



# *The Knight*

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*Climax, MN 56523*

*2002-2003*



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Hello everyone!

This year was so fun. It went by so fast; from the first day of school until the last, think about how much you learned.....



Ali

Remember what you were like on the first day of school? It's amazing how much knowledge you can gain in 8 months. This year, we've added a couple of new pages, so I hope you enjoy them!  $\frac{2}{3}$  of your editing team, Ali



Abbey

Hey Friends! Another year has gone by and one more group of seniors said goodbye. It feels like just yesterday we were all boarding that big yellow school bus with wide eyes and open imaginations. This year has shown us the strengths and weaknesses of Climax Shelly School. We've had our share of good times, such as Homecoming, Stack Football, prom, and Graduation. And of course those bad times, also known as the roof fiasco and our prom disaster. But school is school and we learn to deal w/ the struggles that may slow down our path to success.

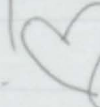


Mrs  
Chandler

Thanks for a great year and the memories that we shared!  $\frac{1}{3}$  of your editing team, Abbey

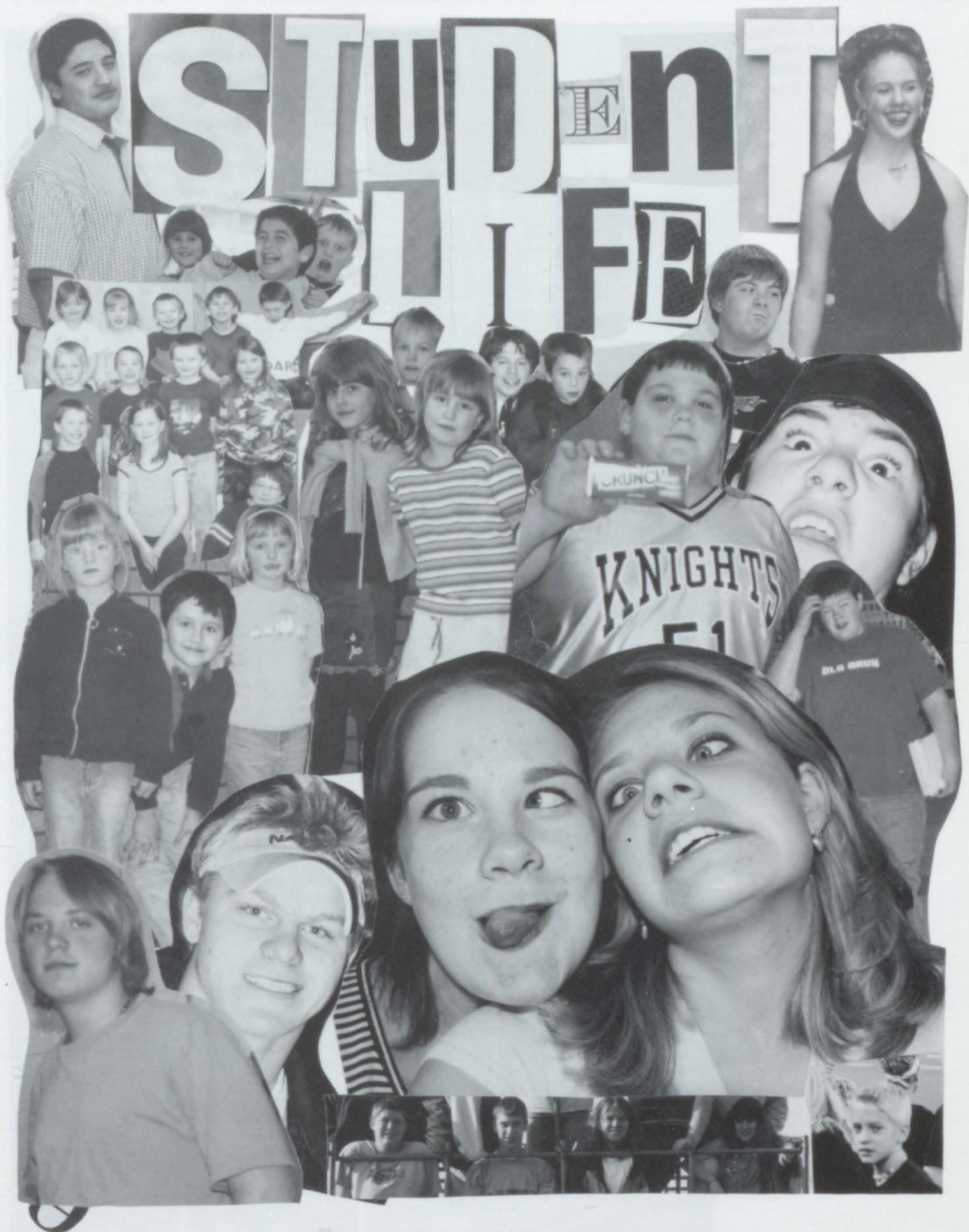


Kara

Ditto to that!  Kara, the other editor



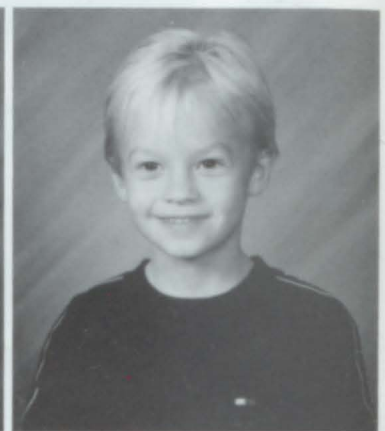
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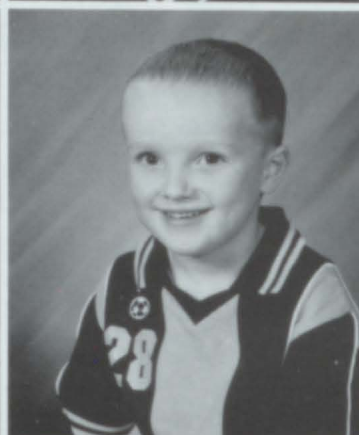


# KURIOUS KINDERGARTEN

Jennifer Atilano  
Jacob Baatz  
Mavryck Blake



Elexys Blake  
Austin Dufner  
Hailey Eidenschink



Heather Grove  
Cesar Munoz  
Miah Schipper



Sunshine Spaeth

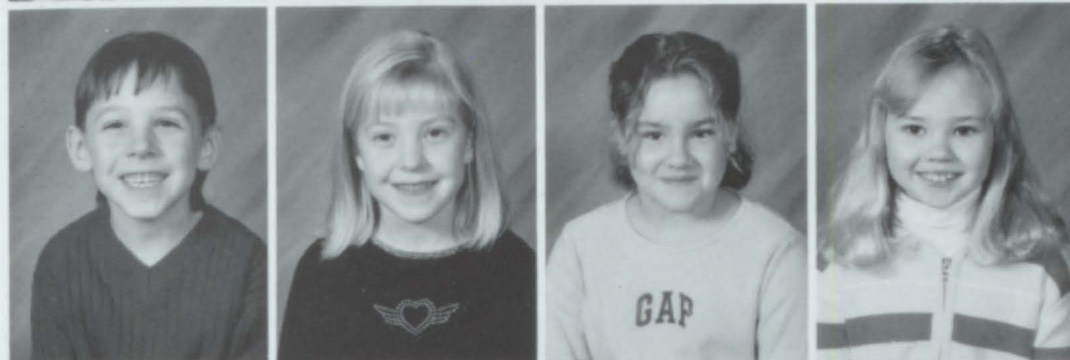




# FEROCIOUS FIRST GRADERS/SILLY SECOND GRADERS



Edna Cardenas  
Josey Hofer  
Curtis Keller  
Kenneth Martine



Caleb Maygra  
Bailey Solheim  
McKayla Baxley  
Kyli Bowling



Patrick Cakebread  
Claire Carlson  
Cherith Grove  
Taylor Grove



Janelle Hofer  
Stephanie Ness  
Richie Rarick  
Grant Spokley



Elijah Swenson  
David Voudren



# THRILLING THIRD GRADERS/FUNNY FOURTH GRADERS

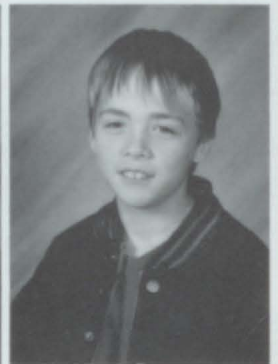
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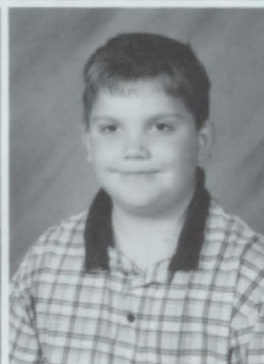
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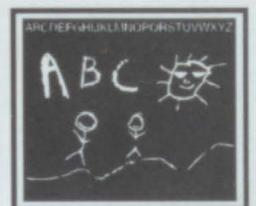
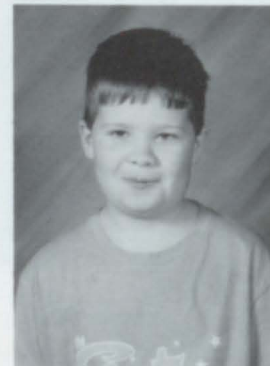
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Ashley Elwood  
Nicolette House  
Justin James



Miranda Martine  
Ridge Stortroen  
Lief Swenson  
Connor Thoreson



Zachary Tweten  
Elisabeth Vigness  
Rubi Zenteno





# FANTASTIC FIFTH GRADERS



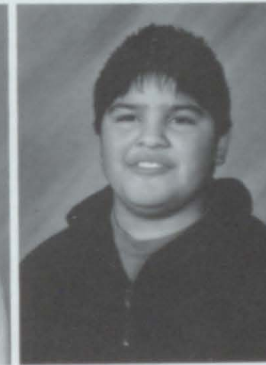
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Evan Carlson  
Shane Chapman  
Deauna Cost



Ethan Grove  
Rachel Grove  
Cole Keller  
Kevin Kimble



Riley Rarick  
Brianna Razmyslowski  
Alex Sanchez  
Justine Spokely



George Swenson  
Brittany Tronnes  
Alex Vargas  
Emily Voudren





# SPUNKY SIXTH GRADERS

Matthew Chandler  
Danica Cost  
Tiffany DeBay



Aaron Elwood  
Marshall James  
Ariel Jetty



Jillian Spokely  
Jessica Voeller  
Bethany Vraa





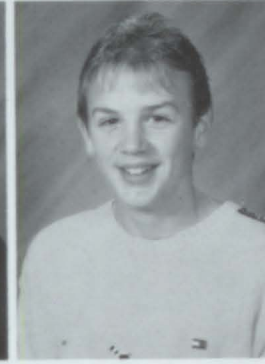
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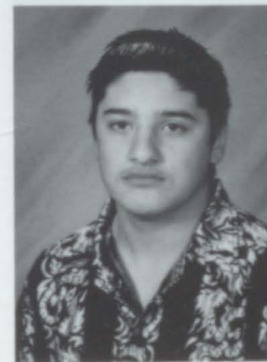
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Samantha Brekke  
Travis Grove  
Sarah Iverson



Kari Kimble  
Audra Larson  
Latisha Lenius  
Matthew Meier



Dylan Nesvig  
Amanda Pallum  
Elizabeth Thoreson  
Tyler Tinkler



Daniel Vargas  
Jacob Vigness  
Jessica Williams



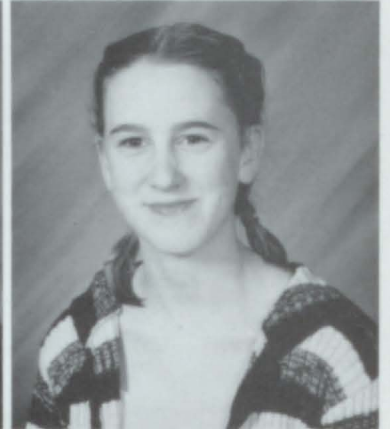


# EXUBERANT EIGHTH GRADERS

Luis Cardenas  
Shantel Chapman  
Cheyenne Contreras



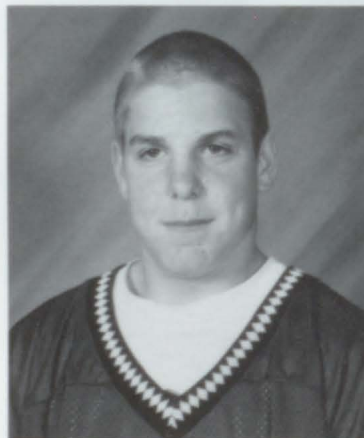
David Engelbert  
Kayla Evenson  
Sarah Evitts



Samantha Keeney  
Natalie Palomares  
Monica Sanchez



Joshua Stortroen  
Kendall Voudren



Not Pictured

Nikki Gavton  
Carlos Vela  
Andrew Voeller

CLASS OF  
**2007**



# FANTASTIC FRESHMEN



Donny Abentroth  
Joseph Atilano  
David Baskerville  
Claudia Cardenas  
Seth Grove

Alysia Larson  
Jessica Lee  
Emily Moen  
Kara Nesvig  
Andrew Rarick

Scott Razmyslowski  
Carlos Sanchez  
Kevin Slyt  
Brad Thoreson  
Sam Vogt





# SASSY SOPHOMORES

Jeffrey Bjorge  
Shayla Chapman  
Daniel Cost  
Gilbert Engelbert



Shanel Finke  
Brandy Grove  
Brittany House  
Casey Hrabik



Kayla Jetty  
April Jundt  
Leah Stortroen  
Ali Tweten

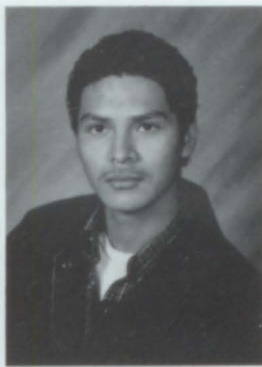


Roseann Vigness

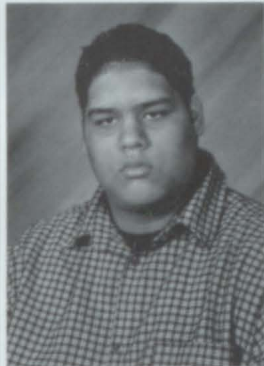
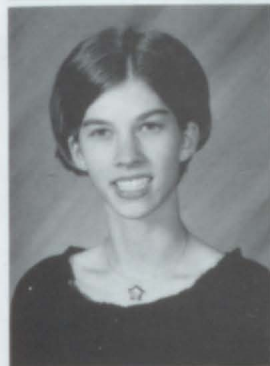




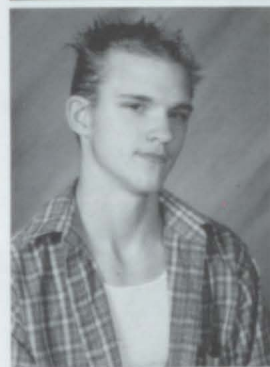
# JOLLY JUNIORS



Vanessa Abentroth  
Jennifer Baskerville  
Heather Braaten  
Armando Cardenas



Amy Evenson  
Bethany Grove  
David Lopez  
Aaron Moen



Brad Moen  
Abbey Neil  
Sarah Neil  
Jessica Nelson



Seain Nichols  
ShyAnn Ramsrud  
Brenda Slyt  
Christopher Stout



Gloria Vargas  
Raymundo Zenteno



# SUPERB STAFF

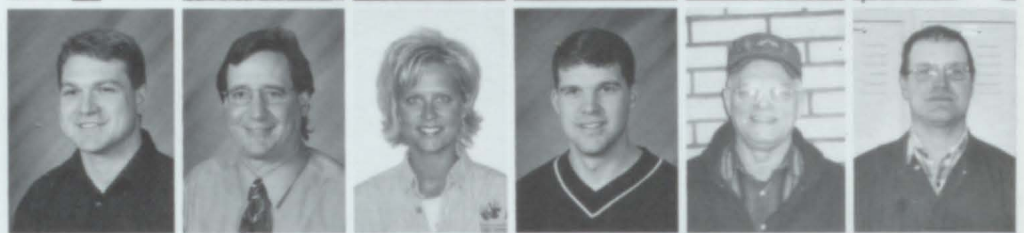
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Kristi Bruer  
Kristine Chandler



Richard Dahlin  
Debbie Dale  
Julie Egeland  
Diane Elwood  
Michelle Enger  
Keith Evenson



Brent Farder  
Devery Feickert  
Cayle Fossum  
Mark Fritz  
Reuben Gorden  
Donald Hanson



Jamie Kresl  
Brandon Lunak  
Betty Meyer  
Shirley Moger  
Louann Neil  
Kate Nesvig



Nancy Newcomb  
Dave Nichols  
Lana Palm  
Jeff Peura  
Jason Reiersen  
Tricia Roningen



Kerry Scharr  
MaryLynn Skavlem  
Tracy Solheim  
Kristeen Spaeth  
Dean Strand  
Jason Svalen



Kathie Taus  
Karen Thoreson  
Sherri Thune  
Tami Tronnes  
Loren Wegge



Not Pictured

June Domier  
Linda Hanson  
Lois Heden  
Kevin Jundt  
Barb Tronnes



# Administration

Mrs. Newcomb

Our administration somewhat reminds me of what some adults say children should be – seen and not heard. You may wonder why I say this. Yes, I have seen Mr. Peura, Mrs. Moger, and Mrs. Newcomb wandering the halls and conversing with the student body. But, you will rarely hear them talk about their jobs. So, for this piece, I interviewed the three people who make up our administration and asked them five questions.

The first question I asked was the following: What is your job title and what does it mean? Mrs. Moger is our superintendent, who oversees all aspects of education. Mr. Peura is the principal for grades 7-12, and he is also the athletic director, district test coordinator, and financial aid advisor. He is responsible for basically everything concerning grades 7-12. Mrs. Newcomb is the elementary coordinator, Title I director, and technology coordinator. She is responsible for grades 1-6 and the sophisticated network of computers we have.

Next, I asked how does a typical day go for each of them. All three of them invariably suggested that they did not have a typical day. Even though they all have duties to be performed, they have little clue as to what will happen that day.

I also asked how their jobs have an impact on events within our school? The high school principal schedules all our activities, lyceums, and programs. Transportation is also run through his office, and he controls facility use through the master calendar. The elementary coordinator okays or presents elementary events. Everything they do is okayed by the superintendent.

Another question I asked was which aspect of their jobs is most interesting? I once again got similar answers, but all three concurred that they enjoyed interacting with the students. Mrs. Moger said she loves young people; Mr. Peura said students are so varied, diverse, and full of life; and Mrs. Newcomb likes seeing growth in children.

The last question I asked was whether they enjoyed their jobs here. The answers I got were quite obvious. All three of them affirmed, but each had their own reason. Our athletic director said every day is an adventure, and the superintendent added the Climax school district is the best she's ever worked in, and the technology coordinator stated this is a great community, staff, and school with which to work.

Our administration has quite an effect on the events within our school, and without their expertise, who knows how disorganized events would be around here? Also, they care about the students and are very competent at what they do. Last, as I found while interviewing them, they are also patient. Thanks to them for answering the questions candidly.

Mr. Peura

Mrs. Moger





# ROCKIN' HOMECOMING



The 2002 Homecoming royalty showing off some fabulous smiles before the big night at the Climax Community Club.



The girls show some excitement as our new queen is crowned.



Our king and queen sharing the traditional sloppy smooch.



Our royalty and attendants freezing at the football game.



Two teachers taking us back to the 70's at the talent show.





A few smiley girls after a long, tiring field day.



Students showing off their formal wear for homecoming week.



Sarah and Laney cuddle up and grin for pajama day.



Joel snuggles with some of his furry friends on pajama day.



Betsy, Laura, and Audra looking excited in their PJ's.



# ROCKY HOME COMING





# SPORTS







# Varsity Knights Football 2002



**Varsity Football First Row (L to R):** Joseph Atilano, Andy Rarick, John Vervalen, Bradley Thoreson, Joel Skalet, Sabino Hernandez, Casey Moulds, Ryan Korynta, and Jordan Peura. **Second Row (L to R):** Josh Krostue, Carlos Sanchez, Nathan Blaskowski, Luke Moulds, Patrick VanEps, Matt Quirk, Casey Hrabik, Jared Altepeter, Brandon Meine, Nick Prudhomme, Chris Stout, and Kevin Slyt. **Third Row (L to R):** Coach Darrin Byklum, Coach Matt Kroulik, Tony Moulds, Nick Beiswenger, Nick Bartels, Seth Grove, Fred Wentzel, Jordan Boushee, Levi Fuglseth, Sean Nichols, Grant Anderson, Coach Mark Fritz, and Coach Dan Senn. **Fourth Row (L to R):** Brandon Blaskowski, Ross Korynta, Justin Morken, Mike Vervalen, Jeremy VanEps, Brok Merrill, Preston Engel, and Jared Hollands.

DATE	TEAM	WE	THEY
AUG. 29	Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart)	38	24
SEPT. 6	Ulen-Hitterdal (Ulen)	24	26
SEPT. 13	Red Lake ( Fisher)	22	12
SEPT. 21	Win-E-Mac (Alerus Center)	50	16
OCT. 4	NCW (Halsted)	58	22
OCT. 11	NCE (Homecoming@Climax)	60	6
OCT. 15	Ada-Borup ( Parents Night@Climax)	54	12
	Playoffs		
OCT. 19	NCE (Climax)	66	0
OCT. 26	Ada-Borup(Climax)	58	22
OCT. 1.	Ulen-Hitterdal (Alerus Center)	42	20
NOV. 8	Tower-Sudan (Climax)	55	14
NOV. 15	Verndale (Minneapolis @ Metrodome)	24	30







## Junior High Knights Football 2002



**Junior High Football First Row (L to R):** Josh Boucher, Adam Blaskowski, Zack Bruer, Ryan Rutherford, Nate Lee, Joey Bartels, and Jacob Vigness. **Second Row (L to R):** Lance Tinkham, Paul Wagner, Shane Barrett, Josh Stortroen, Travis Grove, Alex Engel, and Andrew Beiswenger. **Third Row (L to R):** Orlando Gonzalez, Coach Dean Strand, Alex Snobl, Brandon Altepeter, Matt Meier, Carson Pester, Will Knox, Tyler Tinkler, Coach Terry Baesler, and Ross VanEps.







# ~~~Volleyball~~~



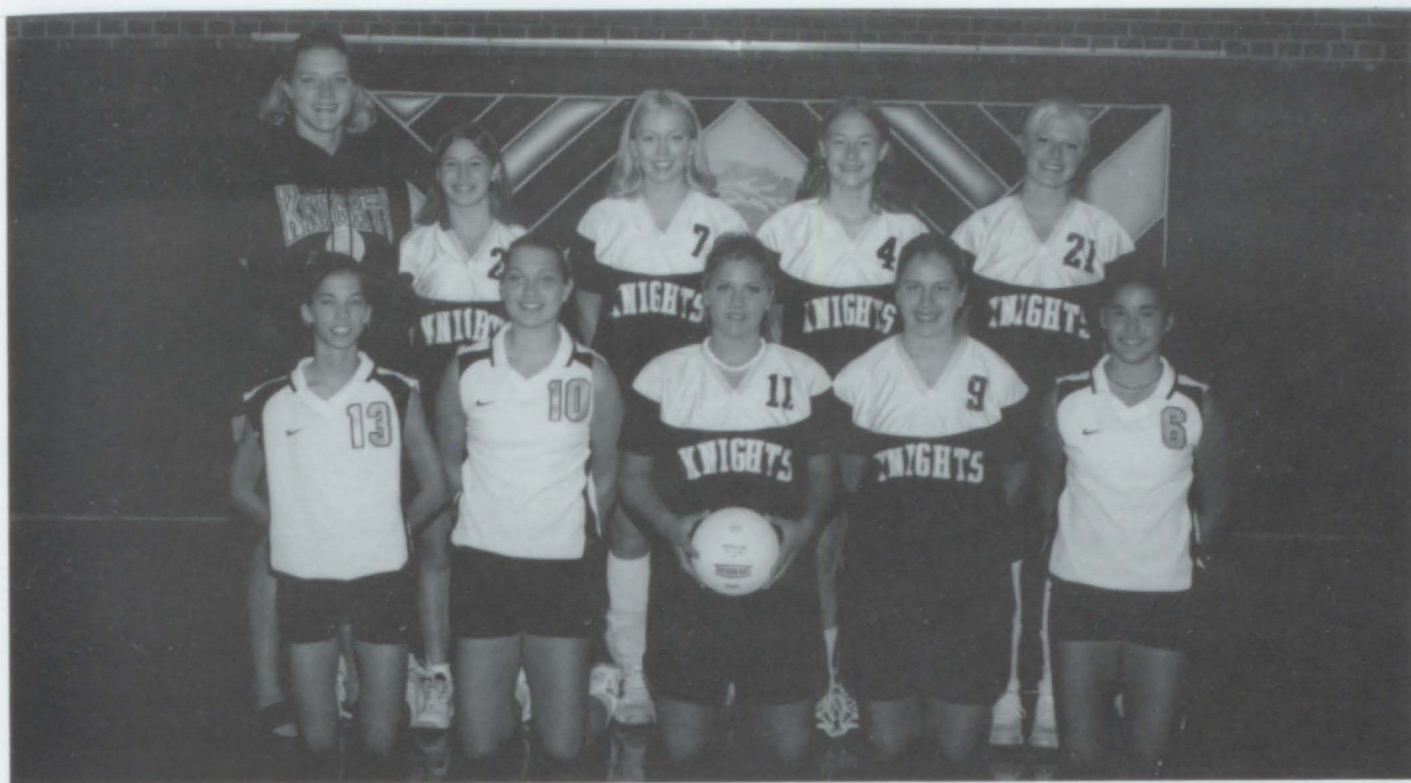
**Varsity Volleyball** Front Row (L to R): Sara A., Jill S., Gina K., Brenda S., Britta B., Kirby N., Nichole P. Back Row (L to R): Coach Michelle E., Kelli R., Amy E., Anna T., Coach Cheryl W., Jenny G., Laney F., Sarah S., Coach Julie L.



DATE	TEAM	SITE	KNIGHTS	OPPONENT
Aug 23	Jamboree	TRF		
Aug 30, 31	W-E-M Tourney	Erskine	3rd	
Sept 3	Sacred Heart	Fisher	3	0
Sept 5	Fertile-Beltrami	Fisher	3	0
Sept 7	Ada-Borup Tourney	Ada-Borup	1st	
Sept 9	Red Lake Falls	Red Lake Falls	3	1
Sept 12	Crookston	Crookston	3	0
Sept 16	Stephen-Argyle	Stephen	3	2
Sept 19	NCW	Halstad	3	1
Sept 23	RLCC	Plummer	2	3
Sept 24	Kittson Central	Fisher	3	0
Sept 26	MCC	New Folden	3	0
Sept 30	W-A-O	Fisher	3	1
Oct 3	Ada-Borup	Climax	3	0
Oct 5	RLCC Tourney	TBA	1st	
Oct 8	NCE	Twin Valley	3	0
Oct 10	W-E-M	Climax	3	0
Oct 14	East Grand Forks	Fisher	3	1







**Junior Varsity Front Row (L to R):** Amy E., Gina K., Roseann V., Jennifer B., Jill S. **Back Row (L to R):** Coach Michelle E., Brandy G., Holly L., Vanessa A., Alecia F.



**"C" Squad Front Row (L to R):** Ashley P., Emily M., Megan K. **Middle Row (L to R):** Amanda B., Meredith W., Leah S., Katelyn K. **Back Row (L to R):** Coach Michelle E., Alysia L., Coach Julie L.





8<sup>th</sup> grade Front Row (L to R): Samantha K., Kayla E., Kacie M., Rachel B., Alyssa S., Krystal P., Emily M., Coach Amy K. Back Row (L to R): Kelsey H., Nicole K., Colleen P., Kacie F., Bethany W., Alyssa M., Alicia E.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Front Row (L to R): Betsy T., Audra L., Mallory A., Laura K., Kristine B., Shelby A., Coach Mya L. Back Row (L to R): Nicole B., Brittany M., Kayleigh B., Dayhea W., Lexie P., Latisha L.



## Boys/Girls Elementary Basketball



**Elementary Boys Basketball** (L to R) Riley Rarick, Shane Chapman, Aaron Elwood, Leif Swenson, Evan Carlson, Marshall James, Matt Chandler, Joshua Baatz, George Swenson, Connor Thoreson, Cole Keller. Not Pictured: Coach John Carlson.



**Elementary Girls Basketball** First Row (L to R): Jacey Atilano, Justine Spokely, Rachel Grove, Ruby Zenteno. Second Row (L to R): Emily Voudren, Deauna Cost, Danica Cost, Coach Jamie Tronnes, Jillian Spokely, Brittany Tronnes, Ariel Jetty.





# 2002 Football Cheerleaders



Besides cheering for a spectacular season, the football cheerleaders did the touchdown dance, supported the players, planned three pep-fests on a day's notice each, ate lots of candy, laughed a lot, and enjoyed every minute of it.

## Go Knights!

The best cheerleaders in the world: Shayla, Laney, Nicole, Ali, Kara, and Kristen.



Ali does "The Cruncher." This death-defying stunt was named for the reaction we get from the audience, which is generally looks of disbelief. We're so talented!



A few cheerleader-style "inside jokes."  
If you don't get them, don't feel bad.  
**"It smells like. . .burning."**  
**"Yeah! Whoo! Love ya! Go!"**  
**"What's up now?"**  
**"We're the best cheerleaders in the WORLD!"**  
**"Ali! Kara! Laney! Shayla! Nicole! Pat."**





# Basketball Cheerleaders



With Ms. Roningen as advisor, the cheerleaders went a little crazy!

Who knows how many bags of Cheetos we ate and how many Madonna songs we sang?



The 2002-2003 Basketball Cheerleaders. Alysia, Shayla, Kara, Ali, and Annie Gill.



**Junior High Cheerleaders:**  
Sarah E., Kendall W.,  
Kayla E., Sarah I., Sammy K.,  
Latisha L.



# THE LADY KNIGHTS!!!



Varsity Basketball (L to R): Coach Jason R., Andrea L., Amy E., Nickie P., Nicole B., Gina K., Jen B., Brenda S., Rose V., Britta B., Jill S., Anna T., Kelli R., Coach Michelle E.

Junior Varsity Basketball (L to R): Coach Michelle E., Ashley P., Anna T., Amanda B., Gina K., Jen B., Meredith W., Rose V., Jill S., Kateyln K., Emily M., Nalin L.



8th Grade Basketball (L to R): Jessie G., Kayse M., Colleen P., Krystal P., Kelsey H., Rachel B., Alicia E., Nicole K., Kacey F., Alyssa M., Bethany W., Shantel C., Monica S.

7th Grade Basketball (L to R): Coach Sarah N., Kari K., Laura A., Shelby A., Malory A., Laura K., Kayleigh B., Amanda P., Brittany M., Daunea W., Betsy T., Jessica W.





# LADY KNIGHTS!!!



Roseann uses her strength to get herself 2 points.



Our Lady Knights are working extra hard to succeed.

## Our Lady Knights of 2002-2003

Knights	70	NCE	34
Knights	40	Ada-Borup	39
Knights	74	Scared Heart	73
Knights	68	WAO	63
Knights	34	KCC	62
Knights	75	Stephen Argyle	40
Knights	68	W-E-M	56
Knights	56	RLCC	64
Knights	76	NCW	55
Knights	48	Fertile-Beltrami	37
Knights	62	EGF	51
Knights	63	Crookston	69
Knights	62	Fosston	75
Knights	49	Stephen Argyle	32
Knights	65	Sacred Heart	59
Knights	53	Central Valley	34
Knights	69	NCW	53
Knights	57	RLCC	67
Knights	53	RLF	63
Knights	45	Scared Heart	54
Knights	61	EGF	53
Knights	57	WAO	54
Knights	53	NCW	48
Knights	41	Fosston	73

The scoreboard of 2003.



Brenda looks to see which of her teammates are open.



Kelli shoots the ball to get everyone ready to rebound.



# MEN AT WORK



Varsity (L-R): Jared H., Casey H., Jared A., Ross K., Justin M., Jeremy V., Nick B., Fred W., Nick B., Mike V., Brandon B., Preston E., Matt R., Nick P., Coach Ivan H.

Junior Varsity (L-R): Coach Jeremy A., Joey A., Donny A., John V., Sam M., Josh K., Kevin S., Shawn C., Nate B., Carlos S., Sabino H., Casey M., Andy R., Ryan K., Coach Mark F.



8th Grade (L-R): Zach B., Ross V., Brandon A., Andrew B., Josh S., Shane B., Carson P., Alex S., Ryan R. Not pictured: Coach Ben H.

7th Grade 1st Row (L-R): Nate L., Jake V., Joe B., Will K., Adam B., Dylan N., Josh B. 2nd Row: Coach Brent F., Tyler T., Derek S., Matt M., Alex E., Paul W., Lance T., Dan V.







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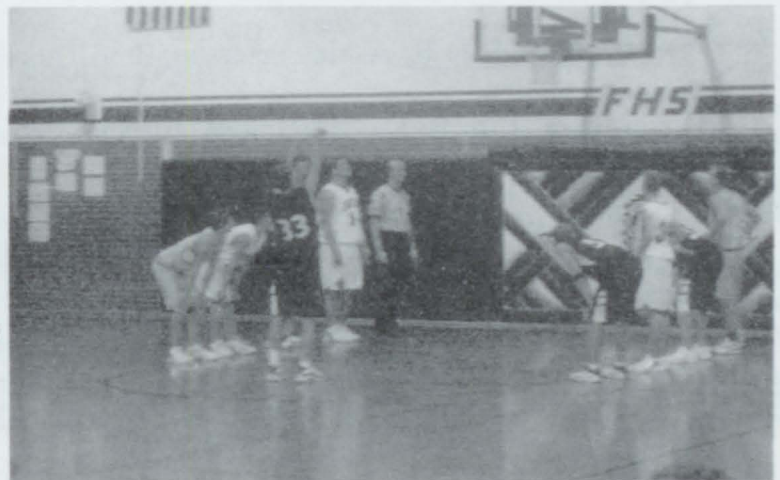
## Boys knight



## Basketball



DATE	TEAM	SITE	KNIGHTS	OPPONENTS
Dec 3	Grygla/Gatzke	Northland	53	66
Dec 6	Fertile/Beltrami	Northland	44	65
Dec 10	NCW	Climax	54	42
Dec 13	Ada-Borup	Ada	59	63
Dec 17	RLCC	Fisher	73	38
Dec 19	Win-E-Mac	Erskine	61	51
Jan 3	Fertile/Beltrami	Fertile	52	41
Jan 7	Sacred Heart	Fisher	75	44
Jan 10	Crookston	Fisher	46	71
Jan 21	NCW	Halsted	53	43
Jan 24	East Grand Forks	EGF	54	65
Jan 25	Central Valley	Central Valley	61	35
Jan 28	Stephen-Argyle	Stephen	46	56
Jan 30	NCE	Twin Valley	50	61
Feb 1	Shoot Out	GF	61	49
Feb 4	Fosston	Fosston		
Feb 7	Goodridge	Fisher	77	47
Feb 8	Hillsboro	Climax	61	56
Feb 11	Stephen-Argyle	Climax		
Feb 13	Stephen-Argyle	Fisher	56	60
Feb 14	Fosston	Fisher		
Feb 18	NCE	Climax	57	43
Feb 21	Red Lake Falls	Fisher	46	65
Feb 24	Sacred heart	Sacred Heart	84	37
March 8	Fertile-Beltrami	UMC	46	44
March 13	Stephen-Argyle	UMC	41	50





# 2003 Knights Track & Field



## Knights 2003 Varsity Track Team.

**Back Row, L to R:** Patrick Van Eps, Casey Hrabik, Jared Hollands, Justin Morken, Sean Nichols.

**Center Row, L to R:** Ashley Peterson, Brad Thoreson, Nick Bartels, Carlos Sanchez, Sarah Stortroen.

**Front Row, L to R:** Kayla Reiersen, Jill Snobl, Katelyn Kasowski, Gina Kasowski, Nikki Peterson, Jen Grove.



Not pictured is the Junior Varsity Track team. Our apologies to those involved. You all did a great job!



# Golf



**Golf (Left to Right):** Seain Nichols, Jordan Peura, Seth Grove, Donny Abentroth, Coach Jason Reiersen, Joel Skalet, Jeff Bjorge, Dylan Nesvig and Jackie Hedde.



The golf team had another successful season, but this one was bittersweet; it was Mr. Reiersen's last year of coaching. Even if they didn't win every meet, the team had lots of fun. (And that's what it's all about, right?)





# ORGANIZATIONS





## School Board/Peer Mentors



Front Row (L-R) Julie Cakebread, Harlow Grove, and Becky Gronberg,  
Back Row (L-R) Shirley Moger, Todd Evenson, Bryan Stortroen, Jon Carlson, and Ervin Vigness.



1<sup>st</sup> row (L-R) Kelsey P., Sarah S., Jenny G., Brenda S., Ali T., 2<sup>nd</sup> row (L-R) Abbey N., Brittany H., Jenny B., Vanessa A., Amy E., Sarah N., 3<sup>rd</sup> row (L-R) Kristi B., Casey H., Joel S., Chris S.,



# BALLISTIC BAND MEMBERS



**High School Band** First Row (L to R): Vanessa A, Jenny B, Dawn T, Jenny G, Ali T, Rose V, Kayla E, Samantha K, and Jessica L. Second Row (L to R) LaTisha L, Sarah N, Alysia L, Brandy G, Brenda S, Emily M, Amy E, Leah S, Monica S, Sarah E, and Laura A. Third Row (L to R): Dylan N, Betsy T, Brad T, Kelsey P, Kara N, Sarah S, Tyler T, and Jacob Vs. Fourth Row (L to R): Sean N, Casey H, Joel S, Jordan P, April J, and David B. Fifth Row (L to R): Travis G, Andy R, Audra L, Joey A, and Mr. Richard Dahlin.



**Elementary Band**  
**First Row (L to R):**  
 Rachel Grove,  
 Jessica Voller,  
 Emily Williams,  
 Brittany Tronnes, and  
 Jillian Spokley.  
**Second Row (L to R):**  
 Mr. Richard Dahlin,  
 Shane Chapman,  
 Matt Chandler,  
 Evan Carlson, and  
 Marshall James.  
**Third Row (L to R):**  
 Danica Cost,  
 George Swenson,  
 Riley Rarick,  
 Elizabeth Cakebread, and  
 Ariel Jetty.

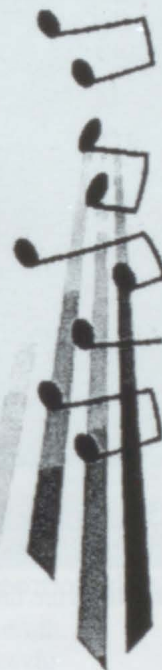




# Our Admired Choir



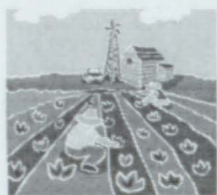
**Choir First Row (L to R):** Brad Thoreson, Jacob Vigness, Tyler Tinkler, Dylan Nesvig, Sarah Evitts, Jessica Nelson, Jackie Hedde, Shantel Chapman, Betsy Thoreson, LaTisha Lenius, and Ali Tweten. **Second Row (L to R):** Kevin Slyt, Andy Rarick, Donny Abentroth, Kendall Williams, Jenny Baskerville, Sarah Stortroen, Sarah Neil, Heather Braaten, Kari Kimble, Laney Forness, Brenda Slyt, Monica Sanchez, and Jessica Williams. **Third Row (L to R):** David Engelbert, Joseph Atilano, April Jundt, Vanessa Abentroth, Jenny Grove, Abbey Neil, Audra Larson, Amy Evenson, Samantha Keeney, Sarah Iverson, and Amanda Pallum. **Fourth Row (L to R):** David Lopez, Aaron Moen, Travis Grove, Carlos Sanchez, Bethany Grove, Emily Moen, Alysia Larson, Kara Nesvig, Laura Atilano, Kayla Evenson, Leah Stortroen, and Richard Dahlin.



The choir is filling the music room with their harmonious sounds.



# FFA



**FFA Row 4 (L-R):** D. Nichols, A. Rarick, B. Moen, S. Vogt, K. Slyt, D. Cost, S. Nichols, S. Razmysloski. **Row 3 (L-R):** R. Zenteno, A. Moen, J. Lee, C. Cardenas, K. Jetty, C. Sanchez, R. Vigness, A. Jundt, L. Stortroen. **Row 2 (L-R):** J. Atilano, A. Tweten, E. Moen, A. Larson, D. Abentroth, K. Nesvig, S. Grove, B. Thoreson, D. Baskerville. **Row 1 (L-R):** C. Stout, B. House, C. Hrabik, S. Nichols, B. Grove, J. Skalet, J. Grove, S. Stortroen, L. Forness, B. Slyt



FFA represents the Future Farmers of America, an organization started for both agricultural and educational benefits. This year, the Crops, Ag. Mechanics, Talent, and Floriculture teams won the region competitions and made it to state.



**FFA OFFICERS:** Joel Skalet-President, Jenny Grove-Vice President, Casey Hrabik-Secretary, Brandy Grove-Treasurer, Sarah Stortroen-Reporter, Chris Stout-Sentinel, Aaron Moen-Officer at Large





**Knowledge Bowl** First Row (L to R): Sarah Neil, Sarah Stortroen, Laney Forness, Jenny Grove, Brenda Slyt, Joel Skalet, and Brandy Grove. Second Row (L to R): Jackie Hedde, Kelsey Paulsrud, Jennifer Baskerville, Vanessa Abentroth, Roseann Vigness, Ali Tweten, and Donny Abentroth. Third Row (L to R): Abbey Neil, Bethany Grove, Brad Thoreson, Casey Hrabik, Brittany House, and Advisor Ms. Roning.



**Honor Society** First Row (L to R): Vanessa Abentroth, Kelsey Paulsrud, Jenny Grove, and Jenny Baskerville. Second Row (L to R): Joel Skalet and Principal Jeff Peura.



**Student Council** First Row (L to R): Brenda Slyt and Sarah Stortroen. Second Row (L to R): Dawn Thune and Donny Abentroth. Third Row (L to R): Shantel Chapman and Dylan Nesvig.

***Knowledge is power!***





## Letter Winners



**Letter Winners First Row (L to R):** Brad Thoreson. **Second Row (L to R):** Shayla Chapman, Sarah Stortroen, Amy Evenson, Casey Hrabik, Aaron Moen, Joey Atilano, Donny Abentroth, and Emily Moen. **Third Row: (L to R):** Jackie Hedde, Dawn Thune, Abbey Neil, Jenny Baskerville, Jessica Nelson, Vanessa Abentroth, Laney Forness, Andy Rarick, Kara Nesvig, Ali Tweten, and April Jundt. **Fourth Row: (L to R):** Jenny Grove, Jordan Peura, Rose Vigness, Sean Nichols, Adair Burthwick, Seth Grove, Brenda Slyt, Bethany Grove, Joel Skalet, Leah Stortroen, and David Baskerville

## River Watch



**River Watch First Row (L to R):** Ali Tweten, Andy Rarick, Donny Abentroth, and Brandy Grove. **Second Row (L to R):** Bradley Thoreson, Casey Hrabik, Joel Skalet, and Mr. Dean Strand.



# YEARBOOK



Brenda and Abbey show off their cutting and pasting skills.



April ... working hard?? ALWAYS!!



Heather takes yearbook very seriously.

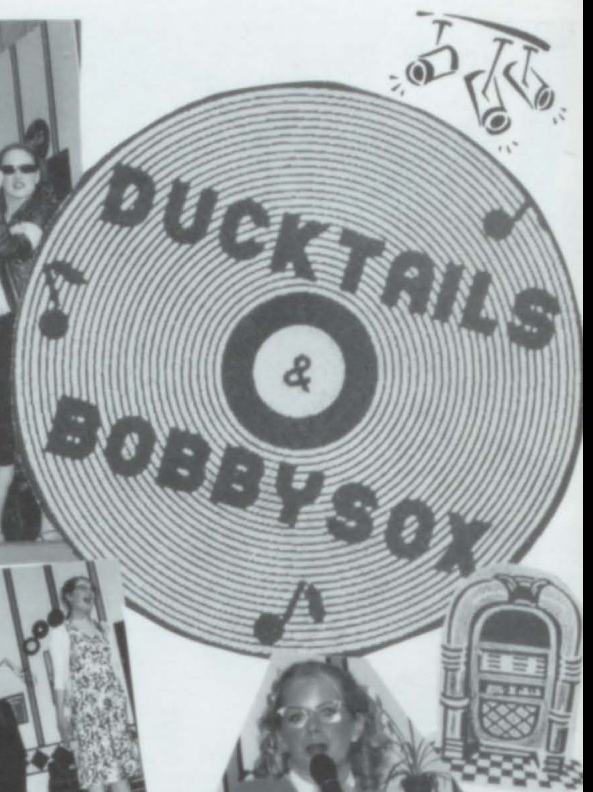


Kara, Ali, and Abbey (Editors)



Yearbook First Row (L to R): Jackie Hedde, Amy Evenson, Adair Burthwick, Brenda Slyt, Laney Forness, Aaron Moen, Jessica Nelson, Heather Braaten. Second Row (L to R): Sarah Neil, Dawn Thune, Leah Stortroen, April Jundt, Kayla Jetty. Third Row (standing/ladder): Ali Tweten, Kara Nesvig, Brandy Grove, Abbey Neil, Mrs. Kristine Chandler.





In Victor, Ohio, things are happening. It's 1958, and star quarterback Alex Fenton, when he's not being stalked by cheerleaders, is ready to win. However, the Yellow Jacket crowd, led by Wheels, has other plans for him. The school nerds are busy falling in love, a rock star's searching for a girl named Laura Carter, alumni are back, the waitress is preparing hundreds of hamburgers that taste like glue while keeping an eye on things, Elvis and Buddy make a visit, and all of this centers around Martha's Maltshop.







The Ducktails and Bobbysox cast prepares for their finale performance of "Homecoming Rock."



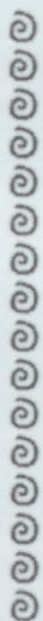
Mr. And Mrs. Hawkins show off their jitterbug.



The famous three: Elvis, Buddy, and Curtis Jackson (Superstar)



Bertha and Wilber plan their upcoming astronomical field trip.



Tillie beams after hearing the outcome of the Grant High Homecoming football game. It's a V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!



# KIDS INCORPORATED



Volunteers Shantel, Brittany, and Nikki.



Lois Heden and Amanda Hraban are fun adult supervisors.



Mr. Svalen, the picture of seriousness. (Yeah, right.)



Everyone loves animals, and Kids Inc. kids are no exception!



Kids Inc. is a fun, educational program we offer here at Climax-Shelly School. Besides getting help with their homework, children who participate take field trips, play games, watch movies, and get one-on-one time with their high school role models. This year, they learned football, basketball, and cheerleading skills. Under the supervision of Mr. Jason Svalen, Kids Inc. seems to be one big party! Rachel, Justine, Leif, and Elexys take time out of their busy schedule to pose for a picture before diving into the swimming pool, one of the many field trips taken this year.



# Remember...

- when the prom set fell down?
- when the football boys went to state?
- when we found *treasure* in the locker room shower?
- when Laney came to school **on time**?
- when Kelsey was crowned Homecoming Queen?
- the trip home from the waterpark?
- Richard! (FFA trip)
- when Mr. Dahlin hit the parked car on the way to ensembles?
- all that crazy cheerleader fun in the van?
- when Abbey, Sarah, Alysia, and Kelsey met Kenny Chesney?
- Mary Lynn's brightly colored outfits? (With matching nail polish!)
- when Shayla wasn't obsessed with Michael Jackson? (Neither do we!)
- when all the boys grew their hair out?
- John Justad, the theater man?
- some of those boring lyceums?
- when we attacked Mr. Reiersen with water balloons?
- José? (Nope, we don't really either!)
- when Alysia used up ALL the glitter?
- the straighteners/wavers?
- Jackie's driving?
- our yodeling janitor, Loren?
- 7 days!
- when Shayla and Rose actually did work in Spanish? (Ask Ms. Roningen!)
- Mrs. Roningen and all her habits?
- staring at the construction workers?
- Mr. Boedecker?
- Leah's scrapbooks?
- when Jenny, Sarah, and Laney wore Brittany's clothes and Brittany dressed in American Eagle?





# Student vs. Staff Basketball Game



The bleachers were packed as the staff "All-Stars" took on the student "Ghostbusters" in the game of the season!

Planned as an event to raise money for the Kids Inc. program, the game is always entertaining and *always* controversial.

Though the staff took the coveted Gold Coin, the students remain optimistic.



Shayla dazzled us with her Michael Jackson moves. She can moonwalk!





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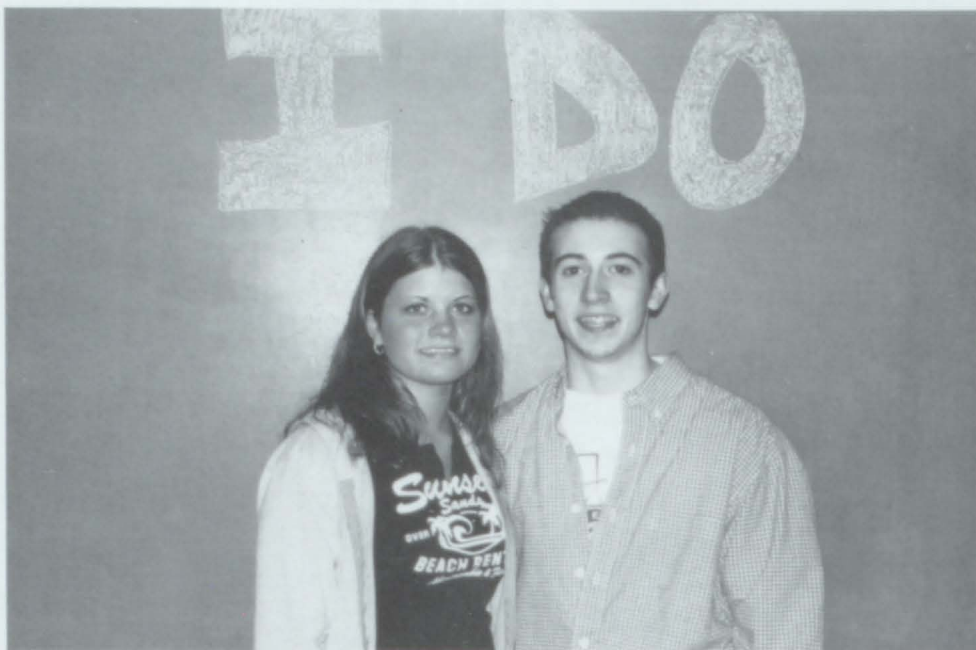
# AUTOGRAPHS



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# SENIOR HALL OF FAME



Dawn Peura (Thune) and Jordan Peura: Most likely to marry, right after high school, all the while living as close as possible.



Jenny Grove: The ecstatic blonde senior takes over Best Eyes in this contest.



Involved in band and chorus, Sarah Stortroen takes the lead with Most Musical!



Laney Forness (4th from left) takes a moment to pose with a few of her friends (Abs, Dawn, Monica, Sar, and Carlos) as she is Easiest to Get Along With.



There is no need to explain why Joel Skalet walked away with Most Lov-able.

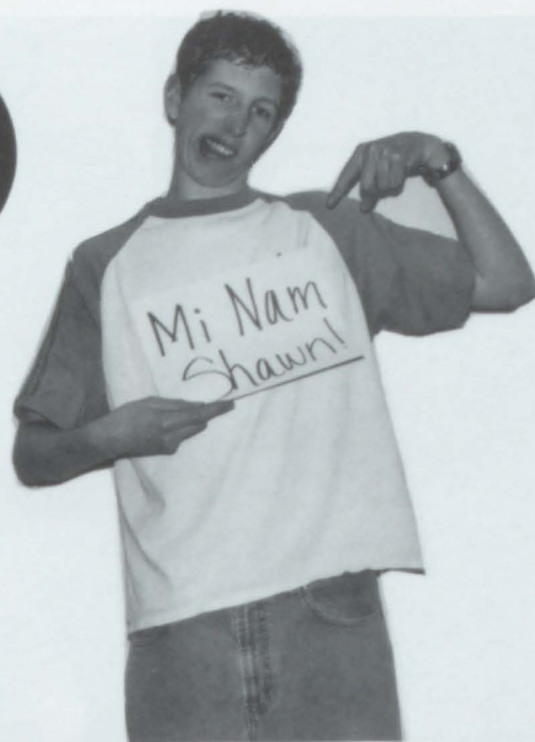


You never catch her sleeping, but Adair Burthwick always has her Nic-est PJs on!





Kelsey Paulsrud: Weirdest Tongue



Sean Nichols: Worst Speller

Jackie Hedde: Craziest Hair



Most Athletic: Joel Skalet and Sarah Stortroen

Best Car: Laney Forness (rez runner)

Loudest: Sarah Stortroen and Laney Forness

Best Smiles: Sarah Stortroen, Joel Skalet, and Dawn Thune

Can talk their way out of anything: Jordan Peura, Adair Burthwick, and Laney Forness

Laziest: Jordan Peura, Dawn Thune, and Adair Burthwick

Class Flirts: Kelsey Paulsrud and Joel Skalet

Craziest Driver: Jackie Hedde

Class Clown: Jordan Peura and Joel Skalet

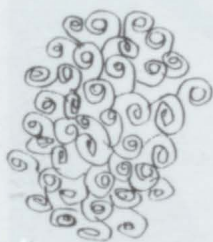
Teachers Pet: Jackie Hedde and Kelsey Paulsrud

Most Outgoing: Laney Forness, Joel Skalet, and Jordan Peura

Best Hair: Sarah Stortroen

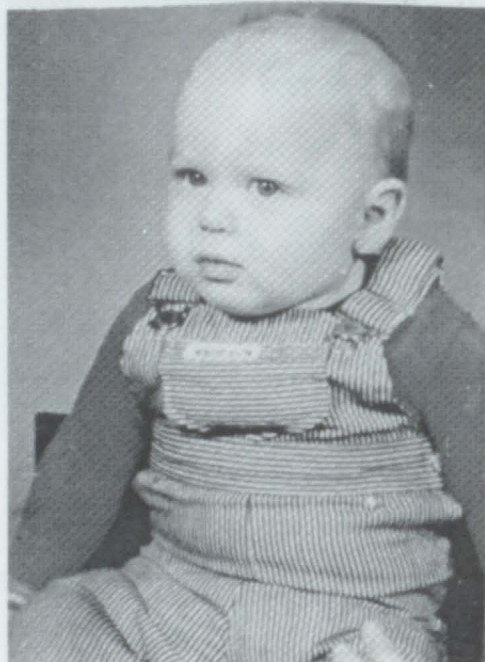
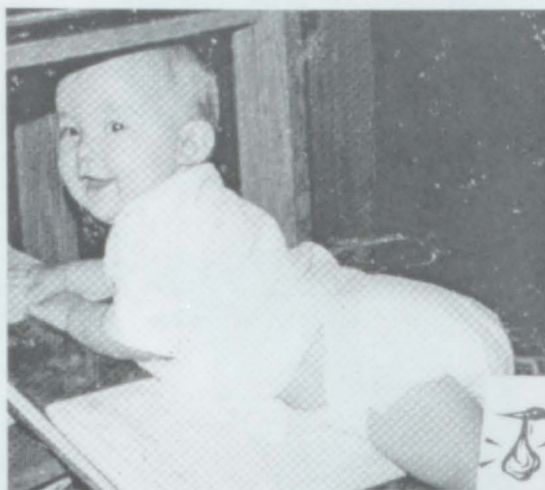
Most Likely to change the world: Class of 2003

Most Conceited: Joel Skalet





# Oh Baby!



Look at all these darling babies! Can you guess which one grows up to be a senior we know and love?

Top Row: Sean, Adair, Kelsey

Middle Row: Dawn, Sarah, Jackie, Jenny

Bottom Row: Joel, Laney, Jordan

Did you guess them all correctly?



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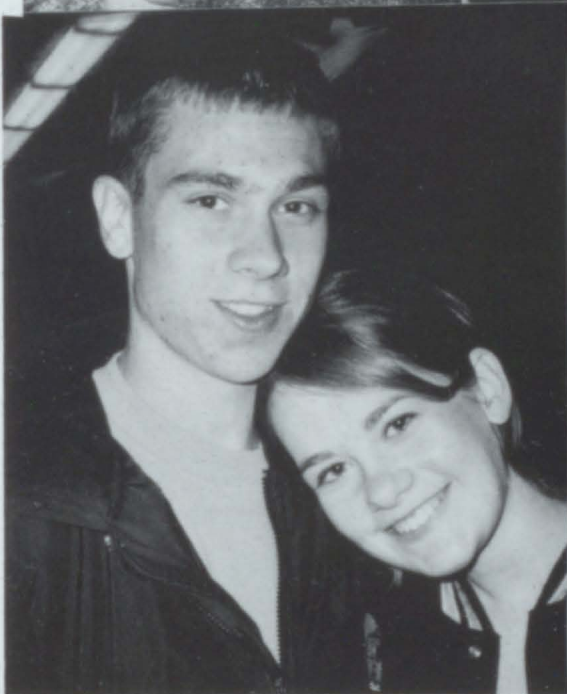
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♡ Perfect Pairs ♡







# Junior-Senior Banquet

☆☆☆ April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003 ☆☆☆







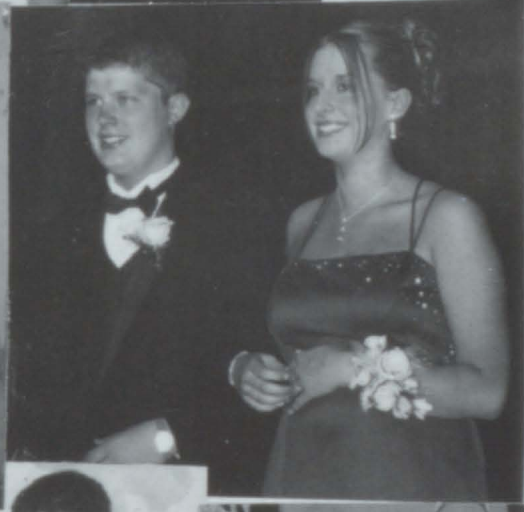


# Prom 2003





# *"We're in Heaven"*





*Climax High School Commencement*  
*Sunday, June 1, 2003*

*Class of 2003*

*Adair Elizabeth Burthwick*  
*Laney Marie Forness*  
*Jenny Marie Grove\*#*  
*Jacquelyn Carol Hedde*  
*Sean Arthur Nichols*

*Kelsey Sue Paulsrud\*#*  
*Jordan Jeffrey Peura*  
*Joel Lee Skalet\*#*  
*Sarah Beth Stortroen*  
*Dawn Lynae Thune*

Class Motto: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." ~Dr. Seuss.

Class flower: Daisy

Class colors: gold, black, silver

Junior Honor Guard: Jennifer Baskerville, Vanessa Abentroth, Bethany Grove, Amy Evenson, Abbey Neil

*Commencement Exercises*

Prelude & Processional ~ Climax High School Band

Opening Remarks ~ Jeffrey Peura, Principal

Welcome ~ Sarah Stortroen

Remarks ~ Shirley Moger, Superintendent

The Pieces of My Puzzle ~ Kelsey Paulsrud

Memories ~ Jenny Grove & Laney Forness

A Challenge to You ~ Joel Skalet

"Wide Open Spaces" ~ Sarah Stortroen & Laney Forness

Awards & Scholarships ~ Jeffrey Peura

Presentation of the Class of 2003 ~ Jeffrey Peura

Presentation of Diplomas ~ Harlow Grove

Presentation of Flowers ~ Senior Class

Senior Slide Show ~ Amy Evenson, Abbey Neil, Sarah Neil

Farewell ~ Sean Nichols

Recessional ~ Climax HS Band









# Class of 2003



Their big day is finally here. The day that had once seemed so unattainable thirteen years ago has come. They're leaving the familiar halls of Climax High School and venturing out into the real world. Thank you, Class of 2003, for the years of memories that you've given all of us.

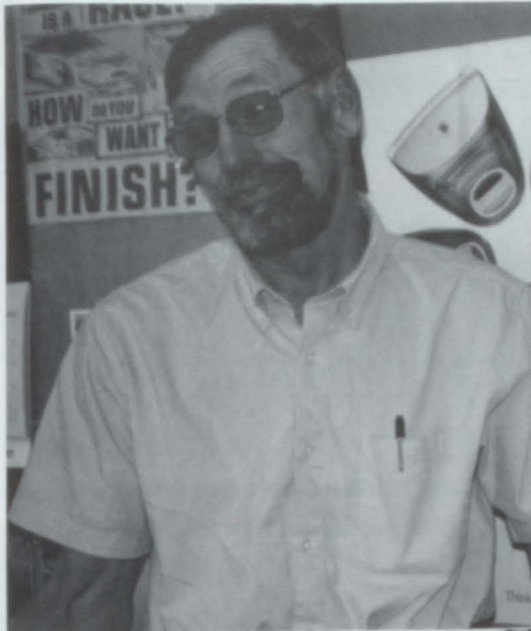






# Crazy Days....

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we all love 'em!





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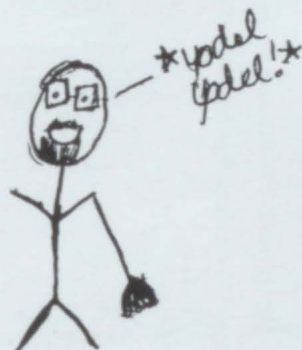
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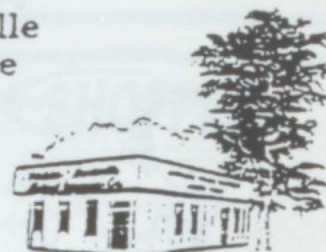


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➤ U2's humanitarian lead singer Bono visits Africa and tours Midwestern America to raise awareness and support for African AIDS epidemic relief.

➤ Nuclear crisis arises when North Korean leader Kim Jong Il breaks a 1994 pledge with the United States not to build nuclear weapons.



## WORLD

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➤ U.N. inspectors return to Iraq to investigate Saddam Hussein's alleged production of weapons of mass destruction.



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➤ A Halloween earthquake in San Giuliano di Puglia, Italy, topples an elementary school, killing dozens of children.

➤ China's one-child-per-family policy creates an imbalanced boy-to-girl ratio that will result in tens of millions of men finding themselves single in the year 2020.



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# IRAQ



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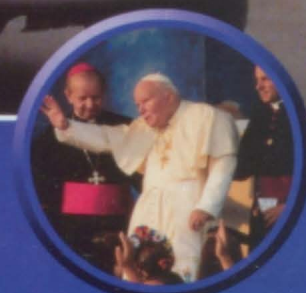
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➤ In October, a Moscow theater siege by Chechen rebels ends in a Russian special forces raid that kills the captors and at least 129 hostages.



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➤ Thousands die as storms and floods cause billions of dollars in damage in China and many countries across Europe.



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➤ Pope John Paul II travels to Toronto's Downsview Park in July to lead the World Youth Day vigil.



- ▼ The Miss World beauty pageant leaves Nigeria after Islamic fundamentalist protest groups kill more than 100 people.

- ▼ In Venezuela, an opposition strike demanding President Hugo Chavez's resignation paralyzes the country's oil exports and turns to bloodshed as Chavez supporters retaliate.

- ▼ The oil tanker *Prestige* spills more than 5 million gallons of oil off the northwestern coast of Spain before splitting in two and sinking.

- ▼ Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter receives the Nobel Peace Prize for his decades of work for peace, democracy and human rights worldwide.



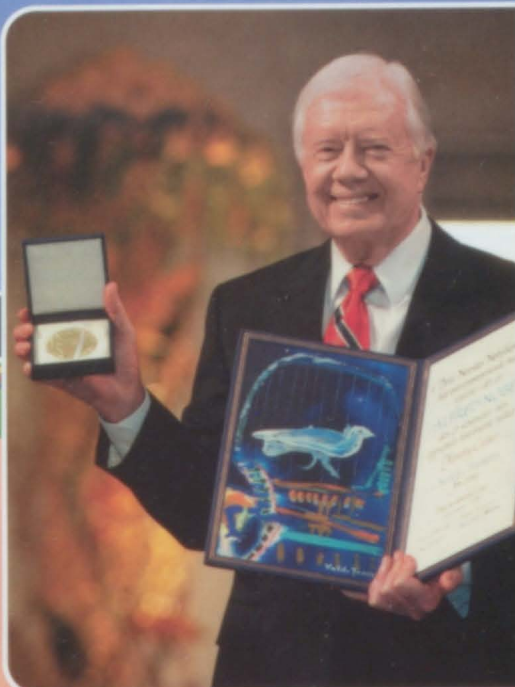
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- ▼ Over 100 people, mostly foreign tourists, are killed in an October terrorist bombing of two nightclubs in Bali, Indonesia.



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- ◀ Emergency workers in the United States and overseas receive smallpox vaccinations as a preventative measure against bioterrorism.

# WAR ON TERRORISM

- Once presumed dead, Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden returns to Middle Eastern air waves with recorded anti-American threats.

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- In an effort to eliminate Al-Qaeda, the United States continues its war on terrorism by maintaining a steady military presence in Afghanistan.

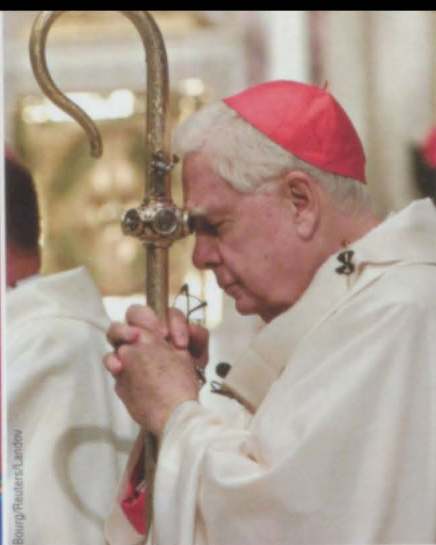
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➤ After being subpoenaed to testify before a Massachusetts grand jury about sex abuse among Catholic priests, embattled Boston Cardinal Bernard Law resigns.

➤ More than 25 states implement the Amber Alert System, which posts information about abducted children on TV and interstate signs, leading to the recovery of dozens of children nationwide.



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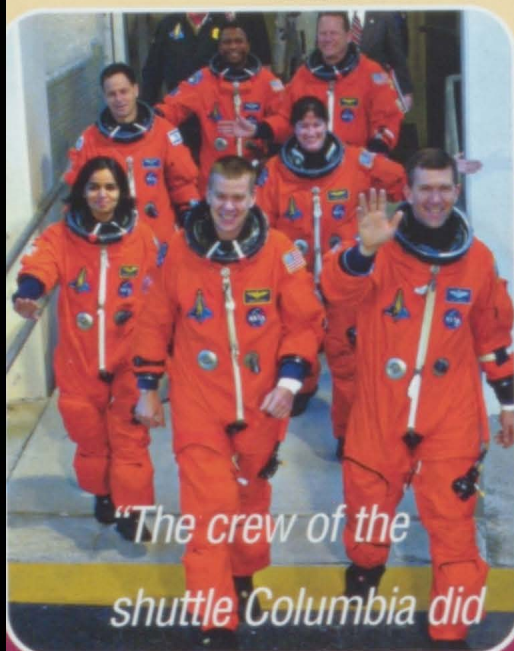
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## NATIONAL

➤ For weeks in October, alleged snipers John Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo terrorize Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, randomly killing 10 people and injuring three others.

✓ The space shuttle Columbia breaks apart on reentry into the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

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*"The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to Earth, but we can pray they are safely home."*

— President George W. Bush

## NATIONAL NATIONAL NATIONAL NATIONAL



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➤ On July 28, nine Pennsylvania coal miners are rescued after being trapped for three days in a mineshaft flooded with over 70 million gallons of water.



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➤ Midterm elections make history as Republicans, the party controlling the White House, gain congressional seats rather than losing them.



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➤ Several large corporations inflate profits while top executives make off with millions in accounting scandals that send shock waves through global markets.



▼ In October, Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone dies in a plane crash along with his wife, daughter and five other victims.

▼ Sparked by summer drought, wildfires—including one set accidentally by a forlorn forest ranger—tear across the western United States.

▼ A weakened economy repeatedly drives down interest rates and delivers retailers their worst holiday shopping season in decades.

▼ President Bush signs the Homeland Security Act, officially creating a Department of Homeland Security dedicated to preventing terrorist attacks.

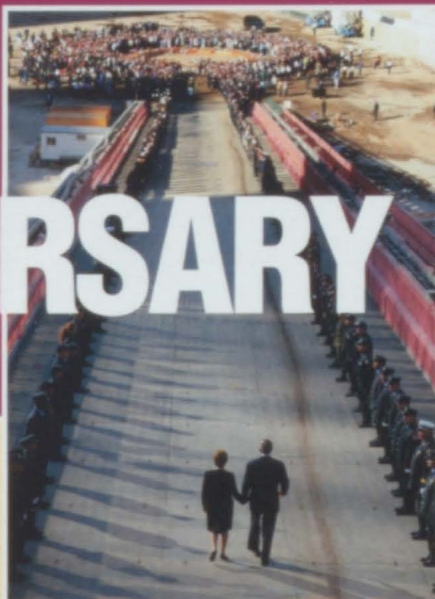
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# 9/11 ANNIVERSARY

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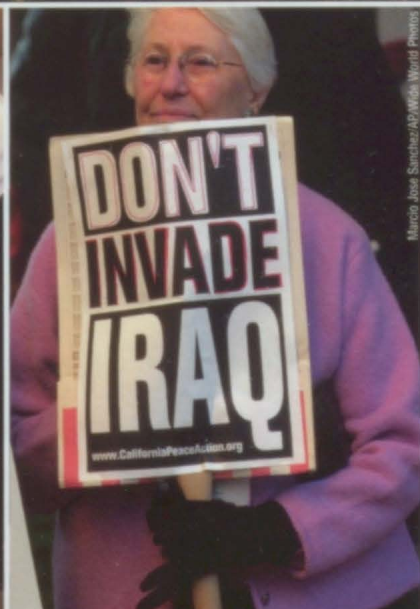
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▲ Throughout 2002, Americans search for ways to recover and rebuild from September 11. On the one-year anniversary, survivors, families and friends gather at all three sites to commemorate the lives lost.



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◀ Federal employees from the Transportation Security Administration begin screening all checked baggage and random passengers at airports.

◀ The possibility of the United States waging war against Iraq meets disapproval both at home and abroad.

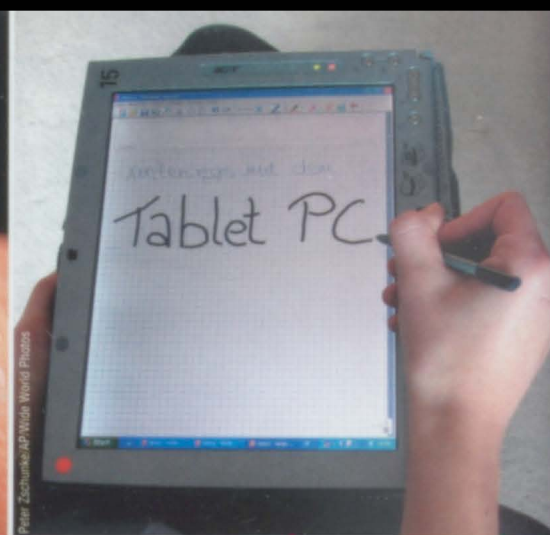
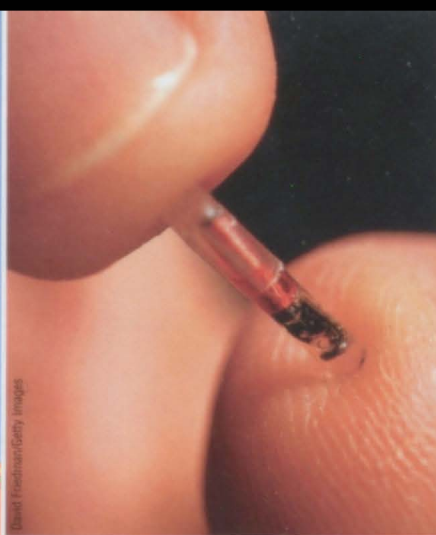
➤ The U.S. Senate passes a resolution condemning a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools is unconstitutional.





► Patients in Florida are the first to receive the VeriChip, a computer chip bearing personal medical data that is injected into the forearm.

► Microsoft's Tablet PC enables users to write directly on the screen rather than typing on a keyboard.



## SCI-TECH

► The *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports that children who grow up with pets have a reduced risk of developing common allergies.

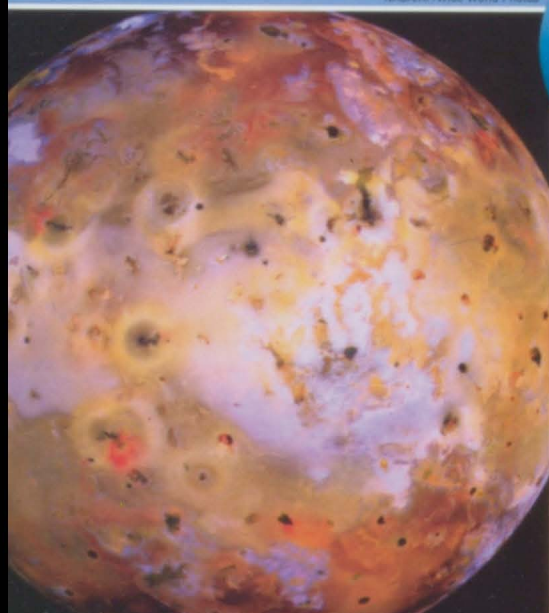


UCLA/Getty Images

► Maria de Jesus and Maria Teresa Quiej-Alvarez, 1-year-old Guatemalan twins born joined at the head, are successfully separated after over 22 hours of surgery.

► Just before burning up in Jupiter's atmosphere, the Galileo spacecraft captures the closest shots ever taken of Jupiter's moon Io.

NASA/AP/Wide World Photos



# ALLERGIES



► Both Italian doctor Severino Antinori and Raelian scientists at Clonaid, who believe aliens created humans, claim to have produced the first cloned human. Neither claim is proven genetically.



Bozo Vukobrevic/AP/Wide World Photos

► El Niño causes snow and ice storms up and down the East Coast, rainstorms in California and a devastating December tornado in Mississippi.



Arman/AP/Wide World Photos

► A blanket of pollution over South Asia, dubbed the "Asian Brown Cloud," threatens the lives of millions worldwide with respiratory disease.



Early tests indicate an experimental vaccine to be 100 percent effective against the human papilloma virus that causes cervical cancer.

University of Arkansas researchers discover that microorganisms grow in conditions similar to those on Mars, suggesting the planet once hosted or currently hosts life.

For \$300 to \$1,000 per injection, people craving eternal youth attend BOTOX parties to inject the FDA-approved paralytic toxin into their skin to relax their muscle tissue.

General Motors introduces the Hy-wire — a car powered by hydrogen and oxygen that emits heat and water rather than harmful exhaust.

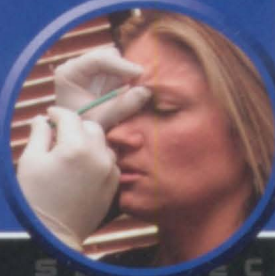
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# WEST NILE VIRUS

The nation's largest outbreak of the West Nile Virus hits in summer 2002. The disease is spread by migrating birds and transmitted by mosquitoes.

The gun turret of the historic Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor* is raised from the floor of the Atlantic Ocean.



HistoricArchives/Getty Images

David Green/AP/Wide World Photos



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Anna Palma/Corbis



President Bush orders construction of a system that would defend the United States from ballistic missile attacks by 2004.

The newly discovered hunger hormone ghrelin is found to play a role in obesity by regulating what you eat and how much weight you gain.



- The U.S. Education Department reports that average geography scores of the nation's fourth and eighth graders, while low, have improved from 1994.

- Ellula introduces HotAir Speakers, a set of battery-powered, inflatable speakers that are small enough to fit in your pocket when deflated.

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## LIFESTYLE

- Nickelodeon's "SpongeBob Squarepants" ignites imaginations across the nation and appears on store shelves on everything from slippers to suspenders.

Matthew Staver/Bloomberg News/Landov



- McDonald's unveils new lower-fat french fries due to the new Healthy Eating Pyramid and in response to many former patrons suing for making them overweight.

- ✓ 1970s peasant shirts are alive and well on runways and in school halls.

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- The Institute of Medicine announces that maintaining health now requires one hour of exercise daily, doubling the previous recommendation.



www.laurenshope.com

- Jewelry designers Le Ann Carlson and Denise Gaskill add style to safety with Lauren's Hope for a Cure medical ID bracelets.



Kmart Corporation

- Kmart rejuvenates the Joe Boxer brand with ads featuring the dancing Joe Boxer guy, Vaughn Lowery.



- Everyone from hot young movie stars to aging rock stars sports the newest fashion trend, turquoise jewelry.

Theodore Wood/Camera Press/Retna



- The cola war puts new flavors to the test, including Dr. Pepper Red Fusion, Pepsi Blue and Vanilla Coke.



- Krispy Kreme lovers start a new tradition by celebrating their vows with doughnut wedding cakes.

Courtesy Krispy Kreme



- Several companies introduce flavored water enhanced with vitamins and other nutrients.



- European fashion hits the sidewalks and clubs of the United States with retro-style bowling shoes.

- Busy singles try out speed dating, which gives couples several minutes to talk one-on-one before moving to a new partner at the next table.

Mark Gormus/Richmond Times-Dispatch/AP/Wide World Photos



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## SPEED DATING

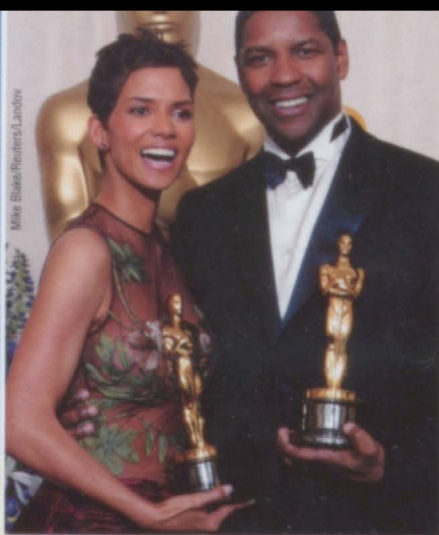
- The Mohawk makes a hair-raising comeback after being donned by everyone from U.S. World Cup star Clint Mathis to actor Ryan Phillippe.

- Digital innovations include camera phones — cell phones that can transmit still and video images through mobile phone lines.



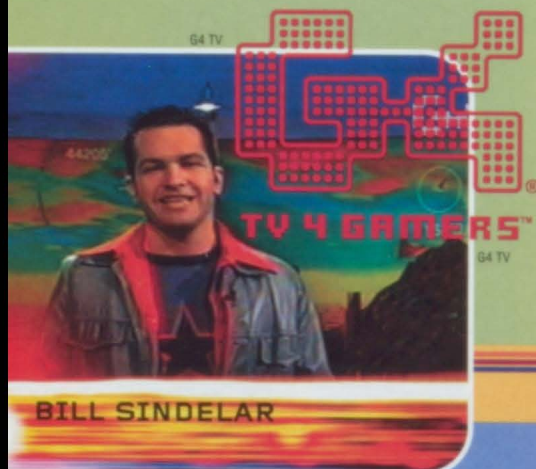
- At the 2002 Academy Awards, Halle Berry and Denzel Washington win Best Actress and Best Actor Oscars. Berry is the first female African-American to win the award.

- *Spider-Man*, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst, spins a \$114 million opening weekend box-office record.



## ENTERTAINMENT

- With over 6 million viewers, "The Osbournes" is the biggest hit in MTV's 21-year history.



BILL SINDE

- Avid gamers tune in to G4, the first cable TV channel dedicated solely to video games.
- Viewers return week after week for a bit of innocent American nostalgia on NBC's hit drama "American Dreams."



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- Ron, Harry and Hermione are back to hitting the books and battling evil forces in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.



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- "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" keep millions tuned in to ABC to see who will receive an on-air marriage proposal.



John Barretto/Sesame Street/Getty Images

- PBS's "Sesame Street" introduces the Muppet Kami, an HIV-infected orphan, in an effort to educate young people worldwide about AIDS.



✓ Jennifer Aniston wins her first Emmy Award and a Golden Globe for her role as the new mother Rachel Green on NBC's popular comedy "Friends."

✓ Virtual unknowns Nia Vardalos and John Corbett steal America's hearts in the year's surprise smash hit *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.

✓ Peter Jackson receives a Golden Globe Best Director nomination for *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, the year's most anticipated sequel.

✓ Cynical Simon Cowell and company stir up big ratings for Fox's "American Idol" and big record sales for winner Kelly Clarkson, a waitress from Texas.

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◀ After a two-year hiatus, Leonardo DiCaprio returns to the big screen with two holiday blockbusters, *Gangs of New York* and *Catch Me If You Can*.

✓ *Chicago*, a film adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, wins three Golden Globes, including Best Picture: Musical or Comedy, and receives 13 Oscar nominations.

# CHICAGO



Dreamworks/Andrew Cooper/PhotoQuest

PhotoQuest/James Cortes/Album



◀ HBO Films' comedy *Real Women Have Curves* promotes positive self-image with the dazzling debut of Latin-American actress America Ferrera.

◀ CBS scores a ratings doubleheader with a pair of forensic investigation dramas, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "CSI Miami."



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- Newcomer Norah Jones takes home five Grammys, including Album of the Year, for *Come Away With Me*.

- Multi-talented Eminem raps up five Grammy nominations for *The Eminem Show* and big box-office success in *8 Mile*.

Robert Mora/Getty Images



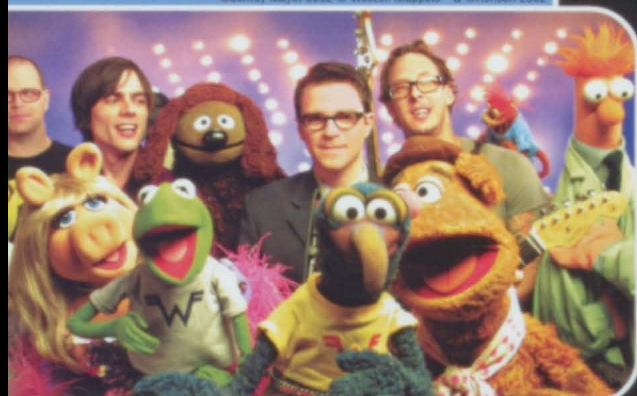
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## MUSIC

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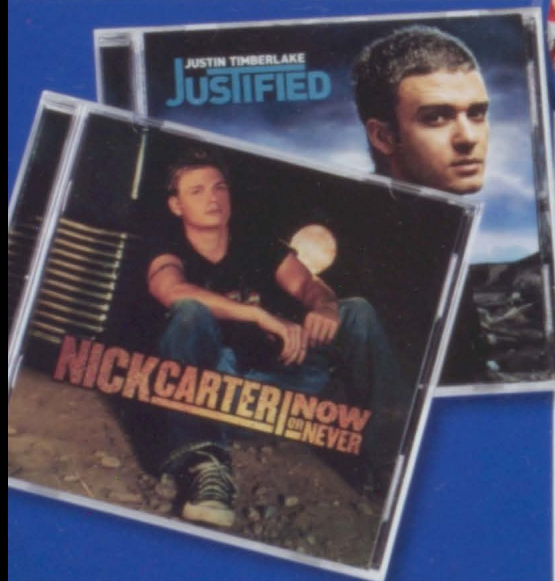
- Rocker Avril Lavigne and other "anti-Britneys," such as Vanessa Carlton and Michelle Branch, represent the new face of women in music.

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- Weezer teams up with the Muppets in the video for "Keep Fishin'," the second single from their hit album *Maladroit*.

- Pop takes a new direction when former boy band favorites Nick Carter and Justin Timberlake break out with solo albums and tours.



J. Pat Carter/AP/Wide World Photos

- Spanish trio Las Ketchup lands a summer hit with the catchy "Asereje" aka "The Ketchup Song (Hey Hah)."



Hermann J. Knippertz/AP/Wide World Photos

- R&B newcomer Ashanti becomes the first artist since the Beatles to have three singles from a debut album in *Billboard's* Top 10 at the same time.



Chris Pizzello/AP/Wide World Photos

- In April 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, 30, of R&B band TLC, dies in a car crash on a Honduran highway.



▼ In October, legendary hip-hop DJ Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC is shot and killed in a Queens, New York, music studio.

▼ After a six-year romance, No Doubt's Gwen Stefani marries Bush's Gavin Rossdale in September.

▼ Country crossover star Shania Twain hits No. 1 on the *Billboard* albums chart with *Up!*, a double CD with every song in both a pop and country version.

▼ Former Beatles rock legend Paul McCartney brings in \$2 million a night, for a total of \$103 million, on the year's top-grossing tour.

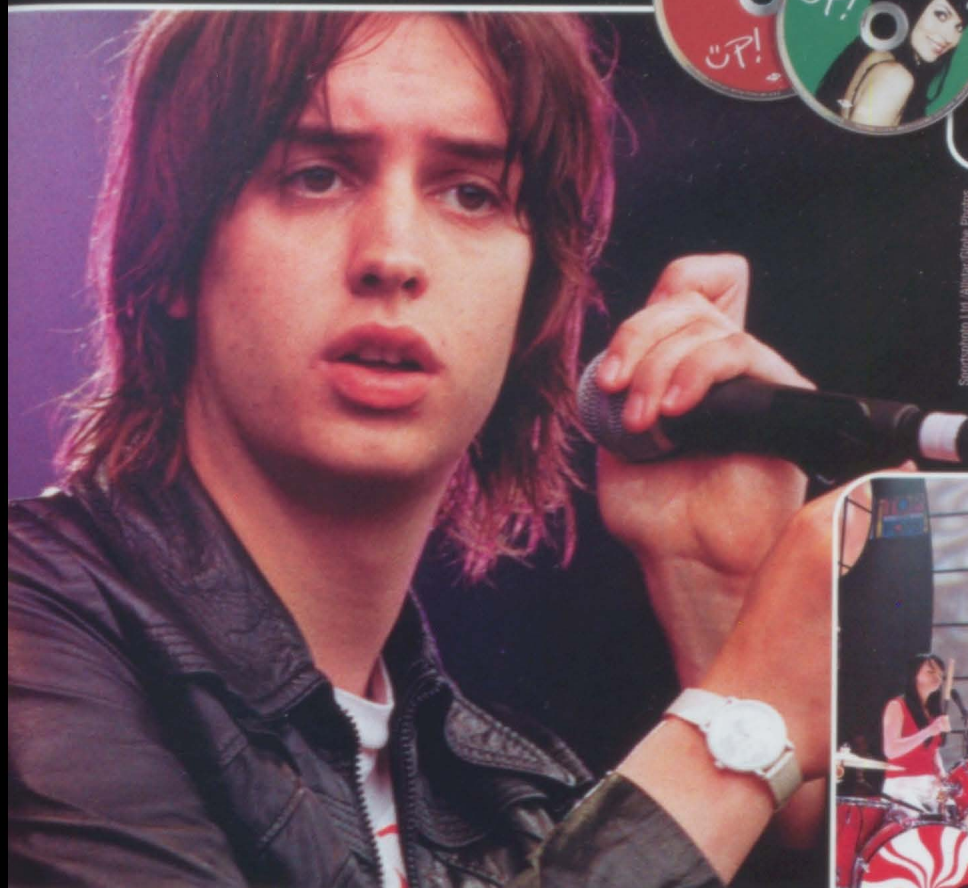
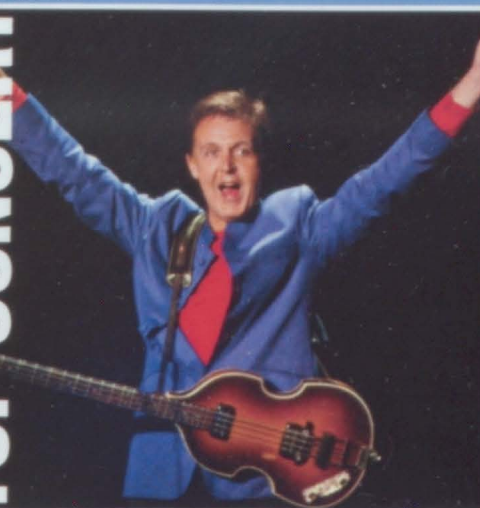
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# TOP CONCERT

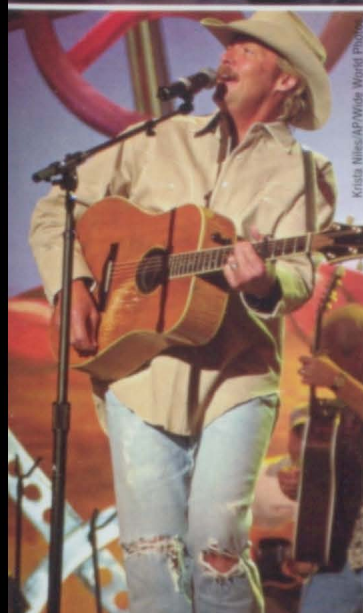


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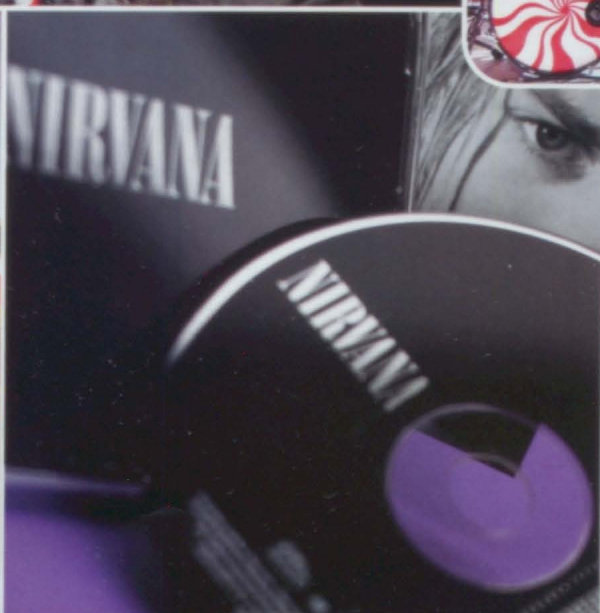
◀ The Strokes, *Spin* magazine's 2002 Band of the Year, lead a resurgence of rock 'n' rollers, including The Hives and The Vines.

▼ Armed with a steady beat and punk-rock-blues riffs, The White Stripes' stripped-down rock shines on the highly acclaimed *White Blood Cells*.

Alpha-Mark Allen/Globe Photos



Krista Niles/AP/Wide World Photos



◀ Alan Jackson's triple-platinum album *Drive* wins five Country Music Association Awards and is named the *USA Today* No. 1 country album of 2002.

◀ *Nirvana*, the famed grunge band's long-awaited greatest hits album, features "You Know You're Right," the last recording Kurt Cobain made before his 1994 suicide.



- ▶ Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith breaks Walter Payton's 16,727-yard mark to become the NFL's all-time leading rusher.

- ▶ The Detroit Red Wings capture the 2002 NHL Stanley Cup over the Cinderella Carolina Hurricanes. It's a record ninth cup for retiring coach Scotty Bowman.



Richard Carson/Reuters/Landov



Paul Warner/AP/Wide World Photos

## SPORTS

- ▶ Serena and Venus Williams continue to dominate women's tennis, becoming the first sisters to be ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the world.

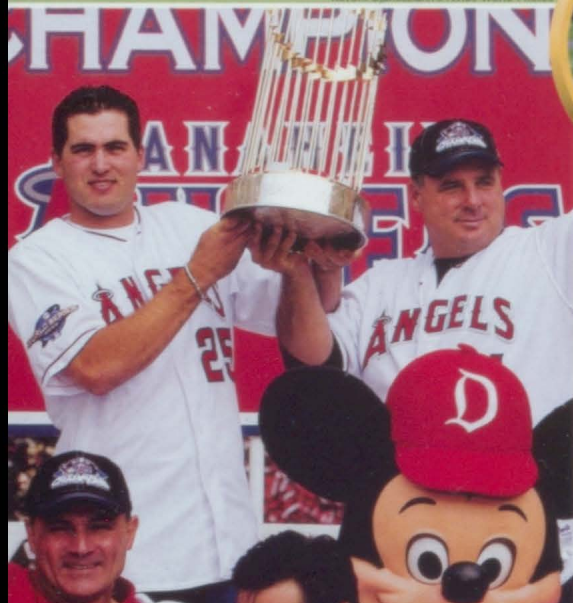
Scott Osborne/AP/Wide World Photos



- ▶ The college football season is marred by violent confrontations involving fans, students and even coaches.

- ▶ MVP Troy Glaus leads the scrappy Anaheim Angels to the 2002 World Series win over Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants, four games to three.

Kevin C. Johnson/AP/Wide World Photos



# SISTERS



Mannie Garcia/Getty Images

- ▶ Martha Burk of the National Council of Women's Organizations battles with Augusta National chairman William Johnson over the issue of female membership at the famous Georgia golf club.



Terry Renna/AP/Wide World Photos

- ▶ An 18th place finish in the NASCAR season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway is enough to earn Tony Stewart his first Winston Cup Series championship.



Chris Fayot/The Star Ledger/Corbis-Sygma

- ▶ Despite an injured toe, Shaquille O'Neal powers the unstoppable Los Angeles Lakers to a third straight NBA championship title in May 2002.



- ✓ The U.S. men's soccer team advances to the World Cup quarterfinals for the first time, by defeating Mexico 2-0.

Christof Stache/AP/Wide World Photos



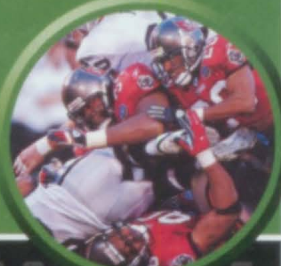
- ✓ The U.S. Postal Service team propels *Sports Illustrated* magazine's Sportsman of the Year Lance Armstrong to his fourth consecutive Tour de France victory.

Mike Powell/Getty Images



- ✓ The top-rated defense of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers shuts down the No. 1 offense of the Oakland Raiders to win Super Bowl XXXVII 48-21.

Matt A. Brown/Newsport/Corbis



Mark J. Terrio/AP/Wide World Photos

- ✓ LPGA pro Annika Sorenstam, after a record-setting 13-win 2002 season worldwide, accepts an invitation to play the Colonial tournament on the men's 2003 PGA Tour.



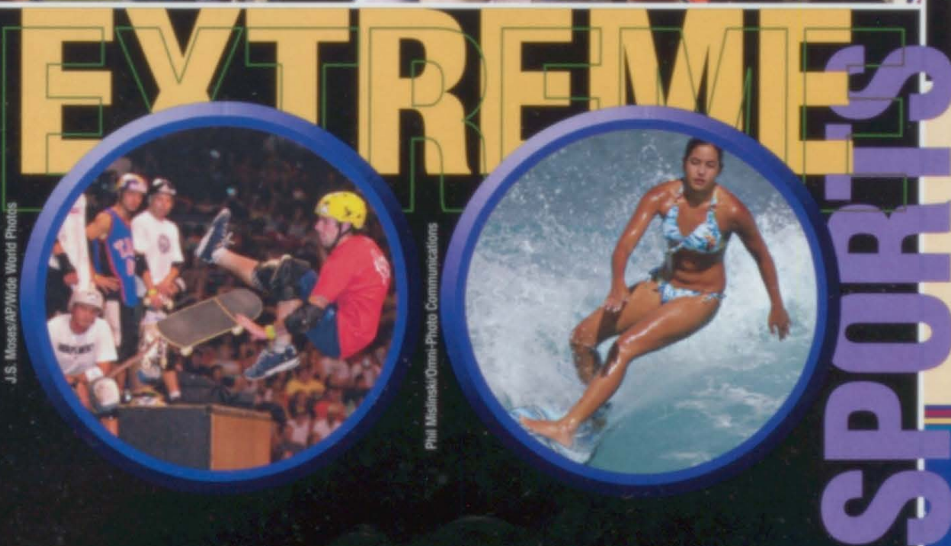
Steve Delaney/WireImage.com

- ✓ The Ohio State Buckeyes beat the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes in double overtime to win the BCS National Championship. The 31-24 victory is the school's first national football title since 1968.

- ✓ The new sport of SlamBall takes basketball to the extreme on a specially designed court with four trampolines in front of each hoop.



Robert Mora/Getty Images



J.S. Mosser/AP/Wide World Photos

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- ✓ Skateboarding reaches new popularity heights thanks to the high visibility of the X Games and the "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater" video game series.

- ✓ Surfing welcomes a tidal wave of women to the sport after receiving a Hollywood endorsement in the popular summer flick *Blue Crush*.



➤ The sports world loses two legends—baseball's "Splendid Splinter" Ted Williams and Johnny Unitas, one of football's greatest quarterbacks.

➤ Zacarias Moussaoui, widely believed to be the 20th hijacker, goes on trial for his involvement in the September 11 terrorist attacks.



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Reuters/Sherbourne County Sheriff's Office/Landov



AP/Wide World Photos

## FACES

➤ Martha Stewart faces charges of illegal stock trading after former Imclone president Sam Waksal allegedly tips her off regarding the company's demise.

Russell Boyce/Reuters/Landov



➤ In show business since they were 9 months old, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, 16, have amassed a \$76 million fortune through their Dualstar Entertainment Group.

✓ Veteran actor Richard Harris, known for his role as Hogwarts wise headmaster Albus Dumbledore, dies of Hodgkin's disease at age 72.

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Courtesy Jim Johnson/Herald-Dispatch

➤ Mentally challenged Ohio high school senior Jake Porter—who suited up for every practice and game for four years but never played—scores his first touchdown.



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➤ California's Linda and Loretta Sanchez make history as the first sisters ever elected to Congress.



Rick Bloom/Saba/Corbis

➤ Mississippi Senator Trent Lott is widely criticized for apparent racist remarks he made at Senator Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party. In December, Lott resigns as majority leader.





# WHAT'S UP™

See if you can guess what's up. The pictures and stories are inside.

02/03

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1 Who is called "Little Tricky"?

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4 What does Isaiah Williams do?

Nintendo of America, Inc.



8 What world record did Nintendo set?

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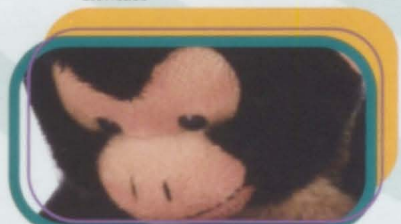
2 How old is this toy?

Warner Brothers/Getty Images



5 What is this movie star's name?

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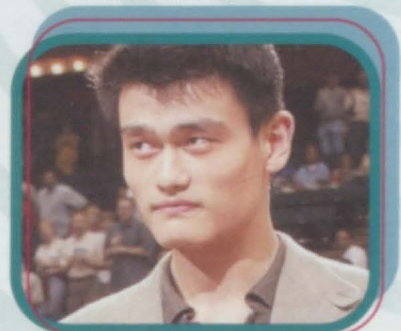
7 What team uses this to win games?

Havivuk Levitson/Reuters/Landov



9 What kind of animal is this?

Richard Carson/Reuters/Landov



3 What team does he play for?

Courtesy Eldon Hayman



6 What is Chauncey Hayman's sport?

NASA/AP/Wide World Photos



10 What did NASA discover?



# NEWS

Pepe Ferrin/Bloomberg News/Landov



## THE BIG SPILL

Cleanup is no small task after a tanker spills 5 million gallons of oil off northwestern Spain before splitting in two and sinking.

AOL



## TO THE E-RESCUE

America Online promotes Internet safety for kids with an automated instant-messaging buddy named AOLSafetyBot.

Gene J. Puskar-Pool/Getty Images



## SURVIVORS

Nine Quecreek coal miners are rescued after being trapped for 77 hours in a 240-foot-deep mine shaft in Somerset, Pennsylvania. The shaft filled with over 70 million gallons of water when workers accidentally drilled into an abandoned, water-filled mine.

Matthew Staver/Bloomberg News/Landov



## LOW-FAT FRIES

McDonald's unveils new lower-fat french fries in response to many former patrons who sued McDonald's for making them overweight.

Havakuk Levison/Reuters/Landov



## FEATHERLESS FOWL

Israeli scientists genetically engineer featherless chickens in an effort to develop low-fat, environmentally friendly poultry.





## A WHOLE NEW WORLD

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope discovers the icy world Quaoar, the largest object found in the solar system since Pluto was discovered in 1930.

Justin Sullivan/AP/Wide World Photos



## HISTORY MAKER

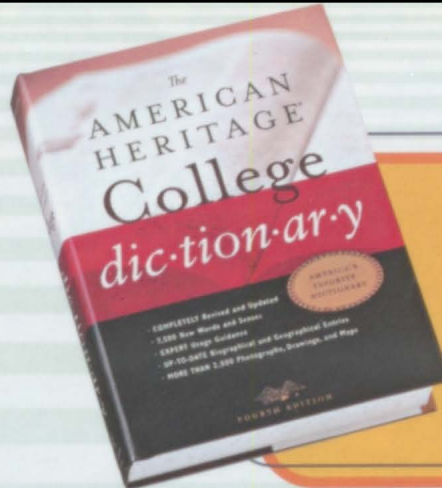
Nancy Pelosi is elected Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, making her the first woman to lead either party on Capitol Hill.

Takara/Getty Images



## Bow Wow!

Japanese toymaker Takara releases Bowlingual — a handheld device that translates a dog's barks and woofs into human phrases.



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## NEW WORDS

The American Heritage College Dictionary announces the inclusion of current slang terms, including *nimrod*, *24/7*, *phat*, *wannabe* and *bigtime*.

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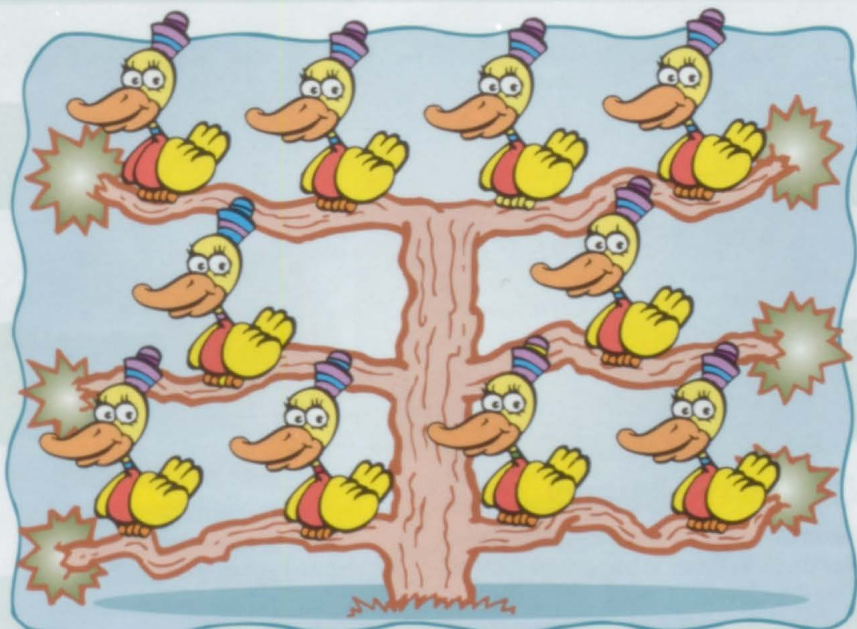
## ENDANGERED BIRDS

The National Audubon Society finds that 201 out of 800 American bird species are in danger of becoming extinct, doubling the 1997 total.



## PC PROBLEMS

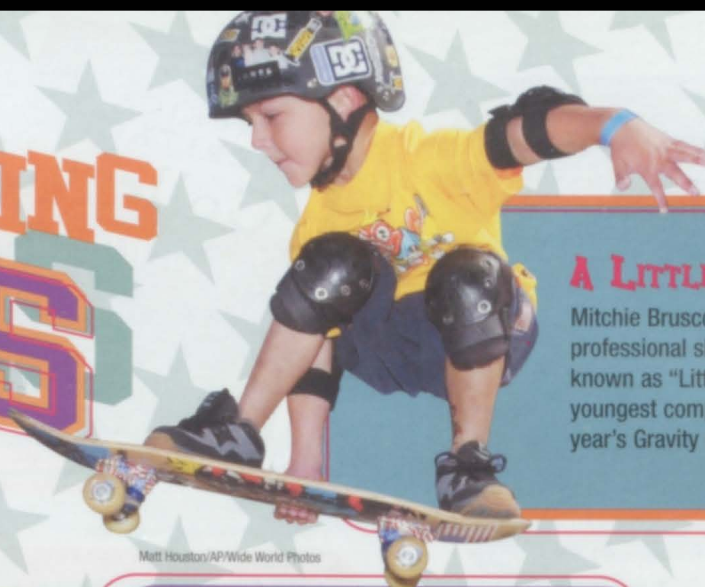
Research reveals kids using computers for extended hours can develop computer vision syndrome, hindering eye focus and coordination.



FIND THE TWO BIRDS THAT MATCH EXACTLY!



# AMAZING KIDS

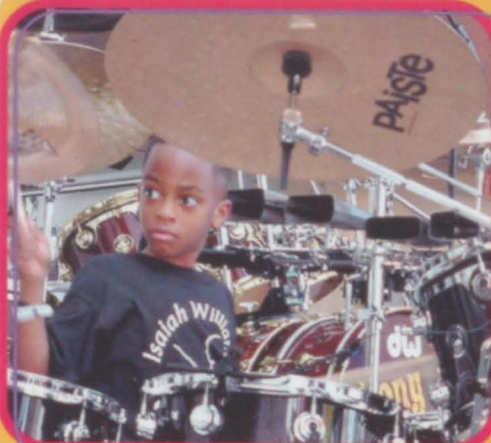


Elaine Thompson/AP/Wide World Photos

## A LITTLE EXTREME

Mitchie Brusco, the 5-year-old professional skateboarder known as "Little Tricky," is the youngest competitor at this year's Gravity Games.

www.isaiahwilliams.com



## DRUMMING PRODIGY

Six-year-old drummer Isaiah Williams, aka "the Little Drummer Boy," wows audiences on WIS TV's "It's Showtime at the Apollo" with his raw drumming talent.

Azwar Mirza/Reuters/Landov



## CHECKMATE MASTER

Ukrainian Sergei Karjakin, 12, defeats the world's chess greats to become the youngest-ever Grandmaster of chess.

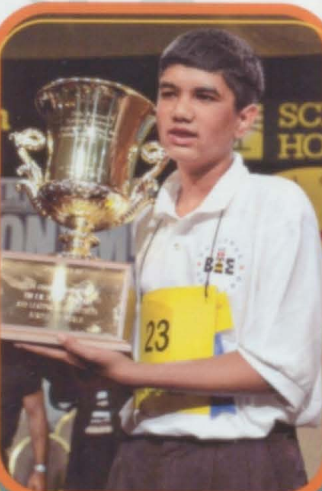


Kenneth Lambert/AP/Wide World Photos

## YOUNG POET

Born with a rare, life-threatening disease related to muscular dystrophy called mitochondrial myopathy, 12-year-old Mattie Stepanek endures to become a best-selling poet and the Muscular Dystrophy Association's National Goodwill Ambassador for 2002 and 2003.

www.blackgirlmagazine.com



## SPELLING BEE

Pratyush Buddiga spells *prospicience* — meaning foresight — to win the 75th Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.



## YOUNG EDITOR

Kenya Jordana James, 12, is the founder and editor of *Blackgirl*, a magazine that promotes positive messages and images among African-American teens.





## AMPUTEE ATHLETE

Rudy Garcia-Tolson, 14, receives the Nike Casey Martin Award for his courage in becoming a world-class swimmer and runner despite his physical challenges.

Laurie Beck Peterson



## MAKING A STAND

Alexandra Scott, a 6-year-old with cancer of the nervous system, raises over \$18,000 for cancer research at her lemonade stand.

UCLA/Getty Images



## TWINS SEPARATED

María de Jesus and Maria Teresa, 1-year-old Guatemalan twins born joined at the head, are successfully separated after over 22 hours of surgery.



## JUNIOR DRAGSTER

Drag racer Chaunece Hayman, 14, takes on the boys and leaves them in her dust as a junior dragster at Maryland's Capitol Raceway.

Kelly Lynch/www.mychalmsmessage.org



## UNDERWEAR FOR OTHERS

Shannon Hickey, 12, starts Blessed Bloomers and Soles for Souls campaigns in New York City to collect and deliver underwear and shoes to the homeless.

Teresa Calcote



## MONEY WELL SPENT

Ashley Calcote, 8, saves her \$2.50 weekly allowance to buy 100 toys for hospitalized kids during the holidays.





# FUN

U.S. Dogs

## CANINE EDUCATION

To teach kids about responsible dog ownership, The Katy Company creates U.S. Dogs — stuffed dogs with a book about the breed's origins, personality and talents.



Warner Brothers/Getty Images



## SCOOPY-DOES A MOVIE

Freddie Prinze Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar and a computer-animated dog star in the summer movie smash hit *Scooby-Doo: The Movie*.

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## SAILORIFIC!

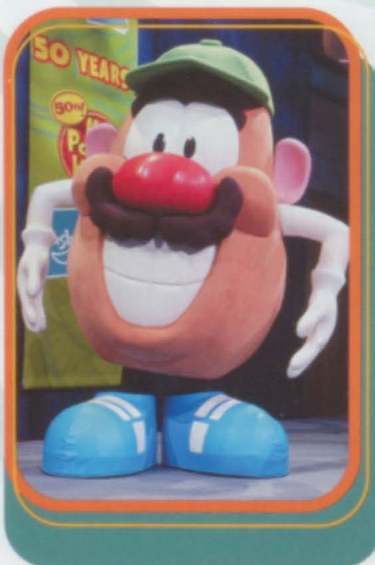
Nickelodeon's "SpongeBob Squarepants" squeezes its way into the imaginations, and pocketbooks, of kids of all ages. SpongeBob merchandise floods stores with everything from SpongeBob towels and slippers to the SpongeBob UNO card game.

Ed Carreon/Discovery Communications Inc.



## HARRY'S A HIT

*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* is a hit at the box office and at home in the Electronic Arts adaptation for all three major video game consoles.



## SPUD-TACULAR!

Everybody's favorite face-changing spud, Playskool's Mr. Potato Head, is 50 years old!



## JUNKYARD FUN

Each week, two teams of four kids get to see who makes the best working machine from junk on TLC's "Operation Junkyard."





## SUPER MARIO MEATBALLS

To celebrate the release of "Super Mario Sunshine" for the Gamecube, Nintendo sets the Guinness World Record for the largest bowl of pasta.

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## IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

Movie star Muppet Kermit the Frog finally gets a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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## A COMIC COCKROACH

Latino cartoonist Lalo Alcaraz creates the new comic strip "La Cucaracha," Spanish for "the cockroach," featuring characters Eddie, Neto, Vero and Cuco Rocha.



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## RAGS TO RICHES

Kelly Clarkson, a 21-year-old waitress from Texas, becomes the inaugural winner of FOX's surprise summer phenomenon "American Idol."

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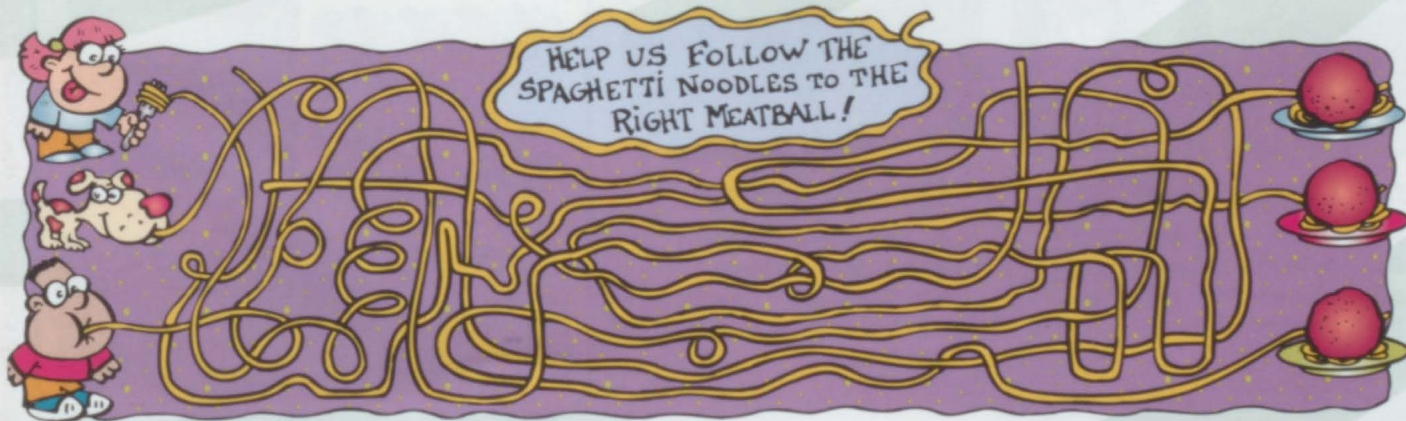
## MATCHBOX 50

Matchbox celebrates its 50th anniversary with Matchbox Across America, a commemorative collection of 50 cars — one for each state.



## A PASSION FOR FASHION

MGA Entertainment's big-headed Bratz fashion dolls are the wildly hard-to-find toy this holiday season.





# SPORTS

Courtesy Tim Johnson/The Herald-Dispatch



## BIGGEST SCORE

Mentally challenged Ohio high school senior Jake Porter — who suited up for every practice and game for four years but never played — scores his first touchdown.

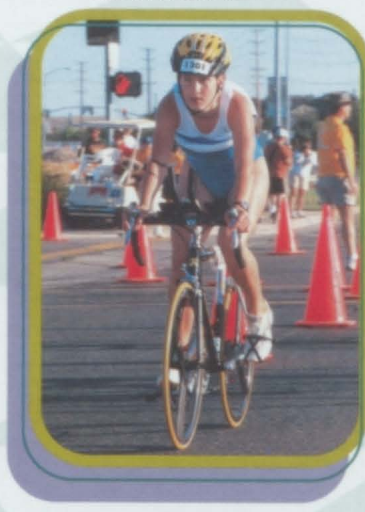
Chris Gardner/AP/Wide World Photos



## LITTLE LEAGUE PENNANT

Valley Sports American Little League of Louisville, Kentucky, defeats Sendai Higashi Little League of Sendai, Japan, 1-0 to win the 2002 Little League World Series.

Nils Nilsen/www.brightroom.com



## TRIATHLON CHAMP

Kelsey Tucker, 12, is the reigning Triathlon National Champion in her age group — her fifth gold medal in the six years she has been competing.

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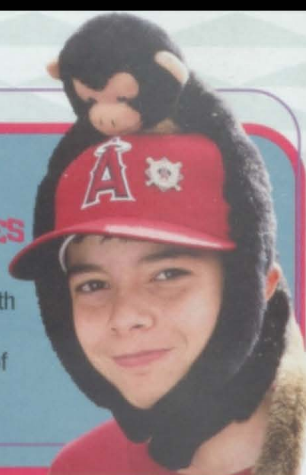
## MAKING WAVES

Typically an activity for the guys, surfing welcomes a new wave of girls to the sport after the popular summer flick *Blue Crush*.

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## MONKEY SHINES

The Anaheim Angels win the 2002 World Series with the help of the Rally Monkey and the big bat of MVP Troy Glaus.



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## A TALL ORDER

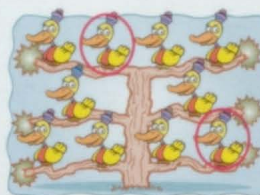
Seven-foot-5-inch basketball star Yao Ming becomes the first Chinese player to be taken No. 1 in the NBA draft and makes an instant impact with the Houston Rockets.

## ANSWERS

FROM COVER QUIZ

1. Mitchie Brusco
2. 50 years old
3. The Houston Rockets
4. Plays the drums
5. Scooby-Doo
6. Drag racing
7. The Anaheim Angels
8. Largest bowl of pasta
9. A chicken
10. Quaoar

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TWO OF THE BIRDS THAT FIGURE CRAFTY!

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