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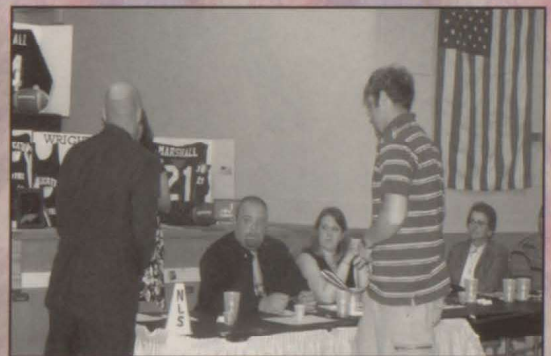
Melissa collecting her basketball awards from coach Grint, including numerous Honorable Mentions, her letter, and the Leadership award.



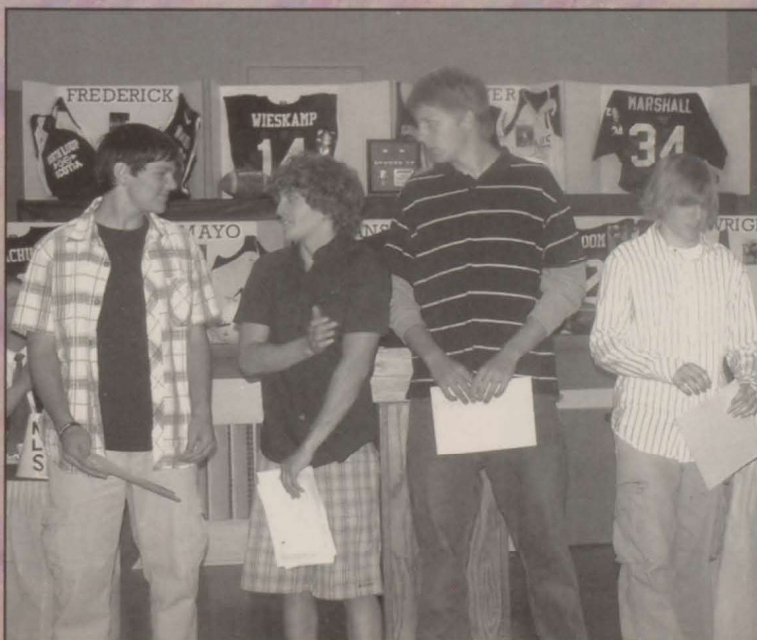
The volleyball team receiving awards.



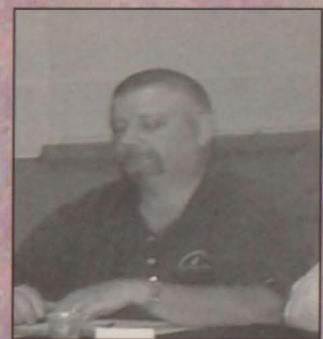
Mike, Mercedes, Ashley, and Becky were all awarded a letter in Cross Country.



Matt was selected as basketball MVP.



Some of the football guys reminisced about games.



Pastor Bruce was worn out after saying the prayer....he decided to take a little break.

Honors Night



The 05-06 Cheerleaders received recognition for their hard work, and new cheerleaders announced. Pictured above (left-Right) Molly Sanburg, Mercedes Roy, Kristi Linke, Mrs. Adam, Jenae Malmstrom, Haley Hanson, and Becky Mattison.



Justin and Jackie received the Citizenship award.



Haley smiles as she gets her Leadership awards.



Hannah receives her Honor Roll certificate!



Joey Cadek is proud of his honors!

54 Hannah Rogers



Whitney receives her awards for Journalism!



Adam accepts his band and choral awards!



The new 2006-2007 Drill Team members: Carin Moody-sponsor Anna Gebhardt, Hailey Jensen, Melissa Hansen, Dana Kluthe, Sammy Jensen, Ashley, Moody, Kayla Abel, Brittany Brown.



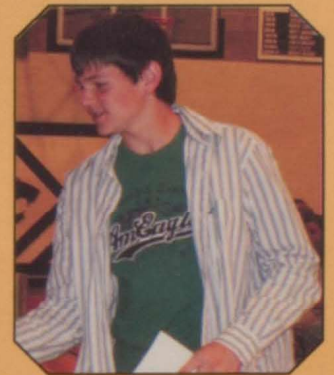
Hailey Jensen is recognized for being on the honor roll for all 4 quarters!



Jackie Hansen receives the John Phillips Sousa Award for band!



Belinda accepts awards for her achievements!



Jordan receives his awards for Leadership.



Katrina receives her awards for Drama!



Joey T. accepts his awards from Mrs. Grint!



Jessie receives her choral awards!



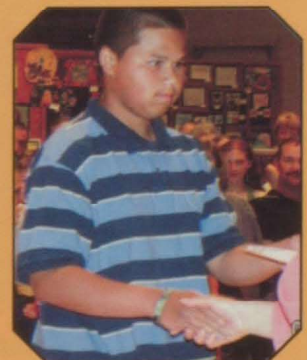
Fabian attempts to collect his lost Geometry award!



Ashley accepts her Drama awards!



Derek receives an Outstanding Band Member award!



Randy accepts his awards at Honors Night!

Lost in The Knight

Jr. Sr. Prom



Seniors: (Back L-R): Adam Bloom, Todd Stackura, Chad Marshall (Middle): Jessica Bruha, Cameron Marshall, Daci Dierberger, Justin Zieskamp, Chrystal DeNoyer, Jeremy Sorecki, Shaina Tamayo (Front): Ashley Fredrick, Belinda Wright, Jessie Phillips, Jackie Hansen.



Juniors: (Back L-R): Lucas Zoolsey, Matt Hughes, Clark Sintek, Kurt Hansen, Levi Burson, Joe Melnick, Fabian Kothmann, Scott Patrick (Middle): Jan Straight, Katrina Goodrich, Josh Jensen, Jordan Moody, Michael Sydesen, Brandon Markovick, Jesse Jensen, Casandra Marlow, Jon Hawley, (Front): Jessica Krzycki, Elizabeth Lassen, Chasatti Krzycki, Angela Cassell.



Sophomore servers (Back): Tim Vogeler, Melissa Hansen, Mike Sheldon, Jenae Malmstrom (Middle): Kelli Sternsmeyer, David Klutke (Front): Jose Trepo.

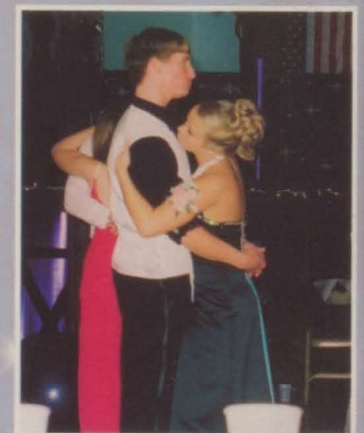


Get ya don't know what dance this is?

56 Shaina:)



This is where a lot of people hung out!



Chrystal looks tired!

2006 Prom Royalty



*Princess-Jessica B., King-Cameron M.,
Queen-Jackie H., Prince-Todd S*



Doesnt everyone look so cute?



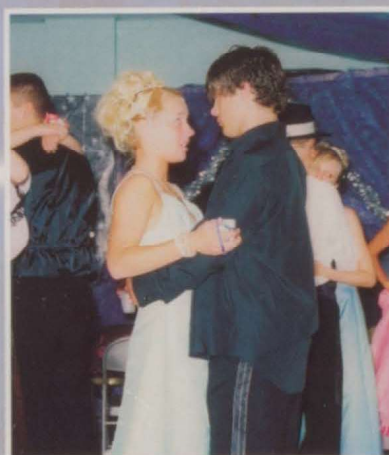
HUGS & KISSES!!



Mel should you be dancing?



Rock star Brandon!!



You two are so cute. Jeremy and Galla



Look'en good girls!



Kayla, Joe, Sammy doing the cotton eyed jo



Joe & Mrs. Grass



What is Ashley doing?

Graduation 2006



(Back L&R): Justin Wieskamp, Adam Bloom, Todd Stachura, Cameron Marshall, Jeremy Gorecki, Chad Marshall,
 (Front L&R): Jessie Phillips, Daci Dierberger, Chrystal DeNoyer, Shaina Tamago, Jessica Bruha, Belinda Wright,
 Ashley Fredrick



Belinda Wright



Shaina Tamago



Cameron Marshall



Jessica Bruha



Chrystal DeNoyer



Todd Stachura



Adam Bloom



Jessica Phillips



Chad Marshall



Justin Wieskamp



Jeremy Gorecki



Daci Dierberger



Ashley Fredrick



Jackie Hansen



Wildcat Macho Men!



Beautiful Lady Wildcats!



It's So hard to Say Good-Bye to Yesterday!!



Ashley has a moment with her dad



Jessica and Cameron Pose for a picture



Matt H. and Casandra M. are our Jr. Attendants



We are SO ready!!!



The senior chorus members sang "Never Gone."

Graduation 2006
 May 7th
 Class Colors: Teal & Black
 Class Flower: Lily
 Class Motto:

There were moments we laughed and cried. We always stood by each others sides. Those many days we spent together; they will stay in our hearts forever.



Jackie Hansen: Valedictorian



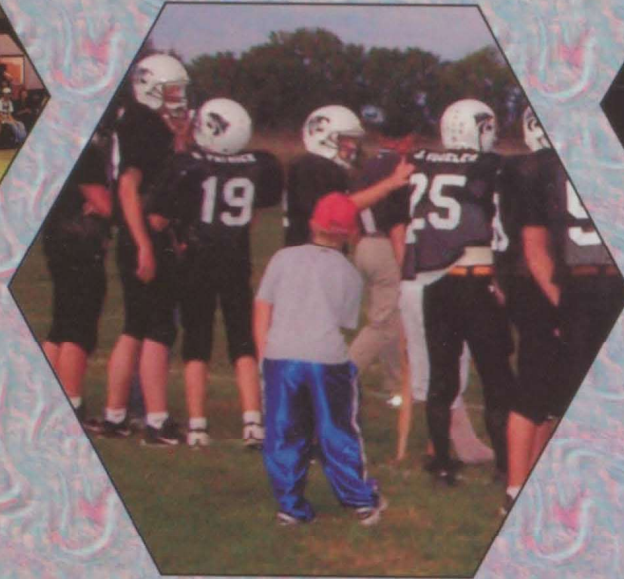
Ashley Fredrick: Salutatorian



Ushers: Jesse Jensen, Fabian Kottmann, Josh Jensen, Clark Sintek

Jessie Phillips opened the ceremony with prayer.

Sports



Cross Country

The Team!

(left to right)
Trevor Marlow
Mike Sheldon
Mercedes Roy
Ms. Rakness
Ashley Fredrick
Becky Mattison



Don't they look cute??

This is the first year with Ms. Rakness as the coach for the Cross Country team and we hope she had fun so she'll coach the team next year. One team member Mercedes Roy qualified for the State Cross Country Meet. Everyone was very proud of her accomplishment.

High School Rodeo

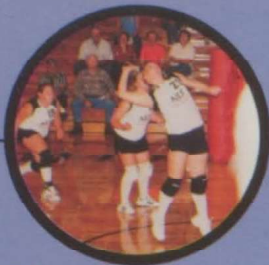
Participants were Joe Melnick and Levi Burson.



**Nice ride,
Joe.**



**Way to catch
the calf, Levi!**



Kristi and Kayla are set to back up Haley H.



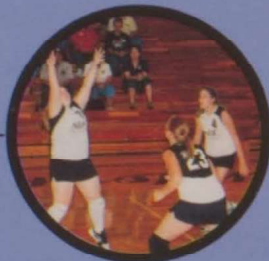
Kayla power bombs



Jenae gets ready to serve



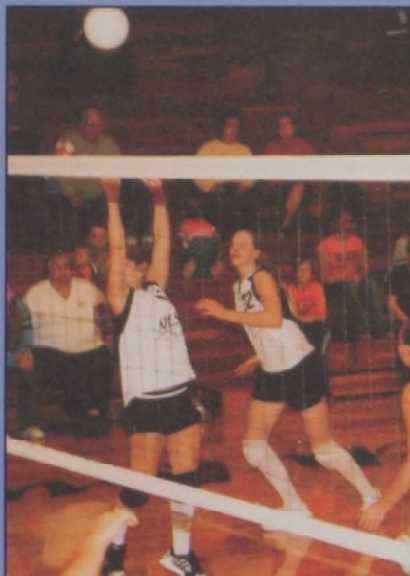
Dana's sweet spike.



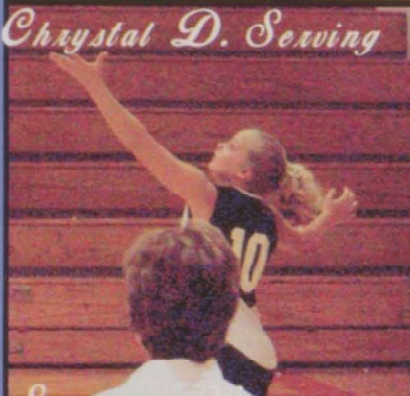
Hannah setting.



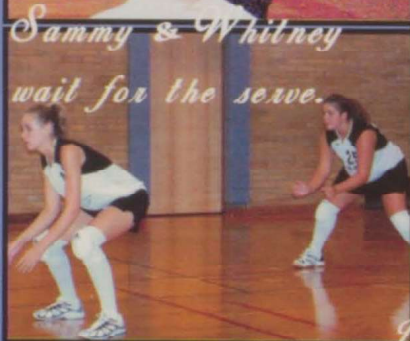
62 *Haley and Hannah*



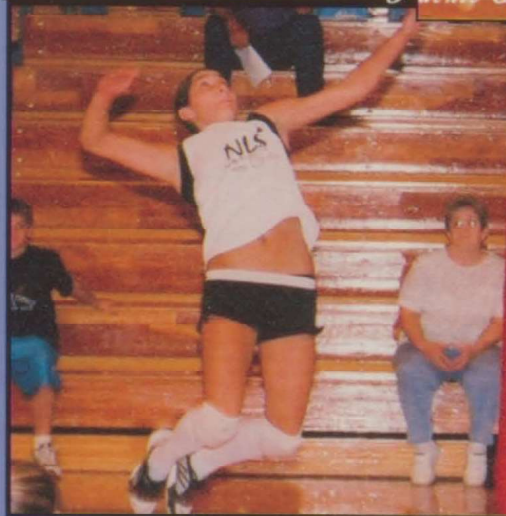
Kelli H. is ready to hit



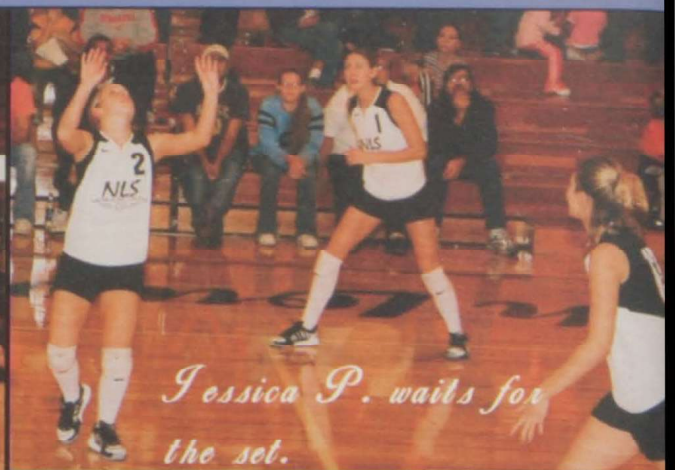
Chrystal D. Serving



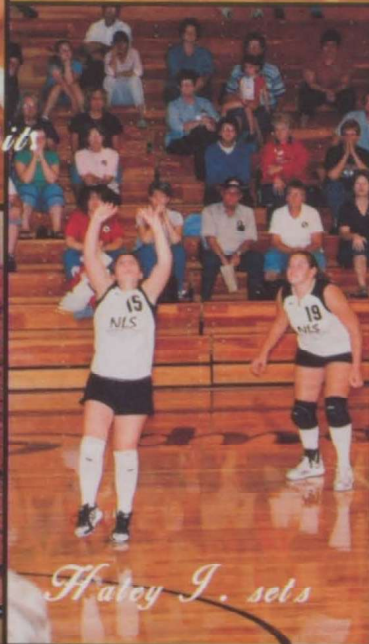
Sammy & Whitney wait for the serve.



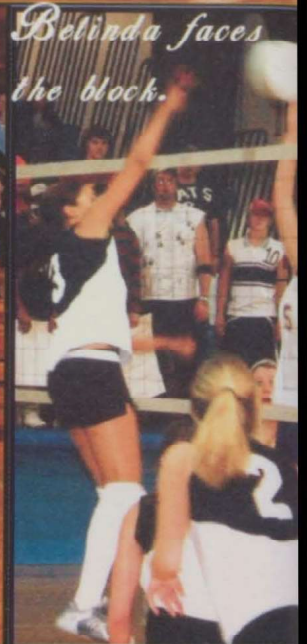
Shaina sends it down--hard!!



Jessica P. waits for the set.



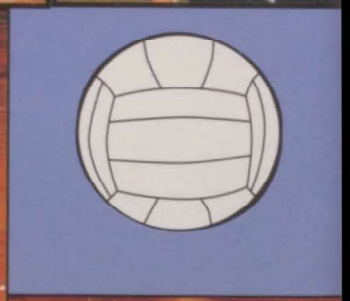
Haley J. sets



Belinda faces the block.



Jackie H. with the pass.



Nice Pass, Ashley



2005 Lady Wildcat Volleyball Team (Front l-r): Kristine Linke, Tenae Malystrom, Shaina Tamayo, Jackie Hansen, Belinda Wright, Chrystal DeNoyer, Haley Hanson (Second Row): Haley Tensen, Melissa Hansen, Chasatti Poss, Elizabeth Lassen, Jessica Poss, Daci Dierberger, Anna Gebhardt (Third Row): Dana Kluthe, Whitney Hansen, Assistant Coach Holly Adam, Head Coach Joanne Wells, Hannah Rogers, Jackie Tensen, Sammy Tensen (Back): Ashley Moody, Kelli Hermsmeyer, and Kayla Abel.



Junior Varsity team

This year the Lady Wildcats Volleyball team practiced with pride and skill. Many players sweat and blood contributed to the team. We ended the season with a huge effort.

Lady Wildcats

WILDCAT FOOTBALL

2005



CHAD ASSISTING THE PLAY.



RUN, ADAM!



JASON TRYING TO GET THE BALL



SENIOR FOOTBALL BOYS

DESPITE A FEW INJURIES AND SOME LOSSES, THIS YEAR'S FOOTBALL TEAM FOUGHT HARD TO THE END. THE START OF THE SEASON WENT WELL WITH WINS OVER ELBA AND SPALDING. UNFORTUNATELY, DURING THE SPALDING GAME, QUARTERBACK, JESSE J., WAS UNABLE TO CONTINUE PLAYING WHEN HIS ANKLE WAS SHATTERED, AND WAS OUT FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. THE TEAM WENT ON TO PLAY SOME VERY CHALLENGING GAMES AND DID THE BEST THEY COULD. ALTHOUGH THE DIFFICULT TIMES SEEM TO STICK IN EVERYONE'S MEMORIES, THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS TO BE PROUD OF AND TO LEARN FROM. LOSING SIX SENIORS WITH A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WILL FORCE THE 2006 WILDCATS TO WORK HARD, BUT THEY WILL RISE TO THE CHALLENGE!



JEREMY AND TIM GOING AFTER THE BALL



WAY TO STOP HIM, JORDAN!



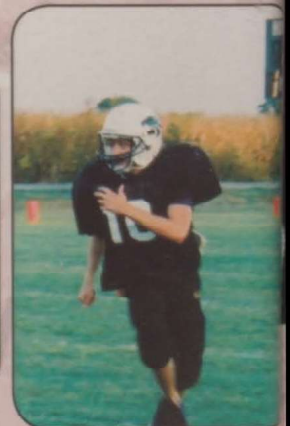
TYLOR DODGING A TITAN



MATT RESISTING THE TACKLE.



CAMERON CARRIES THE BALL



CLARK'S OPEN!



2005 FOOTBALL TEAM (FRONT L-R): JUSTIN W, CAMERON M, CHAD M, JEREMY G, ADAM B, TODD S, (SECOND ROW:) JESSE J, CLARK S, MATT H, BRANDON M, JASON V, JORDAN M, JOSH J, (THIRD ROW:) LUCAS W, JON H, TYLOR P, SCOTT P, JOSE T, TIM V, FABIAN K (FOURTH ROW:) CAMERON K, ARMONDO T, AARON G, ASST. COACH ADAM, DAVID K, BRANDON A, CODY B (NOT PICTURED:) COACH YOUNG

	US - THEM
ELBA	WIN 38 - 07
SPALDING	WIN 34 - 32
GREELEY/ WOLBACH	LOSS 20 - 54
CHAMBERS	LOSS 08 - 44
CLEARWATER	LOSS 20 - 34
EWING	LOSS 20 -
ELGIN	LOSS 12 - 62
SARGENT	LOSS 16 - 66



JUSTIN WIESKAMP



ADAM BLOOM



CHAD MARSHALL



CAMERON MARSHALL



TODD STACHURA



JEREMY GORECKI

SENIORS!



HEAD COACH: ZANE YOUNG



ASSISTANT COACH: JOHN ADAM

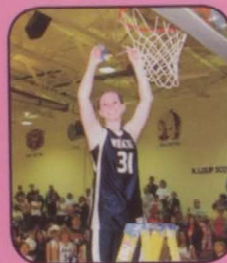
Lady Wildcat Basketball



(Back Row l-r): Dana K., Michaela P., Hannah R., Coach Zells, Haley J., Kayla A., Whitney M., Coach Grind, Nolan S., Kate S. (Middle l-r): Kristine L., Ashley M., Kelli M., Melissa M., Anna S., Haley M. (Front l-r): Chrystal D., Shaina T., Daci D., Jackie M., Ashley F.



Daci Bierberger!



Jackie Hansen



Ashley Fredrick



Chrystal DeNoyer



Shaina Tamayo



The ladies met many of their goals this year. They won 2nd place in the Holiday tourney and were Conference champions, both for the first time in North Coug Scotia history. Unfortunately, the Cats fell short at the District finals once again...but they have nothing to hang their heads about. They did their best and made MANY good memories for North Coug Scotia fans.

Wow! What a year to remember for the Lady Cats! The girls were told a number of times that they were one of the best "teams" around. They worked together as if they had been playing together since they were 4th-6th graders...well, most of them have! The Cats had many ups and downs this season!



Award Winners

Shaina Tamayo



Goldenrod Conference 1st Team, UJS Honorable Mention, OZJH Honorable Mention, Associated Press Honorable Mention, Huskerland 3rd team, All-Huskerland 2nd team

Chrystal DeNoyer



Goldenrod Conference 1st Team, OZJH Honorable Mention

Melissa Hansen



Goldenrod Conference 2nd Team, OZJH Honorable Mention, UJS Honorable Mention, All-Huskerland Honorable Mention, Huskerland Honorable Mention

Kelli Hensmeier



Goldenrod Conference Honorable Mention, OZJH Honorable Mention



It's Dana with the shot!



Let's play ball....



Anna shoots for 2!

What is your most memorable moment this year in Basketball?

Winning the Goldenrod Conference tourney and getting to play with the 5 seniors!



Melissa



2006 Conference CHAMPS!!



Daci looks for the ball!



Ashley blocks the pass!

Winning the Goldenrod Conference tournament!



Whitney

Winning the Goldenrod Conference tournament!



Ashley M.

The Pleasanton game and getting to cut the net down at Conference!



Daci



Kayla talks to the coaches to get the play!



Kel Posts-up at Sub-district finals!



Shaina drives past the "D"!



Mel "schools" her opponents!!



Chrystal shoots over S/2 in the Conference game!



Staley makes a good pass!!



Kristi scans the defense!!



The girls are ready to run the play!!



District Finals here we come!!



Annah prepares to pass.



Michaela drives to the basket!!

NLS Boys Basketball

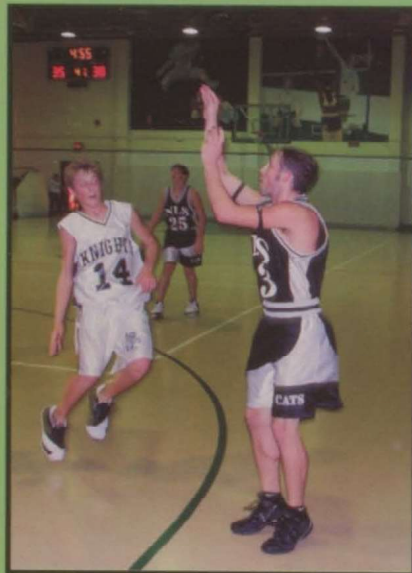


Jordan has the moves!



Jason heads for the basket!

The 2006 boys basketball team began the season with high hopes and lots of potential. Throughout the season they continued to improve and grow as a team. Senior Adam Bloom's smooth moves and outside shots provided many exciting moments. While Junior Matt Hughes and 6'7" German exchange student Fabian Kottmann were often able to score on the inside.



Nice three, Adam!!

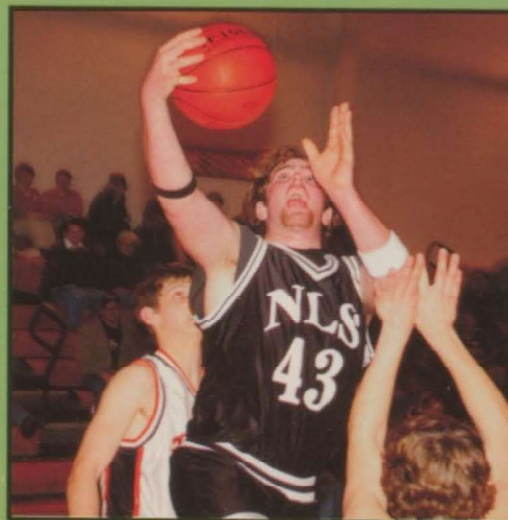
Contributions from Juniors Josh Jensen, Jordan Moody, Joe Melnick, Jesse Jensen, and Jason Vogeler added points for the Wildcats. Mike Sheldon, sophomore, demonstrated excellent potential on the court.

Rounding out the team were Aaron Gorecki, Matt Stachura, Tylor Patrick, Randy Xayavong, and Santos Trejo, who showed everyone the future of NLS Basketball.

For the 2007 season, the team will only lose Adam and Fabian so the future looks good!



Tylor P. brings the ball in.



Matt overpowers his foe!



Fabian concentrating on his shot.



Coach Adam gives the team their instructions.



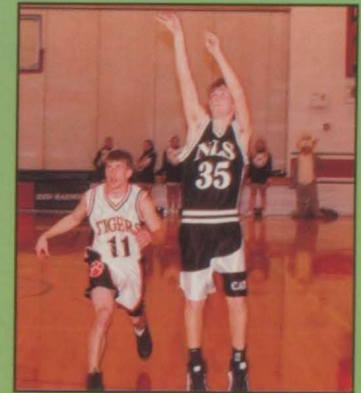
Move that ball, Santos!



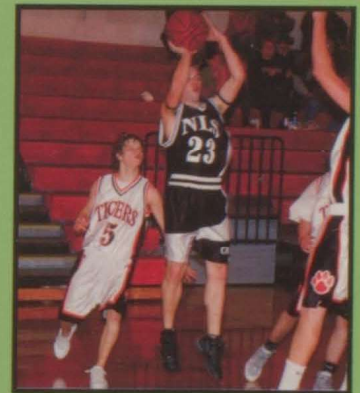
Aaron drives for the basket.



2006 team (back l-r): Mike Sheldon, Matt Hughes, Fabian Kottmann, Joe Melnick, Jordan Moody (Middle): Assistant Coach JoAnn Wells, Coach John Adam (Second Row): Aaron Gorecki, Matt Stachura, Tylor Patrick, Statistic Keeper Clark Sintek, Josh Jensen, Jesse Jensen, Santos Trejo (Front): Jason Vogeler, Adam Bloom, Randy Xayavong.



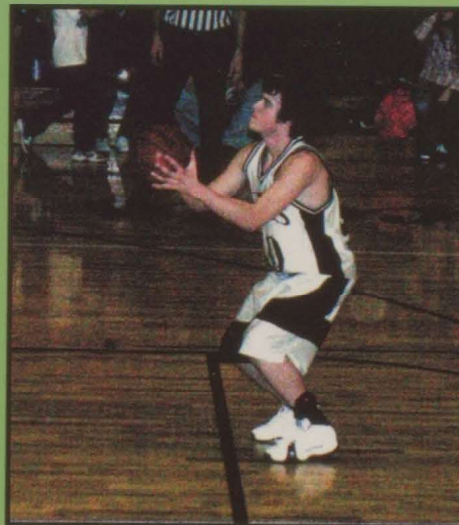
Jesse puts one up.



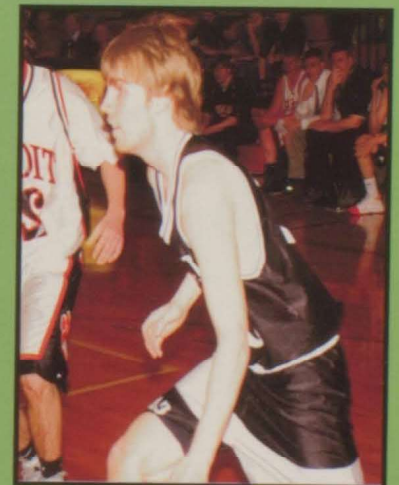
Looks good, Adam!



Matt H. makes it look easy!



Josh tries for the big one!!



Jesse moves toward the basket.

Girls Track



(Back left to right) Dana K., Belinda W., Coach Rakness, Melissa H., Kelli H., Haley H., Anna G., Sammy J., Coach Wells., (Middle Row) Kayla A., Hannah R., Becky M., Michaela P., (Front Row) Haley J., Whitney H., Mercedes R., Chrystal D. Not Pictured: Angela Cassell

Seniors....



Belinda Wright



Chrystal DeNoyer

State Qualifiers



Dana Kluthe, Belinda Wright, Michaela Partridge, Anna Gebhardt.

District Runners-Up





Whitney prepares for her throw.



Melissa tapes the track meet!!



A strong finish in the 2 mile for Mercedes!



Glannah stays low for the shot put!!



Chrystal flies into the sand!



Haley kicks hard for her throw!



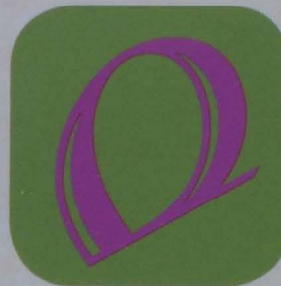
The throwers wait for the meet to start.



Michaela stretches for the race!



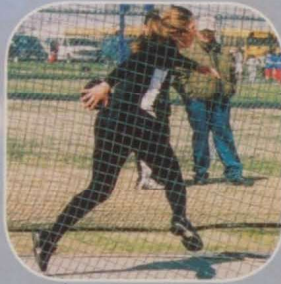
Angela gets ready for her race!



Sammy concentrates on her jump!



Becky finishes the relay hard!



Kayla gives it a swing!



Belinda leaps for a mark!



Haley J. runs the 4x800 relay!

The girls track team had a big change this year going from 10 people to 16 people. The girls showed a lot of teamwork, always cheering each other on. They had a lot of people letter and make the honor roll. The girls worked hard throughout the season and many made improvements. They had a good season. The girls said it went too fast, but they had fun while it lasted. They can't wait for next year to make some more memories! They also experienced getting Second at Districts! Congratulations Lady Wildcats!



Anna reaches a new height in pole vault!



Dana clears the bar!



Kelli gets dirty in triple jump.

Wildcat Track and Field



(Back l-r): Fabian Kottman, Tim Vogeler, Jeremy Gorecki, Matt Stachura, Coach Young, (Second): Armando Tamayo, Aaron Gorecki, David Kluthe, Cody Burson, Jordan Moody, Michael Gydesen, Cameron Marshall (Third): Mike Sheldon, Jon Hawley, Brandon Markvicka, Clark Sintek, Randy Xayavong, (Front): Todd Stachura, Adam Bloom, Matt Hughes, not pictured: Coach Wells

Seniors



Jeremy Gorecki
Events: Shot put, Discus



Adam Bloom
Events: 100 meter dash,
200 meter dash, 400
meter dash, 4X100 relay
4X400 relay



Todd Stachura
Events: Shot put,
Highjump, Discus
4X100 relay



Cameron Marshall
Events: Pole Vault,
100 meter dash,
4X100 relay, 4X400
relay



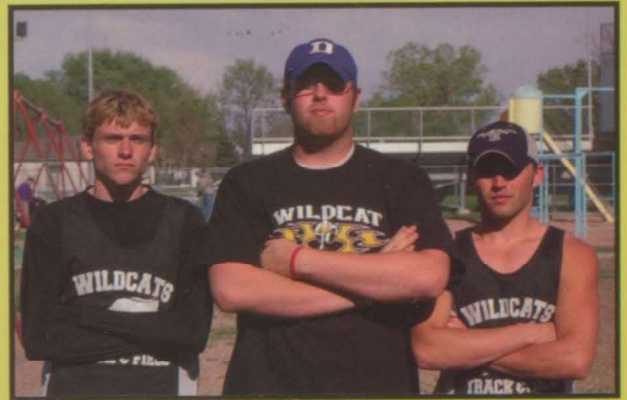
State Qualifiers



Aaron gets a great start for his vault



David running hard



(l-r) Mike Sheldon-3200 Meter Run, Matt Hughes-Shot Put, Adam Bloom-200 Meter Dash



Matt spinning during his discus throw



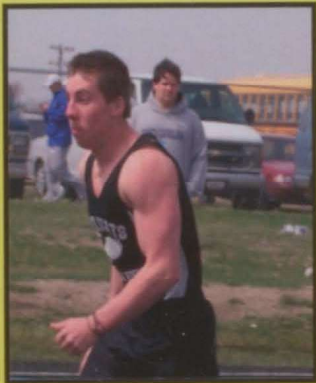
Clark wins the 100



Randy rushing between events to watch the track meet



Jon has great form during the 200 meter dash.



Brandon running his 400



Cody clears the bar



Tim finishes his race strong



Michael comes out of the hurdle with great form



Jordan clears the hurdle



Fabian runs past the competition



Mike running hard



Matt starts the 400 very well

Junior High Football



What a smooth handoff!



Nice run, Sengleel



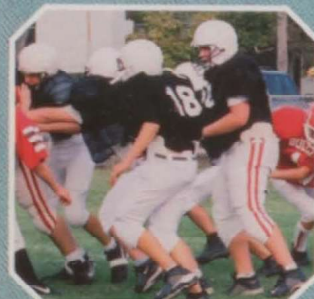
(Front row l-r): Jordan Markvicka, Tyler Melnick, Derek Essman, Tye Bloom, Paul Stachura, Grant Gebhardt (2nd row): Jordan Linke, Nathan Harbourt, Tyler Meyers, Rilee Jensen, Senglee Xaijavong; (3rd row): Cody Harbourt, Michael Lassen, Joey Timmons, Cole Baker (Back row): Tyler Dierberger, Matt Harbourt, Bobby Bombeck, Brett Boyce



Run, Michael, run!



Head Coach Steele



Push 'em back go big "D"



Great catch, Tyler



Great tackle, Jordan



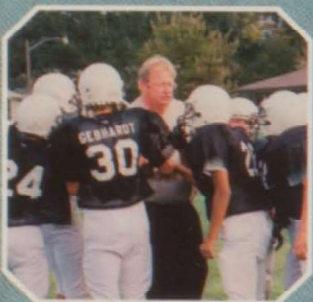
Cody gets ready for a nice, long kickoff



Nice kick, Grant!

The Junior high football team had a great season this year. With a new coach, it was very helpful that many of the older boys had playing experience.

There were ten eighth graders, and the leadership of those ten helped the team become very successful and finish the season extremely well. Great Job, boys!



Coach Steele pumps the guys up



Way to catch him!



What a front line!



Nice team effort Girls!



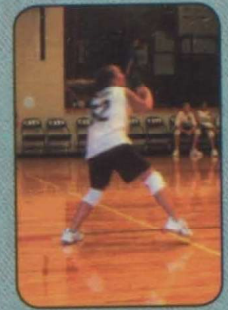
Good hustle, Ladies!



Nice serve, Sarah!



Go for it, Girls!!!



Way to go, Natasha!

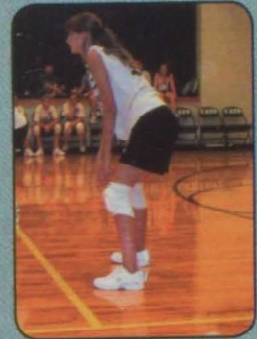


Lookin' good, Kaylynn!

Jr. High Volleyball Team



(Back left to right): Kaylynn Wieskamp, Kaitie Mattison, Sarah Peters (Middle): Brittany Brown, Coach Annice Marlow, Ashley Phillips, Jessica Harbourt, Christina Kolar (Front): Kayla Tamayo, Krista Hermismeyer, Natasha Riesing



Krista is ready to win!



Let's go Wildcats!!!!



Way to be on your toes, Jessica!



Ashley delivers a good serve



The team huddles and plans a victory!

Score Card

Elba..... Won 2-3

Cedar..... Won 2-3

Spalding..... Lost 2-3

Wheeler..... Won 2-2

Palmer..... Won 2-3

Cedar Tour... Lost 2-3



Chrissy prepares for a great serve!



Good form, Kaitie!



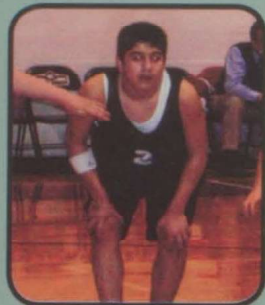
Kayla gets into the game!

Interview with Coach Marlow:

"We started the season out with 11 players and ended with 9 playing in tournaments. We worked on skills, fundamentals, and playing as a team. It was another winning season (5-3) for the Jr. High Lady Wildcats."



Tye shows his best form.



Carlos is ready to box out



Senglee with the jumper!



Trevor shows off his skills!



Tyler with the layup



Watch out for the one behind you!



ing gets past Tyler D.



Good Shot, Bobby!



Derek sinks it!



Jordan Markvicka looks pretty fierce!



Grant's on fire.



(Top L-R) : Coach Annice Marlow, Justin Couton, Paul Stachura, Jordan Markvicka, Robert Bombeck, Matt Harbourt
(Middle): Rilee Jensen, Cody Harbourt, Joe Cadek, Senglee Xayavong, Jordan Linke, Tyler Dierberger
(Bottom): Trevor Marlow, Tye Bloom, Grant Gebhardt, Carlos Trejo, Tyler Melnick, Derek Essman

Jr. High Boys Basketball



Joey is ready for his opponent.



Jordan L. takes a shot!



Paul is ready to pass.

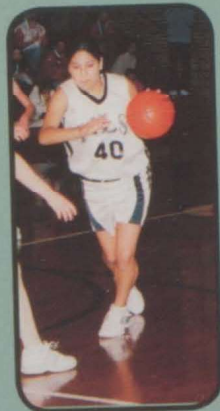


No pushing, Justin.

Jr. High Girls Basketball



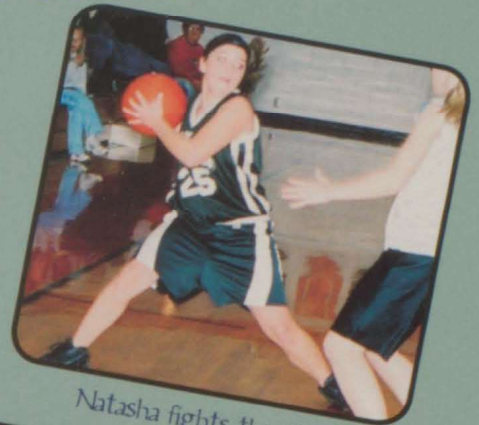
Kaylynn shoots...and she makes it!



Kayla brings the ball down the floor.



Krista goes for two!



Natasha fights the "D"!



Brittany takes the shot



Sarah looks for an open person.



Chrissy moves the ball.



Coach Hawley puts a play together



(Top): Coach Jerry Hawley (Middle L-R): Kayla Tamayo, Krista Hermsmeyer, Sarah Peters, Kaylynn Wieskamp (Bottom): Brittany Brown, Natasha Bloom, Krissy Kolar

The Lady Cats started the season off with a big win against the Elba Bluejays. The final score was 40-6. Next, the Lady Cats hosted the St. Mary Comets and defeated them 42-20. They then traveled to Wolbach to take on the GAW Titans. The game was very close, but the Wildcats came out on top with a 24-23 victory. North Loup-Scotia hosted a tournament and took on the Comets once again, beating them 38-27. The next night at the championship game against the Spalding/Spalding Academy Knights the Cats had a tough loss 12-31. The ladies traveled to Arcadia to play the Comets one last time, but the game did not turn out the way they would have liked as they lost 22-40. In the consolation game the Cats were fired up and ready to take on the Huskies so they came out with a third place trophy defeating them 39-10! Great job, Ladies!

Jr. High Track



Run Kaylynn; run Katie!!



Some of the guys relaxing after the throwing events.



Finish Hard, Tye!



That's got to Hurt...



Nice Start Brett.



Grant's in the lead!

This year's J.r. High Trackteam has done very well. They placed in the top at most of the track meets that they participated in. The eighth graders will be moving on to high school, but the team had seventh graders who stepped up and did a great job.

Hopefully, the eighth graders will be brave and go out for high school track, and the seventh graders will go out for track again. Both groups have a lot to contribute to the teams.



Watch your foot, Natasha!!



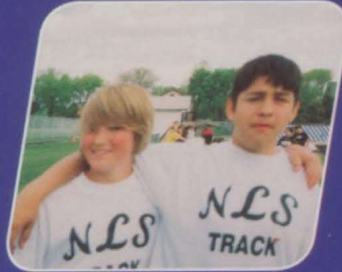
Krista's pushing



Senglee is in hot pursuit!



Kayla's gaining!



Jr. High Cheerleading

This year's cheerleading squad consisted of three members, with one returning from last year. They held tryouts and gained two new members. Andrea Wolf took the role of being the sponsor. The group attended a camp and learned new material for the year. Spirit and enthusiasm kept the year going.



Kaylynn Wieskamp



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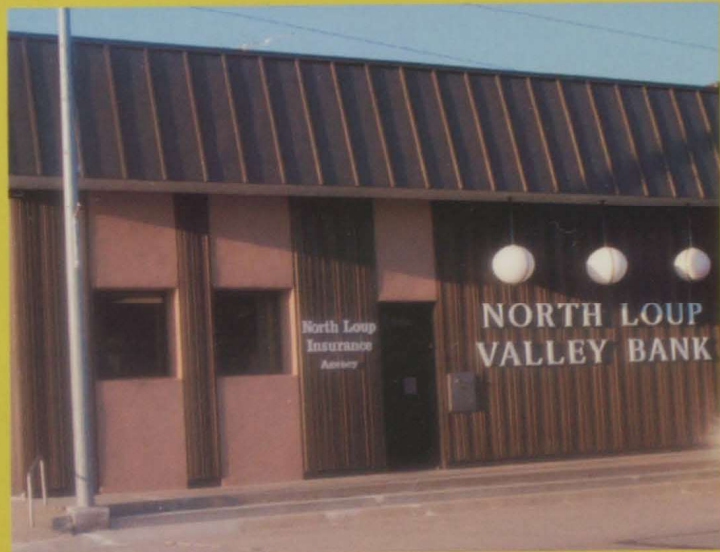
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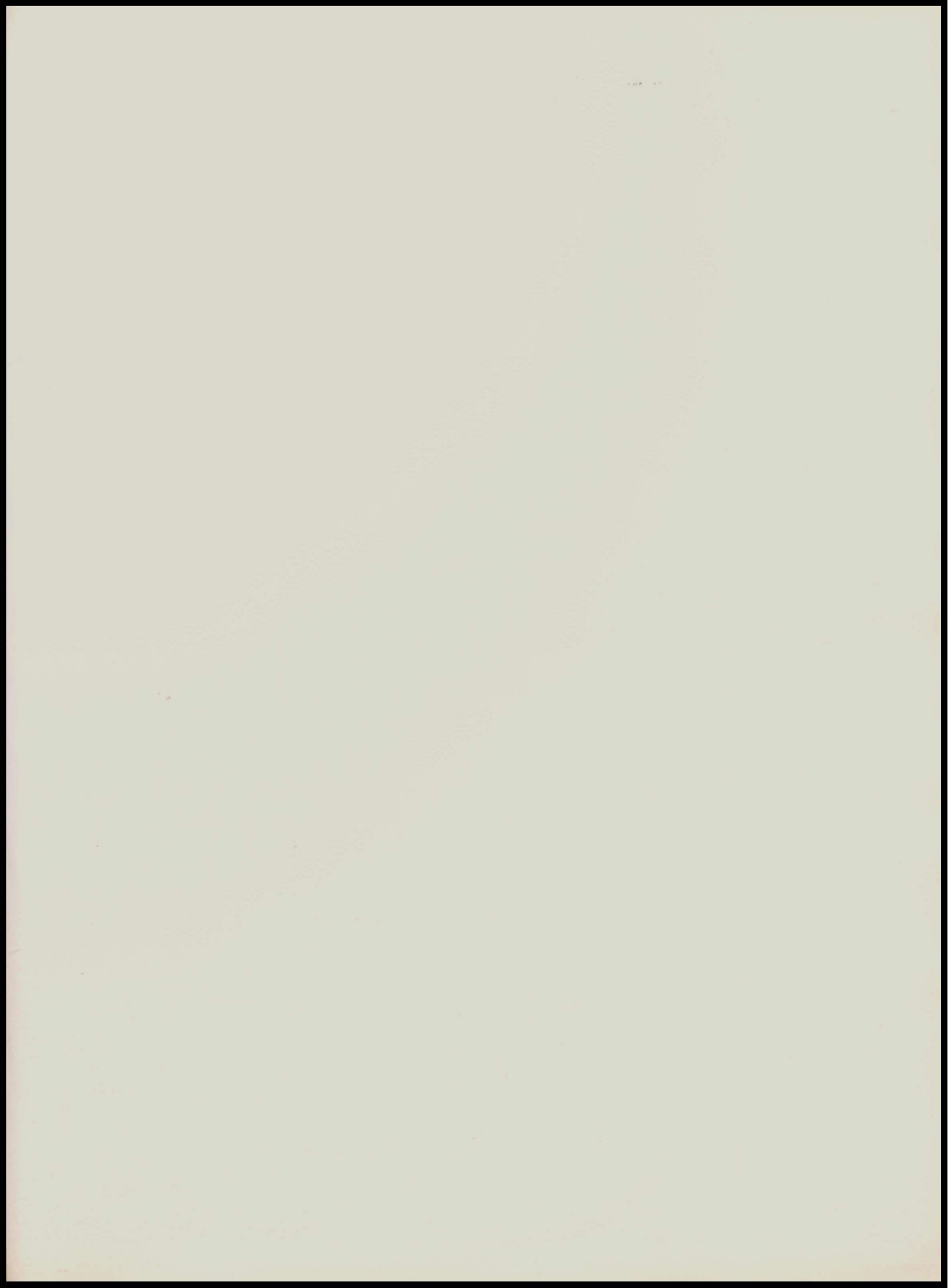
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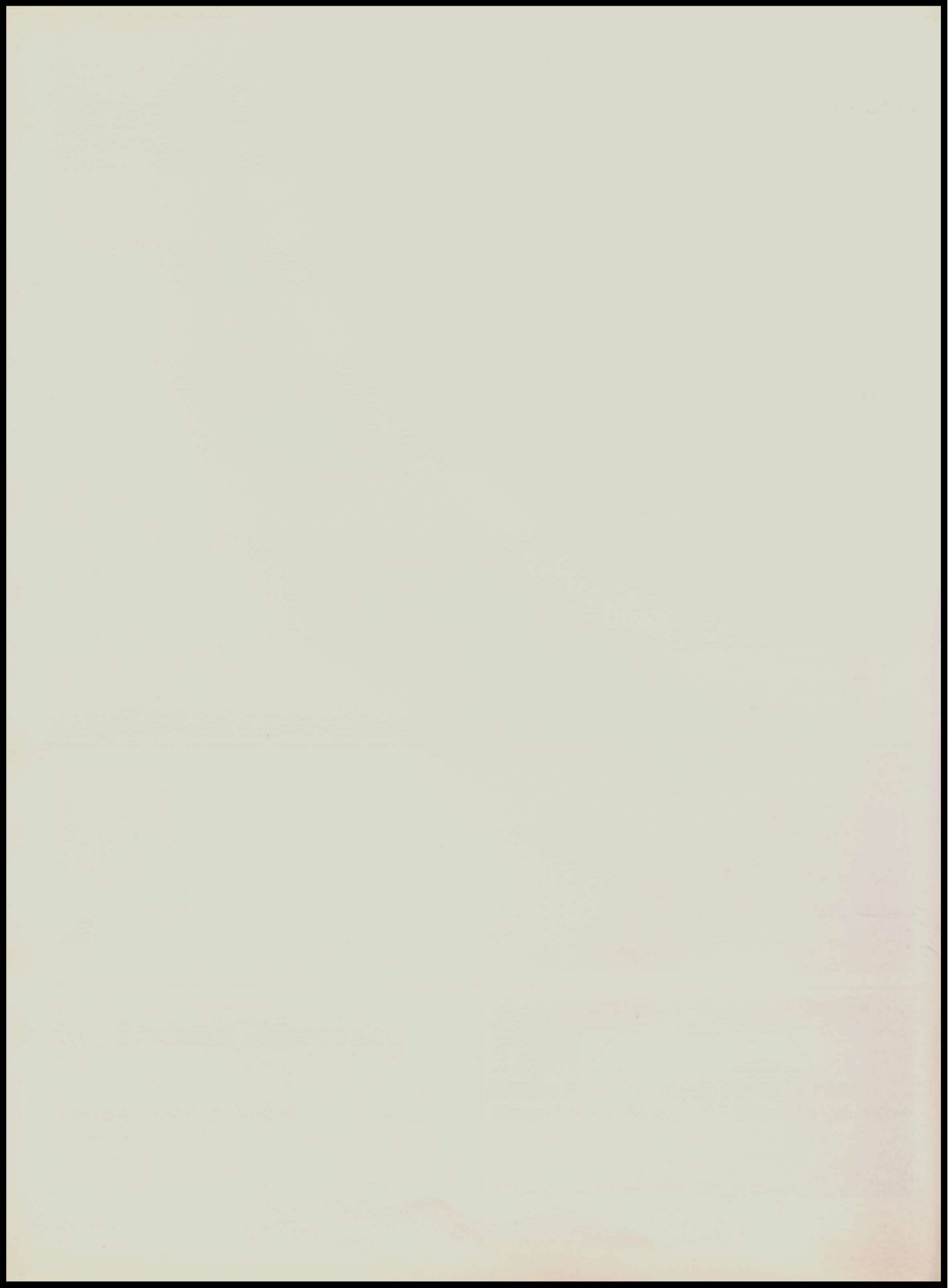
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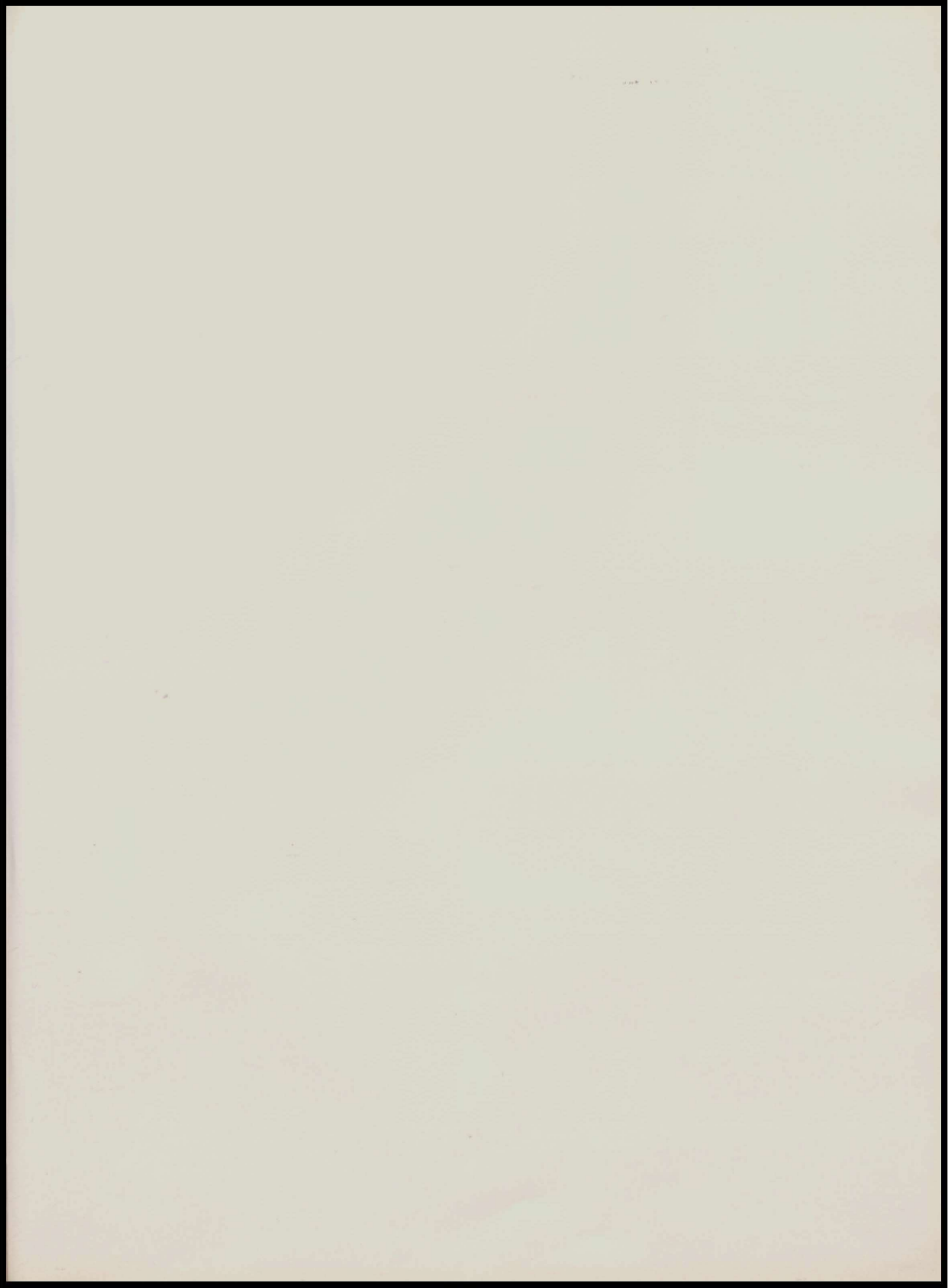
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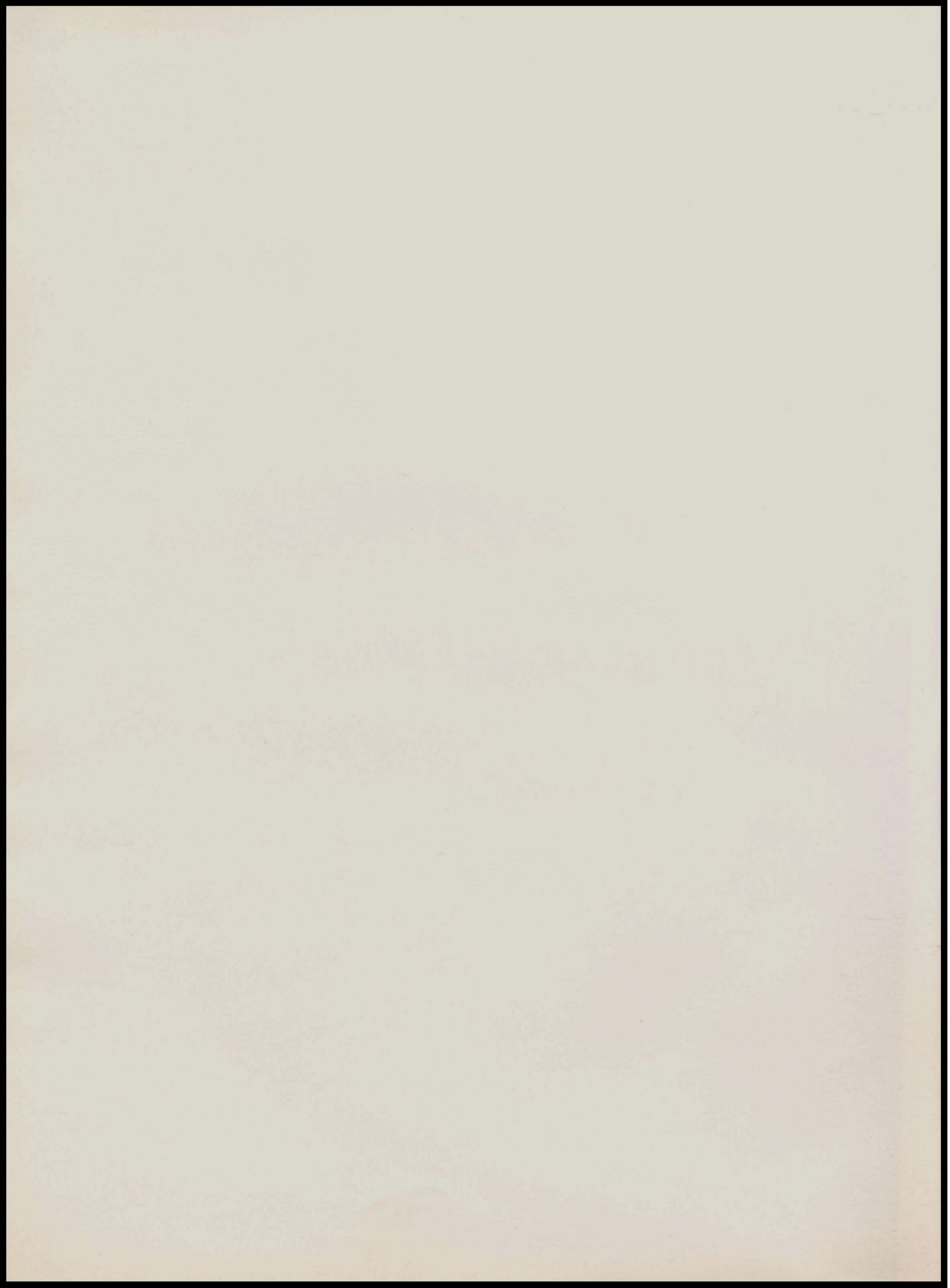


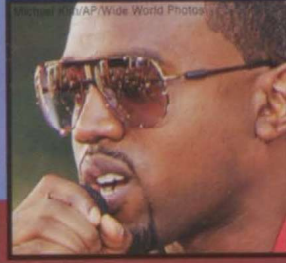
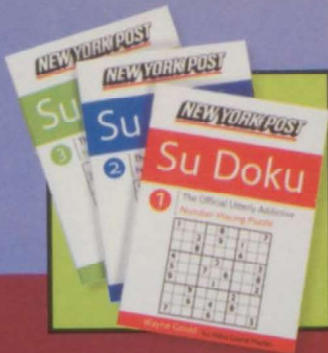
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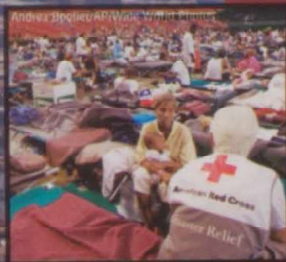








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KATRINA

August 29, 2005



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RITA

September 22, 2005

WILMA

October 24, 2005



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

RISE FROM THE STORMS

August

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

September

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

October

- 24 Hurricane Wilma hits southwest Florida.



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



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

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



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



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



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

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Front Page Headlines

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



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



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



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



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Victor R. Cavazos/AP/Wide World Photos

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



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

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



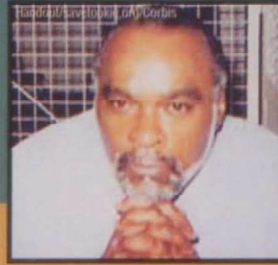
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▲ In January 2006, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf is sworn in as Liberia's president, making her Africa's first elected female leader.



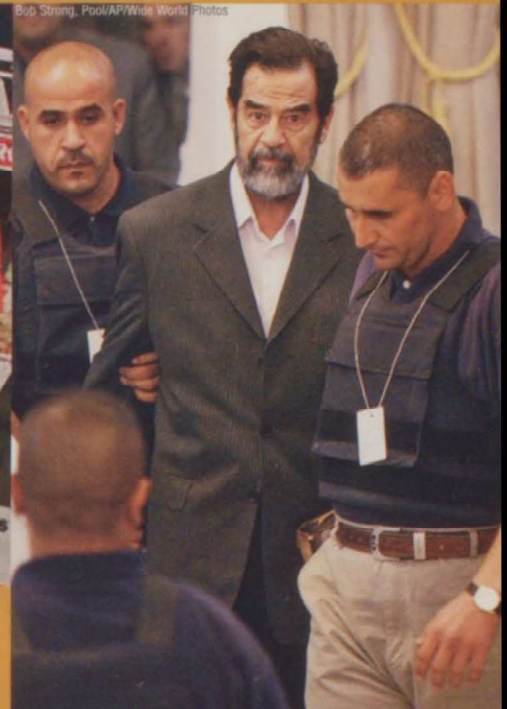
▲ Vice President Dick Cheney's top aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby resigns after being indicted in October on criminal charges relating to the leaking of a CIA officer's identity.



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



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



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

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



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

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

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Science and Nature

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

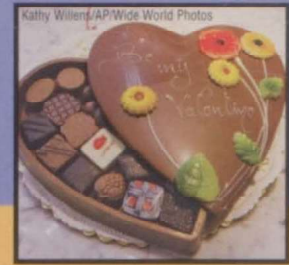


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▲ After seven years and 2.88 billion miles, NASA's Stardust capsule returns to earth carrying dust particles from the tail of the comet Wild 2. Scientists believe the samples hold clues to the formation of the Solar System.



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



Kathy Wilent/AP/Wide World Photos

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



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



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

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



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05-06 Human Interest



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

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

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

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



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

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



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

05-06 Fashion



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



Steve Granitz/WireImage.com

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



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



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

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



Michael Taylor/Everett Collection



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

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



05-06 Lifestyle



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

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

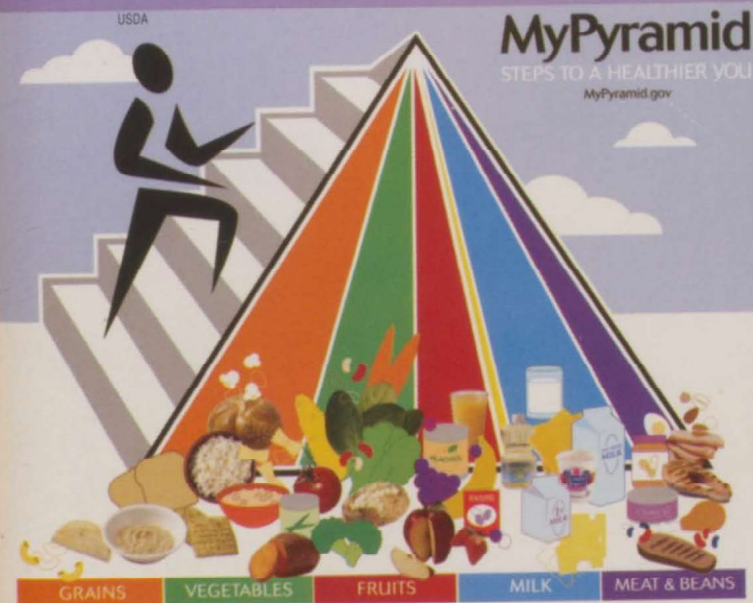
▲ Due to high gas prices, consumers opt for smaller cars with better gas mileage rather than gas-guzzling SUVs.

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



Rob Kim/Landov

▲ Podcasts, free broadcast-format audio files published to the Internet and downloaded to iPods by subscription, are a hip way to keep up-to-date.



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

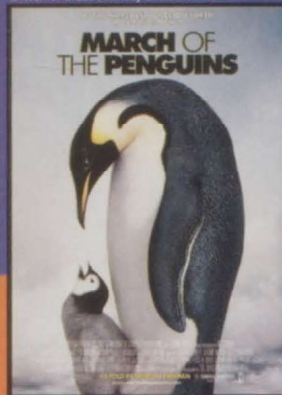
▲ Blogs become the biggest Web craze since the inception of the Internet thanks to sites like Blogger.com and MySpace.com.

05-06 Movies

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

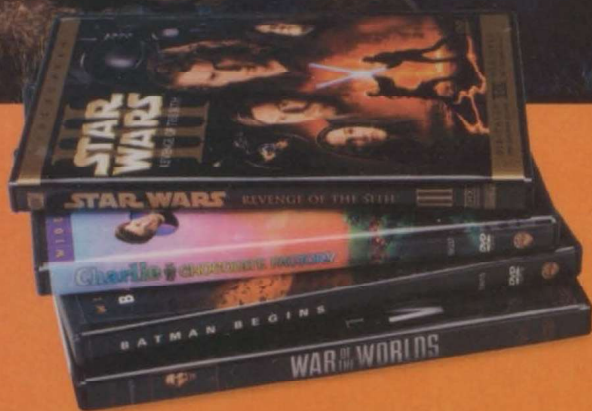


Moviegoers rush to see *March of the Penguins*, a surprise hit documentary that follows a year in the life of a flock of Emperor penguins.



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

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



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

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

Best Picture Academy Award Nominations

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



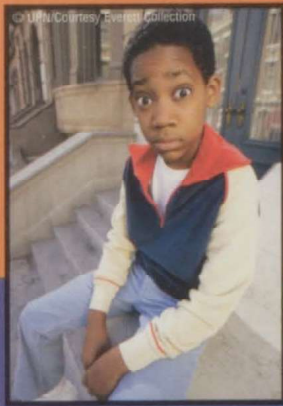
The life of the late Johnny Cash is the basis of the Golden Globe-winning *Walk the Line*, starring Best Actor winner Joaquin Phoenix as Cash.



05-06 Television



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

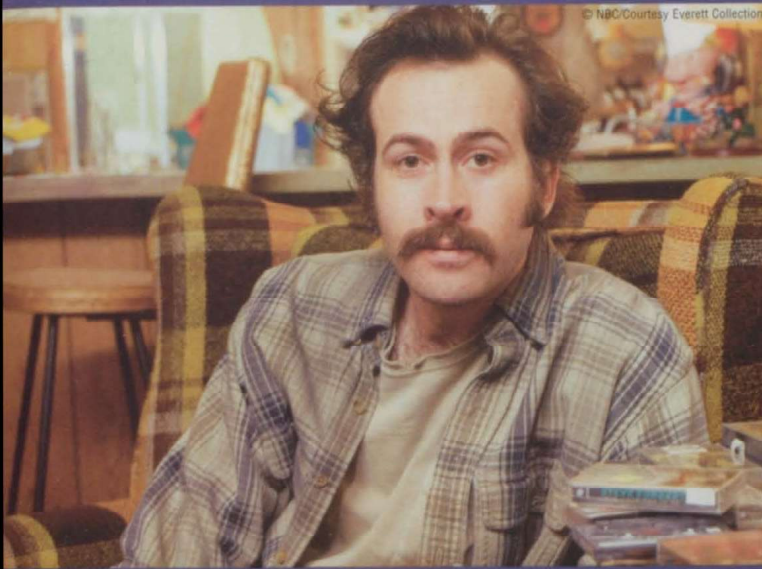


▲ Based on the childhood of comedian Chris Rock, UPN's "Everybody Hates Chris" is a hit.

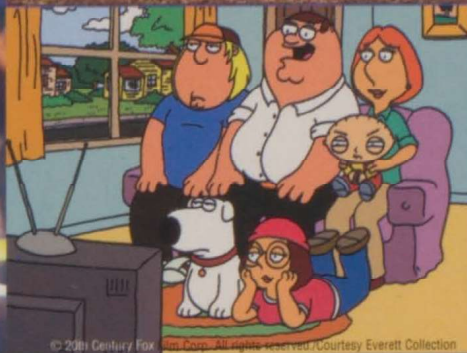
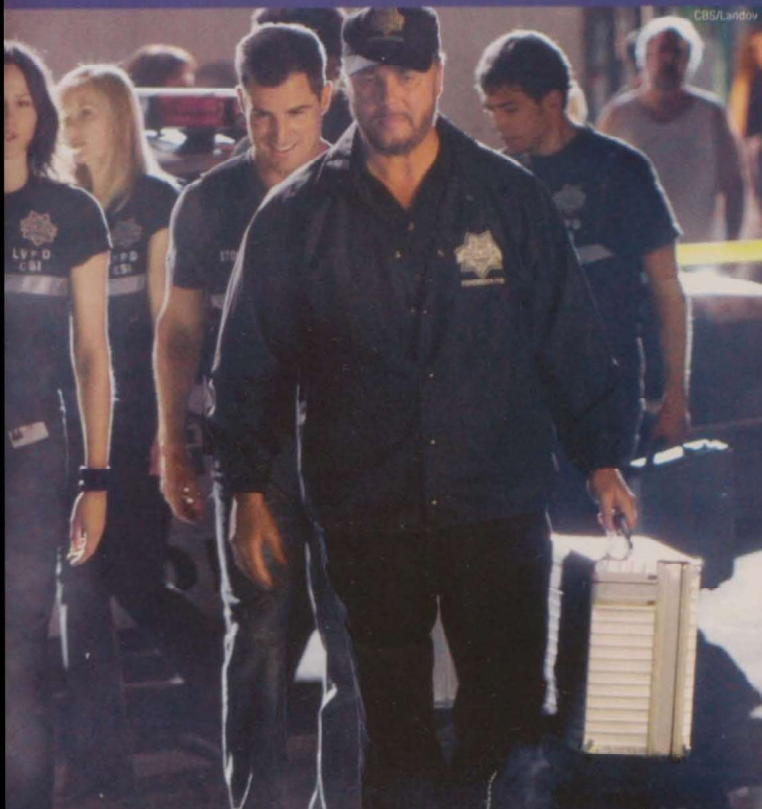


▲ Doctor "McDreamy," also known as Dr. Sheperd, and the rest of the staff at Seattle Grace Hospital achieve healthy ratings in ABC's "Grey's Anatomy."

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



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



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

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

2006 People's Choice Nominations for Favorite Reality Show Competition

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

05-06 Music



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

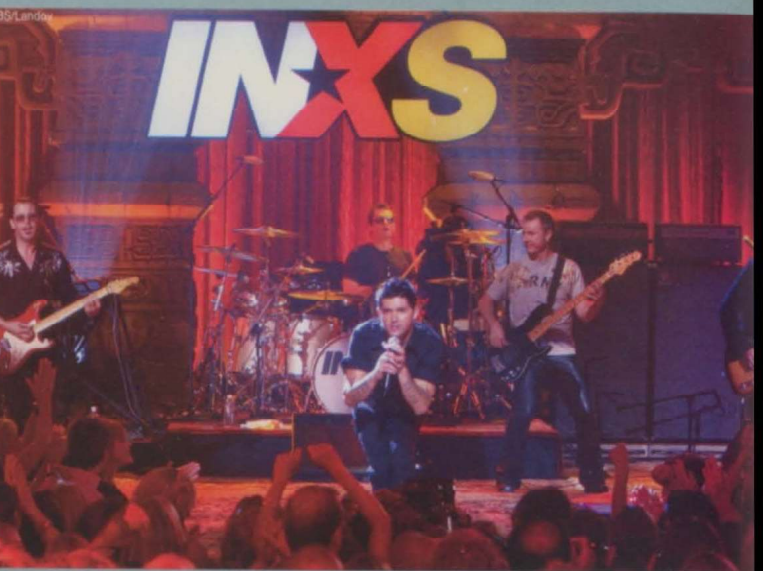


▲ Reggaeton, which blends influences of hip-hop, Jamaican reggae and dancehall with Latin American bomba and plena, reaches its height in popularity in 2005.



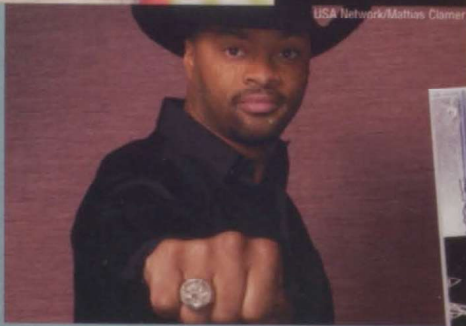
▲ Seattle indie favorites Death Cab for Cutie break into the mainstream with the album *Plans* and "Directions," a series of 12 short films.

▼ Green Day tops off a career year with seven MTV Video Music Awards, including Best Video of the Year for "Boulevard of Broken Dreams."



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

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



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

2006 Best New Artist Grammy Nominations

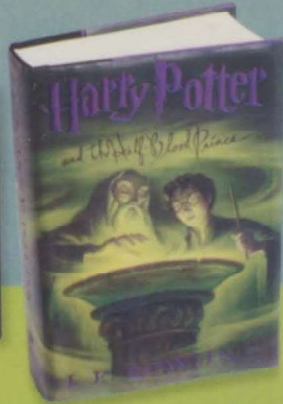
- Ciara
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05-06 Entertainment



▲ Nintendo DS owners can now be virtual dog owners as well, thanks to the wildly popular *Nintendogs* series.

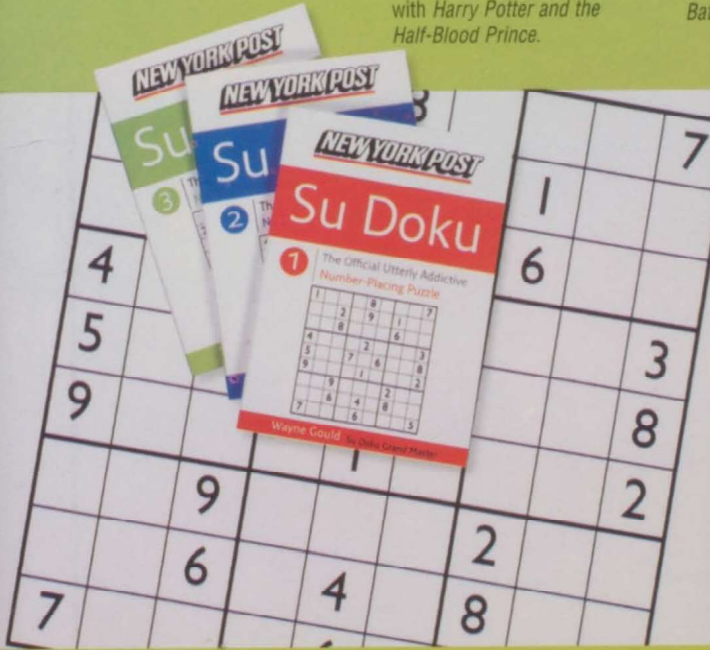


▲ J.K. Rowling releases yet another bona fide best-seller with *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.



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

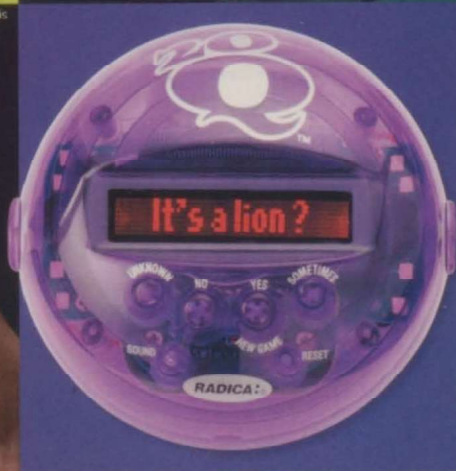
▼ Gamers wait in line for hours to get their hands on the year's hottest holiday video game console, Microsoft's Xbox 360.



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



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

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

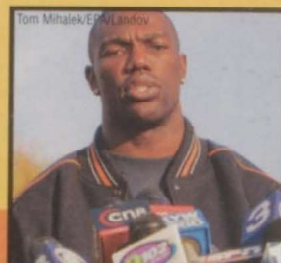
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▲ In February 2006, figure skater Sasha Cohen leads the U.S. Olympic Team into the XX Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy.

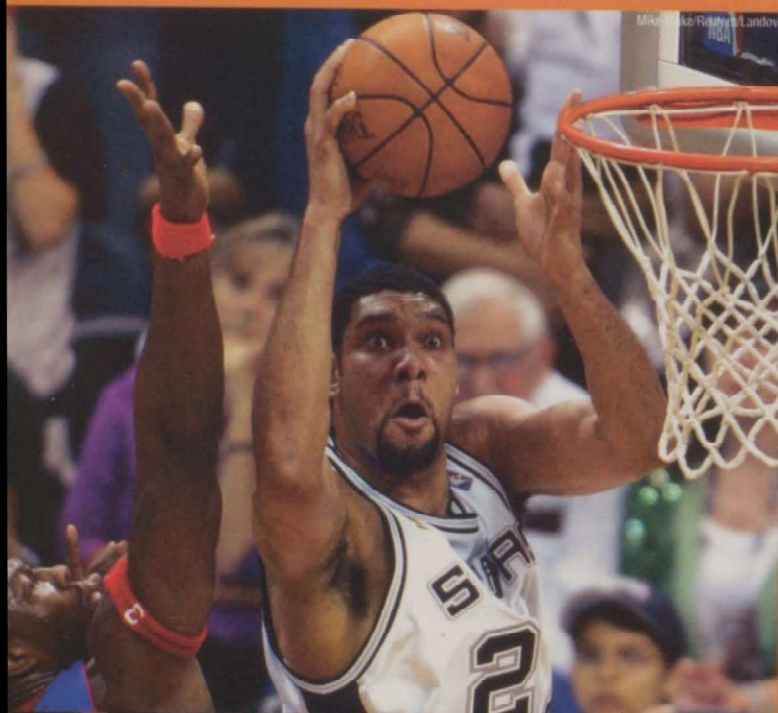


▲ Danica Patrick, 23-year-old race driver, wins Rookie of the Year honors in both the Indy Racing League's IndyCar Series and at the Indianapolis 500, where she finishes fourth.



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

▼ In June, the San Antonio Spurs win the 2005 NBA Championship over the Detroit Pistons in a thrilling seven-game Finals series. Spurs forward Tim Duncan wins MVP honors.



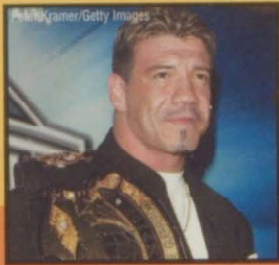
▲ The Pittsburgh Steelers hold off the Seattle Seahawks for a 21-10 victory in Super Bowl XL. Future Hall of Famer Jerome "The Bus" Bettis retires after the game.



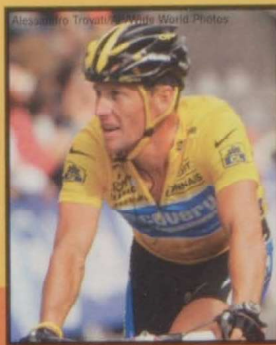
▲ NHL hockey returns in fall 2005 after losing the entire '04-'05 season to a labor dispute. Fans flock to see players in new uniforms and exciting innovations like tie-breaking shootouts.

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





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



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



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

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



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



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

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

05-06 Faces



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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

