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In The Mind Of Ryan Spaulding...Part II

and ourselves.

Since I got so much great feedback, I might even make this a regular thing. If you like the idea of me sharing my crazy notions with you, please let me know so we can make this a recurring thing. Write a letter to the editors and tell us what you think. Hell, that's what we're here for. With that all said and done, here we go again:

Wouldn't it be cool to have two cars? One would be your nice car that you would drive around and stuff, just like you would with a normal car. The other would be a real pile of junk that you would run into things with. Knock down a few mail boxes, hit small trees, see if you can pop wheelies with it, you know fun things. I guarantee it would be a great stress reliever and might even cure road rage.

I don't understand

what the big deal is with talking to yourself? It seems like a very healthy habit to me. Think about it, yourself is the one person you can always agree with, and you'll never get into an argument. The trick is to listen to yourself while speaking, though. You have to understand what yourself is saying. I think if everyone started to do this then there would be a lot less stupid things said in this world.

When you break it all down, all humans are just statistics.

I hate jerks. The one thing I hate worse than jerks, is if the jerk had a twin, who was also a jerk. That's like two of the same jerk!

Here's something to do for fun. Go into a restaurant and ask in a loud enough voice so other customers can hear you, if anyone has ever died from food poisoning there. I

guarantee you'll never get an honest answer.

I think word searches are stupid. Who would ever want to struggle to find a word? If you want to find a word so damn bad get a dictionary out, I promise you'll be able to find it a lot quicker, and without the hassle.

I think this countries whole gun control debate has gone on long enough. I say give every human on the planet a gun, even babies. Hell why stop with humans? Let's give animals guns too. That would put an interesting twist on hunting season, don't you agree? Then maybe the NRA would realize how ridiculous this whole thing is and just shut up.

Whoever says gray is the new black, never looked good in black. Besides has gray ever looked

all that appealing? I find it to be the most ugly of all colors.

Have you ever tried writing with your opposite hand? Try it right now. Now I know some of you out there are talented where you can do it either way, but for those who can't, don't you feel just a little inferior?

Whoever first said the quote "the early bird gets the worm," is the biggest idiot in history! This is why we have to wake up so damn early to go to work and school, because of that stupid quote. I don't know whom I find more to blame; the one who said it, or the ones who thought it was a good idea. If I was there when it was first said, I would've smacked that moron with a rock and told him to go back to sleep.

Here's something fun to try in church. If you go to a real quiet church (you know if you go to one) during

the preacher's sermon stand up and shout as loud as you can "Hallelujah!" You may get some funny looks, but no one will ever question your faith from that moment on.

I find it ironic when bigots who hate any race with a darker skin color than them, go to tanning salons. What are these people, mentally handicapped, or what?

I think many of today's musicians should thank their lucky stars for getting famous. If it weren't for music getting them their fame, a lot of these ugly monkeys would never get laid.

Well there you have it. Wasn't that fun? So please if any of what I said made you laugh, cry, upset, or think, please drop me a line. I'll be pleased to here any feedback, it allows me to know that this is actually worth doing. And remember to always speak your mind.

That's right, ladies and gentlemen. By popular demand, I have once again opened the gateway to my own personal Pandora's box.

Since I got a lot of feedback on my last editorial, that means that the article did indeed serve its purpose.

With that said, all those who thought the last article was funny, sad, upsetting, or just plain strange must have generated your own thoughts. You all get a golden star.

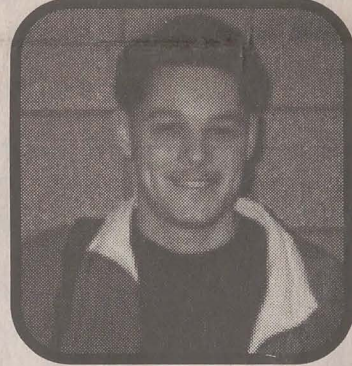
Feel good about yourselves; it's not everyday us humans actually use our brains for something other than destroying this planet

Do You Think St. Antler's Day Should be a State Holiday?

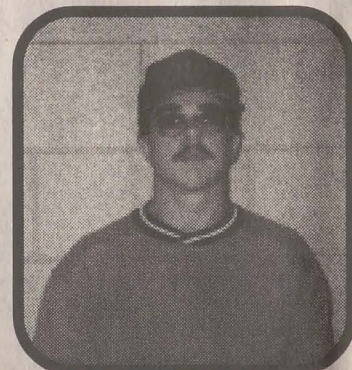
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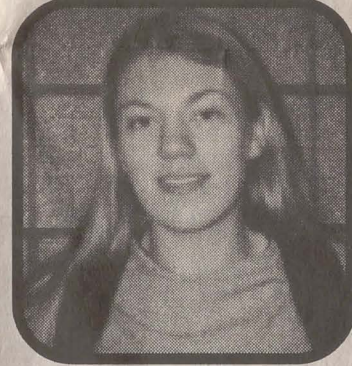
Nicole Vanderwyst
"Hell no, I don't hunt. I think the kids after me should have to go to school."



Joel Hoover
"No, there's no reason for it."



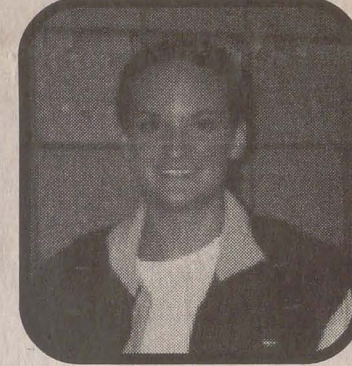
Tim Johnson
"Yes, I'm an avid hunter and if we had a holiday, we wouldn't have to worry about missing school."



Nicole Tufts
"No, because it's stupid."

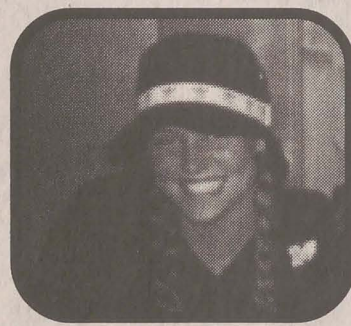


April Ahlgren
"Yes, it's Michigan and there's a lot of deer. I don't hunt but I like to eat meat."



Marisa Fenner
"Yes, because my boyfriend likes to hunt."

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America's Cultural Education in Question

Every time I read about him, I feel inspired. I was taught black culture and white American culture, but these two races are not the only ones here anymore.

You don't necessarily have to learn about their religious practices, but you should really know about the people and try understanding them a little. America is openly diverse and free to be what we want and that is what makes us all equal in ways other countries don't fully understand.

I was watching Dateline one day after the tragedy of September 11th and they had a journalist in Afghanistan talking to a boy around eleven years old. The boy was going on and on about how he hated America so much and said that all

Americans were evil. The journalist asked him two very key questions. One of them was: Do you know where America is? The boy didn't know; he couldn't even point it out on a map. The next question was why he hated America so much? The boy didn't know why he hated America, he just did.

Basically it all comes down to this, the Taliban needs to go to hell, and those women and children under the rule of the Taliban need to be more educated about America and be able to learn about what a wonderful society this country has.

The Taliban, Osama Bin Laden, and their followers poison minds, preach evil, and speak of nothing. We need to get rid of them and fast.

We don't need to educate the terrorists; we need them dead. Americans don't have to learn the terrorist's background; we just have to hate it.

All the education Americans need to know is about innocent people who teach peace and think of us as friends and great people of all sorts of culture.

Adults and especially children need to be more culturally aware, especially the ones in small towns like Alpena. Americans need to learn more about foreign cultures, and most importantly, those cultures need to know about American lifestyles and our great past. God Bless America!

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