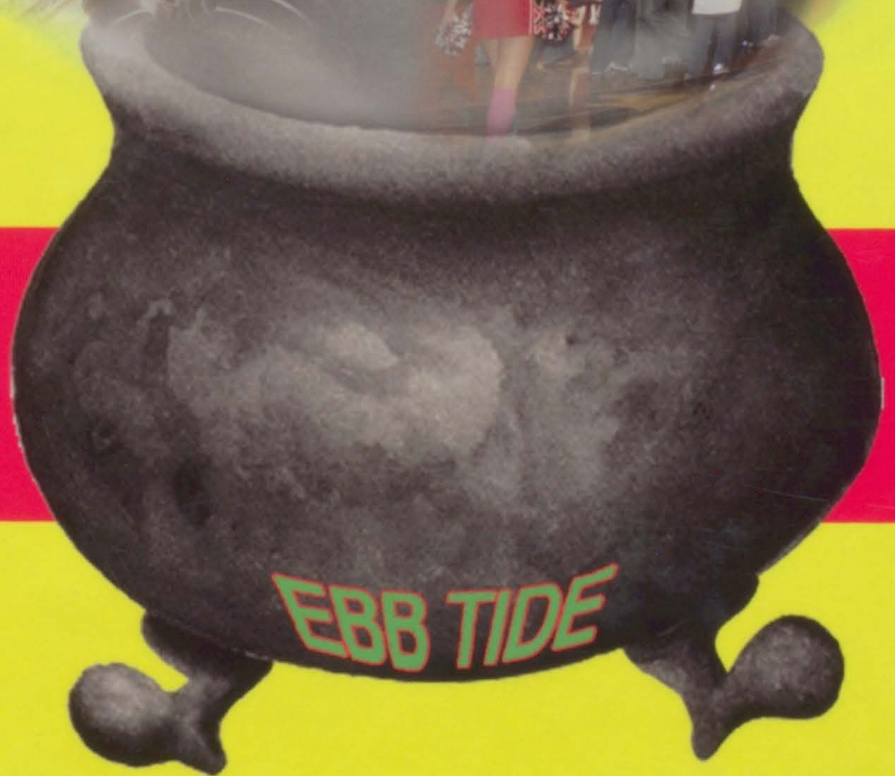
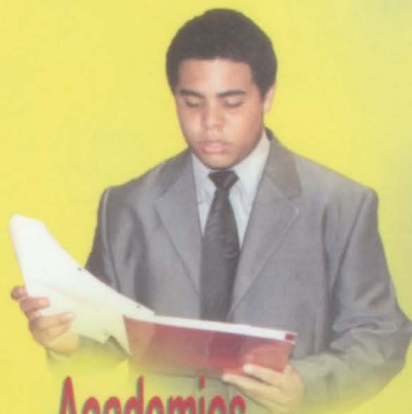


What's Cooking?







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PALACIOS HIGH SCHOOL

MENU



2009

TODAY'S SPECIAL:
96 SENIORS \$20.09

92 JUNIORS	\$20.10
113 SOPHOMORES	\$20.11
123 FRESHMEN	\$20.12

MANAGER: VALERIE SEGOVIA

ASSISTANT MANAGER: SHERRI SEAMAN

HEAD SUPERVISOR: VICKI ADAMS

LOCATION:
100 SHARK DRIVE
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Bye my friend....Savannah Fackler hugs choir buddy Kristen Black on graduation night.



Speedy....Hilary Garcia qualified to regional in the 100 and 200. Her motto is "Don't let anybody tell you , you can't, just because they can't."



What's on the MENU?

What's cookin? Many items were on the menu for 2009-2009.

School started as usual, but in three weeks, it was hurricane evacuation time again. Being a mandatory evacuation called by County Judge Nate McDonald, we missed the 11th and 12th of September and students had the 15th off while teachers had a work day.

"This was the second time in three years a hurricane was headed directly for us and turned farther East so we had no damage," Mrs. Vicki Adams, new superintendent, said.

Most students evacuated but a few remained home. For those who did evacuate, students had stories to tell. "We decided to evacuate to College Station not knowing that's where Ike was going. We went TO the hurricane instead of away from it," Senior Alex Buckley said.

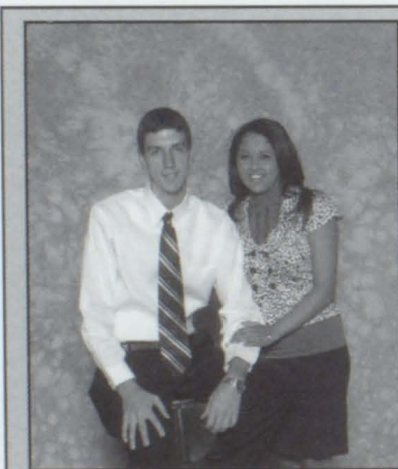
One huge highlight of the year was Palacios High School being declared one of the top high schools in the United States.

"The recognition by *US News and World Reports* has been PHS's greatest accomplishment to date. I'm so pleased that our staff, students, and community are finally getting the recognition that they deserve," Mrs. Valerie Segovia, principal, said. "We have 'Created a Culture of Excellence Through High Expectations'!

PHS was still number one academically in Matagorda County, being the only recognized school district.

Soccer made history this year by clinching a playoff spot, and PHS had a power lifting state champion again.

When graduation rolled around on May 29, 96 students said goodbye, and PHS said goodbye to another school year.



**"Specialty
of the
House"**

**Mr. and Miss
PHS**

**Nolan Oldham and
Bernadette Aparicio**



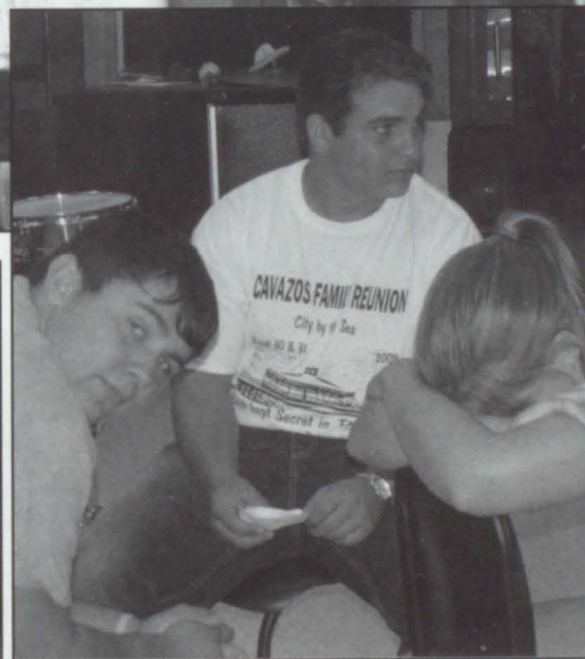
What a ride.....Jared Stuhernberg and his date find an unusual method of driving to prom--on Jeremy Hunt's dad's tractor.



Move that Marshy.... Ismael Lara helps out the crew by moving the dead trees into the trailer for the OAP festival at Gonzales.

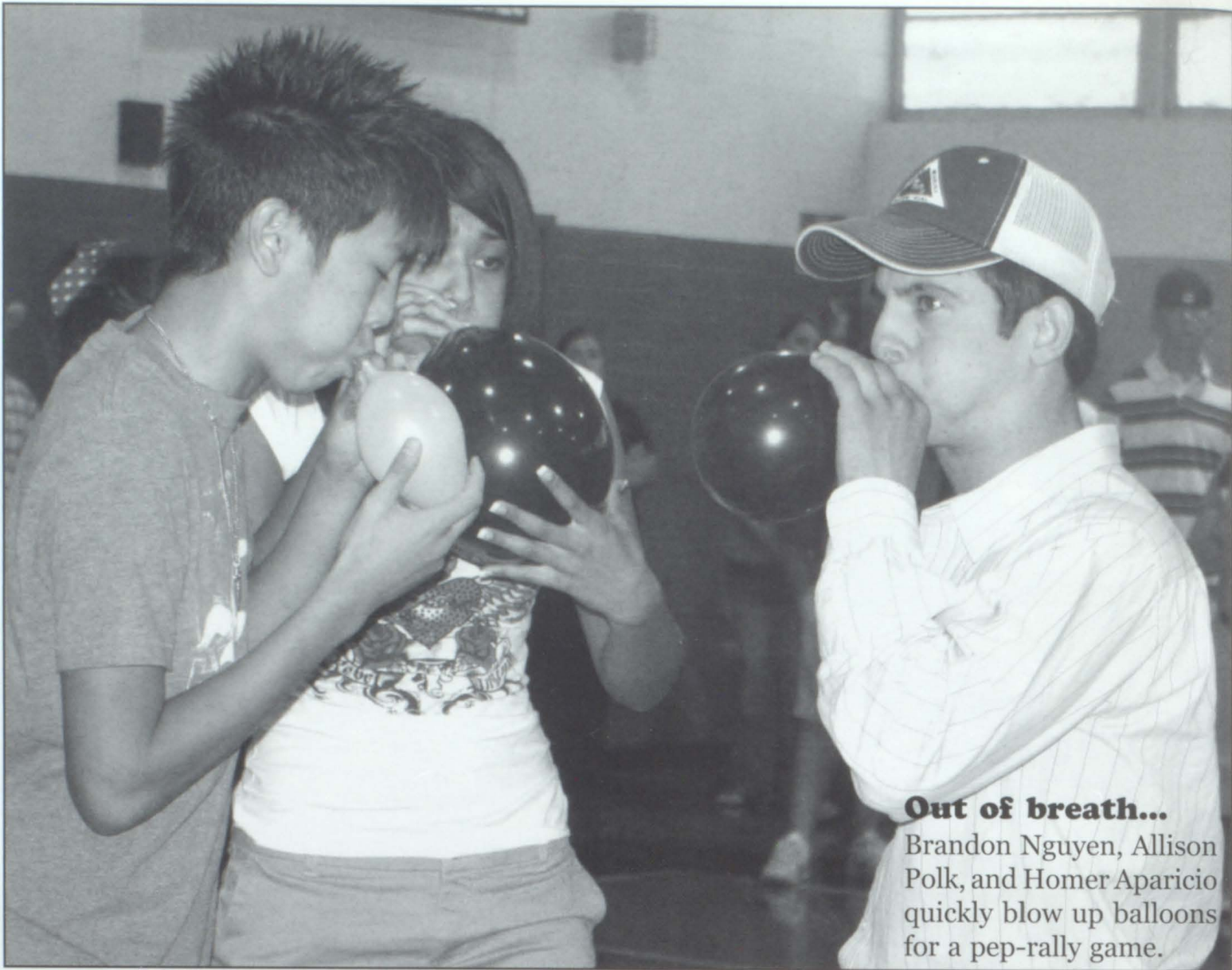


Welcome.....Mrs. Valerie Segovia, PHS principal, greets students on the first day of school.



Left: It's so good....Lacey Warner and Danny Nguyen pig out with cookies made in home economics class. "I always wanted to learn how to cook. This was the only place I could cook. My mom doesn't let me cook at home," Lacey said.

Opposite: Lights out.... A power failure occurred in Palacios the day before school was out. Alex Buckley, Pete Garcia, and Lori Bumguardner sit in the band room waiting. "I felt very safe," Pete said.



Out of breath...
 Brandon Nguyen, Allison Polk, and Homer Aparicio quickly blow up balloons for a pep-rally game.



Q: What is the most challenging task as a senior?

A: "Getting into the college you want."
 Lisa Zamora-12th



Q: What advice do you have for incoming freshmen?

A: "Don't forget to tuck your shirt in around Coach Arneson."
 Jeremy Hunt-10th



Q: What is your biggest pet peeve and why?

A: "Squeaky noises, they make me cringe."
 Catherine Castanon-12th



UNION.....One act play members Cody, Tommy, and Eric in the last scene of *Fire in the Hole*.

Mr. Morris supervises as Audrey Kubecka and Bethany Martino restock the snack machine.



taking it TO-GO

How To Get To School On Time

Materials: A source of transportation, an alarm clock, and a good night's sleep.

Step 1: At night before you go to sleep set out your clothes and set your alarm (make sure to give yourself plenty of time to get ready)

Step 2: Make sure you have food to go in the morning.

Step 3: In the morning when you get up put your clothes on and brush your hair and teeth.

Step 4: Get in your vehicle and go to school at least five minutes before the tardy bell rings.

students

Laughing, learning, working, day dreaming, and hanging out with friends are some of the many different things that most students do every day.

Most daily routines differ from student to student. "I get up super early in the morning and I still don't have enough time to eat breakfast before going to school," said senior Nallely Maldonado.

Many students do not go home right away after school though. Whether they are serving detention for an untucked shirt, or staying for athletics and band practice, you won't see a deserted school when school ends at 3:40.

"The best thing about school is the fact that I get to hang out with my friends and at the same time learn," said sophomore Clarissa Llanes.



Q: I am always happy to see...

A: "My friends, they understand me and always make me smile."

Monica Ortiz-11th



Q: What's the dorkiest thing you have ever done?

A: "I dropped all my papers because I was in a rush.."

Ana Maldonado-10th



Q: Describe your scariest encounter.

A: "When my family was in the car and my little sister started choking."

Keri Isbell-9th

Student Poll: What is your favorite hobby?

51% Texting 15% Sleeping
26% Shopping 2% Studying 6% Eating

[PHS Student Poll]

Powerful Opportunities for Women Eager and Ready for Science Engineering and Technology



12th grade

Lori Bumguardner
Catherine Castanon
Crystal Dink
Heather Nguyen
Jazmine Puentes
Elizabeth Zamora

11th grade

Elizabeth Castanon
Vanessa Eufrazio
Kassie Golden
Joanna Tran

10 grade

Ashlan Kacer
Taylor Machacek
Laura Martinez
Ann Nguyen
Jessica Nguyen
Theresa Nguyen
Alicia Torres
Kimberly Tran
Ta'Loria Young



Valerie Segovia-Principal

“Power Set will open up new and exciting opportunities for our students and challenge them further in science and technology fields.”



One of a kind: POWER SET

POWER SET was launched this year--a new organization beginning in the United States for the first time, and PHS was privileged to be the school with the honor. Due to PHS's excellent reputation, Texas A&M called Principal Segovia and enquired about beginning the program

The program was to encourage and support young women to pursue careers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. In October, 19 girls were inducted in a special ceremony; girls were chosen on their aptitude in science and math, leadership, service, and character.

"The program gives girls an opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience. The need for individuals in these fields continues to grow, especially in the nuclear field, where six new nuclear power plants are scheduled to open in Texas over the next decade," said Dr. K. Lee Peddicord, Director of TEES and NPI.

Each girl had a mentor (professionals from STP Nuclear Power Plant) who provided one on one time and shared their experiences working in the STEM field, according to Mrs. Stephanie Garcia, PHS Math Department Chair, teacher, and POWER SET sponsor.

Activities included a NASA trip; members were allowed "behind the glass" in the Control room and were allowed to watch live footage from the space shuttle, meet a female Flight director, and attend a special tour of the facilities. Girls also traveled to Texas A&M University, where they toured Bush library and the Nuclear Science Center, met with engineer department head, the NPI Advisory Council, and Congressman Chet Edwards. Girls also enjoyed one of those famous Texas A&M tailgating and pregame activities before the Texas A&M vs. Kansas State football game.

Touring the STP and Conoco Phillips plants was another highlight, and the girls were given a behind the scenes tour of both plants and met with instrumental employees.

"POWER SET was an extremely rewarding experience. I was so blessed to have been a part of it and the people involved were wonderful and have really enriched my life," Lori Bumguardner said.



- 1) STP Reservoir
- 2) In front of STP reactors
- 3) At the Bush Library
- 4) NASA mission control room

Below: Pearls are the symbol of POWER SET. Each girl was given a pearl necklace, bracelet, and earrings.



POWER SET
Powerful Opportunities for Women
Eager and Ready for Science
Engineering and Technology

FIRE IT UP

"Beat 'em up, Eat 'em, Go Big Red!" was what the students of PHS chanted all year. Pep rallies were the way the students got pumped up for the night's game.

The drumline marched through the hallways and the students would fall in behind as the drumline passed their classrooms. Then they would go to the gym where the fun would begin. The band, the drill team and the cheerleaders all participated in entertaining the students with performances and games.

But everyone has their own opinions about the best part of the pep rally. Senior Lori Bumguardner said, "My favorite

part about the pep rally was the music. I also enjoyed the football players' pep talks because they were moving." Many other students enjoyed the pep talks, too.

The students participated in their own ways. Senior Mailey Pham made class necklaces for the seniors. "I like to draw", she said, "It touched a special place when I saw the seniors wearing my design."

Motivation is what kept the students spirits high and pep rallies did just that. Most students yearned for Fridays, anticipating the excitement and fun. It's a tradition that won't die.

One, Two, Ready, Play...

Drum Major Nolan Oldham directs the band as they play a stand tune.



Here They Come..

PHS students follow the drumline every Friday at 3:00 into the gym to begin the pep rally.



Guess Who?..

The pep rally created memories. The seniors were recognized in this pep rally by their poster quotes.



Fear The Bite...

The cheerleaders, the drill team, and the seniors gather around to welcome the football players as the band plays "Jaws".



Hail, All Hail, to Thee...

2009's seniors gather together to show their pride while the band plays the Alma Mater.



Hey, Go Sharks!

The cheerleaders practice the cheer together one more time. They want to make sure it's perfect before they perform.

Bring Back Pride...

Getting into position is what the football players do every Friday as the students cheer them on.



Get Ready, Get Set, Go...

1) Hilary Garcia sports her Spiderman cape for the "Cape out the Leopards" theme . 2) Lizi Vargas, Chris Huffman, and Sang Nguyen compete in a balloon popping game . 3) Two students from each grade were chosen to participate in a game where one put make up on the other. 4) Christian Garcia, Clarisa Puentes, Juanluis Zepeda, and Marty Hansen were chosen to compete in the "Who's mouth holds the most?" marshmallow game. 5) Jarred Roy and Hagan Shimek get ready for the game by putting on diapers. 6) Coach Weixleman tries to get the crowd going by break dancing.

This is the NIGHT

Cameras are flashing and towels are swinging, you can feel it in the air, this is the night. It might not have been a victory for the football team, but they played hard and the homecoming girls looked stunning.

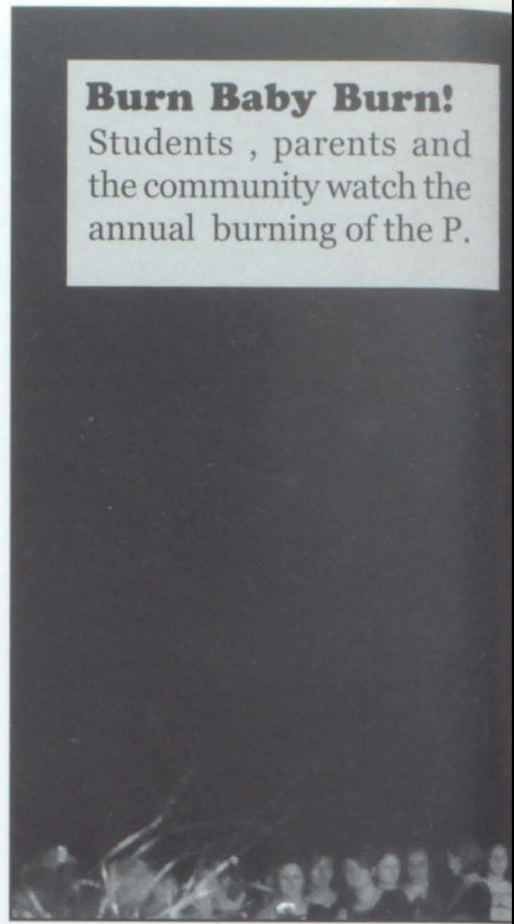
All week long, students prepared for the game by showing their spirit each day by dressing

up in the daily theme.

"I love dressing up!" said Jenna Treybig, senior cheerleader. "It gives you a chance to wear funky stuff you can't wear on a regular basis."

On the night of lights, last year's queen Brittany Garcia, escorted by Dane Shannon, crowned Lisa Zamora her heir.

Burn Baby Burn!
Students, parents and the community watch the annual burning of the P.



Court Nominees: Lisa Zamora, Catherine Castanon, Mailey Pham, Lacey Warner. Duchess: Junior Allison Polk, Sophomore Lupita Reyes and Freshman April Tristan.



Winner Winner!
Queen Elizabeth Zamora escorted by her cousin Andres Aleman.

I Got Spirit!

Mrs. Kacer prepares for the game with her mum from her husband.



What do you enjoy most about homecoming?

“All the spirit around the school and the pretty mums.” Brittany Bonilla



What were you thinking when you won?

“I’d been waiting for this ever since I lost Little Miss Head Start to Elizabeth Pense.” Lisa Zamora



The other members of the court rush to congratulate Elizabeth on her coronation.

There’s Two!

Erica Serna and Bethany Perez dress as twins for spirit week.



Let’s Go!

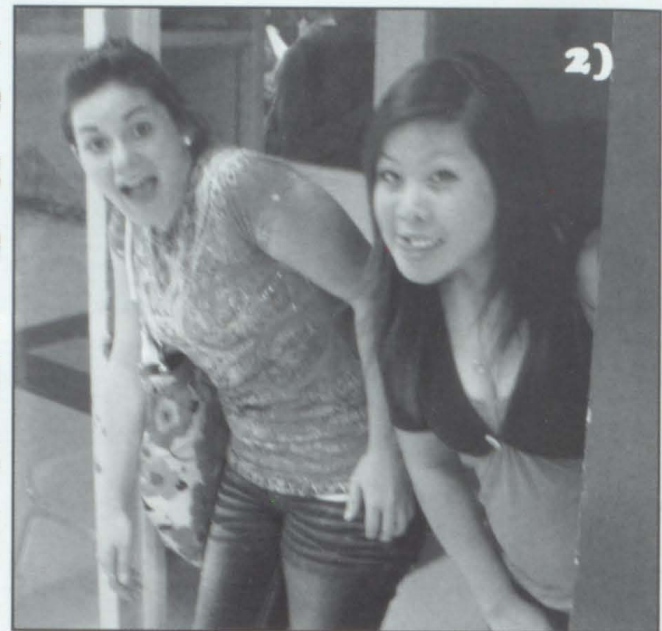
Team captains shake hands with Shiner before the game.



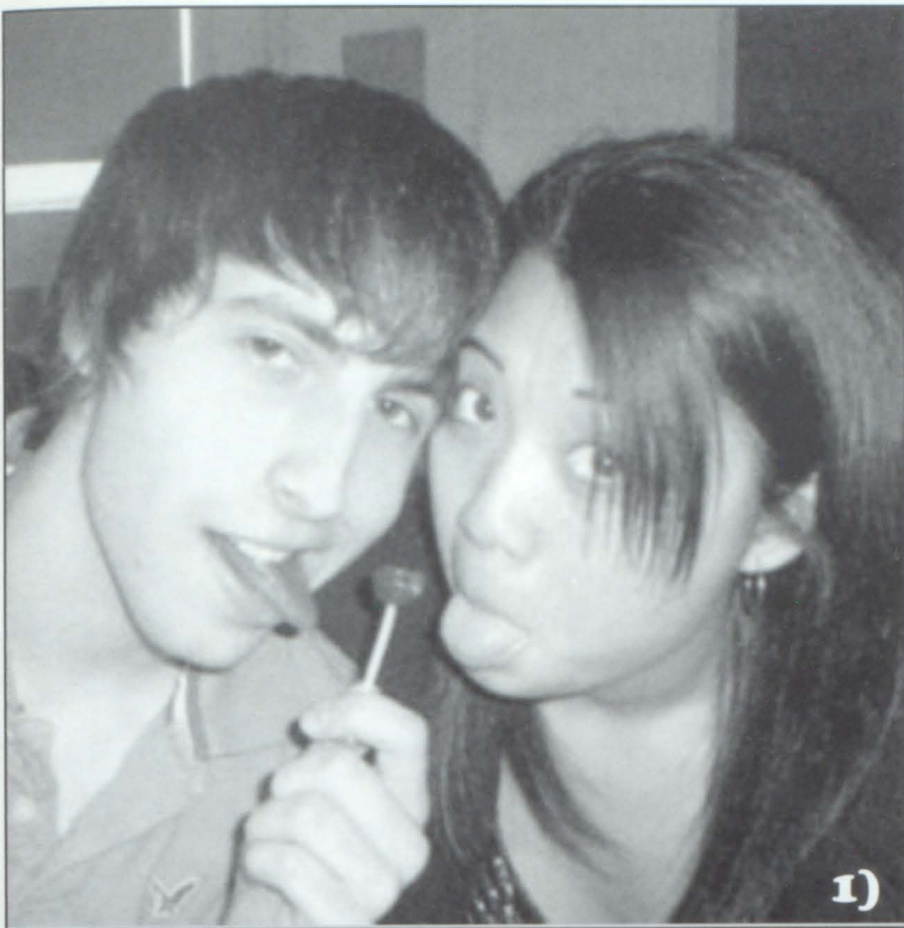
Friends Till the End

At the movies, hanging at the mall, and going to dances we are always with our friends and loved ones. Students understand that friendship is the basis of all relationships. "Friends are what make life that much better," Sophomore Gabriela Rodriguez said. Everyone has friends and sometimes friends

become more than just friends. People we love and care about become our lives and we can't wait to see them every morning. Walking into the school we smile knowing that we are surrounded by everyone we love.



- 1) Victor Hernandez , Marie Muniz, and Caleb Rush hang out during 8th period before school ends.
- 2) Juniors Kassie Golden and Jenny Tran wait in excitement for the last school bell to ring .
- 3) Nathen Loff ,Ana Maldonado, and Vincent Martinez hang out after being released out of class.



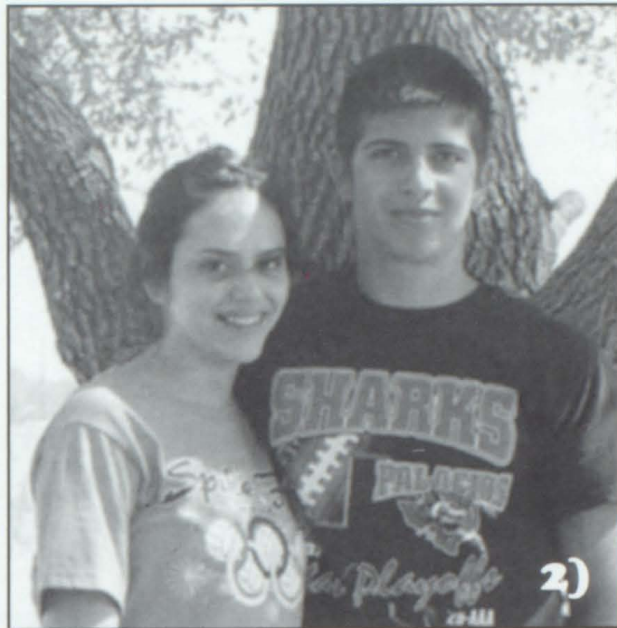
1) Kole Brune and Mailey Pham share a lollipop .

2) Stevaliss Guerrero and Jimmy Frausto hang together during lunch.

3) John Turner gives girlfriend Ashley Bui a hug on her birthday.

4) Amariani Zumaya meets Jaun Mata to chat before leaving to go home after school.

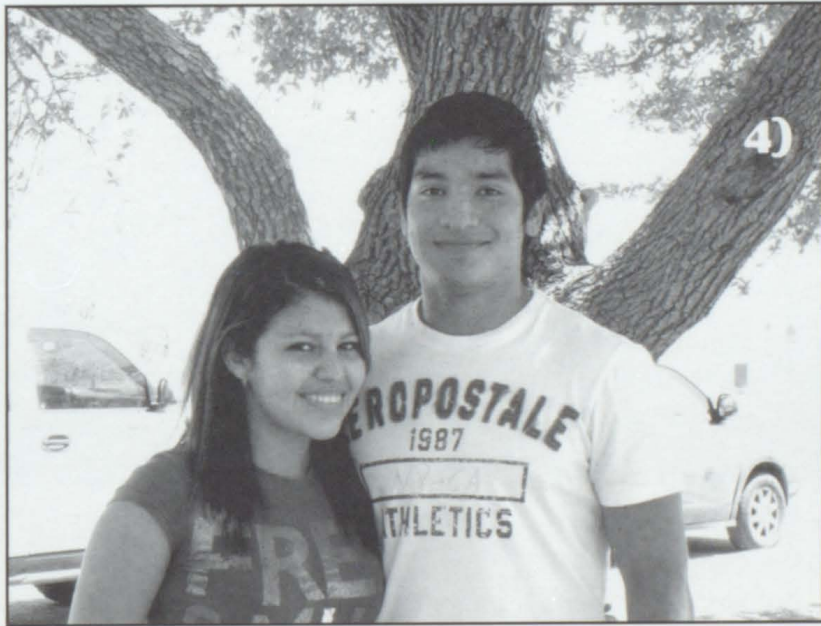
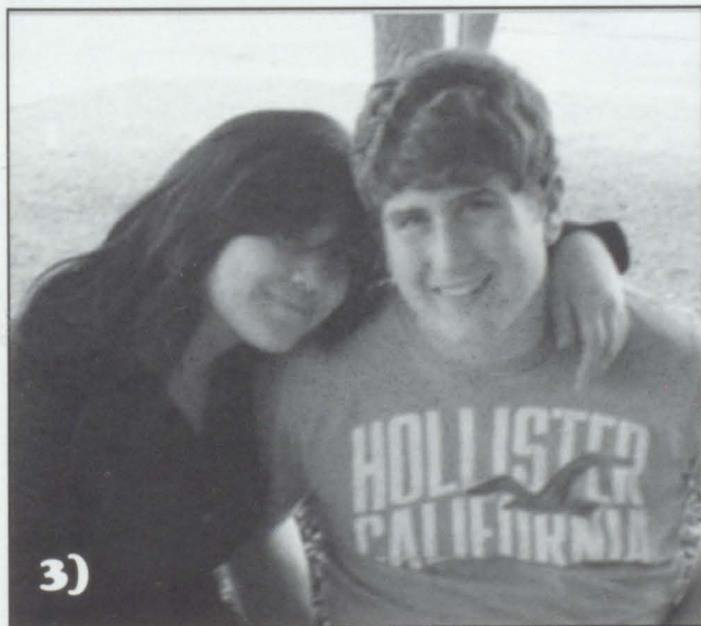
Couples



I Never Knew

*I never knew about
happiness;
I didn't think dreams
came true;
I couldn't believe in love;;
Until I finally met you.*

By Joanna Fuchs



We Wear it Better

In today's society, fashion is always changing. A style could be in one day and not the next. The most fashionable look was taking in the 80's to 90's style. Students have gone back into time and wore trends their parents have worn back when they were in school.

Lets look back in to the 1990's, "Today's fashion changed from when I was in high school. Today's fashion would require a lot less hairspray, but I do see a lot of the early 90's in today's fashion," Mrs. Mayra Garcia, counselor, said.

From wearing boyish cargo shorts to fancy dresses, students dress

unique from one another. This makes our school one of a kind because every student has his or her own trend and style.

To have great style, one of the most important factors is shoes. Shoes have a great impact on how fashionable a person is. Here, the high fashion heels are not in. Due to the excessive walking, comfortable shoes are in. Q.Tan Nguyen agrees "My favorite shoes are converse because they're comfy."

Whether students are dressed up glam or in their sweats, they are trendy in every way with the little touch they add in their clothing.



Blast into the Past...The newest shoe trend this year is bringing back the Converse. From low tops to high tops, different style Converse are worn among all the students.

Fashion



Fashion is Passion...Diana Dinh dresses sophisticated in a plaid jacket with a belt.

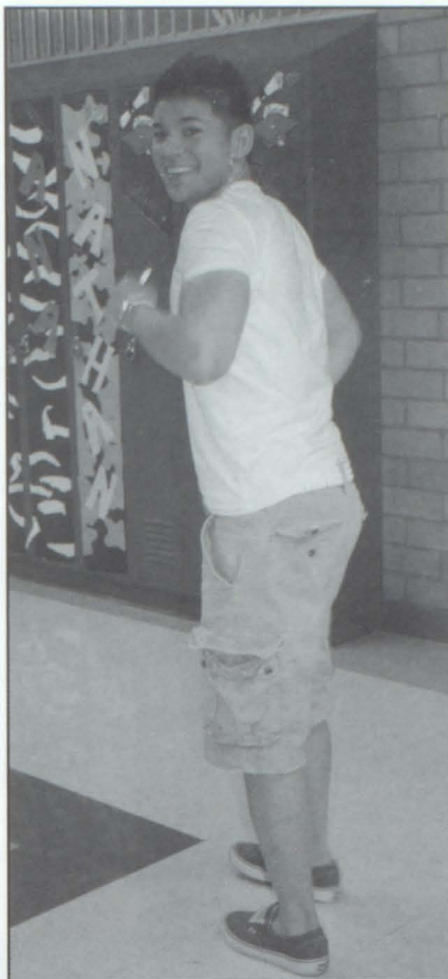
style



Staff got style too....Office secretary Monica Munoz wears a brightly pattern top with a fashionable necklace for her accessories.



Just chilling... Alicia Torres rocks out in a hoodie with a stylish graphic tee.



You can't steal my fashion... Andres Aleman struts in cargo shorts, a white shirt, and the latest vans.



Howdy ya... Homer Aparicio takes the country look to the next level, wearing cowboy boots, a button up shirt, and the county fair belt buckle..



I know the trend.... Laura Martinez shows off her new head band to go with her wavy hair style.



ALLSTAR

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST TREND THIS YEAR?

"COLORED JEANS, BECAUSE EVERYONE AND THEIR MOM WEARS THEM."



Dress to impress... Friends Nallely Maldonado and Kimberly Tran dress it up. Nallely is in a plaid jacket, a top, and white jeans, while Kimberly dresses girly in a babydoll top.



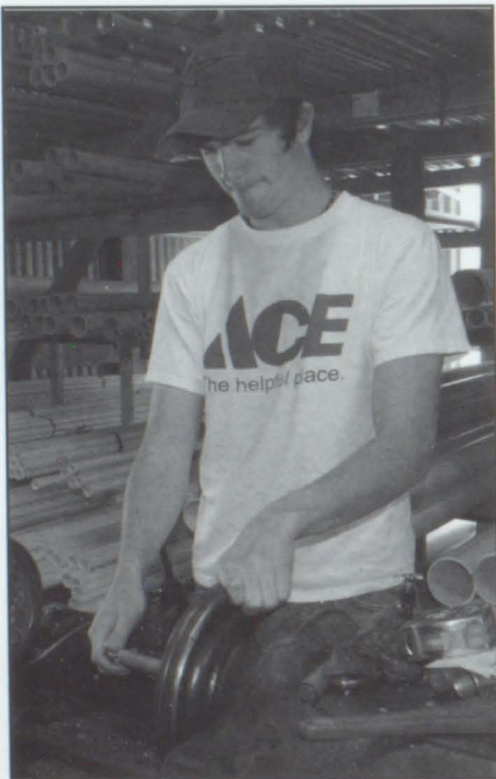
YOLANDA SANCHEZ

Making that Money

Tick tock tick tock...Times up and the lunch break is over. It looks like it is time to go back to work.

There are many students who have jobs ranging from cook to hardware clerk.

Students usually start work after school. However, several go at 1:45 as part of the Co-op program. Co-op is for students who have met all their credits and have extra periods to spare.



Big boy toys...Cameron Biffle measures a P.V.C. pipe to cut at Ace Hardware.

"I feel more satisfied during and after the day when I work", Ben Vargas said.

"It feels more stressful yet satisfying when you know that you can do it for yourself", Justin Schneider said.

It may be difficult to keep a job and be in school, but all agree that they enjoy the benefits of money.



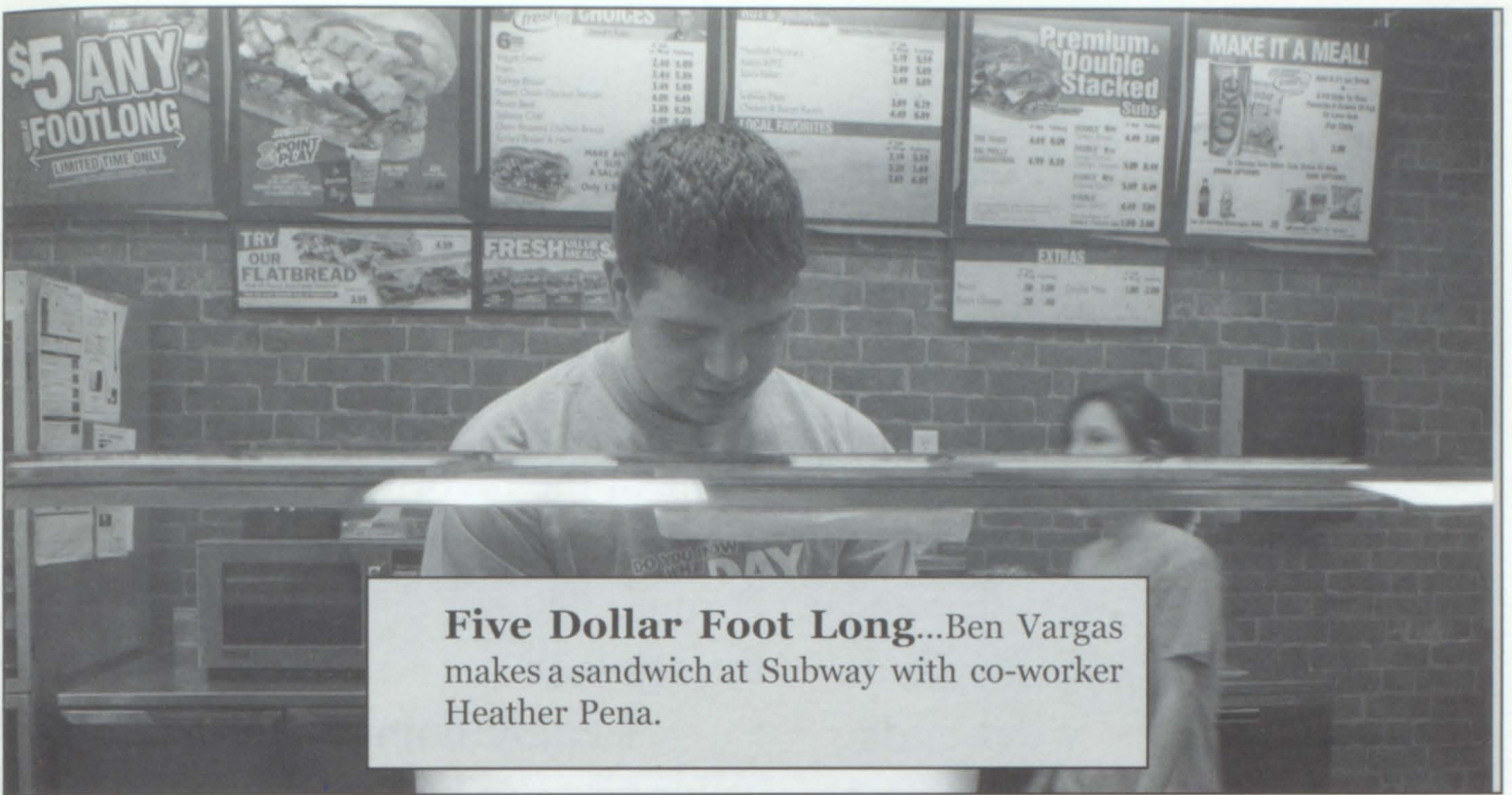
How does it feel to have a job?

"It feels like I'm actually doing something with my life."

Lauren Brister
Baytown



Knowledge is Power...Jenny Tran shelves books at the public library while on her free time as an after school tutor.



Five Dollar Foot Long... Ben Vargas makes a sandwich at Subway with co-worker Heather Pena.



Here's your change... Heather Nguyen takes your money and bags your groceries as the cashier at Super S.



Novice at Work... Jenna Treybig is watching a training video at Sonic.



Walk it out... Jazmine Puentes delivers the customer's food at Sonic Drive-In as a car hop.



Quench your Thirst... Lacey Warner makes a drink during happy hour at Sonic.

DO WHAT YOU DO

Even though going to high school takes up a lot of time in teenagers' lives, they all still manage to find time to have fun. The best time to have fun is after school or during the weekends. Students find time to hang out with their friends wherever it is they find most enjoyable.



Watch Out!

Seniors getting together..... Ken Garcia tries to run as Jenna Treybig and Mailey Pham push him into his own swimming pool.

There aren't many places around Palacios to hang out but some of the favorites would be the skateboarding park, Broken Bridge, fishing, or walking on the seawall.

"I enjoy doing whatever as long as I'm having fun with the people I'm with", said Kalya Quinnney. "It doesn't take much to excite me."

Don't Let Go...

Mallory McCauley and Kayla Quinney enjoy one Sunday night at Simple Simon's while advertising free hugs.



Now This is a Party...

Alicia and Alexis Torres hang out at Simple Simons while waiting for their food. They have dinner there every Sunday night.



party
at the
ROCKSTAR

TOP TEN PLACES TO HANG OUT:

- 1. MOVIES 2. THE PALMS 3. THE BEACH
- 4. SIMPLE SIMONS 5. THE MALL
- 6. FRIENDS HOUSE 7. IN A CAR
- 8. PARTIES 9. SONIC 10. SCHOOL

Peace Out...

Christen Sandoval gets ready to cruise around town after a Friday night basketball game.



Isn't He Cute?

Lizi Vargas plays with her puppy after school to pass the time.

Catch Me!

April Tristan spends her Friday night at the bay on the swing sets.

Pride and Prejudice

Being an election year, PHS decided to get into the heated race between Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain and held its own debate and election in October.

"We wanted to get involved with this monumental race," said Crystal Dinh, TAFE president, whose organization plastered the halls with signs

encouraging students to vote.

Coach Arnesen, history teacher, oversaw the debate between the two candidates in the Fine Arts Building auditorium.

Each party's research team found information on the actual candidates. After attending and listening to the

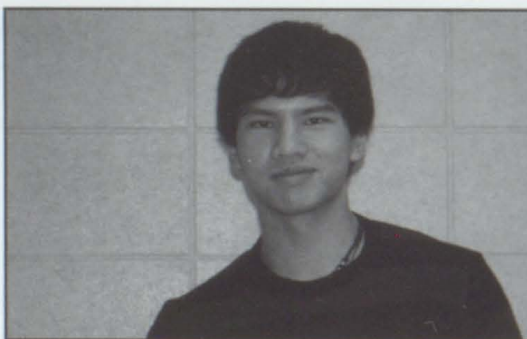
debate, the students were able to cast their vote in the library during their social study period, voting in the city of Palacios's actual voting booths.

Despite the win by McCain in Palacios and PHS, he lost in the long run, giving us the first black president of the United States of America: Barack Obama.



All Ears Nallely Maldonado, Lucas Kelly and Jessica Nguyen listen intently to the presidential debate from the stage.

Mic Check 1,2,3 Mr. Fiorini helps Nolan Oldham with his electronics before the big debate.



What did you think about letting the students cast a ballot?

"It empowered us students by giving us a choice, something valued by Americans."

Tommy Tran

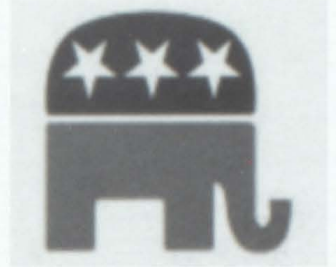


John McCain

Nolan Oldham

Republican Cabinet:

Carlos Delafuente, Jessica
Nguyen, Nallely
Maldonado, Lori
Bumguardner, Lucas
Kelly



Barack Obama

Viêt Lê



Democratic Cabinet:

Matthew Dunn, Dustin
Peterson, A.J. Barker,
Elizabeth Castanon, Miguel
Arellano



PHS Results:
McCain: 223 ← Winner
Obama: 172



History in the Making...Students were fortunate to watch the inauguration on television on November 4 to see the historical moment of Barack Obama, the first African American president, taking his oath of office. The large screen was lowered and the maintenance and technology wired the auditorium, and CNN was telecast all day. Teachers who chose to do so brought in their students to watch. Mr. Jim Popham, band director, thought the ability to watch the inauguration in the auditorium with all the students “was quite inspiring”. Junior Elizabeth Castanon thinks “Obama will make a significant change in our country.”

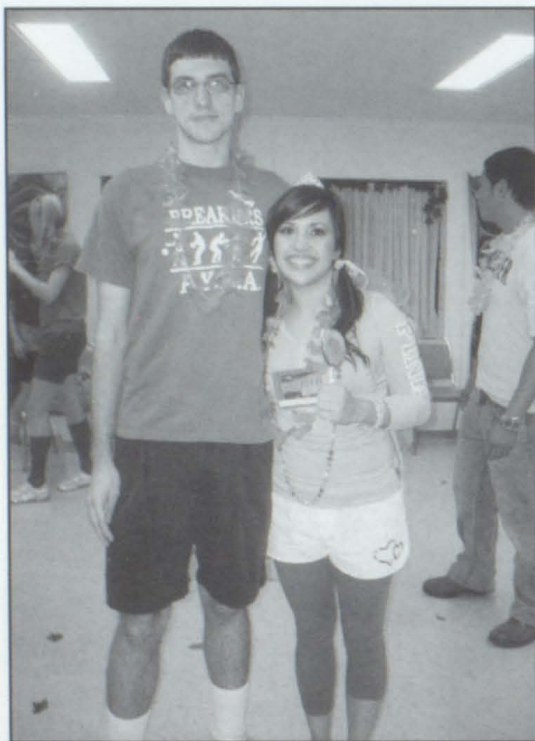
Party Hardy

Senior parties have been happening for years. There's the kid party at the First Methodist church, the hobo party at the First Presbyterian church, the Mexican party at the Catholic church, and the western party at the First Baptist church. It gives the seniors the opportunity to have some good clean fun with their friends.

"I look forward to all the parties because they were a good opportunity for the whole senior class to get together, just us with no little freshmen or sophomores," said Trevor Polk.

There was a lot of food, drinks and fun at the senior parties.

"The parties are poppin and the boys are hoppin," said senior Lori Bumguardner.



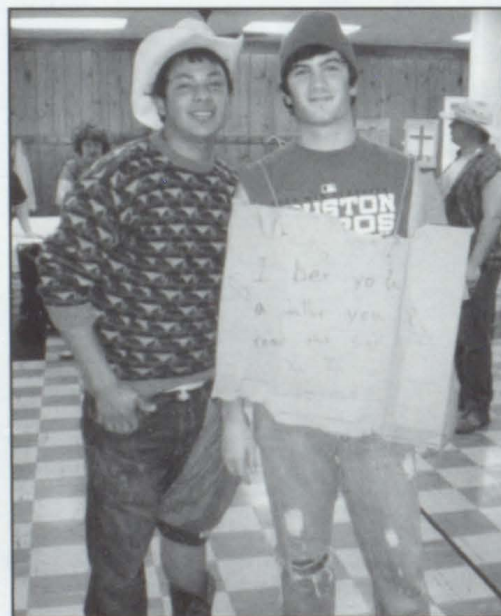
Get Low...

Alex Buckley tries his hardest not to fall down as he goes under the limbo stick during the kid party at the First Methodist Church.



The Cool Kids....

Nolan Oldhan and Bethany Martino pose for a quick picture before going and playing a game with the rest of their classmates at the kid party.



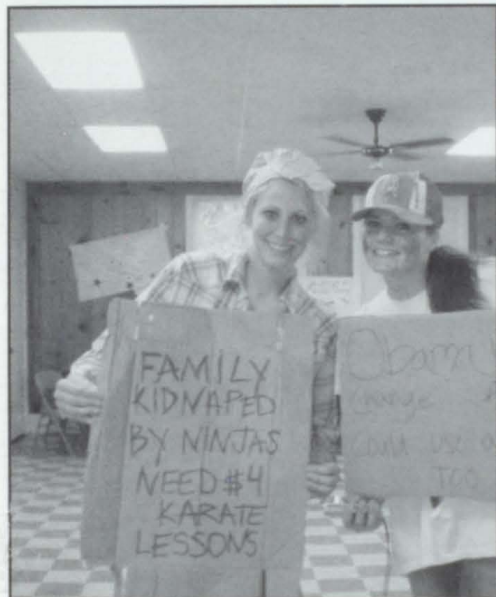
Can I have some change?

Jesse Lara and Cameron Biffle walk around the First Presbyterian church with their hobo clothes on and their sign.



Party like it's 1959...

Lori Bumgardner, Lacey Warner, Audrey Kubecka, Crystal Dinh, Catherine Castanon, Yolanda Sanchez, Mailey Pham, Chelsea Kubecka, Lana Nguyen, and Lisa Zamora take a quick picture in front of the Lutheran church before going inside to enjoy their 50's themed senior party.



Holla for a dolla....

Audrey Kubecka and Jenna Treybig hold up their signs at the hobo party in hopes of receiving money for "food".

What's up?

Lacey Warner poses for the camera while Mailey Pham, Jimmy Frausto, Jimmy Diaz and Beatrice Sanchez blow up balloons in the background.



Blowin' it up.....

Alexis Torres blows up a balloon for a game at the kid themed senior party provided by the Methodist church.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Love at first sight....

Carlos Garcia and Angel Nguyen dance to "Neon Moon" out on the dance floor.



She had it all figured out....

Prom King Jairo Perez and Prom Queen Lacey Warner snap a quick shot in their newly acquired crowns before sharing their first dance.



Fun Times.....

Mrs. Rita Riggins, the prom head sponsor, takes a picture with her date before going to share a dance.



One Last Time.....

Cameron Biffle and Yolanda Sanchez arrive at the prom ready to have the best time of their lives.

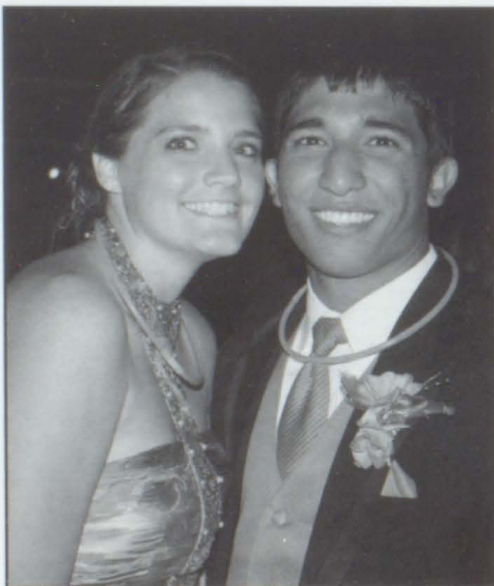
I know she's from the hood...

Kole Brune poses with prom candidates Chinh Tran and Mailey Pham for a picture before getting freaky on the dance floor.



Workin' It...

Jenna Treybig and Adrian Galvan wait anxiously to see who the prom king and queen are while out dancing.



The junior class officers who did an outstanding job in making the prom possible are: Kassidhe Golden, president; Tezna Roy, vice president; Viet Pham, Secretary; Chris Garcia, Treasurer.



FREE AT LAST

96 seniors from the graduating class of 2009 said their final goodbyes on Friday, May 29th. The graduation ceremony started at 8:00 p.m. as Hilary Garcia, Chris Garcia, Marcus Feree, and Abby Wallace ushered the seniors into the Shark Stadium.

Everyone was greeted by Catherine Castanon's memorable welcome speech, followed by Jazmine Puentes' invocation.

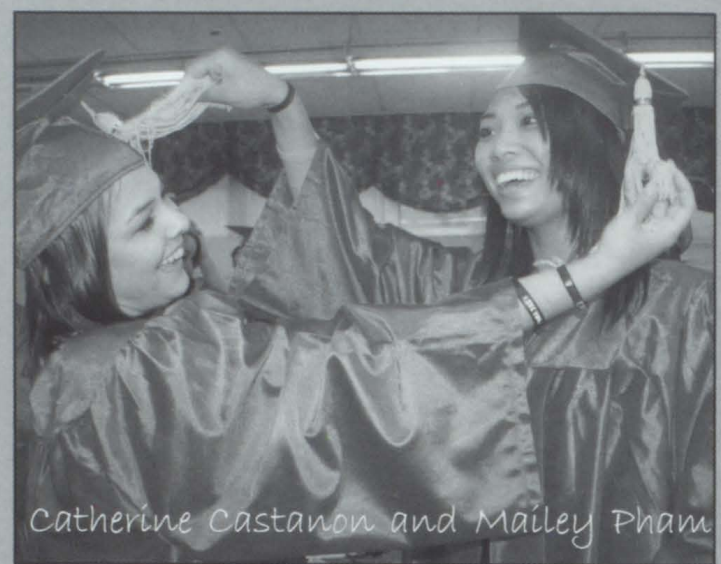
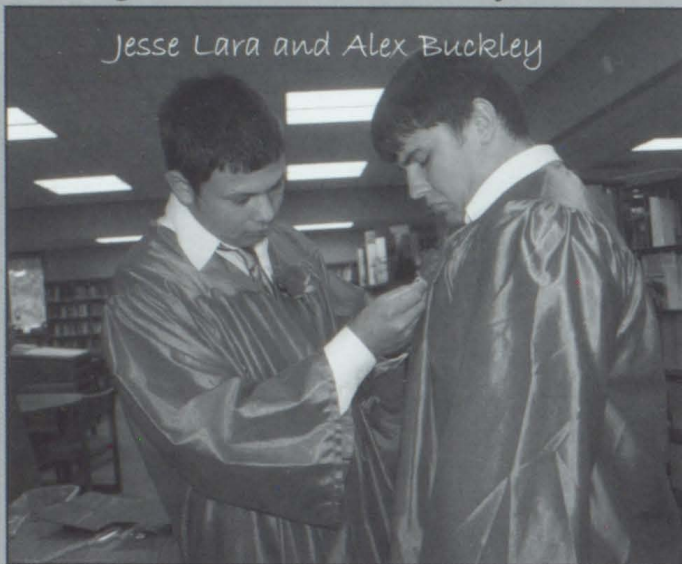
The salutatory address was given by Lori Bumgardner and the Valedictory address was

given by Nolan Oldham.

The commencement address was given by Mrs. Jean Wassel, who was chosen to speak by the senior class.

There was a grand total of \$795,000 granted in scholarships, which were given out by Mrs. Mayra Garcia, counselor.

After the seniors were certified by Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Segovia, they ended the night with the traditional Alma Mater.





Three Generations...

Bill Stuhrenberg: PISD Alumni Award
 Steve Stuhrenberg: PISD School Board member
 Jarred Stuhrenberg: 2009 Graduate

CLASS FAVORITES

Class Color: Red, Black, Silver

Class Flower: Tulip

Class Song: "If Today Was Your Last Day" by Nickleback

Class Motto: *There are many roads we have traveled, many miles we have claimed, and so many dreams we have yet to realize.*



Lucas Kelly



One Last Hug...
 Laura Martinez, Nolan Oldham, and Tess Bates



Ryan Hammonds



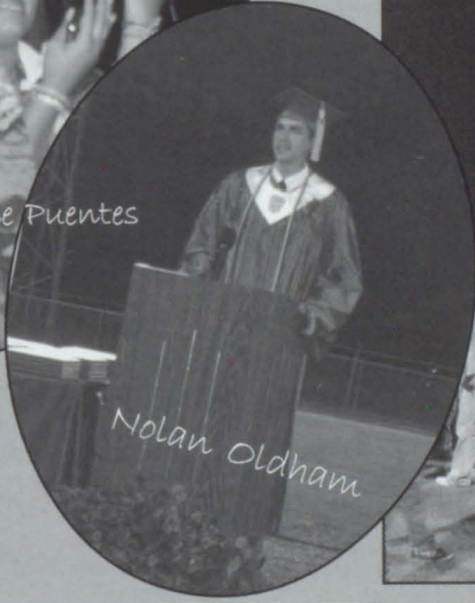
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Family Portrait...

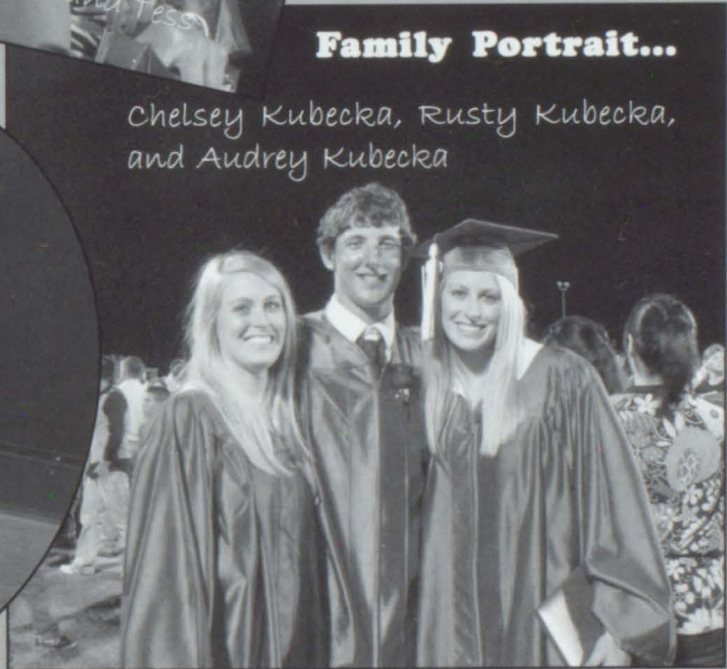
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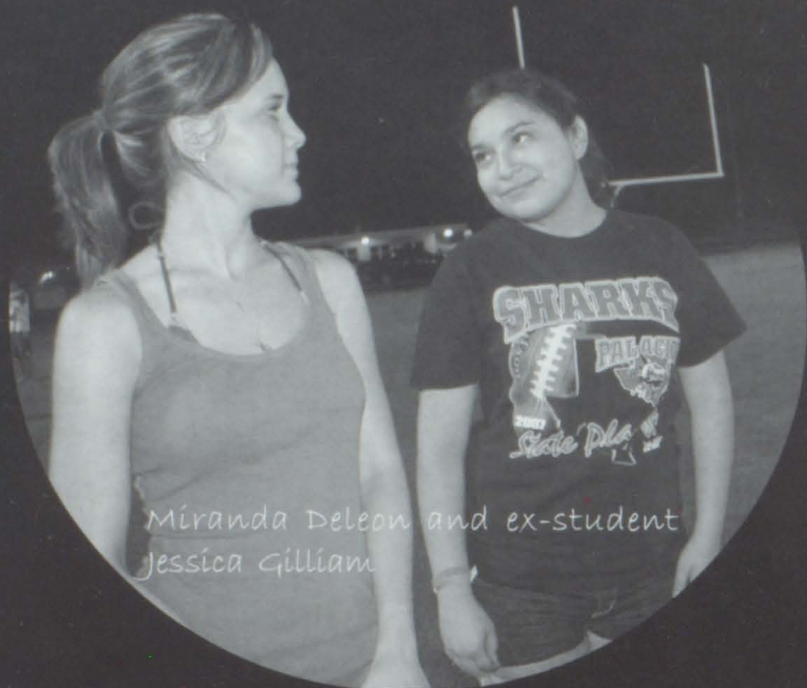
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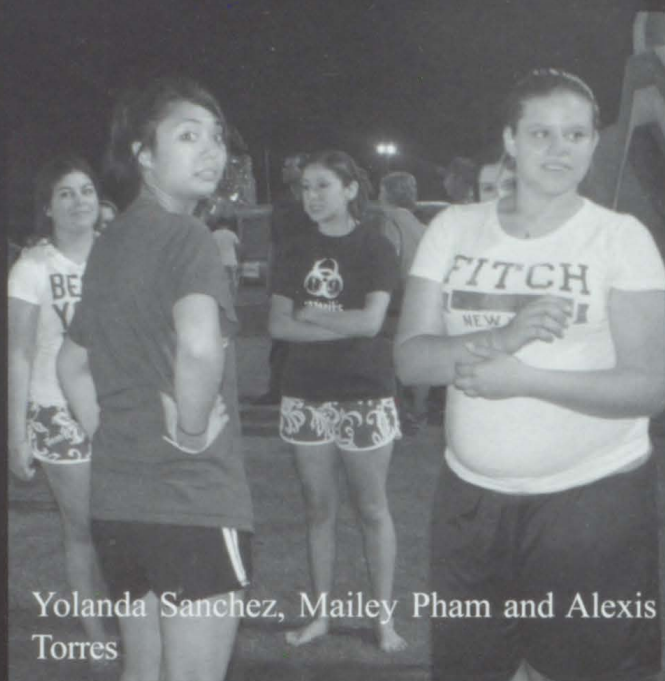
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This Is How We Do It Project Celebration

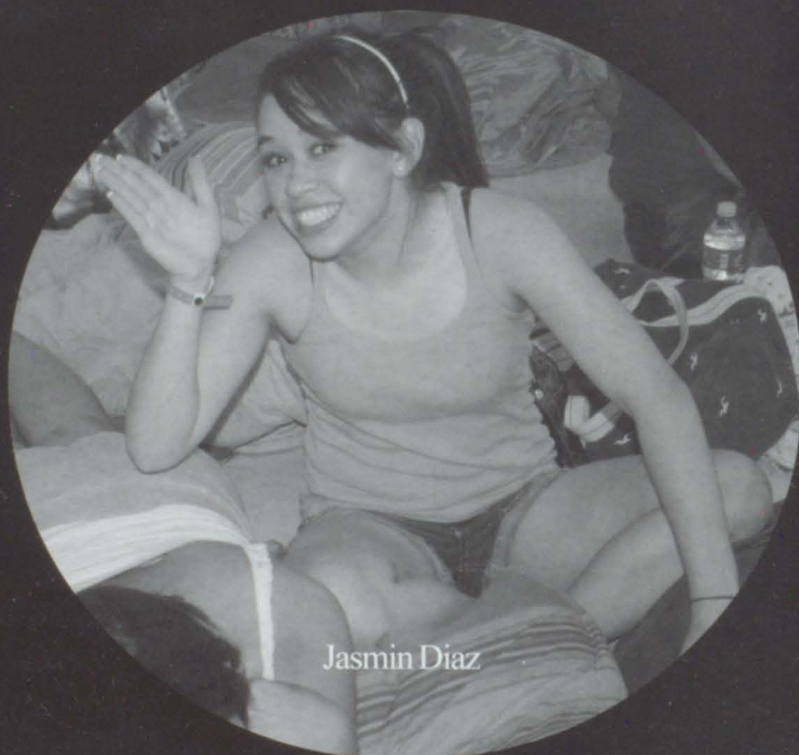
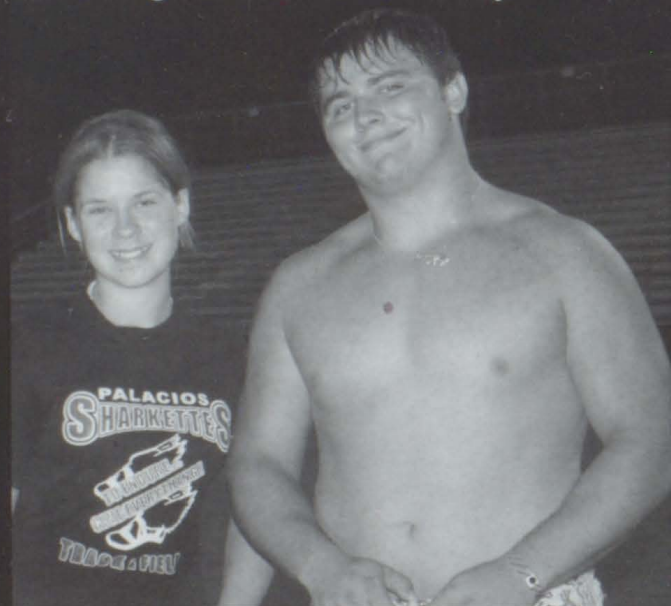


Miranda Deleon and ex-student
Jessica Gilliam



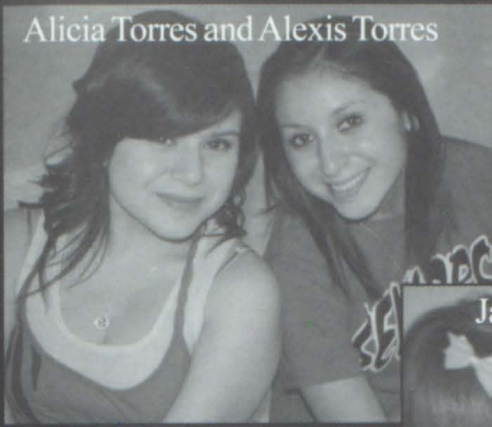
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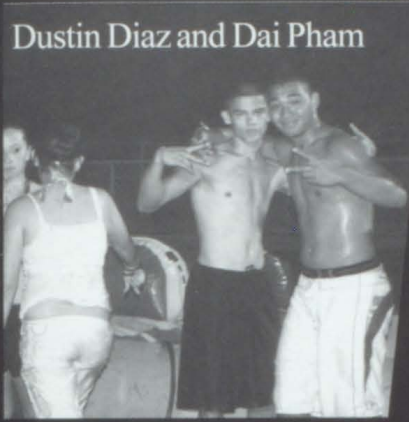
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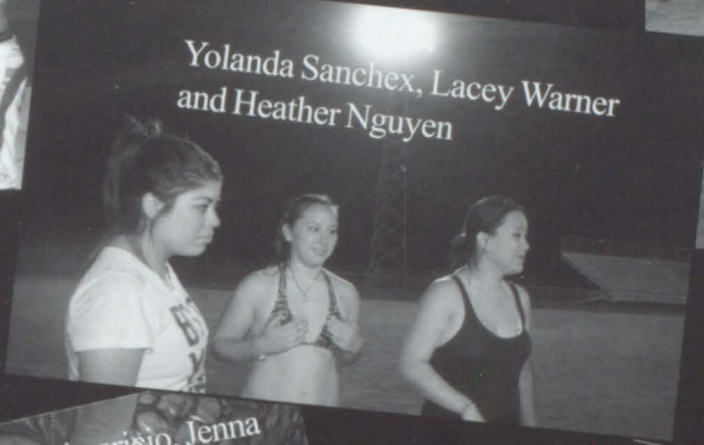
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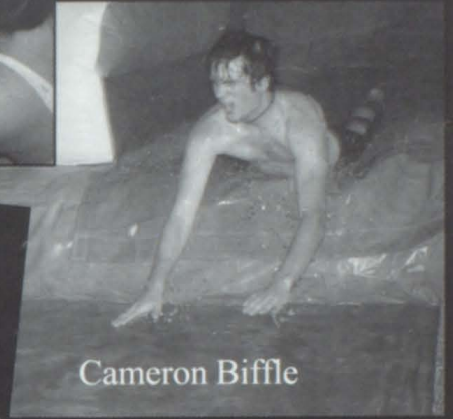
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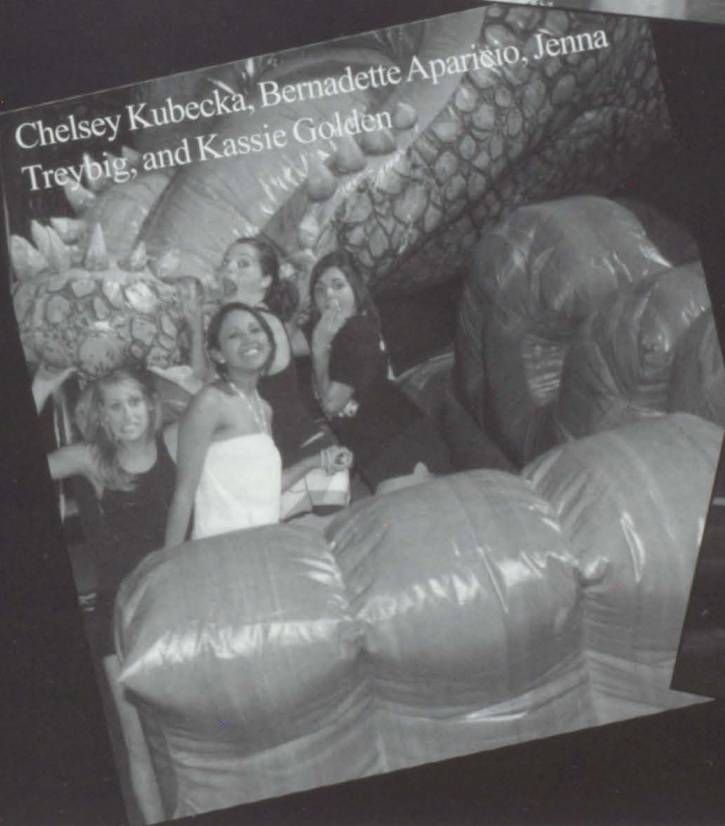
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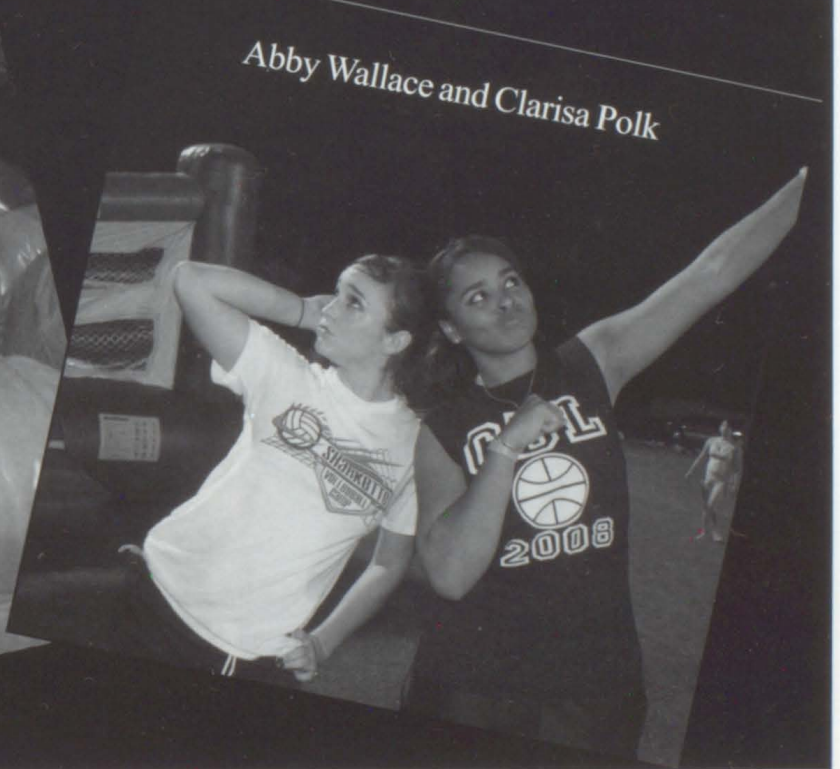
Cameron Biffle



Chelsey Kubecka, Bernadette Aparisio, Jenna Treybig, and Kassie Golden



Abby Wallace and Clarisa Polk



Where To Go?

On August 27th, the first day of school, students filled the English Hall eager to get to their classes for the first time.



Q: What is your advice for the next freshman?

A: "Never look scared."

Isreal Muniz-9th



Q: How are you talented?

A: "I can hold myself 90 degrees on a pole."

Vuong Nguyen-10th



Q: If you had one week left to live, what would you do?

A: "During the week I wouldn't follow dress code." Yolanda Sanchez-12th



Tiffany Taylor takes a lunch break at the Renaissance Fair.

Mrs. Munoz, PHS, secretary, teaches Heather Nguyen about the office.



on the MENU

Making Cheese Enchiladas

Materials: 12 corn tortillas, 28oz can of enchilada sauce, 2 cups of mozzarella cheese, 2-3 tablespoons of oil

Step 1: Coat tortillas in oil, then cook at 500 for 7 minutes

Step 2: Pour a little of the sauce in 9 x 13 pan then use the rest to coat tortillas

Step 3: Place the tortillas at the bottom of the dish then add a cheese layer, then sauce, then a tortilla layer again

Step 4: Sprinkle cheese and sauce on top and cook at 400 for 15 minutes or till cheese is melted

PEOPLE

Even with only 460 bodies roaming the hallways, you can tell that we have one diverse high school. However, the people here don't differ a lot, in our community as well as Palacios High School.

On the weekends students enjoy hanging out at parties or going to dances. Some students prefer to just hang out with friends.

"It's fun to just hang out with a group of friends" said Jarred Sturhneberg. "You never know what kind of stories you'll make for Monday at school."



Q: What is one quote you live by?

A: "Do what you love and love what you do."
Dai Pham-9th



Q: What is the worst thing you did to get detention?

A: "I've never been in detention."
Lori Bumguardner-12th



Q: What is the highlight of your junior year?

A: "Finally getting my license and out on the road."
Kaitlyn Vacek-11th

Student Poll: What is your favorite breakfast?

37% Cereal 6% Eggs 35% Tacos 6% Pancakes
10% Pign' Blanket 8% Waffles 4% Toast

[PHS Student Poll]



Viva La SENIORS

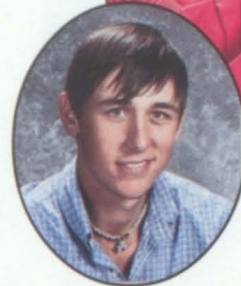
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CLASS OFFICERS



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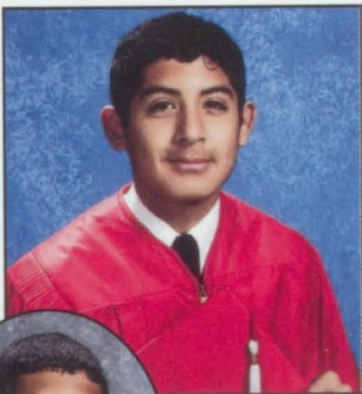
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Benito Aguilera



Stephen Alderete



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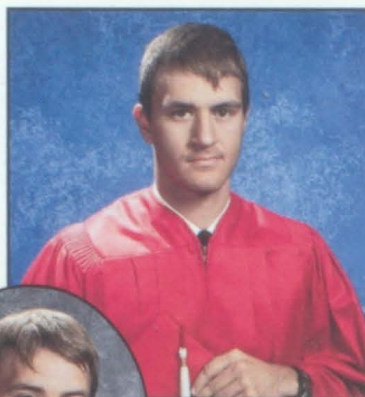
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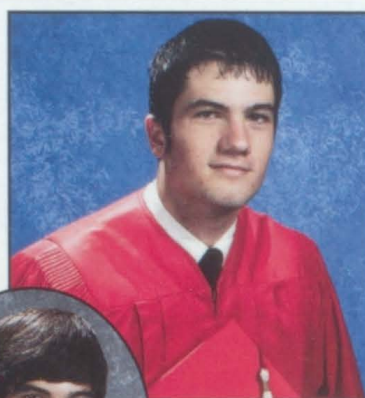
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Veronica Beall



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Nicholas Bigelow



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Brittney Bonilla



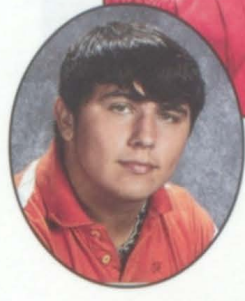
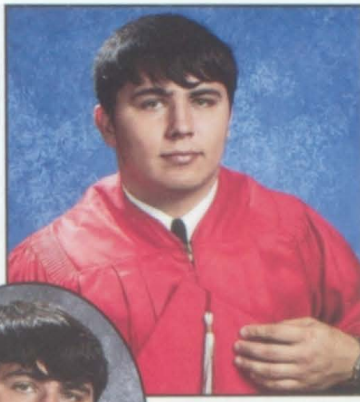
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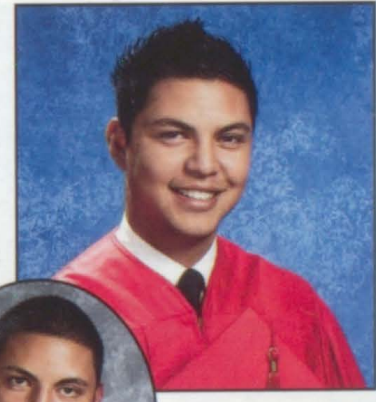
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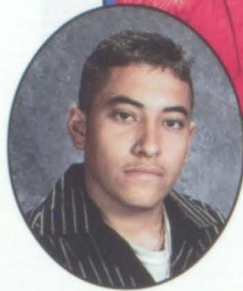
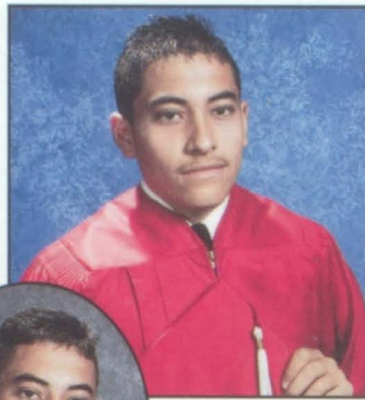
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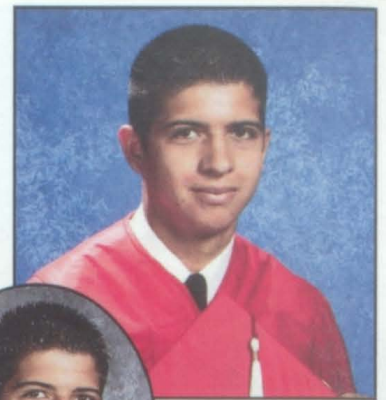
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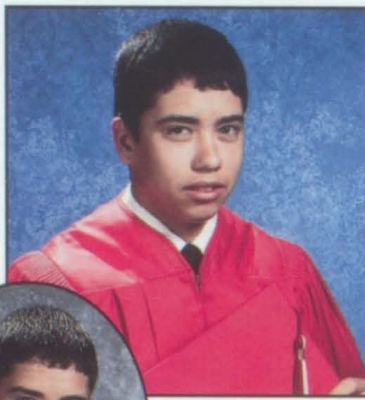
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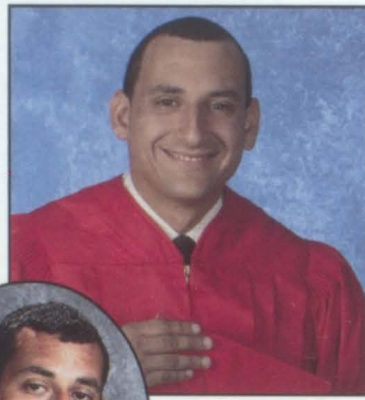
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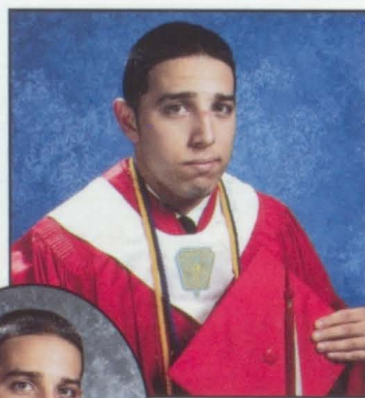
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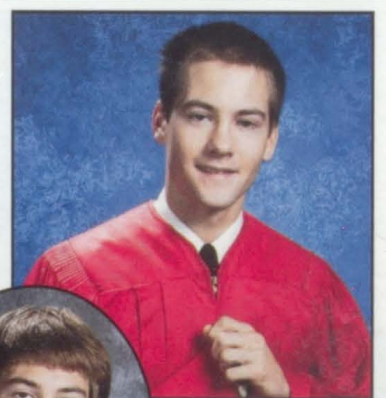
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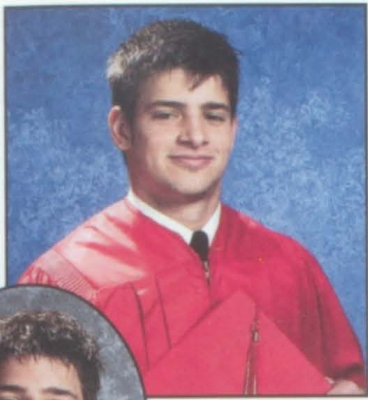
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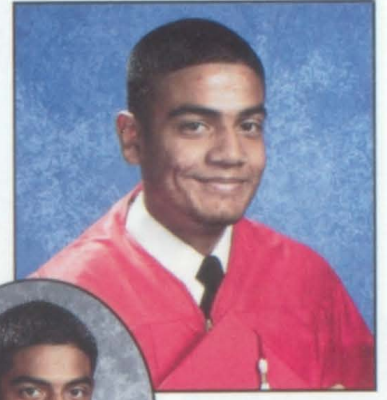
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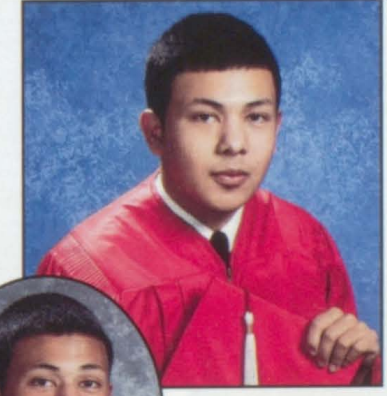
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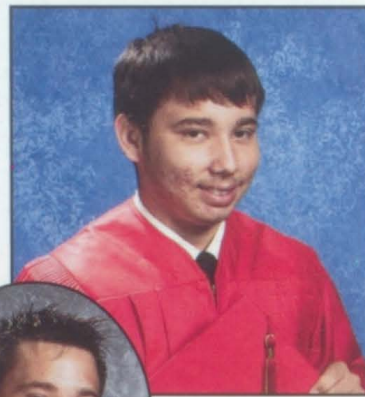
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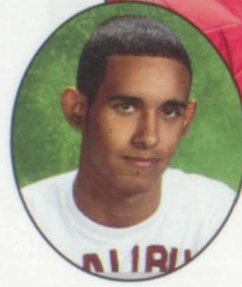
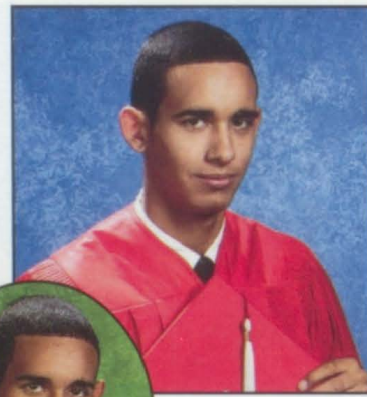
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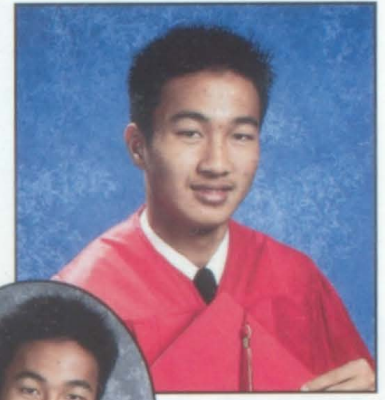
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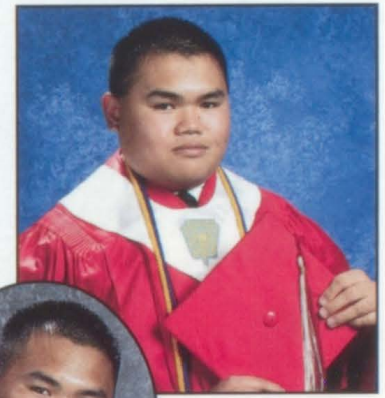
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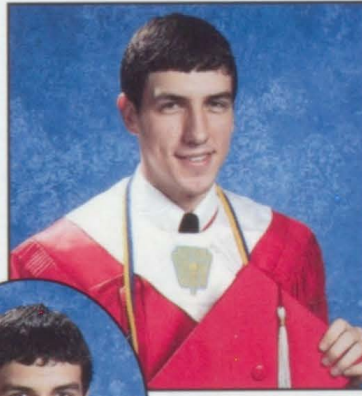
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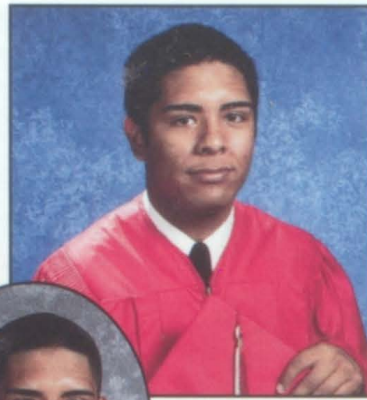
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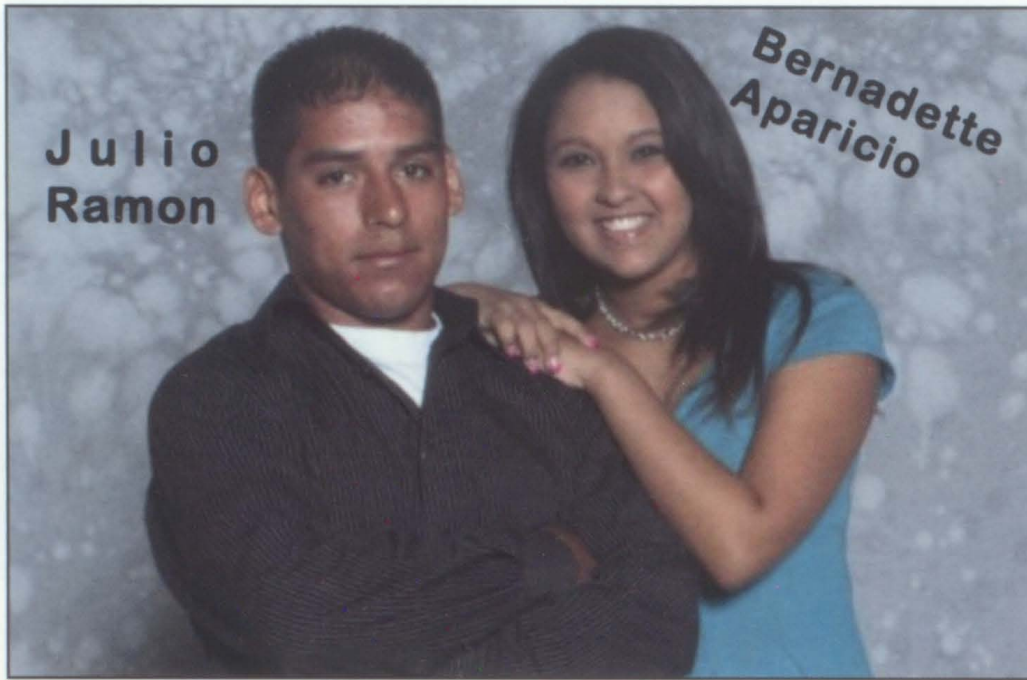
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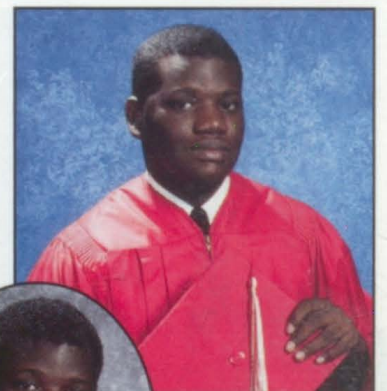
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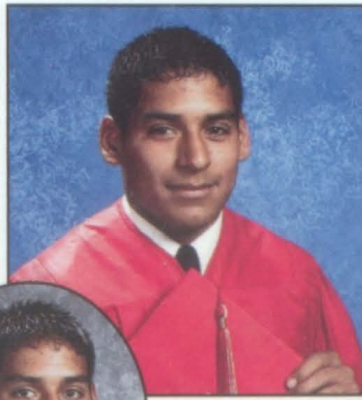
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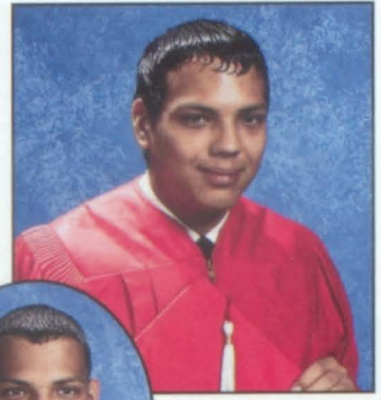
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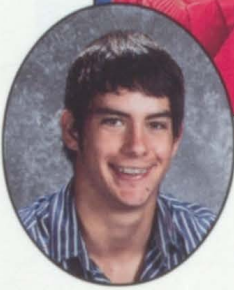
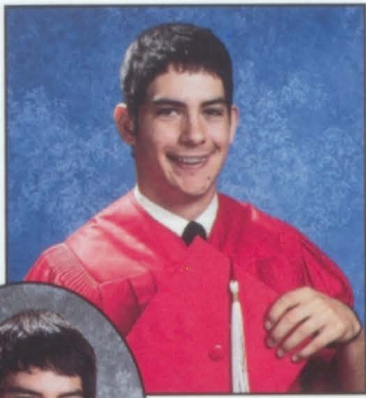
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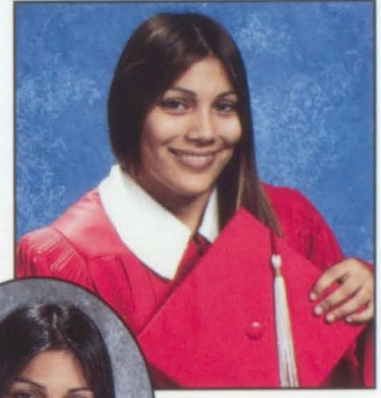
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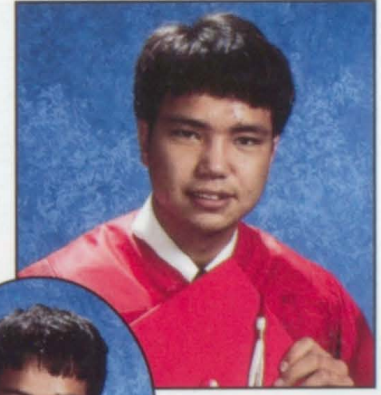
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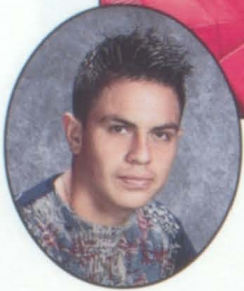
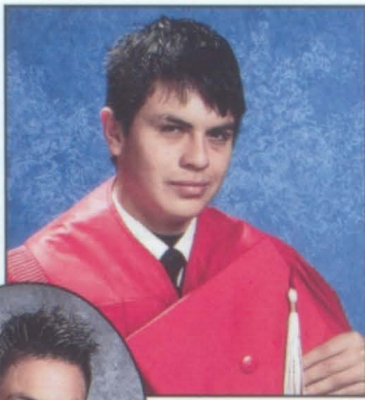
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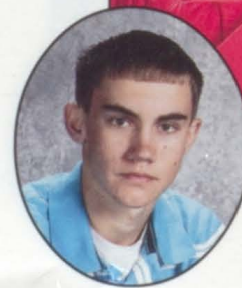
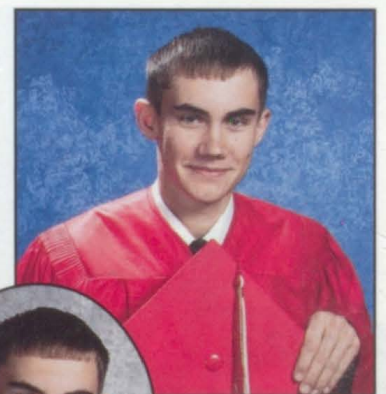
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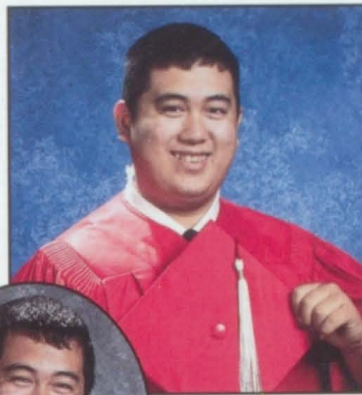
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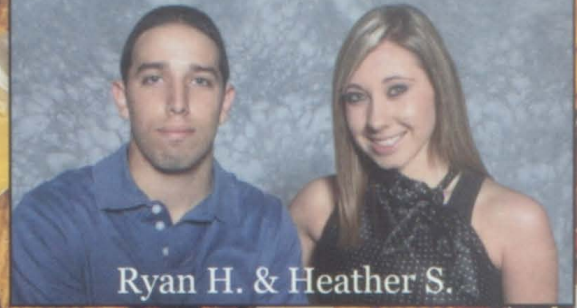




Senior Group Picture 45

Who's

Prettiest Eyes



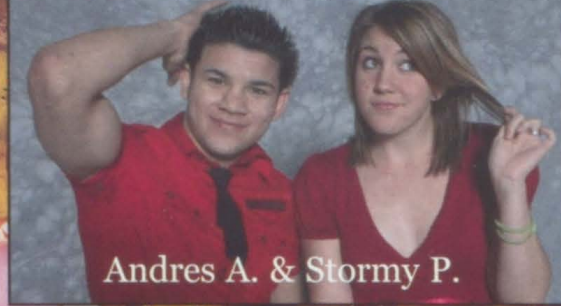
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Most Talented



Jimmy D. & Jenna T.

Most Likely To Forget Hair Color



Andres A. & Stormy P.

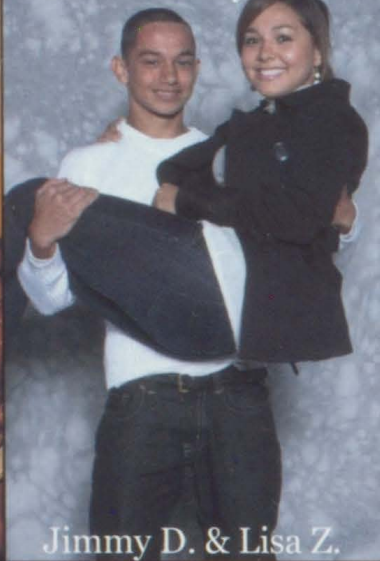
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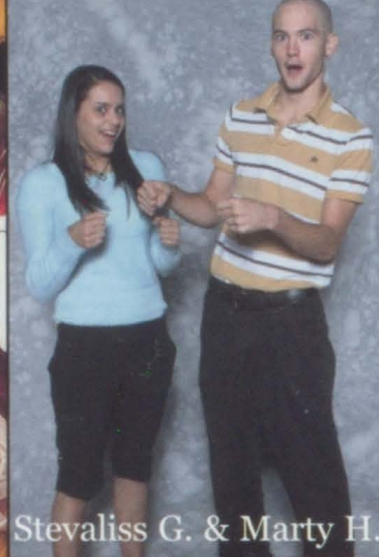
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Most Friendly



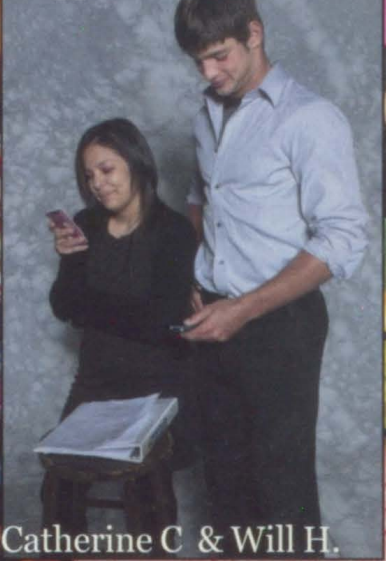
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Worst Driver



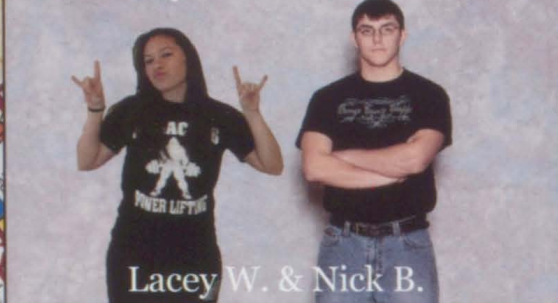
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Biggest Procrastinator



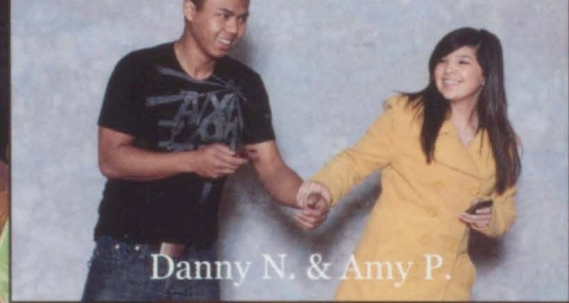
Catherine C. & Will H.

Most Likely To Be A Rockstar



Lacey W. & Nick B.

Late To Graduation



Danny N. & Amy P.

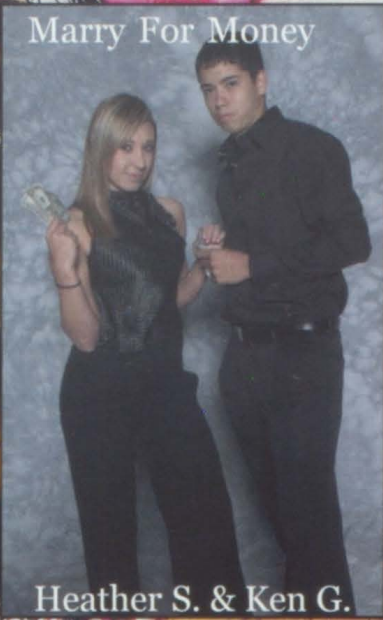
Who?

Best Smile



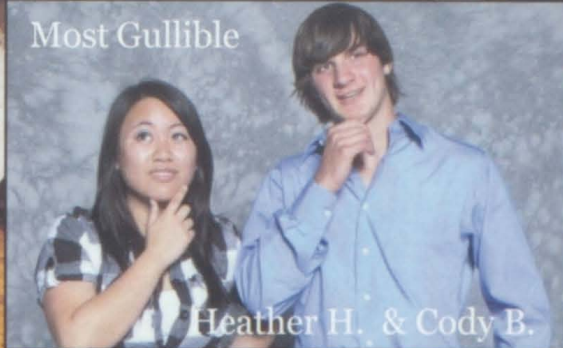
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Marry For Money



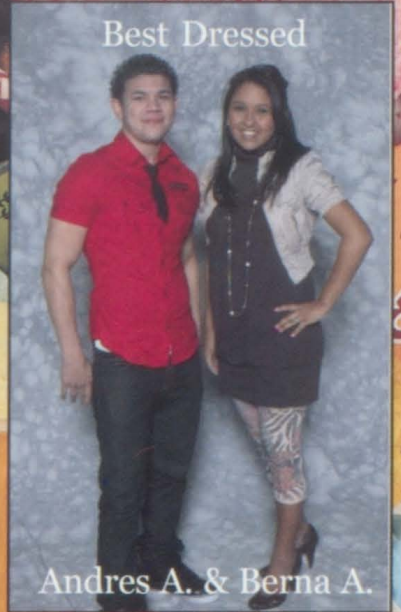
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Most Gullible



Heather H. & Cody B.

Best Dressed



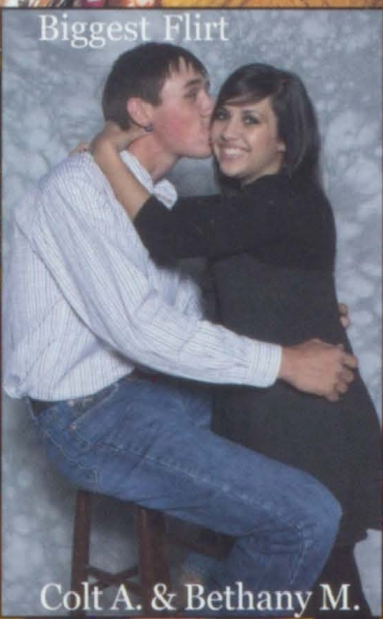
Andres A. & Berna A.

Stay In Palacios



Ben V. & Melissa M.

Biggest Flirt



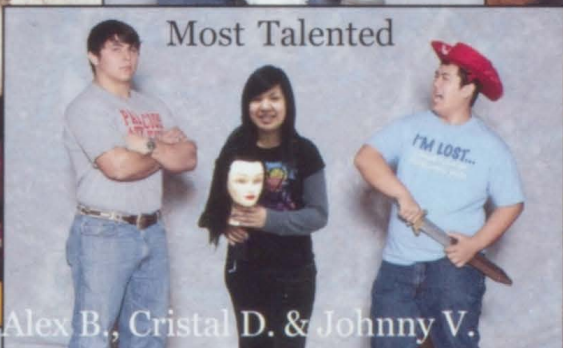
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Class Clown



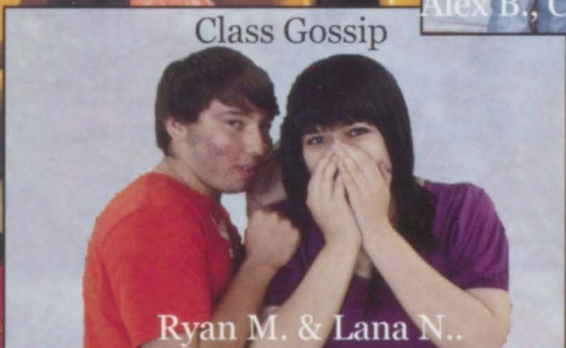
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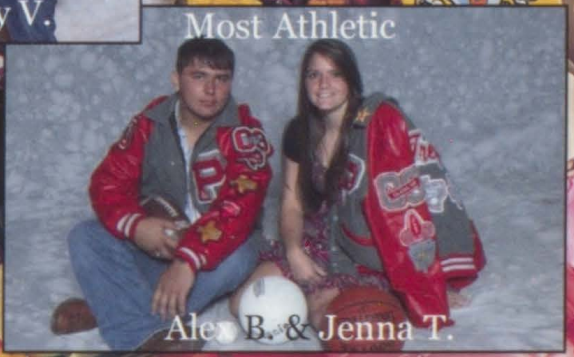
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Class Gossip



Ryan M. & Lana N.

Most Athletic

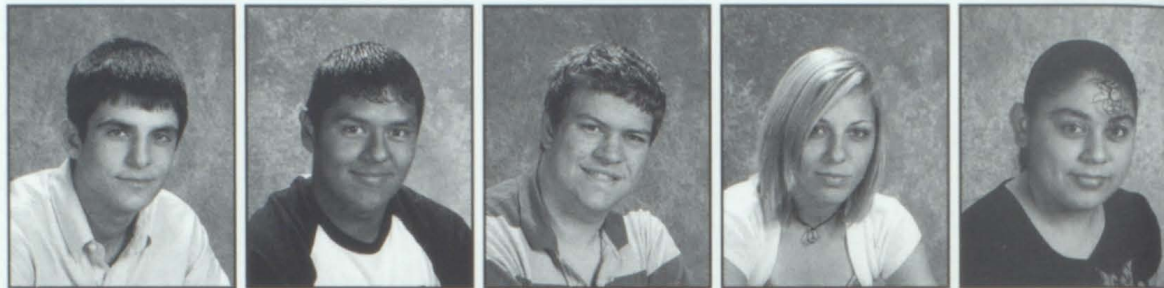


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Juniors

Are We There Yet?

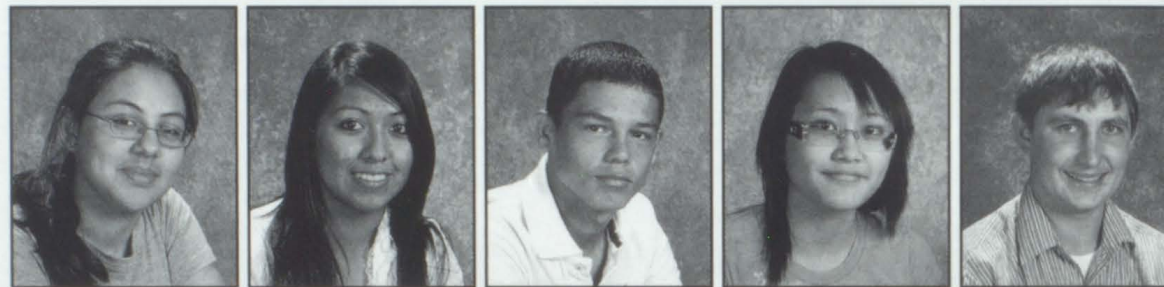
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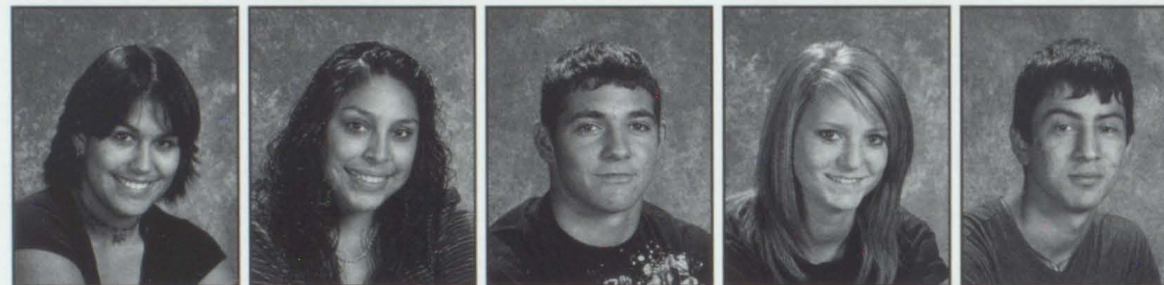
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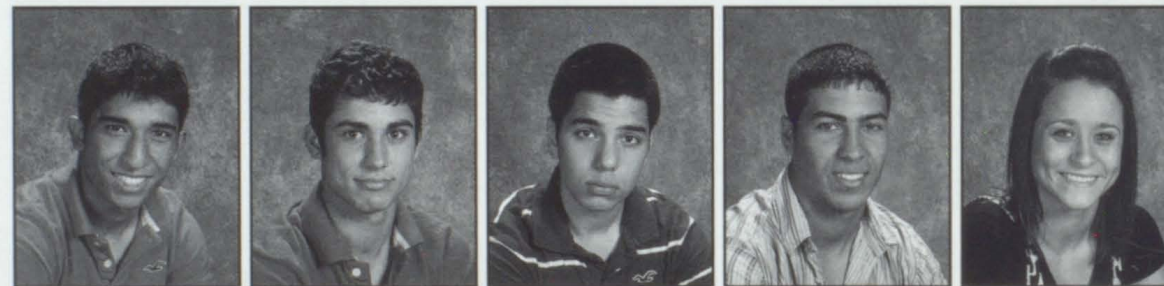
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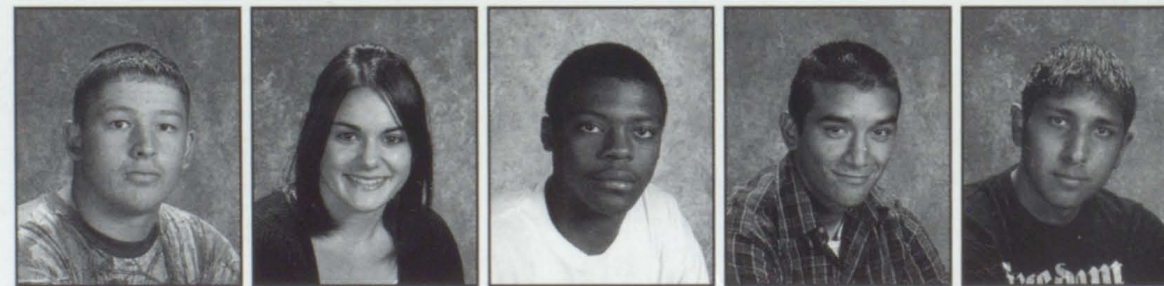
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Kimberlee Flores
David Forcado



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Adam Garcia
Carlos Garcia
Christopher Garcia
Hilary Garcia



Brian Georgi
Kassidhe Golden
Keith Grice
Luis Gutierrez
Joshua Hernandez



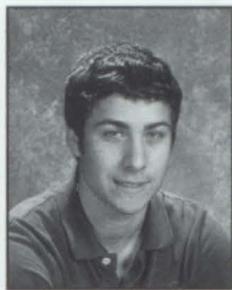


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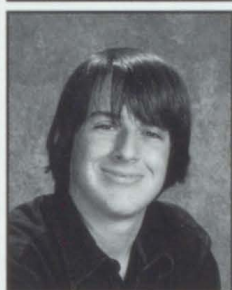
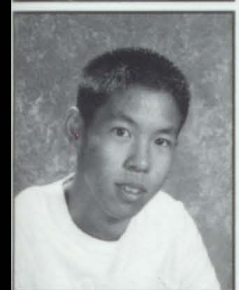


Dream Girls...

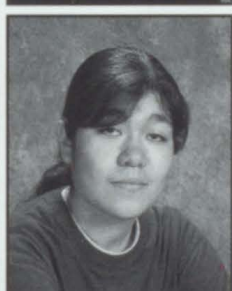
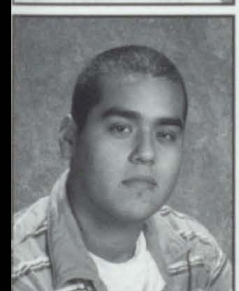
Allison Polk and Tezna Roy show their school spirit by coming to school dressed to impress on twin day during the homecoming week.



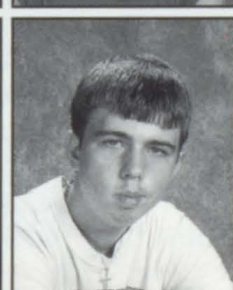
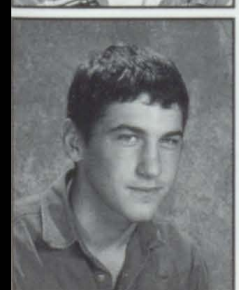
Megan Hinds
Christopher Huffman
Alejandro Hurtado
Belen Hurtado
Laurita Juarez



Reno Le
Cody Le Fevre
Dominique Lee
Nathen Loff
Gabriel Lopez



Juan Lopez
Maria Lopez
Rose Lopez
Evelyn Maldonado
Wendi Maldonado

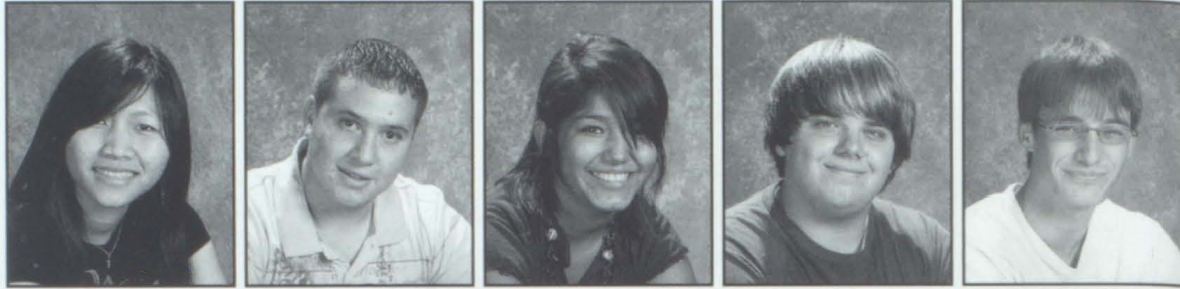


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Joshua Middleton
Brandon Miller
Leslie Morris
Humberto Mujica

Kelli Nevarez
 Johnny Nguyen
 Sandy Nguyen
 Brandon Nguyen
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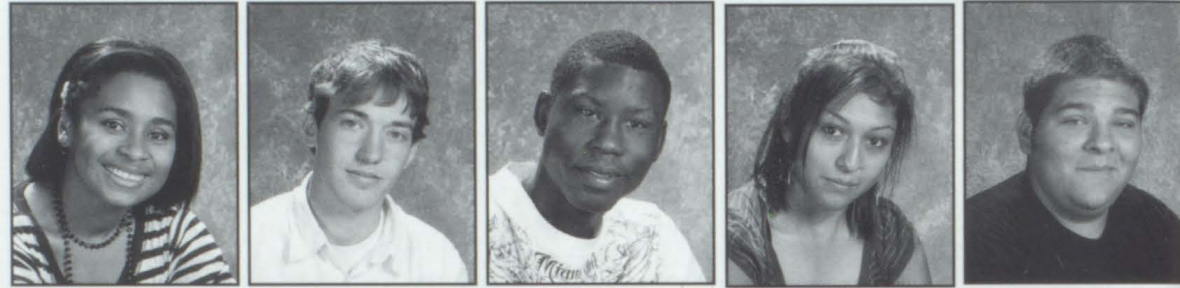
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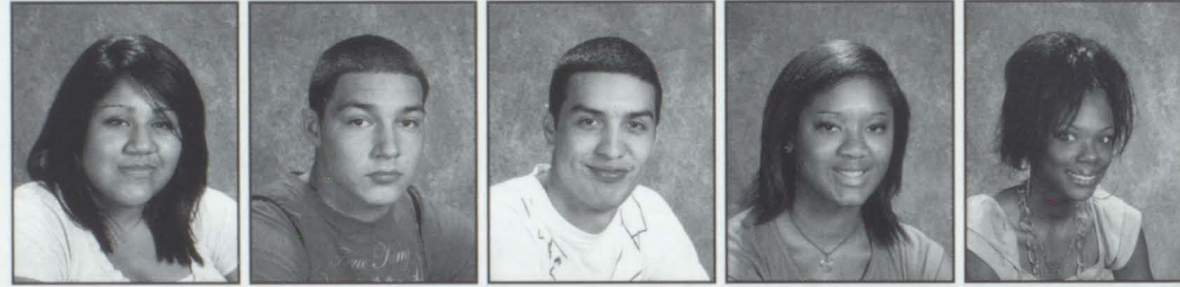
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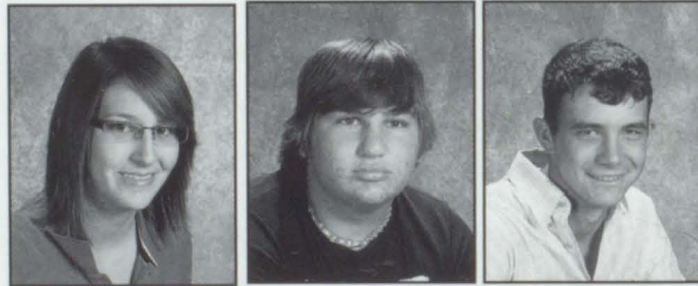
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 Brandon Quinn
 Christopher Rhodes
 Carmen Rios
 Benjamin Rocha



Samantha Rodriguez
 Alex Rojas
 Freddie Rojas
 Nicole Roy
 Tezna Roy



Christen Sandoval
 Jake Schneider
 Hagan Shimeck



Class Of 2010



What's usually the first thought in your head

when you wake up in the morning?

“Look good for the girls”

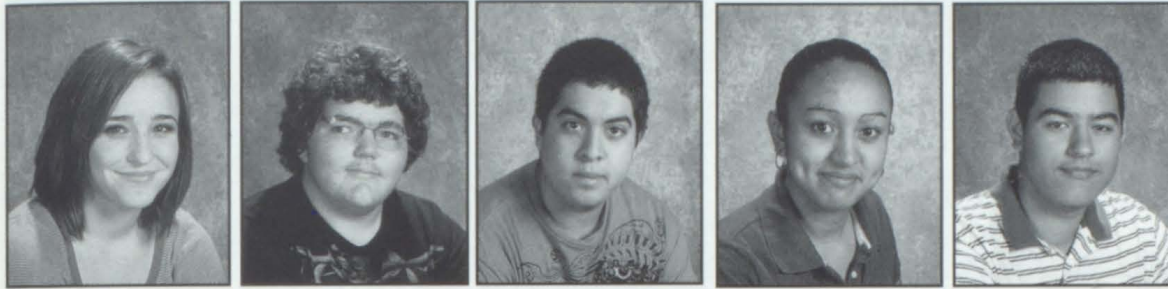
Kevin Borja



John Sholts
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Jenny Tran
 Joanna Tran
 Kaitlyn Vacek
 Johnny Vu
 Huynh Vu

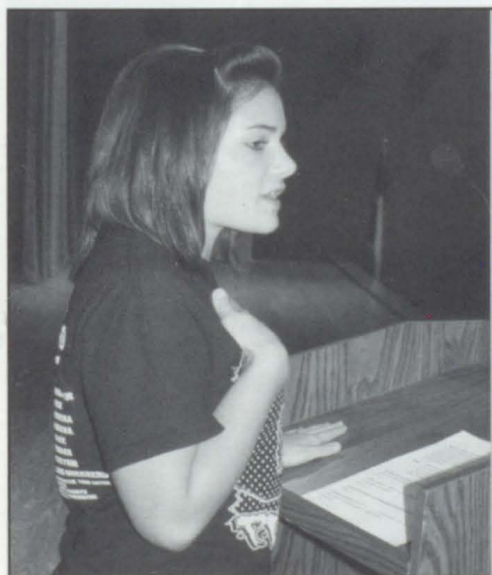


Abigail Wallace
 Garrett Wright
 Argelio Yanez
 Adriana Zamora
 Johnny Zavala



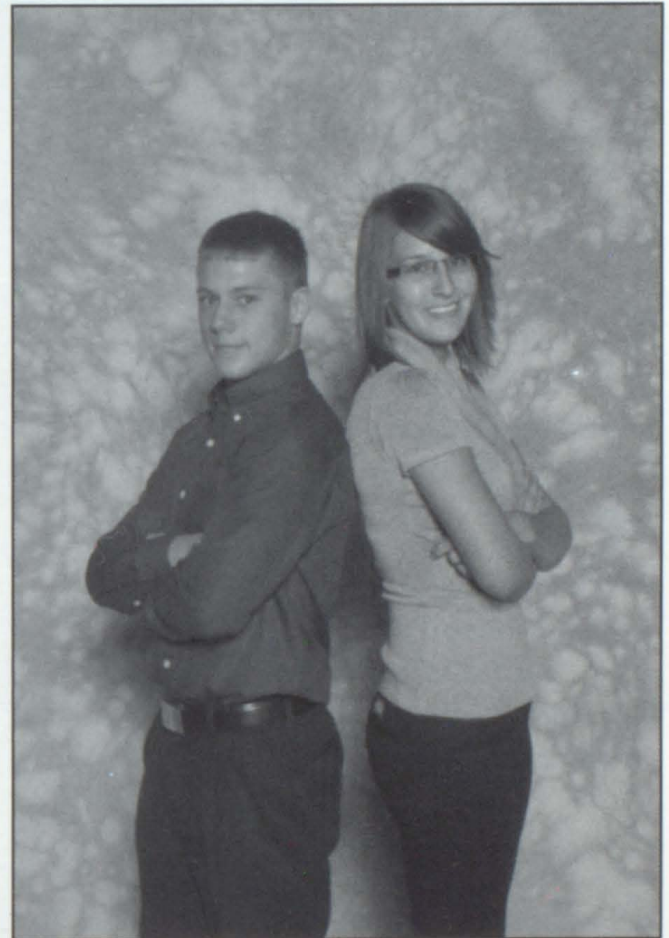
Give Blood For Life.....

Chris Huffman donates blood for the annual blood drive sponsored annually by the National Honor Society in the theatre classroom. This event is held every September.



**I P l e d g e
 Allegiance...**

Kassidhe Golden leads the student body in reciting the Texas Pledge at the Veteran's day assembly in the auditorium.



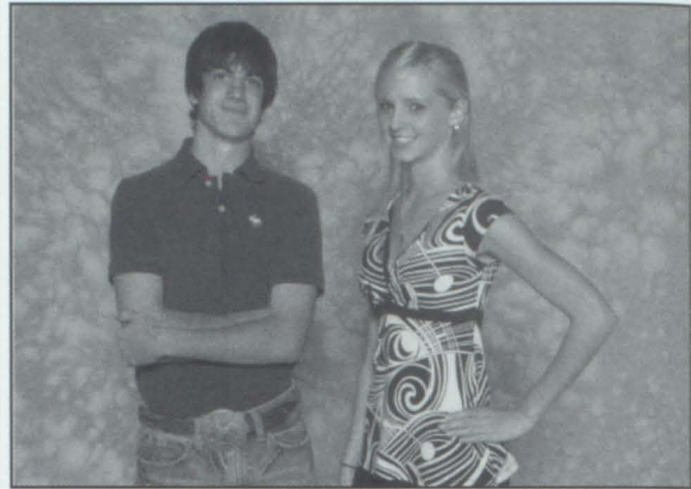
Class Favorites

Nathen Loff and
 Christen Sandoval

Sophomores That's What's



Class Favorites: Nathan Biffle
and Tess Bates



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Vice President Tess Bates.

Taylor Aughsten
Danielle Aparicio
Tess Bates
Kimberly Betancourt
Nathan Biffle



Mayra Cambray
Henry Cano
Articia Castro
Gustavo Contreras
Edgar Corona



Adriana Cruz
Gabriela Cruz
Tiffany Cruz
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Carlos Delafuente

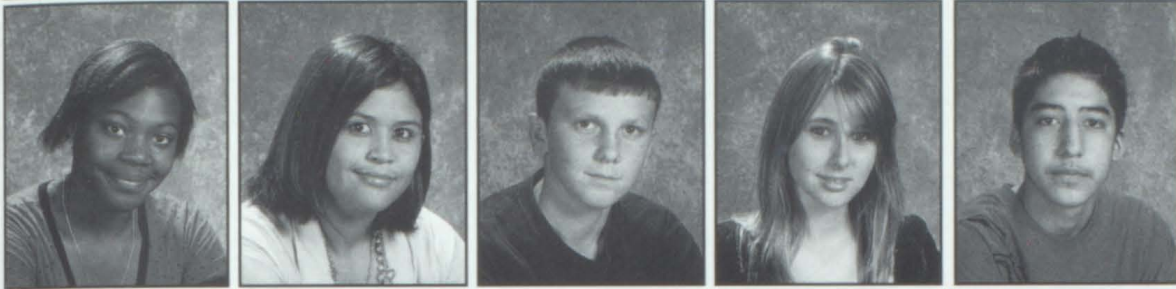


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Trey Edwards
Erya Fernandez
Brandon Flores
Bryan Flores





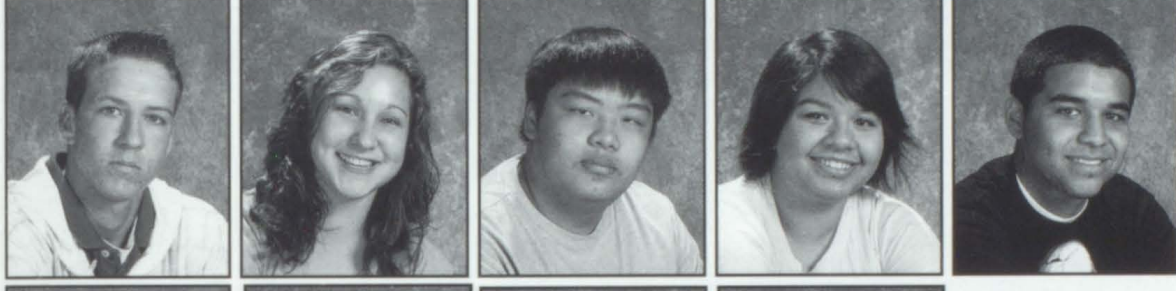
Spencer Fort
Jacob Frausto
Joey Frausto
Pete Garcia
Vincent Garcia



Christy Grice
Kristy Guillen
John Mark Hafernick
Tracie Harris
Victor Hernandez



Khang Hoang
Jeremy Hunt
Brenda Hurtado
Kayla Isbell
Stephanie Jaime



Justin Janise
Ashlan Kacer
An Le
Clarissa Llanes
Nick Llanes



Joseph Longoria
Leah Longoria
Michael Longoria
David Lopez

class of
2011



Julio Lopez
Taylor Machacek
Jennifer Mack
Ana Maldonado
Damaris Martinez



Laura Martinez
Vincent Martinez
Gloria Mata
Juan Mata
Mallory McCauley

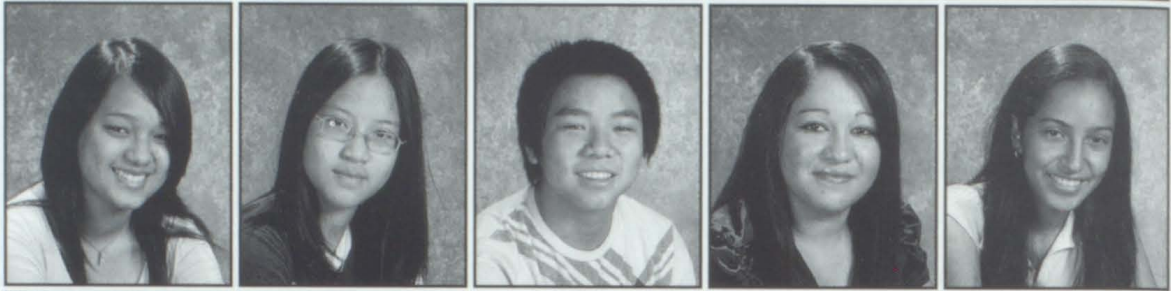
Marian Medrano
 Lauren Mills
 Mariela Mujica
 Marie Muniz
 Guadalupe Munos



Jason Murphy
 Ann Nguyen
 Brandon Nguyen
 Jason Nguyen
 Jessica Nguyen



Thoa Nguyen
 Theresa Nguyen
 Vuong Nguyen
 Carmen Ortiz
 Ana Paniagua



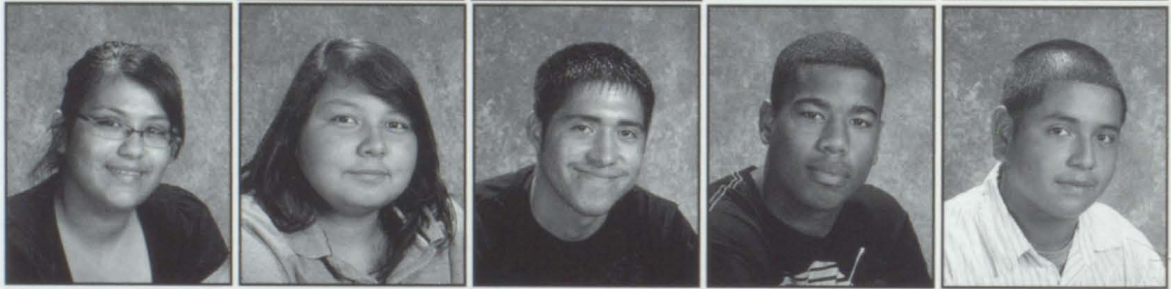
Duc Pham
 Scott Polk
 Kayla Quinney
 Jessica Ramon
 Edith Ramos



Lupita Reyes
 Brett Ringo
 Danielle Rivas
 Veronica Rivera
 Ernesto Rodriguez



Gabriela Rodriguez
 Hillary Rodriguez
 John Rodriguez
 Jarred Roy
 Eduardo Ruiz



Caleb Rush
 Josh Heath
 Nicholas Salas
 Alexis Sanchez
 Amanda Scantlen





Erica Serna
 Gregory Sexton
 Hunter Shimek
 Sergio Sifuentes
 Cody Stahlecker



Trell Tobias
 Alicia Torres
 Tommy Tran
 Kimberly Tran
 Liem Tran



We're history!

Students in Mr. Henry's seventh period world history class take a

short break during their study time in class to take a picture with their favorite history teacher.

I'm Stuffed!

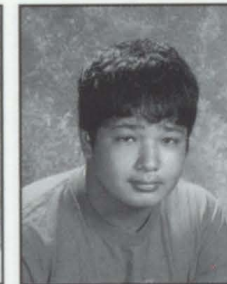
Juanluis Zepeda tries not to laugh with his mouth full of marshmallows in the Cuero pep rally.



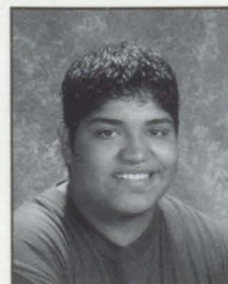
Unfortunately, he fell short of first place after trying so hard to win for his classmates.



John Tran
 Duyen Truong
 Taylor Turner
 Lizi Vargas
 Raquel Vasquez



Daniel Vega
 Felipe Vega
 Jonathan Vu
 Tuong Vu
 Chris Wygel



Ricardo Yanez
 Ta'Loria Young
 Angel Zamora

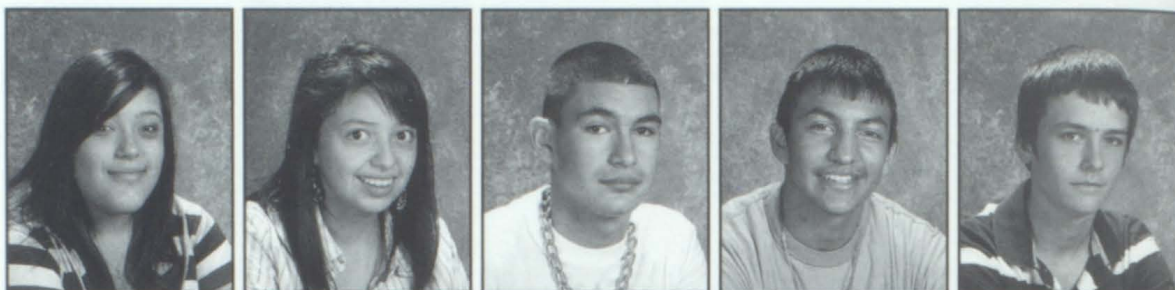
Class
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So Fresh

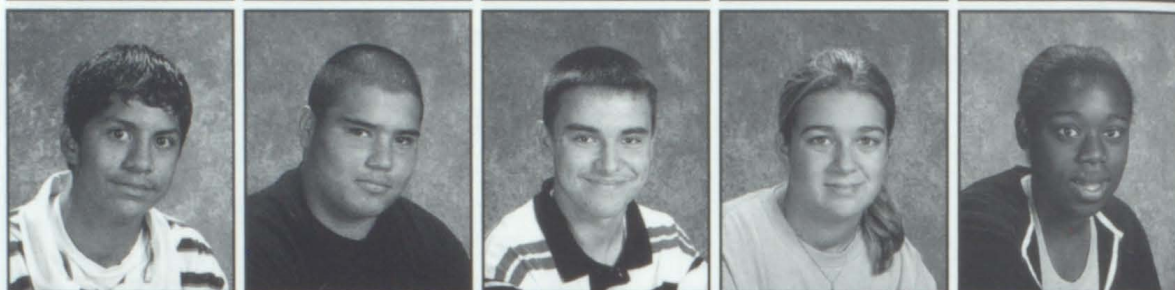
Fresh Fish

So Clean

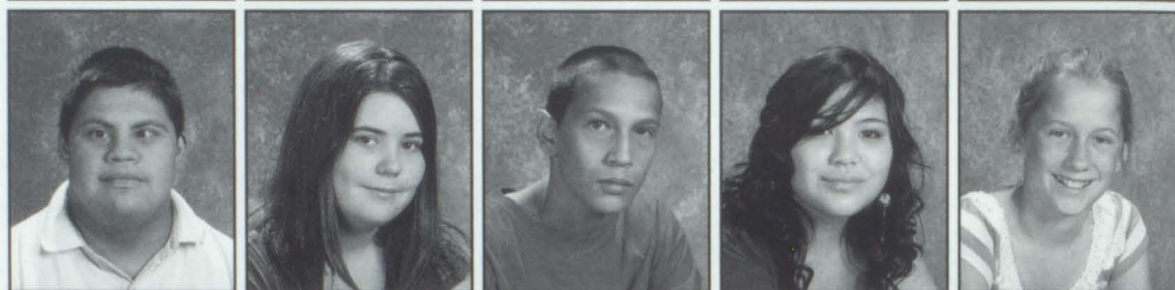
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Eduardo Alanis
Victor Alvarado
Ernest Aparicio



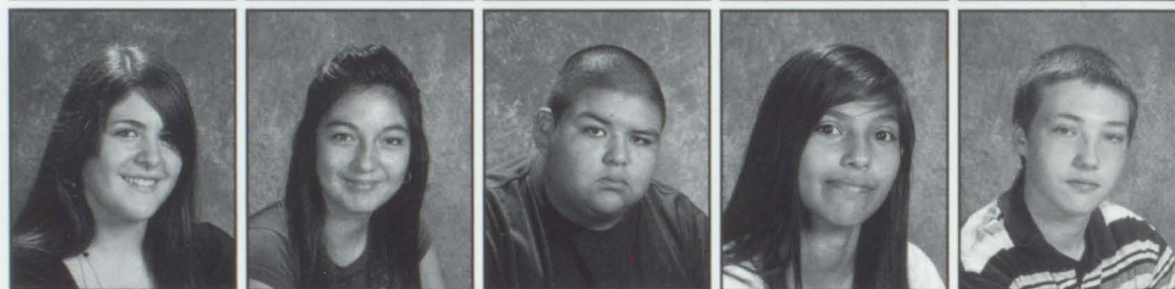
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Adam Aucoin
Brandon Baggett
Dustie Bain
Bernezia Barefield



Miguel Betancourt
Chloe Brewer
Josh Buckley
Ashley Bui
Amee Bumguardner



Miranda Campos
Christina Cantu
Antonio Chavez
Karina Chavez
Richard Cheroff



Nick Christiansen
Dylan Constancio
Stacie Constancio
Juan Contreras
Jessenia De Jesus



Mariah Diaz
Diana Dinh
Marissa Dunn
Andrew Duran





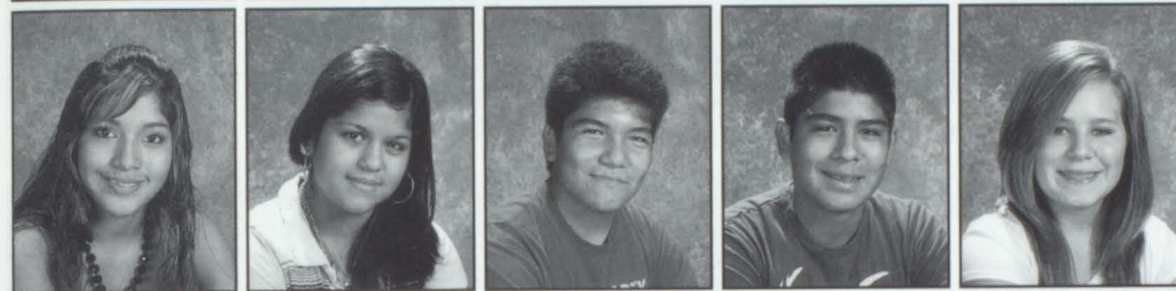
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 Brenda Garcia
 Christian Garcia
 Joseph Garcia
 Lauren Garcia



Sara Garcia
 Mark Gatica
 Hannah Gomez
 Lorena Gomez
 Luz Gonzalez



Ashtin Grange
 Maria Gutierrez
 Estella Gutierrez
 Justice Hart
 Jesus Hernandez



Yesenia Hernandez
 Sylvia Martinez
 Hector Hurtado
 Manuel Hurtado
 Keri Isbell



Luis Jaime
 Ismael Lara
 Desiree Ledsema
 Gabrielle Ledsema
 Bryant Luis



Danielle Llanes
 Juan Lopez
 Ricardo Lopez
 Roberto Lopez
 Martin Lozano



Shirley Maldonado
 Juan Mancera
 Arturo Marquez
 Silvia Martinez
 Haylee Mckissick



Israel Muniz



Teresa Muniz



Brittany Munoz



Jesus Narvaez



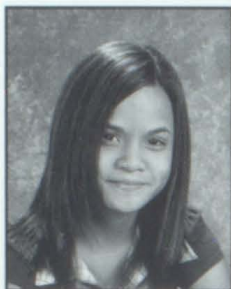
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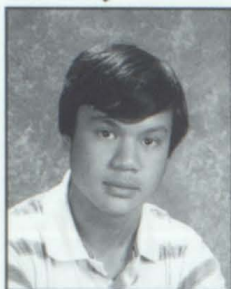
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Kristy Nguyen



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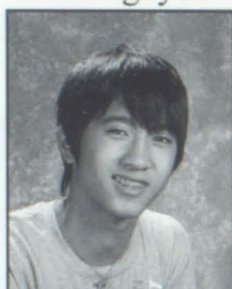
Mimi Nguyen



Tan Nguyen



Van Nguyen



Alan Nguyen



E.J Ortiz



Natalie Ortiz



Jesus Paz



Priscilla Pena



Bethany Perez



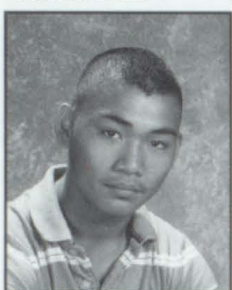
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Miranda Perez



Dustin Peterson



Dai Pham



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Gabriel Rubio



Vanessa Ruiz



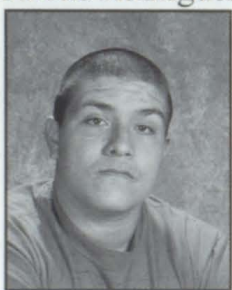
Morgan Ryan



Ivana Saldierna



Arturo Salinas



David Salinas



Lauren Sanchez



Leonel Sanchez



Ramiro Sanchez

Fernanda Sifuentes

Chelsea Slaughter

Tiffany Taylor

Dustin Tedder

Anthony Tippet



Duy-an Tran

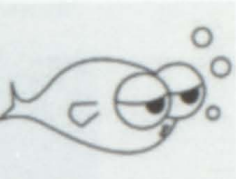
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Mary Watson

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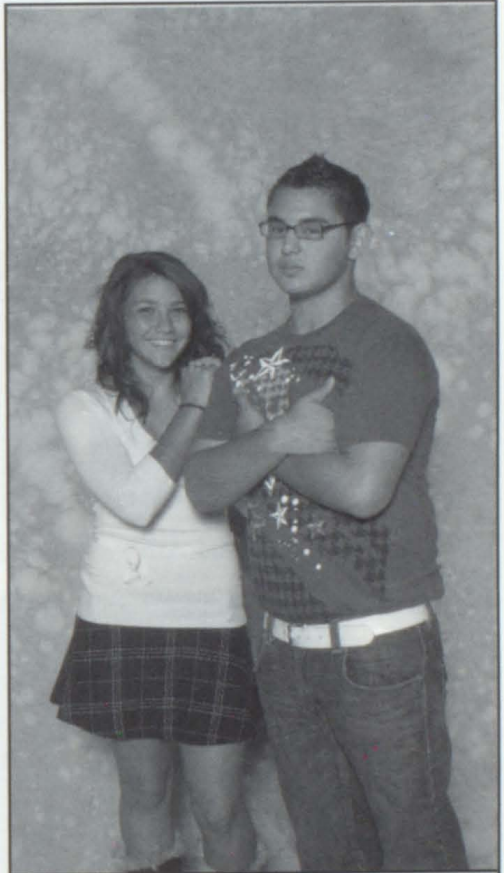
Tony Zerrato

Cesar Zumaya



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Class Favorites
Priscilla Pena and Israel Muniz

**So Fresh
And Clean**

The Faculty



Ron Arnesen
Adv Hist./Ath.



Luz Arredondo
Algebra I/Ath.



Barbara Buckley
Us Hist./Ath



Meredith Cary
Eng/Reading



Trish Carrizales
Secretary



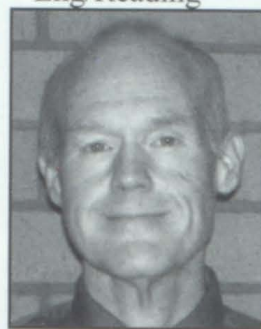
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Computer Science



Peggy Charlton
Theater/Yearbook



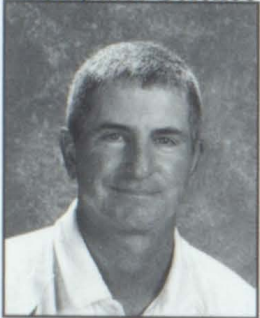
Richard Davis
Biology/PreAP



Perry Dean
Choir



Donna Dillard
DAEP



Bill Fort
Geography/Ath.



Kody Franke
TAKS Prep/Ath



Janice Galloway
Home Economics



Mayra Garcia
Counselor



Stephanie Garcia
Algebra II



Rhonda Garcia
Eng/Read/Ath



Donna Garcia
Attendance Clerk/Ath



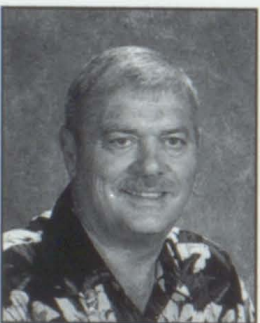
Keith Garnett
Art I,II



Kristi Gibson
TAKS Prep/Ath



David Gonzales
Spanish I,II



Karl Henry
World History



James Janacek
Ag. Science



Cindy Johnson
Chemistry/AP



Veronica Kacer
English II/AP



Lucy Kirby
Inst.Aide



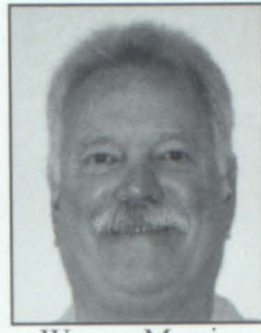
Erika Koenig
English III/AP



Bridget Loff
Counselor Assist.



Amy Morales
English IV/AP/Ath



Warren Morris
IPC/Physics



Monica Munoz
Secretary



Shelley Newsom
BCIS



Jose Ortiz
Shop/Ath.



James Overton
Econ/Gov/Ath



James Popham
Band



Melissa Pena
Resource



Marylin Phillips
Alg II/AP



Dianne Rojas
Cosmotology



Rita Riggins
Spanish II,III,AP



David Sanders
Geometry/Adv



Tasha Sanchez
Eng/Reading



Sherri Seaman
Vice Principal



Valerie Segovia
Principal



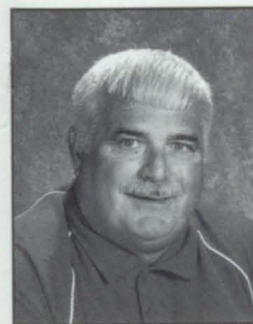
Bradley Steffek
Ag Science



Michelle Stuhrenberg
Librarian



Ana Trad
Spanish II



Mike Treybig
Athletic Director



Blake Westhoff
Eng I/Adv/Ath



Aaron Wollam
Health/P.E/Ath



Norma Wollam
TAKS Prep
Teacher of the Year



Trent Weixleman
ABU/Ath

The People in Charge



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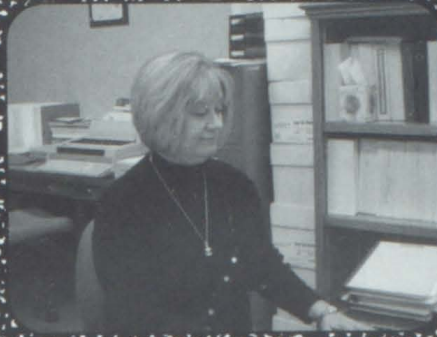
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of Schools:

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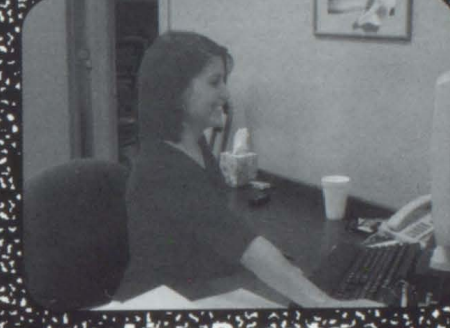
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Veronica Serril
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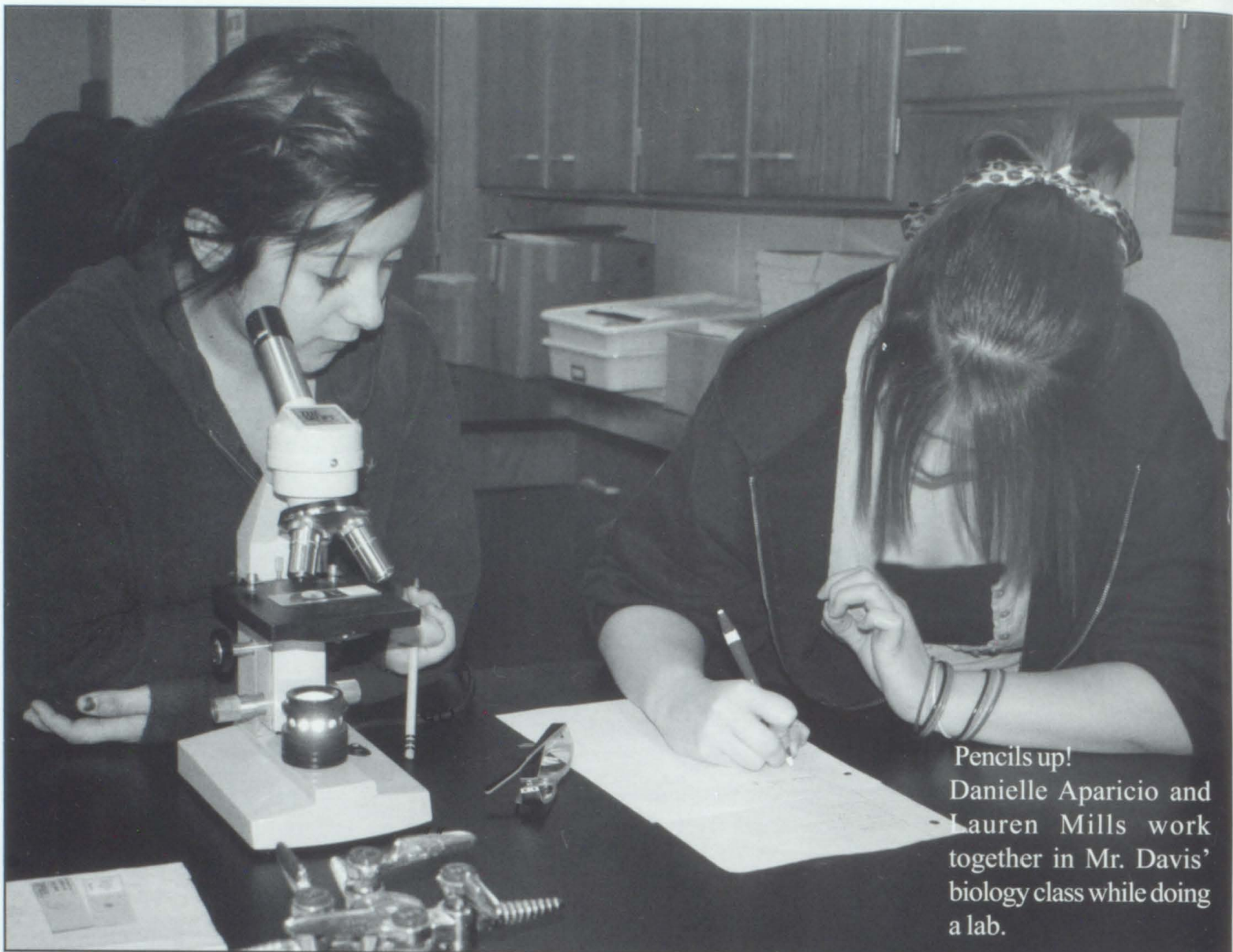
Larry Williams
Director of Federal Programs / Human Resources



Liza Puente
Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector

"Probably the most enjoyable aspect of being a superintendent is the sense of pride I have in regards to all the innovative, good teaching occurring in the district. I am immensely proud of our students and staff and what they continue to accomplish, and I am just beaming with pride while walking the halls of the campuses."
Vicki Adams

Technology Director:
Bob Fiorini
Technology Coordinator Assistant:
Sharon Estraca
Technology Specialist:
Christina Lopez



Pencils up!
Danielle Aparicio and
Lauren Mills work
together in Mr. Davis'
biology class while doing
a lab.



Q : Where
do you
study?

A : "In my dreams."

Trevor Polk-12th



Q Describe a
perfect
student
Mrs. Phillips?

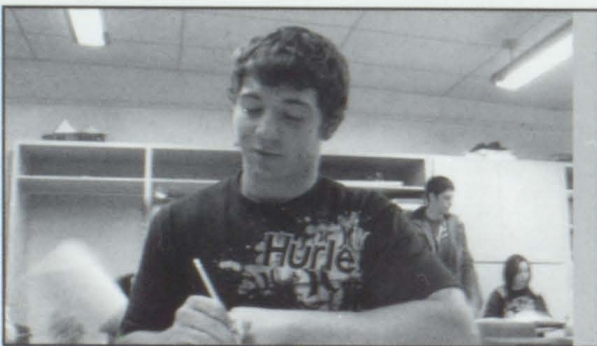
A: "Someone that does
every assignment and listens
intensely to every lesson"



Q : What is
your **favorite**
subject?

A: "Pre-Cal cause Mrs. Phil
ROCKS!"

Ryan Hammonds-12th



Marcus Ferree studies
for an important test in
Pre-Calculus.

Raquel Vasquez writes
her essay while Tommy
Tran hunts for definitions
in the dictionary.



Recipe for **SUCCESS**

Making the Excellent Grade

Materials : Dedication, Determination, Responsibility, and Motivation

Step 1: Be in class as much as possible with correct materials.

Step 2: Pay attention and take notes everyday.

Step 3: Turn in all assignments completed and on time.

Step 4: Study everyday for at least 30 minutes.

~Enjoy Your Hard Earned Grade~

ACADEMICS

For the past couple of years we have been a recommended school district, the only one in the county. Each year we continue to excel in the academics realm whether its debate, UIL, drama, Academic Decathlon and others.

"I feel lucky to have gone to Palacios High School", said Nolan Oldham, an exemplary debator. "I've had such good teachers and expectations."

There are many who go the extra mile to make sure they do their best in their area, whether it's an extracurricular activity such as UIL, or it's in the classroom.

"I always do my work as expected", said Heather Nguyen, a senior in the top 10% of her class, "I never expected it to get me as far as I've come."

Despite the diversity among PHS, our greatest achievements all come from determination.



Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: "The first Vietnamese president."

Bryan Pham-11th



Q: What is your goal for this year?

A: "To pass English."

Nick Salas-10th



Q: Where do you want to go to college?

A: "The Culinary Institute of America."

Jasmin Diaz-10th

Student Poll: What is your best subject?



41% History 26% English 21% Science 12% Math

(PHS Student Poll)

We Run



This



1. Nolan
Oldhan



2. Lori
Bumgardner



3. Heather
Nguyen



4. Jazmine
Puentes



5. Thuy
Vu



Bell Recipients: Lydia Shuetz, Datty Frankson, Christina Nguyen, Norma Wollam, Warren Morris, Scott Kurtz, Jerri Garcia, Janet Brister, Marilyn Phillips.



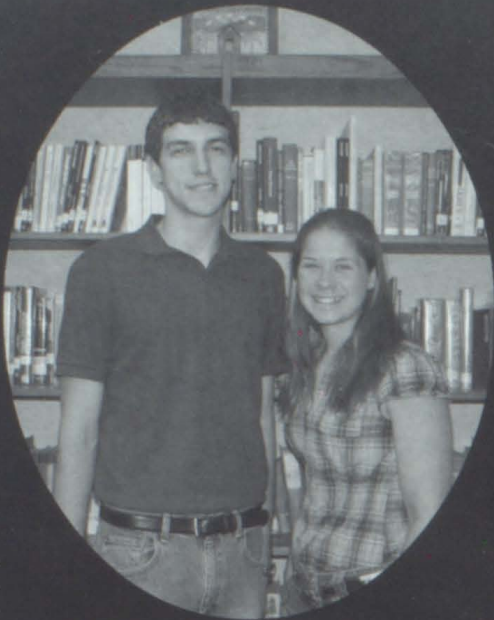
6. Mike
Nguyen

7. Mailey
Pham

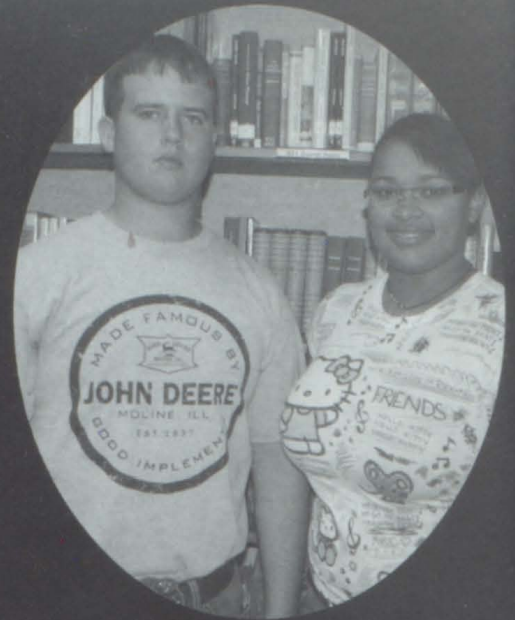
8. Lauren
Brister

9. Elizabeth
Zamora

10. Brandon
Sanders



September
Nolan Oldham and Lori
Bumgardner

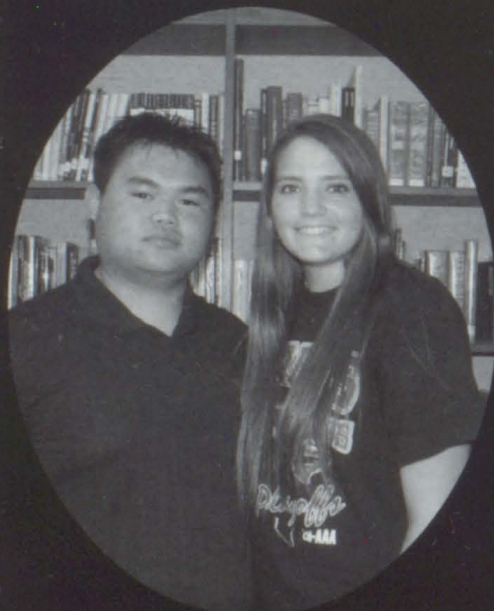


October
Jarred Stuhrenberg
and Jazmine Puentes



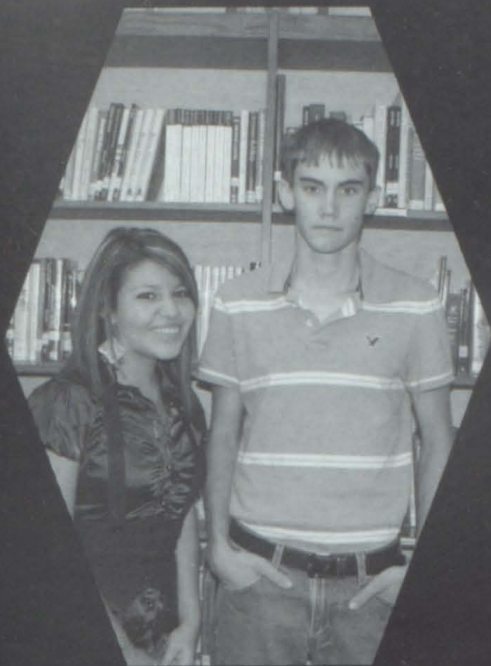
December
Mike Nguyen and
Jenna Treybig

January
Brandon Sanders and
Yolanda Sanchez

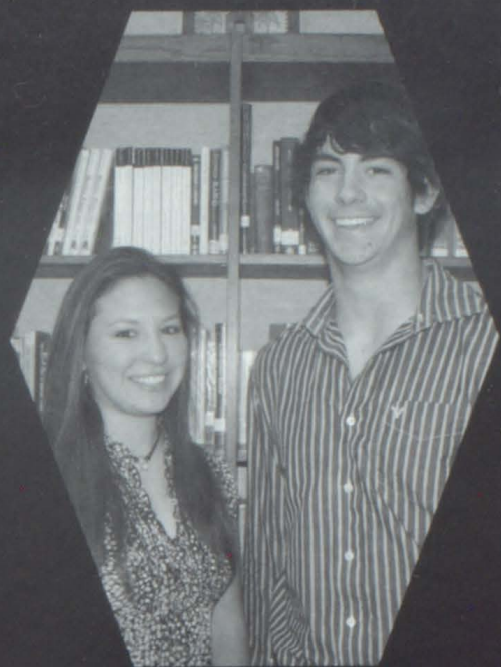


November
Julio Ramon and
Lisa Zamora





February
Amairany Zumaya and
Joeshph Tschatschula



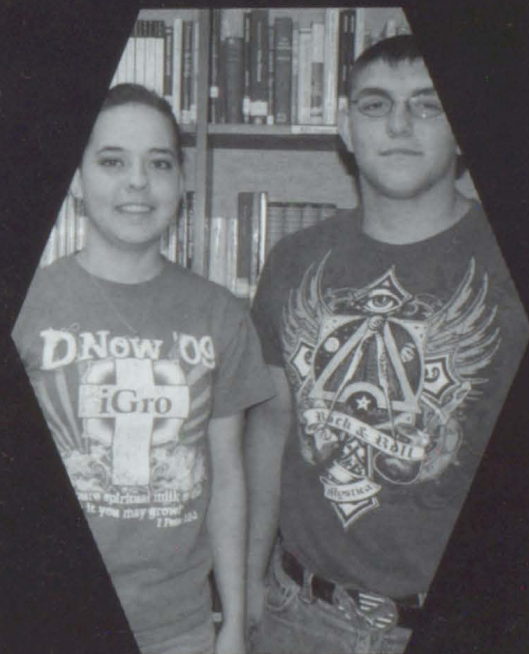
March
Lacey Warner
and Eric Rojas

Students of the Month

April
Kristin Black and
Lucas Kelly



May
Lauren Brister and
Nick Bigelow



Aca-Dac

Academic Decathlon

The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best you can become.

The Academic Decathlon team sounds like something only A students compete in, but that isn't the case at all. The entire team is made up of students with different academic achievements: the A, B, and C teams. Team members are selected by a series of tests; the points are then added up and the people with the highest points make the team.

The Honors were Nolan Oldham, Miguel Arellano, and Jessica Nguyen; Scholastic were Catherine Castanon, John Tran, and Brianna Rankin; and Varsity were Angel Nguyen, Damaris Martinez, and Stephanie Jaime.

The team members were given a topic at the beginning of the year that they study until the competition.

This year's topic was Latin America; members studied everything there was to know about the country.

The students competed at Seven Lakes High School in Katy, Texas in January. The first day of the competition started off with a speech and an interview. The students were also tested on math, art, and science. A final quiz was given to them over evolution.

Fifteen schools went to State and the academic decathlon team barely missed the mark, placing 17th overall in State.



"Remember life is work... Enjoy your time in school... Keep the Faith."

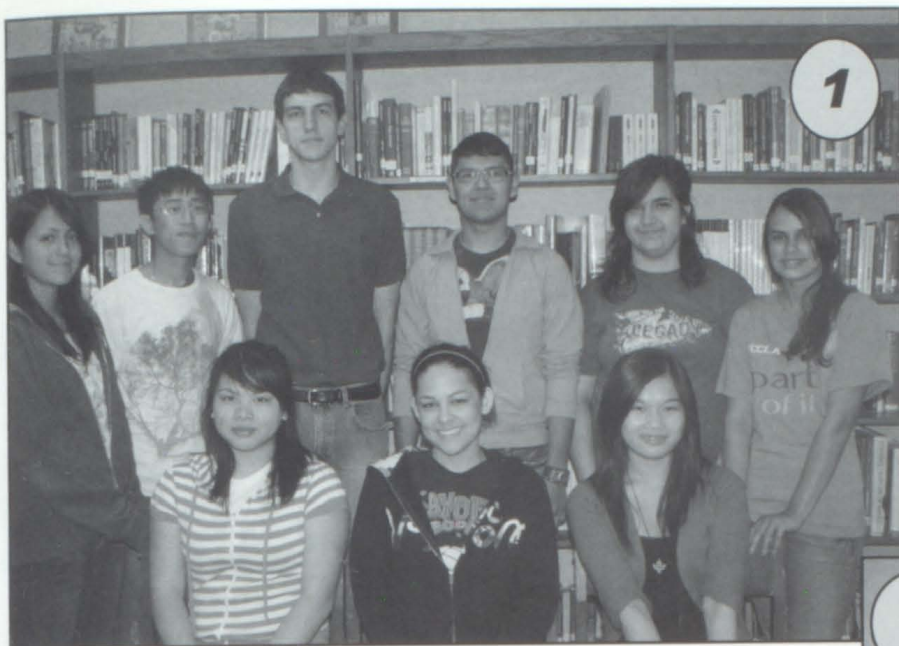
Mr. Morris

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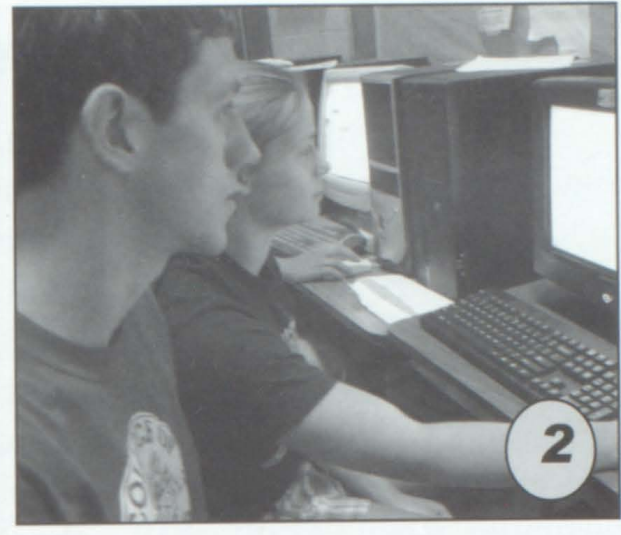
"The Academic Decathlon competition gives me the opportunity to work with students in very non-traditional atmosphere. These young people go beyond any of the usual school expectations and are a genuine delight to work with."



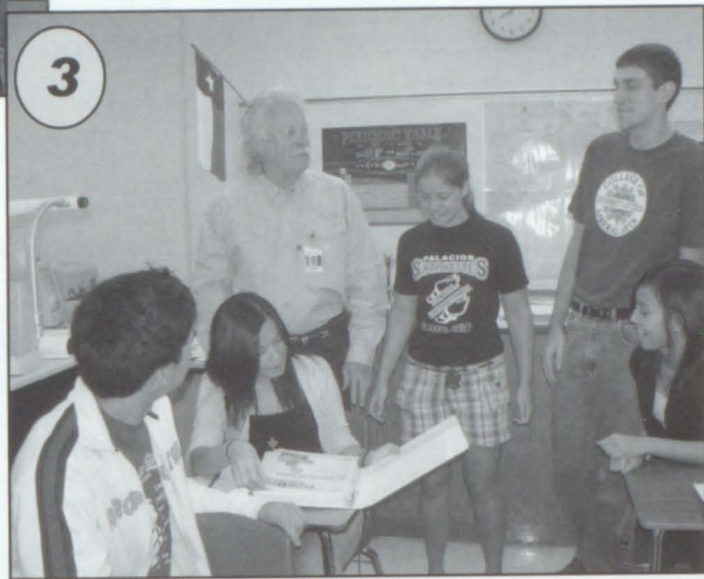
Mr. Davis



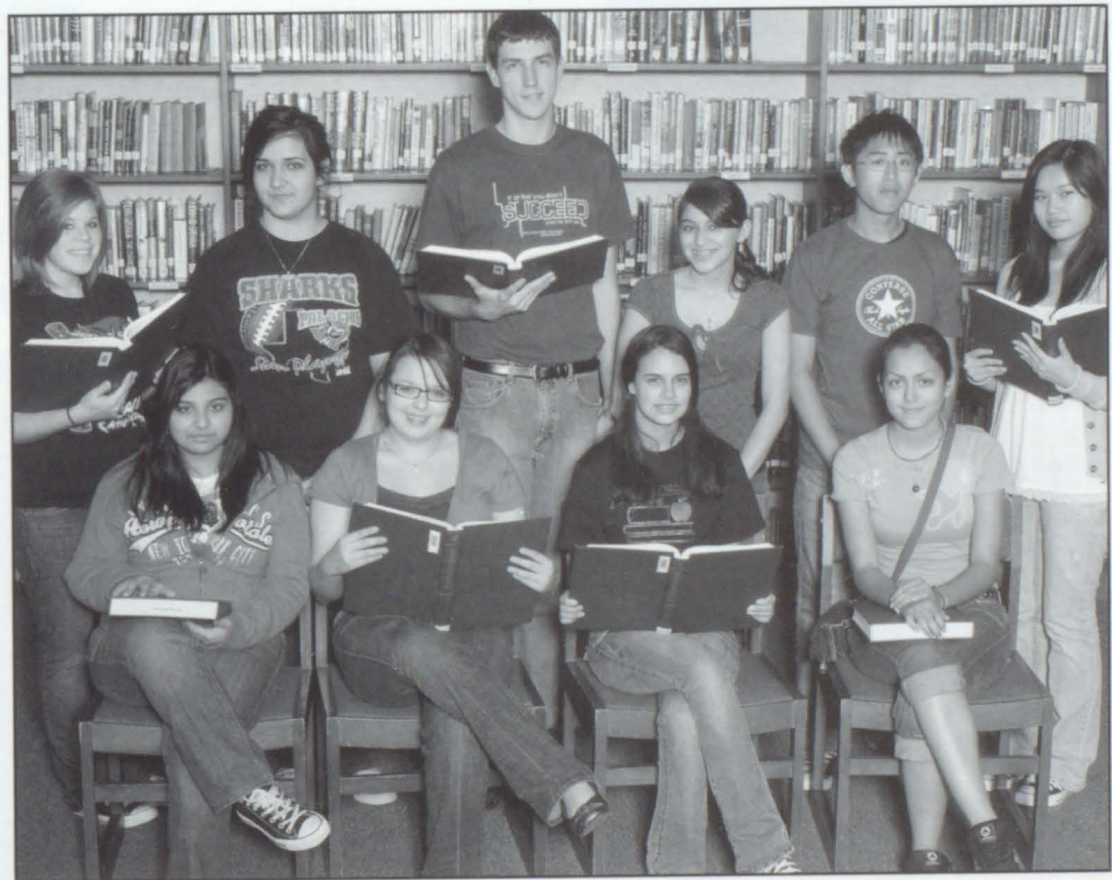
1. Top: Stephanie Jaime, John Tran, Nolan Oldham, Miguel Arellano, Damaris Martinez, Brianna Rankin,
Bottom: Angle Nguyen, Catherine Castanon, Jessica Nguyen



2. Computer Skills Nolan Oldham and Lori Bumguardner prepare themselves by looking up information on the computer about Latin America.



3. Teamwork Mr. Morris discusses the topic with his Aca-Dac members during one of their after school meetings.



Top: Kayla Isbell, Damaris Martinez, Nolan Oldham, Laura Martinez, John Tran, Jessica Nguyen,
Bottom: Stephanie Uribe, Ashtin Grange, Brianna Rankin, Stephanie Jaime

Let's Agree to Disagree

PHS debate prepares students to construct and use logically designed arguments that comprise their particular affirmative or negative cases in an attempt to persuade their audience to adopt their specified position on a particular issue. Additional emphasis is placed on the presentation skills of oral argumentation.

"My favorite aspect of any debate year is seeing how much the speakers grow in the activities and knowing that they are actually developing skills that they can apply in their future lives," said Richard Davis, debate coach.

The organization meets almost daily as they research the various topics they will be debating during the year. Sometimes the students took the time and determination to meet during class time, before school, during lunch, and after school. Most of the meetings the students practiced on their cases.

"The meetings really helped me, but Nolan still destroyed me when we would practice on each other for an important meet." said Carlos Garcia.

Mrs. Charlton also assisted the debaters by providing class room space and time for them to work on their cases for very important debate tournaments.

"During the school year, the debate teams compete at several speech tournaments, but most of the time and effort goes into the district meet where we placed four teams in the top six. We received third through sixth places in C-X debate meet. We also swept first, second and third places in the Lincoln Douglas meet," Mr. Davis said.



The Files

Sophomore Jessica Nguyen opens up her trusty case folder to find an important page needed for her case.



Practice Makes Perfect

Sophomore Lauren Mills is proofreading her case for mistakes for the debate tournament on the weekend.

CX Debate

Carlos Garcia and
Chris Huffman



Lauren Mills and
Miguel Arellano



**4th Place in
District**



Sandra Garcia and
Brianna Rankin

Lauren Brister and Lori
Bumguardner

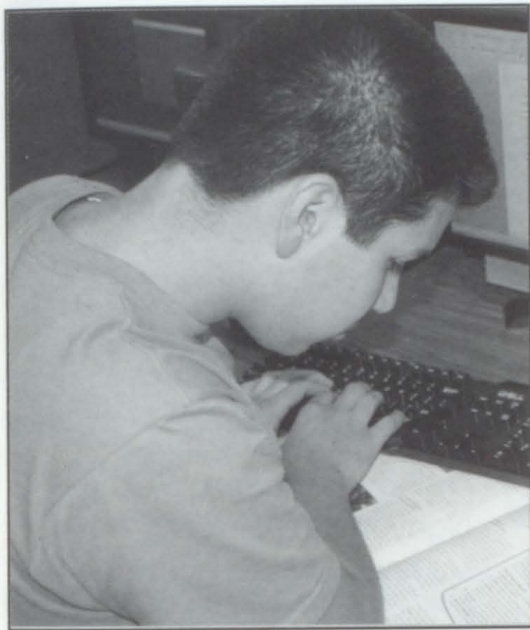


**3rd Place in
District**



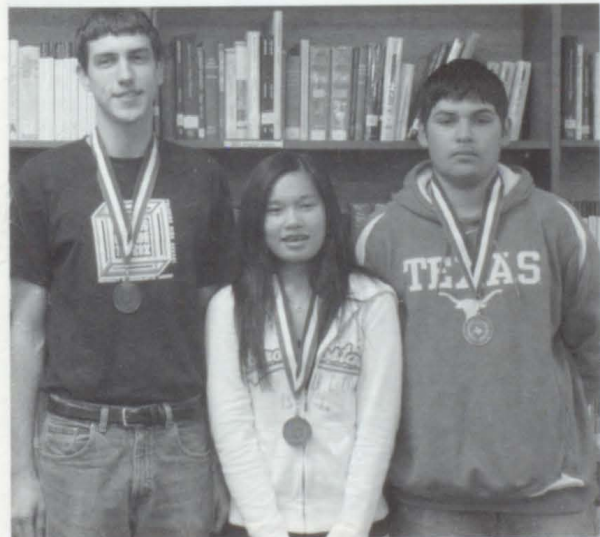
TeamWork

Nolan shows his true leadership skills by taking over as team leader to prepare his teammates for a grueling debate meet the next morning. Students met every day in Mrs.Charlton's Practice Room 2.



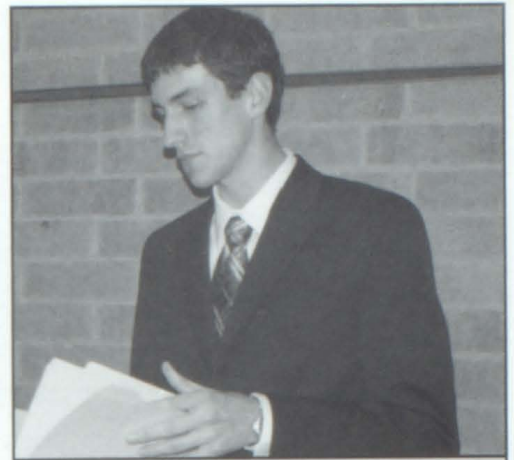
Doing work

Junior Carlos Garcia is taking some extra time reseaching his topic thoroughly for the UIL meet the next day.



LD Debate

1st place Nolan Oldham, 3rd place Jessica Ngyuen, and 2nd place Juan Delafuente.



How has Debate prepared you for succeeding in a career as a Lawyer?

“Debate teaches you how to think in a different way. It forces you to look at an issue from many perspectives.”

**Debate Leader
Nolan Oldham**



How has Debate helped you with working with a team?

“ It gave me the chance to trust others and use teamwork and helped my writing skills. It also helped me get closer to Nolan LOL. ”

**LD Aldernate
Nallely Maldonado**

UIL wins third

PHS garnished 307 points and third place at the district UIL meet and sent 10 to the regional meet in Corpus Christi.

As usual, the speech team dominated the district winning first, second, and third in LD debate, first in poetry, informative and persuasive speaking, second in prose, informative and persuasive speaking, and a third place in poetry. At the regional meet, Nolan Oldham placed fourth in LD and Chris Garcia placed fifth in informative speaking.

"Our PHS students excel greatly in the speaking department of our district.

When the PHS bus drives up, those debaters exit in their suits, the files are brought in from persuasive and informative speakers, along with them carrying their little books in prose/poetry, the opponents get really scared," Mrs. Charlton said. "Our reputation precedes us."

Mrs. Sherri Seaman, assistant principal, began her first year as the UIL coordinator. "I enjoyed this year very much, especially watching our students be successful."

The current issues team, computer science team, and literary criticism team received second place district team. One act play received alternate to Area with *Fire in the Hole*.



DISTRICT MEDALERS

Top: Carlos Garcia, Tommy Tran, Jenna Treybig, Nolan Oldham, Juan Carlos Delafuente, Chelsey Kubecka, Chris Garcia, Chris Huffman, Matthew Dunn, Huyn Vu, Miguel Arellano, **2nd row:** Annie Nguyen, Laura Martinez, Jessica Nguyen, Lori Bumguardner, Elizabeth Castanon, Sandy Nguyen, Kristen Black, **3rd row:** Van Nguyen, Nallely Maldonado, Lacey Warner, Catherine Castanon, Lauren Brister, Ismael Lara, **Bottom:** Tess Bates, Angel Nguyen, Ameer Bumguardner, Taylor Aoughsten



Number Sense

Nallely Maldonado, Sandy Nguyen (Not pictured Huynh Vu and Elizabeth Castanon)



Persuasive Speaking

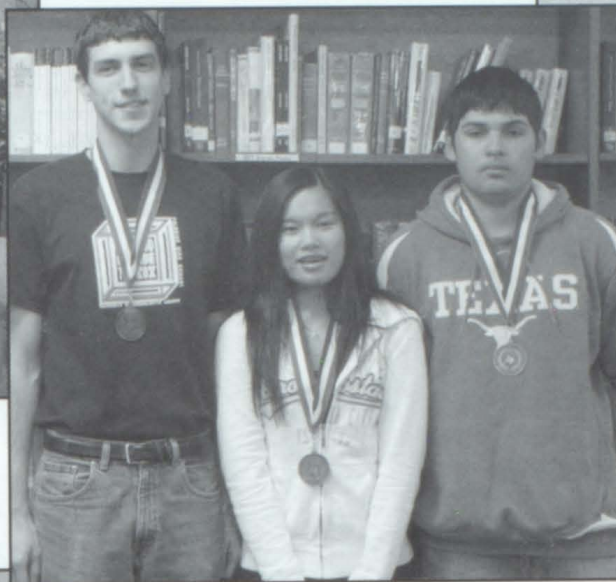
Nick Salas, Carlos Garcia, Carlos DeLaFuente



LD Debate
 Nolan Oldham
 Jessica Nguyen
 Juan Carlos Delafuente



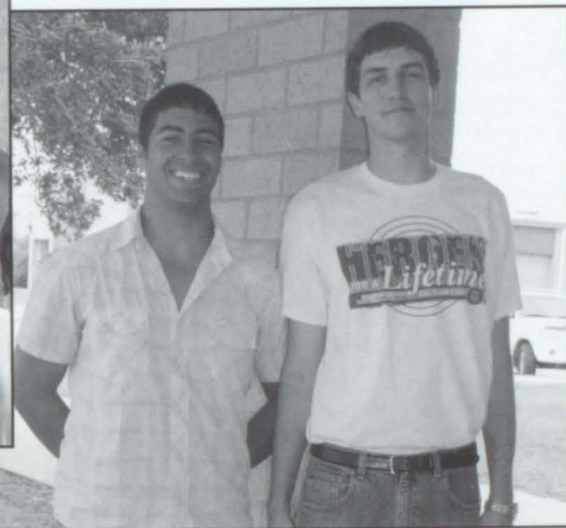
Computer Science
 Miguel Arellano
 Matthew Dunn
 Joanna Tran
 Sandy Nguyen



Social Studies
 Dai Pham, John Tran
 Not pictured: Brandon
 Quinn



Spelling
 Taloria Young, Van Nguyen,
 Danielle Aparicio



Regional Medalists
 Chris Garcia, 5th
 Informative Speaking
 Nolan Oldham, 4th
 LD Debate



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Top: Carlos Garcia, Tommy Tran, Nolan Oldham, Chris Garcia, Juan Carlos Delafuente, **Bottom:** Jessica Nguyen, Laura Martinez, Catherine Castanon, Tess Bates, Kristin Black



Journalism

Thao Nguyen
 Kristin Black
 Heather Pena
 Catherine Castanon



Accounting

Vanessa Eufrazio, Christen Sandavol, Justin Schneider, Lucas Kelly, Chris Garcia

Science

Lauren Mills, Juan Lopez, Adam Barker, Miguel Arellano, Lori Bumguardner



One Act Play

Johnny Vuong, Cameron Biffle, Chris Huffman, Eric Rojas, Cody Stahlecker, Yolando Sanchez, Tommy Tran, Tess Bates, Laura Martinez, Rebecca Beall, Thao Nguyen, Abby Wallace, Ismael Lara, Taylor Aoughsten, Tiffany Taylor, Carlos Garcia, Amanda Scantlen, Ben Vargas, Brandon Sanders



Headline Writing

Nallely Maldonado
 Johnny Vuong
 Audrey Kubecka



Current Issues and Events

Lacey Warner, Chelsey Kubecka, Jenna Treybig, Lori Bumguardner

CX Debate

Miguel Arrellano, Lauren Mills, Lori Bumguardner, Lauren Brister, Chris Huffman, Carlos Garcia, Sandra Garcia, Brianna Rankin



Literary Criticism

Amee Bumguardner, Lauren Brister, Angel Nguyen, Elizabeth Castanon



Computer Science

Sandy Nguyen, Huynh Vu, Miguel Arellano, Matthew Dunn

Informative Speaking

Annie Nguyen, Chris Garcia, Jessica Nguyen



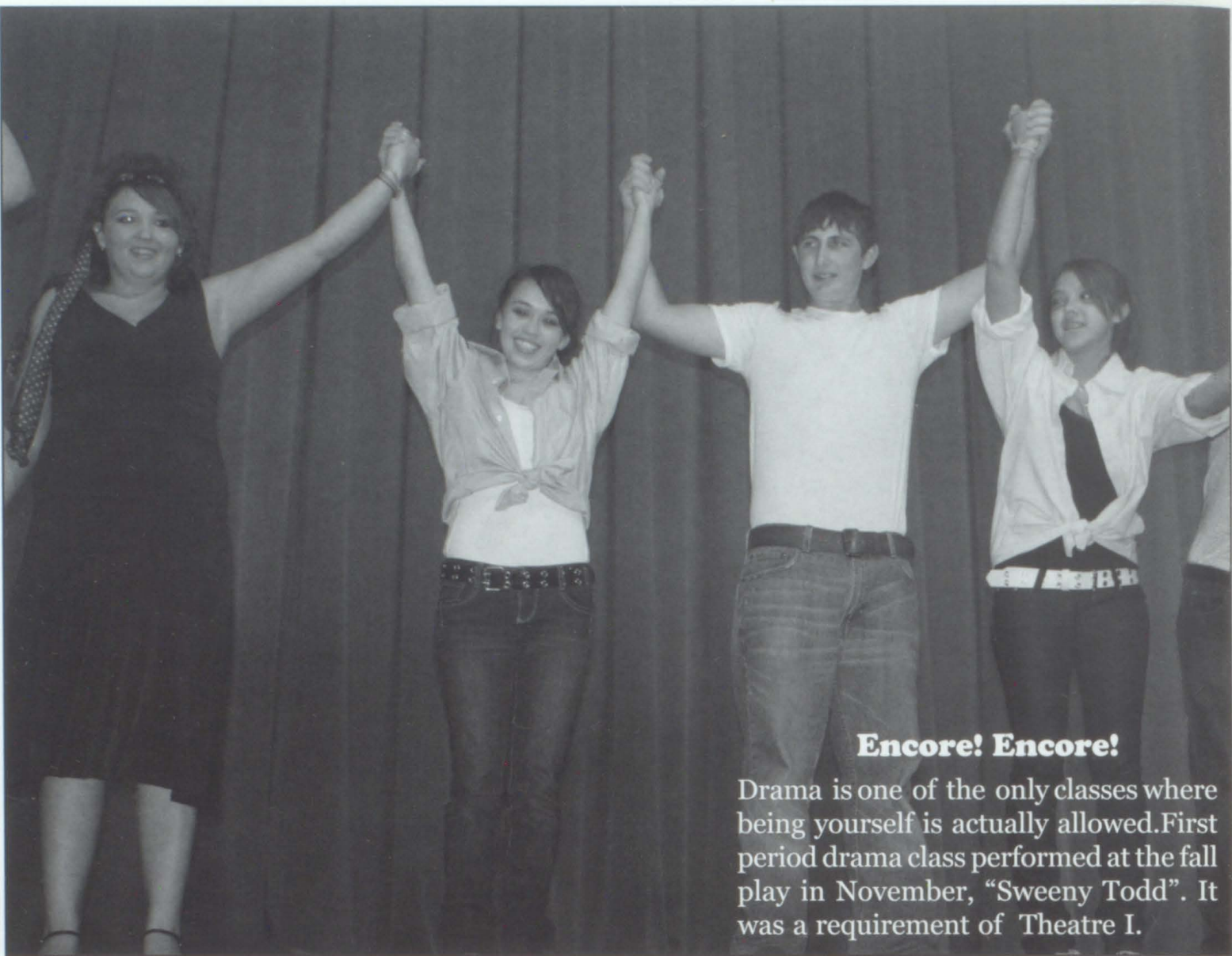
Computer Applications

Damaris Martinez, Ta'Loria Young, An Le, Not pictured: Johnny Vu

Ready Writing

Annie Nguyen, Ashlan Kacer, Christian Garcia





Encore! Encore!

Drama is one of the only classes where being yourself is actually allowed. First period drama class performed at the fall play in November, "Sweeny Todd". It was a requirement of Theatre I.



Q: What's the most creative excuse you used for homework?

A: "I already turned it in."
Lacey Warner-12th



Q: How are you talented?

A: "I'm talented in not being talented"
Jennifer Mack-10th



Q: What's the highlight of your year?

A: "Getting a black president."
Trey Edwards-10th



The choir sang the National Anthem for Veteran's Day.

Cheer tryouts were held in March. The student body voted on the top 12 girls.



create your own **combo**

How To Be Active

Materials: Free time, motivation, willingness, and an activity.

Step 1: Find an activity that best interests you.

Step 2: Organize a schedule and find out when you will be active.

Step 3: Dedicate your time to the activity and uphold your responsibilities.

Step 4: Do the best you can in order to excel as much as possible.

~Enjoy Being Involved~

Organizations

Becoming active in school is something that most PHS students have in common. Becoming a member of extracurricular activities have many incentives. You can find something to do during your free time, you get to have fun and interact, and most of all you get to meet new people and do new things.

Many extra-curricular activities are offered to students, whether it's during lunch or after school.

"I enjoyed going to club meetings because we got to eat food that's better than the usual", said Thao Nguyen.



Q: What's the grossest thing you have seen?

A: Someone eat a booger."

Leah Longoria-10th



Q: What's a quote that you think students should follow?

A: "There are no shortcuts to anywhere worth going."

Mrs. Koenig



Q: Where do you imagine yourself in 10 years?

A: "In my parents' basement."

Lucas Kelly-12th

Student Poll: What is your favorite club?

20% Stu Co 19% TAFE 14% Spanish Club 13% BPA
12% POWERSET 11% FCCLA 11% NHS

[PHS Student Poll]

In Color

Students join art club to help expand their experiences in the visual arts.

"Art is the best way for me to show my creative side," Sophomore Annie

Nguyen said.

The students painted posters for the Harmonie Club's Annual Valentine's Day ball. They also had a bake sale for Super S Foods store

to raise money for a field trip to the Houston Area Art Museums, including the Fine Arts Museum and the Contemporary Arts Museum.



ART CLUB MEMBERS

Sandy Nguyen
Theresa Nguyen-treasurer
Annie Nguyen
Mimi Nguyen
Q.Tan Nguyen

Ashley Bui-secretary

Angel Nguyen-Vice-president

Hannha Estraca
Laura Martinez

Jenny Tran

Jenny Mack

John Tran

Doan Vu

Hoang Vu

Lexi Doan

Cody Lefevre

Tiffany Taylor

Taylor Machacek

Tess Bates

Dui Tran

Not pictured: Huynh Vu-president



What an artist...
Jenny Mack finishes a drawing of Allstar converse shoes.



I was Framed...
Ernesto Rodriguez frames an art piece of his for the Wall of Fame.

The Wall of Fame...
Various students artwork is displayed in the main hall to show off their creative art skills.



What has been your favorite part about being in art club ?

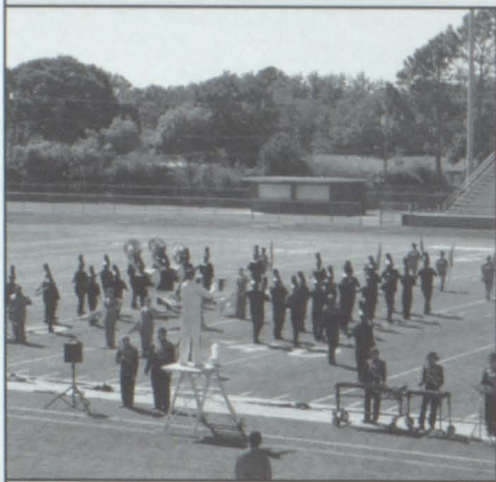
“ G o o f i n g around and just having fun with all my friends.”

**Sophomore,
 Theresa
 Nguyen**



Mr. Director....

Band Director Jim Popham conducts his first Fall band concert in PHS.



Marching with Pride...

The band received a rating of II (Excellent) at the El Campo Marching Contest.



D-Line...

Percussionists play while leading students to East Bernard pep rally.

Let It Rock

Band practices every night for two weeks and when school starts every Monday night to prepare for the marching season."Band practices were brutal but we all seemed to get through it," Ashlan Kacer said. Band is about working as a team to play music.

It's a form of self expression that allows the students to learn how melody, rhythm, and harmony interact in music. Students worked hard for events and UIL contests.

The band received a rating of II (Excellent) in UIL marching and concert contests. They performed successful concerts for Christmas and Spring and also marched for the Valentine and Cinco de Mayo parades."They made it fun for me to help get them prepared," new director Jim Popham said.

Mr.Popham was assisted by Mike Schuertz, who wrote the last song "Centennial" that was played for the spring concert.



Band Members... Bottom Row: S.Rodriguez, T.Young, D.Lee, R.Vasquez, T.Aoughstin, K.Vasek, M.McCauley, L.Brister, K.Nevarros, L.Mills, B.Perez, S.Garcia, M.Campos, C.Cantu, L.Garcia, A.Torres, P.Pena. 2nd Row: C.Huffman, C.Garcia, C. Wygal, A.Nguyen, K.Tran, G.Rubio, M.Watson, D.Pham, C.Polk, J.Ramon, S.Nguyen, S.Garcia, J.Hogue 3rd Row: J.Puentes, C.Llanes, A.Granger, C.Brewer, J.Hernandez, B.Sanders, L.Kelly, J.Vu, T.Nguyen, A.Kacer, A.Scantlen, A.Nguyen, L.Gonzalez, T.Nguyen, D.Aparicio, Last Row: N.Oldham, B.Georgi, A.Duran, S.Aldrete, B.Streams, T.Polk, T.Overbey, J.Sholts, J.Vu, R.Lopez, H.Hurtado, K.Flores, N.Biffle, B.Vargas, S.Williams, M.Aarellano.



Siblings...

Senior Ben Vargas gives sister Lizi Vargas his rose on parents night when their parents couldn't attend.



Jazz Region Band:

Nolan Oldham and Brandon Sanders



ATSSB Region Band:

Nolan Oldham, Stephanie Williams, Miguel Arellano, John Sholts



Beau and Sweetheart:

Nolan Oldham

&

Angel Nguyen

What was your favorite band activity?



"My favorite activity in band this year was preparing for UIL concert and sight reading contest. The students prepared in a very professional way and improved a great deal on their music."

Band Director, Jim Popham



I love that "Old Time Rock 'n' Roll"

Band students play "Old Time Rock 'n' Roll" during the Goliad pep rally.

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Along with the band, there's also the drill team who helps provide the entertainment for our football games and pep rallies. The Sharky's Angels drill team dances in the stands while the band plays, they perform along with the band at football half-times, they perform routines

at pep rallies, and they practice long and hard for their competition in December.

"My girls really worked hard this year, and I'm really proud of them," Tess Flores, drill team instructor said. "We walked away with six trophies this year. That in itself was a major improvement."

What is your favorite memory about drill team?

"I really enjoyed going to camp and being with all the girls. I also enjoyed all the football games. It was so much fun, especially the bus rides and being with the band kids."



Mallory McCauley



Mini Me's
Every year the drill team members host a mini drill team camp where younger girls get to learn a dance and perform at a home football game.



1, 2, Ready, Go!

The dancers sit in position and wait for their music to begin so they can start their routine.



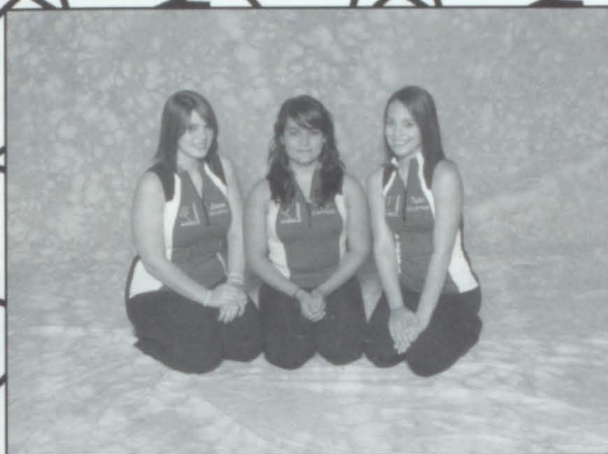
Say Cheese!

Lauren Brister poses for a picture while Mallory McCauley jumps in at the annual community pep rally.



Here They Come...

The drill team stands in line and waits for the football players to enter the gym as the band plays Jaws.



2008 Officers: Lauren Mills, Kelli Nevarez, and Taylor Aughsten



Drill Team Members
Top: Miranda Campos, Kristina Cantu, Mallory McCauley, Ta'loria Young, Kaitlyn Vacek, Leslie Morris
Middle: Dominique Lee, Bethany Perez, Samantha Rodriguez, Raquel Vasquez, Lauren Garcia, Alicia Torres, Pricilla Pena
Bottom: Lauren Brister, Lauren Mills, Kelli Nevarez, Taylor Aoughsten

2008-2009 Awards

- 2008 Outstanding performer
- 2008 Super Sweepstakes
- 2008 Gussie Neil Davis
- 2009 High Point Winner (Modern)
- 2009 Choreography Winner (Modern)

It's all about the drama

Palacios High School Sharkspeare theatre was busy as usual in 08-09. The audience was delighted with the fall performance of *Sweeny Todd* in November.

Who will ever forget Chris Huffman's creative portrayal of Todd, or Mr. Chang's line "Why you laugh?" (played by Johnny Vuong).

23 students made up the one act play class. The play was a departure from the usual comedies with the presentation of *Fire in the Hole* at district. The play received alternate to area. Laura Martinez was selected for All-Star cast along with Chris Huffman and Ben Vargas as honorable mention. The entire company received the Best Technical crew for their unity and attitude.

Johnny Vuong, Sharkspeare theatre president, and four year member of drama,

expressed how it feels like to be on stage in front of a crowd "It's a terrifying and exhilarating experience---like being on a roller coaster." Laura Martinez's take on it is "I love it! I get to be a completely different person for one night." Ben Vargas added "It's a crazy rush!"

Theatre ended the year with a banquet, the annual Spring plays where two plays were presented, and a trip on May 23 to the beach and movies in Rockport.

This past year was Mrs. Peggy Charlton's last year as theatre director due to retirement. "It has been a wonderful eight years with tremendous memories. My PHS theatre kids are the greatest, and I have enjoyed every minute of it," Charlton said.



Tying the knot...During the fall play, *Sweeny Todd*, sailor played by Ben Vargas, proposed to the love of his life, played by Yolanda Sanchez, as he returned to land.



Hard Knock Life...During the one act play, *Fire in the Hole* all the miners gather around to hear the boss speak.



Awards Banquet Moment: Back: Cody Stahlecker, Laura Martinez, Peggy Charlton, Tommy Tran, Johnny Vuong, Ben Vargas
Front: Chris Huffman, Amanda Scantlen, Tiffany Taylor



Officer: Back: Ben Vargas-Secretary, Tommy Tran-Reporter, Brandon Sanders-Treasurer
Middle: Eric Rojas-Parliamentarian, Tess Bates-Historian, Chris Huffman-Vice President
Front: Johnny Vuong-President



One Act Play: 1st: B. Vargas, J. Vuong, T. Tran, C. Stahlecker
2nd: T. Bates, L. Martinez, T. Aoughsten, T. Nguyen, C. Huffman
3rd: Y. Sanchez, I. Lara, T. Taylor, A. Wallace, A. Scantlen
4th: R. Beall, B. Sanders, T. Machacek, K. Broussard, C. Garcia, L. Kelly, E. Rojas

Make a Joyful Noise

PHS choir has approximately 34 members. They participated in region and area performances as well as solo and ensemble contest in the spring. They finished the year with the concert and sight reading contest and the annual spring concert in May.

Mr. Perry Dean came to PHS as choir director for the second semester. His enthusiasm was infectious as was his emphasis on the need for tall vowels and proper pronunciation of words.

"I got here on January 5th. I've enjoyed my time immensely," Dean said.

One of his sayings for the sopranos is that he wants to hear "Real women with chest plates and horned helmets."

Mr. Dean states that the purpose of choir is to foster the development of musicians through the vocal arts, to produce musically literate students who appreciate choral music and all parts of fine arts and to encourage hard work, team work, and goal setting.

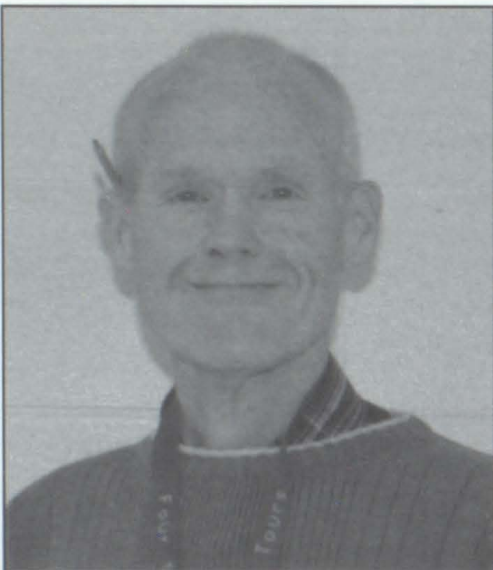
He reports that the accomplishments of choir this year have been the advancement of five members into All-Region choir, the ten medals received for solo and ensemble, and five of the choir participants will be advancing to state.

Mr. Dean's favorite activity was performing in the spring concert and getting to know and work with his new "family".

Mr. Dean believes that the PHS choir will become a "force to be reckoned with" in 3A and should be expected to make amazing progress.



Regional Qualifiers: (left to right) Kimberly Tran, 15th Chair; Kristin Black, 18th chair; Cody Stahlecker, 7th chair; Van Nguyen, 6th chair; and Hannah Estraca, 4th chair. Van Nguyen received second alternate for Area. Erica Saylor helped these choir students with their region choir music for two weeks in the fall, before Mr. Dean arrived in January. They sang in a concert in Sugarland in November.



PHS's new choir director Perry Dean recently transferred from Smithson Valley to come work here January 1st 2009. He is well known through out the state for his talented choirs and has gone to State numerous times as well as judged the best choirs in Texas.



Say Ahhhhhhhh! Kristen Black, Kimberly Tran, Hannah Estraca, and Van Nguyen eat out after their first day of region competition.

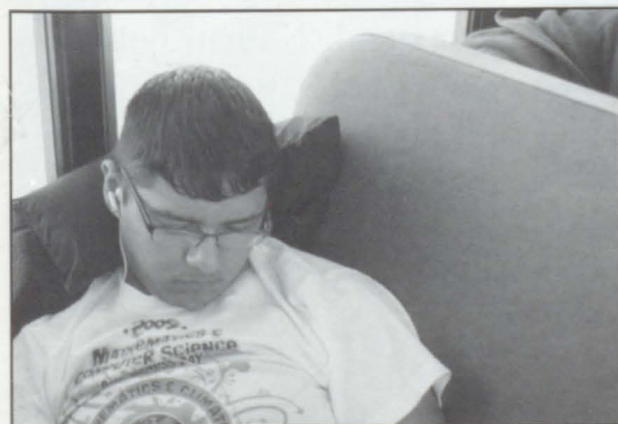
Sing with us!!!



La,La,La. getting ready for spring contest.....The guest pianist is Mr. Dean's old choir teacher from New Braunfels.



(Left to Right) Cody Stahlecker, John Mark Hafernick, John Sholts, and Van Nguyen sang at the May faculty district wide banquet at the Palacios Recreation Center as a barber shop quartet show .



When the singing is done, Miguel Arellano takes a nice long nap on the bus ride home from UIL Solo and Ensemble competition in Rosenberg, TX. The choir made a straight II for concert and straight III for sight reading.



Hugs.....Kristen Black accepts the most outstanding senior award from Mr. Dean at the first ever performing arts awards banquet.



Nine people--- Ten medals!

Hannah Estraca, Taylor Negrete, Kimberly Tran, Van Nguyen, Diana Nguyen, Dezrae Ladezma, Kristen Black, Savannah Fackler, and Cody Stahlecker all received 1st division medals in solo contest. Cody Stahlecker received a second 1st division medal for his piano solo. The Choir was accompanied by Mr. Dean and Mrs. Bagely, pianist.

State Qualifiers for Solo and Ensemble

- Hannah Estraca
- Kimberly Tran
- Cody Stahlecker
- Van Nguyen
- Kristen Black

Git'er Done Y'ALL!!!

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for a successful agriculture career. "FFA taught me a lot about agriculture," said Hilary Garcia.

The organization meets every third Monday of each month. "My best meeting is where we terrorize the new inductees of the FFA organization," said Colt Adams.

At the meetings they talk about general business and the important dates for contest, stock shows, and trips. After the meetings, the members party country style with barbeque and drinks to close the meetings.

The organization went over the goals they set with 90% of the members placing and selling in the county fair. They accomplished another goal by receiving two blue ribbons at the Houston Livestock show with their ag mechanical projects. The LDE and CDE teams were successful in District and Area UIL competition that they participated in.



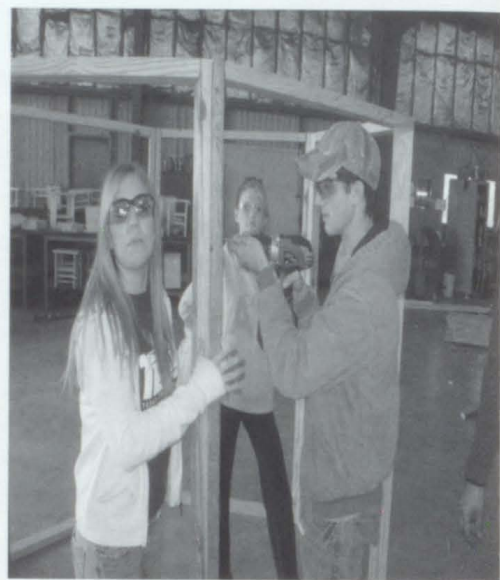
Thumbs Up

Tyler Broussard giving his Stamp of approval for a job well done on his Ag project.



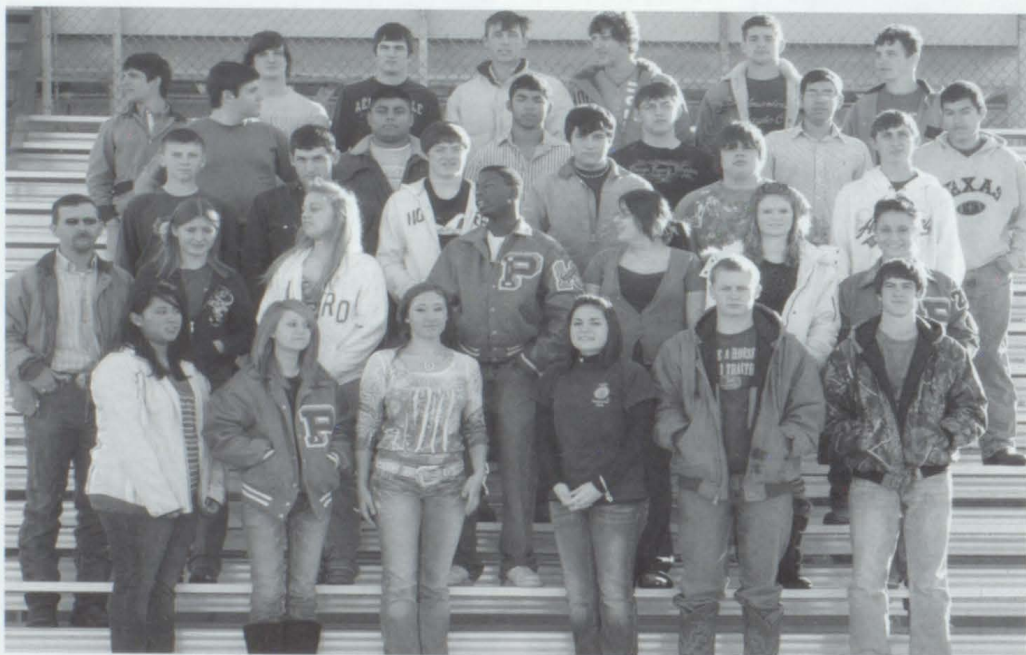
Moving up in Life

Heather Shimek receives a certificate for being an Ambassador at The TXFFA convention.



Building a Home

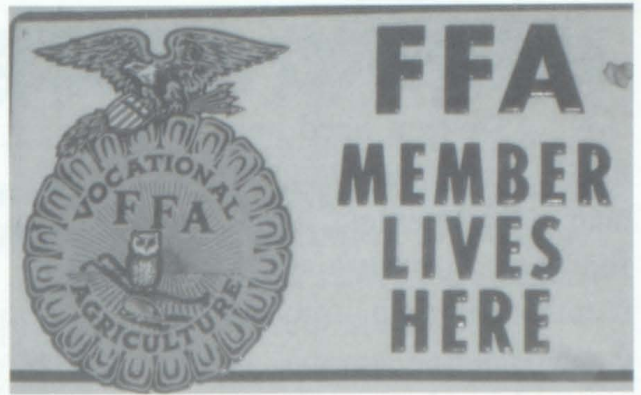
Taylor and Nathan are busy making a sturdy deerstand. Nathan believes that once they are finished that it could withstand a destructive force and help scope out the deer in the woods.



5th Row: H.Aparicio, C. Baumen, C.Biffle, C Adams, R. Kubecka, W. Hansen, H.Shimek
 4th Row: B.Streams, V.Martinez, A.Sosa, N.Bigelow, B.Aguilera, J.Zavala
 3rd Row: J.Hafernick, M.Merck, G.Sexton, T.Broussard, M.Smith, M.Dunn
 2nd Row: J.Janerck, T.Machacek, Chris Rhodes, A.Granger, L.Morris, H.Garcia
 Bottom Row: R.Vasquez, K. Flores, H.Shimek, K.Golden, J.Hunt, N.Biffle



Club Officers: President Kassie Golden, V.P Jarred Stuhrenberg Secretary Heather Shimek, Treasurer Jeremy Hunt, Reporter Rachel Vasquez, Advisor Kimmy Flores, Sponsors: Bradley Steffek and James Janacek.



Our Sign

The official FFA ensignia that a member gets as they are inducted into the organization. It also is on those cool jackets.



Country Style

Senior Cameron Biffle is showing off his cooking skills during a cook off day in Ag. class.



Lending a Hand

Leslie Morris is getting some help from Mr. Steffek on her ag project.



Riding Dirty

Senior Jarred Stuhrenberg is wandering around aimlessly on his beloved John Deere tractor paving the ground out during school hours. That's true dedication.



Walk of Success

The top FFA Leaders are walking toward a very important FFA convention.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

“Do you need help with that?” That’s the motto you can hear in the Interact Club. Known for their community service, members help out in any way they can.

Members volunteer to clean up the Palacios bay along the east and main end. Picking up garbages left from tourists and the community, members were able to give back to the community.



G 51..Clarissa Puentes calls out the letters and numbers on a game of bingo.

What do you enjoy most about being in Interact?

“I enjoy giving back to our community. It’s super fun when we get together and we just happen to be doing good stuff for our Palacios community.”



NallelyMaldonado

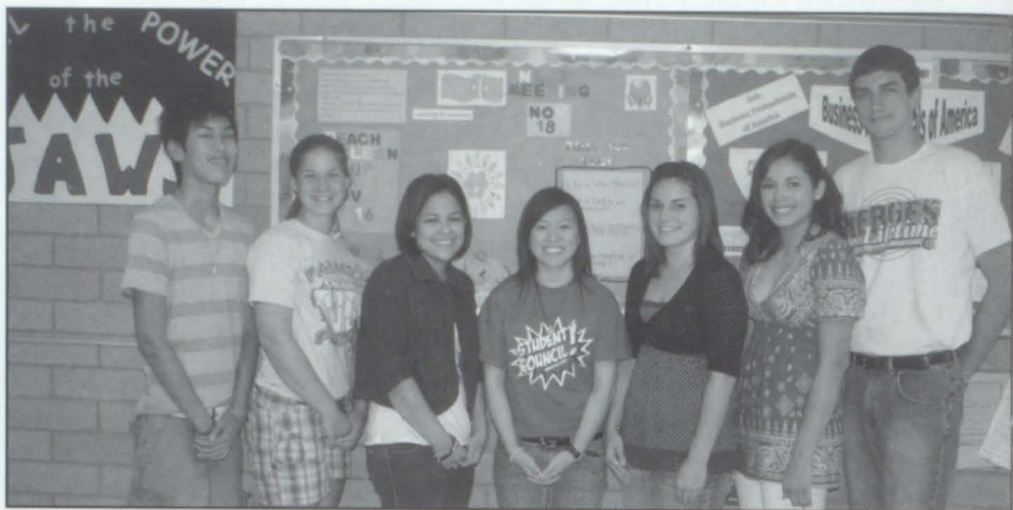
Another fun service the group members like to do is visiting the nursing home.

“It’s great watching the elders have a good time; they really enjoy the bananas we give them as prizes,” Jamine Puentes said.

Everyone has fun doing the services because members feel great bringing smiles to people’s faces.



Officers: Nallely Maldonado-Historian, Clarissa Puentes-President Elect, Jazmine Puentes-President, Elizabeth Zamora-Secretary. Not pictured Lana Nguyen, Vice-President.



Brandon Nguyen, Lori Bumgarder, Catherine Castanon, Joanna Tran, Cassie Golden, Nallely Maldonado, and Nolan Oldham

I got a Bingo...
Nolan Oldham plays bingo with the elders in the nursing home.



I Can Do It All

FCCLA is an organization that supports and promotes family, student, community, and career studies. Members work together in many activities and goals they set. The club was able to accomplish many things such as making gifts for fish

camp, paint street signs at the Cape, making door hangers for the nursing home, working the concession stand for the football games, working at the food pantry, and entering the county fair.

"I personally like the activities the club did," said Mrs. Galloway, the club sponsor.

Often meetings were held once a month for the members and twice for the officers. The members were provided lunch. Members planned events for the month and came together to work their days for the event.



Officers: Lana Nguyen, Chelsea Kubecka, Tessa Laborde, and Elizabeth Zamora



It's break time...Members Tessa LaBorde, Chelsey Kubecka, Audrey Kubecka, Miranda Deleon, Lacey Warner, and Stevaliss Guerrero take a break during the meeting to enjoy refreshments and a drink.



Can you hand me that...The members enjoy lunch together at the bay for a fun time.



Top row: T.Crews, J.Tran, V. Riverra, D. Forcado, J. Lewis, C.Kubecka, L. Tran, S. Guerrero, I.Salinez. **Second Row:** J.Tran, M.Nguyen, T. Machacek, J. Zepeda, M. Deleon, T. Nguyen, A. Tristan, Q.Nguyen, M. Mujica, M. Medrano. **Third Row:** Mrs. Galloway, L. Chavez, L. Warner, D. Ledezma, B.Regan, L.Doan, E. Casatanon, J. Tran, K. Isbell. **Fourth Row:** L. Nguyen, C. Kubecka, T. Laborde, E. Zamora

What do you get out of being in FCCLA?

"I get to try out different jobs."



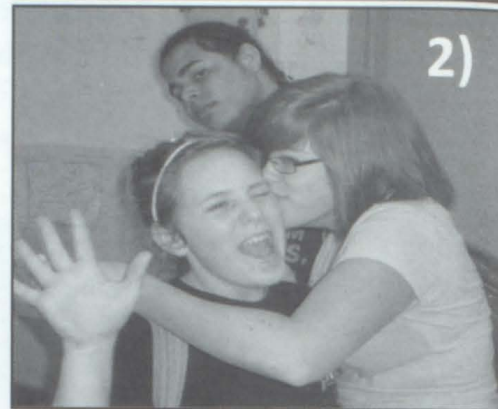
Stevaliss Gurerro

Live, Love, and TEACH

Texas Association of Future Educators, also known as TAFE, is a student teacher organization. In TAFE, you help teachers make motivational posters, and attend "Fish Camp" to inform the upcoming freshman about this organization.

"I like when we come together to organize dances and other events for the students," said club member Heather

This year TAFE raised money by organizing a Halloween dance for the Junior High students. They also took a trip to Central Elementary School to help the teachers with the students. This provides a valuable experience in the world of teaching.



- 1) **All in session say I** The TAFE members eat lunch while listening diligently at their club meeting.
- 2) **Sisterly Love** Joshua Middleton watches as Kayla Isbell gives her sister and club member Keri Isbell a big hug at one of their meetings.



Historian: Savannah Fackler
 Treasurer: Crystal Dinh
 President: Kayla Isbell
 Secretary: Lisa Zamora



Joshua Middleton, Pablo Rios, Irasema Sifuentes, Natalie Hernandez, Mariela Mujica, Marissa Aguilara, Vanessa Eufrazio, Liem Tran, Savannah Fackler, Brianna Rankin, Paulette Rodriguez, Wendy Maldonado, Luz Gonzales, Kayla Isbell, Keri Isbell, Crystal Dinh, Joanna Tran, Hannah Gomez, Marissa Dunn, Dianna Dinh, Mary Tran, Jenny Tran, Ismael Lara, Marian Medrano, Adrianna Zamora

What was the most enjoyable project you did in TAFE this year?

"Organizing the Junior High dance because we got to see the kids enjoy getting their groove on."



Senior
 Crystal Dinh

It's Business Time!

Business Professionals of America is an organization that helps students make connections to the business world. In a club as beneficial to you as your school work, it also allows you to practice work place skills you learn in class and use them in a competitive setting.

The BPA's goal is to contribute to the development of the best possible career and technical education organization for students on the United States.

1. **Sheraton Smiles** State qualifying Parliamentary Procedure team: T. Young, D. Martinez, N. Oldham, J. Tran, M. Nguyen, K. Isbell, T. Machacek, wait for the bus to take them to their competition at the State Leadership Conference in Austin, TX.

2. **Power nap** Anh Le rests before getting down to business.

3. **Taking charge** Mrs. Newsom shows members Nolan Oldham and Kayla Isbell what to do at their BPA meeting.

PHS has a very active group.

"BPA is an organization where you can learn skills while looking good in a suit," President Nolan Oldham, said.

The RCL Parli team became State Qualifiers this year.

Nolan Oldham earned first place in the Financial Math and Analysis Concepts Test he took at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Austin.



Going Green The BPA students recycle computer boxes by taking them to the recycling center.



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← Secretary: Taylor Machacek, Kayla Isbell, President: Nolan Oldham, John Tran, Damaris Martinez, Ta'Loria Young, Mike Nguyen, Not Pictured: Vice President: An Le, Treasurer: Kelly Navarez

Super

As one of the most prestigious clubs at Palacios High, NHS members have proven themselves worthy of the title. Throughout the year, the members have worked hard to stand out and shine on their achievements.

After a difficult interview, with hard work and dedication, NHS was able to induct many new members. The new members were put through an interview and proved to everyone their dedication to the school and community.

Many new members were excited to have the opportunity to join the organization. Being the first time senior member Lauren Brister of NHS, she said "I found out a lot about the organization and found it to be very unique for its active events."



Fourth Row: N.Oldham, B. Pham, K. Vacek, N. Maldonado, E. Castanon, S.Nguyen Third Row: J. Zavala, M.Arellano, M.Pham, A. Galvan, H.Vu, M. Nguyen Second Row: T. Vu, M. Ferree, V. Eufrazio, M. Dunn, K. Golden First Row: J. Tran, J. Vu, H. Garcia, L. Nguyen, C.Dinh

Genius

Member Ryan Hammonds also agreed "It is great to be part of the elite!"

NHS provided another successful year with the annual blood drive and the Salvation Army bell ringing. At the blood drive, members helped gather the students who are giving blood and provided them the nutrients they needed before they could donate blood. The blood drive was able to collect 70 donations and save 210 lives. During Christmas time, the members took time to ring the bell at Super S Foods and Baycel to help raise money for the needy. In the end, the members raised \$892.50 for Palacios families.

At the end of the day, the most memorable thing the members remembered most was the famous quote said by their sponsor Mrs. Koenig "Make it happen."

What's your favorite thing about being in NHS?

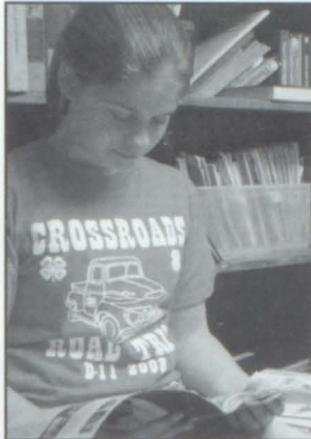
"Making food at the teacher's luncheon because I get to experience making food without fearing people will think it is bad, since they do not know it is me who cooked it."



Mailey Pham



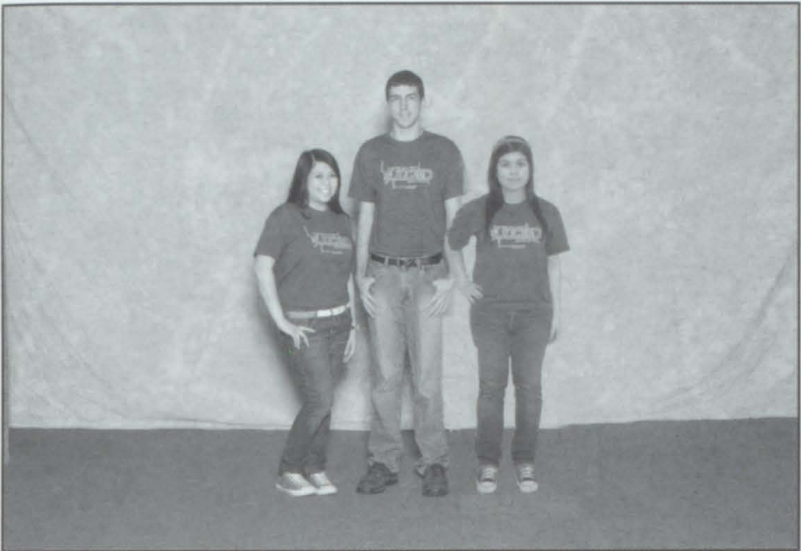
Are you ready..Mrs. Koenig and Mrs. Garcia get everyone situated before the students give blood.



Hitting up the books... Many UIL members are NHS members. Here Lori Bumguarder works on her debate.



They are special...Vanessa Eufrazio presents a poem at the Veteran's Assembly for all the soldiers.



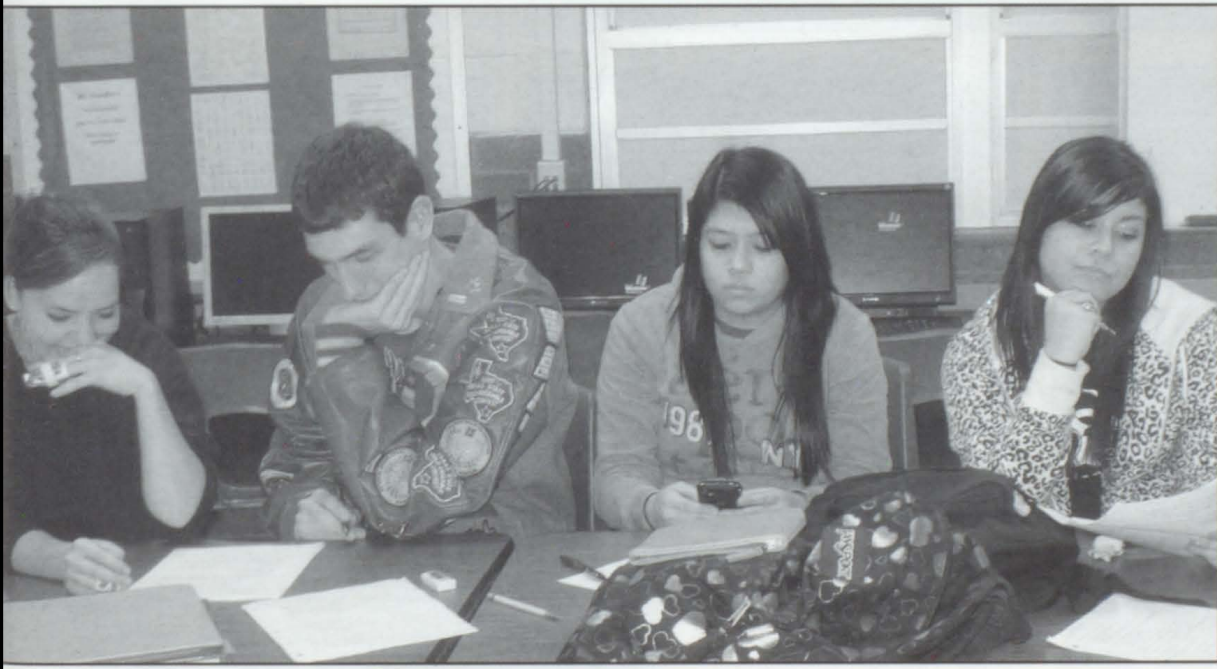
Officers:Vice President Lana Nguyen, President Nolan Oldham, and Secretary Yolanda Sanchez.

How did you feel about joining the National Honor Society?

“ It's a great accomplishment!”



**Matthew Dunn
Junior**



Staying focus.... Senior members Lauren Brister,Nolan Oldham, Lana Nguyen, and Yolanda Sanchez study hard in Mr..Chandler's Class to keep up the grade requirement of NHS.



Cosmetology: Top: Angel Nguyen, Heather Pena, Crystal Dinh
Bottom: Adrianna Zamora, Monica Ortiz, Lexi Doan



Cut this...Senior Crystal Dinh receives a blue ribbon at the district competition.



What is the most fun about class?

“Getting to hang out with Mrs. Rojas because she is the coolest!”

Monica Ortiz



Headless....Senior Angel Nguyen receives a blue ribbon at district.



Lose your head...Senior Heather Pena receives a blue ribbon at the competition.



Heart of Gold...Junior Lexi Doan receives a blue ribbon for her heart display.

Working It

Cosmotology is a three hour class. The students competed well at the district and state competition.

“My best experience was having my students work so hard and achieve what they did achieve,” Mrs. Rojas, instructor, said.

“It was fun to get to know my classmates more and forming our cosmo clique,” Senior Angel Nguyen said.

Skills USA (Shop) had success by placing first at district and third in welding.

“Placing fourth at state in carpentry was the highlight of the year,” said Coach Ortiz, instructor.

Standouts were Alex Hurtado, Juan Lopez, Ramiro Sanchez, and David Salinas.



Skills USA: Top: David Salinas, Juan Lopez, Alex Hurtado, Diego Hernandez, Julio Ramon, Ramiro Sanchez Bottom: Perla Zamora, Amarani Zumaya, Jessica Ayala

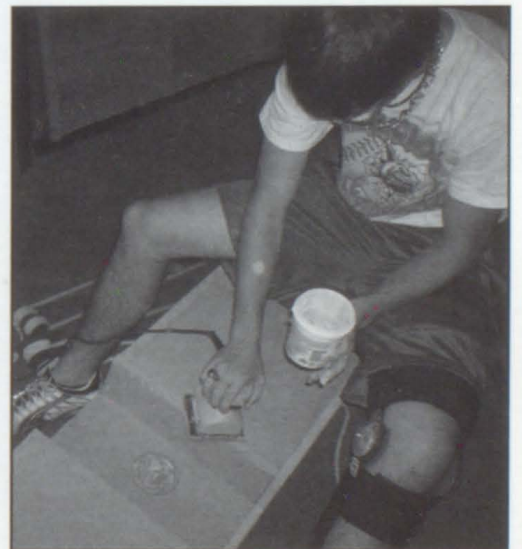


Got that bling...Senior Joseph Schatschula is cutting chains with a plasma cutter



Eagle's eye...Freshman Jesus Paz carefully cuts a piece fo wood with a scroll saw.

Smooth it out...Senior Cameron Biffle trims down the wood with an automatic sander.



A HELPING HAND

Mr. Chandler

SPONSOR

Student council is an organization that promotes helping the school and community, "This year we were able to do more projects," Stuco sponsor Jason Chandler said. "Next year we plan to do more."

The members started out the year by printing the new Texas Pledge for each classroom. "I still haven't got the new pledge down," senior Ben Vargas said. "Reading the posters helped me."

For the community service activity, the members held a penny war to raise money for pet pals. "It got pretty intense near the end of the war," Officer Nolan Oldham said. "But it was for the animals so it was worth it."

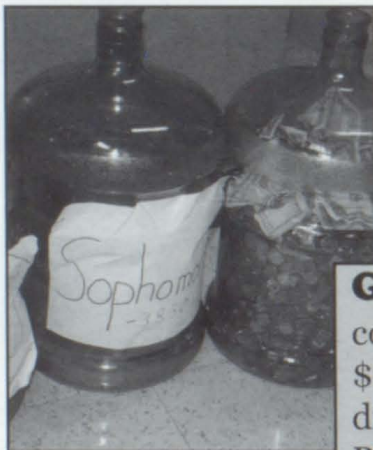
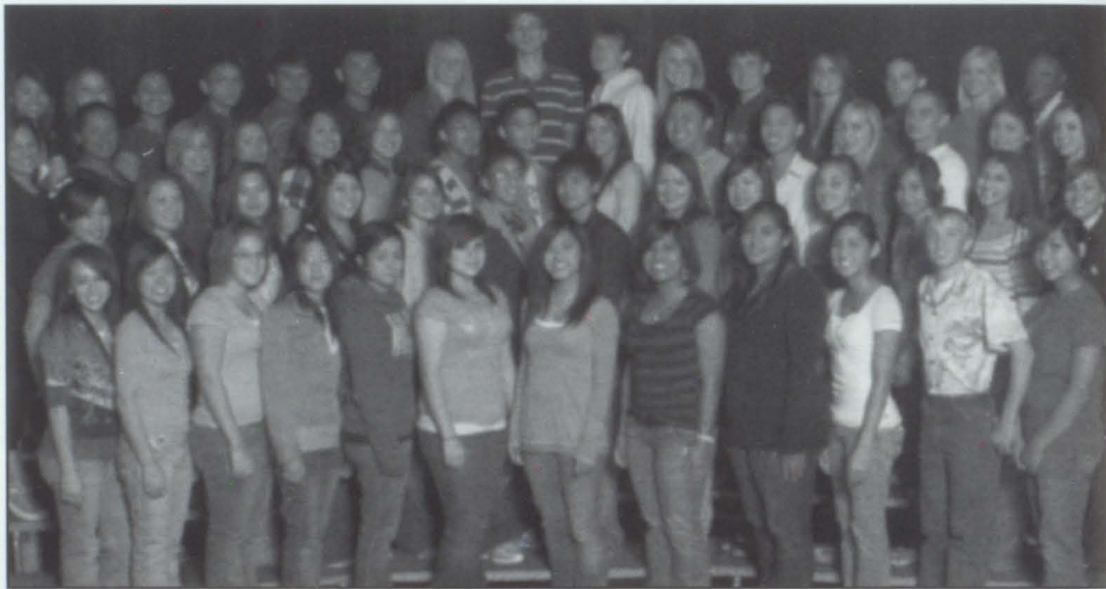
The organization is jumping on the Go Green team and has made flyers to promote picking up trash and helping the environment.

In May, the members had their first ever Blood Drive. "I enjoyed being a part of an organization that does so much," Junior Joanna Tran said. "I'll definitely be in it next year."



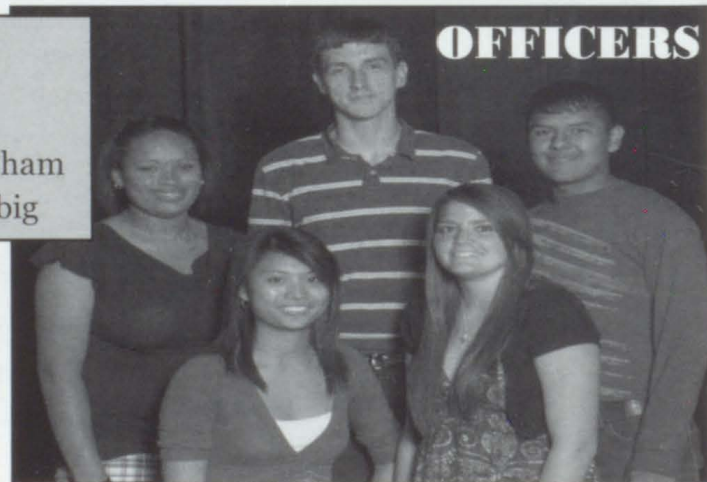
Chug-a-Lug These Jugs Stuco Historian Jazmine Puentes watches helplessly as Brett Ringo pours pennies into the sophomore container for the penny war.

Top: M. Pham, L. Brister, C. Puentes, D. Pham, A. Kubecka, N. Oldham, B. Quinn, C. Kubecka, M. Dunn, J. Treybig, R. Hammonds, T. Bates, T. Roy, **2nd row:** C. Castanon, J. Puentes, T. Machacek, N. Maldonado, H. Nguyen, A. Kacer, J. Tran, H. Vu, S. Guerrero, L. Tran, T. Vu, K. Vacek, J. Diaz, Y. Sanchez, A. Torres, **3rd row:** J. Tran, L. Warner, J. Nguyen, L. Nguyen, K. Golden, D. Vu, J. Vu, A. Grange, C. Dinh, M. Dunn, A. Nguyen, L. Martinez, L. Zamora, **Bottom:** J. Diaz, J. Tran, K. Isbell, T. Nguyen, D. Aparicio, A. Torres, K. Tran, A. Maldonado, R. Vasquez, T. Vu, C. Stahlecker, E. Chavez



Historian: Jazmine Puentes
President: Nolan Oldham
Secretary: Miguel Arellano
Parliamentarian: Mailey Pham
Vice President: Jenna Treybig

Got Money? The student council members raised over \$500 in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and bills for Pet Pals.



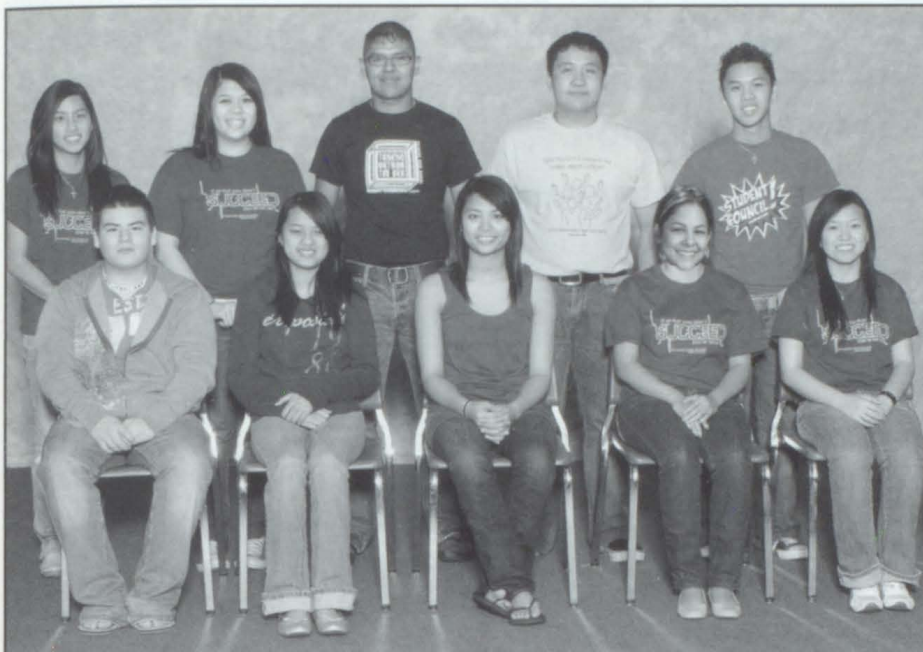
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STOP IN THE NAME OF CRIME!

Crime Stoppers is an organization that is programmed to give incentives to students and others to report crimes and incidents. It was reinstated as an organization at the high school. "I was excited that Palacios offered Crime Stoppers again," Secretary Catherine Castanon said, "And I was the first one to sign up."

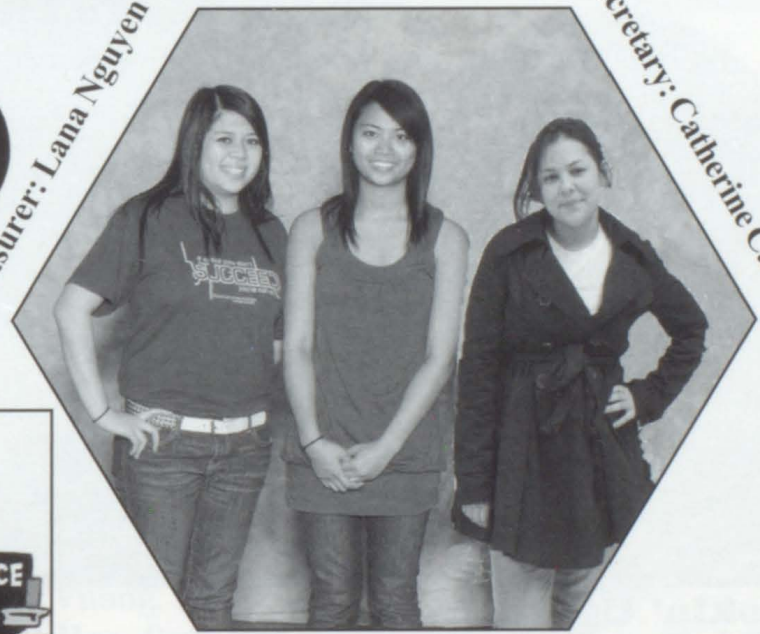
Our new assistant principal Mrs. Sherri Seaman is the new sponsor of this organization and is working with the Bay City Crime Stoppers to build the program.

"Hopefully, next year the program will be set up," member Thuy Vu said. "And the underclassmen will have a definite program."



Top: Thuy Vu, Lana Nguyen, Miguel Arellano, Liem Tran, Truong Vu,
Bottom: Ismael Lara, Thao Nguyen, Mailey Pham, Catherine Castanon, Joanna Tran

OFFICERS



Treasurer: Lana Nguyen

Secretary: Catherine Castanon

President: Mailey Pham

What is the biggest challenge you had to face as a Crime Stopper's sponsor?
"Getting it started."
Mrs. Seaman



Making A Memory

Although there have been many editor changes this year and plenty of problems with the computers, we still have had an awesome yearbook class.

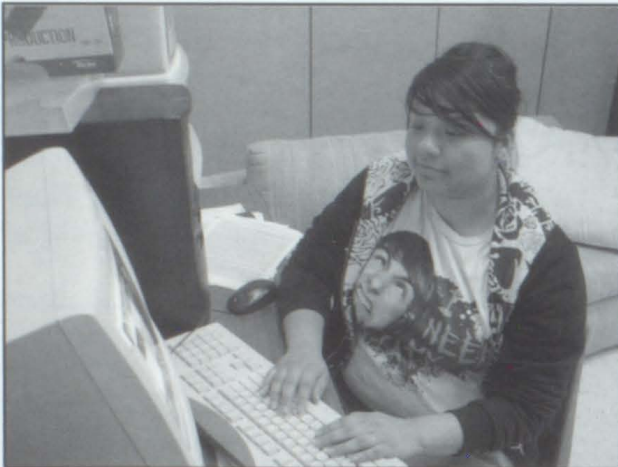
“At the beginning of the year I wanted to take a bat and smash every single computer in the yearbook room,” editor Jazmine Puentes. “Luckily the technology department came to our rescue and supplied us with new hard drives. Other than that, the year was

fantasical.”

Students went to Bay City and Palacios to sell ads in September.

“I really didn't know a lot when I was promoted to co-editor but luckily Jazmine knew what she was doing (most of the time) and helped me,” said co-editor Kole Brune. The yearbook staff had major deadlines in January, March, April, and the final deadline was in June after graduation.

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Struggling To Struggle.....

Clarissa Llanes and Mailey Pham work diligently on their layouts so that they can meet their deadlines in March.

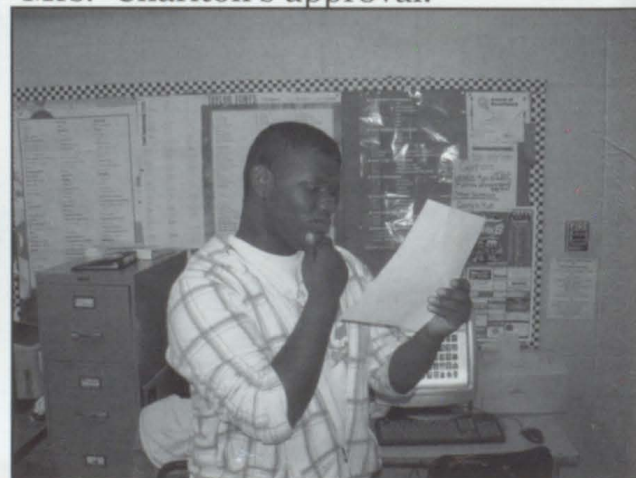
Stand Up Learner....

Trevor Polk reviews his yearbook page one last time before turning it in for Mrs. Charlton's approval.



Cookin' Up That Page.....

Editor Jazmine Polk works on one of her division pages.





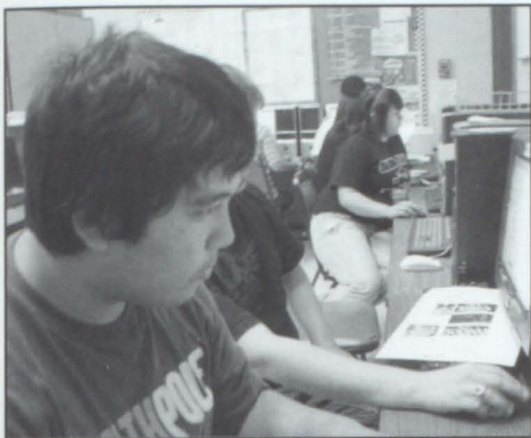
Editing Stuff....

Editors Kole Brune and Jazmine Puentes discuss page layouts.



Lets Take A Break....

The yearbook staff decides to take a short break before continuing their pages and completing their deadlines.

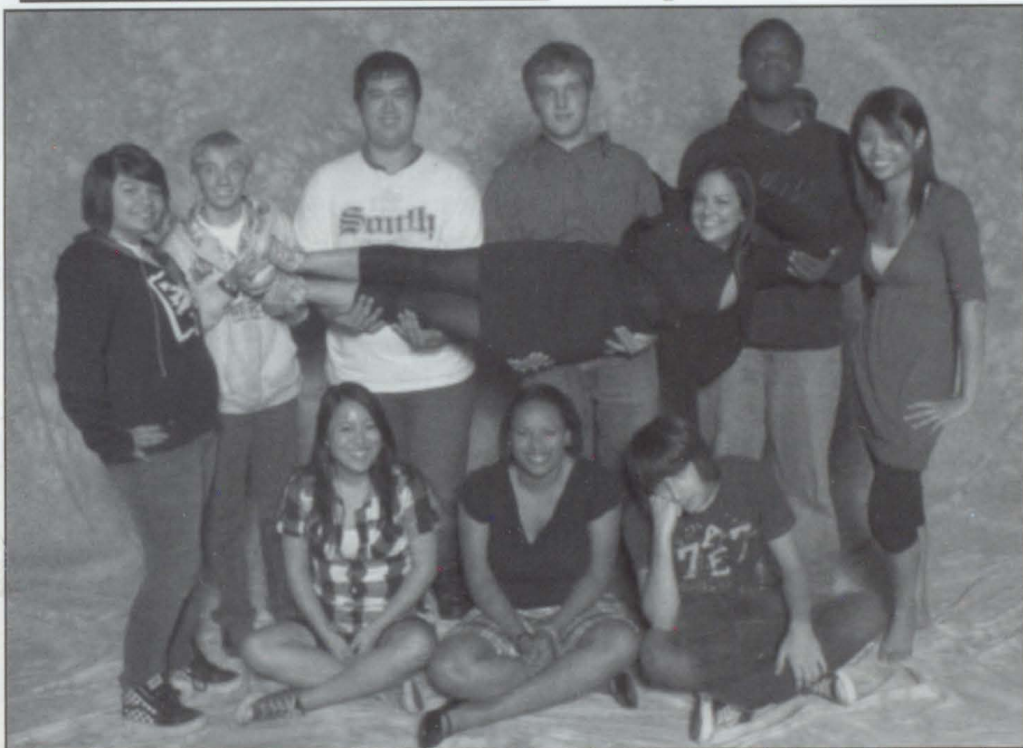


Come On....

Johnny Vuong works diligently on the computer to finish his design. Johnny also helps the staff frequently when computers break down.

"I had a wonderful staff, but there were big problems that occurred this year --- constant computer break downs and photograph issues. Thank goodness the technology department came to our rescue."

Mrs. Charlton



Top: Clarissa Llanes, Cody Stahlecker, Johnny Vuong, Brandon Sanders, Trevor Polk, Mailey Pham, **Middle:** Catherine Castanon **Bottom:** Heather Nguyen, Jazmine Puentes, Kole Brune.



Club de Espanol

Spanish club is an organization meant to provide leadership opportunities, exposure to cultural events, and community service opportunities.

From picking up trash for community service to organizing and selling Valentine carnations, this organization has done many club activities that not only benefit themselves but others.

"I had a lot of fun getting out of class to pass out carnations on Valentine's Day and finding out who the secret love birds are," said VP Nallely Maldonado.

The Spanish Club adopted a highway which includes community service and has also invited the singing and dancing Marachees from Victoria to our school to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The members along with a few Spanish Pre-AP and AP students took a trip to Brownsville to listen to legal translations in court.

"My personal favorite activity is the executive meetings because the officers are so funny," said club sponsor Ms. Riggins.



Clarissa Puentes hands club member Yesenia Hernandez balloons for selling the most Valentine carnations.



There's no I in TEAM

Theresa Nguyen, Ismael Lara, and Thao Nguyen work together to finish getting the carnations ready for Valentine's Day.



Great Thinkers

Taylor Machacek, Catherine Castanon and Jazmine Puentes combine thoughts to plan activities for Spanish Club.



Hard at Work

Kimberly Tran, Joanna Tran, Crystal Dinh, and Heather Nguyen help cut and tie ribbons for the carnations.



What do you enjoy the most about Spanish Club?

"Me gusta fiesta! Olay!"

Club Secretary
Catherine Castanon

Buckets of flowers

The carnations that were passed out on Valentine's Day for those who bought one, two, or maybe even three for their friends and sweethearts.



Say Cheese!

After a few hours after school helping with the carnations, some of the members gather together for a picture.

Meeting time

Members eat lunch while listening to the last meeting's minutes.



Miguel Arellano, Juan DeLaFuente, Andrew Barker, Nolan Oldham, Brandon Sanders, Tommy Tran, Johnny Zavala, Huynh Vu, Kaitlyn Vacek, Taylor Machacek, Liem Tran, Ryan Hammonds, Matthew Dunn, Stevaliss Guerrero, Clarissa Puentes, Mailey Pham, Kristen Black, Laura Martinez, Paty Maldonado, Nallely Maldonado, Yolanda Sanchez, Jimmy Diaz, Ashlyn Kacer, Thao Nguyen, Alexis Torres, Danielle Aparicio, Joanna Tran, Kimberly Tran, Crystal Dinh, Kelly Navarez, Kitty Castanon, Bryan Pham, Heather Nguyen, Theresa Nguyen, Luz Zamora



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President: Jazmine Puentes
Secretary: Catherine Castanon
Treasurer: Nolan Oldham
VP: Nallely Maldonado
Historian: Mailey Pham





Here We Go Again

As football season ended, so did the main event that most students looked forward to every Friday, pep rallies. But the boys 2008 Varsity soccer team changed that for PHS. Everyone was excited and full of spirit as we held the official last pep rally for them as they made it to the playoffs for the first time.



Q: What's the most challenging task as a senior?

A : "Waking up"
Jesse Lara-12th



Q : Describe "senioritis"

A : "You catch a disease called senior."
Ricky Rhoades-9th



Q What's one thing you'd change in school?

A : " We should have a nap time."
Alexis Torres-12th



Jacob Frausto and P.J. Polk rock the tennis courts with their rackets.

The JV basketball boys get ready to rebound the opponents lay-up.



ingredients

How To Really Win

Materials: Determination, motivation, willingness, practice, and good sportsmanship.

Step 1: Make sure you are willing to practice your activity as much as possible.

Step 2: Always be prepared for your match by motivating yourself and other members.

Step 3: Even when you think you're in over your head stay determined and keep your head up.

Step 4: Whether the score says win or lose, only your hard work and good sportsmanship determines your true outcome.

~Enjoy Being a Winner~

SPORTS

One way to become active and involved in school and with your peers is by joining a sport. It is not hard, and it's really enjoyable.

Practice and a little bit of sweat and tears is what makes someone a true athlete. It isn't about how many points you score or how many players you tackle, it's about being dedicated and giving your all, all the time.

"I remember during volleyball season it felt like I had no free time", said Stevaliss Guerrero, "but it was worth it for our season".



Q: What makes you unique?

A: "My shortness."
Nathan Loff-10th



Q: What's an exciting memory of this year?

A: "Starting the FO DO SHO crew."
Christen Sandoval-11th



Q: What fad are you most embarrassed of following?

A: "Wearing baby doll shirts"
Devon Polk-9th

Student Poll: What is your favorite sport?

18% Football 17% Basketball 12% Volleyball 11% Softball
12% Tennis 14% Powerlifting 11% Track 5% Golf

[PHS Student Poll]

Tossing the Pigskin

The whistle has been blown and the ball kicked, it looks like another year of football.

Football had a tough year in 2008 due to several key players getting injured. However "we never gave up and everyone played as a team," Coach Treybig said.

"The most exciting thing about this season is getting first down catches," Cameron Biffle said.

"The greatest challenge that I had faced this year was when I got hurt and had to overcome the fact of being hurt," said Eric Rojas.

A. Buckley, J. Ramon, R. Kubecka received First Team Unanimous and W. Hansen, J. Hernandez received second team. E. Rojas received Honorary All-District. Honorable Mention consisted of A. Galvan, J. Diaz, N. Bigelow, B. Pham, J. Perez, C. Baumann, M. Ferree.



Varsity: Bottom: B. Pham, V. Martinez, R. Hammonds, J. Diaz. Second: A. Galvan, G. Sexton, N. Bigelow, J. Mata, V. Garcia. Third: D. Diaz, J. Frausto, A. Buckley, M. Ferree, A. Garcia, J. Perez. Fourth: M. Nguyen, C. Baumann, E. Rojas, R. Kubecka, W. Hansen, C. Biffle, R. Arnesen. Top: S. Kurtz, G. Figorova, T. Weixleman, M. Treybig, J. Gibson, B. Fort, B. Westhoff

Q & A

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING THIS SEASON, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

"There were too many key players that were injured and had to miss 3 or more games ,but we never gave up."

COACH TREYBIG



IRON MAN...

Number 40, Bryant Lewis, stands his ground as he is being tackled by two Cuero players.



SHARK PRIDE...

Number 80, Eric Rojas, leads the whole team into the East Bernard game.



CAN'T PASS ME...

Number 4, Bryan Pham, takes down the offensive player in the East Bernard game.



Junior Varsity: Top: D. Salinas, T. Tran, J. Turner, T. Turner, L. Sanchez, J. Paz Second: C. Broussard, D. Pham, S. Fort, J. Frausto, J. Roy, B. Luis Third: E. Alanis, A. Aucoin, J. Hernandez, E. Corona, D. Peterson, H. Shimek Bottom: C. Garcia, J. Garcia, J. Buckley, B. Nguyen

1 - 8 record

Palacios Sharks

East Bernard	(L) 25-14
Tidehaven	(W) 21-12
Van Vleck	(L) 31-21
Shiner	(L) 29-07
Goliad	(L) 33-10
Cuero	(L) 56-07
Edna	(L) 21-10
Yoakum	(L) 42-10
Gonzales	(L) 24-17
West Brazos	cancelled due to hurricane



SOARING IN THE AIR...

Number 1, Jimmy Diaz, catches the ball in mid-air while being covered tight during the Cuero game.

Servin'

It Up

The nets are up and the multiple games have begun. That's right- it's another year of Sharkette volleyball!!

The team had an outstanding season this year by going 10-0 in district.

"The outcome of this year's season was unexpected by everyone. To this day I still can't believe it's over," said Stevaliss Guerrero.

The Sharkettes practiced hard to get where they are, and all of that hard work paid off. "The most exciting moment this year was going 10-0 in district and being district champs," said Coach Sheutz.



Varsity: Top: S. Guerrero, J. Treybig, C. Kubecka, A. Kubecka, C. Grice, L. Bumgardener Bottom: A. Wallace, A. Torres, B. Martino, L. Warner, H. Garcia

The entire team made academic all-district, along with Jenna Treybig being named District MVP. Receiving honorable mention were Christy Grice, Lacey Warner, Hilary Garcia, and Stevaliss Guerrero. Audrey Kubecka was named co-offensive MVP-district, and Chelsey Kubecka made first team district.

"I thought we had a good season this year that will always be remembered, especially since we were district champs," said Audrey Kubecka.

Scoreboard

Cuero(W) 25-15 25-18
23-25 25-18
Edna(W) 25-22 25-16

25-19
Yoakum(W) 25-18 25-21
25-13

Goliad(W) 25-18 25-16
25-14

Gonzales(W) 25-20 25-27
25-16 25-18

Cuero(W) 25-16 25-13
25-21

Yoakum(W) 25-16 25-18
25-10

Edna (W) 25-14 25-17
24-26 25-12

Goliad (W) 25-06 25-12
25-7

Gonzales (W) 25-08 25-12
25-15

10-0 district record
30-5 overall record

2008

DISTRICT CHAMPS!!





What A Save....

Bethany Martino keeps the ball in play at the Area playoff game in El Campo.



Catchin' Some Air... Audrey Kubecka makes an amazing effort to keep the Sharkettes alive.

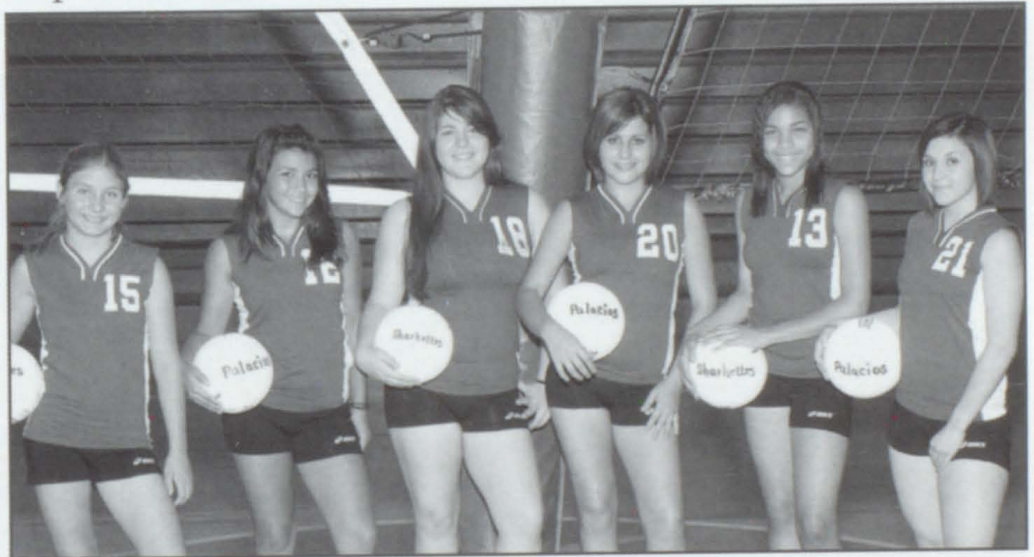


Junior Varsity: K. Quinney, C. Slaughter, C. Puentes, A. Kacer, L. Reyes, J. Diaz, V. Eufrazio



Showin' Support...

The players on the court celebrate a well executed play with the help of their fellow teammates on the bench.



Freshmen: H. McKissick, P. Pena, M. Campos, L. Gomez, D. Polk, B. Perez

RUNNING SHOES

Legs stretching and sweat dropping, it looks like another season of cross country.

This was a great season. There was numerous runners who made it to regionals.

"My biggest challenge was to overcome my mental barrier," John Sholts said.

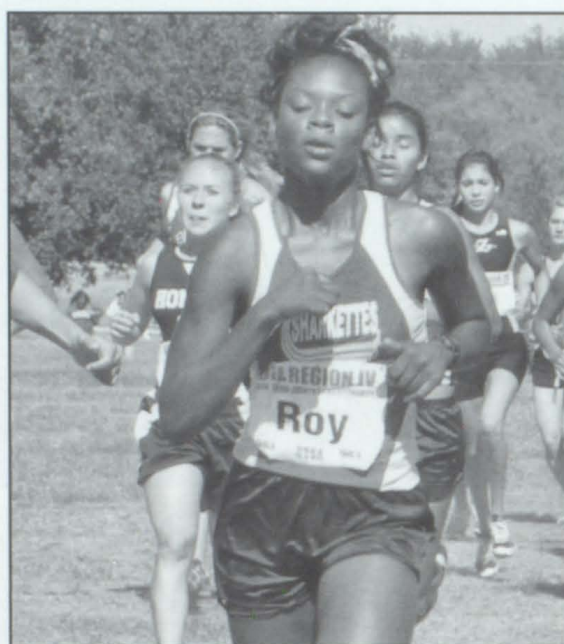
"The most exciting thing this season was reaching my goal which was making it to regionals and running three miles in 19 minutes and 36 seconds," John Mark Hafernick said.

"All varsity boys and girls showed improvement throughout the season," Coach Arredondo said.

Top ten varsity at district runners were Tezna Roy, Carmen Rios, Marian Medrano, and Jessica Ayala. Wendy Maldonado, Irasema Sifuentes, and Perla Zamora were top ten junior varsity at district. Tezna received district runner-up and Wendy was the junior varsity district champion.



Take your time ...
Jessica Ayala paces herself during the regional meet in San Antonio.



Leader of the pack ...
Tezna Roy stays ahead of the herd at the regional meet.



Still a kid ... The team takes a little break at the playground after running at the Shiner meet.

Push it to the limit ... At the regional meet, John Sholts takes it to the next level and gives it all he has.



Burn baby burn, Disco inferno
... John Mark Hafernick runs at the regional meet under the hot sun at San Antonio.



District Team: Top: G. Lopez, J. Hafernick, M. Medrano, K. Guillen, J. Tran, C. Zamora **Middle:** G. Rodriguez, S. Alderate, J. Sholtz, E. Rodriguez, S. Garcia, N. Maldonado, M. Arellano, L. Bumgardener, T. Roy, I. Sifuentes **Bottom:** C. Rios, A. Bumgardener, G. Mata, A. Zumaya, J. Ayala, P. Zamora, W. Maldonado

HOT SHOT

Slam dunk! Rebound! Awesome jam! Another year of Sharkette basketball is underway.

The Sharkette cagers showed great effort this year as they hit the court. The practices were many, but the determination was greater.

"Towards the end of the season we bonded as a team and ended up having a great time," said senior Jenna Treybig.

The Sharkettes finished the year with an overall record of 15-14.

3-7 District Record

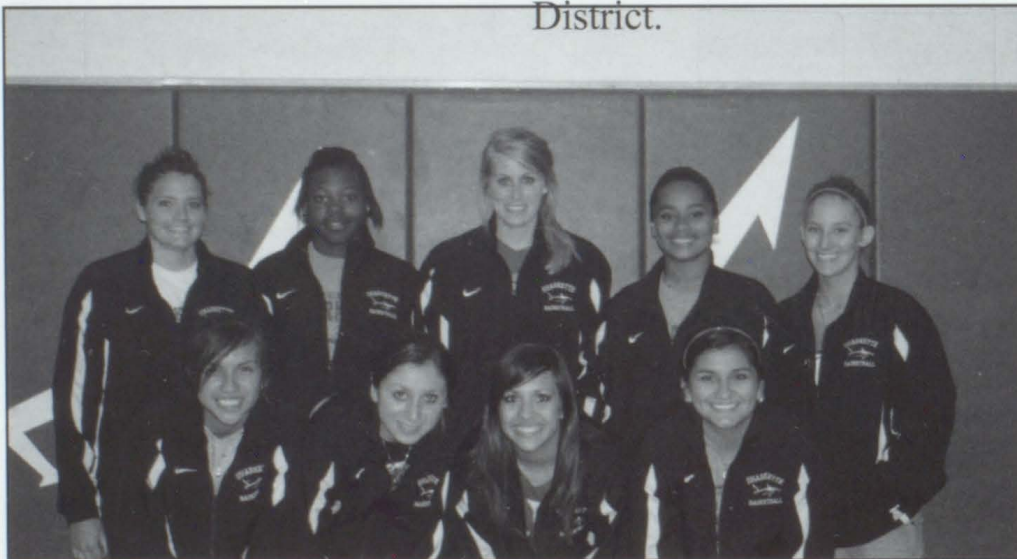
15-14 Overall Record

"We had a good year. The girls competed well at every game," said Coach Wollam.

The team had many setbacks with injuries and sicknesses, but through all the obstacles, they performed well.

"The most exciting thing this season was becoming close to my teammates and playing for Coach Wollam," said senior Chelsey Kubecka.

Jenna Treybig received 1st team All-District, and Christen Sandoval received 2nd team All-District. Both Clarisa Polk and Chelsey Kubecka received honorable mention. Chelsey Kubecka also received Academic All-District.



Varsity: Top: J. Treybig, C. Grice, C. Kubecka, C. Puentes-Polk, C. Sandoval **Bottom:** E. Serna, A. Torres, B. Martino, L. Reyes

Scoreboard

Goliad (W) 63-40

Cuero (L) 41-52

Edna (L) 47-56

Yoakum (L) 30-38

Gonzales (L) OT 60-63

Goliad (W) 45-37

Cuero (L) 41-50

Edna (L) 36-53

Yoakum (L) 32-44

Gonzales (W) 53-49



I'm Open, I'm Open...

Senior Chelsey Kubecka waits for her fellow teammate to pass the ball to her for a possible score at the Gonzales game.



Junior Varsity: Top: I. Sifuentes, C. Slaughter, A. Kacer, **Bottom:** J. Ramon, J. Diaz, A. Maldonado



Quick Feet... Sophomore Erica Serna makes her way down the court by outrunning her Gonzales Apache opponents.



Watch This... Junior Clarisa Polk makes a leaping shot at the basket during the Goliad game.



Freshmen: Top: M. Campos, M. Watson, R. Gutierrez, D. Polk, B. Barefield, **Bottom:** H. McKissick, V. Ruiz, I. Saldierna, R. Gutierrez, D. Bain



Leader Of The Pack... Sophomore Lupita Reyes leads the team down the court after the Sharkettes score against Yoakum.

Our Team! Our Mission!

Scoreboard

(L) Edna 47-75

(L) Yoakum 27-46

(L) Gonzales 42-72

(L) Goliad 36-68

(L) Cuero 41-81

(L) Edna 42-91

(L) Yoakum 28-33

(L) Gonzales 36-73

(L) Goliad 32-67

(L) Cuero 28-69

0-10 District

Slam dunk! Hustle! Three pointer! It's time to play some basketball at Palacios High School.

The team had a rough season this year, but through it all they held their heads high.

"As a coach you're never happy when you don't win a lot of games, but playing with such a young team I was very pleased that we improved each and every game," Coach Weixelman said.

All teams, whether it be the freshmen, junior varsity, or varsity team, showed awesome character and drive to keep their spirits up no matter what challenges they faced.

"Even though we only won three games, which was the same as last year, it was improvement because we had no returning lettermen and starters," Brandon Quinn, varsity post, said.

Dustin Tedder was named to 2nd team all-district. Adam Garcia and Bryant Lewis both received honorable mention.



Varsity: Top: B. Lewis, D. Tedder, B. Quinn, A. Garcia, Coach T. Weixelman **Bottom:** J. Murphy, T. Nguyen, L. Gutierrez, R. Le



What was the biggest challenge you faced this season?

Being a freshman on the varsity team.

-Dustin Tedder



Junior Varsity: Top: Coach J. Shuetz, J. Hunt, B. Nguyen, J. Frausto **Bottom:** J. Hafernick, K. Broussard, B. Pham



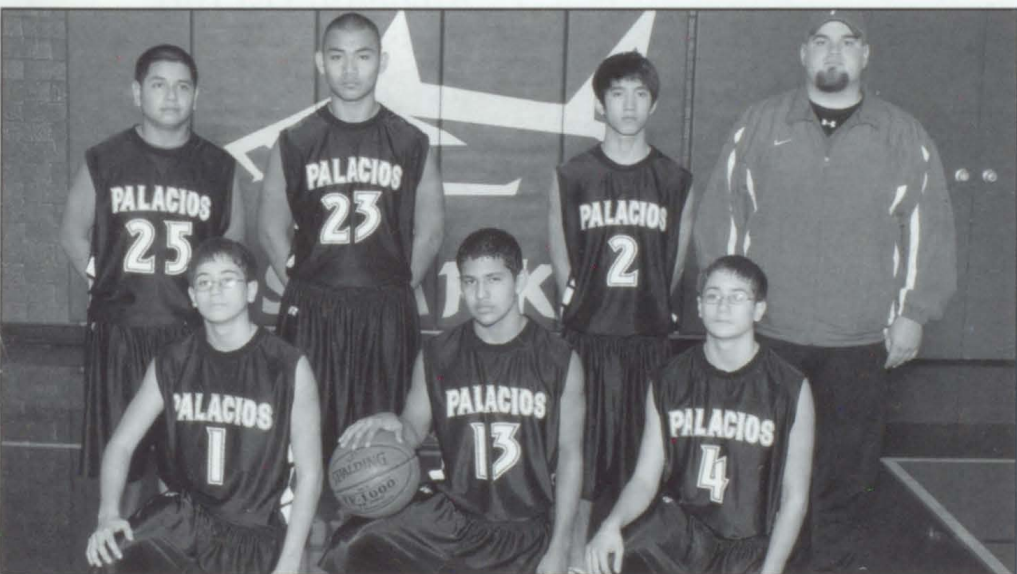
All Skills... Junior Brandon Nguyen looks for a possible shot or open teammate to pass the ball during the junior varsity Yoakum game.



It's All Mine... John Hafernick shows amazing hustle and determination with the help of his teammates at the junior varsity Goliad game.



Can't Beat Me... Freshman Dai Pham shows great defense against a Yoakum Bulldog during one of Palacios's home games.



Freshmen: Top: E. Ruiz, D. Pham, A. Nguyen, Coach K. Franke, **Bottom:** B. Flores, O. Zumaya, B. Flores

Practice Makes Perfect

Run, run, run! Make that goal! Another season of Sharkette soccer has kicked off.

The Sharkette team took their skills to the field. They endured many practices and games throughout the season.

"Despite many obstacles, the girls always played to the end with heart," said Coach Amy Morales.

The girls gave it their all when they first hit the practice field in January. They set their standards high and pushed for excellence.

The team played a total of 12 games for their season. Ten out of those 12 games were district games.

"A goal I set for this season was just to make it the best I could," said Senior Perla Zamora.

"This season was a tough one, but we never gave up," said Senior Lacey Warner.

Lacey Warner was named the Varsity Player of the year, and she also made first team district along with Amairani Zumaya. Jessica Ayala and Sandra Garcia made second team district. Receiving honorable mention are Cecilia Ramos, Wendy Maldonado, and Perla Zamora.

Lacey Warner was the very first person at Palacios High School to receive a full soccer scholarship to a college.

Scoreboard

Rockport-Fulton
(scrimmage) (L) 0-6

Beeville (L) 0-5

Sealy (W) 4-0

Brazosport (L) 0-3

El Campo (Tie) 3-3

Angleton (L) 0-8

Bay City (L) 0-2

Columbia (L) 2-3

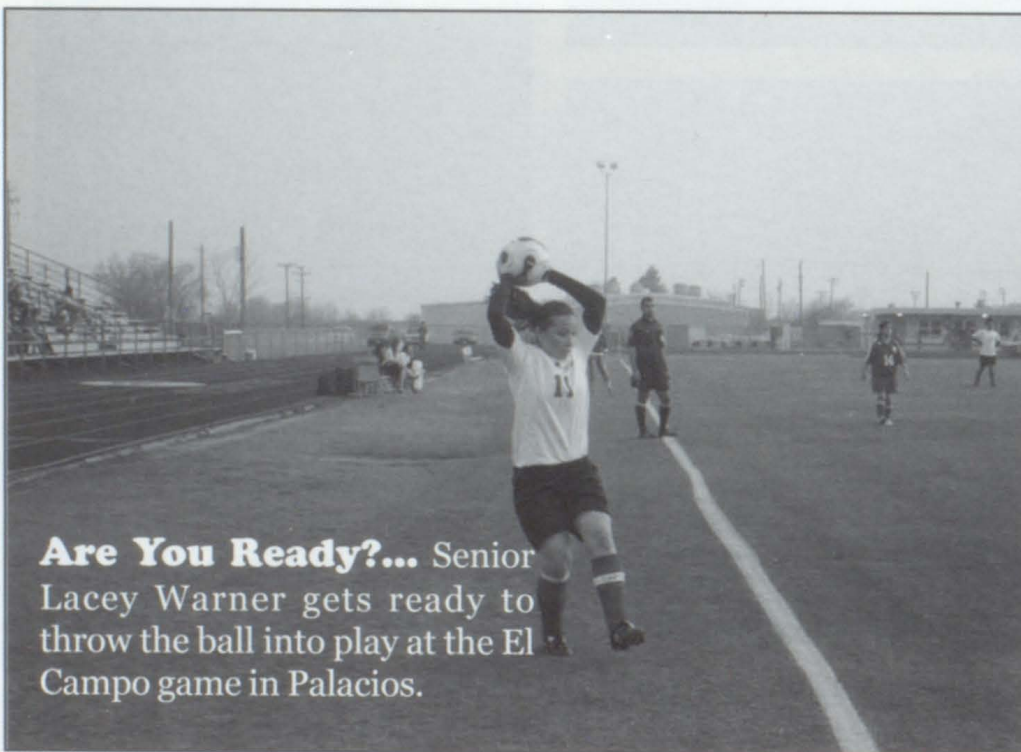
Brazosport (L) 0-4

El Campo (L) 0-3

Angleton (L) 0-6

Bay City (L) 0-4

Columbia (L) 1-3



Are You Ready?... Senior Lacey Warner gets ready to throw the ball into play at the El Campo game in Palacios.





Girl's Varsity: Top: W. Maldonado, P. Zamora, J. Ayala, I. Sifuentes, A. Scantlen, Coach A. Morales **Middle:** J. Ramon, E. Ramos, K. Guillen, C. Ortiz, B. Perez **Bottom:** A. Zumaya, G. Mata, L. Warner, S. Garcia, M. Medrano



Hey Back Off!... Sophomore Gloria Mata plays some defense as she tries to trip up the opposing player.



Stretch It Out... The entire team gets ready for the game ahead of them by doing their usual exercises they do in practice.



Heads Up... Senior Amairany Zumaya is surrounded by El Campo Ricebirds and waits for the ball to come back down so she can make a play for the team.



A Team Effort... Most of the Palacios team pulls together and shows great teamwork at one of their games.

Playing The Field

Goal! Goal! Goal! Shark soccer has kicked off in full force.

The Sharks brought with them not only effort and determination, but a spirit to do extremely well this year. They lived up to their expectations by becoming the first soccer team at Palacios High School to go to the playoffs.

"The playoffs were a great experience for the boys. Especially since they were the first to do so in soccer," said Coach Ortiz.

Their hard work paid off, and it was a really exciting season for the team.



Catch Me If You Can...

Senior Christian Hernandez takes the ball down the field in hopes of making a score for his team.



"My most exciting thing this season was going to the playoffs," said Senior Julio Ramon.

The team went through many long practices and began their season in early January. They placed second as a team at the annual Shark Shootout in Palacios.

"Some highlights for this year were blocking a few goals and almost scoring a lot of times when I threw the ball in," said Senior Ryan Martinez.

Henry Cano, Eddie Alanis, and Christian Hernandez made 1st team All-District. Juan Mata, Gabriel Lopez, and Jesus Hernandez made 2nd team All-District. Jesus Hernandez was named the Newcomer of the year.

The team this year went down in PHS history and created a season they will never forget.

Scoreboard

Manvel (Tie) 3-3
Stafford(L) 1-3
Terry(Tie) 2-2
St. Joeseph(W) 5-2
St. Joeseph(L) 1-2
Alumni Game(W) 9-7
Brazosport(W) 4-2
Royal(Tie) 3-3
La Marque(W) 8-0
Morton Ranch(L) 0-6
Brazosport(W) 4-1
El Campo(W) 3-1
Bay City(L) 0-4
Columbia(W) 1-0
Brazosport(Tie) 1-1
El Campo(L) 1-2
Angleton(L) 0-1
Bay City(L) 0-1
Columbia(W) 2-0
Playoffs vs. Lamar(L) 0-7



Here We Go... Freshman Eddie Alanis trots down the field to get ready for the start of the game after warming up with his fellow teammates.

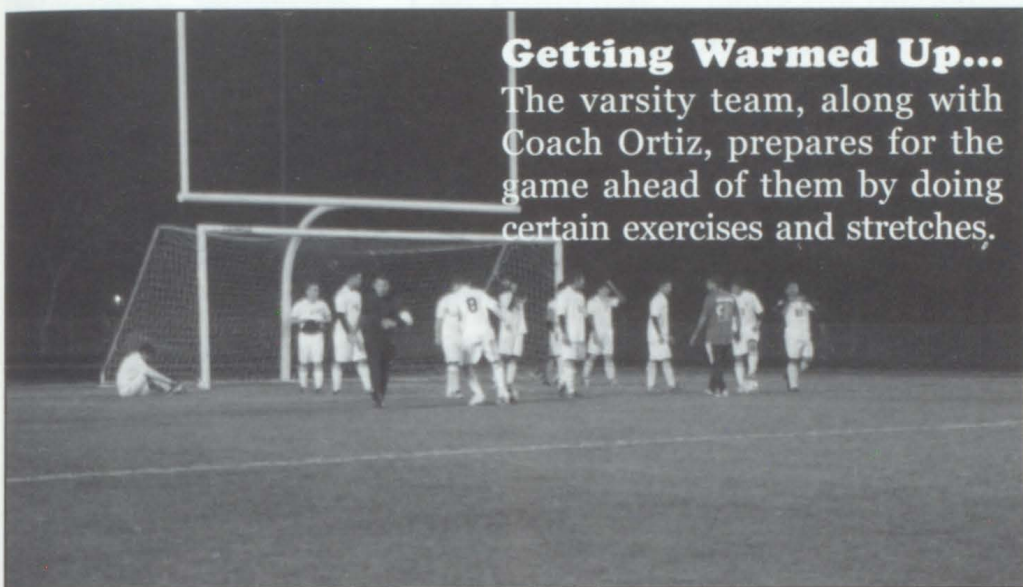


Varsity: Top: D. Diaz, G. Lopez, H. Cano, H. Esquivel, K. Borja, T. Zerrato, Manager M. Ortiz, Coach J. Ortiz **Middle:** E. Alanis, J. Mata, E. Serrato, C. Hernandez **Bottom:** R. Martinez, J. Ramon, F. Longoria, J. Hernandez



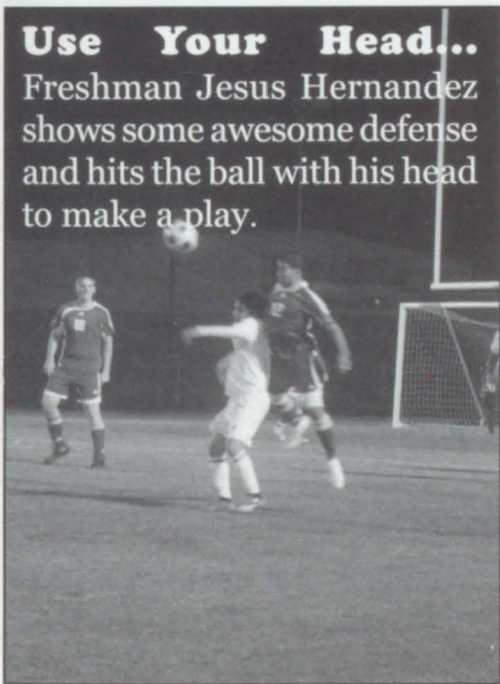
You Ready For This?...

Senior Julio Ramon takes the ball and prepares himself to face his El Campo opponent.



Getting Warmed Up...

The varsity team, along with Coach Ortiz, prepares for the game ahead of them by doing certain exercises and stretches.



Use Your Head...

Freshman Jesus Hernandez shows some awesome defense and hits the ball with his head to make a play.



Junior Varsity: Top: E. Rodriguez, J. Frausto, J. Perez, M. Hurtado, F. Curillo, Manager Leah Longoria **Middle:** S. Alderete, P. Rios, D. Hernandez, E. Corona, **Bottom:** R. Lopez, J. Tran, G. Rubio

NO PAIN! NO GAIN!

Sacrifice, commitment, responsibility, discipline. It takes this and more to be a part of a powerlifting team.

"I think we had a great season, and I'm really proud to have been part of the team," said Lori Bumgardner.

The girl's powerlifting team had an awesome season. They all worked extremely hard to enhance their strength by practicing bench press, squat, and deadlift.

"I felt it was a successful season. The girls made a lot of improvement. I felt that they performed well and maximized their ability," said Coach Arnesen.

The practices for powerlifting are known to be physically and mentally draining, but everyone tried their best and pushed through.

"My biggest challenge this year was State. I knew going in I was going to have to compete and do my best," said state qualifier Beatrice Sanchez.

Beatrice Sanchez was the only girl out of the team to qualify for the state powerlifting meet. She placed second at the state level.

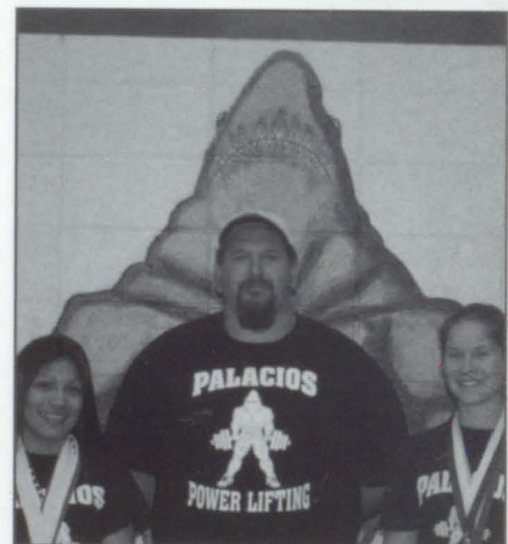
"I believe I did very well. I don't think I could have done any better," said Beatrice.

Scoreboard

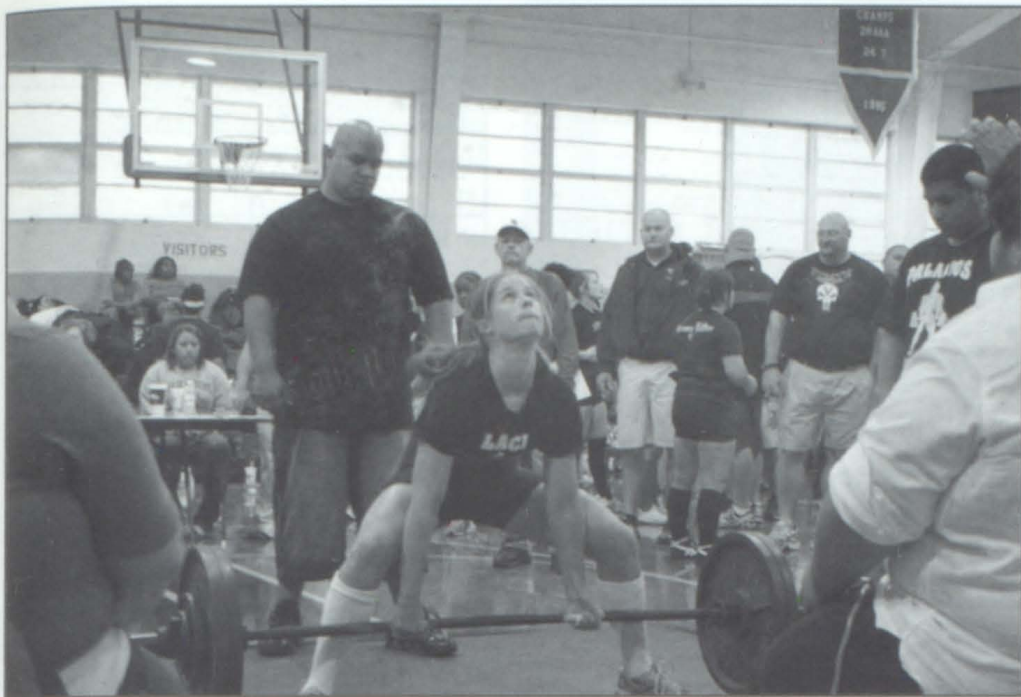
Meet	Team Place
St. Joeseeph	2nd
Calhoun	2nd
Louise	3rd
Edna	5th
Palacios	4th
Westside	1st
Hitchcock	1st
Edna	1st



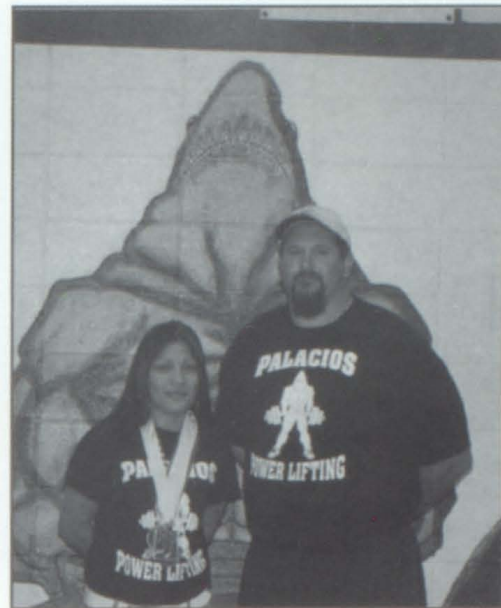
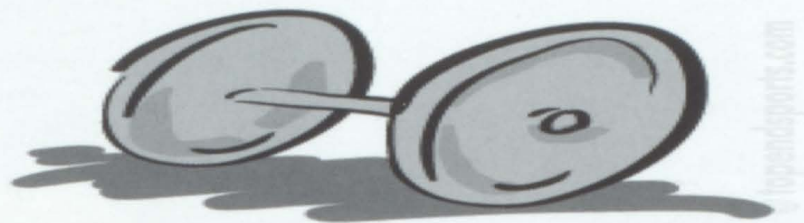
Front: A. Bumgardner, A. Maldonado, J. Ramon, L. Warner
Middle: D. Lee, L. Longoria, K. Isbel, T. Young, B. Sanchez, L. Bumgardner
Back: H. Rodriguez, D. Martinez, M. Hinds, Coach R. Arnesen



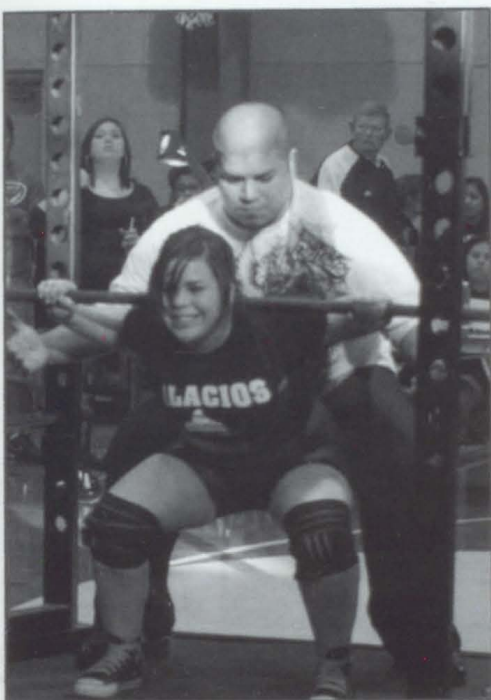
Regional Qualifiers: Beatrice Sanchez, Coach Arnesen, Lori Bumgardner



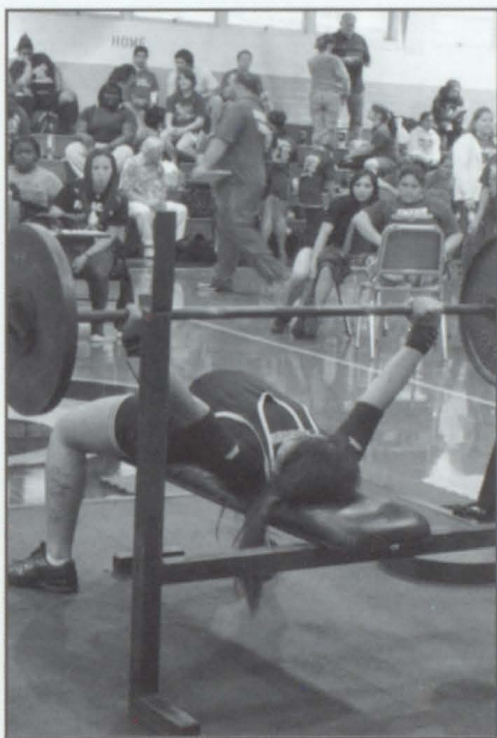
Wonder Woman... Lori Bumgardner waits for the call to deadlift 250 lbs. at the Palacios meet.



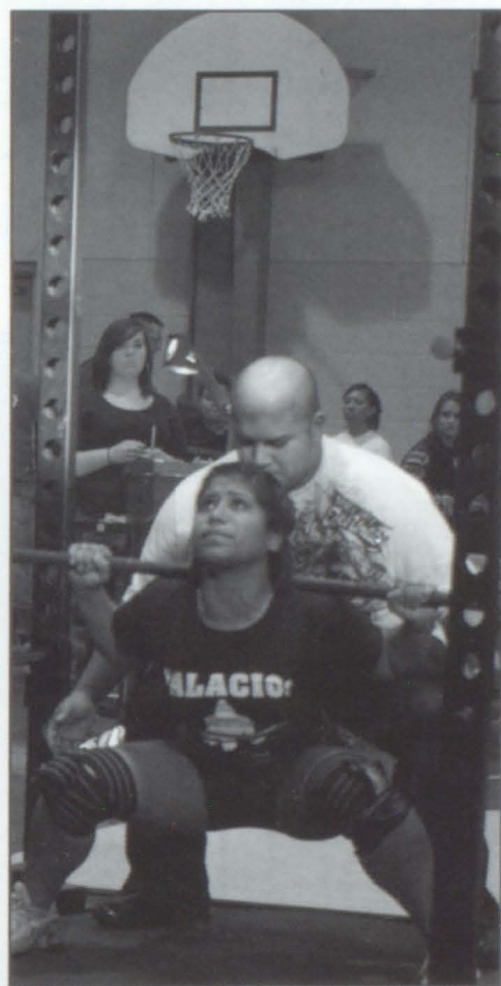
State Qualifier: Beatrice Sanchez, Coach Arnesen



I Can Do This... Sophomore Leah Longoria tries her hardest to complete her squat at one of the many powerlifting meets.



This Is Easy... State Qualifier Beatrice Sanchez benches 140 lbs. at the regional meet in Palacios.



Eyes On The Prize... Sophomore Ana Maldonado concentrates and executes a squat with former Palacios powerlifter Michael Morales spotting her.

Men of Steel

The weights are clanking and the bar is bending. It looks like another season of powerlifting.

Powerlifting has always had a good program. They have won many medals at state in the past years, including this year placing three people at the state competition.

"I wasn't too satisfied with my ending total but was excited about winning the state competition," Alex Buckley said.

"The most exciting thing this season was making it to state," Marcus Ferree said.

"The highlight of this year's season is medaling and placing fourth at state," Bryan Pham said.

"I felt like most of the boys worked hard and did the absolute best they could do," Ron Arnesen said.

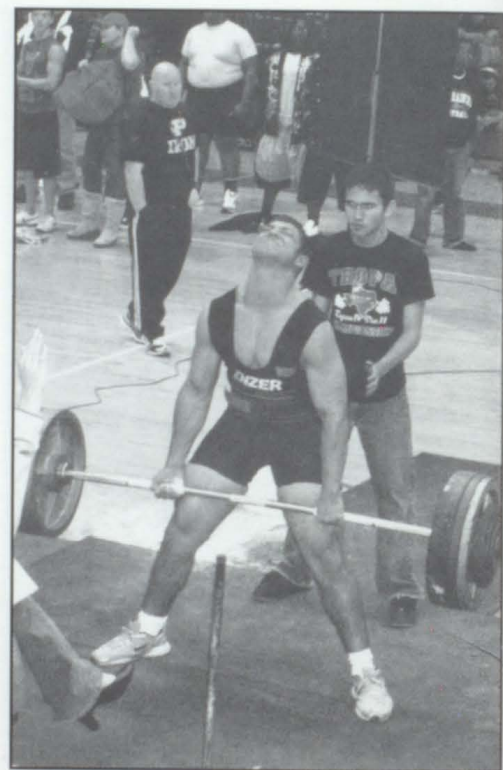
Alex Buckley placed 1st at state while Bryan Pham placed 4th and Marcus Ferree placed 13th.

Scoreboard

Meet	Team Place
St. Joe	3rd
Calhoun	----
Louise	2nd
Edna	5th
Palacios	1st
West Side	2nd
Goliad	1st
Edna	4th
Regional	2nd
State	5th



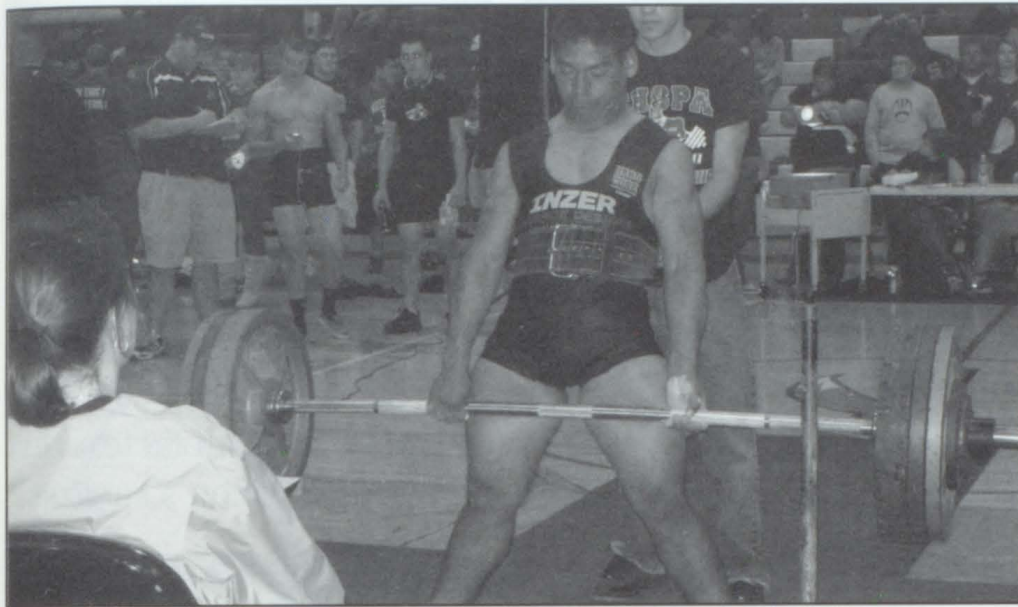
Regional Qualifiers: 1st: D. Forcado, J. Ramon, B. Pham, K. Broussard 2nd: N. Bigelow, A. Aucoin, M. Nguyen, A. Buckley, M. Ferree, G. Sexton 3rd: C. Garcia



Brute Strength... Junior Marcus Ferree forces himself to deadlift a total of 485 lbs.

Boy's Powerlifting

Team: 1st: A. Aucoin, B. Pham, J. Ramon, D. Forcado, J. Mancera 2nd: R. Arnesen, G. Sexton, N. Bigelow, K. Broussard, J. Lopez, M. Guyen, 3rd: C. Garcia, A. Buckley, M. Ferree, Mike Nguyen



Iron Man...Senior Julio Ramon concentrates hard while doing an outstanding job deadlifting a total of 455 lbs at the regional meet.



I am number one...Bryan Pham stands on his podium while receiving his gold medal at the regional meet.



Going for the Gold...Alex Buckley receives 1st place medal at the State meet in the Heavy weight, 242 Class.

A Hole In One

Scoreboard

<u>Meet</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Sweeney	15th	12th
Boling	7th	7th
Ganado	7th	6th
Brazos	8th	9th
Danbury	6th	4th
Shark Inv.	6th	2nd
District	6th	6th

Birdie! Par! Bogie! A hole in one! It's time to kick off another season of golf at Palacios High School!

The Shark team kicked the season off by starting their practice in January. They had their first tournament February 2nd. They practiced really hard and prepared for every tournament.

"Coach Figirova is a great golf coach, and he helps his players in every area of golf in which they need help in," said sophomore Taylor Machacek.

"We were young this year and learned a lot. A goal we set for this year was to be competitive at every tournament," said Coach Figirova.

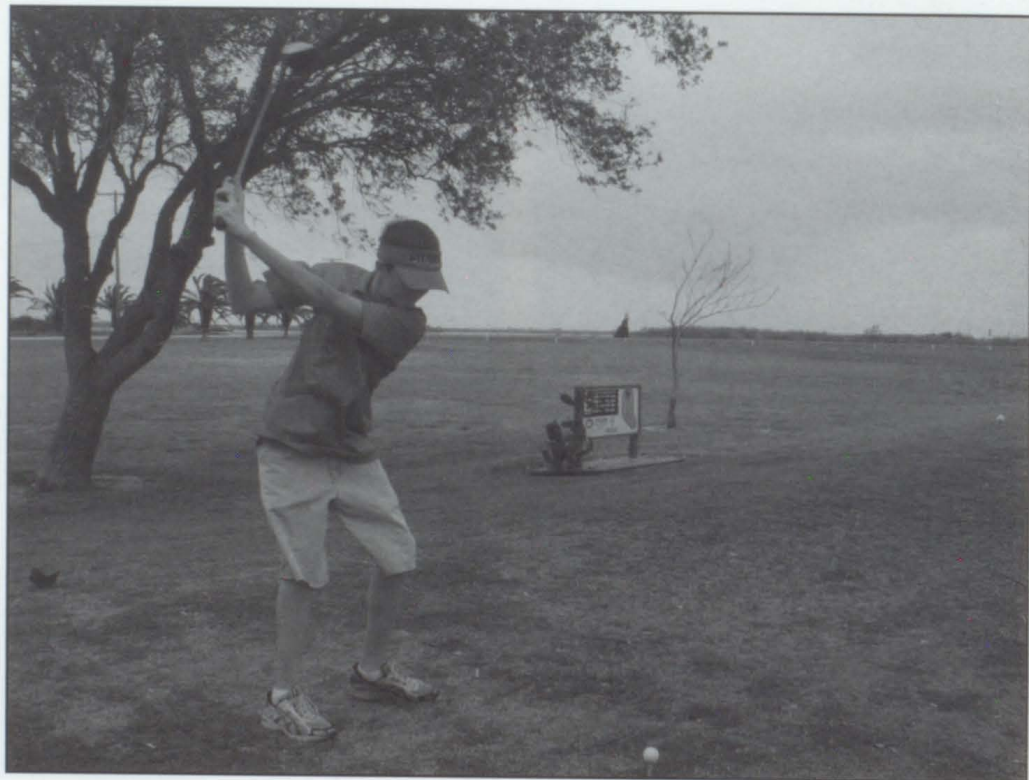
The team had some stiff competition at every tournament, but each player individually tried their best.

"The most exciting thing for me this season was when our team got second at the Palacios tournament," said sophomore Amanda Scantlen.

Effort, drive, and discipline were all factors that played in the team's success.



Nice And Steady... Sophomore Hunter Shimek takes his time and concentrates on his putt at the Palacios golf course.



Here Goes Nothing... Sophomore Nathan Biffle swings his golf club as far back as he can to get a good tee off.



Walk It Out... Senior Stephen Alderete makes his way across the course to his next tee off.



Girl's Team: Top: A. Grange, T. Machacek, Coach G. Figorova
Bottom: T. Bates, S. Phillips, A. Scantlen



The Next Tiger Woods... Freshman Ricky Rhoades gets ready to drive the ball down the course after he has finished teeing off.



Boy's Team: H. Shimek, J. Hafernack, J. Petersen, M. Smith, S. Alderete, R. Rhoades (not pictured: N. Biffle, M. Dunn)



Ready To Go... John Hafernack is prepared and at ease with the rest of his game.

Swing Batter Swing

There goes the pitch ... and BOOM, home run. It looks like another season of baseball.

The team put out a lot of effort and was rewarded with some wins. They did well and had a great season.

"The highlight of this season was pitching a total of 81 strike-outs this year," Senior Ken Garcia said.

"The most exciting thing this year was getting to play the first game of the season," Senior Lucas Kelly said.

Ken Garcia received first team all district Pitcher while Lucas Kelly received second team all district First Baseman and Luis Gutierrez received second team all district Utility Player. The standouts were Adrian Galvan and Luis Gutierrez.



Crack!...Number 7 Ken Garcia takes a good swing and comes in contact with the ball.



It's out of here...Number 20 Lucas Kelly prepares to run to first base after hitting the ball.



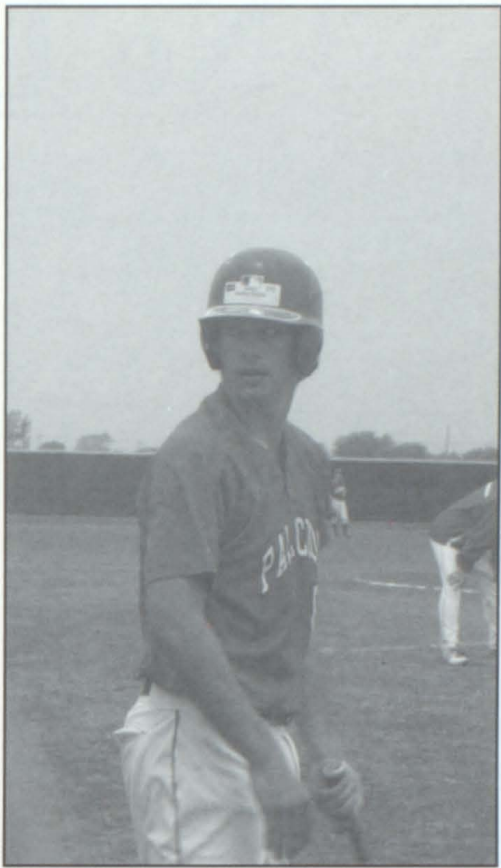
Not quite there...Number 13 Adrian Galvan takes a huge swing but misses the ball.



Lock and loaded...Number 6 Ryan Martinez gets to base with strong form.



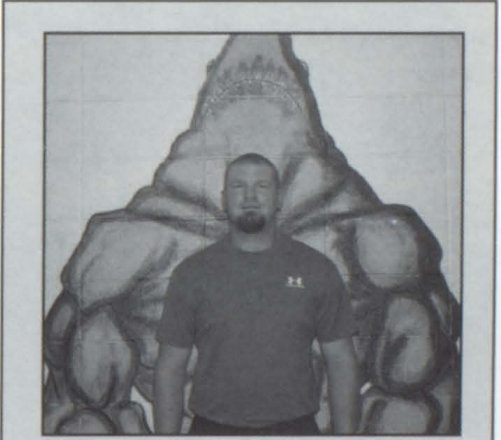
Junior Varsity: 1st: B. Garcia, J. Ramon, E. Ruiz, E. Aparicio, C. Garcia **2nd:** C. Rhodes, N. Christiansen, J. DeLefuente, D. Tedder, D. Pham, J. Gibson



Batter up...Eric Rojas gets ready to go on base to bat.



Varsity: 1st: M. Longoria, V. Martinez, R. Martinez, A. Galvan, P. Garcia **2nd:** L. Sanchez, L. Kelly, K. Garcia, E. Rojas, M. Ferree, L. Gutierrez, J. Gibson



What was your most exciting moment this season?

“My first win as a varsity head coach.”

Coach Gibson

No Looking Back!



And Their Off... Junior Tezna Roy gives it all she has as she sprints down the track with the finish line in her sights.



Ready, set, go! The Palacios track season is running with full steam!

Both the boy and girl teams this season put in many hours of practice by sprinting, jumping, throwing, and pole vaulting. "Overall the season went great. It went as expected for everyone," said Coach Fort, coach of the boy's team.

Both teams attended many meets in various places in the surrounding area and did well at every one.

"I think that as a whole we had a great season, and I'm really proud to have been a part of track. It was a wonderful ending to an awesome four years," said Senior Lori Bumguardner.

Whether anyone faced long jumps, high jumps, long races, or tough practices, everyone who participated in track showed character and drive.

"It was a good season. The girls were successful. As the season progressed the times improved. We were competitive," said Coach Arredondo, coach of the girl's team.

Alex Buckley qualified for the regional meet in discus along with John Sholts in the 800 m dash, and James Murphy in the 400 m dash. Abby Wallace qualified for the regional meet in pole vault along with Hilary Garcia in the 100 & 200 m dash, and Tezna Roy in the 800 m dash. Tezna Roy qualified for the state meet in Austin for her 800 m dash.



Flyin' High... Junior Abby Wallace executes her pole vault at the meet in Rice.



Can't Catch Me... Junior John Sholts shows effort and determination while running in a relay at one of the many meets the team attended.



Girls's Team: Top: N. Maldonado, L. Bumguardner, C. Slaughter, A. Kubecka, J. Ayala, A. Wallace, S. Garcia **Middle:** B. Munoz, A. Bumguardner, A. Maldonado, C. Rios, P. Zamora **Bottom:** C. Grice, H. Garcia, T. Roy, S. Maldonado, M. Watson



Going The Distance... Senior Audrey Kubecka makes a flying leap for her long jump at the Needville meet.



Lightning Fast... Senior James Murphy runs as fast as he can to reach his fellow teammate in a relay they have practiced for diligently.



Boy's Team: Top: Coach B. Fort, S. Fort, D. Haynes, D. Pham, C. Garcia, A. Buckley, J. Sholts, J. Murphy, P. Polk **Bottom:** B. Pham, D. Diaz, J. Janise, J. Hafernicks, M. Nguyen, N. Biffle, E. Rodriguez, C. Garcia, B. Garcia

THE RINGER

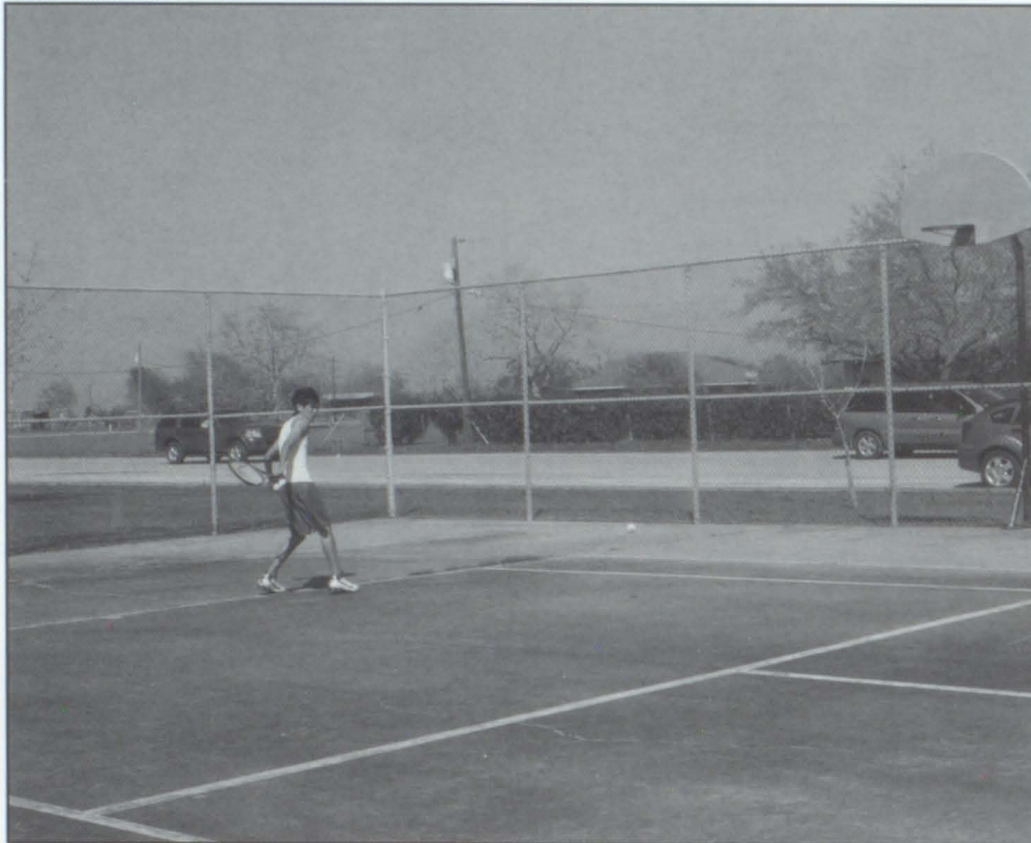
Love, Deuce...Looks like another season of tennis.

This season went well. The students learned a lot about tennis not only from practice, but from participating in numerous

Ace, tournaments against schools ranging from 1A to 5A.

"I was pleased with the progress made from the first practice to the last," Coach Rhonda Garcia said.

P.J. Polk and Jacob Frausto received second place in boys' doubles while Chris Garcia and Kelli Nevarez received third place in mixed doubles in the district junior varsity competition.

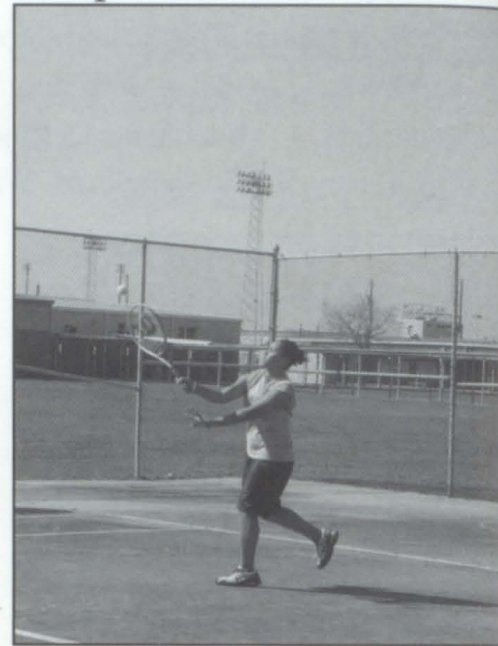


Got Skills...Brandon Nguyen returns a volley with the racket behind his back.



Get Outta Here...Johnny Vuong puts a top spin in his return volley.

Roger Federer...Jeremy Hunt plays tennis while talking on his cell phone.



Whoop there it is...Clarissa Polk concentrates hard while the ball glides into her racket.





In it to win it... Junior varsity players Kelli Nevarez and Chris Garcia stand proud winning a bronze medal in mixed doubles at the district competition.

Rock it... Junior varsity players Jacob Frausto and P.J. Polk strum their racket to winning a silver medal in boy's doubles at the district competition.



Tennis: 1st: P.J. Polk, John Tran, Jenny Tran, Lauren Garcia, Kelli Nevarez **2nd:** Brandon Nguyen, Jacob Frausto, Matthew Dunn, Jeremy Hunt, Johnny Vuong, Chris Garcia

Hit em up



What was exciting for you to do this season?

“It was fun being around all the girls and getting to know them a lot better.”

Lupita Reyes
Manager

Strike one, strike two, strike three.....you're OUT, looks like a season of softball.

The softball girls played their hearts out this season.

“The goal that I set for myself this year was to get over my injury,” Junior Christen Sandoval said.

“The opinion of the outcome of this year was that we did our best and strived to do our best,” Clarisa Polk said.

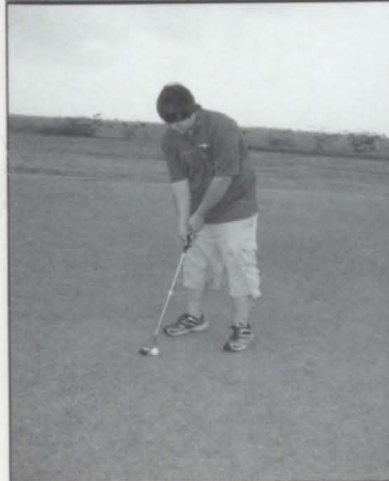
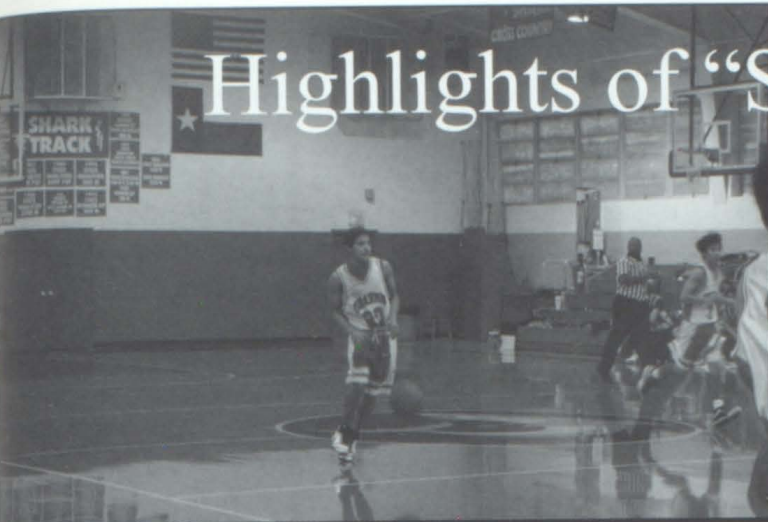
“The most exciting thing this season was everyone doing well when we played against Goliad,” Erica Serna said.



Your Out Of Here...Sophomore Erica Serna catches the ball and gets the other team's player out.

Varsity: Top: E. Serna, C. Sandoval, E. Gutierrez
Bottom: D. Polk, R. Gutierrez, J. Ramon

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Cheerin' Life Away !!

GO SHARKS GO!!! It looks like the cheerleaders have arrived!!

This year's cheerleading squad did a great job pumping up the football team and the crowd during pep rallies and games.

"It was a great experience and I really enjoyed being a cheerleader," Laura Martinez said.

"It was a lot of fun supporting the football players this year," Tess Bates said.

The cheerleaders stayed busy this year by cheering at multiple pep rallies and all football games.

"I loved going to the football games. They were very exciting and I always had a blast with the squad," Lisa Zamora said.

Hilary Garcia and Laura Martinez were awarded the Varsity All-Star Award at camp, which included an invitation to perform at the London New Year's Eve Parade in England.



Above The Rest...
Varsity cheerleader Laura Martinez is lifted above the crowd by her fellow cheerleaders at the East Bernard pep rally.



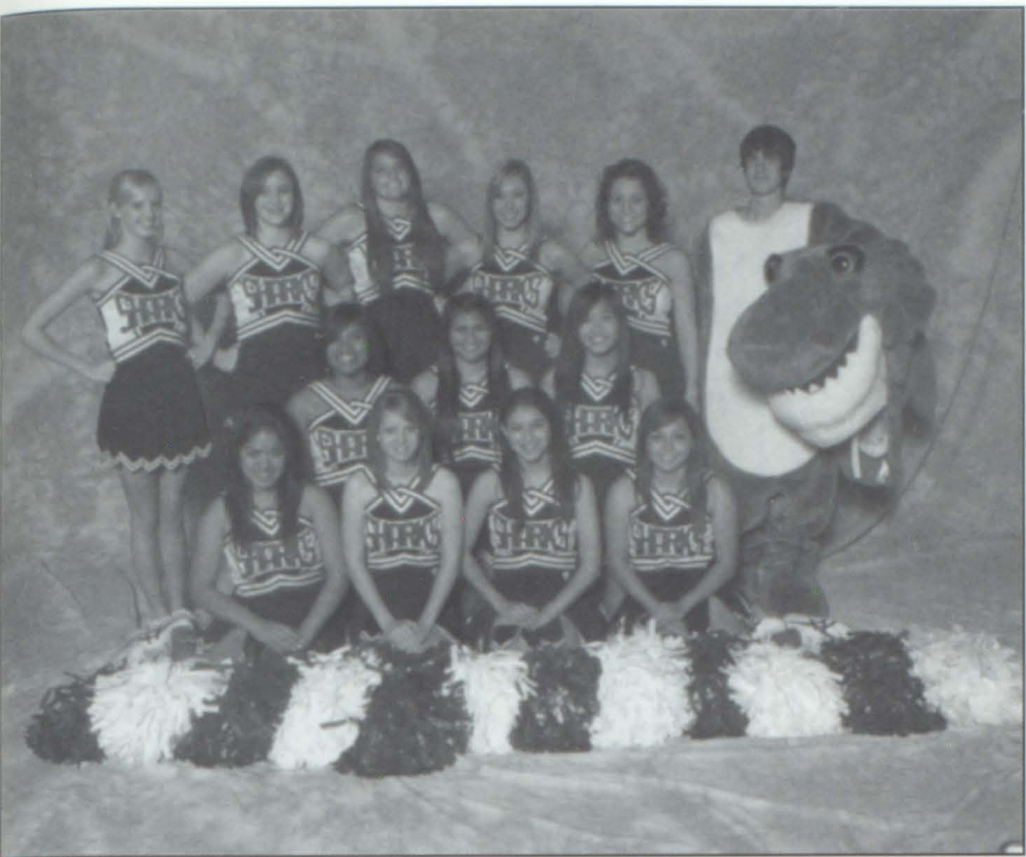
Please Catch Me...

Junior Kimmy Flores is tossed into the air at the Van Vleck pep rally.



Two Bits, Four Bits...

The varsity cheerleaders do the traditional "two bits, four bits" cheer to get the crowd pumped up for the football game against the Cuero Gobblers.



Varsity: Top: T. Bates, A. Wallace, J. Treybig, H. Shimek, H. Garcia, N. Biffle
 Middle: A. Maldonado, L. Reyes, K. Tran Bottom: J. Ramon, K. Flores, L. Martinez, L. Zamora



Gone Fishin'...
 Shark mascot Nathan Biffle shows off his catch of the day at the Tidehaven game.



Junior Varsity: Top: M. Dunn, C. Slaughter, D. Polk, Bottom: B. Munoz, T. Negrete



Smile Big...
 Varsity cheerleader Abby Wallace waves at the crowd during the Cuero pep rally.



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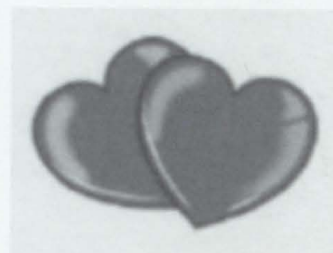
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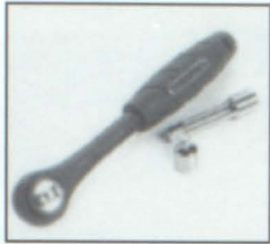


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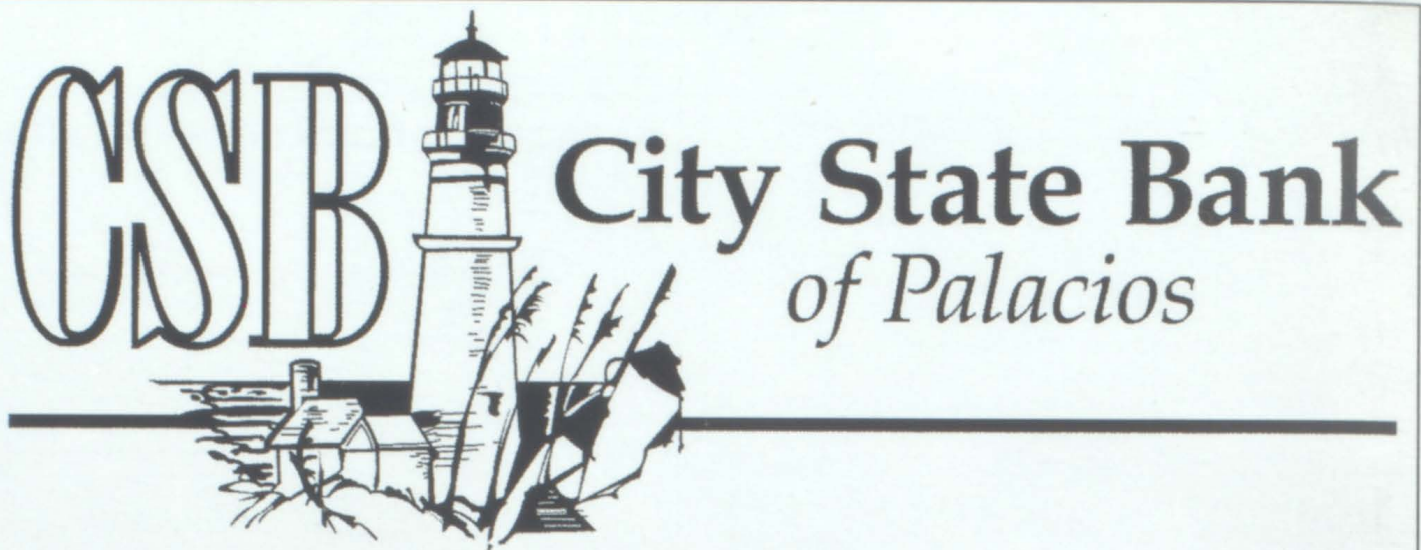
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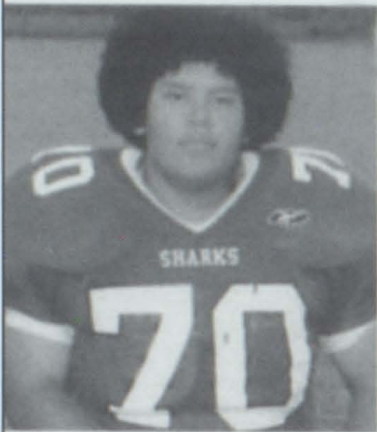
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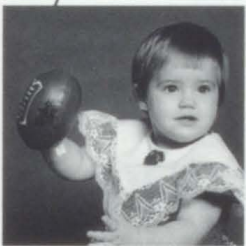
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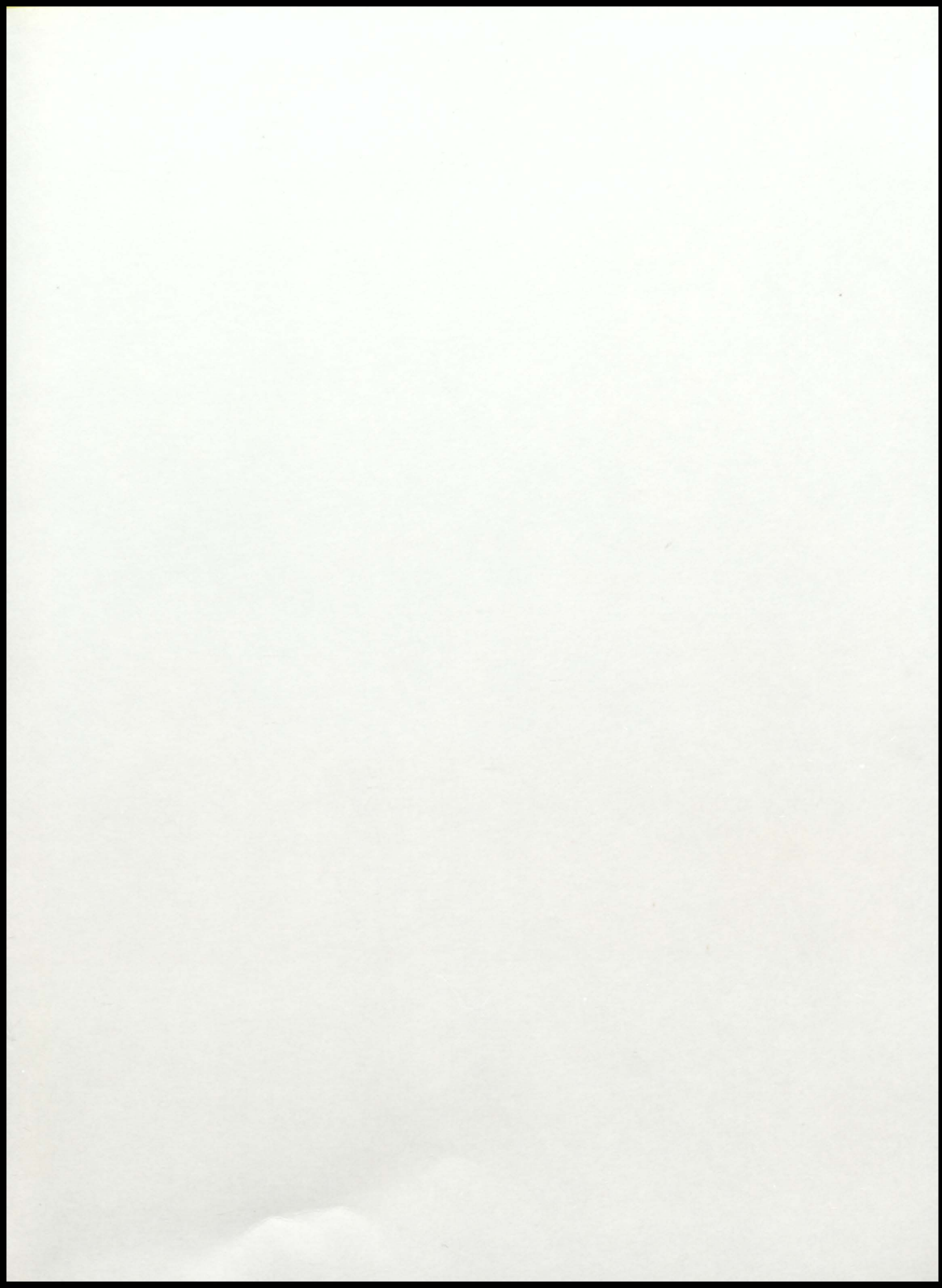


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