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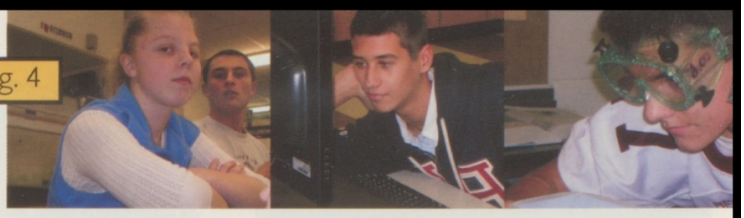
Since our first days as freshmen at Brush High School, when we walked down the maroon and gold hallways with our knees shaking and butterflies in our stomachs, we realized that our little comfort zones had been invaded. As if put under a magnifying glass, our every move was now being scrutinzed by upper-classmen, teachers and coaches with a new-found intensity. Now, there always seemed to be someone watching us UP CLOSE attempting to decipher what kind of a person we were, or were going to become. Could we turn into amazing forwards, long-jumpers, or punters? Would we maintain straight A's? Would we make terrific prom dates?

Slowly, from year to year, we began to transform from our boisterous freshmen-selves into the registered-to-vote seniors. We got used to the fact that rare is the day when you can travel down th crowded AND noisy hall without a journalism staff member getting in our PERSONAL space to preserve an image of us to be printed in this very yearbook.

From the moment our alarm clocks unmercifully awake us from our slumber until we drift back into dreamland, and every moment in between, our actions always seem to be tied somehow to high school. When we are debating what to do for the weekend, we check out the sports schedule, or if we want to pass a test in class, we spend our precious t.v. time studying. Math sets, band concerts, science fair projects, basketball practices, and countless other events constantly fill up our days, leaving us begging for the sand to sift more slowly through our hourglasses. Instead, the hands on the clock begin to spin faster and faster, until we are sent into a dizzy daze. Once we reach that prestigious postition of "Seniors" we have become accustomed to being under that peer/coach/teacher magnifying glass 24/7 and we hopefully have come to understand that we are only dealt one hand of cards, and we have a mere four years to make the most of that hand. The time that we have to leave the finger prints of our legacy is brief, but those winning touchdown catches, hilarious Halloween costumes and embarassing moments caught on camera will endure in our memories for years to come.

The 2006-2007 edition of the Brush High School yearbook, Sagebrush, is an UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL record of this year's unforgettable people and their activities 24/7 .

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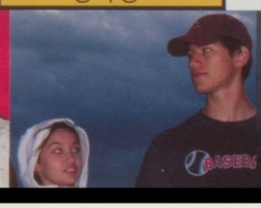






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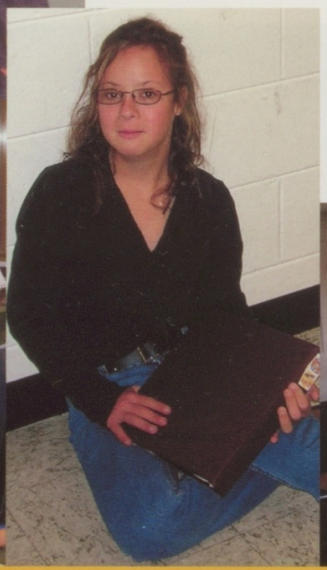










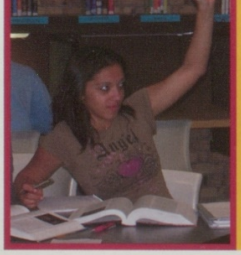
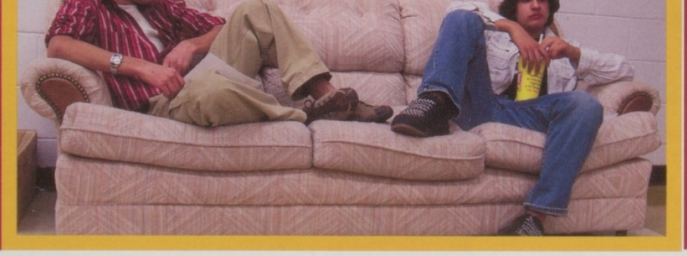
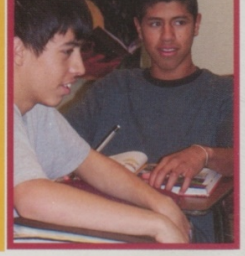








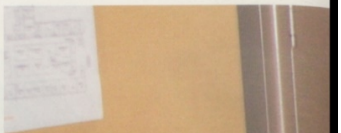


Five Days a Week
Seven Classes a Day

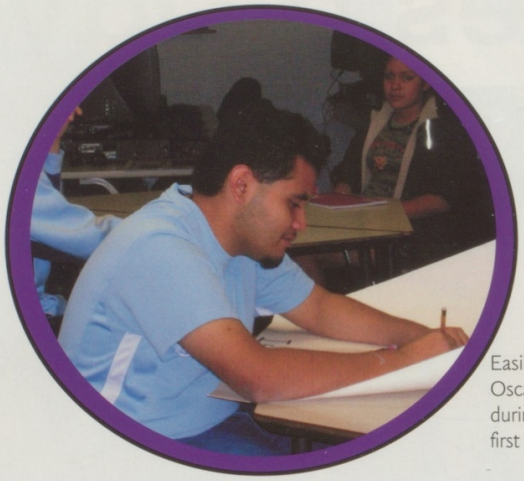


1st in Line

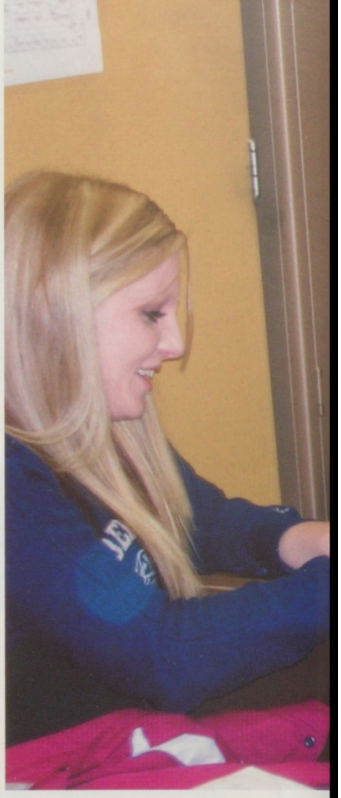


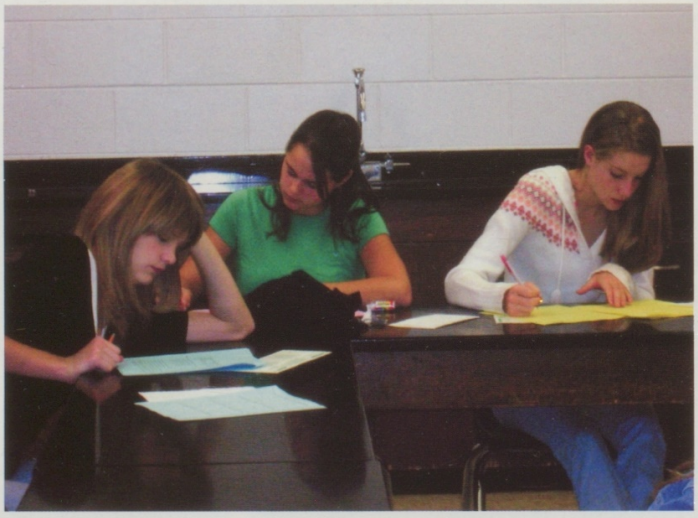
1st in Line

The first hour of the day is the most hectic. First, you try to get all of your homework together while catching up on new gossip that just can't wait to be heard and spread by the beginning of second hour, knowing it will be old news by the last bell of the day at 3:17 P.M.

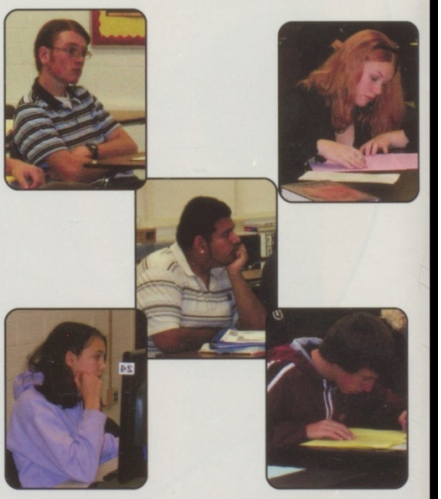


Easily Sidetracked
Oscar Meza (12) tries to focus during the last few minutes of first hour with Mrs. Mesch.





Functioning Alone
Focusing on finding formulas for mechanical advantage, Megan Conrad (9), Megan Odle (10), and Leesa Drew (10) work alone to turn in their homework assignments. Studying science in the early morning hours keeps students busy enough to keep them going until the end of the day.



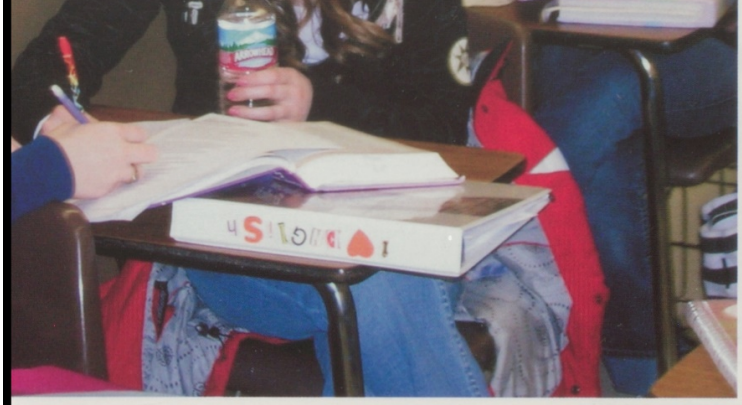
Trying Not to Fall Asleep
Adam Goss (11), Luis Astorga (11), Kevin Massey (10), Alicia Nichols (9), and Mairi Brainard (9) gaze off into their own little worlds. The first hour of the day, some drowsy students daydream and try to make it look like they are paying attention in class.



Using More Than One Brain.
Seniors Natausha Ray, Kara Schorr, and Kelsey Stevens work together to find misplaced modifiers in Mr. Krob's College Prep English.

Self Portrait
Shelbi Frahm (10) fixates on whether her artwork accurately portrays her sassy attitude.

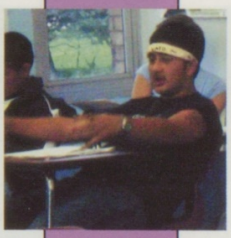












Bringing Out the True You
Showing another side of his personality, Daniel Harl (11) speaks out in History class while wearing his cholo bandana.

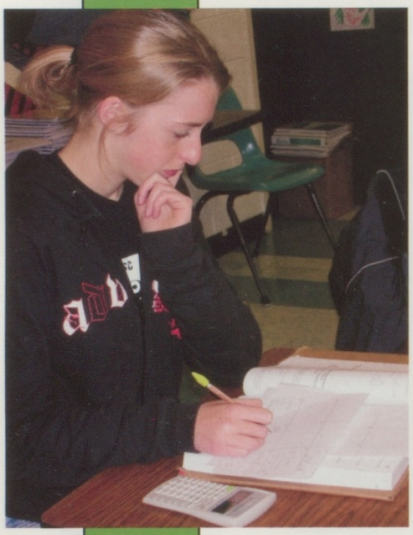
Changing Things Up
Seniors Jennifer Binnendyk and Jose Reyes take a chance to chat and goof around before they are forced to get back to their class work.

Sharing the Aroma
Cecilia Reyes (10) and Rosaelia Miramontes (10) use teamwork to make a tasty dish during Foreign Foods class.

Smoothin' It Out
"It's gotta be smoother than a baby's bottom!" goes through Manuel Batrez's (12) head as he sands his project in woods.

Stumped
Hmmm...Sarah Schwab (11) gazes into her math book as she tries to figure out a tough algebraic equations.













Happy days
LaTika Johnson (11) takes time during Mr. Miller's math class to show off those pearly whites.



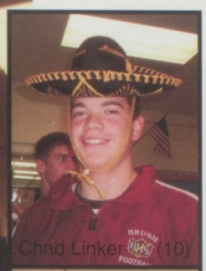
Latest Hollywood Fashions
Freshmen Kyra Brandt and Larissa Carter look through the magazines in the library, while in Ms. Snoeck's class. Uh, when is that book report due?



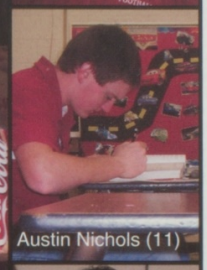
Blues Ain't No Mocking Bird
Jenna Buckley (9) smiles and looks to her classmates for a little help on her presentation during Ms. Snoeck's English class.



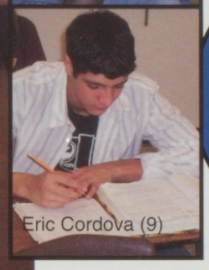
Sophomore Braden Larew takes a break from his 2nd hour to get a cold refreshment. Don't worry teachers, he has his pass book!



Chad Linker (10)



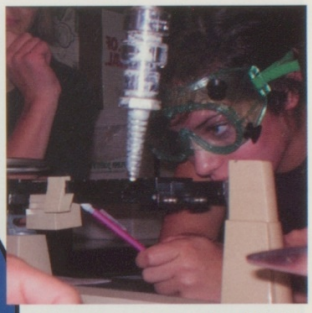
Austin Nichols (11)



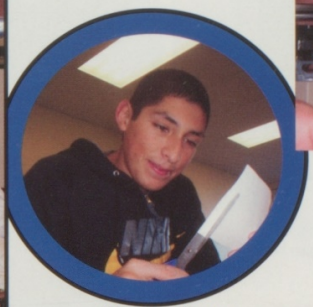
Eric Cordova (9)

Second To None

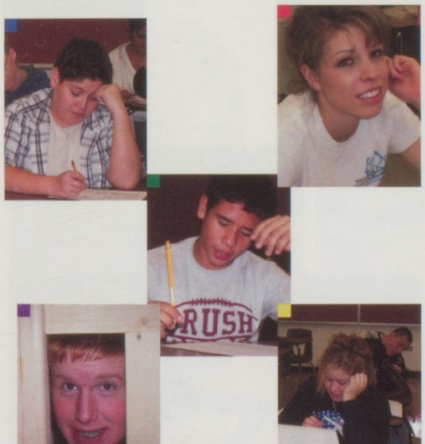
"One down and only six more to go!" goes through most BHS students' heads as they head to second hour.

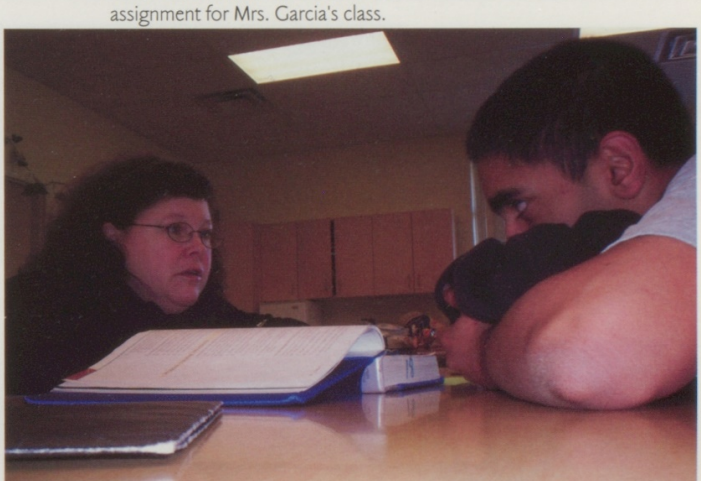


Chemistry Rocks My World
Sophomore Camille Quinlin focuses on one of her chemistry labs.



Clippin' Away
Omar Gomez (12) cuts out the next assignment for Mrs. Garcia's class.









- Michael Desantis (10)
- Taylor White (12)
- Antonio Guzman (9)
- Landon Doiel (12)
- Mayela Garcia (11)



One-On-One
Shawn Kauk (10) looks to Mrs. Knutson for a little one-on-one help with his math homework.

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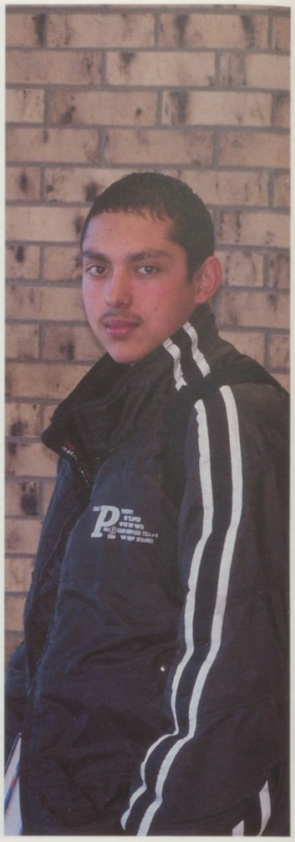
Getting an in-depth look at third period at Brush High School.



Head Down, Thumbs Up!
Irene Ruiz (12) puts her head down while she thinks up an answer for an assignment given in Senior english class.



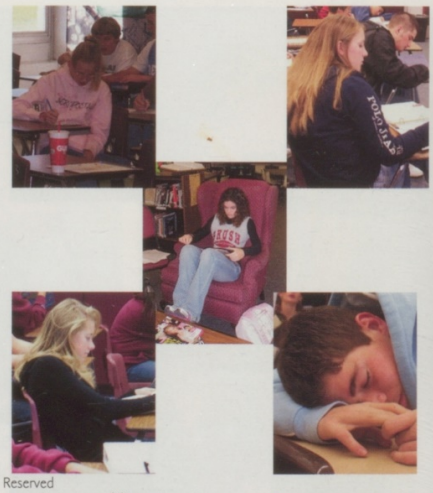
Sleepyhead
Dustin Bass (12) takes a break during 3rd hour to catch up on his rest.



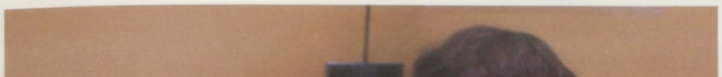
Butterfly
Luis Villalobos (11) is caught roaming the halls of Brush High School during third period. He could wind up on Mr. Wilson's butterfly list.



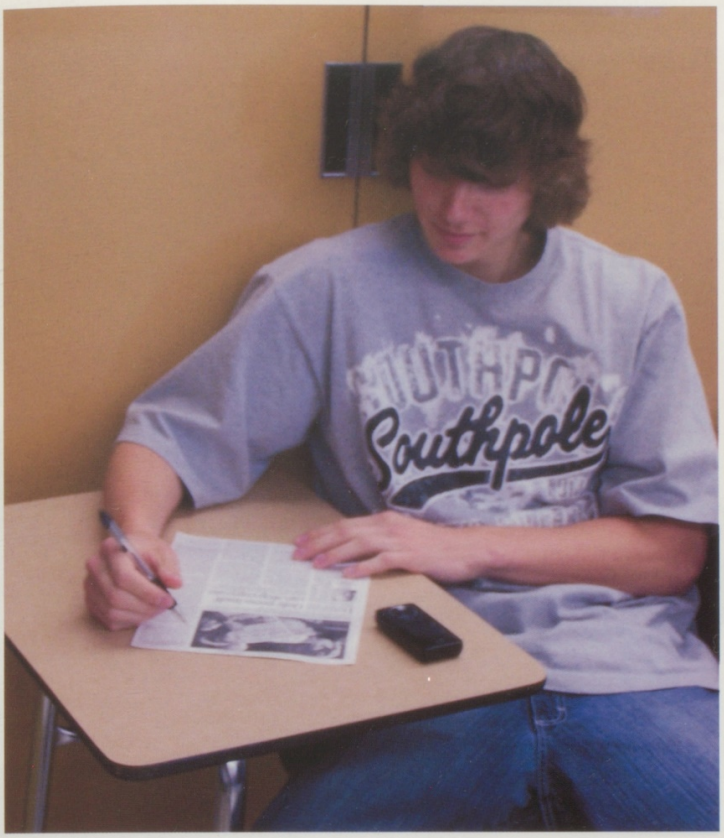
Bookworms
Kasie George (12) and Raul Sanchez (12) hit the books together in Senior English as they read up on Eleanor Roosevelt.



Reserved
Jamie Christensen (11) quietly works on Spanish 2 assignment.
Forty Winks
Jacob Emarine (10) catches a few zzz's during geology class.
Mag Time
Crystal Samples (12) checks out the latest fashion trends in one of the many magazines in the library.
Hola!
Adreanne Brungardt (12) brushes up on her Spanish vocabulary in class.
Newbie
Courtney Weaver (9) reads Night in Freshman Writing.

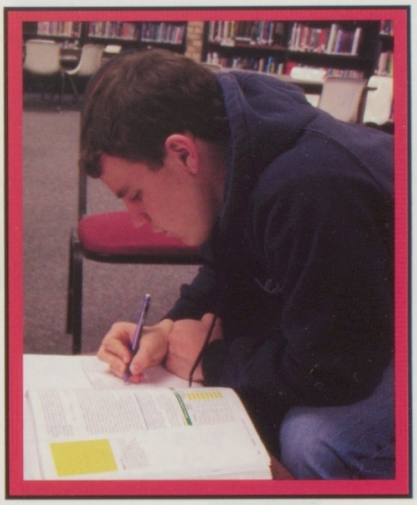


Desk Job
Robert Arajo (12) works diligently on this news assignment for Mr. Krob's



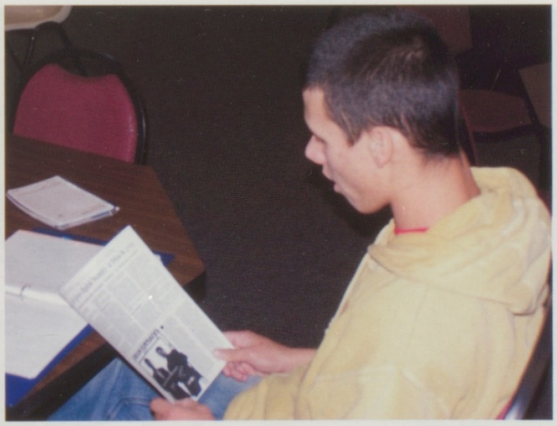
Desk Job
Robert Arajo (12) works diligently on this news assignment for Mr. Krob's Mass Media class.

Overtime
Drew Oakeson (11) puts in time outside of class to finish up on some Chemistry in the library.





Razor Sharp
Jessie Florian (11) takes a break from hitting the books to check her messages clandestinely on her Razor phone.



Captivated
Tyler Riter (12) reads an intriguing news story for Mr. Krob's Mass Media class. The story was too good to put down.



Hand To Mouth
Adam Burns (11) listens intently to directions given by Mrs. Perry in Spanish 2.

X-L-R-8
In Physics, Katie Mussell (12) measures the mass of her balloon car in order to calculate its acceleration.

SSR
Kelsey Stevens (12) peruses a novel before diving into a sea of Advanced Math.







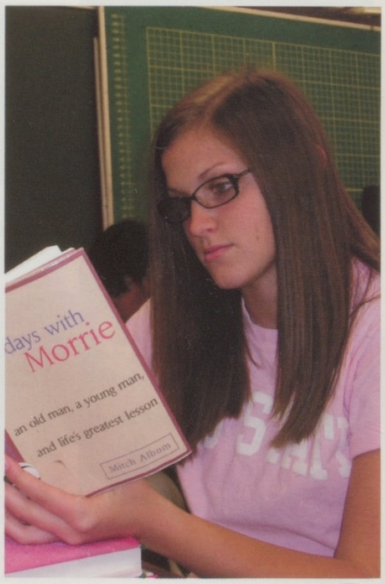




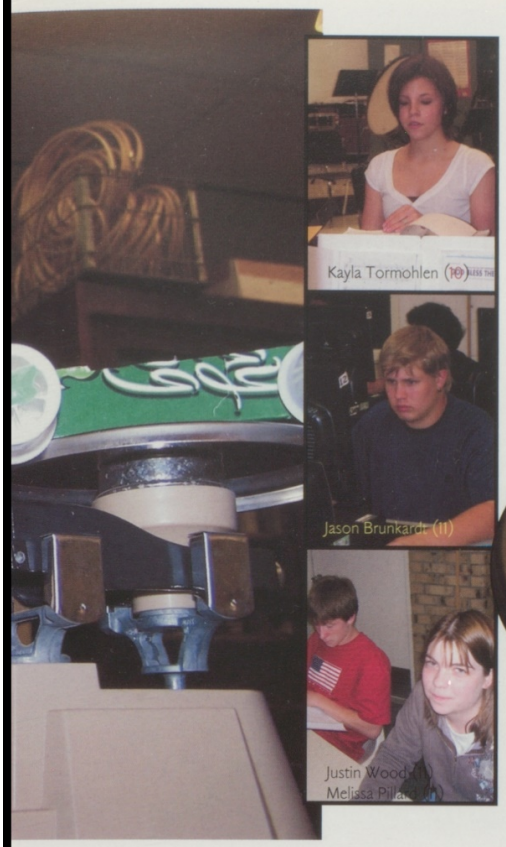
Just Let Me Read! Biancca Nava (10) ignores distractions as she jams out to a delightful book.



You Were Saying? Senior Monica Ordonez gives "the look," indicating her enthusiasm for math. Adam Goss (11) applies the necessary formulas.



Join the Club Lindsey Needens (11) reads Tuesdays With Morrie for a student book club.



Kayla Tormohlen (10)

Jason Brunkardt (11)

Justin Wood (11) Melissa Pil[illegible] (11)

Explore Hour 4

Fourth hour is a time of waiting: waiting for SSR to be over and waiting for lunch.



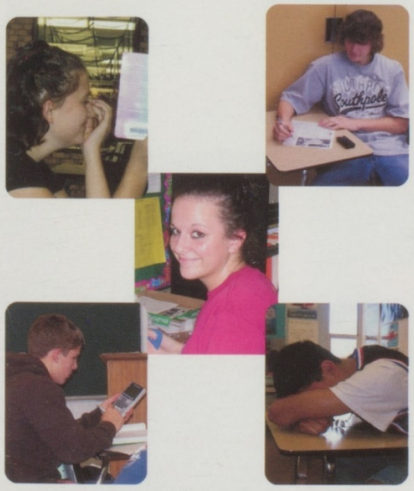
Halfway Home Lunchtime for the students is at twelve o'clock sharp. Tick... tock...tick...tock



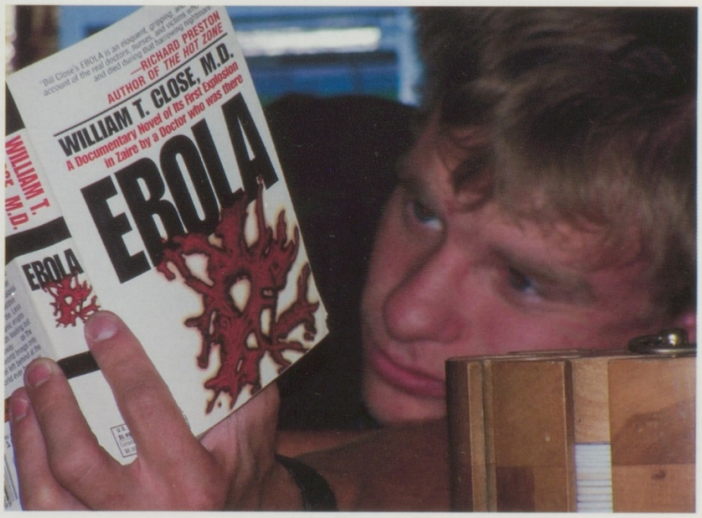
Go The Distance Seniors Reesa Larsen, Adreanne Brungardt and Adam Waters take advantage of the distance learning lab for MCC College Algebra.

o'clock sharp. Tick...
tock...tick...tock

for MCC College Algebra.



Jade Kembel (9), Robby Araujo (12), Anthony Landin (11), Lucas Scholkopf (10) and Kasie Tucke (12).



Reading Rules!
Jacob Nielson (12) reads up on an Ebola virus outbreak. That's one way to stay awake during SSR.

Fifth Gear

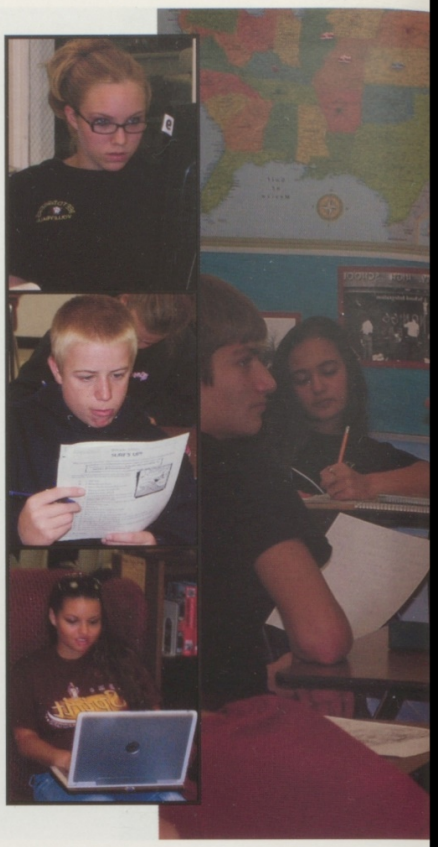
After scarfing down a fast lunch most students would like to nap, but it's back to work promptly at 12:35.



Hatch-ing a Great Idea
Allen Hatch (10) studies his Sophomore Lit. book in Mrs. Bolinger's 5th hour class.



Write Away
Luke Weiderspon (9) studiously works on the homework assigned for the day.







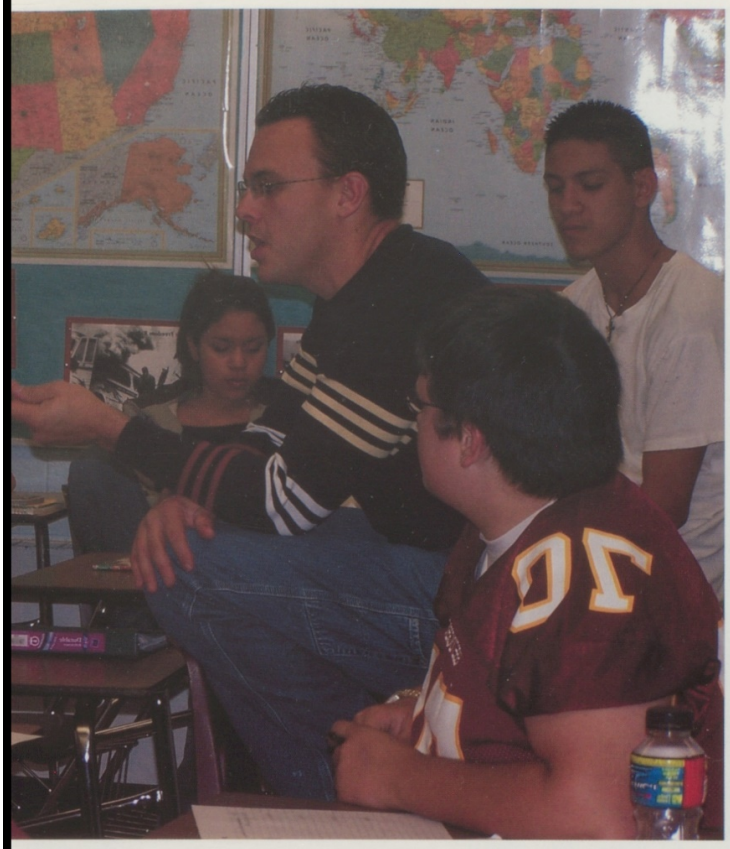




All That Jazz
Mrs. Miner accompanies the Jazz Choir while rehearsing Christmas songs for the December concert and other community performances.



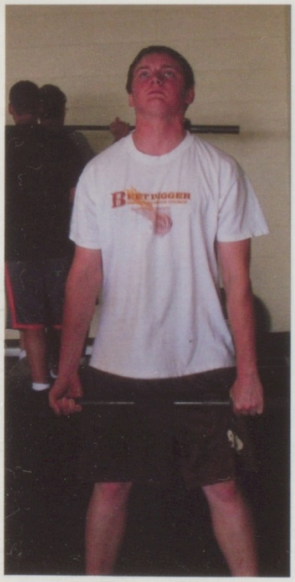
1 Sing-ular Sensation
Members of the BHS concert choir croon fifth hour away. Clockwise from top left: Jenny Ramos (12), Travis Way (11), Leah Walraven (10), Adam Goss (11) and Kelsey Stevens (12), center.



Mythology Master
Mr. Hughes discusses Greek mythology with his attentive fifth hour Great Civilizations class.

In the Hands of an Artist
Jason Brungardt (11) tries to get some dried clay off of his hands. "Even though the clay is messy I like the way it feels."





Pumpin' Iron
Austin Nichols (11) grows bigger, faster and stronger doing dead lifts in weight training.



Laugh It Up
Seren Machuca (11) and Ivy Melendez (11) enjoy a good laugh as they take a break from singing in choir.

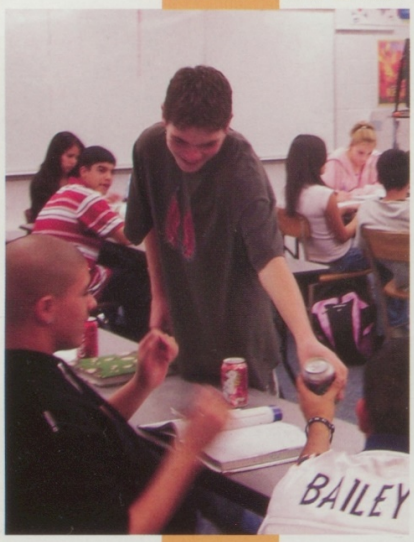


I Know This One
Scratching his head, Jacob Schoelkopf (9) searches his memory for the correct answer.

Sparks Fly
Ryan Albert (11) welds a trailer in Ag Mechanics. Facing: Aaron Quinlin (12), Shala Meredith (12), Sarah Cowden (9), Shelby Groves (12).



An Act Of Kindness
Jacob Emarine (10) brings back some pop for his buddies in sixth hour Intro. to Business.





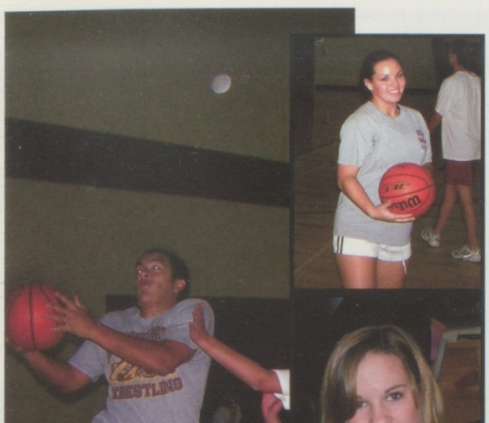
Writing Away
Rhiannon Stieb (10) writes her way through sixth hour.



Mirror, Mirror On The Wall
Mr. Marler's class prepares to make pottery under the watchful eye of the mirror.



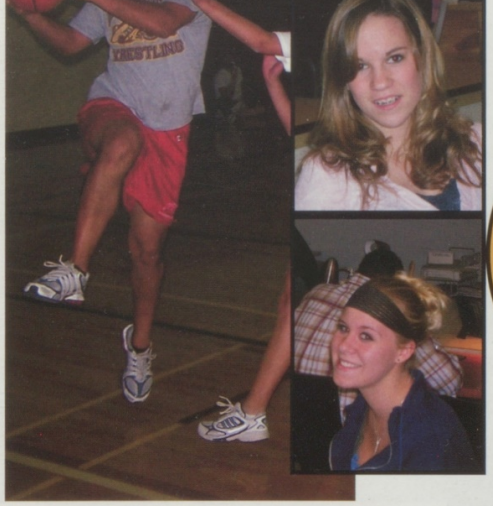
Taking It To The Hole
Kevin Walker (11) dribbles it down the court during gym class. Kevin Massey (10) doesn't know where he is after that crossover move.

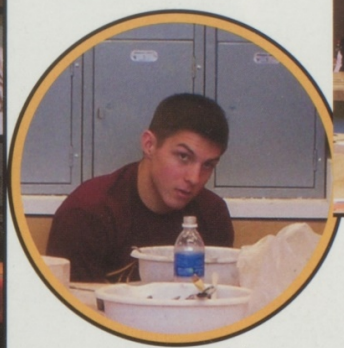


Sixth Sense

They may not be seeing dead people, but by sixth hour, the students at BHS are ready to see the end of the day.



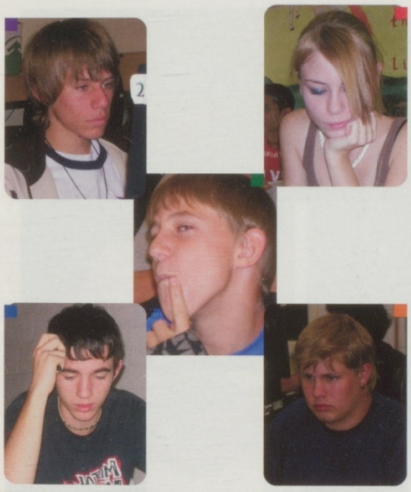




Gaire Rudnik (12)



An Artist At Work
Aaron Mick (12) puts the finishing touches on his clone trooper sculpture during sixth hour ceramics class.



The Train Of Thought
With so much to think about during sixth hour at Brush High, we can only ponder about what is going through these thoughtful thinkers' heads.

- David Baker (9)
- Hannah Nielson (10)
- Kevin Bass (10)
- Jason Brunkardt (11)
- Blaine Cowden (11)



The Desk Of A Genius
Chelsea Larrick (12) begins her sculpture during sixth hour ceramics. Though her desk may not be the tidiest, it sure has everything she needs to get the job done.

7th Heaven

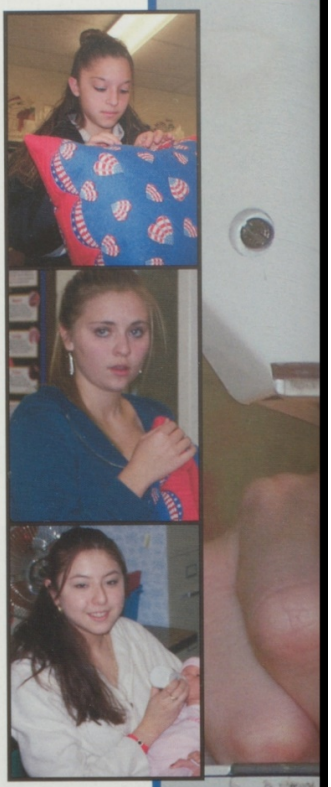
Last But Not Least! The students of Brush High get through their seventh and last class of the day.



On a Dark and Stormy Night. . .
Klista Lawrence (11) works diligently on an essay for Mrs. Bolinger's junior composition class.

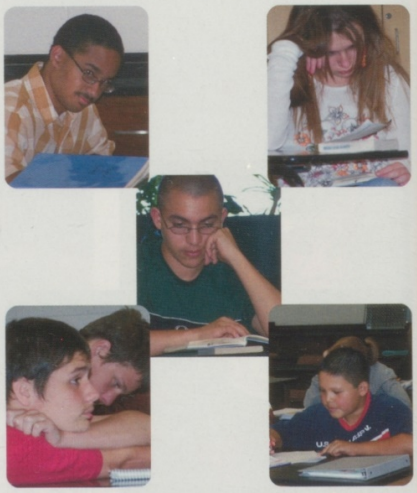


Kyra Brandt (9) Gets some help from Mrs. Hepner while Christine Dreitz (9) relaxes in back.





Christmas Fever
Jennifer Hardy (12) orders new decorations for the annual FCCLA Christmas Festival.



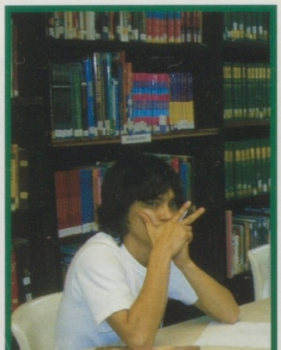
Saved by the Bell!
Students try to keep their eyes off the clock while the last class of the day seems to go on forever. Mario Dove (10), Michelle Low (9), Noe Vazquez (9), Tryston Laniel (10) and Fernando Carrillo (9).

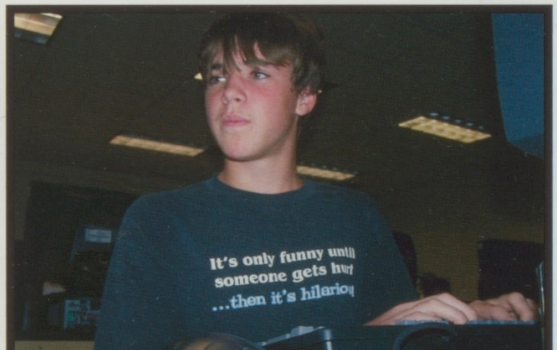


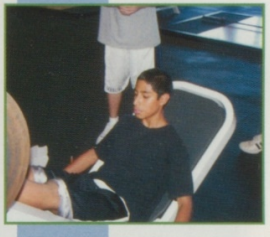
Pulling Strings
Andrew Thayer (10) practices his mighty sewing skills in Mrs. Uhrig's Fashion and Design I class. At left top to bottom Stephanie Lintner (11), Katie Potterf (10), Sandra Lopez (10).

Getting Funky
Isaac Brost (10) plays his baritone in band.

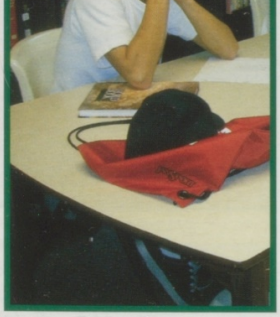




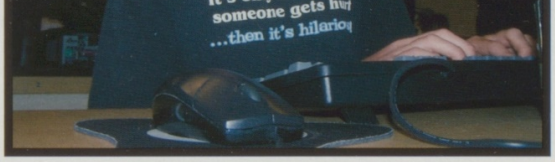




Pumpin' a Little Iron
Luis Jimenez (10) gets a workout on the push press while in his 7th hour



Peace out
Dustin Hass (11) gives the camera a peace sign as he stays cool in the library.



All Keyed Up
Davy Mooney (9) practices his typing skills in the computer lab.

Luis Jimenez (10) gets a workout on the push press while in his 7th hour weightlifting class.



Out 2 Lunch

Before school, after school, and everything in between





Adrian Cardenas (11), Grant Genho (11), Kevin Walker (11) and Dustin Hass (11) hang out in the middle hallway awaiting the start of fifth hour.



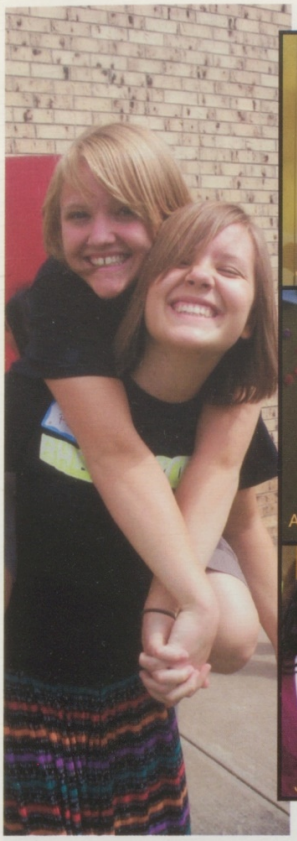
The east hallway is a common place to find students eating lunch. Dakota Walker (9) finds it more comfortable than the commons.



Eric Cordova (9) shows the way through the chaotic hallways during passing period. Three minutes doesn't give students much time to get from class to class, so the ability to safely navigate is essential.

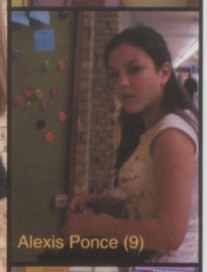


Clock wise from top: Samantha Hererra (10), Nicole Kalous (10), Briana Danielsen (9) and Kaila Casados (9)





Jake Mullens (12)



Alexis Ponce (9)



Jenny Ramos (12)

Megan Pabst (11) and Olivia Pecukonis (11) get goofy during lunch.

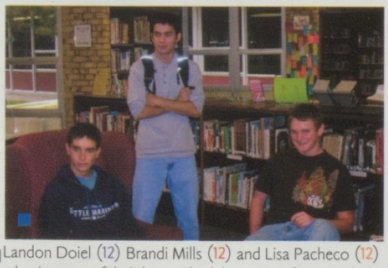




Passing Time...
Vanessa Nolan (11) and Sarah Cummings (10) pose in the hall. Katie Potterf (10), Jazlynn Armstrong (10), Amanda Stickley (12) and Katie Olson (10) enjoy school lunch.







Landon Doiel (12) Brandi Mills (12) and Lisa Pacheco (12) take time out of their busy schedule to pose for a quick shot.
Ryne Montgomery (11) goes for a pull up during a lunch time visit from the armed forces.
Before school you will often find many of the BHS students in the library lounging aroud or finishing up some homework, especially on late start days. From Right: Michael Wilson (10), Robbie Morgan (11), and Austin NIchols (11).



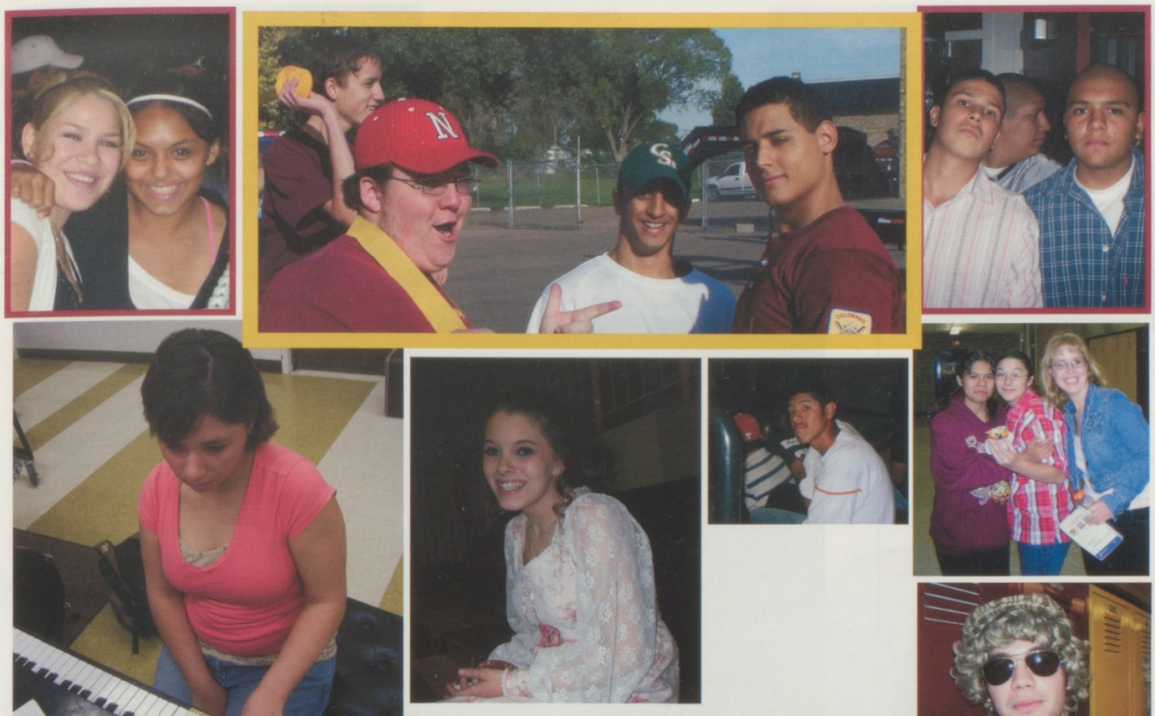
All in...
A few students take part in a poker game before the start of school. Chris Villarreal (10), Kirstie Chapman (10), David Chapman (12), Micah Hollingshead (10), Ray Slocum (10), Jacob Nielsen (12).

Like Clockwork

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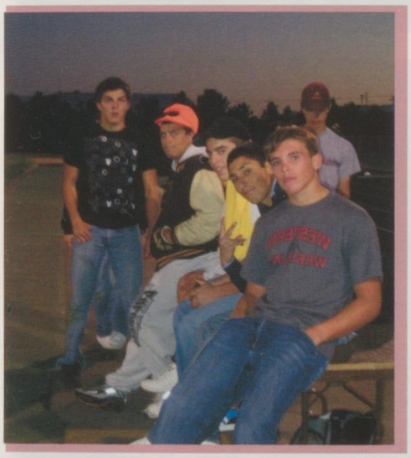
















Gettin' Down in This Small Town



Cesar Castrellon(9) and Azael Magana(9) shake their hips at the Homecoming dance.

Over 250 people attended the dance.



Kimo Cummings(12) leads his dance partner Megan Odle(11) in a country slow dance.

StuCo paid $450 for a DJ.



Charismatic Candidates

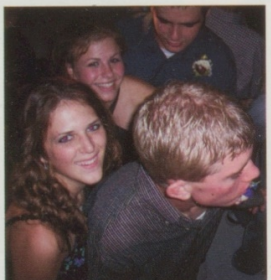
Looking studly in their ties, Ryan Nichols(12), Zeb Tedford(12), Nick Dreitz(12) and Aaron Quinlin(12) stand behind their gorgeous counterparts Reesa Larsen(12), Kasie George(12), Madalyn Babcock(12), and Breanne Lassiter(12).



Ritzy Regality

Madalyn Babcock(12) and Nick Dreitz(12) display their crowns in front of the adoring crowd. Nick revealed "I was thrilled that my peers voted for me, but I was still so focused on the game, that all I could think about was getting back to the locker room."









Brenton Kral (10) and Camille Quinlin (10) wait for the next slow dance so they can dance cheek to cheek. Camille later disclosed, "I only spent $75.00 on my homecoming dress! I got it on sale." Nevertheless, Brenton seemed to enjoy his date's appearance.

The dance lasted from 8-11 p.m.

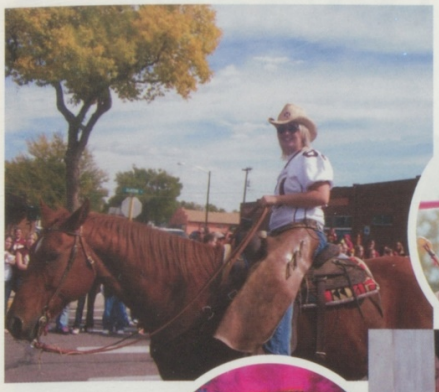


Dancing Till the Cows Come Home
Christine Dreitz (9), Jared Spooner (11), and Darla Rosenbrock (9) get jiggy wit it as they dance around the commons.



Loquacious Lindsey
Bubbling over with energy, Lindsey Needens (11) is the life of the homecoming dance. She later commented, "I had an amazing time at the dance! If my boyfriend didn't wreck my car on the way home, it would have been a perfect night.

Horsin' Around
Riding her trusty steed, Brittany Freauff (12) displays her chaps during the Homecoming parade.



Leesa Drew (10)

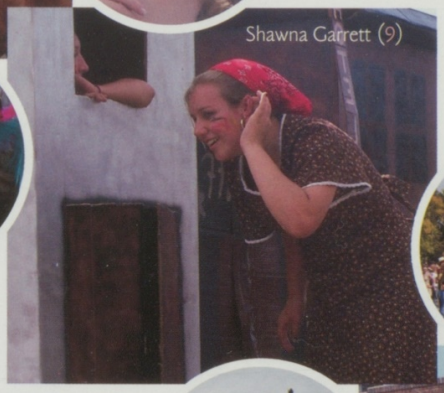




Jailbird
Davy Mooney (9) gazes longingly out of his cardboard confinement during the parade.



Austin Grippen (10)



Shawna Garrett (9)







Peek-a-Boo
Kyra Brandt (9) pops out of the freshman float to catch a breather after all of her hard work.



Pocahontas
With drum in hand, Rachel Henry (11) practices her war cry for the game on the cheerleading float.

Wild Wild West

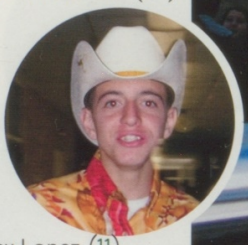
The Whole 9 Yards



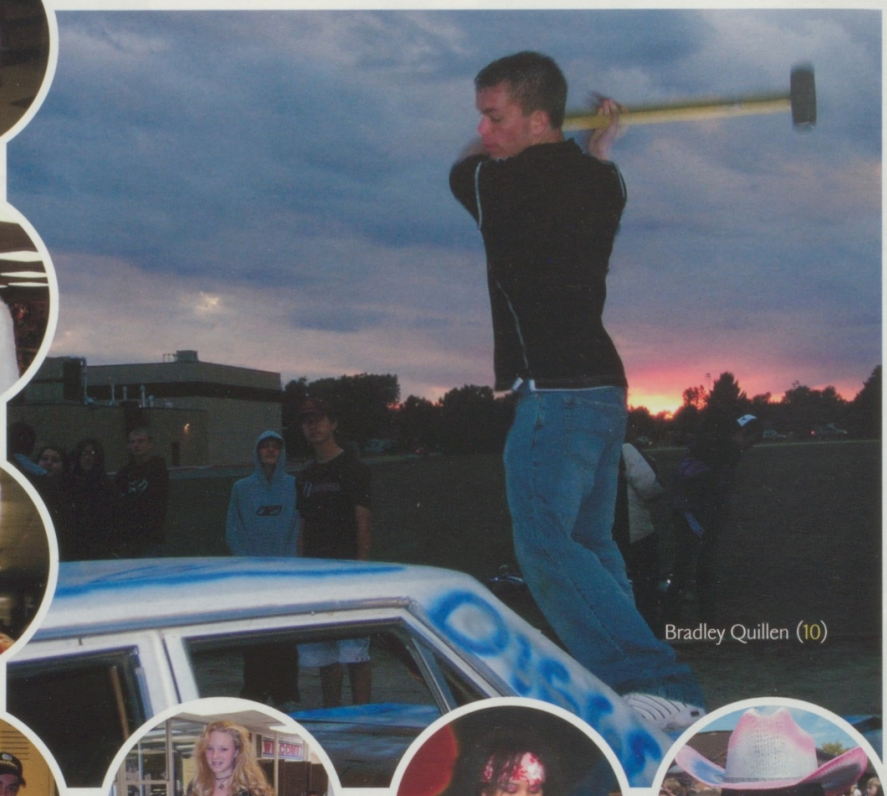
Shelby Groves (12)



Christine Dreitz (09)



Alex Lopez (11)



Bradley Quillen (10)



Lauren Pulley (11) and Michael O'Brien (12)



Jenna Buckley (09)



LaTika Johnson (11)



Carlos Sanchez (11)

HOMECOMING WEEK DRESS UP DAYS
Monday - Twin Day
Tuesday- Decades Day
Wednesday- Wild Wild West Day
Thursday- Senior Toga and Class Colors
Friday- Spirit Day



ANY GIVEN SUNDAY
Coach Nick Dreitz (12) draws out plays for his tough defense. Reesa Larsen (12), Adreanne Brungardt (12), and Taylor White (12) listened intently during half time. The Senior class came out with their 3rd consecutive win in Powder Puff Football.

BEANS, BEANS, THE MUSICAL FRUIT...
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Seniors' Last Homecoming





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Olivia Pecukonis (11), Sarah Schwab (11) and Megan Pabst (11) dressed up as "Indians" for the Wild Wild West dress up day.

Cowboy Up
Isaac Brost (10) struts his stuff in his chaps, handkerchief, plaid shirt, and cowboy hat.



"Being a senior was great, especially during Homecoming week."

-Ashley Klein (12)



"My favorite part of Homecoming was definitely float day. Our drama float placed this year, which was pretty cool."

-Katie Mussell (12)



Wild, Wild West was the theme, and the week included noontime activities like stick horse races.

-Ryan Nichols (12)

Make That Money

BHS students work part time jobs around town in order to afford life's luxuries.







"Making people happy is my



"Making people happy is my life," says dietary aide at Eben Ezer, Kelsey Lintner (10). Answering the phone, Jared Bourquin (12) takes orders for Pizza Hut lovers.





Chiara Browder (11) quotes Charles Lamb about working life: "I always arrive late to work, but I make up for it by leaving early."

Also at the Kart, Stephen Low (11) collects carts from the parking lot and stacks them neatly inside the store.

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Average number of hours worked in a week by school students.



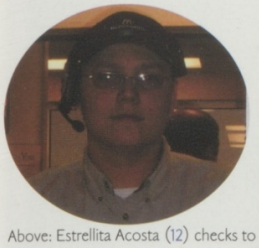


Monica Ordonez (12) takes some McDonald's fries out of the grease. Searching for a drink in the fridge, Beatriz Ortiz (12) waits to be assisted by a co-worker.



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Number of minutes most students get for lunch on grade recovery days





Above: Estrellita Acosta (12) checks to see what orders have been bumped off the screen at the Hut. Taking orders over the McD head set, Ray Slocum (12) stops to check if the order on the screen is right. Chelsea Larrick (12) prepares a fruit plate for a resident at Eben Ezer.



Daniela Sanchez (12) pours her customers their soda out at Digger's Diner "where the Beetdigger past comes alive."

Chatting with his fellow cooks, Oscar Meza (12) scrapes the bowl to serve up some hot 'n' tasty Eben Ezer food.



$2.09

Price of a gallon of gas *Nov. 21, 2006



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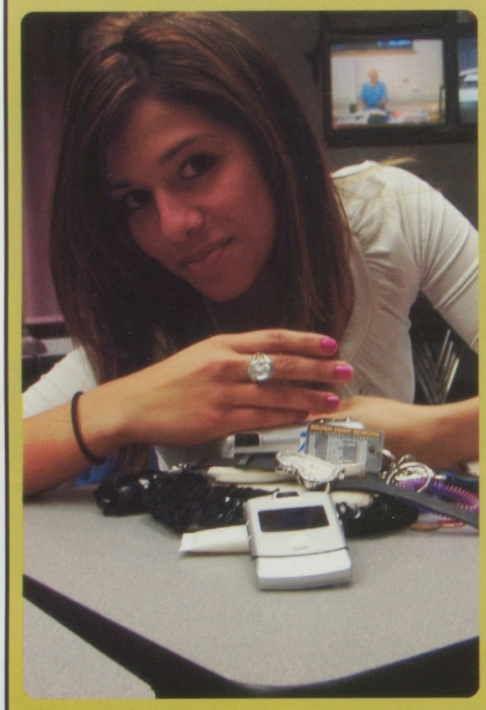


Attending to their duties on the job are Kara Schorr (12) at Eben Ezer and Alex Blake (10) at Brush Grocery Kart.

Check, Check, Check It Out!

Tech Toys

"Cell phones, CD players, electronic games, headphones, and laser pointers are not permitted in the building..." 2006-2007 Digger Guide



The Essentials
In addition to all of her "tech toys," Cesilie Chavez (11) shows off her sweet blingin' ring: Razr cell phone, car keys (w/ remote), digital camera, belt, wallet, lip gloss, change.

Put On a Happy Face
A quick search of one computer class produces a whole lot of cell phone contraband.





Coree's Carryin'
Just the essentials for Coree Linker (11) today: cell phone, lip stuff, gloves and candy.

Deep Pockets
This Intro. to Business class was packin' lots of legal calculators, but also lots of cell phones and even a portable DVD player.



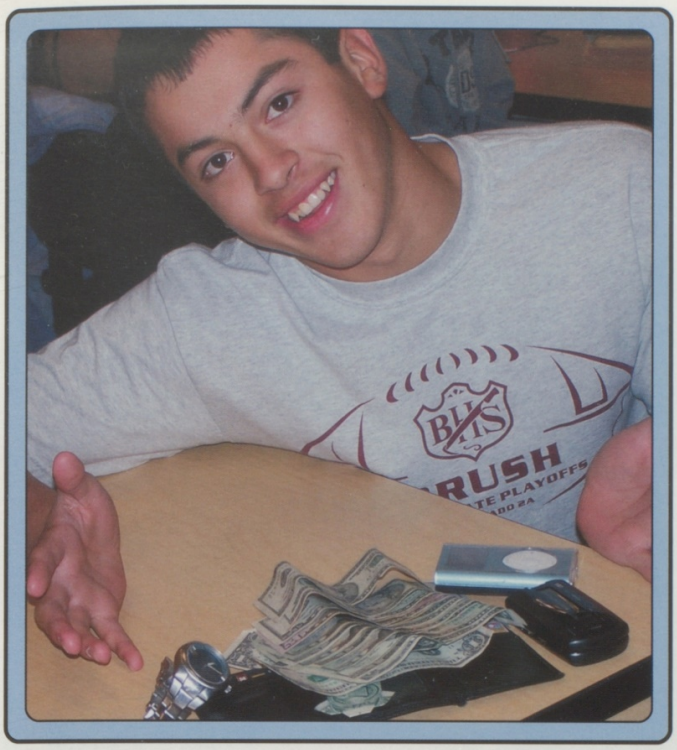


No Way, Jose
Jose Martinez (9) totes his MP3 Player, headphones, and some dog tags. On the low-tech tip, he has a good old fashioned pen.

77% of women would choose a plasma TV over a diamond solitaire necklace*

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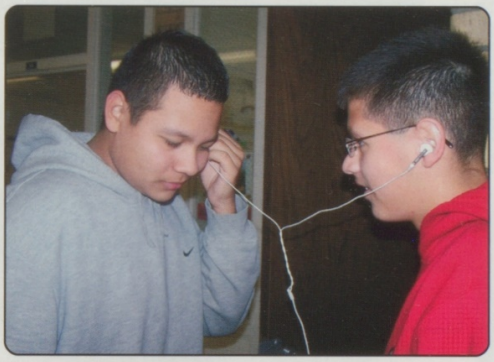
*According to Cosmopolitan magizine, November 2006, citing a Oxygen Network study



Geared Up
Arturo Maltos-Garcia (10) shows off what he has in his pockets: iPod, cell phone, watch, and a wallet full of cash, because he had just cashed his check at lunch time. "I'm going to pay my cell phone bill," stated Maltos-Garcia.

Top 7 songs on your Ipod
- "White and Nerdy" Weird Al
- "Sexyback" Justin Timberlake
- "Snow" Red Hot Chili Peppers
- "Shortie Like Mine" Bow -Wow
- "Lips of An Angel" Hinder
- "Moneymaker" Ludacris
- "Fergalicious" Fergy





Jenna Florian (11) texts while T.A.ing for Mr. Miller. "I was making plans for the weekend," said the technologically advanced Florian.

Andres Garcia (10) and Simon Gallegos (11) share headphones for a music break between classes.





From record players to 8-tracks to cassettes to CDs, music technology has certainly improved over the years.

The new iPods store hundreds of songs and come in colors. Some feature photo storage, games, and music videos.

The three elements that are a must!

Slug Bug
Senior Kyla Evans may drive a small car, but she can sure pack a lot of people into it. In fact, thirteen BHSers crammed into the little yellow wonder of German

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Senior Kyla Evans may drive a small car, but she can sure pack a lot of people into it. In fact, thirteen BHSers crammed into the little yellow wonder of German engineering on this cold November day.





Michael O'Brien (12) puts a Fox racing sticker on the back of his Blazer, but would you expect anything else from a motor cross junkie?

The Car Sticker



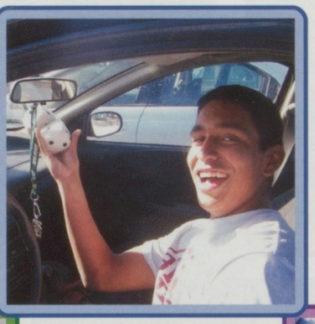
Rims are a plus. They help every car out, and many students at BHS have them!

The Sick Rims



To top it off you must have something that represents you on the rear view mirror. Senior Nichole Catlett shows off her Hawaiian background with some pretty pink flowers.

The Mirror Bling



Raul Sanchez (12) happily displays his fuzzy dice, one of his favorite car accessories.



Junior Nick Sopris models his car and himself, out in the school parking lot.



Landon Doiel (12) shows off the sweet rims on his pimped out ride.



4 Wheel Fun 4 Everyone

We have a wide variety of vehicles in the BHS parking lot.



Everyone









Silly Boys, Trucks are for Girls!
Irene Ruiz (12) takes time after lunch to show off her pretty green truck.

Car Love
Senior Issac Rodriguez sits comfortbly on his ride. He also shows his appreciation and love for his car by giving it a little smooch. You don't see that everyday.

Happy Birthday to Me!
Brenton Kral (10) leans on the new Mustang he got for his birthday.





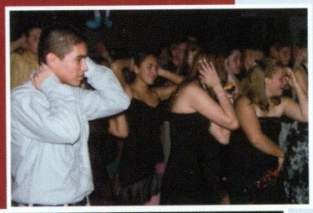


Whether it's brand new or not-so-new, we take pride in what we drive.

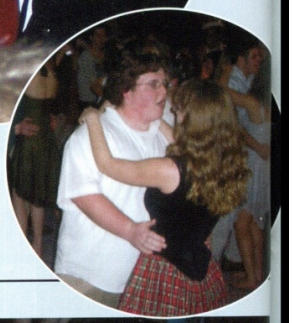
Let it Snow!

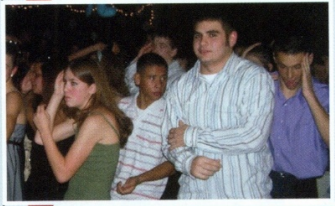
The theme of Snow Ball 2006 was "A Small Town Christmas."







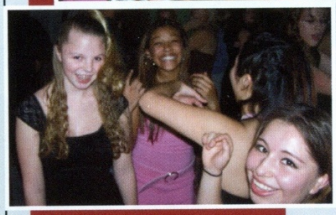




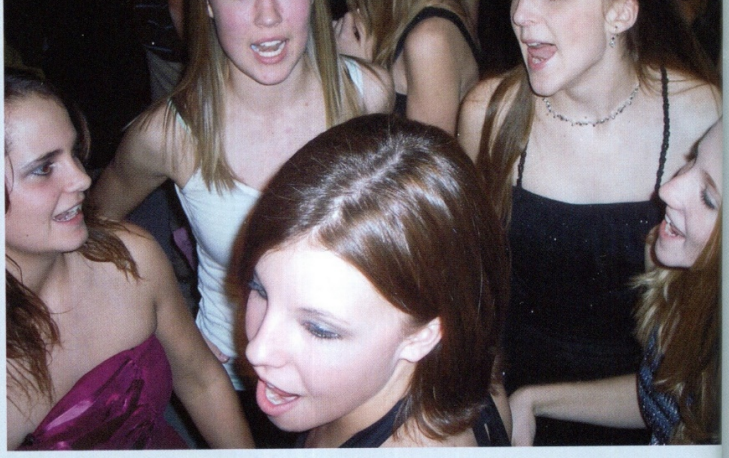








Hey Macarena!
Dancers including Alejandro Carillo, Briana Danielson, Rico Portuese, Rebecca May, Raelene Wolever, Amber Morgan, Laura Santacruz and Laura Gonzales bust out some line dancing macarena madness.



T to the A to the S-T-E-Y Girl, You Taste-y!
Megan Odle, Krista Padilla, Christine Dreitz, Leesa Drew and Kayla Tormohlen sing along to the sounds of "Fergilicious."



King Winston Harris and Queen Kasie George

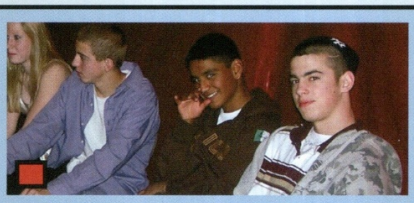
Snow Ball Roylaty Candidates: Kasie George, Jessica Mares, Reesa Larsen, Breanne Lassiter, Nichole Catlett, Winston Harris, Zeb Tedford and Omar Gomez. Not pictured Robby Araujo.



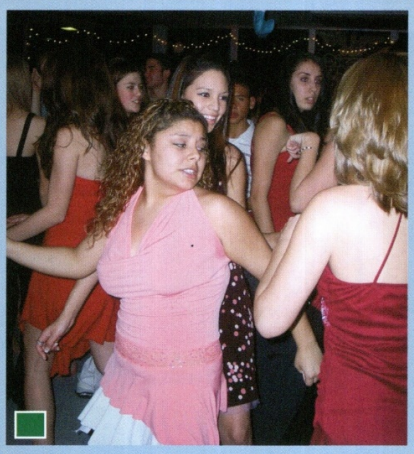
Pretty Maids All in a Row
Missie Dechant, Katie Olson, Jazlynn Armstrong and Tabitha Emmerson take a dance break.

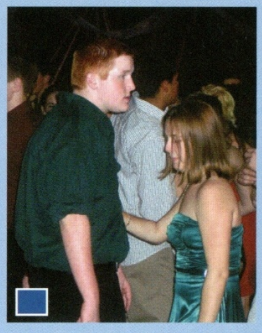


"It's hard to dance to a medley," said Nick Dreitz (12) of his beloved Michael Jackson impression, "but I made it work."









Crystal Campa (12) struts her stuff on the dance floor.

Wallflowers Chris Trujillo, Carlos Sanchez and Alex Lopez enjoy the view from the sidelines.

Landon Doiel (12) and Lynette Bass (12) groove to the sounds of Midnight Audio.



Twin Grins
Juniors Coree Linker and Vanessa Nolan enjoy hanging out with each other and all their other buddies at dances like Snow Ball.

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Estrellita Acosta, doing her Shakira impression, shakes what her mama gave her.

What do U think a Quinceañera is?



"It's a birthday celebration for a fifteen year old hispanic girl. I was in one."

Olivia Pecukonis (11)



"A Quinceañera is a hispanic tradition when a young lady turns fifteen. They have a big party to celebrate a new stage in her life."

Julie Escobar (11)



"It's a Mexican tradition when a girl turns fifteen and goes into womanhood; obviously, everyone knows that. I wish I was a girl so that I could have one."

Zak English (12)

In the Holiday Spirit
Getting ready for a night of present opening, Stephanie Garcia (10) puts on her Santa hat and laughs of joy for the holiday season.



A Full Day for La Quinceañera.
On the day of her Quince, Ivanna Espinoza (10) is accompanied by Edgar Espinoza (9) and Luis Jimenez (10). They are part of her court and help her through the transition from a girl to a woman.





Cheddared Out
Issac Rodriguez (12) puts on his cowboy hat, his ostrich boots, and belt as he sruts his stuff. He along with others participated in the yearly dress up days during Homecoming.



Top Costumes
Disguised as Edward Scissorhands and local Avon lady Peg Boggs, Cameron Brandenburg (11) and Sarah Schwab (10) take first place winner at the annual Digger Halloween Contest.

Tasteful Traditions

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Piece of Cake
Cutting a slice of cake, Yahaira Cano (9) gets the thrill of cake in the face by one of her damas.



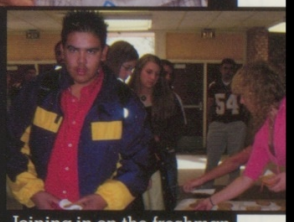
First Friday of the Month: COOKIE Time
Getting their share of the hundreds of cookies given to Brush High students, Elizabeth Aguilar (10), Luis Jimenez (10), and Jessie Guerrero (9) pick up a peanut butter cookie to eat before they make there way to their third hour class.

Take a chance at school opportunity.









Joining in on the freshman day Tyson Larrick and Luke Burns (9) take pictures in the aprons that their group wore. Paul Hernandez (9) eats a popsicle during the race. Jorge Apodaca (11) grabs a snack during cookie break. Samuel Schantz (10) paints his face for Halloween.

Express Yourself

Bling, Bling

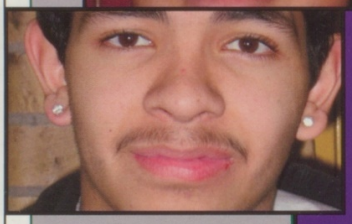












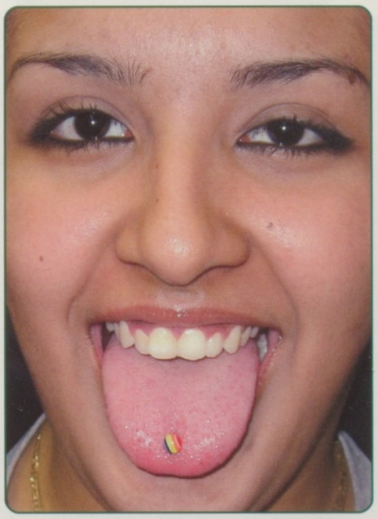
Seniors to Freshmen and in between, if you go to Brush High you got to show a little bling.



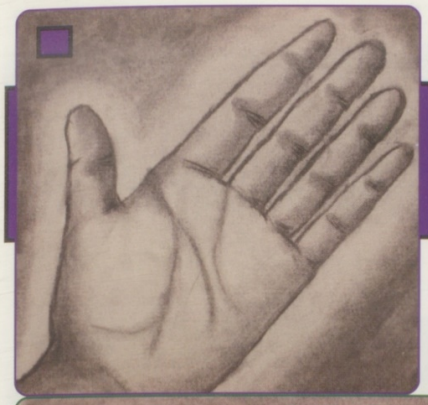




Sabrina Torrez (12) takes a moment to let us snap a picture of her four piercings in one ear.



Say Ahhh!
Irene Ruiz proudly sticks out her tongue to show off her colorful piercing which was only swollen for two painful weeks. Those two weeks were also full of lisps.



Ivy Melendez (11)

What inspired you to draw this picture?



Tom Penny is someone who I admire. My passion for skateboarding is what inspired me to draw him.

Issac Rodriguez (12)



Johnny Guzman (12)



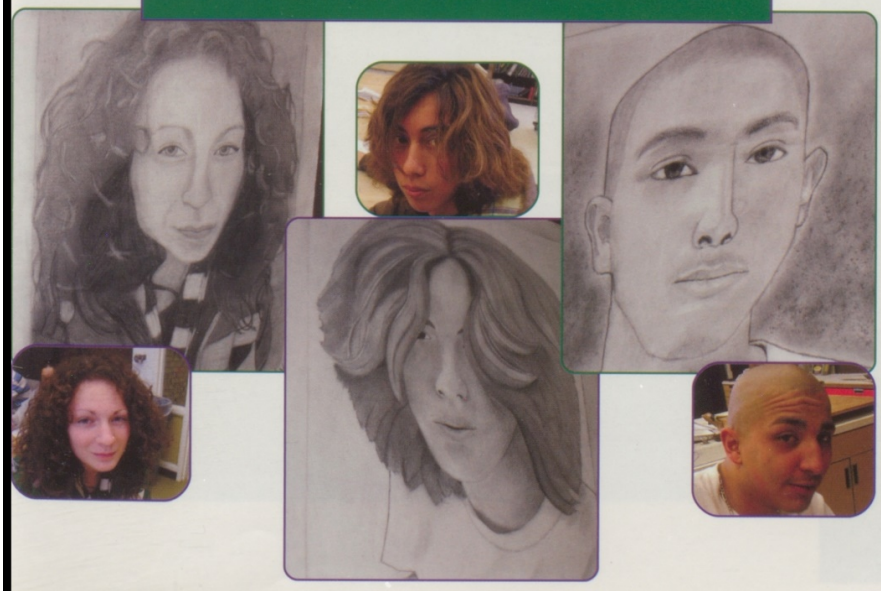
Notorious B.I.G. was a great artist and I really enjoy his music, that's why I drew him.

Self Portraits

music, that's why I drew him.

Jose Canamar (10)

Self Portraits





I drew this person, my cousin, in his memory.

Ricardo Moran (12)

What made you want this particular tattoo?



'Cause it's b.a., shows my Irish roots, and I designed it myself.

Aaron Quinlin, Senior



A friend drew it, so it's one of a kind. Nobody else has it.

Jose Garcilazo, Senior



It's something that means a lot to me.

Kasie George (12) shows her tattoo of stars which she received for her eighteenth birthday. Kasie received this tattoo with all of her sisters to prove how close they are.



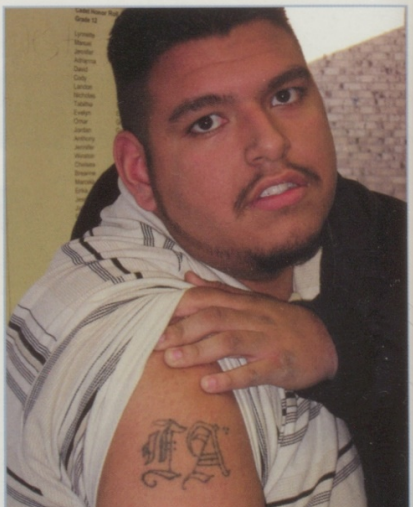
Senior Robby Araujo doesn't believe in getting little tattoos. He went all out with the the cross and his last name on his back. This tattoo was probably a pretty penny and pretty painful as well.





Michael Blickhahn (12) received his tattoo for his eighteenth birthday. His tat sybolizes his nickname "Wolf."

Luis Astorga (11) lifts up a sleeve to show off his simple but meaningful tattoo.



It's something that means a lot to me.

Derrick Cordova, Senior

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Brush Ink



Foot Frenzies





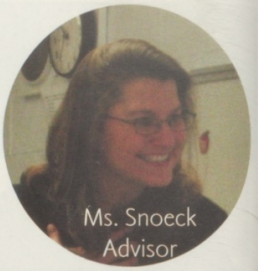
These ladies show off their fabulous feet which represent their individuality from the rest of the student body.



Free Tickets to the Gun Show Anyone?
Chris Trujillo (11) and Anthony Guzman (12) show off their guns, as they show us their tribal arm tattoos.

With Sage wisdom and a true understanding of BHS, the

With **Sage** wisdom and a true understanding of BHS, the Yearbook staff paints the school year with a wide **Brush**


Ms. Snoeck
Advisor

Covering BHS







Yearbook staffers are everywhere! They have to be to cover all the great moments that deserve to be preserved forever. From Top: Nick and Nick and company get inside the middle hall display case. The staff poses for a group photo. Nick, Nick and Winston do a little "Chicken Noodle Soup."



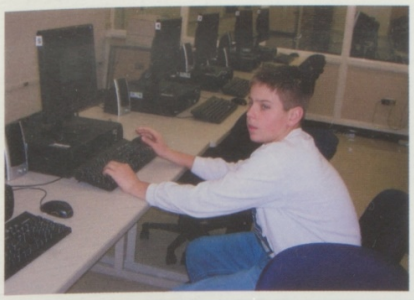
Nichole Catlett (12) has been an awesome asset to the Sagebrush staff for the past two years. She plans to further her journalism studies at the college level next year.


Issac Rodriguez
(12)


Javier Ortiz (11)



Concentration
Jessica Mares (12) and Daniela Sanchez (12) focus on the Yearbook Avenue website while they design page layouts, place photos and write copy.



Rookie of the Year
As the only sophomore on staff, Brett Cranson has to work extra hard and take extra abuse.

Anjel Garcia, Daniela Sanchez, Breanne Lassiter, Nick Sopris, Jessica Mares, Winston Harris, Kristina Furman, Amanda Stickley, Javier Ortiz, Nichole Catlett, Nick Dreitz, Brett Cranson.



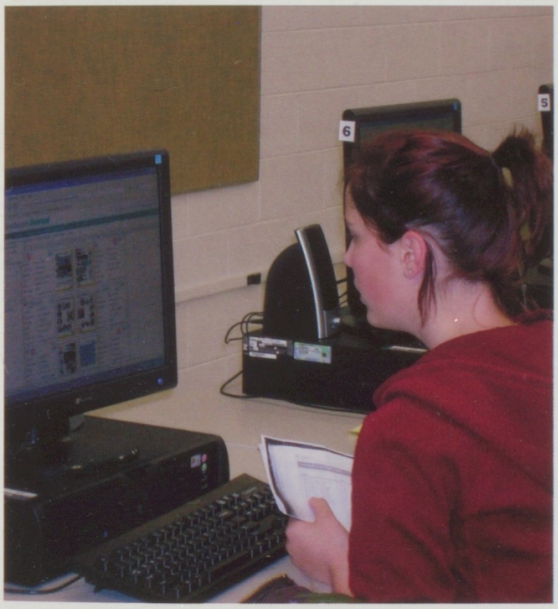


She may be quiet most of the time, but when it comes to meeting deadlines and being creative, Anjel always comes through!

Anjelica Garcia (12)









Psychadelic
Andy Waldispuhll (11) and Nichole Catlett (12) participate in "decades day" during Homecoming week.

Work, Work, Work
K-Furm and Amanda Stickley work together on some sports captions and headlines.



Another strong, silent type, Ms. Stickley is an amazing photographer and a brave co-editor.

Amanda Stickley (12)



B.Lass' creativity, open mindedness and positivity have contributed immensely to the success of this book - Not to mention coming through with the car page in 2 days!

Breanne Lassiter (12)



Another candidate for Rookie of the Year, Daniela has an amazing eye for design and a commitment to covering the whole student body.

Daniela Sanchez (12)

Un-BEET-able














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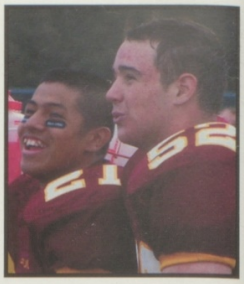






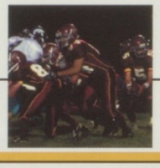
Nick Dreitz runs the ball on a quarterback keeper. Dreitz was voted to play in the All-State game by the coaches of the Patriot League.

Cameron Alexander and Tony Melendez sit back and relax while the JV team finishes the game. The Diggers were undefeated at home this year.



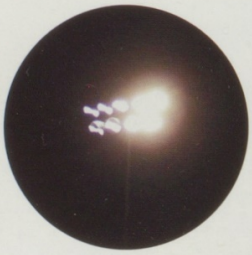
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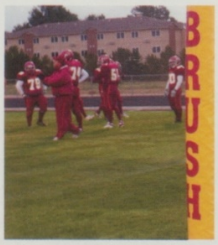






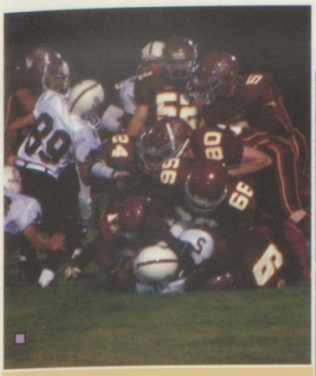


Runningbacks Dustin Bass (#7) and Aaron Quinlin (#32) ran for a combined total of 2,468 yards. Both players earned All-Conference and All-State honorable mention nods for their performances. Whether dodging defenders or just running them over, they always found a way to get the job done.













- Digger defense crushes Ft. Morgan runningbacks, giving Brush their first victory, a 45-0 shutout.
- Rafael Munoz (12) gets ready to make a big hit on Olathe's quarterback.
- Jared Spooner (11) makes a spectacular and most-needed interception against the Olathe Pirates, giving Brush the ball back right before the end of the first half.
- Rico Portuese (11) kicks off.
- The proud Patriot League champions raise their trophy in triumph. The Diggers went 7-0 in League and 11-1 overall.







Rico Portuese (11) said, "This was my best season and by far the funnest."



Jose Reyes (12) said, "My favorite moment was during the Platte Valley game when we had that great drive at the end of the game."



Isaac Brost (10) said, "The Faith Christian game was a great and emotional one. The team fought really hard."



Asked how he gets ready for every game, Ryan Dreitz (10) said, "I watch the movie Rudy and drink a big glass of blue Gatorade."



Adam Waters (12) said, "Football has affected me in so many ways. It's taught me how to be a team player and how to keep myself motivated."



Asked what he thought when he ran through the spirit line Austin Nichols (11) simply said, "Let's win."



Asked what his favorite part of this year was, Drew Oakeson (11) said, "I liked our come-from-behind victory against Platte Valley. The crowd was loud!"



The Digger defense shut down offenses this year, allowing only 7.42 points per game. Above shows them playing in their last game against Faith Christian. Though it was their only loss, the Diggers came closer than any other team the Eagles had played all year, allowing them only one touchdown. The next game showed who **really** was the second best team in 2006, when the Platte Valley Broncos lost to Faith Christian 41-0.

	Us	Them
Ft. Morgan	45	0
@ Kent Denver	35	7
@ University	41	7
@ Eaton	33	18
Weld Central	28	6
Platte Valley	21	7
@ Roosevelt	41	14
Estes Park	42	0
@ Yuma	22	10
Olathe	43	13
Trinidad	22	0
@ Faith Christian	0	7





Cesilie Chavez (11): "Diamonds truly are a girl's best friend. This year was the best, and I can't wait 'til next year."



"Even though I broke my leg and couldn't play most of the season, I still enjoyed all the good times we had." Lyndsey Needens (11)



Kati Hernandez (9): "It was my first year, and I had a great time. I can't wait for next year."









"Our diamond may not sparkle, but we'll gaurd it

had a great time. I can't wait for next year."



"I like to move it, move it."
Seren Machuca (11)



Adreanne Brungardt (12): "I am very proud of our team. We had to overcome a lot of struggles to go as far as we did. I will really miss playing next year."



"Coach Ray is really hot! Oh yea, were good too."
Megan Odle (10)



Kasie George (12): "Softball was a blast this year and I had so much fun!"





"Our diamond may not sparkle, but we'll gaurd it with our lives."

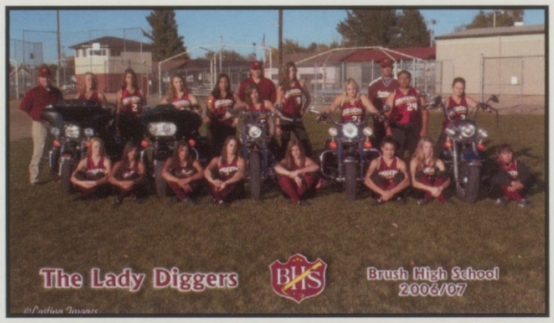
- After making it to first, Leesa Drew (10), gets ready to bail.
- Former Digger volleyball player and Kasie's big sister Shannon George is proposed to after the state tournament.
- Megan Odle (10), practices her swin before the big pitch.
- Get em' girls! After a pep talk, the softball team hustles out onto the field.







Senior Breanne Lassiter gets pumped up by a rowdy group of kids from Miss George's Thomson Primary kindergarten class.



Coach Odle, Reesa Larsen, Andy Waldispuehl, Adreanne Brungardt, Seren Machuca, Coach Ray, Breanne Lassiter, Lauren Pulley, Brittany Freauff, Coach Smock, LaTika Johnson, Kasie George, Katie Christensen, Kati Hernandez, Cesilie Chavez, Megan Odle, Lyndsey Needens, Emily Hixon, Leesa Drew, Katie Hoechedar

We're Ready! #14 Seren Machuca (11) prepares herself for this inning's closing catch. Kati Hernandez (9) gets ready to snag the ball.





WIND IT UP

Swedish exchange student Andy Waldispuhl (11) joins the team in honoring the American National Anthem.

Emily Hixon (9) rounds third and heads home.



Diamonds are 4 ever!













Them	Us	Opponent
11	1	Eaton
16	3	Platte Valley
0	18	Ft. Lupton
1	11	Yuma
7	5	Strasburg



16	3	Platte Valley
0	18	Ft. Lupton
1	11	Yuma
7	5	Strasburg
0	11	Berthoud
1	7	Alameda
10	0	Silver Creek
6	1	Sterling
4	6	Wray
8	3	Valley
5	14	Weld Central
5	2	Limon
12	22	Holyoke
8	3	Roosevelt
1	2	Lyons
8	4	Burlington
11	1	Erie
7	4	Lyons
1	5	Cedaredge
0	4	Lyons
10	1	Limon

It's Hot Out Here!
Seniors Reesa Larsen, pitcher, and Brittany Freauff, catcher, warm up before their big game.



Big Hearts + Strong Minds = Tough Team

Krista Padilla (10) nervously awaits the outcome of a close match.

Alicia Nichols (9) warms up for a Varsity home game.



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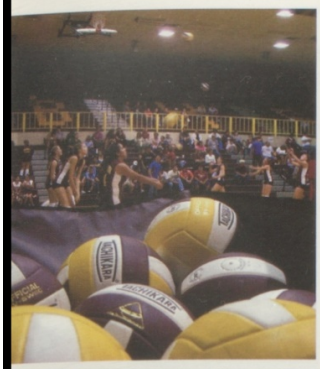
The BHS volleyball coaching staff consults one another about the next move on the court. From left to right: Head Coach Jamie Draegert, Kari Knapp, Dawn Webster and Jennifer Gudahl.



Madalyn Babcok (12)



Madalyn Babcok (12) skilfully tips the ball over a defenders block. "It's been a great four years but I'm glad its finally over with." she stated of her high school Volleyball career.











- The Varsity girls celebrate after a scored point.
- Vanessa Nolan (11) goes up for a spike.
- The Varsity girls get introduced prior to a home match.
- Vanessa Nolan (11) and Madalyn Babcock (12) watch as the ball rides the net.
- Krista Padilla (10) gets into passing stance as she passes the ball during warm up.
- The Varsity bench cheers on their team during a home match.



Rebecca May (9) "The season was fun and setting was quite an experience."



Vanessa Nolan (11) "I just hope the upper classman go out next year so it'll be fun."



Kyla Evans (12) "Thank God I'm a senior!"



Taylor White (12) "Volleyball took a lot of dedication and hardwork. It's been a tough four years."

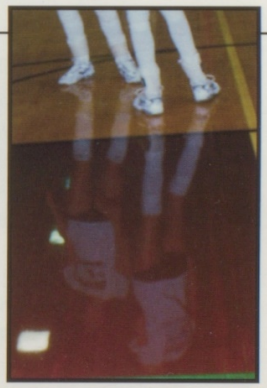


Daniela Trujillo (12) " Volleyball this year was hard work and took a whole lot of determination, but I'm glad I got back on the court."



Just a lil' Pep Talk.....
Head coach Jamie Draegert gives the Varsity girls a few words of wisdom to bring in a win.

	Us	Them
Weld Central	3	2
Platte Valley	2	3
Caliche	1	3
Valley	0	3
Eaton	0	3
Roosevelt	0	3
Wiggins	3	2
Yuma	0	3
Weld Central	0	3
Platte Valley	1	3
Akron	0	3
Valley	0	3
Eaton	1	3
Rosevelt	3	2
Yuma	3	2



Mirror, Mirror...
...on the floor, give us a win and many more!

Adam Goss (11)
"No matter how bad your day is going, no matter how down you are, just be thankful you won't be running 50 miles every week."



Mikaela Riter (10)
"I liked the competition and running at all the different places."



Jill Mertens (9)
"It was a very fun team to work with."



Sarah Goss (9)
"It was a lot of fun because you get to meet a lot of people and go places."



"Above the Slurpee & sundae runs, going swimming, hour and a half practices, and our awards was how fun and crazy my teammates were. It's what I'll remember the most."
Daniela Sanchez (12) with Coach Quinlin



Rocky Montgomery (11)
"We had a good season and hopefully we can go to state next year."



Victoria Albo (9)
"I liked the team bonding that we had."









Stretch It Out

- Corey Kembel (12) sets out across the country on a practice run.
- Omar Gomez (12) walks off a long hard race.
- Ryne Mongomery (11) huffs and puffs as he comes up on the finish line.
- At the end of the day, teamwork is what really matters.







Hot Tubbin'
Sarah Goss (9), Corey Kembel (12) and Tanner Christensen (11) chill in the hot tub after a long day on their feet.



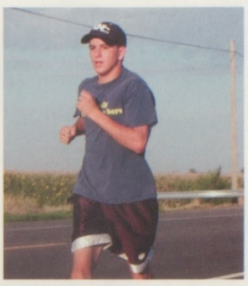
Rocky Montgomery, Tanner Christensen, Adam Goss, Jamie Christensen, Daniela Sanchez, Omar Gomez, Coach Quinlin, Katie Cyr, Jill Mertens, Sarah Goss, Coach Marcus, Nick Anderson, Kevin Massey, Corey Kembel, Ryne Montgomery, Mikaela Riter, Klista Lawrence, Desirae Dugan, Victoria Albo, Christine Gregory, Lorena Sandoval, Adriana Gutierrez



Running Wild

Keepin' Up
Kevin Massey (10) pulls away as his opponent struggles to keep up.

Practice Makes Perfect
Tanner Christensen (11) runs hard so he can beat everyone else.



Never Give Up On Your Dreams





Eyes Like an Eagle
Coach Marcus watches as the team runs at the baseball fields.

Step It Up
Jamie Christensen (11) is one step closer to crossing the finish line.

Snowin' and Blowin'
Daniela Sanchez's (12) feet pound the pavement under a dusting of snow.



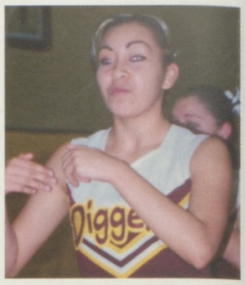
What Inspires You to Cheer?

"I look good in the uniform, and it's my life passion"

Kelsey Lintner (10)
Backspot, Backup Flyer

"The excitement of being able to be out in front of the crowd, cheering for our team."

Griselda Moreno (11)
Backspot, Flyer



Spirit Let's Hear It!















Cheering with all that she has been taught in her first year of cheerleading, **Rhiannon Stieb** (10) waits for the right moment to show the crowd what talents and tricks she can do.



Working as one team **Shay Meredith, Jenny Ramos** (12), **Laura Gonzalez,** and **Yahaira Cano** (9) use their arm strength to put Juniors **Rebeca Robles** and **Griselda Moreno** in the air to end up with a Swedish Fish.







ALL IN 1 YEAR

{Top Left}Taking breaks, getting the student body to join in on the battle cry, performing at half time during football games, as well as during time outs at basketball games are all parts of what our BHS cheerleaders do best. {At right} The squad gets ready to catch **Rebeca Robles** (11) in a basket as she cradles down.













Shala Meredith (12) "It's sad to be leaving a talented group of girls, but the memories I'll be taking with me will last me a lifetime."



Yahaira Cano (9) "It is a nice experience that I got to participate in and I really liked cheering at the football games. ".



Patricia Campa (10)"I like cheering and just being in front leading the students and family. My most memorable moment was my first time cheering because it was fun and I knew I loved it."



Desiree Dugan (9) "It was a very fun experience for those of us who have never cheered before. I liked cheering at away games."

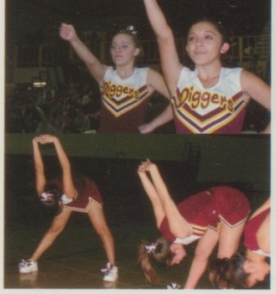


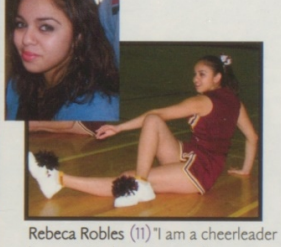
Laura Gonzalez (9) "It's a chance to get better acquainted with other sports without actually playing them."



Doing what they do best

The Brush Cheerleaders are routing on the football boys at an early game here at Beetdigger Stadium. Over the year the girls learn many new stunts and cheering at the games is just one of the many opportunities that they have to show the crowd how they can move. When cheering it is best that the girls work together to get things right the first time so that the next time they can strenghten their abilities of how well they can accomplish tasks together as one squad.





Rebeca Robles (11) "I am a cheerleader because it's the glimmer of hope when times are tough; this part of my personality that never fails to strive. It shines in my mind but ignites in my heart. I have the confidence to try, the will to believe. In all, it's the acceptance of failure and the way to achieve. That's what motivates me to be a cheerleader."



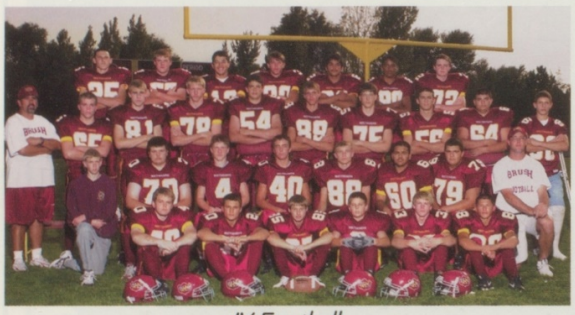
Varsity Football

Top Row: Aaron Quinlin, Gaire Rudnik, Austin Nichols, Raul Sanchez, Ryan Dreitz, Kimo Cummings, Chris Ely, Arturo Maltos-Garcia, Rafael Munoz 2nd Row: Coach Seth Hughes, Coach Larry Mills, Daniel Rubacalba, Cameron Alexander, Rico Portuese, Jose Reyes, Steven Mertens, Jared Spooner,Zeb Tedford, Nick Dreitz, Ryan Nichols, Chris Trujillo, Tyler Booth, Lucas Schoelkopf 3rd Row: Coach Ken Garcia, Grant Genho, Adam Waters, Brad Quillen, Isaac Brost, Dustin Bass, Derek Cordova, Adrian Cardenas, Cole Bostrom, Coach Lance Schwindt 4th Row: Coach Ron Albo, Manuel Batrez, Bradley Bass, Roy Grauberger, Jairo Villa Antonio Guzman, Drew Oakeson, Brent Hammer, Coach Dick Craton.



Varsity Volleyball

Top Row: Coree Linker, Coach Kari Knapp, Taylor White, Vanessa Nolan, Kyla Evans, Kayla Tormohlen, Madalyn Babcock, Sarah Cummings, Jessie Florian 2nd Row: Coach Jen Gudahl, Krista Padilla, Natalie Weaver, Coach Jamie Dragert.



JV Football

Top Row:Ryan Dreitz, Brenton Kral, Arturo Maltos-Garcia, Tyler Booth, Daniel Rubacalba, Carlos Sanchez, Austin Nichols 2nd Row: Coach Ken Garcia, Brad Quillen, Jacob Hunter, Steven Mertens, Chad Linker, Seth James, Joel Barr, Chris Trujillo, Adrian Rocha, Lucas Schoelkopf 3rd Row: Brent Hammer, Aaron Waters, Justin Wood, Tyler Weitzel, Cole Kembel, Adrian Cardenas, Troy Warner, Coach Lance Schwindt 4th Row: Cole Bostrom, Justin Burns, Bradley Bass, Brett Cranson, Isaac Brost, Jairo Villa.



JV Volleyball

Top Row: Darla Rosenbrock, Alicia Nichols, Kortney Weaver, Kolby Bright, Krista Mares 2nd Row: Krista Padilla, Coach Jen Gudahl, Kayla Tormohlen, Laura Garcia, Natalie Weaver.



C Team Football

Top Row: Jesse Aguallo, Jacob Fetcher, Ramon Portuese, Simon Gallegos, Derek Lynch, Ubaldo Cruz 2nd Row: Coach Ron Albo Levi Brennemann, Eric Cordova, Luke Nichols, Bruce Melendez, Tyson Larrick, Austin Miranda Coach Seth Hughes 3rd Row: Brent Hammer Noe Vasquez, Louis Rivera, Edgar Espanoza, Ryan Canham, Antonio Guzman, Aaron Lawson.



C Team Volleyball

Top Row: Kortney Weaver, Kari Knapp, Jenna Buckley, Raelene Wolever, Cherisse Nolan, Christine Dreitz 2nd Row: Kristina Mullenix, Dakota Walker, Rebecca May, Darla Rosenbrock, Samantha Mares, Lyndsey Litner.



Varsity Boys Basketball

Winston Harris, Omar Gomez, Kyle Lynch, Chris Ely, Nick Sopris, Tyler Riter, mgr. Jamie Christensen, mgr. Nate Thompson, Coach Garcia, Landon Doiel, Zeb Tedford, Jared Spooner, Seth James, Head Coach Kennedy, mgr. Ryne Montgomery.



Varsity Girls Basketball

Coach Ely, Coach George, Head Coach Gudahl, Coach Palser, Reesa Larsen, Leesa Drew, Darla Rosenbrock, Alicia Nichols, mgr. Cherisse Nolan, mgr. Kristina Mullenix, mgr. Hannah Bostron, Jenny Morgan, Christine Dreitz, Krista Padilla, Breanne Lassiter, Kasie George, Alex Blake.



JV Boys Basketball

Grant Genho, Ubaldo Cruz, Brett Cranson, Derek Lynch, mgr. Nate Thompson, Justin Wood, Tyler Weitzel, Rico Portuese, Sammy Guzman, mgr. Jamie Christenen, Coach Garcia, Sergio Saucedo, Rocky Montgomery, Chad Linker, Seth James, Coach Kennedy, mgr. Ryne Montgomery.



JV Girls Basketball

Coach George, Casi Neiman, mgr. Hannah Bostron, Coach Palser, Jenna Buckley, Jennifer Gutierrez, mgr. Kristina Mullenix, Jenny Morgan, mgr. Cherisse Nolan, Lorena Sandoval, Coach Ely, Alex Blake, Andy Waldispuhll, Raelene Wolever, Emily Hixon, Rebecca May.



C Team Boys Basketball

David Baker, Ramon Portuese, Ryan Canham, Justin Catlett, Fernando Carrillo,Tyson Larrick, mgr. Nate Thompson, mgr. Jamie Christensen, Derek Weiderspon, Luke Nichols, Levi Brenneman, mgr. Ryne Montgomery, Coach Linker, Matt Mick, Matt Jarrell, Jeremy Deslauriers, Chris Villarreal, Jacob Schoelkopf, Coach Kennedy.

Digger Fans in stands...





Stand up & clap your hands!







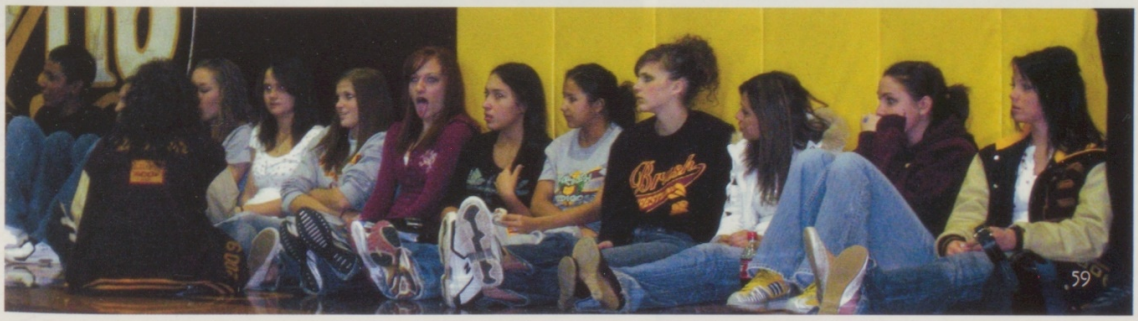


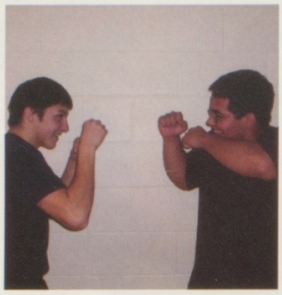












Battle On

Rumble in the Jungle
In this friendly game of slap boxing, rivals Gaire Rudnik (12) and Adrian Cardenas (11) get ready to get at it.

On Top Of The Snowhill
Brenton Kral (10) fends off enemy Brett Cranson (10) in a fierce game of King of the Hill on a wintery afternoon.



Random Sports

Not all sports are school sponsored! Diggers get into all kinds of "random" sports and sports-like activities.







After School "Sports"
Jose Reyes (12) and Drew



Jenna Florian (11) and horse Timmy compete in a horse show in Salt Lake City, Utah.



After School "Sports"
Jose Reyes (12) and Drew Oakeson (11) compete on the newest gaming console, the PS3, during some after school free time.

Hackey Sack Days
After a quick but nutritious lunch, Allen Hatch (10), Nathan Seaman (12) and Zak English (12) join their buddies for some hackey sack before the bell rings.





- Zachary Young (10) is back on his skateboard as soon as the snow melts off the streets this winter.
- Dancer Cheyenne English (10) takes a moment off from bustin her moves with the Fort Morgan Dance Team
- Junior Chris Trujillo can check this off his list of things to do before he graduates - arm wrestling with Principal Mr. George!



Poll Question

If you had to join a "random" sports team, what would it be?



John Hirschfeld (10)
"I would have to say a pickle-ball team."



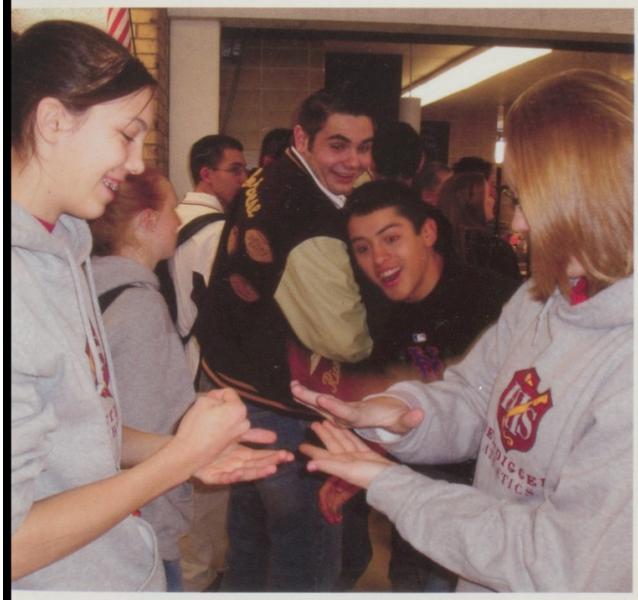
Cody Huggins (11)
"'Smear' football."



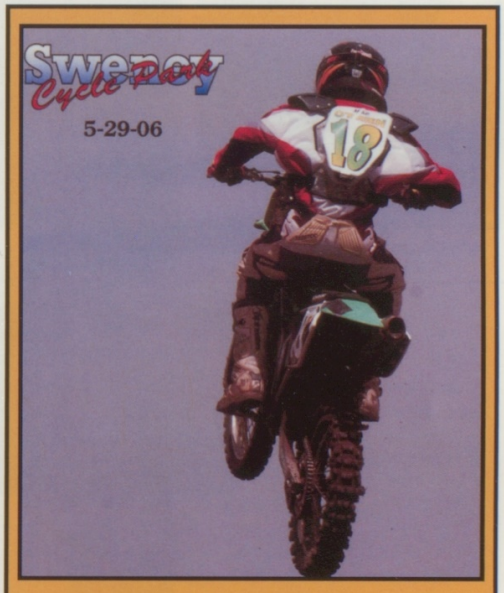
Jenny Morgan (10)
"I would join a lacrosse team."



Gustavo Diaz (9)
"A pogz team."



Paper Beats Rock
During the seemingly endless lunchline, freshmen Alicia Nichols and Jenna Buckley decide to get lost in a game of rock-paper-scissors while their fellow schoolmates join in on the action.



Riding Like a Hurricane
Michael O'Brien (12) gets airborn off a hill while racing at the Sweeney motorbike track. Michael quotes, "This is all my competitors get to see when I'm racing - my backside!"

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Sweeney motorbike track. Michael quotes, "This is all my competitors get to see when I'm racing - my backside!"



Rebecca May (9) "Jenna jumped up and down screaming for the ball, then she missed the shot!" is a funny memory.



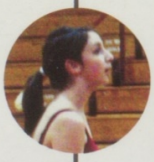
Emily Hixon (9) "To succeed all we need to do is BELIEVE!"



Andy Waldispuhll (12) "What the heck, I didn't even touch her!"



Jennifer Gutierrez (9) "Get pumped or stay on the bench."



Charisse Nolan (9)mgr. "Listen to loud, fast music" is how I get pumped up for the game.







Reesa Larsen (12) said, "We have done more in this basketball season than just playing games. We have built relationships on and off the court."

Jenny Morgan (10) rolls the ball off her fingertips as she follows through with the shot.

Alicia Nichols ( ) shoots as her opponent tries to block the shot.

Krista Padilla (10) uses on her vertical defense to stop her opponent's shot.

Darla Rosenbrock (9) focuses intently on making her free throw to pick up the extra point.









Takin' A Break
Darla Rosenbrock (9), Christine Dreitz (9), Breanne Lassiter (12), and Reesa Larsen (12) take a much needed breather.



Take Your Best Shot

Up Up and Away!
Leesa Drew (10) follows through with her shot as the ball flies safely into the basket.

Keep it Up!
Coach Gudahl gives the team some much needed inspiration after a tough first half.







BHS, You Know!









I'm Open!
Breanne Lassiter (12) said, "It's been a rough year but I've had some of my most memorable moments with this team," of her basketball season.

Up in the Air!
About this year's basketball season Kasie George (12) said, "We may not have done as well as we had hoped, but I don't regret going out at all. I had so much fun just hanging out with all these girls. I'll miss it."

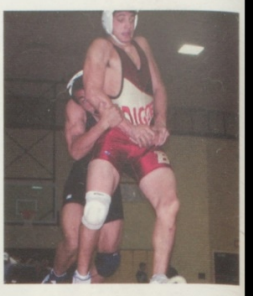
Christine Dreitz (9) fiercely fights off good defense as she tries to score.



Grizzly Grapplers

Frankenstein
Wearing bandages to protect his massive head wound, Aaron Quinlin (12) gives a bit of advice to a struggling teammate.

Stretch Out
Eric Cordova (9) fights off his opponent at the Brush JV Invitational tournament.



Honoring the Tradition; Elevating the Standard



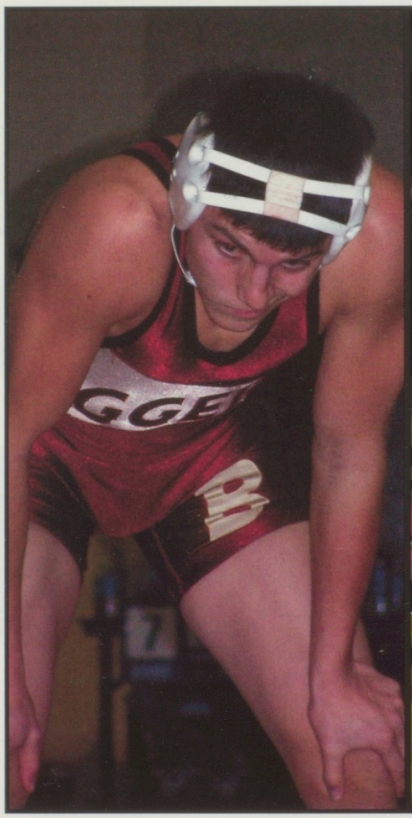




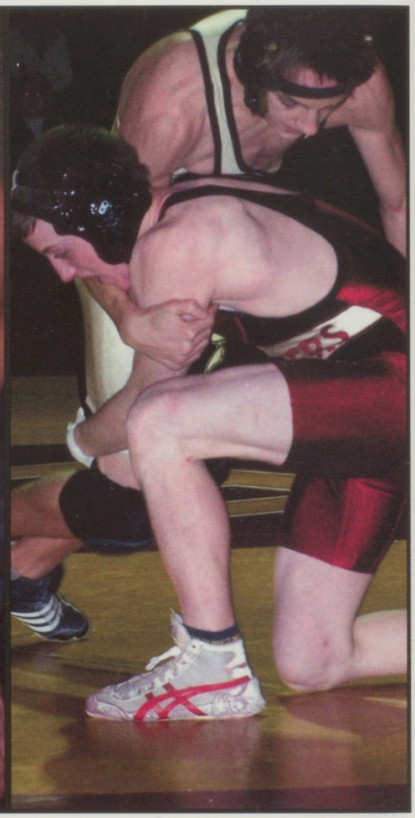




The BHS wrestling team lines up matside to cheer on their teammates during their 81 - 0 domination of Valley.

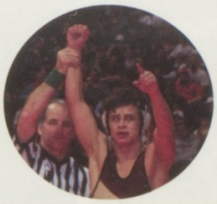


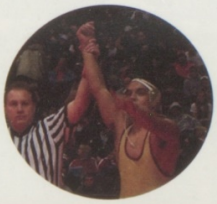
Gaire Rudnik (12) ponders two strategies: first, how he's going to win his match and next what he's going to eat when it's over.



Cody Cole, (12) overpowers his Valley opponent at 119, going on to win by tech-fall.









Underdogs

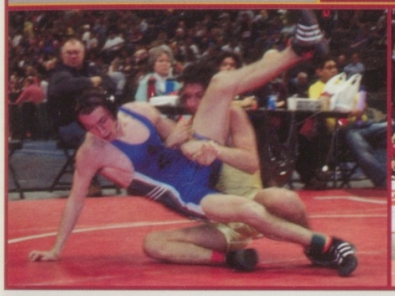
At the beginning of the season the Brush wrestling team was ranked 2nd overall behind the Roosevelt Rough Riders. "We all knew how great our team was, so we just stuck together and showed everybody who was really number 1 at the state championships."
-Aaron Quinlin

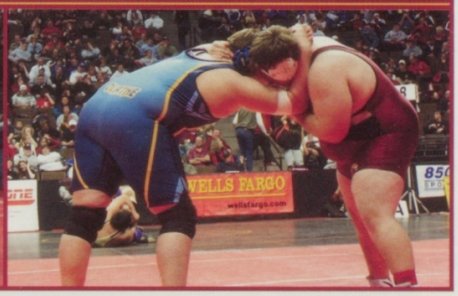
2007 3A STATE CHAMPIONS !

Guts and Gas

The 2007 wrestling team's motto "Guts and Gas" lead them to the "Top of the Podium." With nine state placers, four of them being state champions, our wrestlers brought home a piece of hardware that the town of Brush has been waiting for for a long time. Up top are our four state champions, Cody Cole at 119 lbs., Rafael Munoz at 145 lbs., Aaron Quinlin at 171 lbs. and Nick Dreitz at 215 lbs. Other placers consisted of Derrick Cordova taking 3rd at 135 lbs.; our 4th placers, Richie Grauberger at 140 lbs., Cole Kemble at 125 lbs., Daniel Rubalcaba at 189 lbs.; also, Adam Waters placed 6th at 285 lbs.





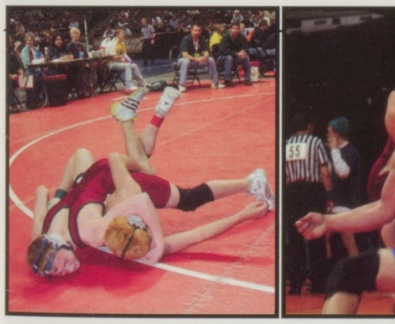


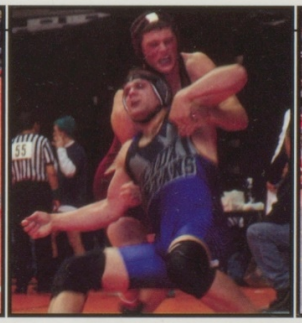


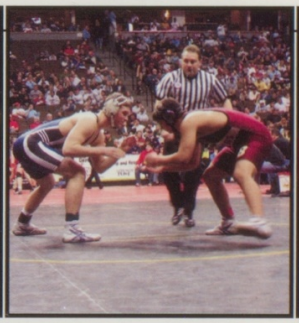


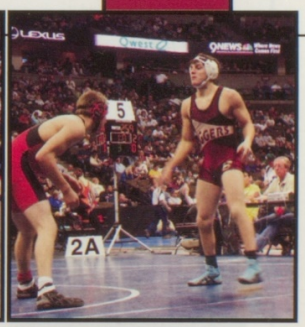












Count 'Em
Cole Kemble comes back from an 11-4 deficit, pinning his kid in the quarter finals of the state tournament.

Tons of Fun
When Nick Dreitz was asked what he was thinking when he was doing this move he said, " Gee whiz this guy is heavy."

Let's Dominate
Daniel Rubalcaba only had one word to say at the state tournament at the Pepsi Center: "domination." The under-ranked Caba did, as he took fourth in the state, beating the number 1 kid in the quarter finals.

No Mercy
Gaire Rudnik had an unstoppable double leg takedown, and every opponent he faced knew it. Here at the state tournament he cleverly thinks of his next move as he looks down at his next victim.



Omar Gomez # 24 Senior
Looking back on his fourth year of Digger basketball, Omar recalls a memorable moment, "I went over to ask Coach if I could take a breather, but I was so focused on the game, I hadn't realized that it was half time already."



Zeb Tedford # 31 Senior
The one memory that came to Zeb's mind when asked about his senior year of basketball is, "At half time I told the team to 'pass me the rock,' during one of the games."



Winston Harris #15 Senior
The All-State-Honorable-Mention, three-point-swishing Winston gave the up-and-coming some advice: "Only the strong survive in this sport," referring to mental and physical strengths.



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1 Chris Ely(11) courageously goes for the 3 as Zeb Tedford(12) prepares for the offensive rebound, just in case.

2 One team united in the huddle.

3 With his agility and determination, Winston Harris(12) drives to the basket.

4 Tyler Riter(12) is seeing double as he practices at half time.

5 Hustling for the ball, Kyle Lynch(11) is on all fours.



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100% Support
Mgr. Rico Portuese (11) and the players on the bench back up their team.





Diggers	Them	
71	41	Ft. Morgan
75	26	Akron
52	57	Eaton
63	55	Platte Valley
66	61	Denver Christian
65	45	Highland
50	60	Valley
63	60	Strasburg
57	69	Holy Family
50	54	Yuma
66	69	Roosevelt
66	53	Weld Central
79	84	Eaton
42	53	Platte Valley
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62	52	Holyoke
38	61	Valley



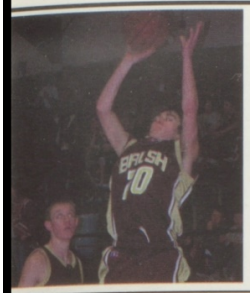
Explaining the Plan of Attack
Coach Kennedy demonstrates his hunger for victory by helping his Varsity team understand the offensive plays needed to put two more points on the score board.



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71	65	Yuma
62	52	Holyoke
38	61	Valley
47	53	Weld Central
84	90	Roosevelt
59	68	Erie

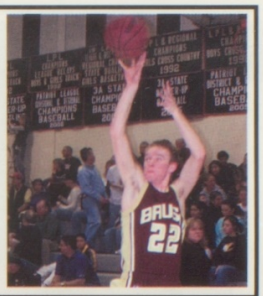
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Justified Juniors

Nick Sopris (left) and Kyle Lynch (right) earn their right to be on the varsity team as Juniors by letting their shooting skills shine. Nick averaged the most assists per game (2.5) and Kyle made 111 points this season.



Run -N- Gun

The Boys Trample The Opposition With Speed and Accuracy















Soaring Omar Gomez (12) tramples the Rough Riders as he flies the ball to the hoop.

Zeb Tedford (left), a senior, uses his powerful leg muscles to drive the ball into the hoop while Jared Spooner (right), a junior and All State player, skillfully puts the ball up for 2. The Beetdiggers were neck and neck with the Yuma Indians but pocketed a victory by 6 points in overtime. Coach Kennedy stated after the game, "All 9 of my varsity players gave it their all. With the hard work of the whole team, we were able to win."

Above All Opponents



Senior Studs

Lead off hitter senior Tony Melendez waits for the pitch on Saturday's game against Wiggins. Tony must have

Dustin Bass (12) leaps in the air to catch a high ball thrown in from the outfield.





Melendez waits for the pitch on Saturday's game against Wiggins. Tony must have been comfortable as lead off, going 4-4 during that game.

Center fielder Antonio Melendez

air to catch a high ball thrown in from the outfield.

Second baseman Dustin Bass



7th Inning Stretch








Juniors Chris Ely and Kyle Lynch point at another miraculous play by the Digger Boys, while sporting their rally caps.





Raul Sanchez (12) grunts as he hits his second double in the Fort Morgan Classic.

Right is Cameron Alexander, throwing a perfect knuckle ball to go along with his perfect game. Cameron pitched only 36 balls in 4 innings, dominating from the mound.

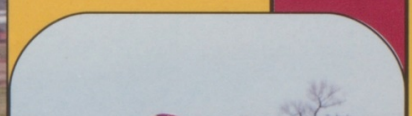




Brother to Brother Connection

Richie Grauberger (12) pitches the ball to lil' bro Roy (11) in the game against Colorado Springs Palmer. They definitely have good chemistry.











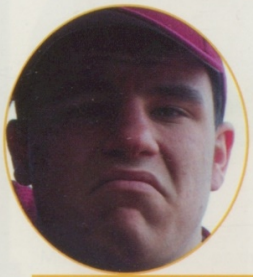


Above is Senior Jordan Gonzalez chucking the ball to second base from right field.
Right is first baseman Jake Mullens (12) standing ready for any laser hit at him.
Left is senior Paul Villarreal fielding a hard hit ball at first. When Paul's not playing first he's on the mound pitching.
Below the Digger boys talk strategy as they watch their opponent warm up. Some a little more serious than others.





We had a good year. It was a lot of fun.
-Brett Cranson (10)



It was tough not playing during the first part of the season.
-Drew Oakeson (11)



Arturo is a stud!
-John Hirschfeld (10)







Sweet Shot

Counterclockwise from top

Sammy Guzman lines his putt to make this critical shot.

Junior Alejandro Carillo shows off his backswing during this drive.

Sophomore Jenny Morgan prepares to hit this shot while warming up during practice.



Senior Brittany Freauff gets ready to drive across the fairway.



Senior Kasie George follows through like a pro.



Out on the Links

Senior Crystal Samples keeps her eye on the ball during this nice tee-off.

Junior Coree Linker steadily putts this ball toward the hole.



Brush Golf

Beginning the Tradition







Head Coach George Mussell commented on the boys' golf season,"It is tough competing when your varsity is composed of only 1 sophomore and 3 freshmen, but what didn't kill us will only make us stronger."

Sophomore Sammy Guzman prepares to tee off while freshman Luke Weiderspon gets ready for his next swing.





Parachute Training

Steven Mertens (11)

Robbie Morgan (11)



Right On Track








Coaches Gudahl and Craton enjoy the excellent weather as they watch both teams earn 4th place on St. Patrick's Day.



Megan Pabst (11) powers her way to a second place finish in the 100 meter hurdles at the BHS Invitational.

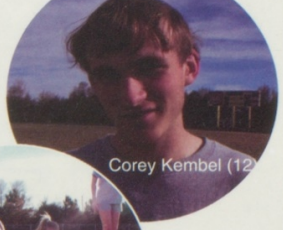










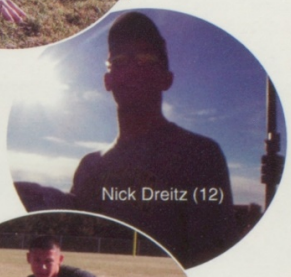
Corey Kembel (12)



Stephanie Lintner, Mariah DeHerrera, Kristina Mullenix

Emily Hixon (9) flies to 3rd place in long jump at the BHS Invitational.
Reesa Larsen (12) practices for another state qualifying shot throw. Larsen placed 8th at the St. Paddy's day meet.
Zeb Tedford (12) catches his breath between jumping and running events.
Justin Wood (11) and Tyler Booth (10) try to perfect the relay handoff at Beetdigger Stadium.
Bradly Quillen (10) and Ryan Nichols (12) stretch out early in the season, with the snow still piled on the ground.
Cole Bostrom (10) gets on his mark, waiting for the race-starting report to send him flying ahead of his competitors.





Nick Dreitz (12)



Jairo Villa (11)







Daniela Sanchez (12)
Andy Waldispuhl (12)





Nichole Catlett (12) is all focus as she powers into her long jump.

The team that stretches together, wins together! These committed Digger track stars endure intense workouts in all kinds of unpredictable spring weather so they can outperform their competition.



BoysGolf

Coach George Mussell, Sammy Guzman, Jeremy Deslauriers, Luke Wederspon, Alejandro Carillo, Michael DeSantis, Taylor Ely







Girls Golf

Brittany Freauff, Coree Linker, Jazlynn Armstrong, Krista Gonzalez, Jenny Morgan, Crystal Samples, Kasie George, Chelsea Larrick, Michelle Low, Katie Olson, Amber Morgan, Larissa Carter.



Cheerleading

Laura Gonzalez, Rhiannon Stieb, Yahaira Cano, Desirae Dugan, Jenny Ramos, Patricia Campa, Shala Meredith, Griselda Morena, Kelsey Lintner, Rebeca Robles, Coach Kathy Barthlama and Coach Lalonda Baker.

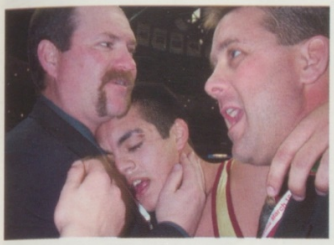


Track

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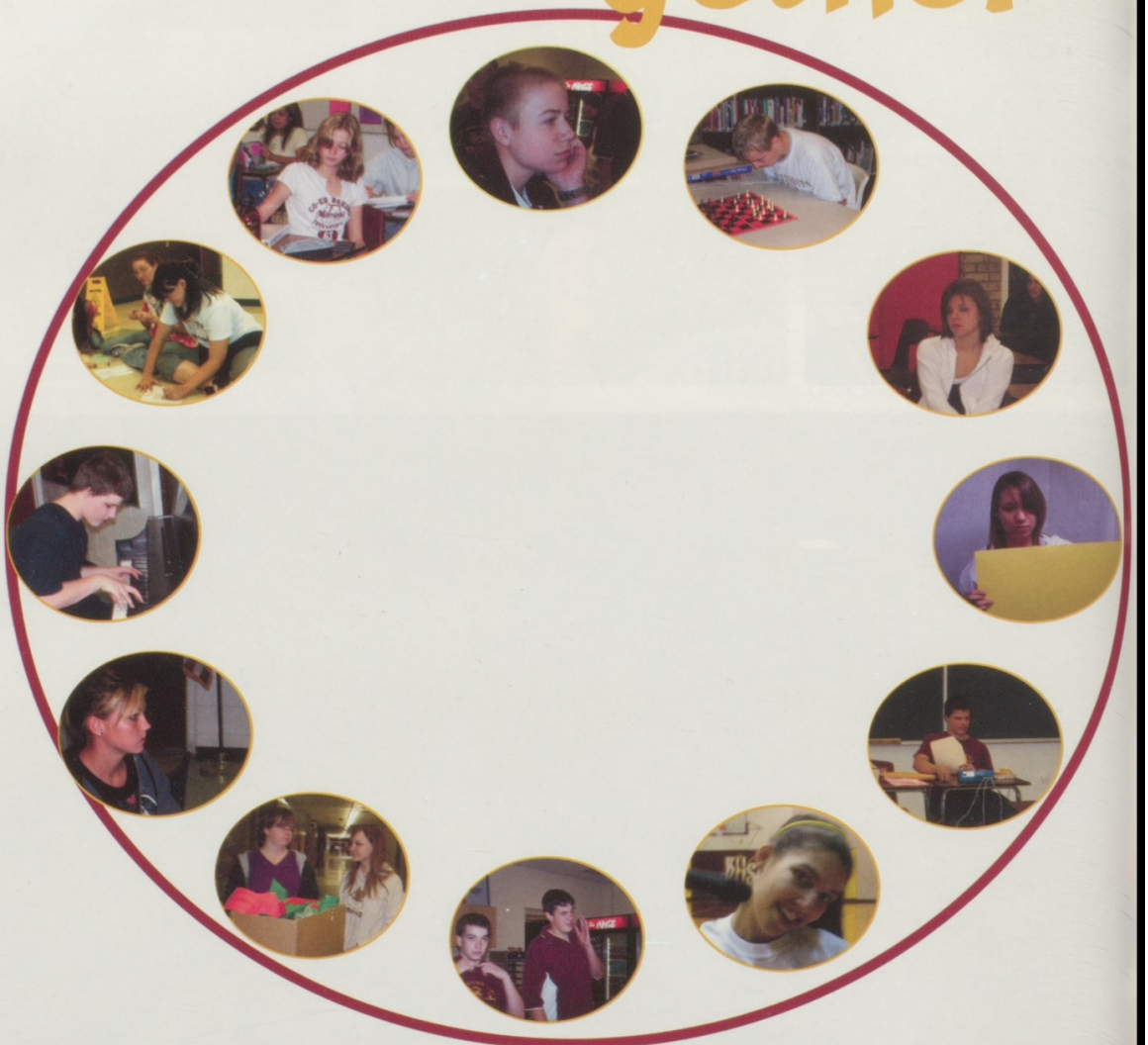








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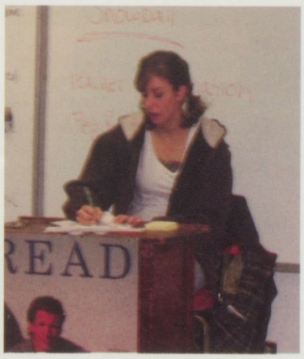





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How Fast Are You
Willing To Go?



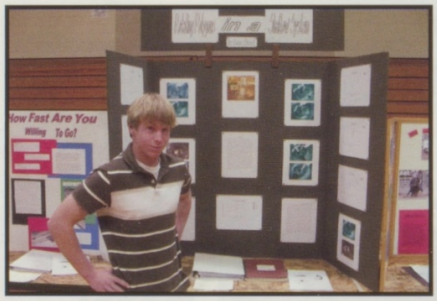






Science Fair

Morgan-Washington Bi-County Science Fair









Clockwise from left: Adreanne Brungardt, Isaac Brost, Cole Bostrom, national qualifier Adam Goss.

Spring Play(s)

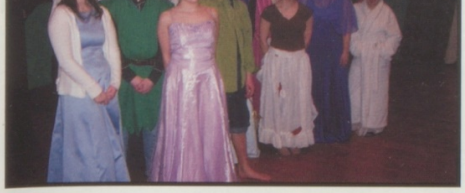
Masque of the Red Death
Cinderella
A Sheriff for Browken Bow

















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Interact



Katie Olson (10)





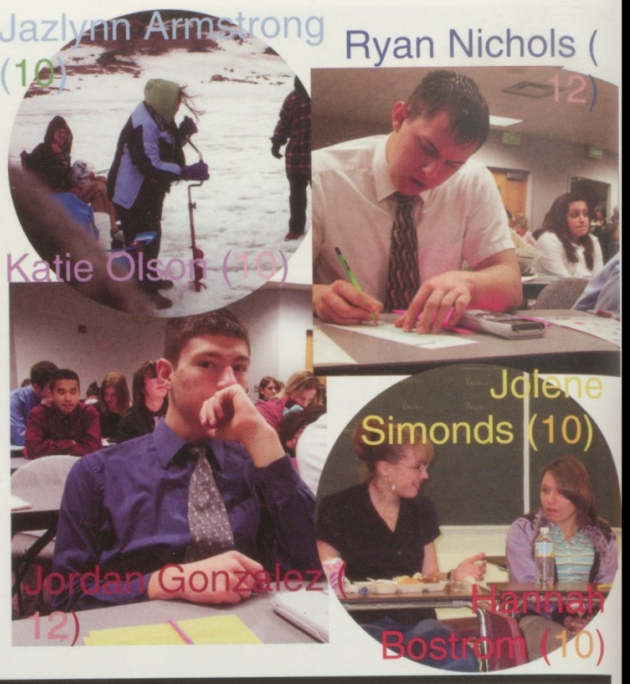
Luke Nichols (9), Krista Padilla (10)



Amanda Stickley (12), Leslie Dykes (9)

Top 7 Reasons To Join A Club

(1) To Get out of School
(2) For the chicks/dudes
(3) To get into college
(4) Free food for lunch
(5) For fun
(6) Looks Good on Resume
(7) Keep Busy

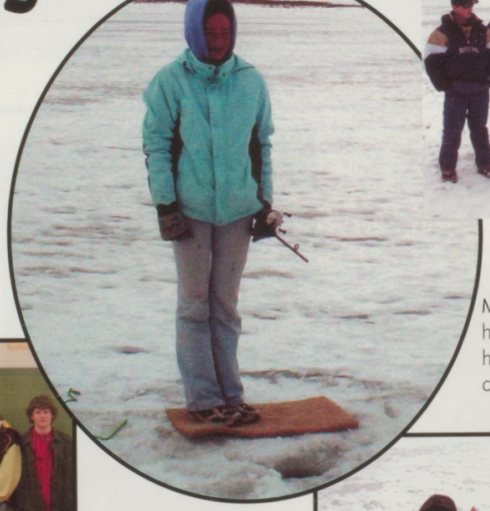


Sportsman's Club





Sportsman's Club



Sarah Goss (9), waits patiently for a fish to bite.
Brett Cranson (10), and Breanne Lassiter (12) look on while their helpers finish drilling their holes.



Mr. Miller shows his son how to be a stud by helping him snag his first catch.

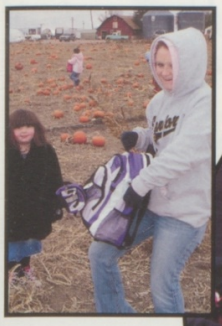


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DECA

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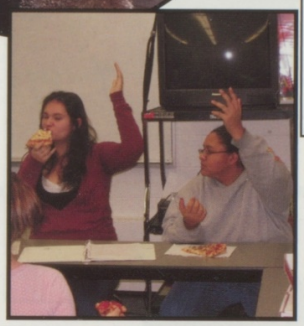




Mr. Palser, Jake Mullens, Jennifer Gutierrez, Ashley Klein, Adreanne Brungardt, Nichole Catlett, Kaila Casados, Coree Linker, Reesa Larsen, Ariel Mares, LaTika Johnson, Kasie George, Ryan Nichols, Kimo Cummings, Nick Sopris. Not pictured: Cody Cole, Javier Ortiz.



Kasie George (12) helps a Thomson primary student pack her bag with as many pumpkins as possible. "It was cold, but it was worth it," stated Jennifer Gutierrez (9), pictured on the bus with DECA bud Kaila Casados (9). "The kids liked decorating their pumkins."



DECA members Nick Sopris (11), Jake Mullens (12), and Jordan Gonzalez (12) help pass time during Thomson's recess, by playing a wild game of football.

Ariel Mares (11) and LaTika Johnson (11) take a vote while munchin' on pizza at a lunch time meeting.

Knowledge Bowl

Michael McFarland (10) sets up the buzzers for Hannah Bostrom (10), Jazlynn Armstrong (10), and Jenny Morgan (10).

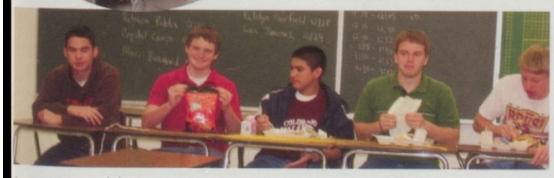


Matt Wheeler (11), Isaac Brost (10), and Nate Thompson (9) ponder a tough question.









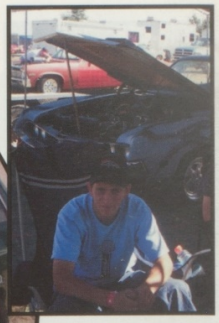
Austin Nichols (11) shows off the Hooters chips that Santa brought to the "A" Team. Fellow juniors Robbie Morgan, Alejandro Carillo, Cole Bostrom, and Steven Mertens enjoy their school lunches before practice starts.



Jenny Morgan, Jazlynn Armstrong, Jolene Simonds, Hannah Bostron, Sarah Goss, Matt Wheeler, Michael McFarland, Isaac Brost, Cameron Brandenburg, Nathaniel Thompson, Alejandro Carrillo, Adam Goss, Robbie Morgan, Steven Mertens, Austin Nichols, Cole Bostrom.

Motor Sports











Motor Mania
After burning some serious rubber on the Julesburg dragracing track, Motor Sports club members can be seen showing off their dragsters. From bottom center clockwise: Mr. Hughes, Samantha Skraback (12), David Chapman (12), Tanner Christensen (11).

Aaron Mick (12), Jason Brunkardt (11), Mr. Hughes, Mr. Miller, David Chapman (12), Brandon Erdman (12), Cameron McCreery (11), Derek Jones (12).

Student Council



Darla Rosenbrock, Alejandro Carillo, Kayla Tormohlen, Robbie Morgan, Jamie Christensen, Lauren Pulley, Nick Sopris, Breanne Lassiter, Jazlynn Armstrong, Catelyn Mullenix, Jenny Morgan, Sarah Goss, Juliana Escobar, Nate Thompson, Reesa Larsen, Nicole Catlet, Katie Olson.









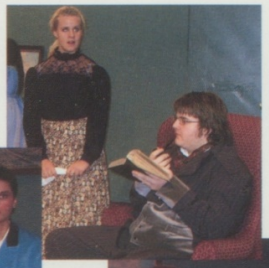
Raking It In Robbie Morgan (11) and Adam Goss (11) work hard raking leaves for the drive-by raking service project in student council.

Thursday Morning Madness Meeting every Thursday morning, student council participants can be caught doing a variety of unnoticed activities that make Brush High tick. Co-presidents Breanne Lassiter (12) and Nichole Catlett (12) organize secret santa gifts for the school staff.

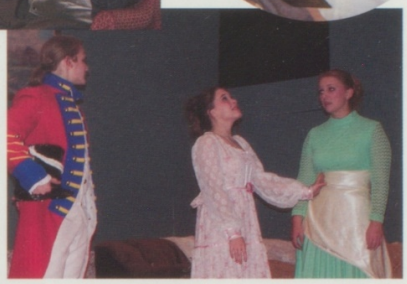
Dance Decor StuCo is in charge of all major dances (except Prom). Stacey Lyne, Jazlynn Armstrong, Daniela Sanchez and Sarah Goss decorate for Snow Ball.

Fall Play
Pride & Prejudice









Jade Kembel, Sharlyn Hollingshead, Jenny Morgan, Ms. Loften, Austin Grippin, Jazlynn Armstrong, Cameron Brandenburg, Sam Schantz, Catelyn Mullenix, Megan Pabst, Michael Blickhahn, Sarah Schwab, Olivia Pecukonis, Aaron Mick, John Mick, Robbie Morgan, Nichole Catlett, Katie Mussell, Shelby Groves, Adreanne Brungardt, Tiffany Jameson, Travis Way, Justin Bass.

Shelby Groves and Michael Blickhahn as Mrs. and Mr. Bennett; Katie Mussell as Elizabeth Bennett, Cameron Brandenburg as Wickham, Tiffany Jameson and Adreanne Brungardt as Bennett sisters Lydia and Jane.

Future Business Leaders of America

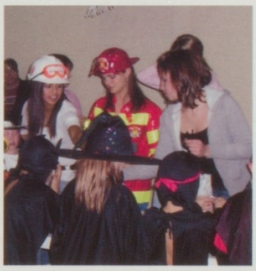


Point Me In the Right Direction
Jamie Christensen (11) shows these trick-or-treaters where to go next during the FBLA Halloween carnival at Thomson.



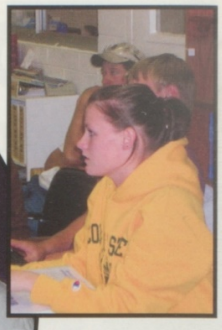






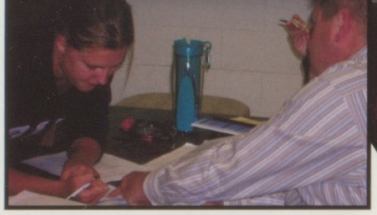
Cha-Ching!!!
Jacob Schoelkopf (9) takes a moment off for the camera while he, Chad Linker (10), and Derek Lynch (9) serve customers like Victoria Albo (10) at a home basketball game. Cesilie Chavez (11), Megan Odle (10), and Kayla Tormohlen (10) assist with the FBLA Halloween carnival.

FFA













Listen Up
Lynette Bass (12) works with FFA advisor Mr. Floyd on an important report.

I Believe
Cari Tatkenhorst (12) recites the FFA creed to open a meeting.

Dippin' In
Alicia Nichols (9) gets her hand dyed green for FFA greenhand initiation.



Discussion
Samantha Skraback (12) puts in her two cents on an issue before the club takes a vote.

On the Road Again
All the freshmen attend a conference at NJC in Sterling.

FCCLA



Clubbin'
Mrs. Urhig, Jennifer Hardy, Lauren Pulley, Chelsea, Megan Black, Addie Gar, Iesha Gomez, Ivanna Espinoza, Cynthia Diaz, Adrianna Gutierrez, Julia Hardy









Clockwise from top left: Chelsea Leonard and Julia Hardy play Christmas games with Thomson students. Ivanna Espinoza and Megan Black help Thomson students carve pumpkins. Adriana Gutierrez works on the Homecoming float. All FCCLA members gather to recruit new members during club rush.

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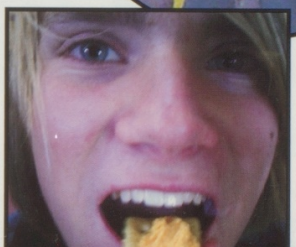
The BHS forensic team competes in speech, drama and debate events.







Is It Nap Time Yet?
Sarah Schwab (11) is ready for a nap in between her dramatic performances.



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Cameron Brandenburg (10) takes time out for a snack during a forensics meet.



Break a Leg
Tiffany Jameson (11) waits for her turn to wow the audiance with her skills.

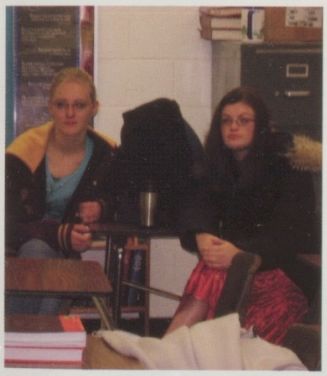
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Practice Practice Practice
Jazlynn Armstrong (10) and Katie Olson (10) get caught practicing for their big show.



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Ms. Loften, "B," takes a break from watching others and chats with her students.











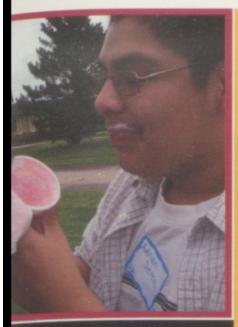


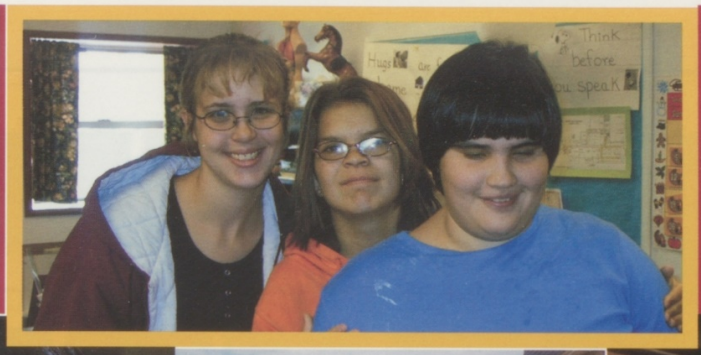


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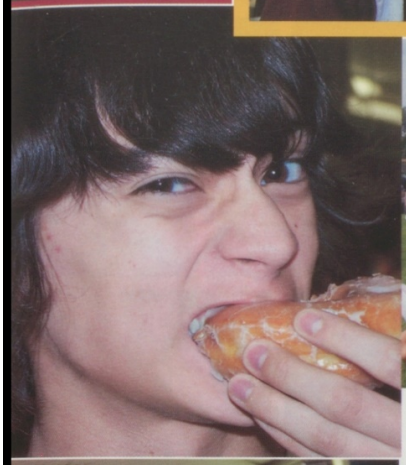




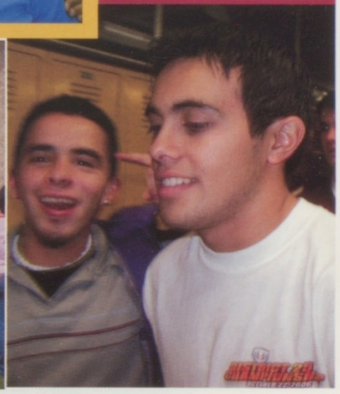


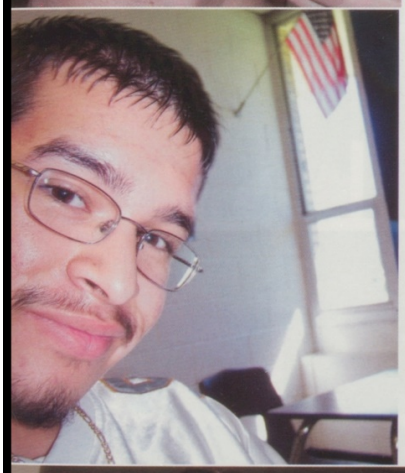

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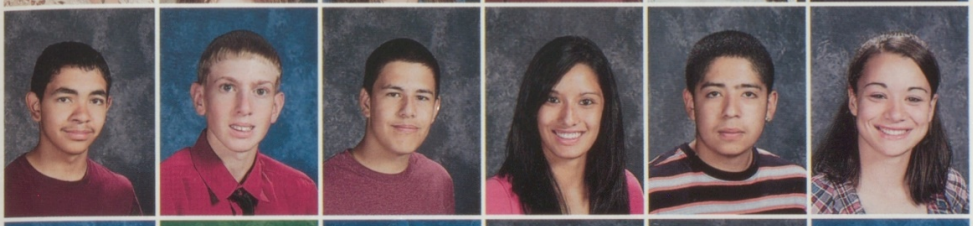
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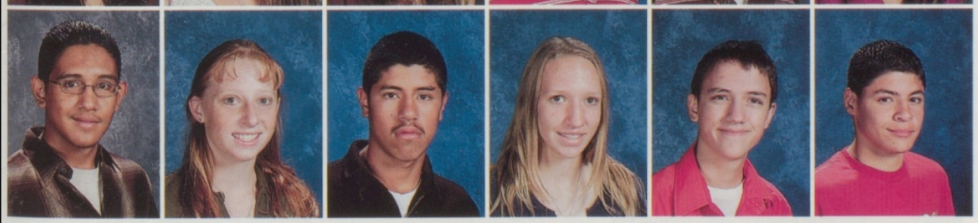
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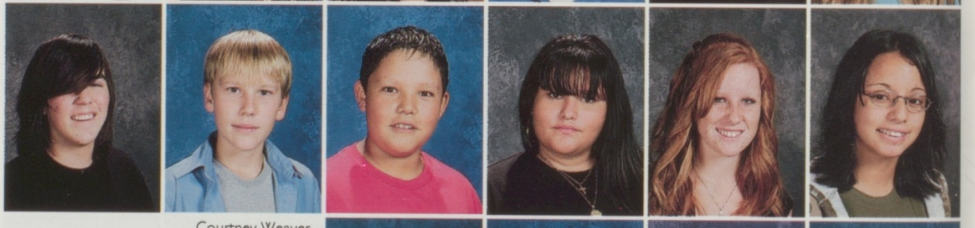
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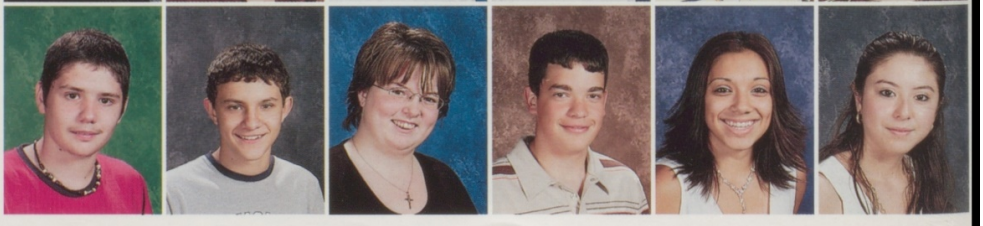
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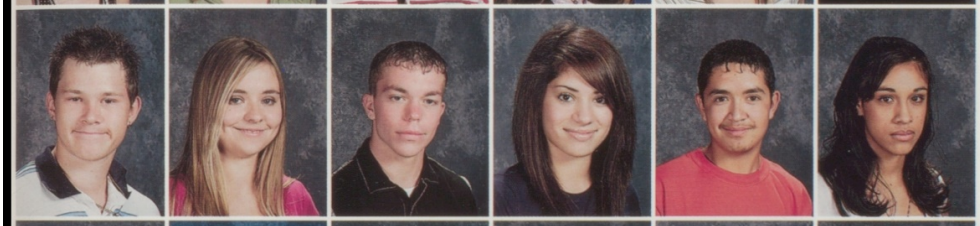
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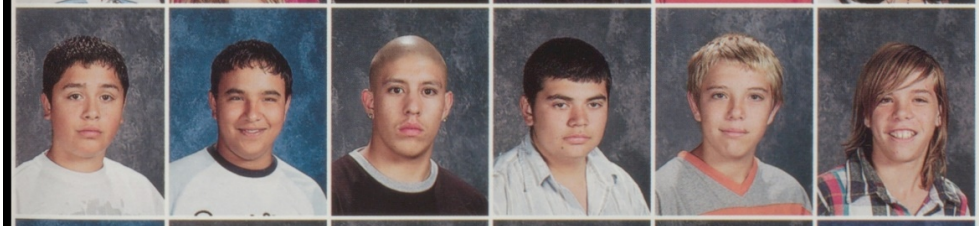
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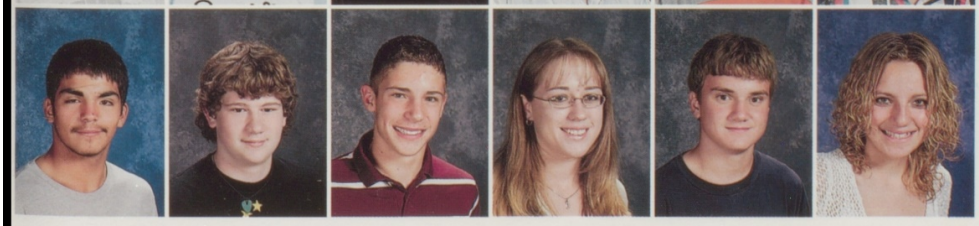
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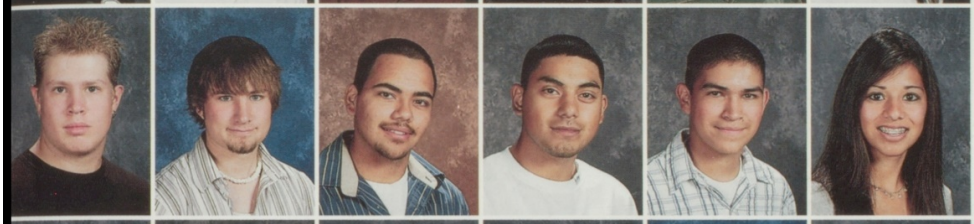
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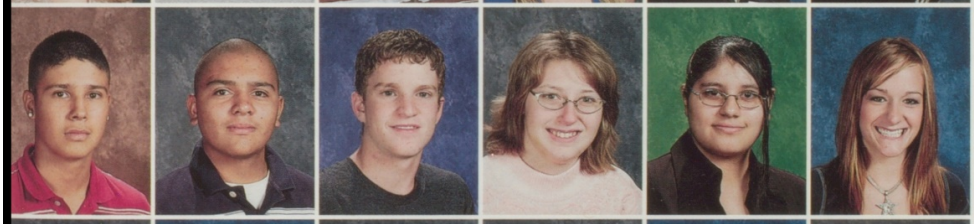
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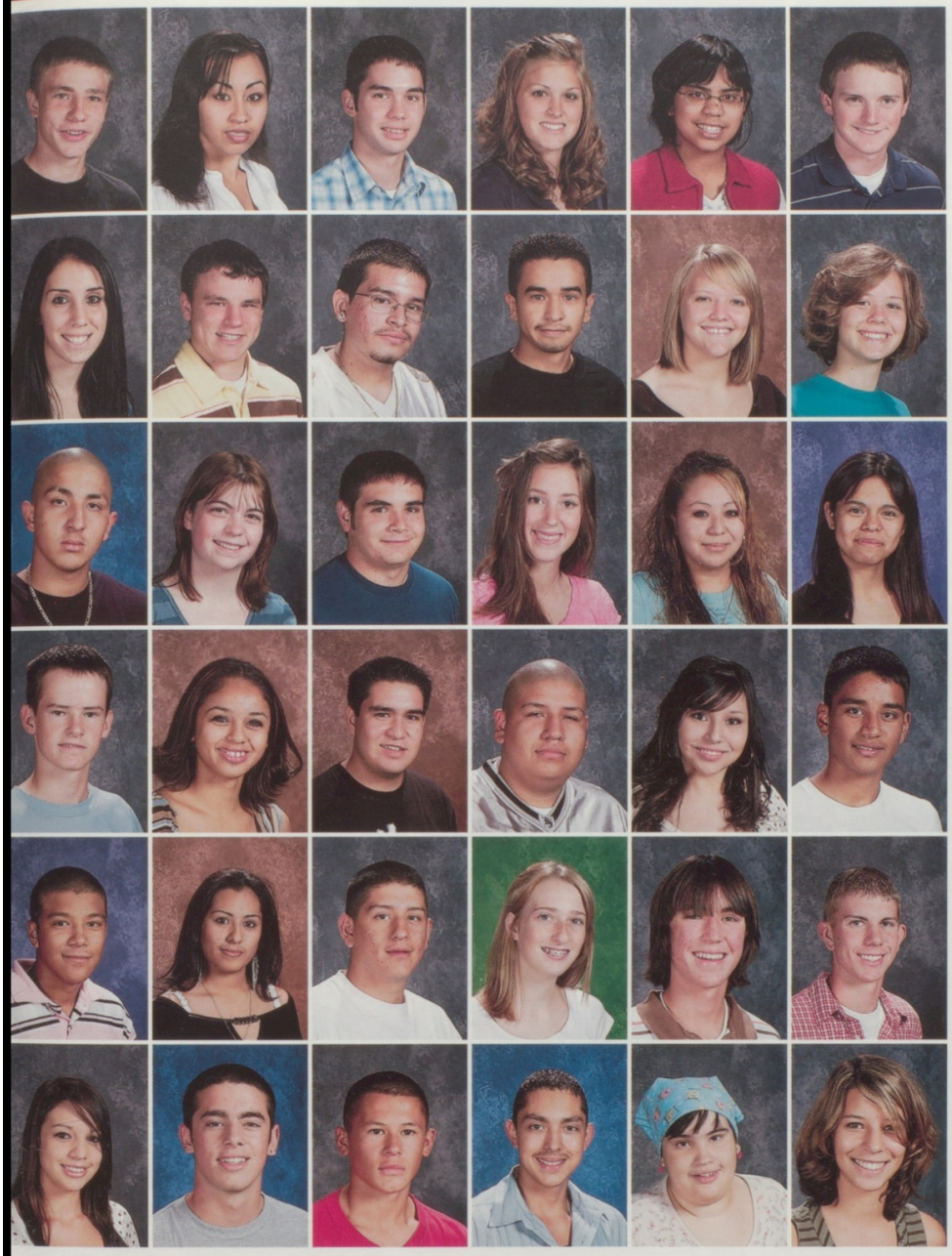




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Juan Piceno
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Lauren Pulley
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Monica Ramirez

Aaron Riter
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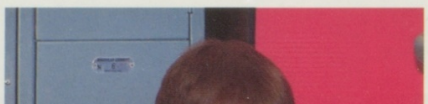


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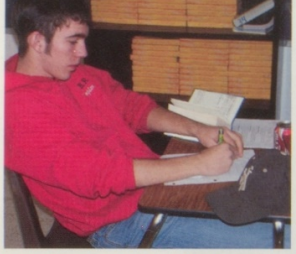
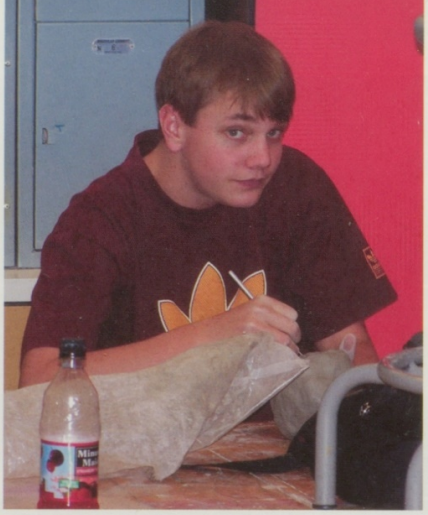
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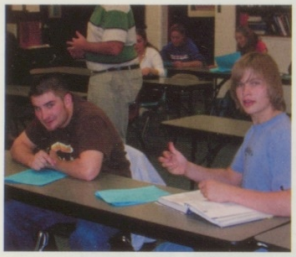
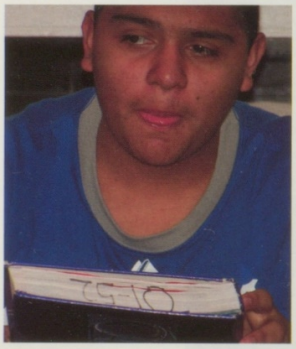


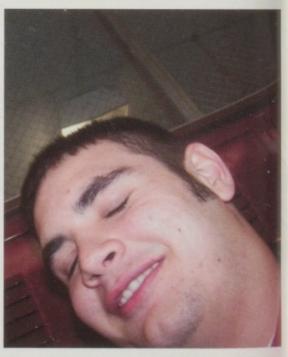




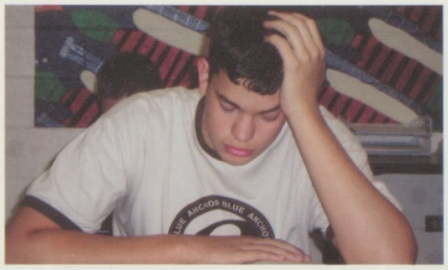


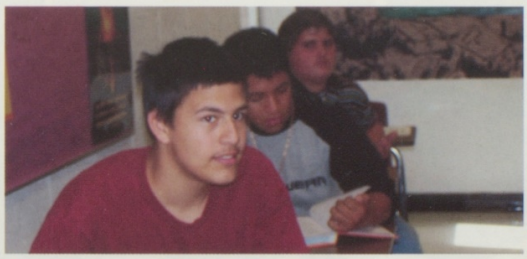







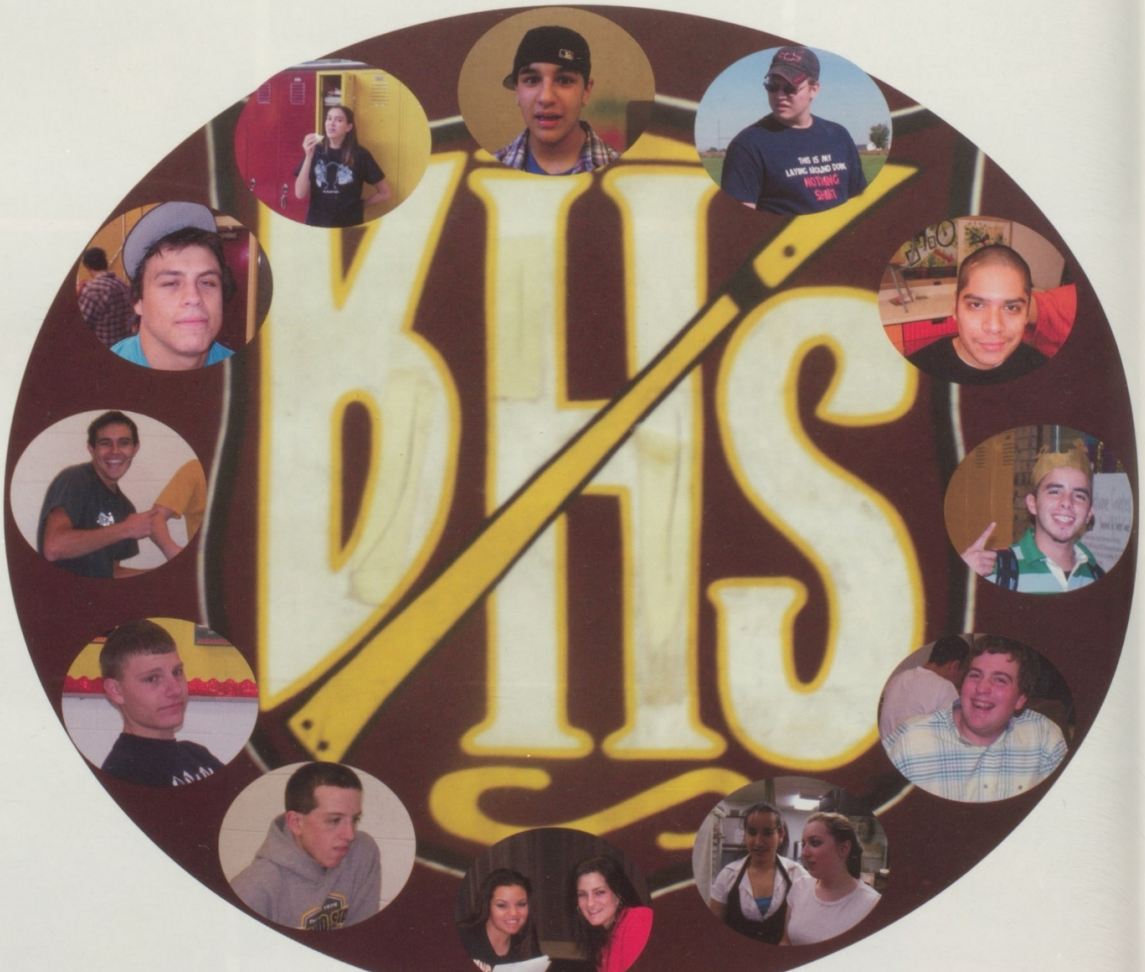




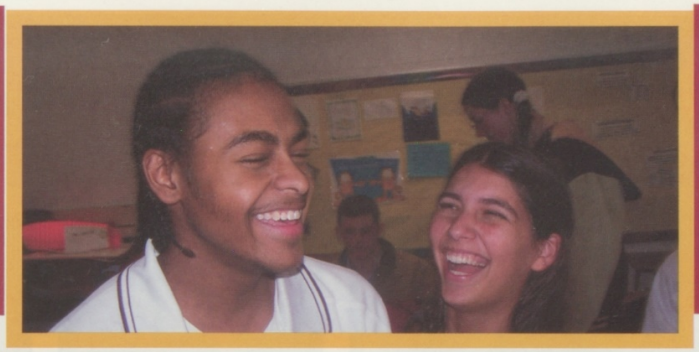


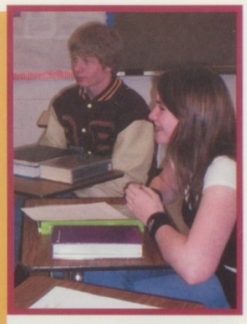



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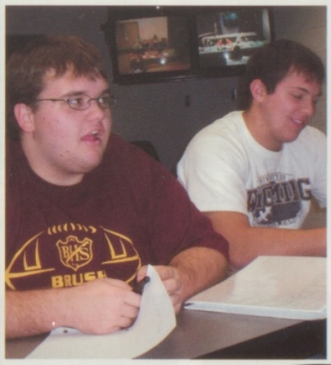
























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Estrellita Acosta
"I'm sorry people are so jealous of me. I can't help it I'm so popular!"
-Gretchen from Mean Girls



Cameron Alexander
"Bend the rod while it's still hot."



Robby Araujo
" Live for everything die for nothing."
-The GAME-



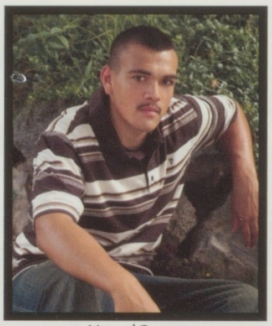
Madalyn Babcock
"If at first you don't suceed, do it like your mother told you."



Dustin Bass
"What we do in life echoes in eternity"
-Maximus in Gladiator-



Lynette Bass
"Nobody gets to live life backwards, look ahead, that is where your future lies."
-Ann Landers-



Manuel Batrez



Jennifer Binnendyk
"And in the end it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years"
-Abraham Lincoln-







Sweetest Rides

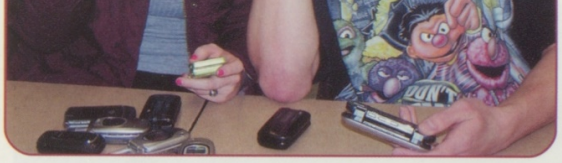
Tony Melendez & Cameron Alexander; Not pictured: NaTausha Ray

Addicted to Their Cell Phones

Kasie George & Robby Araujo



Ray





Mike Blickhahn
"You want some? Come get some!"
-John Cena-



Jared Bourquin



Adreanne Brungardt
"Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."
-Winston Churchill-



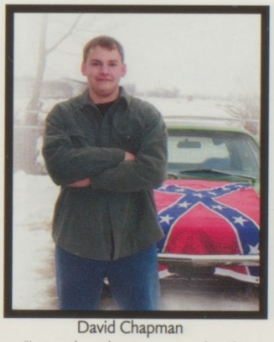
Crystal Campa
"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson-



Andi Campbell



Nichole Catlett
"If you judge people, then there is no time to love them."
-Mother Teresa-



David Chapman
"Learn the rules so you can break them properly."
-The Dalai Lama-



Cody Cole
"Wrestling is the only sport I've ever competed in that puts you totally in a situation of constant motion, without breaks. I could play football or basketball, or swim - but there's always some kind of situation that would break my thoughts, break my concentration."
-Dan Gable-



Derrick Cordova



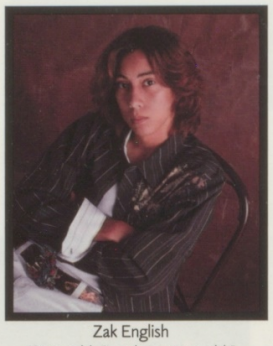
Suzy Cuevas
"Mistakes are part of life. Look at them as an opportunity for personal growth and development."



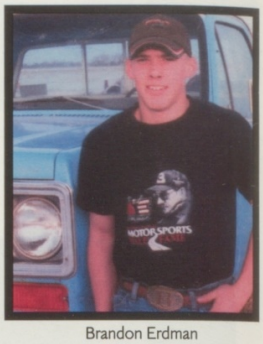








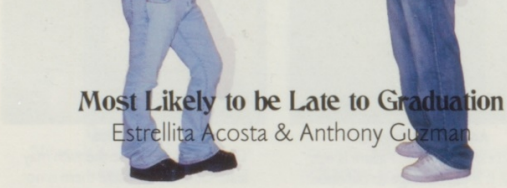
Zak English
"Stay gold, Ponyboy, stay gold."
-The Outsiders-



Brandon Erdman







Most Likely to be Late to Graduation
Estrellita Acosta & Anthony Guzman







Evelyn Esparza



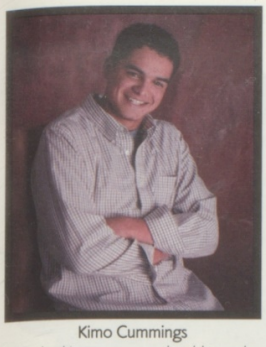
Kyla Evans
"Never regret anything because at the time it was exactly what you wanted."
-Author Unknown-



Brittany Freauff
"Don't let something that will pass with time change the person you are."



Angel Garcia
"In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."
-Martin Luther King Jr.-



Kimo Cummings
"I'm looking over your shoulder, only because I got your back."
-Stephen Colbert-



Landon Doiel
"Don't pray for challenges equal to your strengths, but for strengths equal to your challenges."



Nick Dreitz
"How you respond to the challenge in the second half will determine what you become after the game, whether you are a winner or a loser."



Tabitha Emmerson

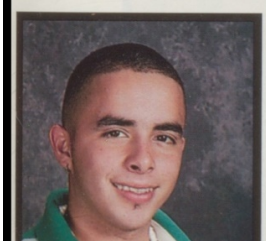




Biggest Procrastinators
Chelsea Larrick & Kelsey Kimble

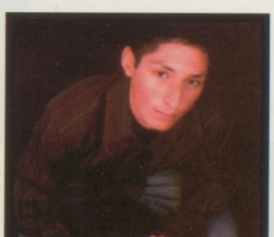


First senior prank: March 2, 2007







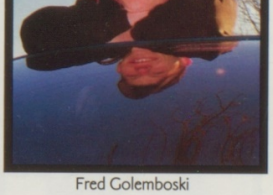




Jose Garcilzo
"I set goals, take control, drink out of my own bottle. I make mistakes but learn from every one. And when it's said and done, I bet this brother be a better one. If I upset you don't stress. Never forget that God isn't finished with me yet."
-Tupac Shakur-



Kasie George
"Why do you try so hard to fit in when you were born to stand out?"
-What a Girl Wants-



Fred Golemboski



Omar Gomez
"I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today."
-William White-



Jordan Gonzalez
"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."
-Rogers Hornsby-





Amanda Goss
"Go for your dreams and strive for your ability."









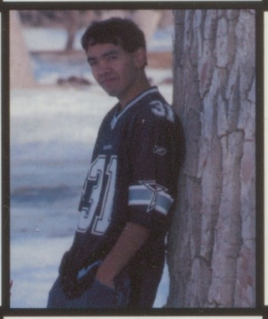
Shelby Groves



Anthony Guzman
"It's better to die on your feet than to live a lifetime on your knees."
-Emiliano Zapata-

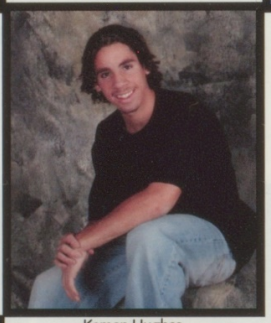
Richie Grauberger
"Sensitivity isn't crying at movies, it is feeling the trout nibbling in the end of your line"



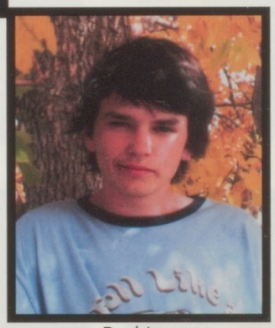


Johnny Guzman
"It's not who I am underneath but what I do that defines me."
-Bruce Wayne-





Kamen Hughes
"I ain't come here to impress you so when I'm gone, I'm gone and I don't care what you think about me."
-Jay-Z-



Derek Jones
"I am desperately trying to figure out why Kamikazee pilots wore helmets."

LaRae Kees
"Mailman bites dog. Never seen that have you?"



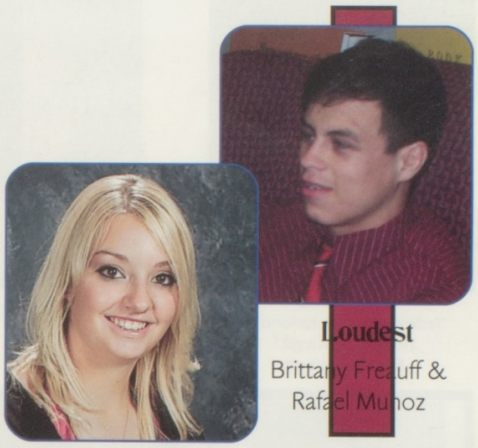
Class of 2007







Biggest Moochers
Cody Cole &
Mariana Ortiz



Loudest
Brittany Freauff &
Rafael Munoz



Jennifer Hardy
"Some desire is necessary to keep life in motion"
-Samuel Johnson-



Winston Harris
"Excellence is to do a common thing, uncommonly well."
-Booker T. Washington-



Victoria Herbel
"In 3 words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."
-Robert Frost-



Sharlyn Hollingshead
"If you can learn to laugh at yourself, you'll never cease to be amused"

Corey Kembel
"It is our responsibilities, not ourselves, that we should take seriously.
-Peter Ustinov-"



Kelsey Kimble
Stay drug free and stay out of jail.



Ashley Klein
It is a wonderful thing when someone thinks that the stars shine for you; it is a beautiful thing when you know they do.



Courtney Knight





Chelsea Larrick
"Yesterdays history; tomorrow's ystery; today is a gift."
-Eleanor Roosevelt-



Reesa Larsen
"Even if it kills me, I'm gonna smile."



Breanne Lassiter
"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop to look around once in awhile, you could miss it."
-Ferris Beuller







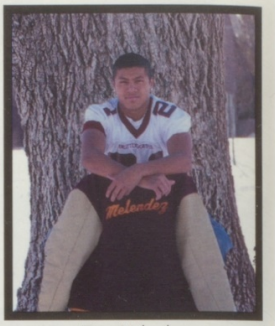
-Eleanor Roosevelt-

-Ferris Beuller



Jessica Mares
He who laughs last thinks slowest.

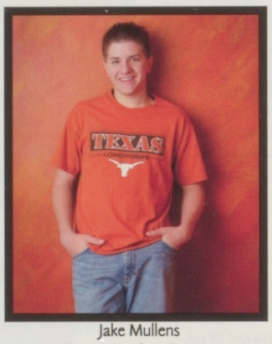




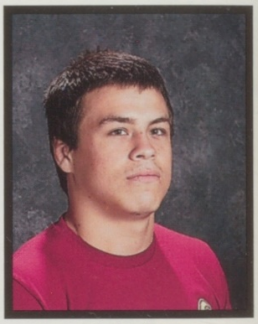
Tony Melendez
"Leaders are made not born."
-Vince Lombardi-



Ricardo Moran
"Chicano Power"



Jake Mullens
"Playing it safe is the most dangerous way to live"



Rafael Munoz
"Remember the greatest gift is not found in a store nor under a tree, but in the hearts of true friends.'



8th Grade Graduation



Madalyn Babcock, age 6





Marcela Lopez
"Life is happiness, without happiness there is no life, live always with happiness."



Erika Magnuson





Shay Meredith
"I look back on all the troubleson parts in my life and I see only one set of footprints in the sand."



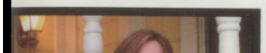
Oscar Meza
"It's not how you start the race, it's how you finish it."



Aaron Mick
"Your focus determines your reality."
-Qui-Gon Jinn-

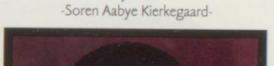


Brandi Mills
"People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid."
-Soren Aabye Kierkegaard-









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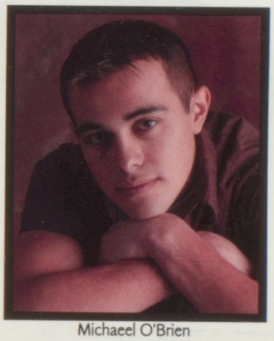
Katie Mussell
"Wooo democracy"



Ryan Nichols
"It is possible to fail in many ways...while to succed is possible only in one way."
-Aristotle-



Jacob Nielsen



Michaeel O'Brien
"Heart and desire will carry you further than any currency or good fortune."

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-Soren Aabye Kierkegaard-

Teacher's Pets: Jake Mullens & Ashley Klein





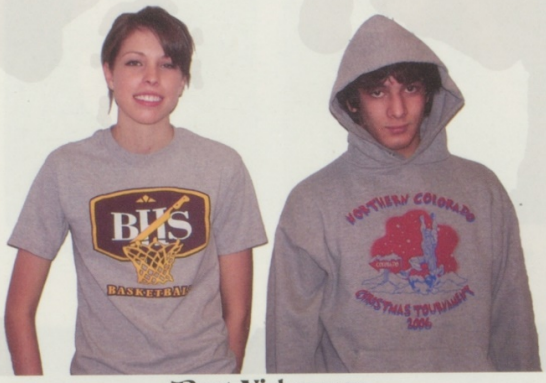
Life of the Party: Jessica Mares & Jose Garcilazo







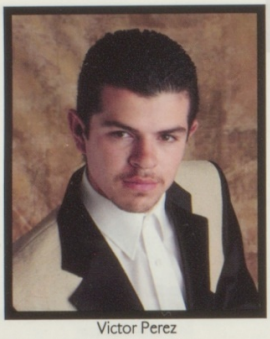
Alba Olaguez



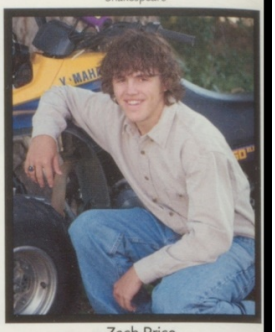
Best Nicknames
Taylor "Freak Show" White & Derrick "Deek" Cordova



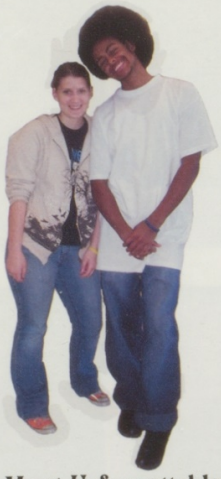
Monica Ordonez
"A friend is one that knows you as you are and understands where you have been, accepts what you have become & still gently allows you to grow."
-Shakespeare-



Victor Perez
"Red line your life."



Zach Price
"You must always push the limits because if you never fail, you will never succeed."
-Jeremy McGrath-



Most Unforgettable
Sharlyn Hollingshead & Winston Harris



Jenny Ramos
We're fools whether we dance or not, so we might as well dance.
-Japanese proverb



Jose Reyes

Na Tausha Ray
"Why does it take a minute to say hello and forever to say goodbye?"





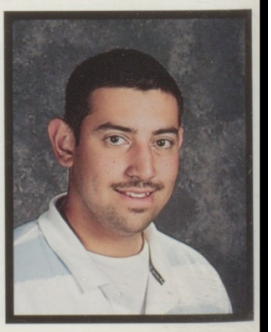


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Beatriz Ortiz



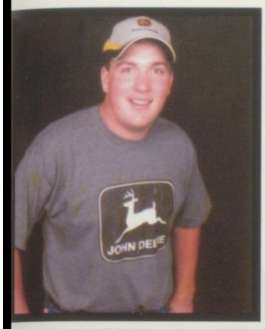
Mariana Ortiz
"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."
-Beverly Sills-



Lisa Pacheco
"Everything has beauty, but not everybody sees it"
-Confucious-



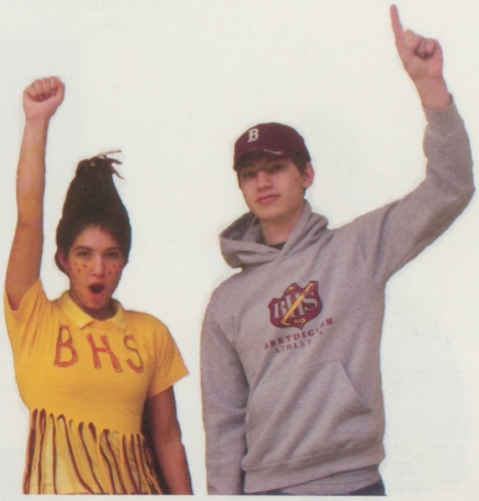
Angelo Perez



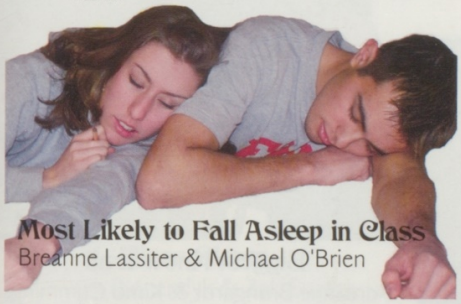
Todd Query
"The only reason people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory."
-Paul Fix-



Aaron Quinlin
"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."
-Steve Prefontaine-



Most School Spirit
Nichole Catlett & Jordan Gonzalez



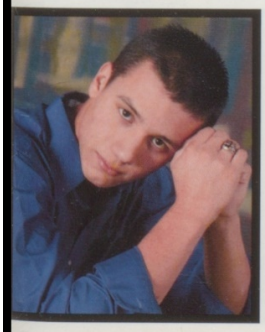
Most Likely to Fall Asleep in Class
Breanne Lassiter & Michael O'Brien

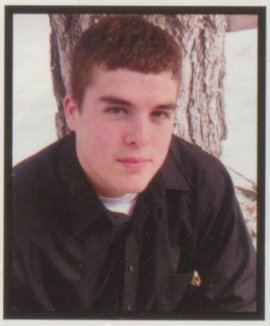
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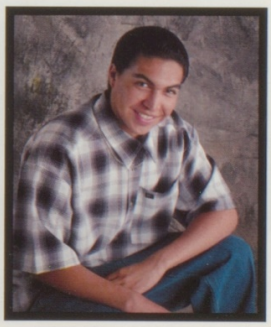
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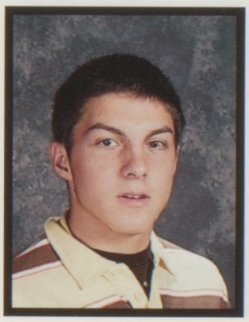
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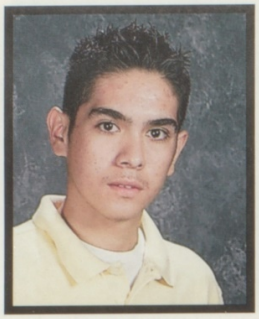
Gaire Rudnik











Alex Ruiz



Irene Ruiz
"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



Crystal Samples
"Remember if people talk behind your back, it only means you are two steps ahead"
~Fannie Flagg



Daniela Sanchez
"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, its about going out and dancing in the rain"



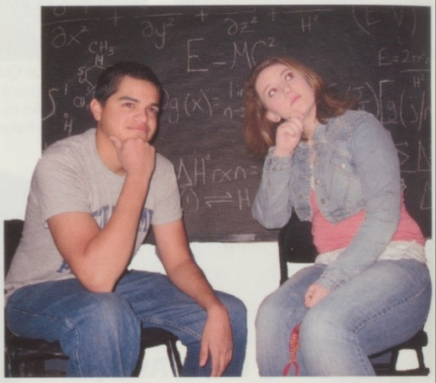
Samantha Skraback
"You live with your thoughts- so be careful what they are"
~Eva Arrington



Connected At the Hip Girls
Kara Schorr & Victoria Herbel



Kelsey Stevens
"Only dead fish go with the flow"
~Jones Soda



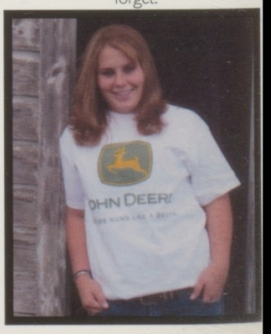
Biggest Know-it-all
Adreanne Brungardt & Kimo Cummings

Cari Tatkenhorst
"I live for the nights I won't remember, with the friends I'll never forget."

Rachel Strand









Raul Sanchez
"War comes and goes, cowards die a thousand deaths and soldiers die but once"
~2Pac



Wade Savage



Kara Schorr
"Have a nice rest of your life"
~ Nicole Richie



Nathan Seaman
"To live without risk is to risk not living"

"War comes and goes, cowards die a thousand deaths and soldiers die but once"
~2Pac

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Ray Slocum
"The only way to learn from experience is to get caught"



Class Clown
Jennifer Binnendyk & Zak English



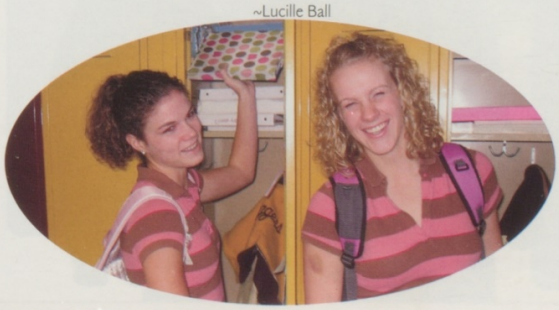
Connected at the Hip Guys
Winston Harris & Landon Doiel

Zeb Tedford
"One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say"
~Will Durant





Amanda Stickley
"Once in his life, every man is entitled to fall madly in love with a gorgeous redhead."
~Lucille Ball



Sabrina Torrez
"I don't need to know where I'm going, just where I've been"



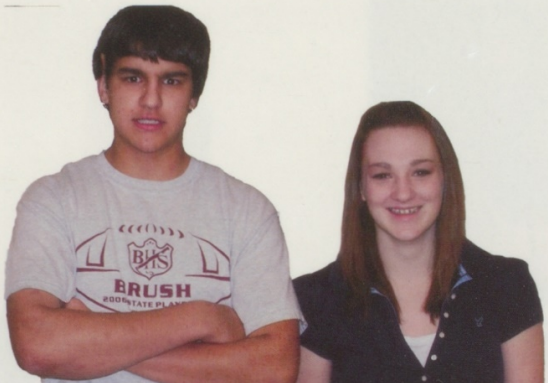


Daniela Trujillo
"There is only one success, to be able to spend your life in your own way."
-Christopher Morley-





Kasie Tucke
"The optimist sees the rose and not its thorns; the pessimist stares at the thorns, oblivious of the rose."
-Kahil Gibran-





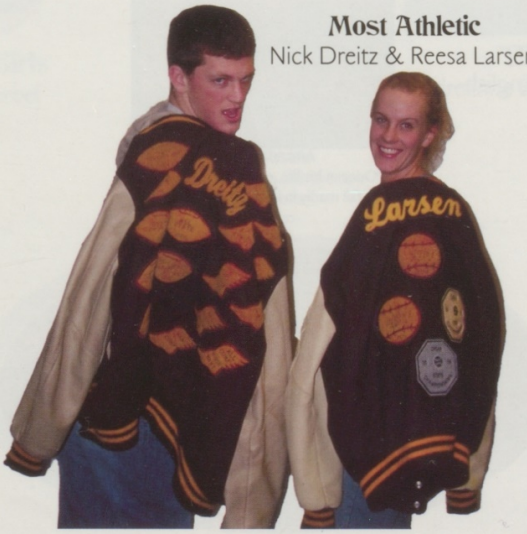


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Most Athletic
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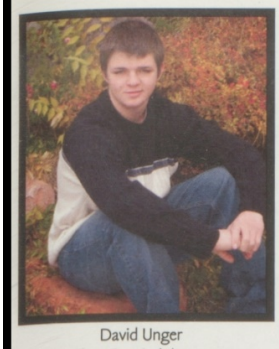




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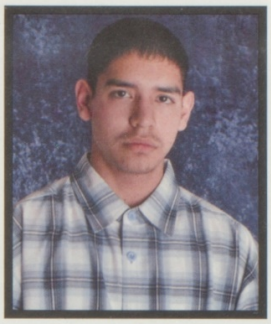
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"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."
-Dr. Seuss-



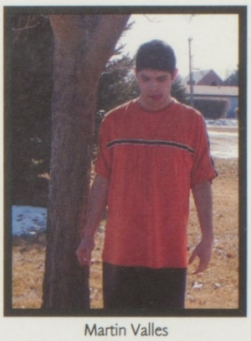
David Unger
"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."



Brenda Valles
"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today."
-James Dean-



Jonathan Valles
"Reality is wrong. Dreams are for life."
-Tupac Shakur-



Martin Valles



Maria Velasquez
"Only the person that's sure is able to continue healthy towards the growing road."



Paul Villarreal
"Life is unfortunate. That will always be inevitable, but the alternative is always unacceptable."



Jenifer Warner
"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."



Adam Waters
"If we do only what is required of us, we are slaves. The moment we do more we are free."
-Cicero-

1000s of Miles from Home

Andy Waldispuhll

I can't believe how many awesome experiences I had in this short time. It started on the 1st day of school when I asked people for a "chewing gum" and they started laughing at me. Then, all the sport activities: softball, basketball, and track. It was so much fun with the teams.



Rebekah Marwitz spends her senior year in Germany



me. Then, all the sport activities: softball, basketball, and track. It was so much fun with the teams.

First, I thought that Brush would be too small for me, I mean, I come from Switzerland, which is smaller than Colorado. What would I see or learn here? Even if it's not always easy, it was my best year ever, and that's because of you guys. So I just want to say thank you. Thank you for every little thing that you did for me, if it was just a "Hey, how are you, Andy?" or a smile in the hallway. That was what made this year so amazing for me! I will miss all you guys.







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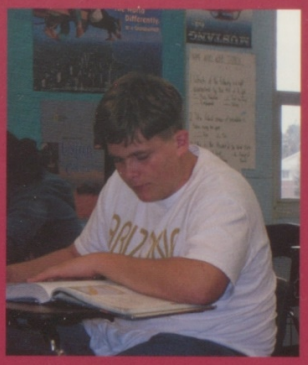
























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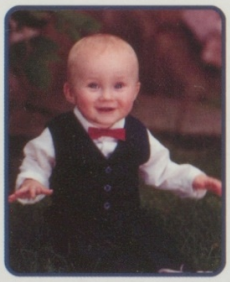
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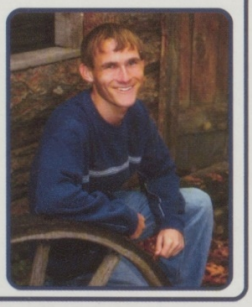
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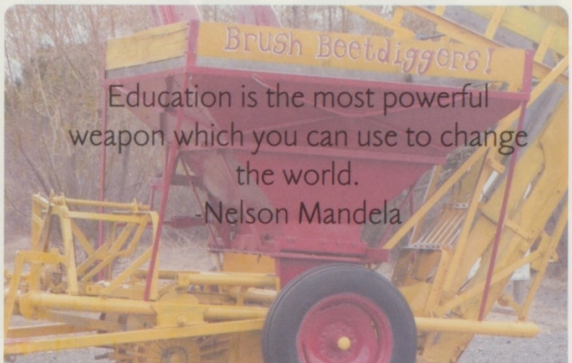
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Zak English

Zak,
Never conform, our son, for you are your OWN person.
Follow your dreams and let them lead you through the life
that you have imagined. Congratulations!
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Love,
Alex

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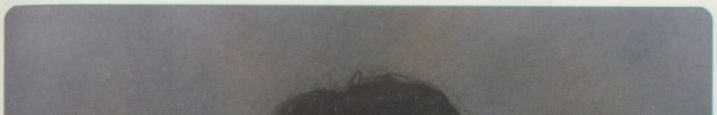




Congratulations, Sabrina! You made it! We're so proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom & Heather

CONGRATULATIONS!

Shala Meredith













Shala,
All year I've been thinking of this being your last year in high school, and I can't tell you how many times I have gone back to your first day of school, and I remember asking the Lord to protect you and help you to succeed. I'm so glad I asked that prayer that day! I know that in everything you do you're always trying to make us proud. Please know that you have succeeded. The word proud does not even come close to how you make us feel. I could not have asked for a more beautiful, caring, and sensitive daughter. A parent can only hope that their children will listen and learn from them. I have to thank you, honey, because I have been the one to learn from you!

As your coach I have to thank you also; I know it has been hard for you, and sometimes I wished and wondered what it would have been like to just be a mom. I have wondered if a different coach would have been better for you. But I am glad that we have had all these years together doing what we love to do. Thank you!

Love,
Your Mom and Coach

Shala,
Where has the time gone??? Graduating high school - WOW!! One of the first big successes in life, and I'm sure there will be many more. With everything you have accomplished, you make me proud to say that you are my daughter! Remember as you go through life - *if it is to be, it's up to me.*
Love,
Dad

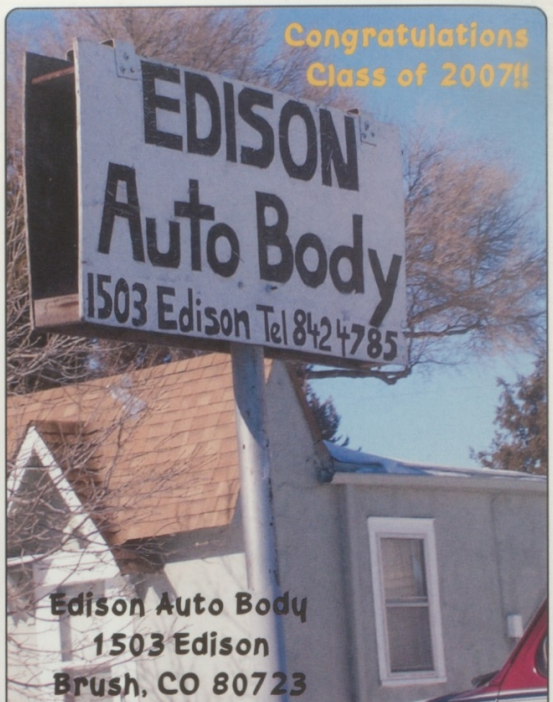


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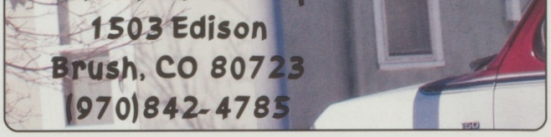
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Madalyn Babcock

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Love, Mom





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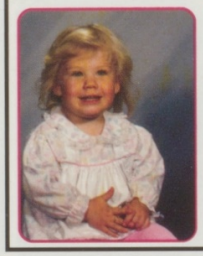




For my little girl who is my biggest treasure. May all your dreams come true and God guide you every step of the way, and may your realize your goals.
Love, Mom

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Cari Tatkenhorst



I am proud of you, Cari!
Love,
Mom





Brittany Freauff



Brittany,
We are very proud of you and we wish you the best in all of your new adventures.
We love you!
Mom, Blaine, Chandra &



your realize your goals.
Love, Mom

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and we wish you the best in all of your new adventures.
We love you!
Mom, Blaine, Chandra & Jason





Mom & Dad's Pride and Joy
May you feel Pride
In all that you've accomplished
And find Joy
In all that you've yet to be!









CONGRATULATIONS AMANDA STICKLEY









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Congrats!

Congrats!
Glad you made it. Don't party too hard, and stay out of trouble.
Love,
Your brothers, Javier & Sam

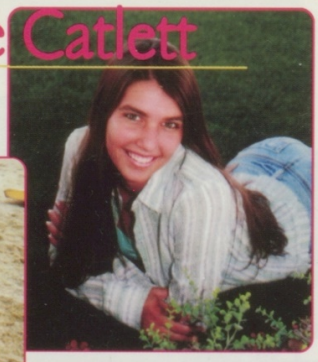






Nichole Catlett







Ask us what Beauty is...

Our daughter, inside and out.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Jake Mullens

Proverbs 3:5 - 6
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths."







Because you are so special and mean so very much, we wish you all the love a heart can hold and all the happiness you deserve. We feel so very fortunate that you are our son and that there is so much we can share. We wish you all of God's blessings!
We love you, son!
Dad, Mom, & Ryan

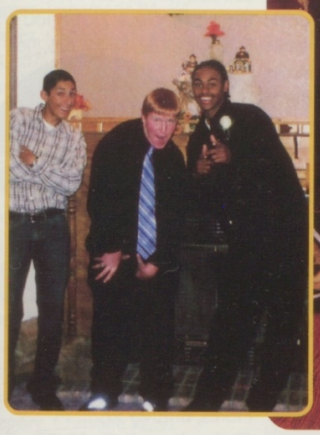
Landon Doiel

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**A face without freckles is like
A sky without stars...
You have always been the
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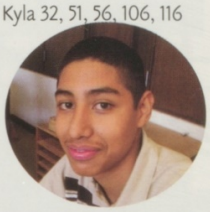
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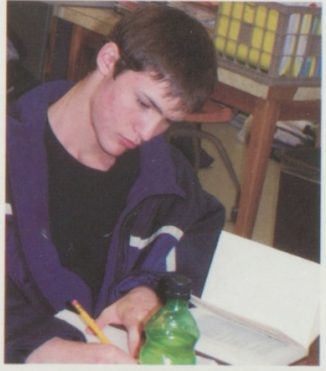


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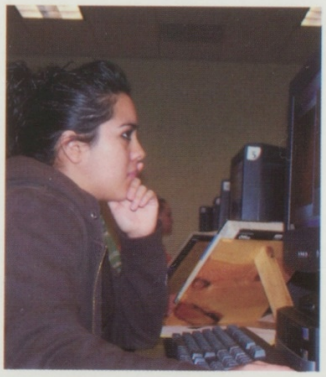
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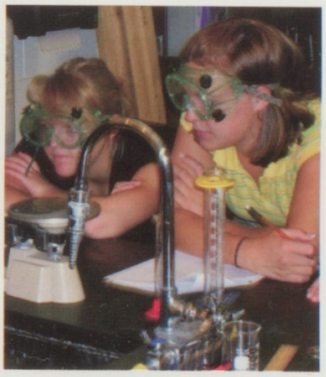
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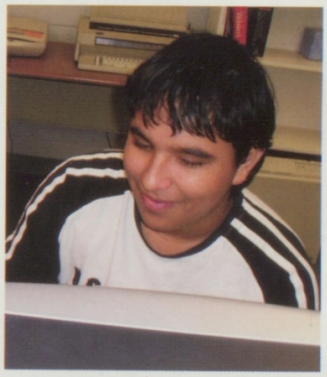




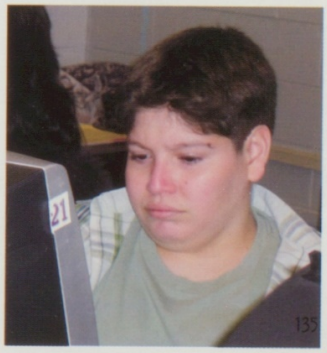






















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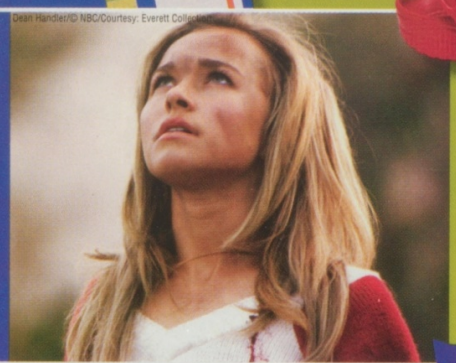
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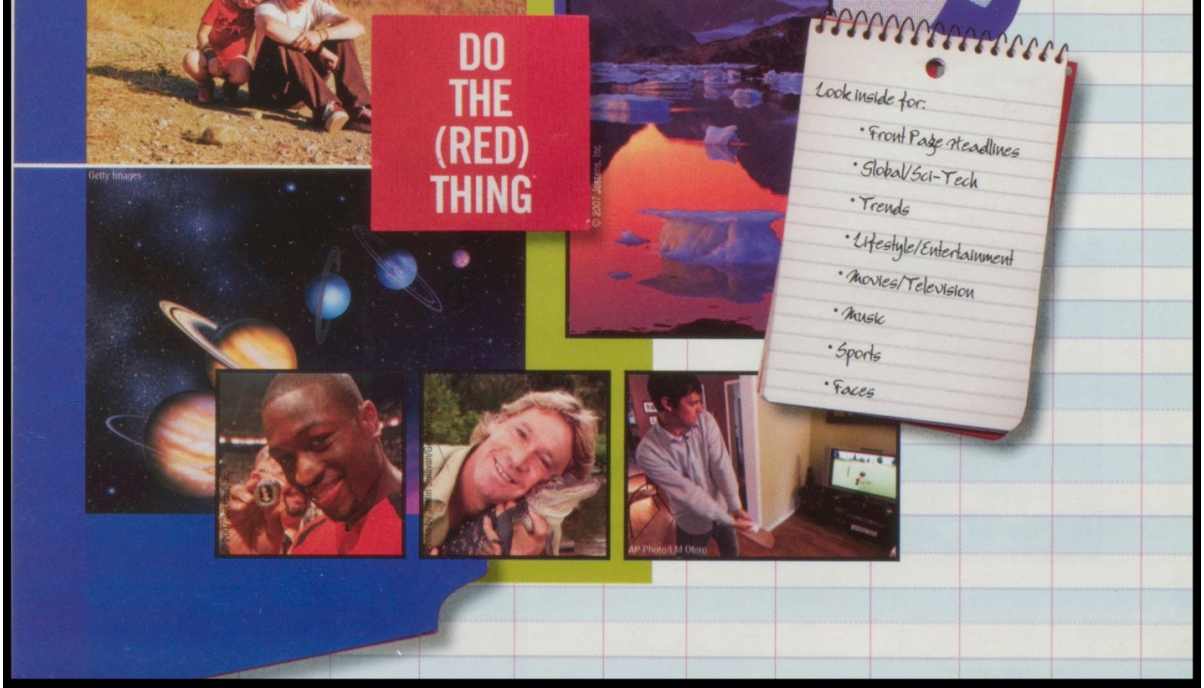
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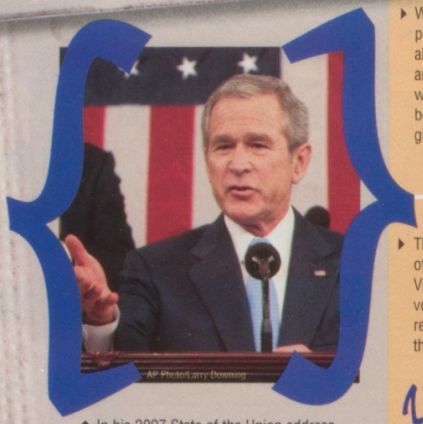








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▲ In his 2007 State of the Union address, President George W. Bush reiterates his commitment to the war in Iraq and proposes sending additional troops overseas.



Global warming

▶ With the rapid melting of polar ice caps, a season of alarming tropical storms and record-breaking heat waves, global warming becomes a present-day global emergency.

Voter turnout

▶ Thanks to the efforts of groups like Rock the Vote, young American voters turn out in record numbers for the 2006 elections.



Google™

▲ The Internet search giant Google pays $1.65 billion for the wildly popular YouTube video-sharing service.

{Madam speaker}

▶ Nancy Pelosi is named the speaker of the House for the 110th Congress, becoming the highest-ranking female in the history of the federal government.



{Fifth anniversary} 9/11



▶ On the fifth anniversary of 9/11, civic leaders and mourners gather to commemorate the occasion with solemn ceremonies and moments of silence.

▶ British authorities foil a terrorist plot to blow up planes headed to the U.S.

Airline restrictions





▸ British authorities foil a terrorist plot to blow up planes headed to the U.S. from the U.K., resulting in airline restrictions on liquids, aerosols and gels.





◂ On October 17, the U.S. population passes the 300 million mark according to the Census Bureau's official Population Clock.

National growth

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(RED) brands in 2006
American Express
Apple
Converse
Emporio Armani
Gap
Motorola



◂ In an effort to curb illegal immigration, the Senate passes legislation authorizing the construction of 700 miles of double-layered fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border.

▸ Bobby Shriver and U2's Bono launch the stylish (PRODUCT) RED initiative to raise money for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Africa.





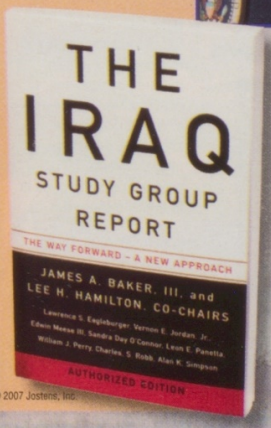
◂ Spinach tainted with E. coli bacteria kills one consumer and sickens almost 100 more in 19 states, leading to calls for improved food safety practices.



▸ Gerald R. Ford, 38th president of the United States, dies at age 93. Ford was appointed vice president by Richard Nixon in 1973 and succeeded to the presidency after Nixon's resignation.

▾ More than 95,000 fires during the 2006 wildfire season claim more than 9.5 million acres in the United States.





◂ The Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan panel appointed by Congress, releases a sharply critical report that calls for a new approach in Iraq.

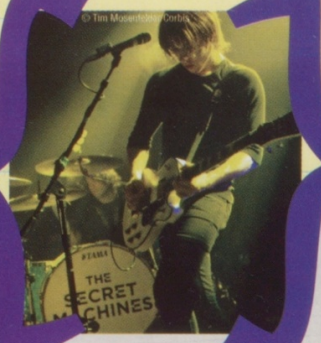
Iraq report

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▸ Controversial conservative Felipe Calderón begins his six-year term as

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▲ MySpace.com galvanizes celebrities and organizes more than 20 Rock for Darfur concerts to raise funds for what the U.N. calls "the world's greatest humanitarian crisis."

List of bands:

- Switchfoot
- Citizen Cope
- Ziggy Marley
- Teddy Geiger
- Insane Clown Posse
- Jars of Clay
- Secret Machines
- Alice in Chains
- TV on the Radio
- (+44)
- Atreyu

Mexico's new CEO

▸ Controversial conservative Felipe Calderón begins his six-year term as president of Mexico after winning by a narrow margin of only 0.56 percent.



Academy for girls

▸ Oprah Winfrey opens her $40 million Leadership Academy for Girls in the deprived small town of Henley-on-Klip, south of Johannesburg, South Africa.

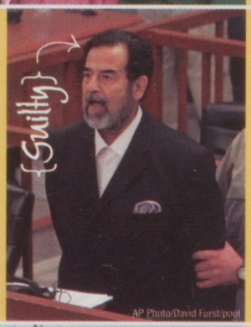


Russian spy



▸ Saddam Hussein is sentenced to death and executed by the Iraq Special Tribunal for the 1982 murder of 148 Shiite inhabitants of Dujail.

◂ Former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko, an outspoken critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin, dies in London after being poisoned by radioactive polonium-210.



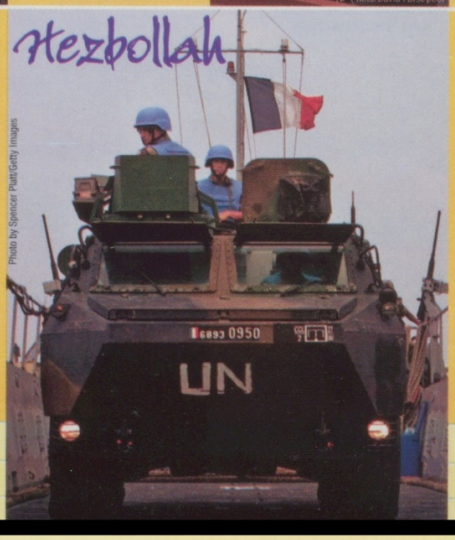
Nuclear weapons



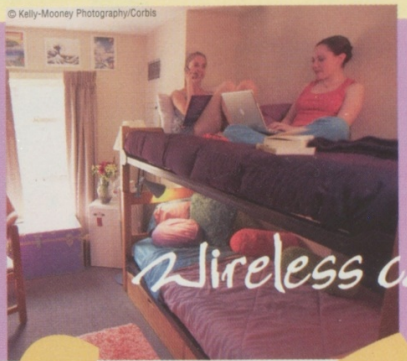
Hezbollah

▸ Hezbollah, the Lebanon-based Islamic militia, attacks Israeli military positions and border villages, beginning a conflict that claims more than 1,400 lives, mostly civilians. U.N. peacekeepers are called in to broker a cease-fire.

◂ In October 2006, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il orders the country's first nuclear weapon test. During the Six-Party Talks in February 2007, North Korea agrees to a nuclear disarmament.

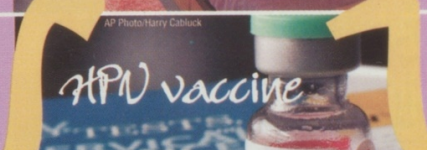


{Sci-Tech}



◂ Wireless campuses, and entire cities, are popping up across the country. Villanova University in Philadelphia, Pa., tops *PC Magazine*'s list of the Top 20 Wired Colleges.

Wireless campuses

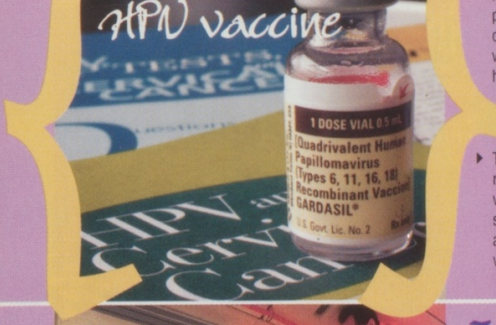


HPV vaccine

◂ The FDA licenses the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases in girls and women caused by HPV, the human papilloma virus.



▲ A handheld, portable electronic zit zapper called Zeno gets FDA approval. In a clinical trial, 90 percent of treated blemishes disappear or fade in 24 hours.



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▸ The World Wide Web reaches a milestone when an Internet research survey reports that there are more than 100 million websites online.



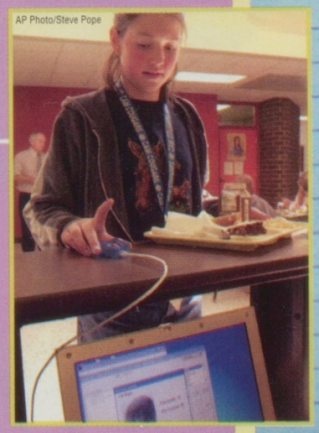
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Zero gravity

◂ A team of French doctors surgically removes a benign tumor on a patient in a specially adapted aircraft that mimics zero gravity conditions.



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Top 10 clothing websites:

1. ae.com
2. abercrombie.com
3. oldnavy.com
4. pacsun.com
5. urbanoutfitters.com
6. llbean.com
7. fashionmall.com
8. delias.com
9. gofane.com
10. forrid.com

Source: www.lovetoknow.com

▾ After years of heated debate, astronomers decide to change the definition of a planet; Pluto no longer qualifies. Instead, it's reclassified as a dwarf planet.



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▴ School systems in several states install fingerprint-reading technology that gives students a cash-free way to pay for lunch.

{Trends}



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The essential tunic and leggings

▴ Mid-calf and ankle-length leggings, last seen in the trendy 1980s, return to the spotlight. Fashion-conscious girls wear them under minis, dresses and tunics.

▸ Colorful comfortable crocs—made from a buoyant, lightweight, odor-resistant material that molds to the wearer's foot—are the shoe of the year.



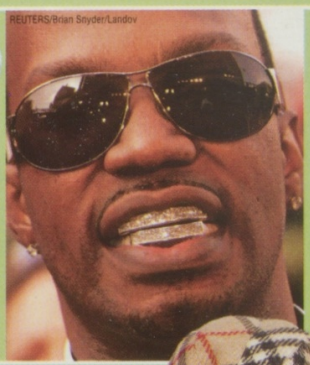
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◂ Couture designers like Dolce & Gabbana and luxury brands like Swarovski, the Swiss crystal maker, transform boring cell phones into the year's must-have bling.



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Bling bling



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▸ Rapper fashion comes to the suburbs as snap-on grills add a flash of diamonds and gold or platinum to your pearly whites.

▸ Pointy toes and high heels are out. The feminine, flirty ballerina flat goes with everything from short skirts to long leggings and super-skinny jeans.



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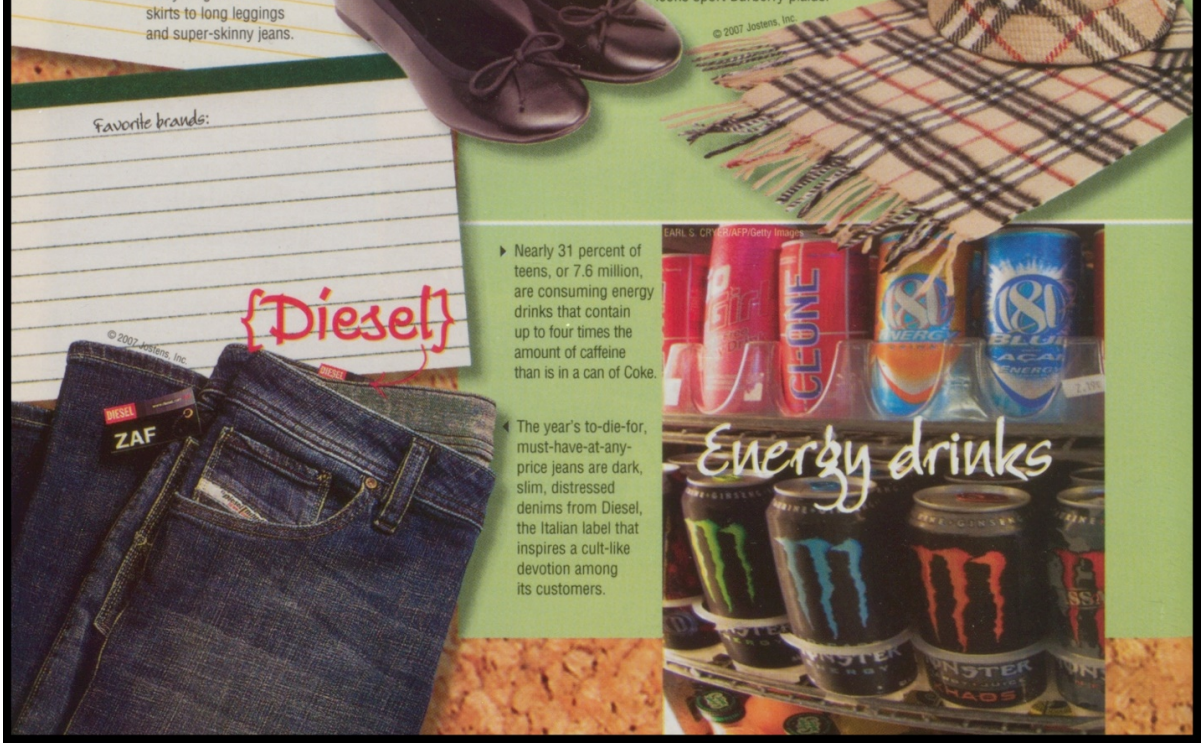
▸ Tiny plaid mini skirts look private-school cool. Meanwhile, Marc Jacobs is sending plaid tops down the runway and fashion icons sport Burberry plaids.



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Favorite brands:



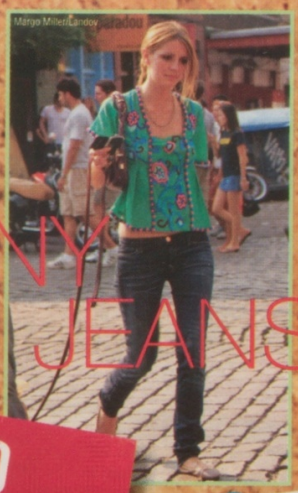
- Nearly 31 percent of teens, or 7.6 million, are consuming energy drinks that contain up to four times the amount of caffeine than is in a can of Coke.
- The year's to-die-for, must-have-at-any-price jeans are dark, slim, distressed denims from Diesel, the Italian label that inspires a cult-like devotion among its customers.



- Teens are raiding their parents' closets, as well as retailers like Urban Outfitters and American Eagle, for vintage rock and pop culture T's.

- Chuck Taylor All Stars, the basketball sneakers first manufactured by Converse in 1917, are more popular than ever among male and female fashion mavens.

SKINNY JEANS



- After several seasons of low-slung boot-cuts and bell-bottoms, designers on both sides of the Atlantic declare that super-skinny jeans are back in style.

DO THE (RED) THING

- Red is the color of the heart; 50 percent of Gap's PRODUCT (RED) profits go to the Global Fund to help fight AIDS in Africa.

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A letter to myself...

Write yourself a letter about your life today that you can read in 10 years to see what has changed.

{Lifestyle}

Diabetes on the rise



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The rise in obesity among young people is linked to an increase in adolescent cases of type 2 "adult onset" diabetes and associated health problems.

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The Go Green Initiative reaches out to school campuses in all 50 states, as well as in Europe and Africa, to foster student commitment to environmental responsibility.



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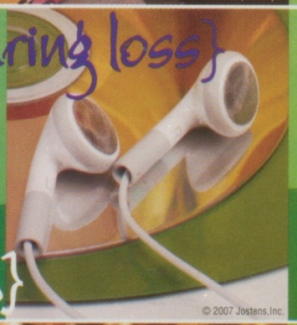
Disney checks out business in the supermarket, licensing its brand name to a variety of health-conscious baked goods, produce, beverages, snacks and more.

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YouTube, the Web video powerhouse that made "macaca" a household word, is the media story of the year and a wildly popular form of home entertainment.

{Hearing loss}

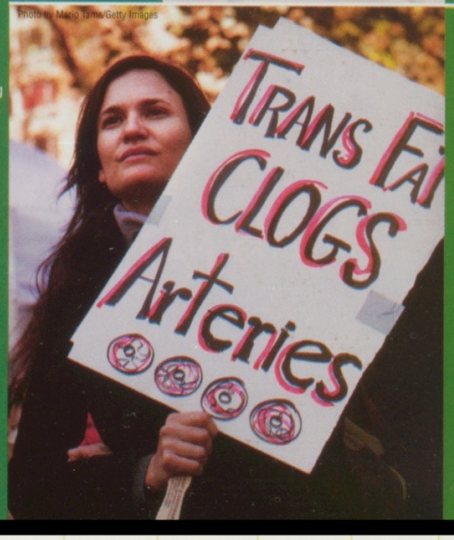


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A marked increase in hearing loss among young people is attributed to the use of ear buds in popular MP3 players like the iPod.

{Trans fats}

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The New York City Board of Health votes to ban all foods cooked in oil containing artery-clogging trans fats from New York City restaurants.

Volunteers!



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College students seek out volunteer opportunities in record numbers—on a local, national and international level—to build their skills and a better world.

{Entertainment}

{Entertainment}



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Sony releases its seventh generation PlayStation, known as "PS3." The basic console has a 20 GB hard drive; the premium version comes with 60 GB.

New game systems


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Nintendo releases Wii, its newest video game console, which features a wireless remote that can detect motion and rotation in three dimensions.

Nintendo Wii

My favorite video games:



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Madden NFL 07 and a barrage of end-of-the-year action games capture the attention of gamers, capitalizing on a major emphasis on online gaming.

{Popular games}

TV now!



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The differences between your television and your computer continue to blur now that network TV programs are available online from services like abc.com.

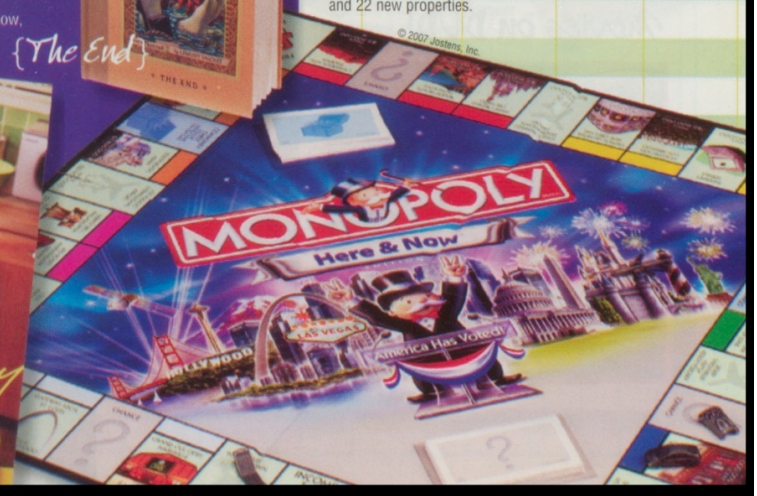


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The unfortunate adventures of the Baudelaire orphans come to an end with the publication of *The End* by Lemony Snicket.

{The End}

The classic board game, Monopoly, gets a 21st century makeover. The "Here & Now" edition features updated tokens, current market prices and 22 new properties.



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Perky Food Network star and best-selling cookbook author Rachael Ray gets her own syndicated talk show, produced by Oprah Winfrey's production company.



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{Movies}

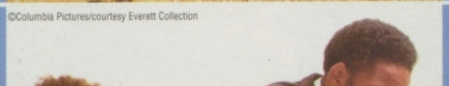
Oscar Nominations:

Babel
Little Miss Sunshine
The Queen
Letters from Iwo Jima
The Departed
SAW


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A family of squabbling misfits drives a wheezing VW van to a beauty pageant meltdown in the hit movie comedy, *Little Miss Sunshine*.

Little Miss Sunshine


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Will Smith stars with his son Jaden in *The*

Best Picture Oscar
saw #
loved #
liked #
boring

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Will Smith stars with his son Jaden in *The Pursuit of Happyness*, based on a true story about a struggling single dad.

The Pursuit of Happyness



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There's a new Bond in town and the critics swoon along with the fans. Blonde, brooding Daniel Craig debuts as James Bond in *Casino Royale*.



Many movie lovers opt for DVD convenience, instead of lines at the local theaters, for hits like *Mission: Impossible III*, *Superman Returns*, and *The Devil Wears Prada*.

This year's {hit} movies on DVD!

{Dreamgirls}

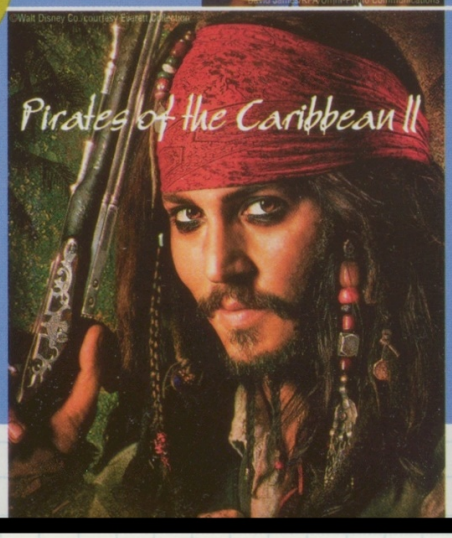


Newcomer and former *American Idol* contestant Jennifer Hudson wins the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Comedy or Musical for her performance in *Dreamgirls*.



SNL alumnus Will Ferrell stars as a goofy, "win-at-all-costs" NASCAR racing star in *Talladega Nights: the Ballad of Ricky Bobby*.

Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow returns to the helm of the Flying Dutchman in the swashbuckling, supernatural sequel, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*.



{Television}



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NBC's game show *Deal or No Deal* is a worldwide phenomenon, with more than 40 versions airing in countries around the world.

Deal or No Deal

My favorite shows:

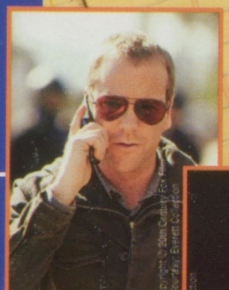
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Ugly Betty

The American version of *Ugly Betty*, an ABC show based on the Colombian hit *Yo Soy Betty La Fea*, follows the daily struggles of a fashion-challenged employee of a fashion magazine.



Fox's suspenseful television drama *24* is named Outstanding Drama Series at the 58th annual Emmy Awards after five nominations in the category.



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The Office

NBC's *The Office*, starring Steve Carell, wins an



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NBC's *The Office*, starring Steve Carell, wins an Outstanding Comedy Series Emmy and becomes as successful as the original British sitcom.

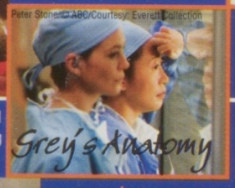


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Project Runway, a reality show competition for would-be fashion designers, is a ratings winner for Bravo and a guilty pleasure for millions of viewers.

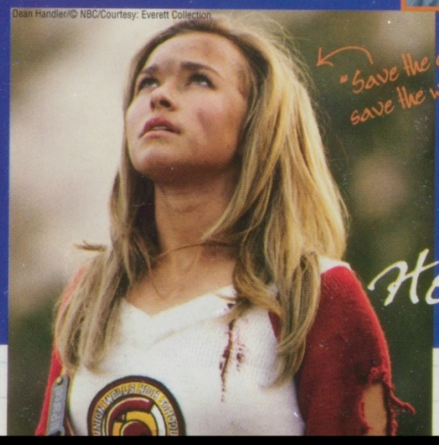
Project Runway



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Grey's Anatomy

Once *Grey's Anatomy* was just a reference book for medical students. Now it's the name of ABC's Emmy Award-winning drama featuring the dreamiest doctors on television.



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"Save the cheerleader, save the world."

The NBC drama *Heroes* tells the story of ordinary people with extraordinary, superhuman capabilities. The hit show features an ensemble cast of 12 main characters.

Heroes

Golden Globe Winners

Best Motion Picture, Drama: *Babel*

Best Actress, Drama: Helen Mirren, *The Queen*

Best Actor, Drama: Forest Whitaker, *The Last King of Scotland*

Best Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy: *Dreamgirls*

Best Director, Motion Picture: Martin Scorsese, *The Departed*

{Music}



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DJ/producer Danger Mouse and rapper/singer Cee-Lo Green call their collaboration Gnaris Barkley. Their first album, *St. Elsewhere*, features the hit song "Crazy."

Justin Timberlake continues to prove that there's life after the boy band, with the release of his second solo album and two No. 1 singles.



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"Crazy"



REUTERS/Mike Cassese/Landov

Evanescence, a goth-alternative-metal-piano-arena-chamber-pop group, releases their second album, *The Open Door*, which hits No. 1 on the *Billboard* 200.

Evanescence



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Panic! At the Disco, an alternative rock band from Las Vegas, achieves mainstream success, despite a heated, public war of words with their ex-bass player.

2006 Teen Choice Award Winners

Single: Fall Out Boy, "Dance, Dance"

R&B Artist: Rihanna

R&B/hip-hop track: Nelly Furtado Featuring Timbaland, "Promiscuous"

Hottie Female: Jessica Alba

Hottie Male: Orlando Bloom

The Red Hot Chili Peppers complete their ninth studio album, the 28-track *Stadium Arcadium*, which debuts at No. 1 and garners four Grammy awards.

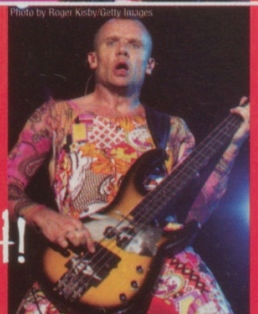
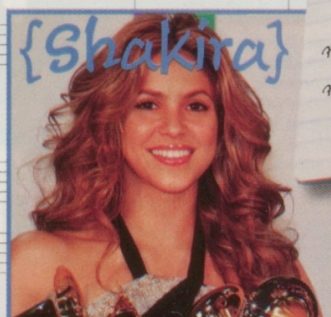


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Red hot!

{Shakira}



Shakira launches her biggest tour ever and is honored by the United Nations for her charity that protects children from violence in her
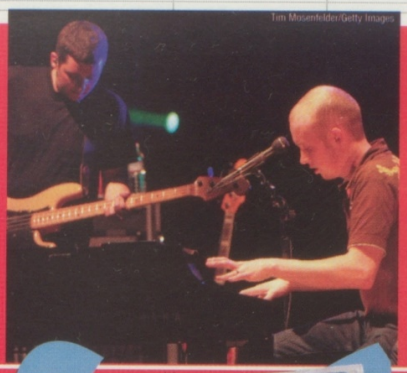


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biggest tour ever and is honored by the United Nations for her charity that protects children from violence in her native Colombia.

- Fergie, of The Black Eyed Peas, releases her first solo album, *The Dutchess*. Her second single, *Fergalicious*, hits No.1 on *Billboard*'s Pop 100 chart.





- The Fray is nominated for two Grammys and releases a cover of John Lennon and Yoko Ono's "Happy Xmas (War is Over)" on iTunes.

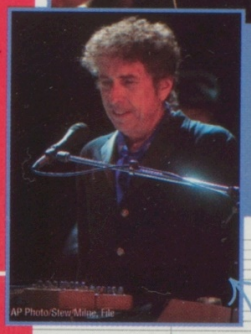
The Fray





- After 12 successful years in the music business, Mary J. Blige is stronger than ever in 2006. Her latest album, *The Breakthrough*, earns her three Grammy awards.

- With his studio album *Modern Times*, folk rock poet Bob Dylan, age 65, is the oldest living artist to top the U.S. album charts.



- Christina Aguilera releases *Back to Basics*, a critically acclaimed album of blues, soul and jazz music from the 1920s, '30s and '40s.

Bob Dylan



Rascal Flatts

- When country superstars Rascal Flatts release *Me And My Gang*, their fourth album, it becomes the top-selling album of any genre for the year.



- Singer/songwriter Ne-Yo releases his hit solo album *In My Own Words* in 2006 and co-stars with Chris Brown in the movie *Stomp the Yard* in 2007.



- OK Go releases their oddball music videos on YouTube, performs a dance on treadmills live at the 2006 MTV Video Music Awards, and tours with Panic! At the Disco.

{Sports}



▲ Kimmie Meissner, 17, wins the U.S. Figure Skating Championship in January 2007. She is the first female since 1991 to win a world championship before earning the title in her own country.

NASCAR

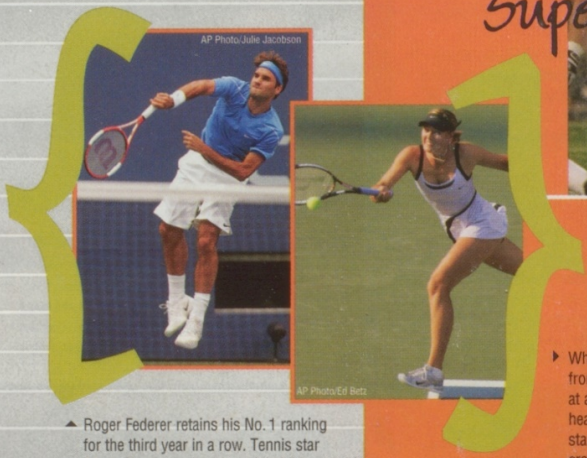
▸ In the victory lane of Homestead-Miami Speedway, NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson celebrates his 2006 Nextel Cup title and a $6.2 million paycheck.



Super Bowl champs

▸ MVP Peyton Manning leads the Indianapolis Colts through a steady rain and past the Chicago Bears for a 29-17 victory in Super Bowl XLI.

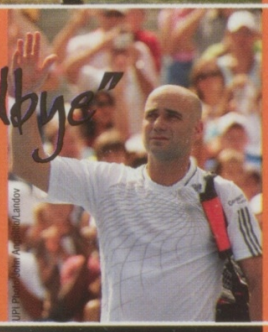




▲ Roger Federer retains his No. 1 ranking for the third year in a row. Tennis star Maria Sharapova is the world's highest-paid female athlete. Both take home a U.S. Open Championship trophy in 2006.

"Goodbye"

▸ When Andre Agassi retires from professional tennis at age 37, he receives a heartfelt, eight-minute standing ovation from the crowd at the 2006 U.S. Open.



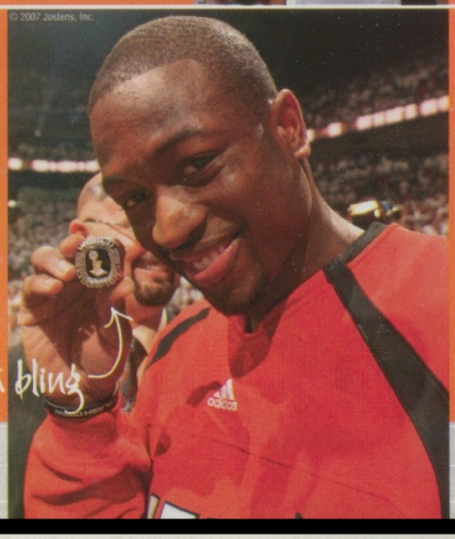
{Sport stacking}



◂ Nearly 1,100 competitors compete in the WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships in Denver. Forty-two new world records are set at the 2006 event.

NBA bling

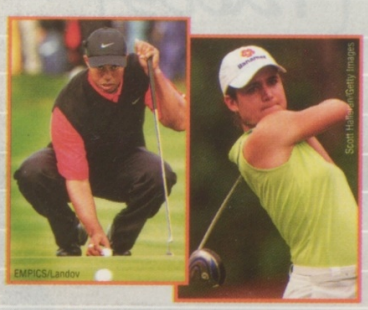
▸ The Miami Heat defeat the Dallas Mavericks in six games to win the 2006 NBA Finals. Dwyane Wade, the Miami Heat guard, is named MVP.





X Games

◂ Shaun White makes his second unsuccessful attempt at the 1080 at the 2006 Summer X Games. He is the only skateboarder to attempt the move in competition.



▲ Tiger Woods and Mexican sensation Lorena



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▲ Tiger Woods and Mexican sensation Lorena Ochoa are named the male and female AP Athletes of the Year.

2006 World Series



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◀ The National League champion St. Louis Cardinals win the 2006 World Series by defeating the American League champion Detroit Tigers in five games.

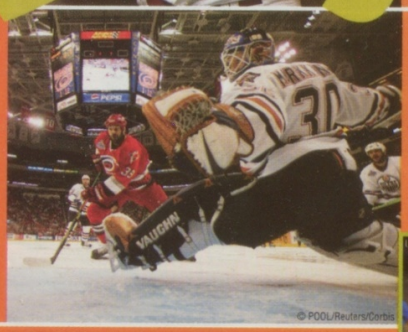
▶ The Florida Gators become the first school in history to win both the NCAA basketball and football titles in the same year after defeating heavily favored Ohio State 41-14 in the 2006 BCS National Championship.



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Stanley Cup

◀ In 2006, the Carolina Hurricanes defeat the Edmonton Oilers four games to three to win their first Stanley Cup in the first post-lockout championship.



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▲ In the 2006 World Cup Finals, the most widely viewed sporting event in the world, Italy beats France for the title.

▼ International soccer superstar David Beckham signs a $250 million contract to leave Real Madrid to play Major League Soccer in the U.S. for the Los Angeles Galaxy.



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Soccer

2006 Heisman Trophy Finalists:

Troy Smith-Winner
QB, Ohio State
Votes: 2,540

Darren McFadden
RB, Arkansas
Votes: 878

Brady Quinn
QB, Notre Dame
Votes: 782

{Faces}

My favorite celebrities:



▼ Fans mourn Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter, who is killed by a stingray while snorkeling at Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

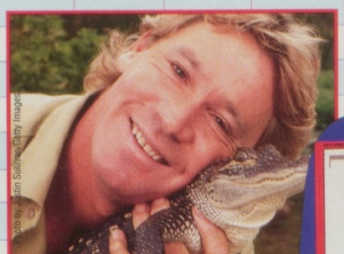


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▶ Katie Couric is the anchor of the *CBS Evening News*, becoming the nation's first female solo anchor of a major television network's weekday evening newscast.



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▶ Shortly after the birth of their second son makes headlines around the world, Britney Spears and Kevin Federline announce the end of their marriage.



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▶ Brad Pitt and



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Crocodile hunter

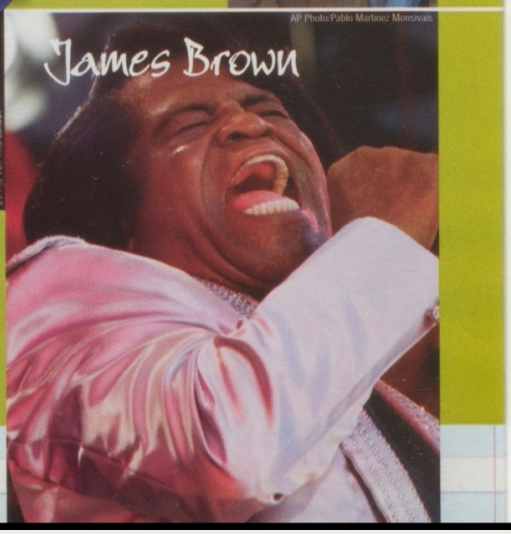
- Due to the popularity of user-generated websites like MySpace and YouTube, *TIME* magazine's annual person of the year is "You."



- Jessica Simpson's divorce from Nick Lachey is finalized. Romantic rumors link her to skateboarder Bam Margera, NFL quarterback Tony Romo, singer John Mayer and comedian Dane Cook.



- Dynamic music legend James Brown, aka the Godfather of Soul, dies at the age of 73. He is remembered as one of the major musical influences of the past 50 years.

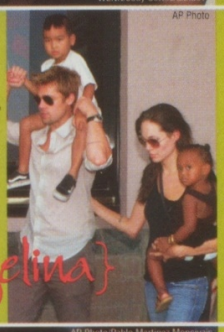


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James Brown

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- Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, also known as "Bradgelina," make headlines when Angelina gives birth to daughter Shiloh in the African nation of Namibia.



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