apple also released the iBook, an application that allows users to see books on a shelf, change fonts, and touch the screen to turn pages.



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BE MINE

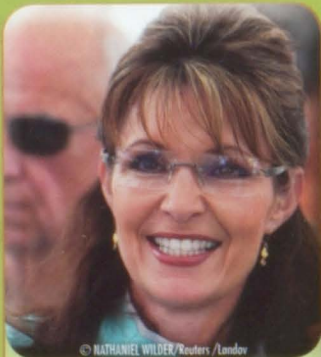
Sweethearts®, the popular Valentine's Day treat, added a new phrase to its line of endearing candy love messages. Teaming up with the social-network, Twitter, the candy company started stamping "Tweet Me" on its heart-shaped candies. Sweethearts also plans to introduce a new iPhone app that would allow users to send electronic versions of the candy with personalized messages to friends' Twitter pages.



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PALIN RESIGNS

Alaskan Governor and 2008 Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin resigned from office, saying that Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell would "fight even harder" for Alaskans. Palin added that her decision was made to protect her family from further criticism and would also allow her to advocate for causes such as energy independence and national security. In January 2010, it was announced that Palin would join Fox News as a contributor.



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ELECTRONIC TEXT BOOKS

College students caught a break this year—with free text books. Flat World Knowledge allowed 40,000 students at over 400 colleges and universities to access their course materials online, for free, saving students nearly \$3 million in the fall semester alone. With other options like print-on-demand and integrated audio and video, the company hopes to expand its offerings to other schools throughout the country.



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GOODBYE GOOD MORNING AMERICA

In a teary farewell, Diane Sawyer said "goodbye" to *Good Morning America* and "hello" to ABC's *World News*. After more than 10 years on the weekday morning show, Sawyer replaced the retiring Charles Gibson as the anchor of the nightly news program. Sawyer's replacement was George Stephanopoulos, former President Clinton staff member and moderator of *This Week* on ABC.

FALL OF THE WALL REMEMBERED

Twenty years ago the Berlin Wall fell, marking the end of the Cold War and the divide between East and West Germany. To celebrate the anniversary, thousands of German citizens celebrated as 1,000 towers, all 8 feet tall, were toppled to symbolize the destruction of the dividing wall. The celebration was overseen by current German Chancellor Angela Merkel and former Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who many hold responsible for reforming the former Soviet Union.



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FRIGHTENING FLIGHT

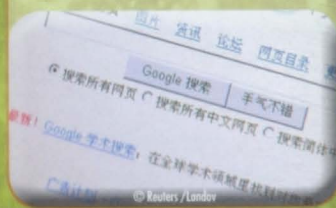
On Christmas Day 2009, a Nigerian man attempted to blow up a flight carrying nearly 300 passengers from Amsterdam to Detroit, Michigan. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab had a bomb sewn into his undergarments and tried unsuccessfully to detonate the devices as the plane made its final descent. Stringent security precautions were put into effect and President Obama ordered a thorough review of safety regulations. Al Qaeda later claimed responsibility for the terrorist act.



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LINKING LANGUAGES

Historically, URLs have been constructed with Latin based characters like 1, 2, 3 and A, B, C. Now, after approval by the International Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), domain names will appear with other characters from Arabic and Chinese languages. The chairman of ICANN, Peter Dengate Thrush said, "The coming introduction of non-Latin characters represents the biggest technical change to the internet since it was created four decades ago."



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NYC FLYOVER

Workers in Manhattan, New York were panicked as a Boeing 747 and an F-16 aircraft circled the Statue of Liberty, causing many to fear a repeat of the 9/11 attacks. It was later discovered that the planes were official government aircrafts conducting a photo shoot. The official who approved the fly-over later resigned.



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ON SHAKY GROUND

The South American country of Chile was the target of an 8.8-magnitude earthquake that destroyed many villages in its path. The next day the same south-central region of the country was struck again by a tsunami that created waves over 18 feet high. Approximately 800 people lost their lives and the destruction between the two natural disasters brought widespread shortages in food.

HOUSE PARTY CRASHED

Virginia couple Tareq and Michaela Salahi, crashed the first state dinner held by the Obama's. Passing two security check-points, the couple mingled with Vice President Joe Biden and Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel before exiting two hours later. The breach of security caused a full investigation by the Secret Service. Months later, speculation turned to White House social secretary Desiree Rogers who was criticized for not keeping a checklist of attendees as they entered the event. Rogers later resigned.



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LATE NIGHT SHUFFLE

After 17 years, *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno passed the torch to fellow NBC late-night personality, Conan O'Brien—but not for long. The *Tonight Show* lost millions of viewers and Leno's new self-titled primetime show was deemed a flop. Just seven months after giving O'Brien *The Tonight Show*, NBC reversed course, returning Leno to his former seat. As part of the deal, NBC agreed to pay Conan \$33 million, with \$12 million going to his staff in severance. O'Brien hosted his last show on January 22nd, while Leno returned to *The Tonight Show* on March 1st.



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FDA TAKES ON TOBACCO

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act gave the FDA more power to control the tobacco industry. Under the new legislation, tobacco companies were no longer allowed to use words like "mild" or "low-tar" and were also prohibited from selling candy or fruit flavored cigarettes.



Tobacco related illnesses account for more than \$100 billion in health care costs annually.

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GOOGLE CHINA

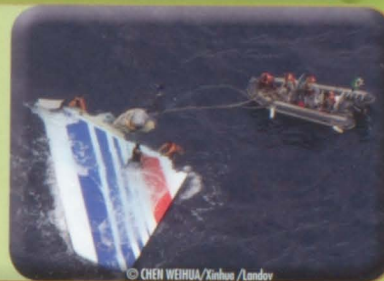
After a sophisticated cyber attack rooted in China, Google announced it would no longer censor search results on Google.cn, the Chinese version of the popular search engine. The Chinese government requires censorship of search results and websites to prevent security and state secrets from being jeopardized. China has the largest population of internet users in the world.

My Headlines

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE HEADLINES OF THE YEAR?

AIR FRANCE

An Air France Airbus Flight AF 447 flying from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Paris, France crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. None of the 228 people on board survived. Despite initial reports, the plane hit the water vertically, instead of breaking apart in mid-air. The crash was the worst in Air France's 75-year history.



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DANGERS OF FAST FOOD

For two years, John Manley, a 50-year-old North Carolina man, complained of severe coughing, pneumonia, and vomiting. When doctors used a tiny camera to investigate his lungs they were shocked to find the cause—a piece of plastic. The plastic was removed and traced back to a spoon from fast-food chain Wendy's after doctors recognized the eatery's logo.

THE NEXT AMERICAN IDOL JUDGE

After eight seasons, *American Idol* judge Paula Abdul left the show. Emmy award-winning talk show host and comedian Ellen DeGeneres filled the seat and began judging duties when the show returned for its ninth season. Shortly after the show's return another *Idol* judge, Simon Cowell announced his intended split at the end of the season. It was reported that Cowell planned to develop a new talent show series based on the popular U.K. series, *The X Factor*.



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PIRATES HOLD CAPTAIN CAPTIVE

After five days of being held hostage on the dangerous seas off the coast of Somalia, Captain Richard Phillips was rescued from his pirate capturers. In a tired moment, the pirates let down their guards long enough for U.S. Navy SEAL marksmen to take their shots, ending the lives of all three pirates. Days earlier, Phillips offered himself as a captive to the pirates in order to prevent them from seizing his vessel, the *Maersk Alabama*, ultimately protecting his fellow crewmen.

Science & Discoveries

AERODYNAMIC SEEDS

"Helicopter seeds," the seeds from maple trees, have provided hours of fun for children but researchers were stumped as to what made the seeds hover. A team of Dutch and American scientists discovered the answer. When a maple seed swirls, a tornado-like vortex lowers the air pressure around the seed, sucking the wings upward to oppose gravity—insects, bats, and hummingbirds employ the same technique.



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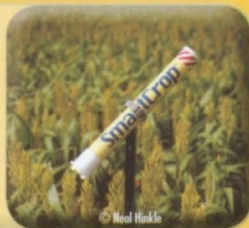
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IN HOT WATER

Ocean temperatures around the world measured 1 degree higher than normal between June and August, averaging 62.5°F, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. August saw the warmest temps on record since 1880, when record keeping began. Though climate change is listed as a factor, meteorologists say the warming is also due in part to a natural El Niño system. Ocean heat puts coral reefs in harm's way and also contributes to melting Arctic sea ice and hurricane strength.

A FARMER'S FRIEND

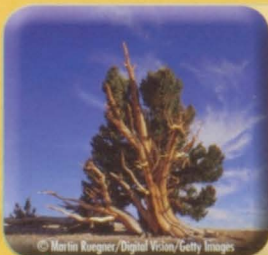
Even plants have joined in the text-messaging craze. Through SmartCrop™ infrared thermometers planted in soil, plants can "tell" farmers when they are hot or thirsty. Most crops have an ideal temperature for growth and these thermometers allow farmers to be notified by text message if a plant has risen above the ideal temp.



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GROWTH SPURT

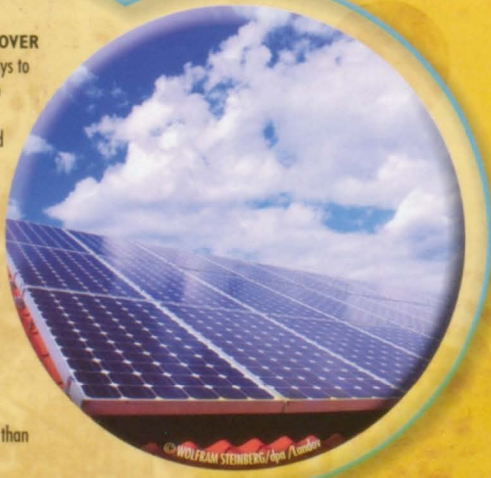
The Bristlecone pine is the world's longest-lived tree, sustaining ages up to 4,800 years. Recently, researchers found that these ancient trees are growing at a much faster rate than ever before as evident by its widening rings. The growth is presumably due to the increase in temperature in their high-altitude climate over the past 50 years.



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SOLAR ENERGY MAKEOVER

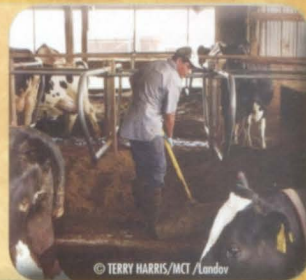
Developers have found two ways to make solar power panels more appealing to the average homeowner. First, underground panels use fiber optic cables to capture and distribute sun energy, instead of heavy panels. The second option is to incorporate shingle-like solar panels that have a thin copper film covering to absorb light energy into the roof. The Powerhouse™ Solar Shingle is expected to be less expensive and easier to install than full-size panels.



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POO POWER PAYOFF

In response to rising energy costs year-after-year, Shawn Saylor turned to an unlikely renewable source to power his family's dairy farm. Using the manure from 600 cows, Saylor used a process known as anaerobic digestion to generate energy. Saylor explained that this method produces a savings of about \$200,000 per year with the ability to sell left over energy back to the power company.



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TINY T-REX

History's fearsome Tyrannosaurus Rex may have had miniature ancestors. A newly discovered ancient creature known as "Raptorex" closely resembles its massive relative, at only a fraction of the size. Experts report it may have weighed only 150 pounds compared to T-Rex's 13,000 pounds. Raptorex would have existed 60 million years before T-Rex, and despite its size, would have touted an extremely powerful bite.

LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Scientists from the University of California and the Carnegie Institution have discovered a way to create sustainable energy—through kites. High-altitude winds contain a vast amount of energy. By releasing kite-like wind turbines miles above the planet and tethering them to the ground, researchers believe they could create enough energy to supply electricity worldwide.



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COOLING SUN

Scientists have discovered that the sun is at its dimmest in over 100 years. Typically, the sun undergoes 11-year cycles, culminating in the expulsion of solar flares and planet-sized debris. After 2008 the sun was expected to become increasingly hotter, but instead it was at a 50-year low for solar pressure and a 100-year low for sunspot activity. Although dimming of the sun has resulted in decreased temperatures in the past, the onset of global warming has likely counteracted this phenomenon.



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COLOSSAL SEA MONSTER

The fossilized skull of an ancient sea monster called a piosaur was discovered along the Jurassic Coast of England. The skull—dating back 150 million years—measured nearly eight feet. Scientists believe the creature's full size was up to 52 feet long, making it the biggest piosaur ever found. The dangerous sea predator could have eaten a T-Rex for breakfast!

CARBON CAPTURE

Professor Klaus Lackner of Columbia University has created a "synthetic tree" able to capture destructive carbon dioxide 1,000 times better than real trees. When the wind blows through the "leaves", carbon is trapped and converted to a liquid form. One unit could remove up to a ton of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere a day—the equivalent of 20 cars.



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ROBOTS CAN SWIM!

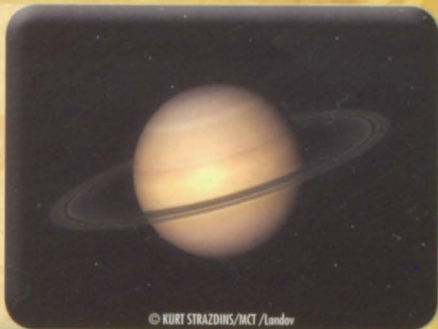
Mechanical engineers Kamal Youcef-Toumi and Pablo Valdivia Y Alvarado of MIT designed robotic fish that can swim and maneuver just like real fish. They hope to one day use the robots to help patrol bodies of water such as lakes and rivers, looking for pollutants and inspecting underwater structures.



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NOW THAT'S A RING

NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope discovered the largest ring around the planet Saturn. The never-before-seen ring is so colossal that NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory estimates that it would take 1 billion earth-sized planets to fill it. Composed of dust and ice particles, the ring's temperature is approximately -316°F.



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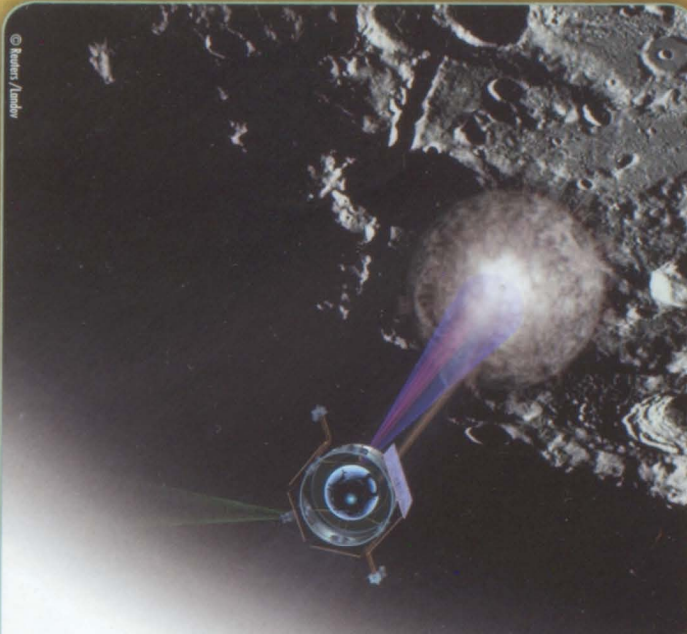
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SUPER NATURAL GLUE

The asparagus beetle attaches its eggs using what is said to be some of the strongest natural glue in the world. A study discovered the almost invisible eggs require a pull-off force of "8,650 times higher than the egg weight." It's not unusual for an insect to produce egg glue and this research could lead to the discovery of other natural bonding agents.

H₂O ON THE MOON

For the first time, water was discovered on the moon's surface. NASA announced its significant find after reviewing data from an intentional satellite crash it conducted in search of water. The data also revealed there were more than just droplets but rather "a dozen, two-gallon bucketfuls." Experts said the discovery will open the door to other space exploration opportunities, including the potential for a sustainable lunar space station.



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My Discoveries

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE
DISCOVERIES OF THE YEAR?

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PUPPIES?

Scientists in South Korea cloned a genetically engineered litter of pups, enabling them to glow red under ultraviolet light. The intention of the experiment was to prove that if fluorescent protein can be created through the modification of genetic code, there may be a way to fix genetic flaws in humans by similar innovations in genetic coding.



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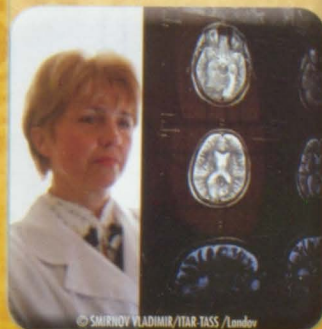
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MIGHTY MICE

In a scientific breakthrough, two labs in China bred the first induced pluripotent stem cell (iPS) mice, meaning they were the first of their kind developed from adult stem cells, instead of the more controversial embryonic cells. Scientists reprogrammed the cells back to an embryonic state where they could again develop into actual mice. This discovery is strong evidence that iPS cells have the potential to be used for treating disease.

AUTISM BRAIN DISCOVERY

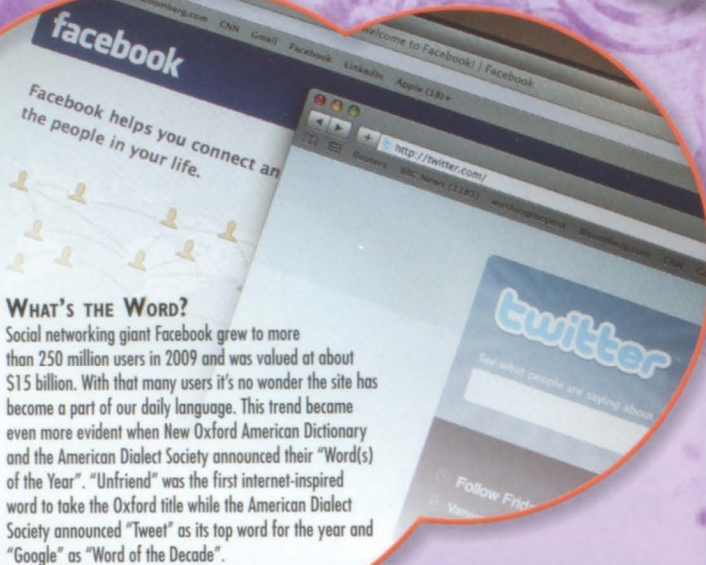
To learn more about the causes of autism, researchers conducted a study of MRI brain scans of 50 toddlers. Preliminary findings showed that on average, an area in the brain called the amygdala is 13% larger in young children with autism. It is believed that these children are born with normal-sized brains but later in the first year the area begins to grow larger. Autism is a developmental condition affecting as many as 1 in 150 children.



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Tech Topics

Awarded Educational Toy of the Year at the 2009 Australian Toy Hobby and Nursery Fair.



WHAT'S THE WORD?

Social networking giant Facebook grew to more than 250 million users in 2009 and was valued at about \$15 billion. With that many users it's no wonder the site has become a part of our daily language. This trend became even more evident when New Oxford American Dictionary and the American Dialect Society announced their "Word(s) of the Year". "Unfriend" was the first internet-inspired word to take the Oxford title while the American Dialect Society announced "Tweet" as its top word for the year and "Google" as "Word of the Decade".

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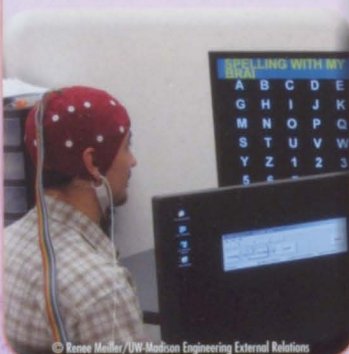
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SEEING EYEBORG

Canadian filmmaker Rob Spence has lived with permanent damage to his right eye since the age of 11. In his efforts to regain vision, Rob partnered with a camera provider in an attempt to replace his eye with a wireless, battery-powered video camera for what is being called the "Eyeborg" Project.

TWITTER ON THE MIND

Millions share their thoughts, opinions and updates every day (or hour) using Twitter. But University of Wisconsin doctoral student Adam Wilson's research revealed a new use—establishing a form of communication for those with extensive paralysis. Wearing an electrode-covered cap, Wilson focused his attention on flashing letters on a computer screen while his brain activity was monitored to figure out which letter he wanted. In the end he was able to tweet 23 characters with his mind.



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CYBORG BEETLES

Ripped from the pages of science fiction comes the government-funded cyborg beetle. Development began on a project that has scientists implanting miniature electrodes into beetles to enable them to control the insects' every move via remote control. Though still in testing, the high-tech critters could one day be used as military spies.



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DARTH VADER ARM

The Darth Vader robotic arm, the latest and greatest in Star Wars related toys and collectibles, is easy to assemble with 45 pieces that snap together. Though just a toy, this robotic limb has the power to grip, turn, extend and hold objects.

THE BLADELESS FAN

It's been 127 years since the standard electric fan was introduced and people have been pretty satisfied. Now, the Dyson company, well known for its innovative vacuum cleaners, introduced the first bladeless fan. The Air Multiplier pulls air through its base, which is then pushed through a hidden vent into the circular head of the fan to create an uninterrupted breeze.



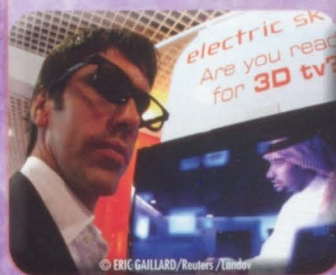
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DISPOSABLE TIMING CHIPS

After years of clunky timing devices and expensive lost chip fees, runners will benefit from disposable timing technology. Using radio frequency identification (RFID), race organizers can put an integrated tag on race bib numbers to accurately record time during competition. The cost effective design also allows runners to simply throw away the chip after racing.



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3-D TV

Riding a wave of popularity since the release of hit movies like *Up* and *Monsters vs. Aliens*, 3-D is coming to television. Manufacturers such as Sony, Panasonic, Mitsubishi, and JVC all reported working on 3-D televisions. In the future, viewers will have the option of watching programs in 3-D, utilizing special glasses to see the third dimension.



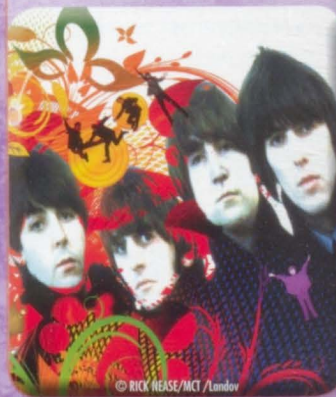
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ENERGY SAVING LIGHT

Philips Electronics introduced a new energy-efficient LED light bulb that uses just 10 watts (compared to 60 watts of the standard bulb) and generates the same amount of energy but lasts 25 times longer as its counterpart. The bulb may save as much electricity as is needed for 17.4 million households in a given year. Philips Electronics LED bulb was entered into the U.S. Department of Energy's L Prize competition and if it takes the prize, the company could be awarded \$10 million in cash and federal contracts.

BEATLES ROCK AGAIN

The Beatles rocked the music industry, re-releasing their famed anthology and launching their first ever video game. Decades after their last album was recorded, all 12 of The Beatles' studio albums were re-released in a new digitally re-mastered format. *The Beatles: Rock Band*, an experiential video game, features 45 of their hits and offers players an option to relive music history by playing through the tracks chronologically.



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EnergyHub™ Dashboard was introduced addressing both the environmental and recession-minded concerns of today. The device wirelessly tracks your appliances and informs you of how much energy you are using. It also tells you how much your usage costs so you can make adjustments, conserve energy and pocket the savings.



Video games got a dose of reality by taking their inspiration from the news. Games like *Hero on the Hudson*, *Swinefighter* and *Trillion Dollar Bailout* allowed users to be a part of the headline-making stories. The two-dimensional games, mostly developed for internet or cell phones, were simple, allowing creators to release them quickly after the actual events took place.

With an undeniable place in video game history, the popular puzzle game *Tetris* turned 25. A series of new features for a new generation were announced, such as *Tetris Acorn Drop*, a concept taken from the movie *Ice Age*.



Before iPods became the "it" way to listen to music on the go, there was the Sony Walkman. Once the leader in music technology, the audio cassette player and radio turned 30 this year. The grandfather of personal music devices allowed users to take their favorite tunes anywhere, ultimately paving the way for the Discman, the MP3 player and the iPod.

My Technology

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE GADGETS OF THE YEAR?

The smartphone continued its rise in popularity as on-the-go technology evolved. From the popular BlackBerry® series to the iPhone, smartphones offered everyone from business professionals and techies to senior citizens and even children hand-held access to the internet and continuous connectivity to the world. Additionally, 2009 was deemed "the year of the app" by many, with available applications surpassing 100,000 (and over 1 billion downloads) that can do just about anything imaginable—from efficient and practical to simple and fun.



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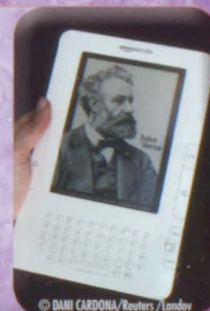
Legendary filmmaker James Cameron reshaped the movie industry by helping develop the advanced camera technology used in his blockbuster hit *Avatar*. Cameron helped pioneer a lightweight, two-lens camera that can shoot dynamic live action footage in 3-D and a head-rig camera that accurately records facial expressions. The result is a stunningly realistic, digitally created movie that captures even the most obscure details on an actor's face. The computer generated characters, like those on *Avatar*'s fictional planet of Pandora, appear more realistic than ever before.



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A DustCart robot, reminiscent of Disney's *WALL-E*, recently took to the streets of Italy. The robot, which will be tested in cities around the world, responds to residents who place their trash and recyclables on the curb and call for pick up. It fills up its belly with unwanted waste, much the same as the traditional dump truck. Though not as efficient as a fleet of trucks, the DustCart monitors air pollutants and is much quieter, running on lithium ion batteries.

The Amazon Kindle wireless e-book reader has been growing in popularity since its introduction nearly three years ago. During the holiday season, the mobile reading device boasted record performance becoming the most gifted item in Amazon's history selling more e-books than physical books for the first time ever. Proving a growing trend, Barnes and Noble, Inc. introduced its own electronic reader, nook™ which took the number two spot on TIME Magazine's Top Gadgets of 2009.



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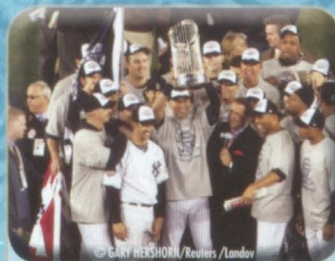
Scoreboard

PURSUIT OF THE CUP

In a precursor to the World Cup next year, Brazil won the FIFA 2009 Confederations Cup held in South Africa. The Brazilians bounced back from a two-goal deficit late in the game to dramatically beat the U.S. It was the third tournament championship for Brazil and the 14th win of 15 games against the U.S.



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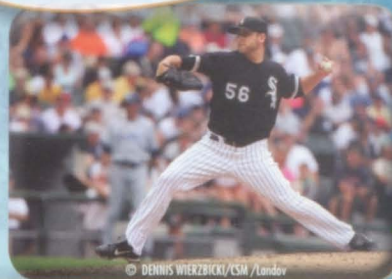
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YANKEES WIN 27TH TITLE

The New York Yankees defeated the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies in game six of the World Series. The win marks the 27th World Series title for the Yankees, the most titles in all of sports, and the first win in their \$1.5 billion new stadium. Hideki Matsui was named series MVP with a record-setting six RBIs in game six, while Andy Pettitte became the pitcher with the most wins in the post-season, claiming his 18th victory.

BUEHRLE PITCHES PERFECT

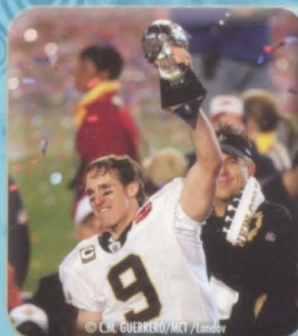
Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle tossed a gem of a game on July 23rd to become only the 18th player in history to pitch a perfect game. The feat came two seasons after he threw a no-hitter, which makes him just the 26th player to throw multiple no-hitters in his career.



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SAINTS GO MARCHING

For the first time in its 43-year franchise history and its first appearance at the big game, the New Orleans Saints won the Super Bowl beating out the Indianapolis Colts. With a stunning defensive performance and unstoppable offensive drive that dominated three quarters, the Saints claimed its 31-17 victory. Later, team quarterback Drew Brees was honored as Most Valuable Player having tied the record for most completions in a Super Bowl, finishing with 32 completions out of 39 passes for 288 yards.



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CHAMPION MOM

Kim Clijsters rejoined the world of tennis in grand fashion. After retiring from the sport in 2007 to start a family, Clijsters returned to win the US Open. By defeating Caroline Wozniacki in the finals, the Belgian tennis pro became the first unseeded woman ever to win the 2009 US Open; and the first mother to win a Grand Slam title since Evonne Goolagong Cawley at Wimbledon in 1980.



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LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

In a suspenseful final game, California clinched the 5th straight Little League World Series title for the U.S. Fans, including Vice President Joe Biden, watched and cheered as the team fought their way back from a three-run deficit to defeat Taiwan 6-3. After the game, the team celebrated its win with class, inviting the Taiwan team to join them in their victory lap.



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VICTOR-JI!

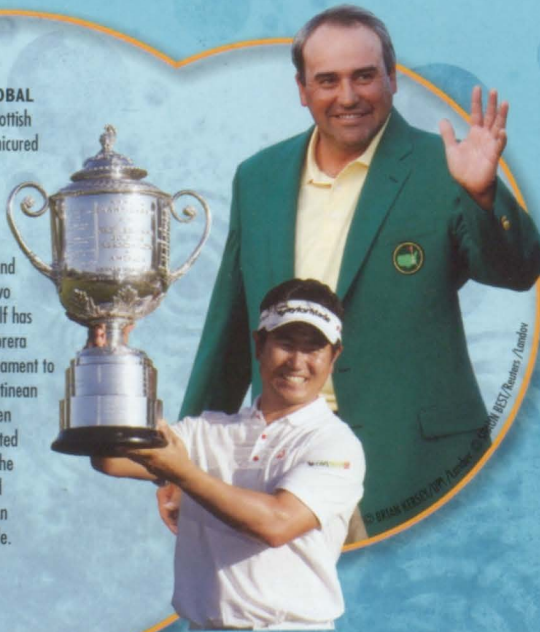
Eun-Hee Ji, from Korea, won the US Women's Open. Going into the final round, Ji trailed American Cristie Kerr by two shots. With a double-bogey on the 10th hole, Ji's chance at victory looked slim. Kerr, however, had a disappointing final round, allowing Ji to come from behind, sinking a final 20-foot putt for the win.



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GOLF GOES GLOBAL

From its birth in the Scottish countryside to the manicured greens of Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, golf traditionally has been played by Europeans and Americans. In 2009, two players proved that golf has gone global. Angel Cabrera won The Masters Tournament to become the first Argentinean to wear the prized green jacket. Y.E. Yang defeated Tiger Woods, winning the PGA Championship and becoming the first Asian man to win a major title.

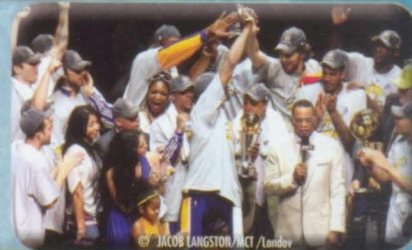


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This was the Laker's 15th championship title.

LAKERS OUT TRICK MAGIC

The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic in game five of the NBA finals. Four-time NBA champion Kobe Bryant was the standout star of the series, leading his team to victory and claiming the title of Most Valuable Player.



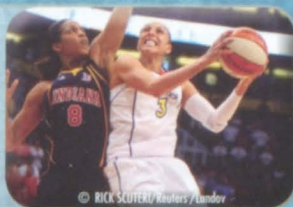
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WELCOME, WPS

This year marked the inaugural season for the Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) league. The league consisted of seven teams scattered across the U.S. with two more teams set to join the league in the future. With a score of 1-0, the Sky Blue FC team from New York and New Jersey defeated the Los Angeles Sol to claim the first ever WPS Championship.

MERCURY RISING

The Phoenix Mercury defeated the Indiana Fever to win the WNBA championship. Fueled by stars Diana Taurasi and Cappie Pondexter, the Mercury prevailed in game five to take the title. Taurasi was honored with the series MVP award.



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WINTER X GAMES

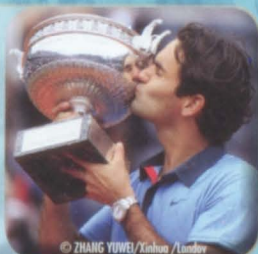
Snowboarding star Shaun White proved his resilience and talent at the annual Winter X Games in Aspen, Colorado. After taking a spill face-first on the halfpipe while practicing his newest and most dangerous stunt, White returned to take first in the Snowboard SuperPipe competition for the third straight year. White wasn't the only repeat winner—Ophelie David took home her fourth consecutive Women's Skier X title.



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FANTASTIC FEDERER

Roger Federer cemented his place in tennis history by breaking the record for most major title wins. By winning the French Open, the Swiss tennis star tied Pete Sampras' historic record of 14 titles, while also completing his career Grand Slam. Federer went on to win Wimbledon for the sixth time, giving him his 15th major title. Sampras praised Federer by saying he was the greatest player ever.



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PENGUINS WIN STANLEY CUP

The Pittsburgh Penguins triumphed over defending champions, the Detroit Red Wings, in a nail-biting game seven of the Stanley Cup. Thanks to Penguin team member Max Talbot's two goals in the second period, the Penguins became the first team since 1971 to win game seven on the opposing team's home ice.



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My Sports

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR?

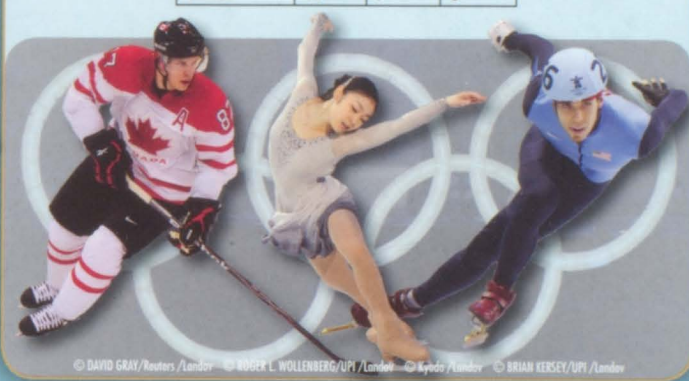
2010 WINTER OLYMPIC HIGHLIGHTS

Many historic and memorable moments were witnessed over the 17 days of the 2010 Winter Olympics, held in Vancouver, Canada.

- In a highly-anticipated showdown between the U.S. and Canadian hockey teams, the home team claimed the gold medal in overtime, becoming the first host nation in 30 years to win a men's gold medal in hockey.
- Reigning women's figure skating world champion, Kim Yu-Na of South Korea delivered stunning performances that brought her gold and put her 23 points ahead of silver medalist Mao Asada of Japan. Taking the bronze was Canada's Joannie Rochette whose mother unexpectedly passed away just two days before the competition began.
- U.S. speed-skating star Apolo Ohno became the most decorated winter Olympian of all time with a career total of eight medals, winning three in Vancouver—two silver and one bronze.

Medal Count

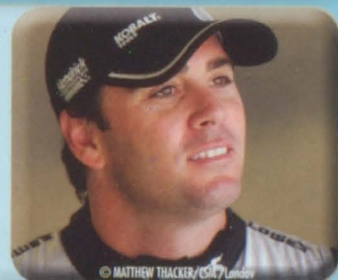
	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	9	15	13
Germany	10	13	7
Canada	14	7	5



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NASCAR CHAMP

Jimmie Johnson became the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive Sprint Cup series titles, breaking the tie he previously held with Carl Yarborough. By finishing fifth in the final race of the season, Johnson earned enough points to secure the title. With 6,652 points on the year, Johnson beat out his next closest opponent by 141 points.



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BOLT STRIKES AGAIN

Deemed the "fastest man alive" during the 2008 Olympics, Jamaica's Usain Bolt continued to amaze at the World Championships. Not only did Bolt break his own world record in the 100-meter in a stunning 9.58 seconds, he went on to set a new record of 19.19 seconds for the 200-meter.

HORSE PLAY

In front of a crowd of over 150,000 onlookers, Mine That Bird won the Kentucky Derby. The 50-1 long shot defied the odds to take the title, returning \$103.20 on a \$2 bet. Mine That Bird appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* the following week.



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Chart Toppers

Swift is the youngest winner of the Entertainer of the Year award.



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TWILIGHT SHINES BRIGHT

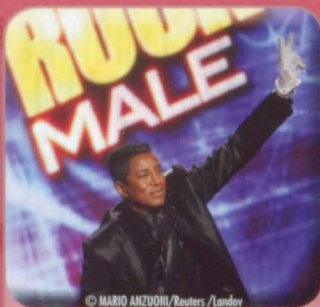
Now in its 10th year, the Teen Choice Awards recognized achievements in movies, television, music and more. Among the winners of the coveted surfboard trophies was *Twilight*, winning 11 out of 12 nominations, including Choice Movie Drama. The movie's stars, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart also picked up top acting awards. In television, Chase Crawford and Leighton Meester won Choice Acting praise for their roles in the Choice TV Drama *Gossip Girl*. Jason Mraz and Taylor Swift both received Choice Music Artist awards.



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MICHAEL MAKES HISTORY

The American Music Awards were a night filled with emotion and history making. Adding four awards to his resume (accepted by brother Jermaine, pictured above), Michael Jackson became the most awarded artist in AMA history. Jackson won Favorite Male Artist in both the Pop-Rock and Soul-R&B genres, while his *Number Ones* album took home the top spot in both categories as well. Taylor Swift was also a big winner, taking home five awards in total, including the top honor, Artist of the Year.



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OSCAR'S BIG NIGHT

Hollywood's biggest night belonged to a lesser-known movie titled *The Hurt Locker* which picked up six awards in all, including top nods for Best Director, Kathryn Bigelow and Best Picture. Bigelow was also the first woman to win the Best Directing award. In the acting categories, Sandra Bullock was honored as Best Actress for her role in *The Blind Side* and Jeff Bridges was named Best Actor for his part in *Crazy Heart*.



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MTV MOVIE AWARDS

Teens ruled the big screen this year at the MTV Movie Awards. Kristen Stewart won Best Female Performance for her role in *Twilight*, while Zac Efron won Best Male Performance for his musical performance in *High School Musical 3*. The hit vampire love story *Twilight* won top honors as Best Movie.



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SWIFT STEALS THE SHOW

The night belonged to Taylor Swift, 19, as she won all four Country Music Awards for which she was nominated. The singer won Album of the Year for *Fearless*, Video of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year, beating out favorite Carrie Underwood. In her most impressive victory, Swift took home the trophy for Entertainer of the Year, making her the first female to win since 1999. Other winners included Darius Rucker for New Artist of the Year and Lady Antebellum for Vocal Group of the Year.



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EMMY AWARDS

Despite repeat winners, the 61st Emmy Awards still had some surprises. *30 Rock* took home the statue for Outstanding Comedy Series for the third straight year, while *Mad Men* repeated as winner of Outstanding Drama Series. *The Amazing Race* won for Best Reality Competition for the seventh consecutive year. Unexpected winners included Kristen Chenoweth for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for the cancelled *Pushing Daisies* and Jon Cryer won Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for *Two and a Half Men*.



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MOONMAN MADNESS

The stars turned out for the Video Music Awards and the night was full of memorable moments. Janet Jackson paid tribute to her brother Michael with a moving performance to open the show. Later, in a controversial move, Kanye West stormed the stage, interrupting Taylor Swift's acceptance speech for Best Female Video. Despite the distractions, Moonmen were still awarded. Beyoncé took home the prize for Video of the Year, Lady Gaga was named Best New Artist, and Green Day won Best Rock Video.



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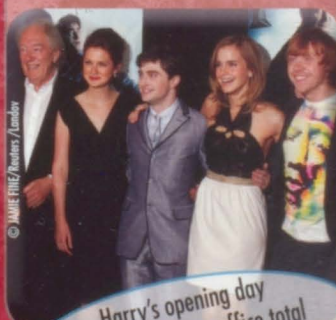
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BEYONCÉ'S GRAMMY RECORD

There's no doubt the night belonged to Beyoncé, who was nominated in 10 categories and won a female artist record of six trophies including Song Of The Year, Best Female Pop Vocal Performance, Best Female R&B Vocal Performance, Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance, Best R&B Song, and Best Contemporary R&B Album. Taylor Swift was a close second with four wins including Best Female Country Vocal Performance, Best Country Song, Best Country Album and Album of the Year for *Fearless*. Among the nights most memorable moments was the appearance of Michael Jackson's kids, who accepted the Lifetime Achievement award on their father's behalf.

HARRY'S MIDNIGHT MILLIONS

After two years, fans eagerly awaited the sixth installment in the Harry Potter series, which proved even more magical than the rest. The midnight showings of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* raked in \$22.2 million at the box office, beating the previous record of \$18.5 million held by *The Dark Knight*.



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Harry's opening day international box-office total reached \$104 million.

The Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards kicked off with its traditional hijinks when host Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson zip-lined over the audience in a stunning entrance. The evening's top honors went to *High School Musical 3* for Favorite Movie and its star Vanessa Hudgens won Favorite Movie Actress. Miley Cyrus won for Favorite Female Singer and *Twilight* was named Favorite Book.



Nickelback, nominated five times, took home three Junos for Group of the Year, Album of the Year, and the Fan Choice Award. Hip-hop artist Kardinal Offishall earned Best Rap Recording, while Alanis Morissette won Best Pop Album. This year marked the 38th anniversary of the Canadian-based awards.

In celebration of a new decade, *Entertainment Weekly* published their list of top entertainers of the 2000s. Rounding out the top five were actor Johnny Depp noted for his work in *Pirates of the Caribbean*; 10-time Grammy winner Beyoncé; *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling; *American Idol* judge and entertainment mogul Simon Cowell and Emmy award-winning writer/actress Tina Fey.



The top stars of 2009 were out at the annual Black Entertainment Television Awards. Winners included Beyoncé for Best Female R&B Artist and Best Music Video for *Single Ladies*; Ne-yo won for Best Male R&B Artist; and MTV reality stars, Day 26 took home Best Group. Other wins included Best Actor, Will Smith; Best Actress, Taraji Henson; Best Male Athlete, LeBron James and Best Female Athlete, Serena Williams.

My Awards

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE AWARD SHOW MOMENTS OF THE YEAR?

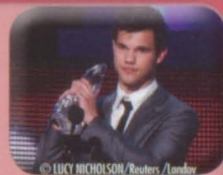
SONGS

1. *Boom Boom Pow* - Black Eyed Peas
 2. *Poker Face* - Lady Gaga
 3. *Just Dance* - Lady Gaga Featuring Colby O'Donisi
 4. *I Gotta Feeling* - Black Eyed Peas
 5. *Love Story* - Taylor Swift
- (According to Billboard Hot 100)

1. *Avatar* – \$445,768,203
2. *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* – \$402,111,870
3. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* – \$301,959,197
4. *Up* – \$293,004,164
5. *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* – \$291,149,228
(According to Box Office Mojo)



Fan favorites in film, television and music were awarded at the 36th annual People's Choice Awards. *Twilight* continued its triumphant award streak, picking up four awards including Favorite Movie, Favorite Franchise, Favorite On-Screen Team (awarded to Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart), as well as Favorite Breakout Movie Actor for Taylor Lautner. Johnny Depp was also honored with the Favorite Movie Actor for the Decade award for his film achievements over the past 10 years. Favorite TV Comedy Actor/Actress awards went to Steve Carell for *The Office* and Alyson Hannigan for *How I Met Your Mother*. Favorite Male/Female Artist went to Keith Urban and Taylor Swift respectively.



Held during National Hispanic Heritage Month in September, the ALMA Awards handed out accolades to Latinos in the entertainment industry. Winners included Selena Gomez for Comedy Actress and David Archuleta for New Artist. Eva Longoria Parker and George Lopez hosted this year's festivities.



The 67th annual Golden Globe awards' top honors for Best Motion Picture — Drama went to the blockbuster hit *Avatar* while director James Cameron also won for Best Director. Top movie acting nod went to Sandra Bullock for her role in *The Blind Side* and Jeff Bridges for *Crazy Heart*. In the television categories it was *Mad Men* that took home the trophy for Best Television Series — Drama while *Glee* was presented with Best Television Series — Comedy or Musical.



The 10th Annual Latin Grammy Awards belonged to Calle 3. The hip-hop/alternative-reggae duo walked away with all five trophies they were nominated for including Record of the Year and Album of the Year, Best Urban Music Album, Best Alternative Song, and Best Short Form Music Video. Alternative rock also won big with Café Tacvba, Jaques and Caetano Veloso receiving two awards each.



Say What?!

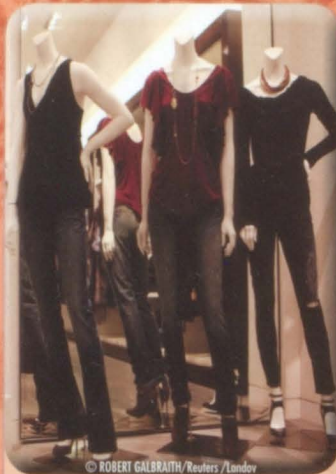
The odds of winning the lottery twice are nearly 1 in 50 trillion.

CUPCAKE FOR THE CURE

The world's largest cupcake record was crushed eight times over by a mammoth 1,224-pound triple vanilla cupcake containing an estimated 2 million calories. The pastry took over 12 hours to bake and included 800 eggs and 200 pounds each of sugar and flour. The cupcake was served to raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer organization.



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SKINNY SCARE

Despite being a popular fashion trend for years, skinny jeans could be causing nerve damage. Doctors reported seeing an increase of young women complaining of tingling or numbness in the upper legs, supposedly caused by the trendy pants. Diagnosed as a form of nerve damage, meralgia paresthetica is usually not permanent and the effects can be reversed by trading in the tight fitting jeans for a looser alternative.

DAILY DOUBLE

Sean Sanders, an unemployed mortgage worker played the odds and won ... twice!

After winning \$1,400 in the California Lottery, he checked his Mega Millions lottery ticket and realized he'd won an additional \$141,519. Sanders reported that he plans to pay off his bills and invest what remains.



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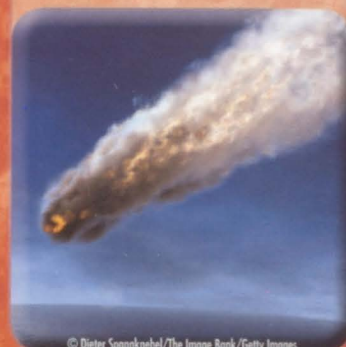
WHATEVER!

In a survey conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, "whatever" was found to be the most annoying word in America. With 47% of the vote, the popular word of disinterest beat out other phrases like "you know," "it is what it is," and "at the end of the day." "Whatever" gained popularity in the 1990s after its use as valley-girl slang in movies like *Clueless*.



BOY HIT BY METEORITE

A 14 year old from Germany lived to tell his story after being struck by a meteorite traveling 30,000 mph. Explained as a massive fireball, the meteorite struck the boy's hand before hitting the ground. Though not seriously injured, the impact sent the child flying and left a three-inch scar on the boy's hand and a foot-long crater in the ground.



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TERRIFYING TOILET TALES

Japanese author Koji Suzuki, famous for horror stories like the one that inspired Hollywood movie, *The Ring*, created a story to be printed on rolls of toilet paper. The nine-chapter story is set in a public restroom and can be read in just a few minutes. At approximately three feet long, each roll contains several copies, each can be read in one sitting.



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SNUGGIE CHIC

Perhaps not the most anticipated show of New York's exclusive Fashion Week but probably the most unique was for the Snuggie™. Shown to only 20 people in a hotel room, the popular blanket with arms unveiled its new collection in basic colors, as well as bold new animal prints and a Snuggie for dogs.

FASTEST TEXTER

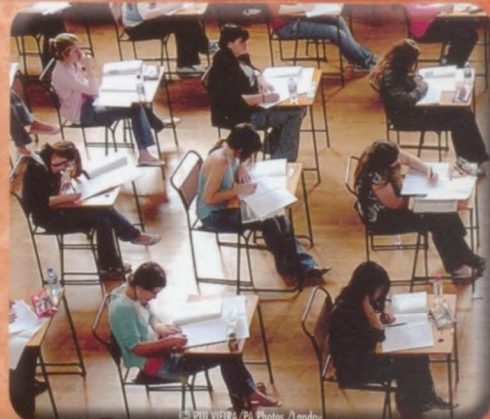
Kate Moore, 15, amazed onlookers as she won the title of National Texting Champion, beating out more than 250,000 participants to win the grand prize of \$50,000. Moore, who averages 14,000 texts a month, completed the winning phrase "Zippity Doo Dah Zippity Ayy ... My oh MY, what a wonderful day! Plenty of sunshine Comin' my way ... ZippityDooDahZippityAyy! Wonderful feeling, Wonderful day!" with no errors in less than 60 seconds.



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ACHIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE

Willa Chen, 17, accomplished what all college-bound teens consider impossible — acing the PSAT, SAT, and ACT college admissions tests. According to Chen, who is a senior, she did not study much for the tests but enjoys learning and plans to attend Princeton University after high school.



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CAT EARNS DIPLOMA

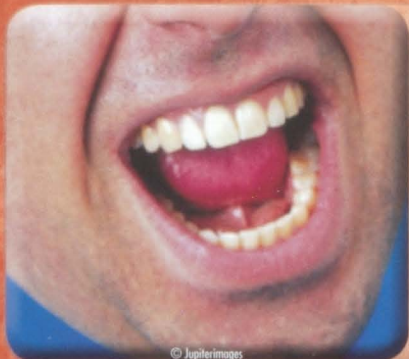
Oreo has always been a smart cat but did she really earn a diploma? Better Business Bureau Georgia president and CEO, Kelvin Collins, enrolled his cat Oreo into Jefferson High School Online as part of an investigation into online diploma mills. After a test and \$200 fee, Oreo was the proud recipient of her high school diploma, though Collins admits he may have helped her answer the questions.



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COVER YOUR EARS!

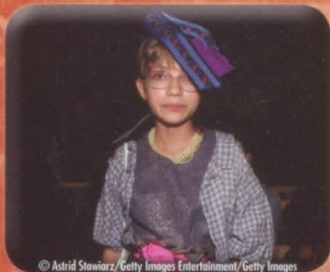
Competition reached a fever pitch at Thailand's Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum where contestants from around the world competed for the title of loudest scream. The winner, Russian Sergey Savelyev rang in at 116.8 decibels, just falling short of the Guinness World Record. Though he says he was "only getting warmed up," his winning shriek was roughly as loud as an ambulance siren.



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LITTLE FASHIONISTA

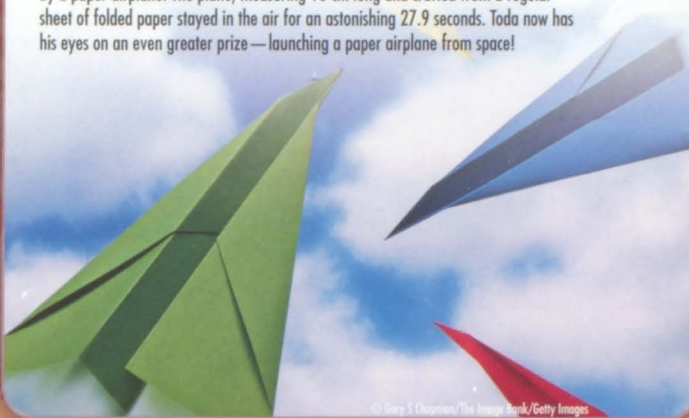
While most 13 year olds are consumed by algebra, Tavi Gevinson had a different focus—high fashion. The teenager from the suburbs of Chicago shot to fame when her blog, Style Rookie, was discovered by two big name designers. Soon she was seated in the exclusive front row at several New York Fashion Week shows, impressing the industry with her poise and sharp eye.



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IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE

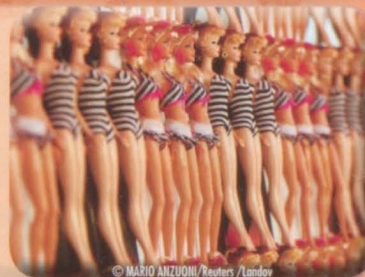
Japanese engineer Takuo Toda captured the Guinness World Record for longest flight by a paper airplane. The plane, measuring 10 cm long and crafted from a regular sheet of folded paper stayed in the air for an astonishing 27.9 seconds. Toda now has his eyes on an even greater prize—launching a paper airplane from space!



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LOOKING GOOD!

No ordinary doll, Barbie has held over 108 jobs including three runs at the presidency. This year the iconic children's toy celebrated her 50th birthday ... and looks better than ever! Since her introduction in 1959, over one billion Barbie dolls have been sold worldwide with no signs of stopping—100 million dolls were sold in the past year alone.



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Americans eat an estimated 20 billion hot dogs each year. That's nearly 70 hot dogs per person!

HOT DOG ACE

After eating an astonishing 68 hot dogs in 10 minutes, Joey Chestnut retained his title in the annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest, held at Coney Island in New York. Chestnut edged out long-time rival Takeru Kobayashi by three and a half franks to take the title for the third straight year.

YES CAPTAIN!

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by a consumer claiming to have been deceived by the cereal, Cap 'N Crunch. After learning that Crunchberries were not real fruit and indeed sugar, the consumer sued, seeking damages for false nutritional messaging.



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LOST AND FOUND

Sixty-three years after losing his wallet at a high school basketball game, Bill Fulton received a surprising knock on the door. Remarkably, his wallet, which still included his social security card, was returned after being recovered during the gym's renovation. Having sent his children through the same school, it's likely Bill came within feet of the missing wallet several times since its 1946 disappearance.



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My Whatever

WHAT WERE SOME OF YOUR OTHER FAVORITE STORIES OF THE YEAR?

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Real Or Fake?

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! DETERMINE IF THESE STORIES ARE REAL OR FAKE.

		REAL	FAKE
1	 <p>The average U.S. teenager sends and receives an estimated 500 text messages a month.</p>		
2	 <p>Ashton Kutcher became the first person on Twitter to have one million followers.</p>		
3	 <p>In the wake of Paula Abdul's departure from <i>American Idol</i>, Miley Cyrus took over judging duties on the popular singing competition.</p>		

Our Class

FILL IN THE BLANK WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES.

- Best smile _____
- Best laugh _____
- Most unique _____
- Most athletic _____
- Most spirited _____
- Class clown _____
- Class flirt _____
- Class gossip _____
- Fastest texter _____
- Clumsiest _____
- Most dramatic _____
- Most likely to become President _____
- Most likely to get out of trouble by smiling _____
- Most likely to stay up late doing homework _____
- Most likely to capture everything on camera _____

Photo Scramble

DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE FAMOUS FACES BELONG TO? THE ANSWERS ARE INSIDE ZOOM!

Hint: This young star hit the Broadway stage at age 8 and now stars in a popular new musical-comedy TV series that won Best Television Series – Comedy or Musical at this year's Golden Globe Awards.



WHO IS SHE?

Hint: This young country singer/songwriter swept the music award shows this year including the Video Music Awards, Country Music Awards and the American Music Awards.



WHO IS SHE?

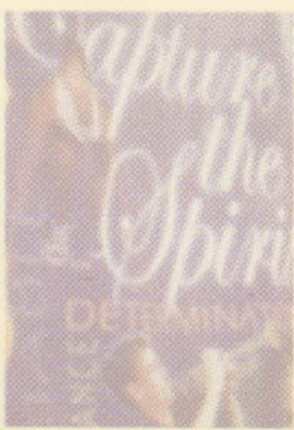
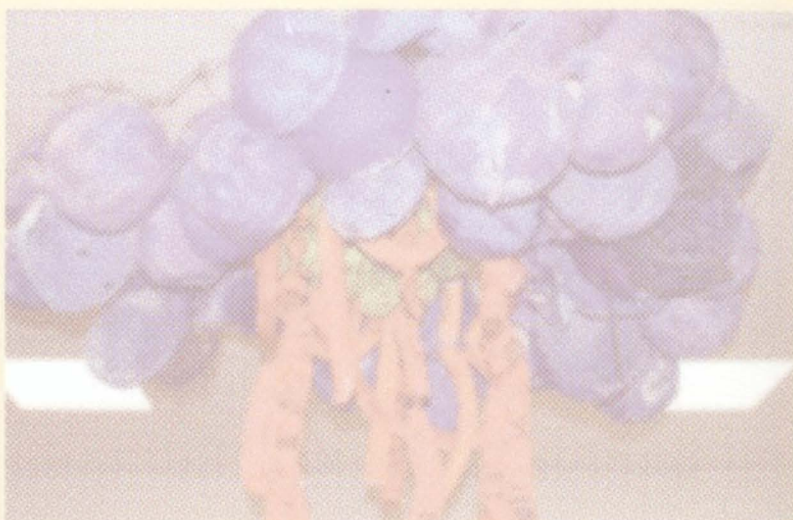
Hint: These stars of the night were honored at the Teen Choice Awards for sinking their teeth into their roles in the popular book-turned-movie *Twilight*.



WHO ARE THEY?

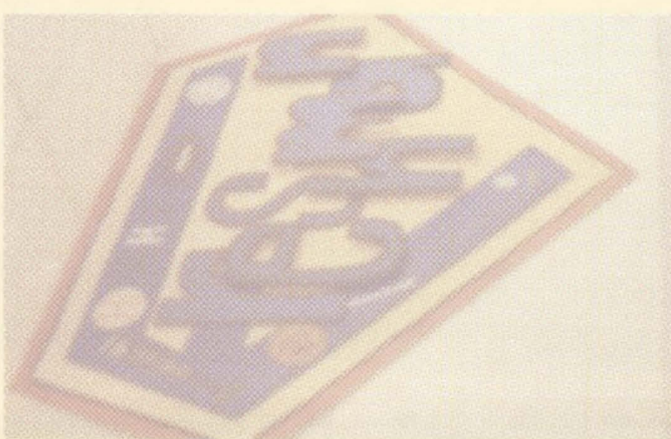
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ANSWERS: Real or Fake? 1) Fake, it's really Z. 2) Real. 3) Fake, it's Ellen DeGeneres! Photo Scramble: 1) Lea Michele 2) Taylor Swift 3) Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson





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Students



BEAVERS



Kayla Kurtti



Heidi LaRose



Chante Larson



Mallory Lee



Stephanie LeLand



Derrick LeWallen



Gage LeWallen



Justin Ludtke



Dakota Montgomery



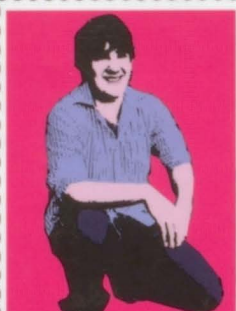
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Amanda Pettis



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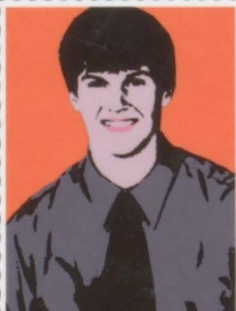
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