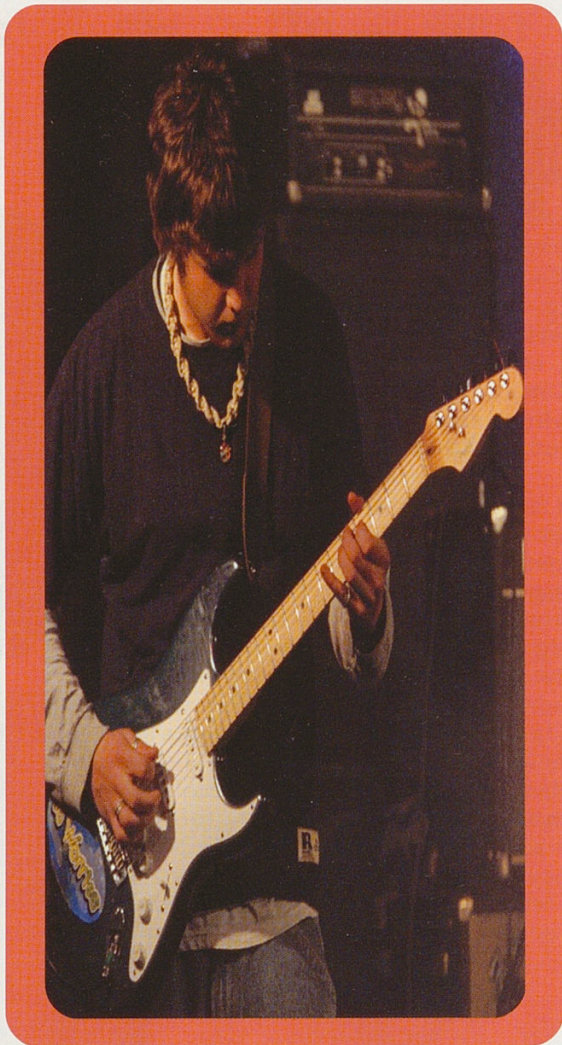


**AND THE WINNER IS... FOREST FIRE!** Chris Grannen, 12, and Matt Kursmark, 12, played guitar and performed songs that they had made up in minutes, and had the audience laughing hysterically. Everyone enjoyed their upbeat performance.



**"YOU UGLY, YEA YEA, YOU UGLY!"** This skit was based on the Spartan cheerleaders from Saturday Night Live. Kati Bakes, 12, and brother Frank Bakes, 9, imitated the real Spartan cheerleaders. They were quite an entertaining duo before the battle started.



**JEFF MILLER, 12, PLAYS HIS LEAD** guitar. Miller was a part of two bands this year in the battle: Chasing the Tail of Smoke and Reason and Still Rock Steady. Miller's bands placed third and sixth in the battle's results.

What did you think about doing you audition on video instead of live this year?



"I don't even like my band, I'm just really amazing on the drums. If things were the way they should be, we would be called Gabe Goldstein and the Nasty Three."  
-Gabe Goldstein, 12



"By having a video of your band instead of a live audition, you lose the live effect of the band. I'd rather do a live audition."  
-Dexter Payne, 11



"With a video you get many times to perfect it... but with live auditions you get one chance. The video auditions were easier for the judges but very unrealistic."  
-Chris Grannen, 12