



THE SENIOR Oracle!

West Springfield High School 6100 Rolling Road Springfield, Virginia 22152



2003...

Finally Free!

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Oracle seniors

Seniors. Sniper, snow, Saddam, SARS, September 11.

We are **Spartans**.

We are **survivors**.

We've seen a lot in four years.

In our first month of freshman year, FCPS closed school for "Hurricane" Floyd. The next month, we spent part of our day sunbathing in the stadium because of a bomb threat.

Later in October while the freshman football rescued our float as it rolled down Rolling Road, the varsity team prepared for the only Homecoming game we'd see them win.

On the national football field, January brought a cutthroat Super Bowl when the Tennessee Titans lost the game to the St. Louis Rams by two yards on a controversial play.

In the NBA Michael Jordan traded in his Bulls' jersey for a Washington Wizards' executive office. As we approached winter break and Y2K caused an unnecessary frenzy, we celebrated the start of what was to be a tumultuous millennium.

We began sophomore year looking forward to a rite of passage most of us had eagerly been awaiting: our driver's licenses. But Virginia would dampen our joy by creating a driving curfew of 12 a.m. and even limit the number of passengers allowed in our cars. But we found ways around the new rules and didn't let it stop our fun.

While WS received some negative press for its Student Federal Survey Forms scandal, newspapers also covered the state win of our boys varsity soccer team. The boys would win again the following year.

In November, papers were filled with headlines about the 2000 presidential election debacle that would end with the Supreme Court's decision that George W. Bush was the winner. Our new president would have a lot to face in his first year at office.

"Newness" characterized our third year at: new classes, new administrators, new counselors, new coaches and a tragedy that would bring a completely new way of life. Only a few days into our junior year we were shocked with the news of an attack on both the Pentagon and the Twin Towers in New York

City. Most of us watched the events unfold as we sat in class and some of us worried about loved ones who worked at the Pentagon. This traumatic day, 9/11, would be forever etched in our memories.

A banner that read "Proud to be American" was placed at junior rail for the Class of 2003 to sign. Eventually, this banner, filled with signatures from all the classes, hung inside the Pentagon.

After surviving an unprecedented year, we said good-bye to one of our class sponsors, Andrea Schlegel, and rejoiced as FCPS ended the year two days early.

We thought we had seen it all, but senior year would require us to draw upon our reserves of strength once again.

Practices cancelled, games moved to "undisclosed locations," and then invention of the gas station waltz: the sniper controlled our lives for almost the entire fall season.

Winter brought more chaos as we lay buried under more than three feet of snow for a week. Even though we'd already had an extra-long winter break, we welcomed more days off school for sledding and snowball fights. But we'd pay the price with 30 minutes extra during April and May.

Controversy filled our spring as our country prepared for a war in Iraq. Students either showed their support or protested the war with flyers, buttons, and by participating in marches in DC.

We faced more tragedy when one of our own custodians, Charles Galloway, was murdered during a car-jacking.

Even with all the tragedy that filled our year, we still managed to have a great time. Whether we were dancing to the latest video game hit, Dance Dance Revolution, getting caught up in the frenzy of sequels like "X-Men 2" and "Matrix Reloaded,"

cheering on "American Idol" favorites like Ruben Studdard or Clay Aiken, or just partying on the weekends, we learned that the key was to continue with life, not let adversity bring us down.

Although we are ready to leave and try something new, we know that being Spartans has taught us survival.

What lies ahead may not be easy, but after four years as Spartans we are prepared. We are survivors. We are seniors!

Top 10 things we will miss

1. The bathroom up by the Guidance office.
2. Spending “pep rallies” in the cafeteria.
3. School security (teehee)
4. Mr. Blanchard’s cooking (Don’t let the man get you down Blanch).
5. The brilliant *Oracle* articles.
6. Teachers the administrators hate (you know who you are).
7. The Northern Region’s best inflatable football helmet.
8. Slurpees at 7:30 in the morning.
9. Golf carts.
10. The pen 15 club.



A final salute to those about to rock out of this school. As we say Hasta La Vista to the fine institution known as West Springfield, we give you the Class of 2003’s final Top 20. Jady. Always remember, when you’re off at school, out in the work force, or supporting our country: Your *Oracle* friends will remember you, the loyal reader, forever and ever. We owe you a debt of gratitude for bothering to acknowledge our hard work. Not!

Top 10 things we will not

1. Textbooks that talk about how communism will soon fall.
2. Lame Top 10 lists.
3. The smell of English 9 after the June Ticket Run.
4. Waiting three years to get a parking pass. Waiting three hours to get out of the lot each day.
5. Eating shi...er...school food.
6. Toilet Russian Roulette. Which one’s gonna overflow when you flush?!
7. Being around people, and away from my cave, DON’T TOUCH ME!!!
8. Hearing peppy voices on the morning announcements.
9. People exploring each others’ tongues with their tongues.
10. School.

The Oracle lives up to its name and predicts future news

Senior Edition

“Russ Waddell named to *People Magazine*’s 50 most beautiful people”

“East Coast experiences ‘spirit shortage’ following Beach Week”

“Pot legalized, WS students are happy, very happy”

“Mac becomes US oldest president, kicks grass and takes names”

“Mr. Griffin Retires from Fairfax County Public School, goes back to NFL”

“Male Students claim sexual harassment after being patted down at graduation by male administrators”

“After prom embezzlement fiasco; dance moved to gym”

“Studies show 67% of WS students actually were dropped on their heads”

“Beach balls smuggled into Graduation, chaos ensues, Al-Qaeda blamed”

“Buckley goes bald, buys a fez”

—*Compliments of the goonsquad*

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JD Kaleem
Director of Beboffer Affairs

Nikolai Wajda
Ambassador to Pirance

Mike Araj
My Garage

Evan Anderson

The Walking Encyclopedia

Erika Kim
Cute Asian
and supreme “people”
identifier

Emily Ryan
Duckwalker

Adam Buckley
Eugenie Ko
Team “Bucko”

Jenn Carlsson
Ruchika Malhotra
Kathleen Prevost
Supporting Cast

Rusiy Kirk Waddell, Esq.
Nanya Stayna Pappa Gupta

Priyana Tandon
Starbucks Skipper
Oracle Slavedrivers

Marianne “Shady” Snaddrix
Emily “More Pain” Morris
Oracle Wrestling Foundation
Founders

Russ Waddell
Supreme overlord
commander of the
goonsquad forces

Leigh Johnson
Gripmaster
Brocke Nelson
Texan

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seniors

Priyanka Tandon



"Priyana."
Oracle — The MESA years

Nayna Gupta



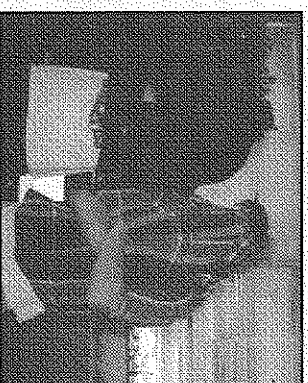
"Nanya"
"My hero and dancing queen"

Eugenie Ko



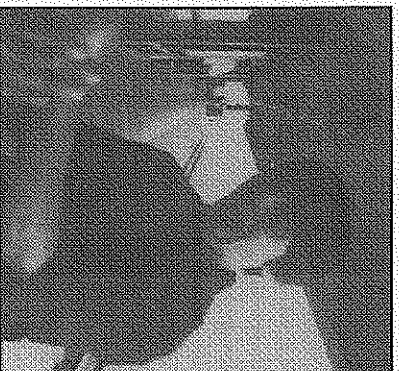
"Cute Asians take over the time capsule!"

Russ Waddell & Nik Wajda



"NELSON — YOU'RE FIRED!"
Set high standards for themselves and everyone else.

JD Kaleem



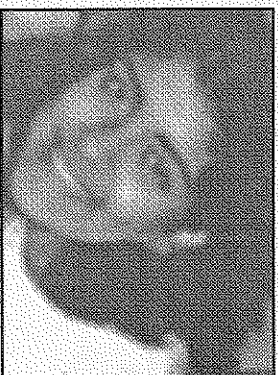
"Caffeine king"
Our starving Ethiopian refugee

Kathleen Prevost



ALWAYS in flip-flops!
"Your laziness and lack of accomplishment is an accomplishment in itself!"

Ruchika Mahaltra



Retired N*SYNCer
"I love it when you thug me baby!" — duet with JD

Adam Buckley



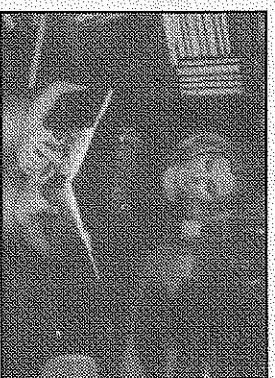
"Oracle Cleavage Editor"
"Buckley — how are your photos coming?"

Emily Morris



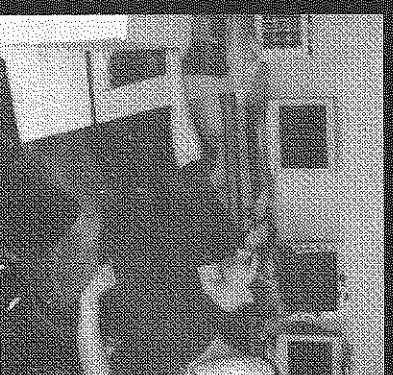
"More Pain Morris"
"I will take off my bionic leg and beat you!"
"Can't your mom get a refund?"

Marianne Shaddrix



"Shady Shaddy"
"My job is a joke!"
The Shaddrix Factor

Evan Anderson



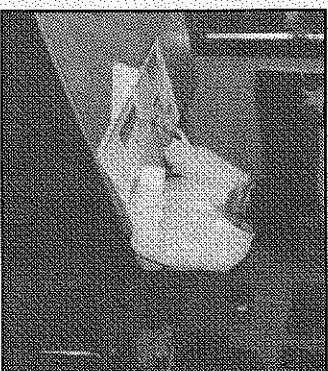
"I love those fossils!"
King of 6 am detention

Jenn Carlson



"I shall miss these things when it all rolls by." —DMB
"Coolest Hokie ever."

Mike Arqi



My Garage
"My favorite republican."
"Why don't you give high fives?"

Erika Kim



"My people!"
"Asian Invasion"

Leigh Johnson



"K-Po and the Sound Holes Forever!"
Dance Dance Revolution

Emily Ryan



"What kind of name is that anyway?"

- Meehad Abbaszadeh—VCU—English
 David Abbruscato—Radford University
 Niki Adoteye—Christopher Newport University—Music
 Education
 Jessica Aguirre—VCU—Pre-Medicine
 Kevin Alexander—Lincoln Technical Institute—Undecided
 John Alf—GMU
 Venesa Atharv—GMU—Political Science
 Evan Anderson—Mary Washington College—Undecided
 Michele Anderson—JMU—Undecided
 Joseph Andrews—NOVA—Undecided
 Scott Arkeley—UVA—Business
 Michael Araf—William and Mary—Government/Mathematics
 Angela Arora—VA Tech—Communications
 Nicholas Ash—NOVA—Aeronautics
 Saba Ashrafi—Mary Baldwin College—Pre-Med
 William Askin—Undecided
 Nazia Aslam—NOVA—Interior Design
 Marshal Ausberry—UVA—Education
 Michael Austin—GMU—Undecided
 Tara Austin—VCU—Art Therapy/Education
 Hiba Aziz—GMU—Undecided
 Sahar Aziz—NOVA—Pre-Dental Hygiene
 Ahmad Azizian—George Washington University—Engineering
 Chan Baek—VA Tech—Undecided
 Annie Baig—NOVA
 Justin Baker—William and Mary—Business
 James Barber—Johnson and Wales
 Rochelle Barclay—Miami Dade Community College—Marketing
 Ross Barnard—VA Tech—Engineering
 Holly Barrack—Christopher Newport University—Business
 Francisco Barroso—NOVA—History
 Taylor Bailey—VCU—Music
 Joel Baumgardner—Corning Community College—Criminal Justice
 Jeffrey Beck—VCU—Biology
 Charles Beckman—VA Tech—Engineering
 Lindsay Beeler—GMU—Nursing
 Catherine Bell—University of North Carolina at Greensboro—Biology
 Lady Bell—Messiah College—Undecided
 Lindsey Bell—NOVA—Primary Education
 Matthew Berger—Mary Washington College—Political Science/Business
 Monica Bernudez—Old Dominion University—Criminal Justice
 Stephanie Berne—Radford University—Elementary Education
 Elizabeth Best—Brigham Young University—Undecided
 Russell Beyer—NOVA—Undecided
 Jamie Boelens—Trinity University—Elementary Education
 Michael Bognanno—Christopher Newport University—Political Science
 Andrew Bolton—University of Arizona—Undecided
 Andrew Bond—NOVA—Undecided
 Jessica Bond—Old Dominion University—Communications
 CI Boone—NOVA—Computer Technology
 Sherril Boone—Florida A & M University—Business/Public Relations
 Heather Bouley—UVA—Undecided
 Charlotte Boyer—UVA—Architecture
 Mina Bram—GMU—Law
 Sean Branigan—JMU—Psychology
 Denia Brazil—Wittenberg University—Elementary Education
 Justin Breault—Entering work force
 James Brewster—NOVA—Undecided
 Nicole Britley—American University—Business Marketing
 Catherine Brooks—NOVA—Undecided
 Cathryn Broome—VA Tech—Communications
 Justin Brown—Widener University—Civil Engineering
 Robert Bruhn—Wheaton College—Philosophy
 John Bryant—Old Dominion University—Undecided
 Adam Buckley—Arizona State University—Aerospace Engineering
 Jonathan Budd—NOVA—Business/Accounting
 Jonathan Butterfield—UVA—Mechanical Engineering
 Rachel Byington—Randolph-Macon Woman's College—Economics
 Katie Cadle—Loyola Marymount University—Theatre
 Sara Callaway—UVA—Engineering
 Catherine Callender—University of Connecticut—Animal Science/Journalism
 Matthew Campbell—GMU—Undecided
 Richard Campbell—Bridgewater College—Resort Management
 Lauren Caprio—VA Tech—Marketing/Finance
 Amy Carfagno—UVA—Undecided
 Jennifer Carlson—VA Tech—Communications/Political Science
 Kelsey Carneal—Roanoke College—Criminal Justice/
 Psychology
 Lianna Carraera—Randolph Macon Women's College
 Brian Carter—VA Tech—Aerospace Engineering
 Lindsay Carter—VA Tech—Biology
 Megan Carter—University of Kentucky—Undecided
 James Carver—Employment/Tech School
 Manson Chacon-Brown—GMU—International Business
 James Chapman—Shenandoah University—Undecided
 Alexandre Chaves—GMU—Undecided
 Paul Chen—Christopher Newport University—Undecided
 Trisha Chhaya—UVA—Engineering
 Grace Cho—Undecided—Accounting
 Sun Cho—George Washington University—Business/
 International Relations
 Chi-Young Choi—Mary Washington College—Undecided
 Hanna Choi—VCU—Nursing
 Tyler Christesen—Mary Washington College—International Relations/Diplomacy
 Laura Chubb—VCU—Music/Psychology
 Oscar Cisneros—NOVA—Engineering
 Kirk Clausen—UVA—Mechanical Engineering
 Benjamin Click—UVA—Biopsychology
 Ivan Collich—GMU—Art and Visual Technology
 Deanna Colton—VA Tech—Biology
 John Cook—GMU—Undecided
 Elizabeth Corbett—Miami University—Anthropology
 Maryann Corrody—NOVA—Elementary Education
 Colleen Cox—VA Tech—Animal and Poultry Science
 Erin Crawley—JMU—Integrated Science and Technology
 Tamara Crum—NOVA—Undecided
 Amanda Crump—NOVA—Undecided
 Ashlee Curcio—VA Tech—Education
 Adam Curtis—Undecided—Computer Science
 Eric Cykoski—NOVA
 Scott Darwin—Duquesne University
 Angelique Davis—Marymount University—Physical Therapy
 Jeffrey Day—University of Tennessee—Criminal Justice
 Derrick Deese—Georgetown University—Finance
 Jессenia Delgado—Joining the Marines
 Anthony DeMaria—NOVA—Undecided
 Michael DeMar—Longwood University—Pre-Med
 Joshua Derbyshire—Radford University—Engineering
 Cristian Desmaras—Penn State University—Mechanical Engineering
 Ashleigh DeWit—Mary Washington College—Undecided
 Kevin DeWyngraert—Radford University—Sports Medicine
 Shivleen Dhalwal—NOVA—Undecided
 William Dias—GMU—Engineering
 Adam Dillon—Joining the Marines
 Lynn Dillon—NOVA—Undecided
 Kris Dizon—GMU—Accounting
 Patricia Dizon—VCU—Biology
 Cassidy Daane—VA Tech—Apparel Design
 Janelle Dadds—Southern Methodist University—Undecided
 Michael Domina—VCU—Fine Arts
 James Donlin—Johnson and Wales University—Culinary Arts
 Laura Dotson—UVA—Nursing
 Brendan Downing—Joining the US Army Special Forces
 Craig Drohan—University of California, Irvine—Mechanical Engineering
 Thomas Dutweiler—Clemson University—Pre-Med
 Thomas Eisman—Ballstate University—Musical Theatre
 Ashley Elder—NOVA—Undecided
 Jason Elwood—Raven Crest Chalel—Music
 Francis Etro—NOVA—Undecided
 David Evans—Radford University—Undecided
 Erica Evans—University of Delaware—Undecided
 Vanessa Evans—West Virginia University—Forensic Science
 Caroline Evey—Penn State University—Psychology/
 Construction Management
 Bassam Fahim—NOVA—Business Management
 Jessica Faller-Perret—Mary Washington College—History
 Michael Farabaugh—Joining the work force
 Antonio Fernandez-Camacho—Gibbs College—Business Marketing
 Phillip Ferraiuolo—VA Tech—Undecided
 Brandon Ferraro—JMU—Theatre
 Robert Fithian—William and Mary—Psychology/Pre-Med
 Britany Fitzpatrick—Undecided
 Taylor Flynn—NOVA—Accounting
 Heidi Folland—Savannah College of Art and Design—Illustration
 Patrick Foley—Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University—Aviation
 Mark Anthony Fortin—GMU—Nursing
 Peter Foster—NOVA—Business
 Kristin Foye—Radford University—Psychology
 Lexy Gadzichowski—Mount St. Mary's College—Communications/Public Relations
 Fernando Galindez—Germana Community College—Business Marketing
 Tabatha Gassler—Christopher Newport University—Undecided
 Brian Gaudino—William and Mary—Mathematics/Music
 Robert Geisler—Liberty University—Education
 Alaina Generazio—Bucknell University—Undecided
 Andrew Generazio—Undecided
 Michelle Gerth—Christopher Newport University—Political Science
 Charles Geyer—Marratta College—Undecided
 David Glitin—New River Community College—Undecided
 Stephen Goodwin—Undecided
 Anne Gorbut—NOVA—Undecided
 Artinesia Gorbut—NOVA—Deaf Communications
 Emily Gorski—Notre Dame—Undecided
 Alex Greenlee—Enlisting in the armed services
 Maureen Greenlee—Mary Washington College—Dentistry
 Jeffrey Greenwell—Marshall University—Art
 Kristina Greer—University of Louisville—Special Education
 Alexandra Grillo—JMU—Undecided
 Andrew Grzankowski—Longwood University
 Stephen Guild—NOVA—Communications
 Nayna Gupta—Northwestern University—Economics/Political Science
 Jeanie Haar—NOVA—Business Management
 Monique Haddock—Christopher Newport University—Undecided
 Daniel Hamdorf—Johnson and Wales—Culinary Arts
 Mahlet Harlu—VCU—Undecided
 Douglas Hallock—GMU—Psychology
 Eunice Han—GMU—Liberal Arts
 Jae Han—VCU—Biology
 Matthew Hance—Art Institute—Media Arts/Animation
 Cory Harlow—NOVA—Engineering
 John Harootunian—JMU—Undecided
 Christopher Hartman—GMU—Systems Engineering
 Megan Harris—Ohio State University—Engineering
 Katherine Hardy—Taking a year off
 Emily Hatch—Eastern Mennonite University—Communications/Art
 Colin Hayes—Joining the Marines
 Keshia Heard—San Diego State University—Business/Music
 Lisa Hedge—Florida Atlantic University—Internal Business
 Stacy Heller—NOVA—Business
 Stephen Heo—NOVA
 Hector Hernandez—NOVA—Art/Music
 Ty Hess—Johnson and Wales University—Culinary Arts
 Ethan Heyman—Undecided
 Peter Hoang—NOVA—Biology
 Lyndell Hockersmith—VA Tech—Engineering
 Abril Hodge—University of Maryland Online—Communications
 David Hodge—Roanoke College—Undecided
 Claire Hoffman—JMU—Nursing
 Kelly Hogan—VA Tech—Mathematics Education
 Thomas Hogan—GMU—Computer Science
 Crain Holscher—NOVA—History
 Clifton Hook—New River Community College—Undecided
 Eliot Hopper—Boston University—Archaeology
 Christopher Horner—VCU—Fashion Design
 Kimberly Hottell—NOVA—Psychology
 Joshua Houck—JMU—Undecided
 Cristina Hoyt—University of the Arts—Dance
 Jamie Hudson—JMU—Criminal Justice
 James Huffstetler—GMU—Information Systems Management
 Maria Hufnagel—Radford University—Education
 David Hughes—NOVA—Undecided
 Brian Hunke—Radford University—Psychology
 Humna Husain—UVA—Engineering
 Nabila Hussaini—VCU—Biology
 Jeremiah Huston—VA Tech—Undecided
 Shanna Jackson—VCU—Photography
 Kris Jamboro—New River Community College—Undecided
 Hunnaira Jami—GMU—Engineering
 Tony Jenkins—Syracuse University—Undecided
 Jennie Jeon—GMU—Nursing
 Pedro Jimenez—Joining the work force
 Lydia Jo—VA Tech—Biology
 Christina Johnson—Catholic University—Pediatric Nursing
 Daniel Johnson—NOVA—Criminal Justice
 Leigh Johnson—Indiana University—Undecided
 Julie Johnson—University of Kansas—Kinesiology
 Katherine Jones—NOVA—Sociology
 Matthew Jones—Barton College—Information Systems
 Richard Jones—JMU—Undecided
 Meghan Jost—East Carolina University—Elementary Education
 Christopher Juliano—Marshall University—Business
 Jaweed Kaleem—Emerson College—Journalism
 Jennifer Kals—GMU—English/Education
 Jason Kang—JMU—Business
 Reetika Kapoor—GMU—Undecided
 Anna Kapuscinski—VA Tech—Undecided
 Royal Kastens—Kutztown University—Political Science
 David Kauffman—Boston University—Undecided
 Christopher Kennedy—Christopher Newport University—Undecided
 Lauren Khar—JMU—Political Science
 Babak Khodabandeh—Shenandoah Conservatory—Jazz Studies
 Andy Kim—GMU
 Christopher Kim—Azusa Pacific University—Christian Ministries
 Dongwoo Kim—GMU—Psychology
 Edward Kim—Undecided—Undecided
 Eileen Kim—UVA—Pre-Med
 Erika Kim—UVA—Pre-Law
 Eugene Kim—Enlisting in the armed services
 Hyun Jin Kim—VCU—Pre-Dentistry
 Jeong Geun Kim—VA Tech—Mechanical Engineering
 John Kim—GMU—Pre-Med
 Joonchul Kim—VA Tech—Undecided

Yu Young Kim—Purdue University—Electrical Engineering
 Paul Kim—Joining the Military
 Paula Kim—VCU—Pharmacy
 Raymond Kim—GMU—Culinary Arts
 Tim Kim—Joining the work force
 Brian King—Institute of Art—Graphic Design
 Scott King—NOVA—Undecided
 Susanne Kim—GMU—Computer Science
 Stephen Kmetz—University of South Carolina—Music
 Eugenie Ko—UNC-Chapel Hill—Neurology
 Kevin Koblitz—Penn State University—Undecided
 Gersilda Kratia—NOVA—Undecided
 Kyle Krueger—Christopher Newport University—Computer Science
 Michelle Kwak—East Carolina University—Graphic Communications
 Timothy Kwak—GMU—Business Administration
 Nicole La Frenie—NOVA—International Marketing
 Timothy LaCrosse—The Millard School—Music Performance
 Matthew Lappat—Johnson and Wales
 Chelsea Lee—JMU—Undecided
 Edward Lee—NOVA
 Jae Lee—VA Tech—Bioengineering
 Peter Lee—GMU—Undecided
 Won Hyung Lee—New York University—Economics
 Caitlin Lentzuzi—Virginia Intermont College—Equine Business Management
 Garrett Len—Old Dominion University—Criminal Justice
 Mark Levine—University of Pittsburgh—Undecided
 Steven Lewis—Morehouse College—Biology
 Ian Lewis-Millholland—GMU—Drama
 Hyun Jung Lim—GMU—Biology
 Lauren Lind—NOVA
 Adam Lopez—NOVA
 Jeffrey Lopez—JMU—Art
 Mary Luery—VCU—Business
 Britton Lukens—UVA—Pre Law
 Edina Luush—Joining the work force
 Tiffany Luong—UVA—Engineering
 Kanyon MacRae—Villanova University—Computer Science
 Meghan Mahoney—West Virginia University—Technical Theatre
 Ruchika Malhotra—VA Tech—Biology/Pre-Med
 Luis Malpartida—Johnson and Wales—Sports Event Management
 Paul Maree—Savannah College of Art and Design—Undecided
 Christopher Marotta—Salem College
 Charly Martin—NOVA—Culinary Arts
 Christopher Martin—West Virginia University—Undecided
 Mirena Martinez—Old Dominion University—International Business
 Teryl Martinez—NOVA—Law
 Milly Martinez-Diaz—Undecided
 Lisa Marvin—Penn State University—Business/Graphics
 John Massie—United States Air Force Academy—Science
 Lena Matos—Penn State University—Political Science
 Zachary Mathews—Cornell University—Undecided
 Chelsea Mazzella—Florida State University—Communications
 Karina McCall—Old Dominion University—Biology
 Moira McClelland—GMU—Undecided
 Caranna McCuskey—UVA—Undecided
 Sean McGhee—Indiana University—Trombone Performance
 Molly McGrath—GMU—Undecided
 Devin McKenzie—VCU—Psychology
 Stephen McKenzie—Catawba College—Undecided
 Joseph McMahon—Old Dominion University—Aerospace Engineering
 Gibran McNeal—Fayetteville State University—Music/Business
 Ian McWilliams—Shenandoah University—Jazz Guitar
 Dhruvi Mehta—NOVA—Business
 Divakar Mehta—VA Tech—Engineering
 Kevin Mielec—Lynn University—Undecided
 Liza Mietus—Joining the work force
 Gary Migiaccio—Bethany College—Criminal Justice
 Clint Miller—West Virginia University—Accounting
 Ryan Mistrretta—Coastal Carolina University—Marine Science
 Christopher Moe—Ohio Technical College
 Fatema Mohammed Khan—VCU—Pre-Med
 Daniel Monahan—NOVA—Undecided
 Thomas Moore—VA Tech—Engineering
 Emily Morris—University of Hartford—Undecided
 Benjamin Mould—Salem International University—Undecided
 Anne Mur—Colby College—Pre-Med
 Karlin Murphy—JMU
 Marshall Murphy—NOVA—Marketing
 Drew Murray—Mary Washington College—Political Science
 Constance Nash—Tartleton State University—Animal Science
 Sean Navin—United States Military Academy—Engineering
 Clifton Neal—Wingate University—Pre-Law
 Eric Neal—NOVA—Undecided
 Aisley Neary—VA Tech—Engineering
 Nancy Ngo—GMU—Undecided
 Hung Nguyen—VCU—Undecided
 Mai-Khanh Nguyen—Indiana University—Fashion Marketing
 Minh Nguyen—NOVA—Undecided

Quang Nguyen—UVA—Engineering
 Meredith Nitzberg—Coast Guard Academy—Marine/Environmental Science
 Tracy Norton—NOVA—Early Childhood Education
 Katherin Norwood—University of California—Fashion Design
 Kevin O'Donnell—Undecided
 Farrell O'Neill—Radford University—Fashion Merchandising
 Kelly Ann Osborn—United States Naval Academy—History
 Lawrence Osborn—JMU—Criminal Justice
 Miguel Ovelar—Temple University—Undecided
 Alex Paik—Georgia Institute of Technology—Chemical Engineer
 Andrew Palmer—East Carolina University—Physics
 Gregory Palmer—NOVA
 Yimny Pande—VCU—Undecided
 Caitlin Papp—Christopher Newport University—Criminal Justice
 Jihlah Papp—Christopher Newport University—Undecided
 Erik Paquin—NOVA—Psychology
 Ae Park—GMU—Undecided
 Elizabeth Park—VA Tech—Art
 Phillip Park—VCU—Criminal Justice
 Chitra Parthasarathi—GMU—History
 Aragit Patel—VA Tech—Engineering
 Nirav Patel—GMU—Biomedical
 Monique Parkway—GMU—Government/International Politics
 Andrew Paxton—Eckerd College—Biology
 Melanie Pearsall—East Carolina University—Interior Design/Theater
 Rachel Persica—JMU—Undecided
 Emily Pety—Southern Virginia University—Elementary Education
 Matthew Pety—Joining the work force
 Doan Phan—Undecided—Undecided
 Philip Phan—GMU—Accounting
 Paul Phelps—Indiana University—Trombone Performance
 Kelli Phillips—Joining the work force
 Lily Phuong—GMU—Pre-Dentistry
 Ashley Pickup—NOVA—Marketing
 Laura Pilkington—University of Florida—Philosophy
 Scott Pistochini—VMI—History
 Emma Petal—Furman University—Music
 Jennifer Polasek—JMU—Psychology
 Danielle Porch—Christopher Newport University—Undecided
 Sandon Porter—NOVA—Electrician
 Jennifer Powers—United States Military Academy—Undecided
 Kathleen Prevost—Drexel University—Photography/Film
 John Puckett—VA Tech—Computer Science
 Brendan Quinn—Pennsylvania College of Technology—Business Engineering
 Jaquin Ramey—GMU—Criminal Justice
 Mollie Randa—JMU—Business/Music
 Jamie Ratajczk—VA Tech—Biology
 Salma Razaq—Undecided
 Ashlie Reese—Carson-Newman College—Vocal Performance
 Devin Reid—Christopher Newport University—Computer Science
 Erica Repa—VA Tech—Engineering
 Brandon Rhodes—Norfolk State University—Physical Education
 Katherine Rice—Northeastern University—International Affairs
 Laren Riedler—Briham Young University—Music Education
 Army Rivera—GMU—International Business
 Heather Robb—University of North Carolina at Greensboro—Elementary Education
 Carla Rodriguez—VCU—Business
 Karina Roman—Mary Washington College—Computer Science
 Krista Roper—University of North Carolina at Greensboro—Dear Education
 Charles Ross—Longwood University—Business Administration
 Taneesha Router—Old Dominion University—Criminal Justice
 Michael Rowshandel—GMU—Business Administration
 David Royfe—Old Dominion University—Physics
 Emily Ryan—UVA—Nursing
 Amanda Ryder—NOVA—Elementary Education
 Melissa Ryder—NOVA—Nursing
 Sue Ellen Salgado—Undecided
 Margarita Santiago—VCU—Dance Education
 Brian Santos—Old Dominion University—Business
 Hasan Sansour—JMU—Business
 Marybeth Scharreta—UVA—Biology
 Benjamin Scott—Utah State University—Undecided
 Marianne Shaddrix—Presbyterian College—History
 Amit Sharma—VA Tech—Finance
 Alexandra Shaw—University of South Carolina—International Business
 Matthew Shea—VMI—Mechanical Engineering
 Christopher Shelley—JMU—Computer Science
 Luke Short—Joining the work force
 Troy Sigman—GMU—Environmental Science
 Sonya Simpson—West Virginia University—Undecided
 Kemy Singh—NOVA—Computer Engineering
 James Slingo—Collins College—Animation
 Erin Smith—GMU—Undecided

Matthew Smith—Mary Washington College—Political Science
 Mike Sneed—VCU—Business Administrative/Management
 Amber Snyder—VA Tech—Early Childhood Education
 Kristin Snyder—Mary Washington College—Elementary Education
 Alex Sohn—UVA—Mechanical Engineering
 Betty Soliani—UVA—History/Political Science
 Christopher Sterbling—VA Tech—Electrical Engineering
 Emily Stevenson—VCU
 Adam Stokowski—VCU—Mathematics
 Jesse Storm—VA Tech—Mechanical Engineering
 Matthew Strampe—UVA—Physics
 Heather Strobel—VCU—Forensic Science
 Christopher Struck—University of Colorado, Boulder—Undecided
 Milvea Sturgis—Randolph-Macon College—International Affairs
 Jonathan Styron—Providence College—Undecided
 Sarah Sundt—NOVA
 Robert Surdam—NOVA
 Caitlin Sutton—Florida State University—Psychology
 Priyanka Tandon—William and Mary—Economics
 Jonathan Taylor—Radford University—Psychology
 Candice Tedesco—NOVA—Architecture Technology
 Fabio Teran—University of Hartford—Sound/Civil Engineering
 Monica Teran—NOVA—Nursing
 Justin Tew—NOVA—Undecided
 Lauren Thomas—Baylor University—Forensic Science
 Meghan Thompson—Longwood University—Communications
 Denise Thnush—Auburn University—Nursing
 Wei-Chih Tong—Joining the Army
 Maria Toor—GMU—Biology
 Daniel Trayer—College of the Holy Cross—Undecided
 Seth Trevasakis—Joining the US Navy
 Rachel Tucker—Gardner-Webb University—Nursing
 Kwadwo Tuffour—VCU—Business Administration
 Alison Tugwell—VA Tech—University Studies
 Courtney Turco—UNC-Chapel Hill—Undecided
 Christopher Turk—NOVA—Computer Science
 Aman Tuteja—NOVA—Engineering
 Robert Underwood—GMU—Networking
 Laura Unterholzer—Queen's University—Psychology
 Courtney Urran—Bridgewater University—Communications
 Nicole Van Wert—VCU—Social Work
 Warren Vogel—NOVA—Undecided
 Russell Waddell—William and Mary—Undecided
 Katherine Wagner—VCU—Business Marketing
 Cody Waisanen—Liberty Bellville—Biotechnology
 Nikolai Wajda—Catholic University—Polish and Gaelic Studies
 Kara Walker—William and Mary—Undecided
 Heather Wallace—Trevcca Nazarene University—Business
 Patrick Walsh—William and Mary—Undecided
 Tayyaba Waqar—VCU—Undecided
 Antoine Ware—VCU—Photography/Film
 Lindsey Waters—Joining the Air Force
 Nancy Waters—University of Georgia—Fashion Merchandising
 Robert Watkins—GMU—Business
 Andrew Watson—UVA—Finance
 Christopher Watson—NOVA—Marketing
 James Watson—VMI—Mechanical Engineering
 Joseph Weidertold—Cornell University—Mechanical Engineering
 Jennifer Welsh—Mary Washington College—Biology
 Audrey Whitam—Undecided
 Nathaniel Wiles—Penn State University—Computer Engineering
 Joshua Wilson—Mary Washington College—Business
 Elliot Wish—Emerson College—Sound Production
 Rebecca Withers—Messiah College—Studio Art/Graphic Design
 Stephanie Woodson—NOVA—Criminal Psychology
 Richard Work—NOVA—Undecided
 Trisha Wright—NOVA—Computer Programming Technology
 Daniel Wuckovich—VA Tech—Architecture
 Neil Yang—GMU—Undecided
 Angela Yatico—VCU—Undecided
 Se Jin Yoo—GMU—International Business
 Hyun Sung Yoon—VA Tech—Architecture
 Patrick Yoon—NOVA
 Karen Zelaya—Nursing program in Falls Church, VA
 Ursula Ziboro—Marymount University—Psychology
 Jennifer Znitsek—High Point University—Undecided
 Melissa Zoller—William and Mary—International Studies/Physics
 Rebecca Zukerman—University of Hartford—Psychology
 Mahley Zurita—Southern Methodist University—Foreign Affairs

GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 2003!

—Information compiled from returned surveys sent to Government classes.

Mrs. Nelson

By Eugenie Ko
Oracle Senior

I honestly feel bad for anyone who leaves WS without going through the Nelson experience. Whether it's taking *Olympian, Oracle*, AP Nelson (known to some as AP LangComp), or being a local *Oracle* Bum, getting to know Mrs. Brooke Ramey Nelson is what makes high school that much more fun. I have had the pleasure of being a part of all of the above.

AP Nelson is the most practical, informational and interesting class ever. Not only did we learn to abandon the five-paragraph format, but we learned about pop culture, current events, and how to analyze Dr. Seuss. Class activities included heated death penalty debates that

went on through lunch and symbolizing various Shakespearean characters

as sandwiches. Always filled with hysterical laughter and occasional shrieking, Mrs. Nelson's AP Lang class managed to get students to learn without generalizing it.

After a year with Nelson, I decided to take it a step higher by joining both journalism classes for my senior year. Nelson's wisdom came in even handier by helping me with my college decision as she did for many of her students. Always up to talk about anything, Nelson's enthusiasm and comedic moments somehow make a typical school day all the more interesting.

BRN, as I depart full of information and knowledge, I have one thing left to say: Holla.

Ms. Kopkav

By Nayna Gupta
Oracle Senior

If only we could clone Ms. Allison Kopkau.

Until her class, history was just pure memorization. But Kopkau's entertaining lectures and thought-provoking projects coupled with her passion for teaching, made facts come alive. She taught us to view the world from another culture's perspective, encouraging us to become critical of our own society.

But what sets Kopkau apart is her dedication outside the classroom. Every week she'd have an article for me to peruse, a book to add to my summer reading list, or a museum exhibit to check out, sometimes even offering to accompany me. This encouragement taught us to

pursue our passions and connect our classroom experiences to the outside world.

Burk Kopkau understands that to truly teach, she must connect with her students personally. In Kopkau, empathy is innate. I've spent much time in her room for advice on problems. It's not unusual to see students at her door to that Ms. Kopkau knows how to use her own confidence and energy to push those around her. She is the ultimate motivator. In a

county that over-emphasizes GPA's and percentiles, she has managed to teach students to learn not for a number, but for the sake of learning. Were I to choose someone for a mother, a friend, a teammate, or most importantly, a teacher, Ms. Kopkau would top my list.

Mrs. Moriarty

By JD Kaleem
Oracle Senior

Having a teacher threaten to slap you is always a sign of good relationship.

I have fun and enjoy every day of Mrs. Moriarty's class. She's funny and can relate to her students while still

more of a teenager than I could ever be. Only in Mrs. Moriarty's class could you analyze songs by The Doors or Simon and Garfunkel or take an entire period to explore your genealogy. Not to mention the Jimmy Buffet "cheer-me-ups" we listened to after all that depressing literature.

I've become fond of playing "guess what the teacher's thinking" and "cheating quizzes"—I finally did it legally!

"After a year in her class, I know she's more of a teenager than I could ever be."

Mrs. Moriarty is an awesome end to my senior year and more.

MS. BEACH

By Jenn Carlson
Oracle Senior

Throughout my four years at WS, I have had more able, absorbing and dedicated teachers than I ever could have imagined. Out of them, one stands out as a person who combines schoolwork with hilarious digressions and who truly understands students, especially the attitudes and expectations of seniors.

To me, Ms. Beach has managed to keep my attention in AP Literature this year and in Journalism I during freshman year by breaking up serious analytical discussions with hysterical anecdotes and personal stories that constantly keep the class doubled over with laughter.

There were stories about a previous job as a teacher in a women's minimum security prison or we were told about the former ballerina's stint as an instructor.

Always humorous and in a pleasant mood, no matter how she sick or tired she may be, Ms. Beach's antics could put a smile on my face even on the dreariest winter day.

Thank you, Ms. Beach, for pushing and challenging us seniors just the right amount during these last tough months of school and entertaining us as well. We could all learn from your cheerful, outgoing personality, willingness to help students and over all optimistic attitude.

Ms. Bruckmann

By Priyanka Tandon
Oracle Senior

At first I called her Madameoisele Bruckmann, but soon the long name became just simple Madameoisele.

My sophomore year was began sitting in the middle of Madameoisele's class. I didn't really have a predilection towards French, but after one year with Madameoisele, I saw that it was more than just a bunch of grammar and verb conjugations.

She didn't just teach us, she made French fun. Cutting up magazines or playing pictorial may seem simple, but they were the best learning tools. All of Madameoisele's techniques made me learn without knowing I was learning. Her teaching was effortless; her lessons unique.

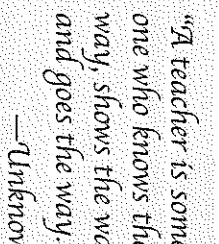
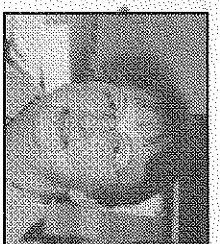
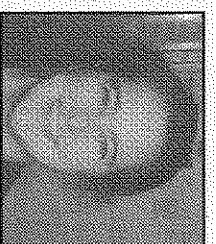
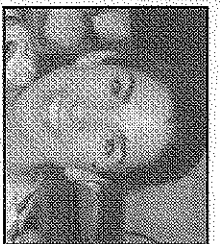
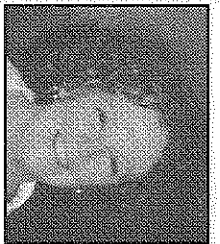
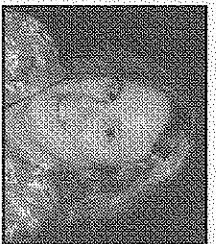
More than just a teacher, she didn't stop

her job inside the classroom. Madameoisele's love for French taught me more than I could have imagined. She organized field trips to see French movies and go to concerts.

Her enthusiasm brought Foreign Language Week to a new level, including the infamous Foreign Language Fear Factor. Her caring nature also helped me and others personally; I couldn't have finished my junior year without her.

Mademoisele was my teacher for two years, and even though she's not my teacher anymore, we still talk and share laughs every now and then. Madameoisele will be at Centreville the next year and the Spartans will miss her, but I know she'll make a difference wherever she goes.

And although she's now Madame Figa, she'll always be Madameoisele to me.



"A teacher is someone who knows the way, shows the way, and goes the way."
—Unknown

The Oracle seniors would like to thank all the teachers and staff members who have helped and guided us throughout the past four years. It was hard to pick just seven to profile. Thank you all for your devotion.

Dr. Paprocki

By Emily Ryan
Oracle Senior

Finding a math class where you can have fun is practically unheard of.

Usually they consist of daily note-taking with an occasional test. Classes seem endless, except when you're with Doc.

Every class Doc would say something outlandish that would lead to laughter and shock. Is she allowed to say that? Her randomness made tedious work bearable and actually enjoyable just when I stopped paying attention. I'd hear her say something about her doctor or a family member. Every one would listen intently as she entertained us with different stories.

Despite her ability to

make us laugh and get off topic, she also knew how to get us to learn what we needed to know.

Doc's jokes rolled over as the null hypotheses, or Hos. To help us learn about probability, she'd pull out the bags of Skittles and M&Ms.

"After she retires, WS and math just won't be the same."

bonuses points were a plus whenever tests and other

grades were passed back. She taught us what we needed to know and helped us improve our grade along the way.

I loved having Doc. Sometimes I enjoyed and looked forward to going to her class and seeing what she would do or say next, which isn't something I'd normally do. She just phases in political correctness so I know some of the memories in my classroom and I have will stay with Doc and us in rough 10. The students who have had the pleasure of being in one of her classes know what I am talking about. For those who haven't had the chance, it's unfortunate.

After she retires this year, WS and math just won't be the same.

Frau Frauser

By Marianne Shadrix
Oracle Senior

Every summer just before school started, I would anxiously wait for my class schedule to come in that big school information packet in the mail. It was a big deal to me. I would rip open the package, quickly shuffle through the mess of papers to find the one sheet I was looking for.

The teachers I got were a surprise to me each year, with one exception. I knew every time I looked at that oh-so-important piece of paper that one name would always be there—Melver, C.

Her official title is Cynthia P. Melver, Ph.D., German language teacher extraordinaire. But to

those whom she has taught, she will always be simply "Frau."

I am part of a rare breed of students. I, along with about ten other seniors, have been in Frau's class for every one of my high school years. She has gotten to know me better than any other teacher or counselor at WS, and as I prepare myself to leave this place, I feel obligated to share with everybody and Frau a few things I learned from being in her class these past four years.

1) "Jay-has Deitsch" is real German.
2) There probably is something wrong with these kids today...
3) Squirrels, deer and other cute furry animals be impossible for me to forget "The Frau."

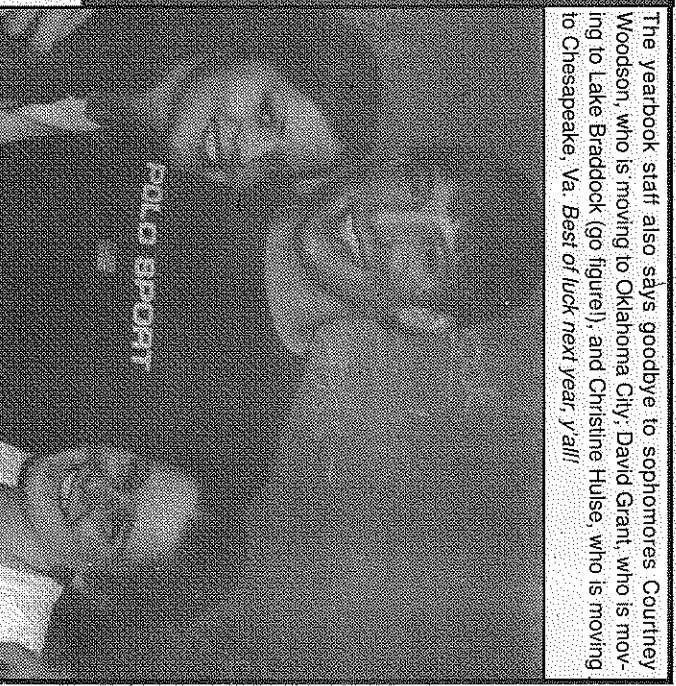
German Scrabble can do wonders for one's mental health.

If he drives two different "muscle" cars and has pin a different girl every day, he is probably not "boyfriend material."

The real way to celebrate "The Ides of March" requires just two things: an orange Gummy and a long pin with a pretty head.
Of course, this is not all the knowledge I have acquired from spending four years with Frau, but I digress. The subjunctive I and subjunctive II cases may not stay with me for very long, but I know that it will be impossible for me to forget "The Frau."



Congratulations to the 13 graduating Olymplan staffers: Top row, from left, Erika Kim, Katie Rice, Eugenie Ko, Leigh Johnson, Cathryn Broome, Monique Patway, Jenn Powers, Laurie Dotson, and Chitra Parthasarathi; Bottom row, from left, Cat Callender, Marshal Ausberry, Becky Zukerman, and Emily Ryan. *Congratulations, Class of 2003!*



The yearbook staff also says goodbye to sophomores Courtney Woodson, who is moving to Oklahoma City; David Grant, who is moving to Lake Braddock (go figure!), and Christine Hulise, who is moving to Chesapeake, Va. *Best of luck next year, y'all!*

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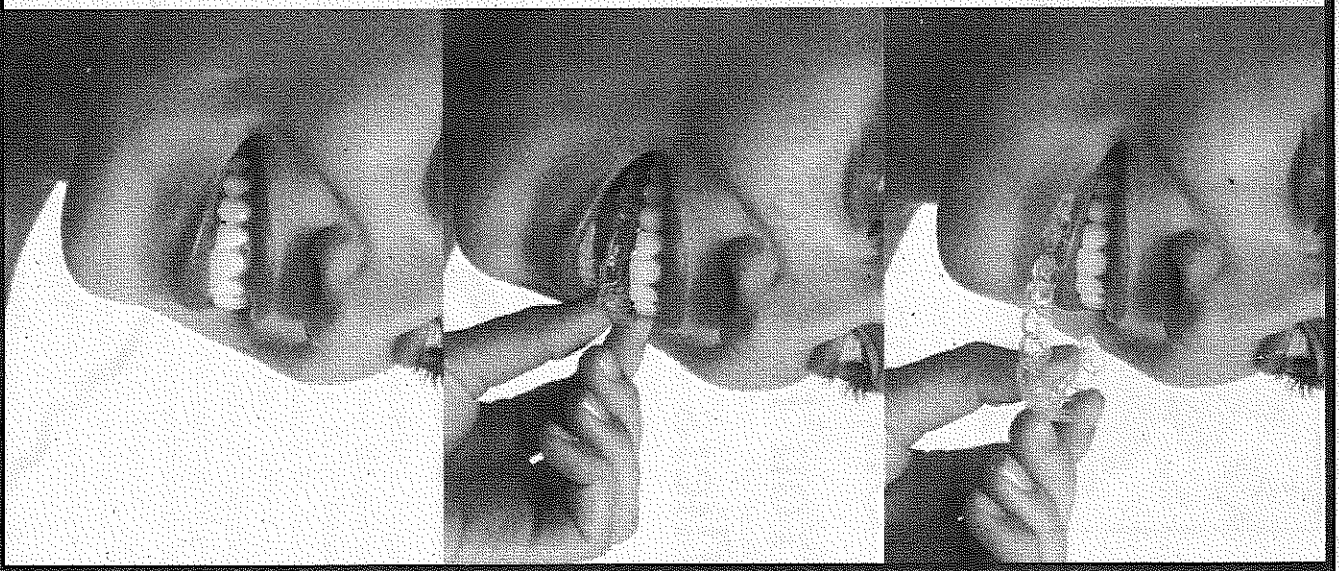
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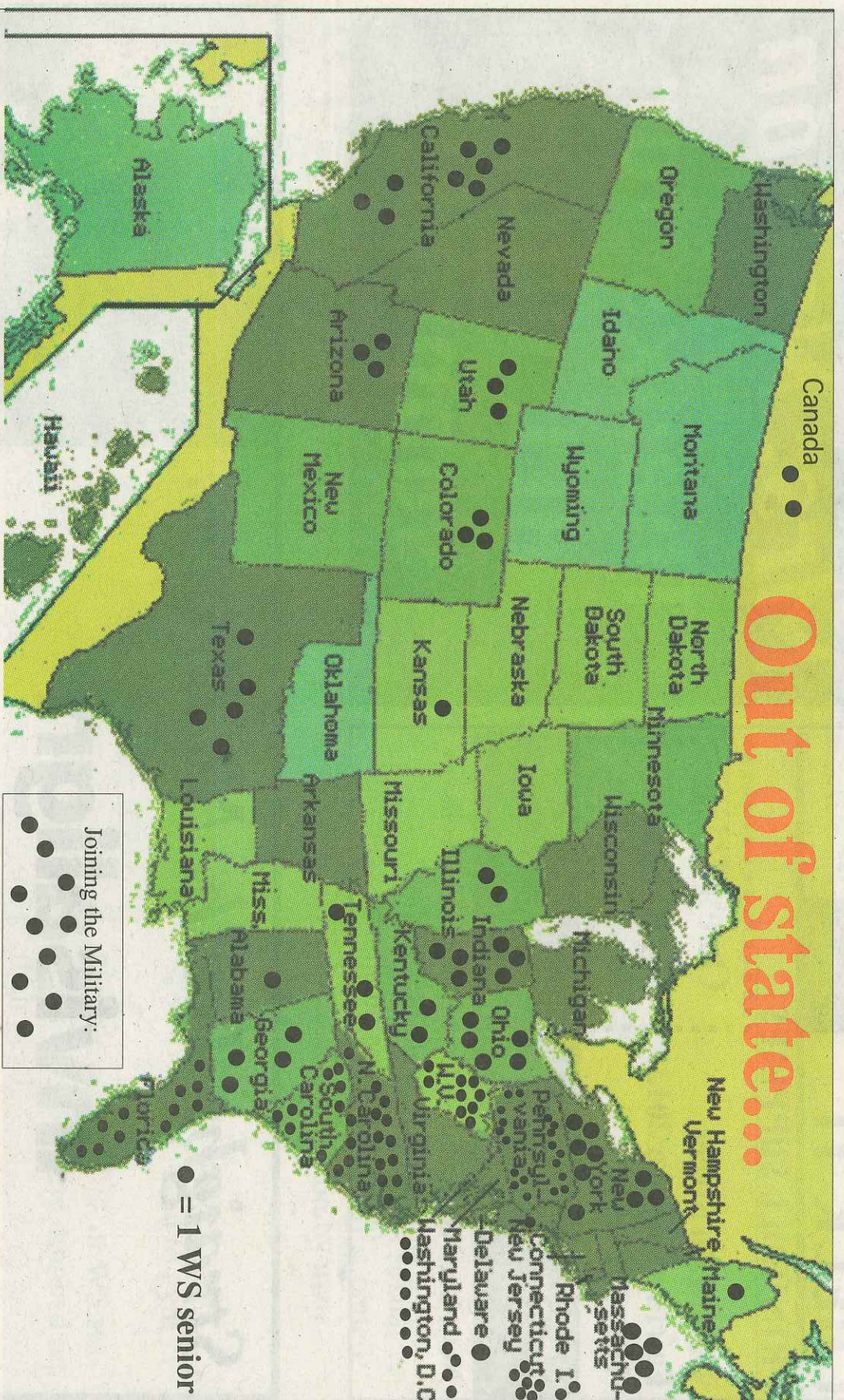
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fliers who soared to high heights.” —*Dr. Seuss*

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