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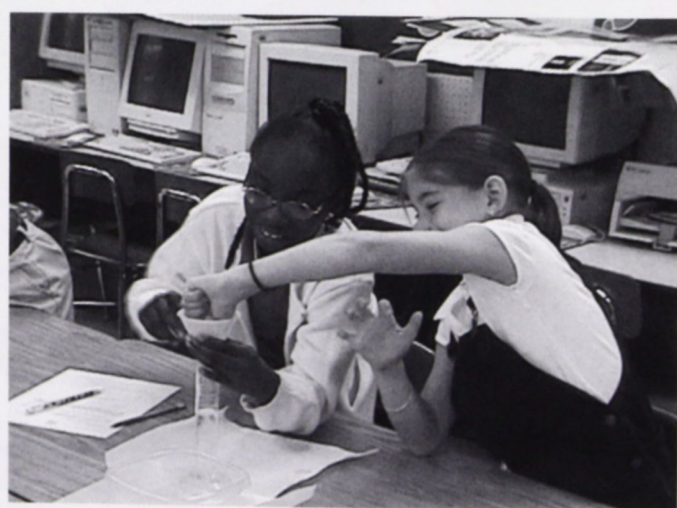
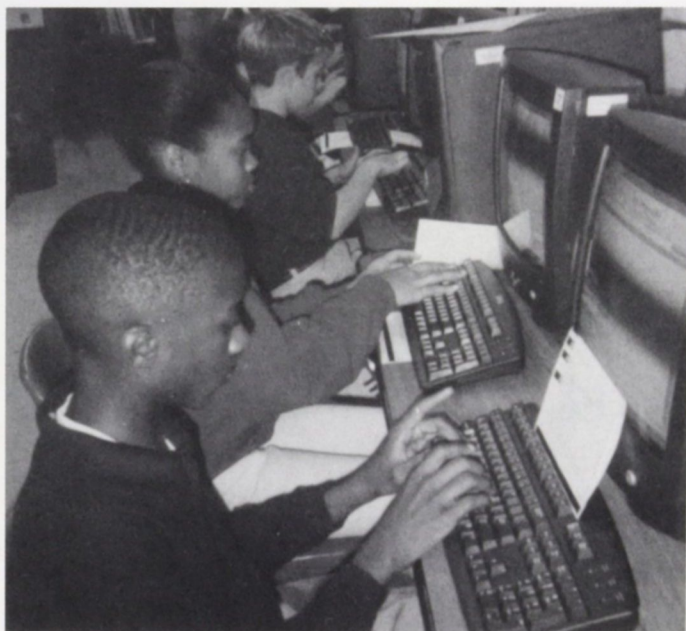


Welcome to  
Irwin Middle School  
Fort Bragg, NC  
Home of the Mustangs  
2003-2004



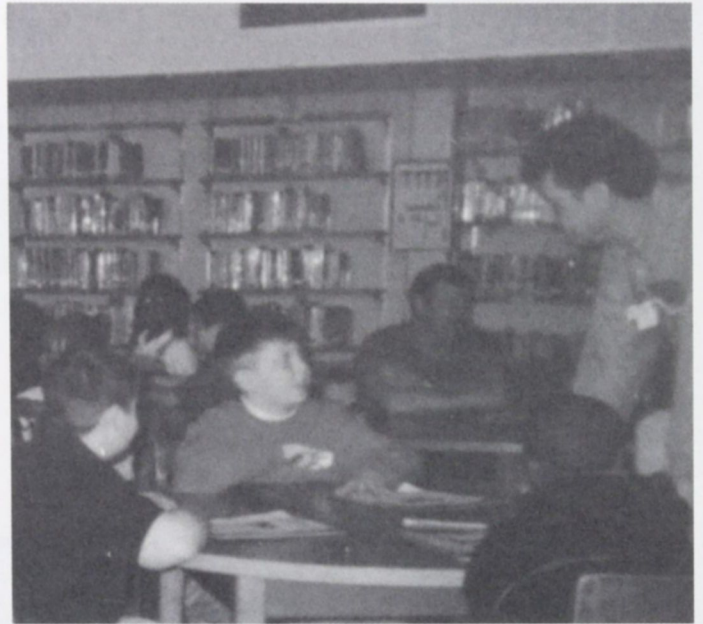


# Familiar Places





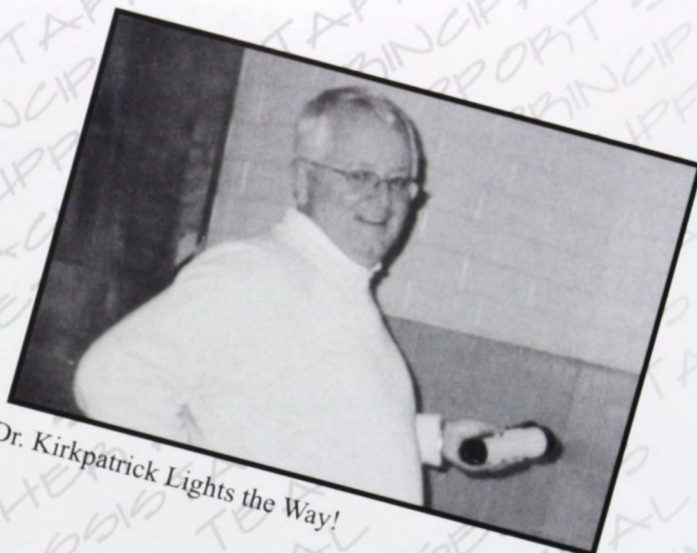
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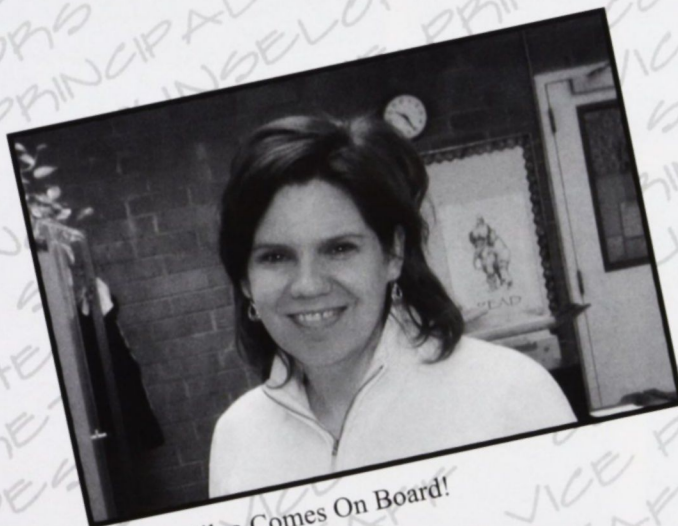


# ADMINISTRATION

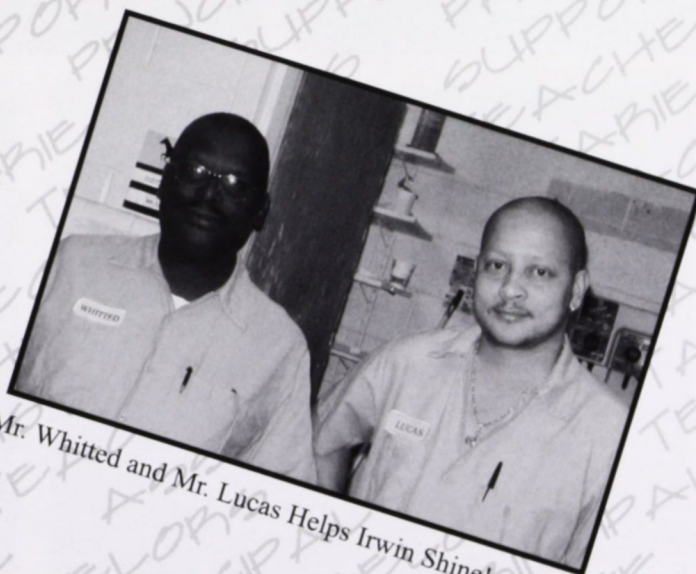
# FACULTY &



Dr. Kirkpatrick Lights the Way!

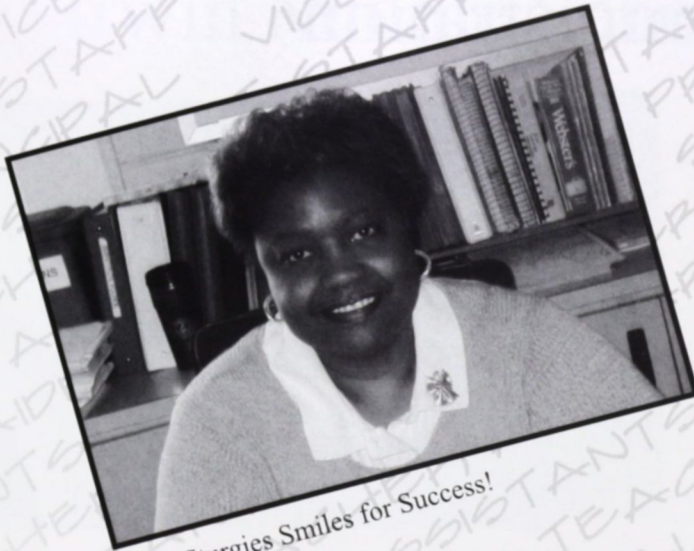


Mrs. DaSilva Comes On Board!

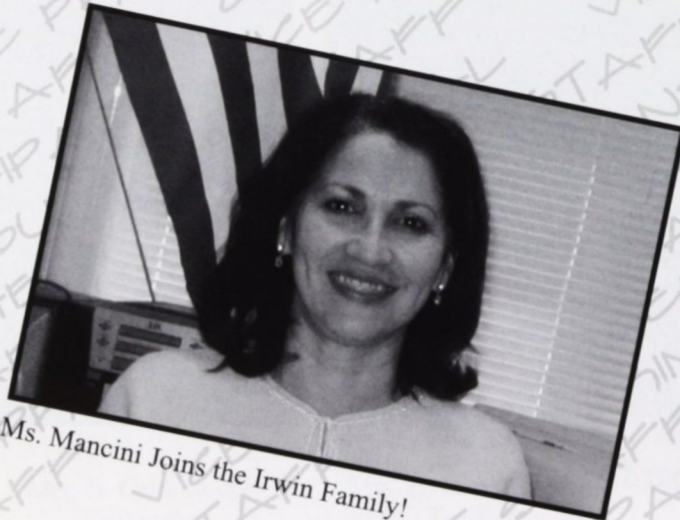


Mr. Whitted and Mr. Lucas Helps Irwin Shine!

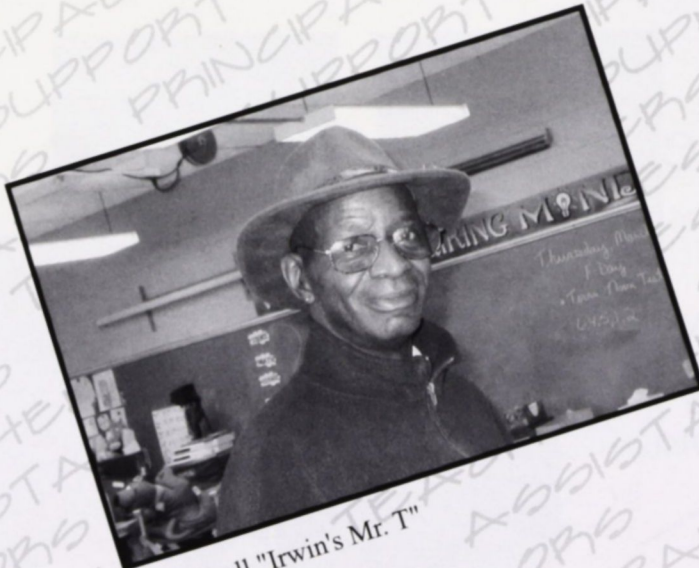




Mrs. Sturgies Smiles for Success!



Ms. Mancini Joins the Irwin Family!



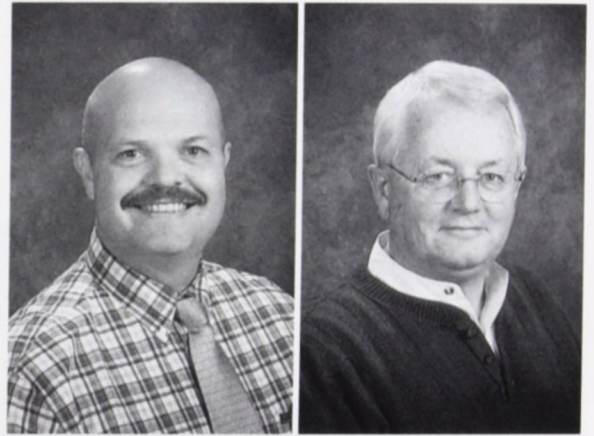
Mr. Terrell "Irwin's Mr. T"

# FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION

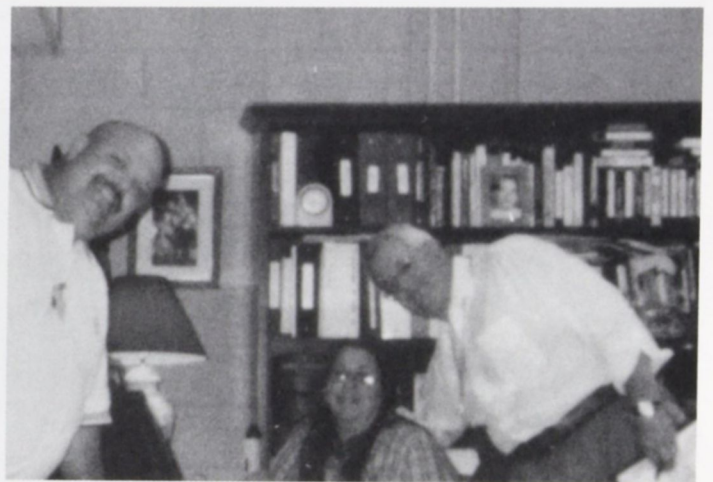


# School Administration

Mr. T. Howle, Assistant Principal  
Dr. R. Kirkpatrick, Principal



Mrs. Baker hard at work!



## School Secretaries

Mrs. B. Baker, School Secretary  
Mrs. D. Godfrey, School Secretary  
Mrs. N. Snyder, School Secretary

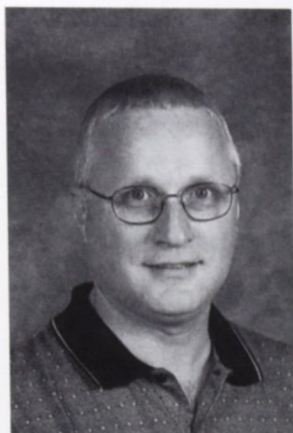




# Irwin Middle School Faculty & Staff



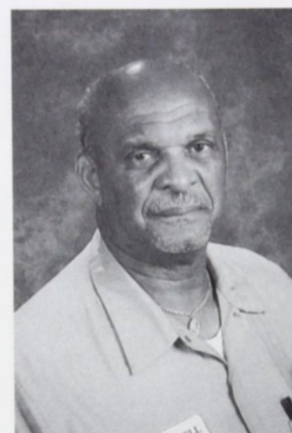
Ms. R. Aldridge,  
Information Specialist



Mr. A. Autry, 6th Grade  
Teacher



Mrs. M. Ayers, 6th Grade  
Teacher



Mr. B. Boswell,  
Custodian



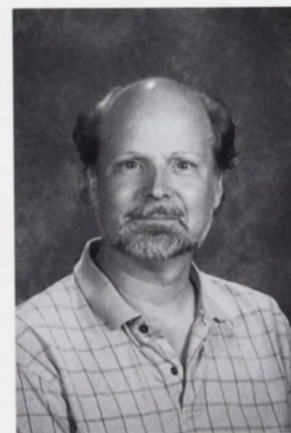
Ms. B. Bryant, 5th Grade  
Teacher



Mrs. B. Cain, Supply  
Technician



Mrs. K. Carter, SPED  
Teacher



Mr. R. Caudill, Art  
Teacher



Mrs. V. Chapman, SPED  
Teacher



Mrs. G. Colonair, 5th  
Grade Teacher



Mrs. M. Colton, 6th  
Grade Teacher



Mrs. L. Council, 6th  
Grade Teacher



# Faculty & Staff



Mrs. B. Dalton,  
Instructional Aide



Ms. J. Douglas, Custodial  
Staff



Mrs. L. Garrett, 5th Grade  
Teacher



Mrs. E. Graham,  
Instructional Support  
Teacher



Mrs. A. Greene, 5th  
Grade Teacher



Mrs. K. Hardy, 5th Grade  
Teacher



Mrs. R. Hauser, 6th Grade  
Teacher



Mrs. B. Hayford,  
Instructional Aide



Mr. B. Herron, Cafeteria  
Monitor



Mrs. B. Herron, ECAM



Mrs. P. Higgins, SPED  
Aide



Mrs. A. Hoffman, SPED  
Aide



# Faculty & Staff



Mrs. N. Horst,  
Instructional Support  
Teacher



Miss M. Howard, 5th  
Grade Teacher



Mrs. J. Jacobs, Physical  
Education Teacher



Mrs. S. Keane, Computer  
Lab Teacher



Mrs. P. Kelley, 6th Grade  
Teacher



Mrs. C. Kimmitt, 5th  
Grade Teacher



Mrs. C. Kirkland, 5th  
Grade Teacher



Mrs. M. Lange,  
Educational Technologist



Mrs. D. Levy, School  
Counselor



Mr. J. Lucas, Custodial  
Staff



Mrs. B. Lydick,  
Instructional Support  
Teacher



Ms. L. Mancini, 5th  
Grade Teacher



# Faculty & Staff



Mr. S. McCaig, 5th Grade Teacher



Mrs. M. McMillan, 5th Grade Teacher



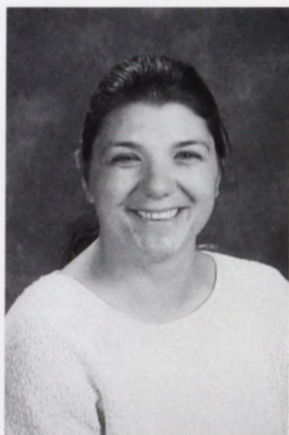
Mrs. N. Miller, School Nurse



Mrs. L. Montgomery, 5th Grade Teacher



Mrs. S. Mooring, Educational Aide



Mrs. P. Motley, SPED Aide



Mrs. B. Nance, 6th Grade Teacher



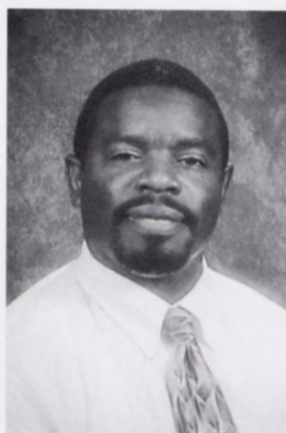
Mrs. C. Palmieri, Music Teacher



Mrs. P. Parnell, 5th Grade Teacher



Mrs. B. Poe, 6th Grade SPED



Mr. W. Prather, 6th Grade Teacher



Mrs. J. Roe, 6th Grade Teacher



# Faculty & Staff



Mrs. M. Russell, SPED  
Aide



Mrs. J. Shipp, 6th Grade  
Teacher



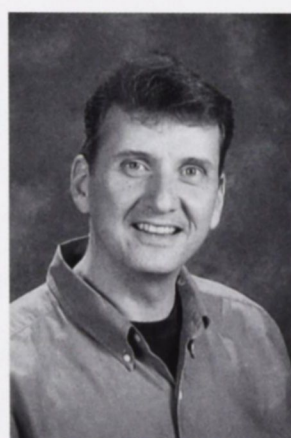
Mrs. I. Shirley, 6th Grade  
Teacher



Mrs. D. Sims, 5th Grade  
Teacher



Mrs. D. Singleton,  
Teacher



Mr. G. Small, School  
Counselor



Mrs. T. Smith, 5th Grade  
Teacher



Mr. J. Steinmetz, 5th  
Grade Teacher



Mrs. M. Sturgies, 6th  
Grade Teacher



Mrs. C. Sweger, 5th  
Grade Teacher



Ms. D. Taylor, SPED  
Teacher



Mr. C. Terrell, Custodial  
Staff



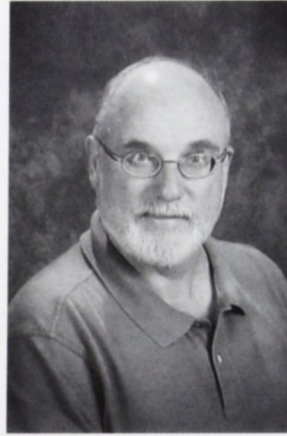
# Faculty & Staff



Mr. R. Thomas, Music  
Teacher



Mrs. R. Torres, SPED  
Aide



Mr. M. Trimble, 5th/6th  
TAG Teacher



Mrs. C. Trotter, 6th Grade  
Teacher



Mrs. E. Trumbull, Media  
Clerk



Mrs. N. Tsekos,  
Instructional Support  
Teacher

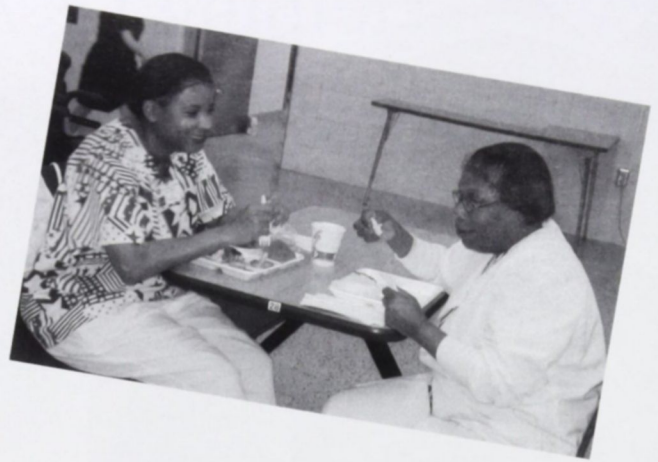


Mr. B. Whitted, Custodial  
Staff



Mrs. E. Woods, HI  
Interpreter





## Cafeteria Serves It Up!





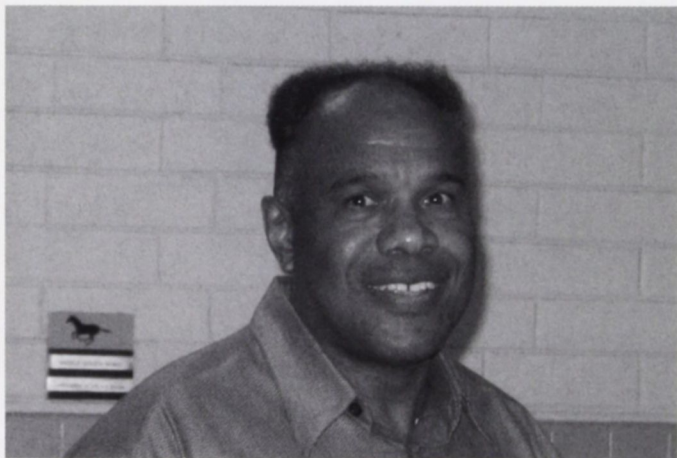
# Helping Us All to Succeed



Mr. Thomas Conducts for Success!



Mrs. Ayers Reads to Succeed!



Mr. Miller Signs on for Success!



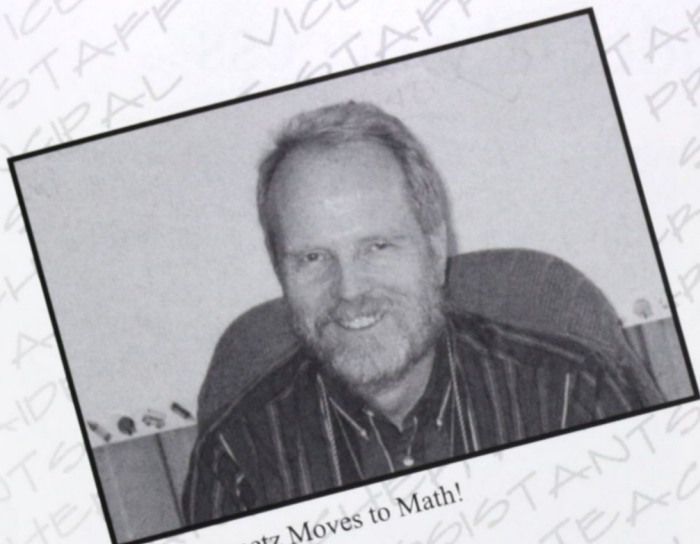
Hola! Mrs. Maisonet Translates for Success!



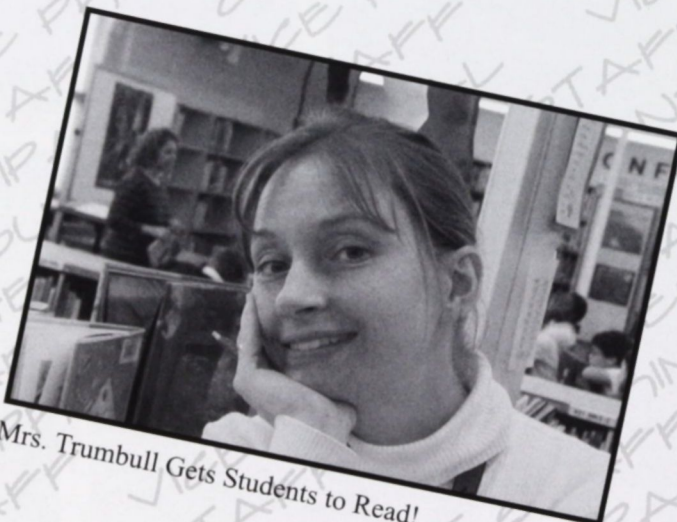
Ms. Bryant, Teaches for Success!



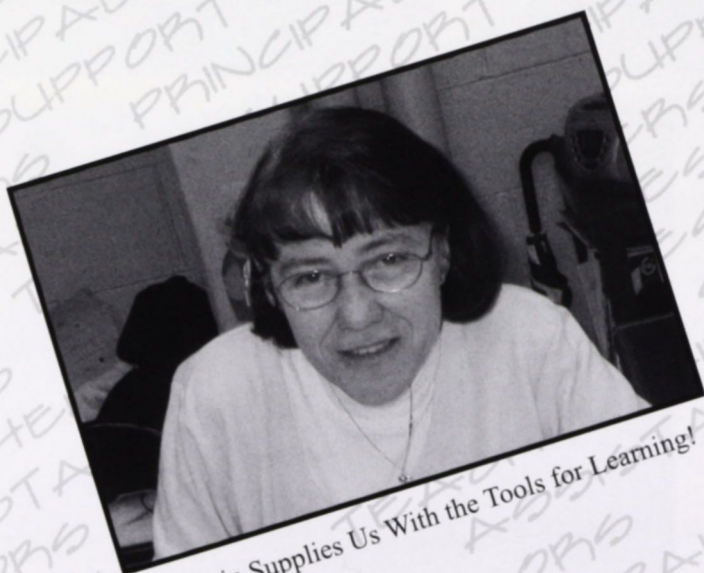




Mr. Steinmetz Moves to Math!



Mrs. Trumbull Gets Students to Read!

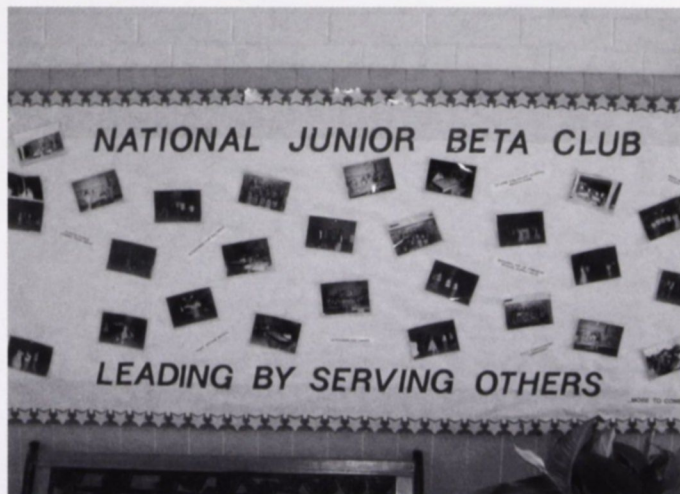


Mrs. Cain Supplies Us With the Tools for Learning!

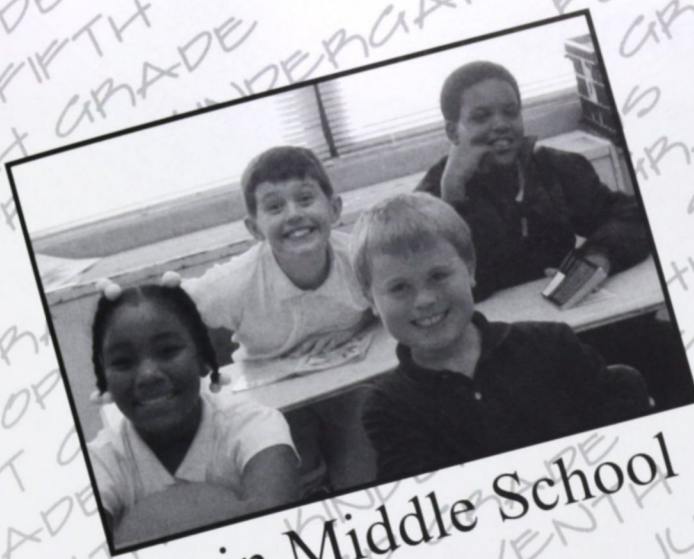
# FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION



# Displaying Students' Success







Irwin Middle School



Fifth Grade



Class of 2011

# CLASSES



# 5th Grade

Emily Acevedo  
Michael Adderley  
Alexandra Agee  
Cathryne Alcazar  
Cerina Allen



Jacquez Allen  
Maleka Andrews  
Zachary Anta  
William Arce-Hernandez  
Trey Arnrich



Jaime Arrieta  
Ashley Arroyo  
Natasha Avery  
Roderick Aviles-Morales  
Emma Ayala



Joshua Baie  
Akonya Bailey  
Jonathan Baker  
Ian Balag  
James Ball



Danarae Barba  
Ryon Barton  
David Beck  
Samantha Bender  
Jorge Berrios





# 5th Grade



Jacqueline Beyers  
Christina Bigelow  
Michael Bolin  
Sierra Bone  
George Booker



Rachel Borg  
Kristina Borjeson  
Alexandra Bower  
Nicholas Boyer  
Jennifer Brazier



Tytiana Brevard  
Rhasaan Britton  
Eric Broten  
Ashley Brown  
Jarrell Brown



Kyle Brown  
Ryan Brown  
Nicholas Budd  
Camron Bullock  
Jonathan Burnette



Shinda Burrell  
Edward Bush  
Heather Canute  
Zachary Champagne  
Christopher Chandler



# 5th Grade

Moises Charles  
Duncan Cintron  
Tonya Clampitt  
Quamain Clark  
Erica Clayton



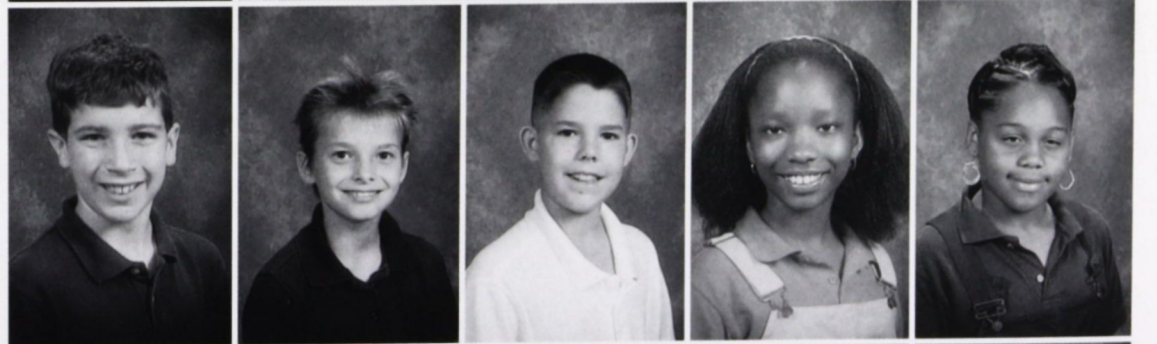
Quincy Coghill  
Kelley Colbert  
Trashawn Cole  
Isaiah Collins  
Kelsie Conekin



Michael Coons  
Joslyn Cotten  
Haley Covey  
Michael Cowan, Jr.  
Briana Cragwell



Ryan Crall  
Bretton Cruce  
Justin Curnow  
Khristian Curry  
Diona Curtis



Michael Dalton  
Alec Davidson  
Aaron Davis  
Braden Davis  
Jessica Davis





# 5th Grade



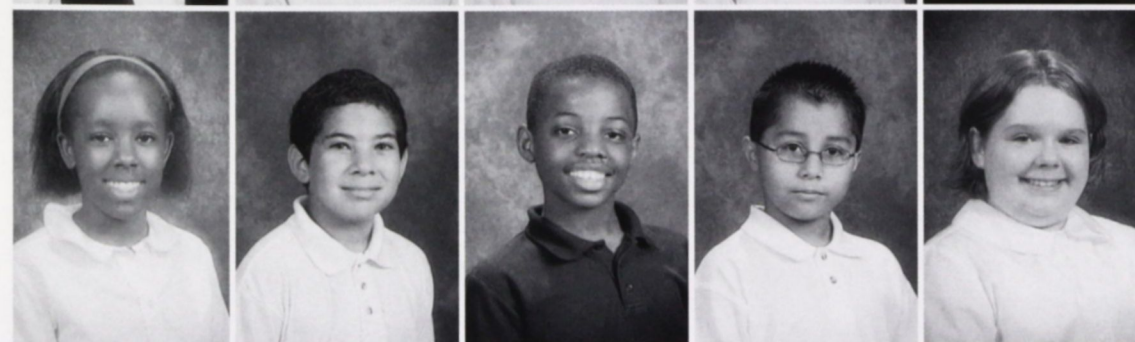
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Michael Davis  
Linda Dejesus  
Ivan Diaz  
Lauren Dick



Christopher Dickens  
Joshua Dietrich  
Brittany Dixon  
Devin Douglas  
Ashley Dowd



Brittney Durgan  
Kenterius Edwards  
Laura Elery  
Marcus Elizondo  
Zachary Elliott



Janelle Engelbrecht  
Jonathan Erazo  
Darius Ervin  
William Estevez  
Amanda Evans



Devin Fasnacht  
Gregory Fenn  
Gretchel Fernandez  
Timothy Fetterson  
Jordan Fikes



# 5th Grade

Brandeshia Files  
Brandon Finley  
Ashlynn Fisher  
Eric Flippen  
Antwon Flute



Keyondra Ford  
Brian Forshee  
Meghan Fortier  
Crystal Frew  
Ryan Fritz



Ian Garcia  
Jim Gardner  
Brianna Garmon  
David Gentry  
Debbie Genz



Harley Gilman  
Deion Gomez  
Alejandro Gonzales  
Malaki Gonzalez  
Yadimar Gonzalez



Ebony Gooden  
Tanya Goveo  
Julia Gramke  
Devante Greene  
Alexander Griffin





# 5th Grade



Brittany Guinyard  
Deanna Harbottle  
Nakeya Hardin  
Anishia Hargrove  
Codey Harmon



Briana Harris  
Justin Harris  
Nastashia Harris  
Valerie Harris  
Justice Hart



Craig Hartz  
Charles Harvey  
Ashlea Helton  
Khareem Henderson  
Zachary Herman



Skyeler Herrera  
Robert Herrin  
Daria Hill  
Scott Hill  
Mary Hinchcliff



Calvin Hinton  
Emily Hinz  
Jeffrey Hobgood  
Dominique Holcomb  
Ambria Holifield



# 5th Grade

Courtney Horrigan  
Alex Houston  
Mariya Huffman  
Damien Hunt  
Cassandra Hutchens



Megan Iacocca  
Christopher Jackson  
Jessica Jackson  
Nathan Jackson  
Raven James



Caleb Jarrett  
Martin Jenkins  
Tanisha Jenkins  
Anastassia Johnson  
Ashley Johnson



Perryn Johnson  
Selina Johnson  
Jordan Jones  
Kayann Jones  
Lonny Jones



Malaysia Jones  
Tierra Jones  
David Juarez  
Brittany Justice  
Arianna Kalk





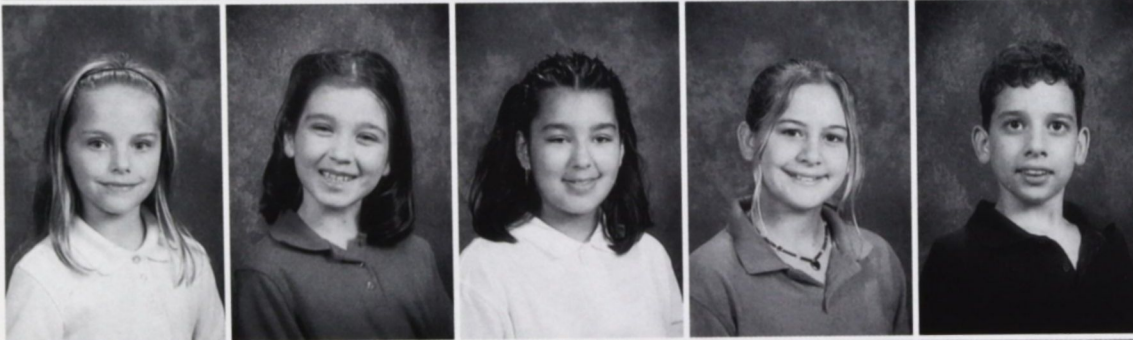
# 5th Grade



Samantha Kearns  
Ian Kenney  
Ayla Kesecker  
Vergil King  
Kathrine Kirtley



Jeremy Knight  
Kayla Knotts  
Nicholas Kolb  
Matthew Kosch  
Joshua Kovacs



Amanda Kuhnert  
Brianna Lancaster  
Jessica Lanham  
Jessica Ledbetter  
Jonathan Leoni



Diamon Lewis  
Joanna Lewis  
Miasha Lewis  
Patrick Lewis  
Patrice Lochard



Brittany Locklear  
Carlos Lugo  
Erik Macintyre  
Jacob Magana  
Courtney Mahar



# 5th Grade

Lauren Marsh  
Charmerie Martin  
Konica Martin  
Dalissa Martinez  
Saige Martinez



Nicole Mata  
Samantha Matthews  
Paris Maxey  
Christopher Maxwell  
Robert McBroom



Joshua McClain  
Ryan McClelland  
Rashad McCoy  
Timothy McDaniel  
Jerome McDow



Malaysia McFadden  
Quaneisha McKoy  
Alex Mendoza  
Dana Michael  
Candice Miller



Tyler Miller  
Carol Mills  
Bruce Millsap  
Tayler Mitchell  
Megan Mohnike





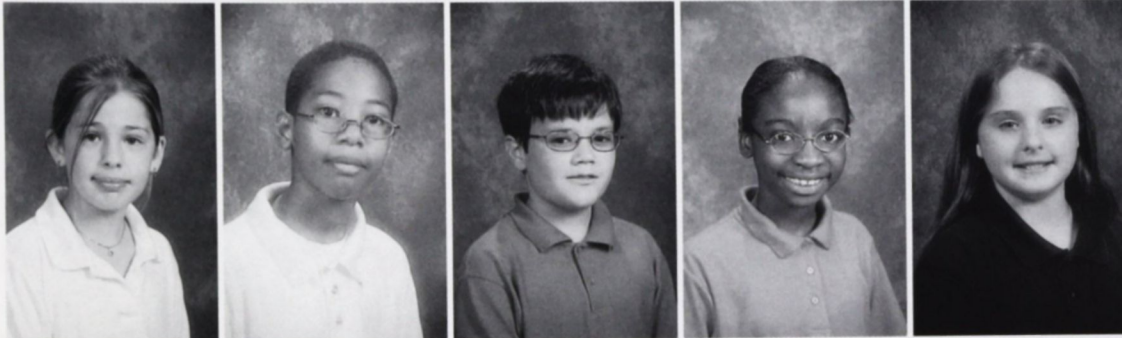
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Cynthia Montero  
Brittany Moore  
Tyamahri Moore  
Derrick Moreau  
Ricardo Morgan



Cullen Moriarty  
Shanice Morris  
Paige Morschauser  
Andreas Mosby  
Amanda Mott



Kaleigh Mudgett  
Kelly Mukes  
Spencer Murphy  
Ashley Nash-Cook  
Ashley Neal



Raven Neal  
Ebonie Newton  
Emily Newton  
Cassandra Norman  
Erika O'Daniel



Summer O'Key  
Elayna Oglesby  
Dolly Padin  
Fred Pagan  
Kaiulani Pagani



# 5th Grade

Makenzie Palmer III  
Pablo Palomar  
Laurence Parks  
Elizabeth Parlow  
Daniel Parsons



Kayla Perry  
Mahalia Phillips  
Matthew Pier  
Nicholas Pierce  
Jasmine Pittman



Jameson Plumhoff  
Chancellor Porter  
Destiny Post  
Deonte Postell  
Caresse Prewitt



Anya Proctor  
Jovelisse Quinones  
Rachael Ragan  
Nicole Ramirez  
Chase Ransdell

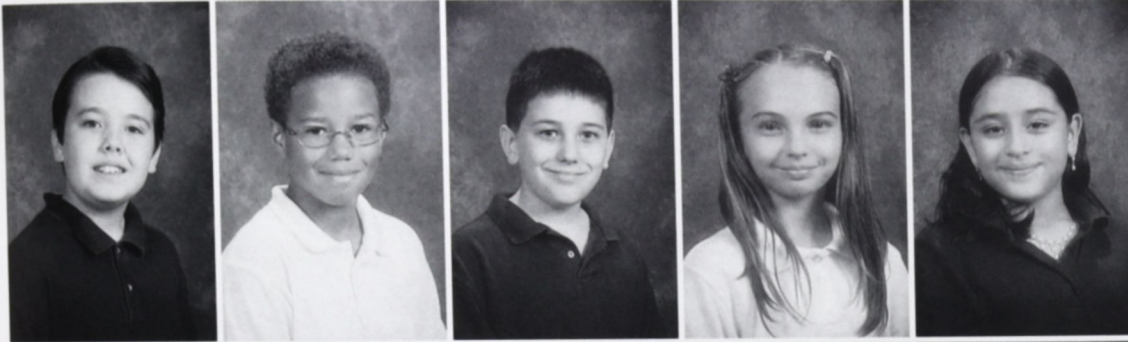


Courtney Rebo  
Micke Charles Reed  
Haley Reeder  
Steffany Reyna  
Utril Rhaburn





# 5th Grade



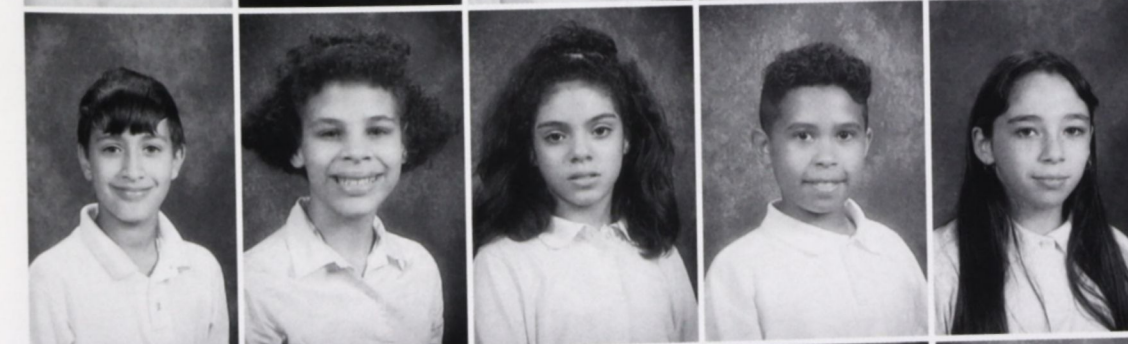
Joshua Rice  
Dwayne Rideaux  
Ian Ries  
Brittany Riggs  
Zuveira Rivera



Glynesh Rivera-De Jesus  
Adrian Rocha  
Alexandra Rocke  
Jeremy Rodriguez  
Julian Rodriguez



Marco Rodriguez  
Nayhomi Rodriguez  
Richard Rodriguez  
Tiffanie Romine  
Jason Romriell



Melvin Rosario  
Kayla Rugg  
Diana Ruiz  
Matthew Ryan  
Analuisa Saavedra



Jakea Salahuddin  
Angel Sanchez  
Kevin Sandifer  
Jean Santiago  
Derrick Sargent



# 5th Grade

Gavino Schreiber  
Ryan Sealey  
Christopher Seeberger  
Brian Severin  
Martina Severn



Christin Sharp  
Zachary Shepard  
Willie Simmons  
Kevin Sims  
Brandon Sinor



Mason Skeistaitis  
Thacher Slagle  
George A. Small  
Khrishawne Smith  
La Qawzia Smith



Jarred Sparks  
Danielle Sponsel  
Tyler Springer  
Brittney Stelly  
Anthony Stewart

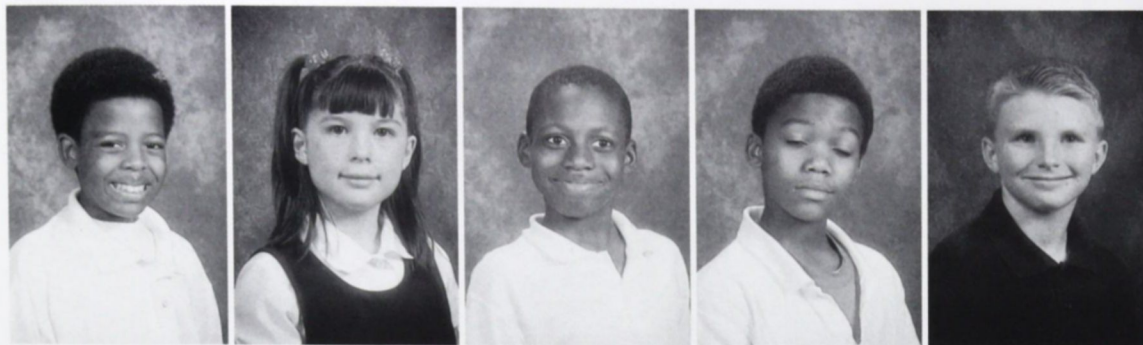


Sammantha Stewart  
Alleyna Stille  
Caleb Stuart  
Starrie Sumerlin  
Sydney Taub





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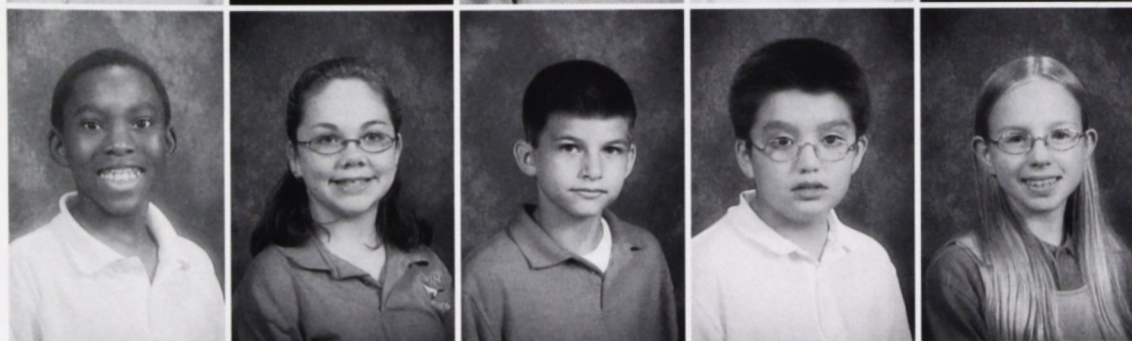
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Devon Thompson



Samantha Thoms  
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Ruth Torres  
Katerina Torrez



Candice Trejo  
Brittany Tripp  
Cameron Truman  
Monitrice Turner  
Steven Turner



Marquis Ulmer  
Victoria Vaughn  
Shawn Vizzi  
Lane Vocu  
Alyssa Wagner

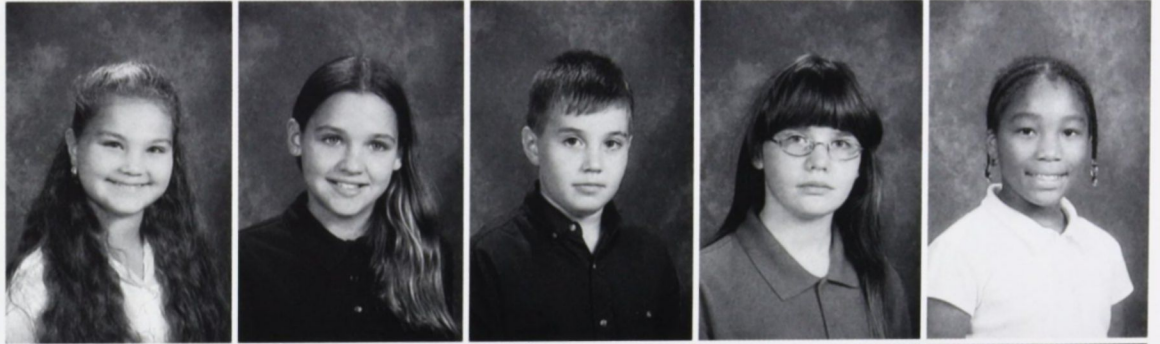


Cierra Walden  
James Walden  
Brittney Waldhoff  
Johnathon Walker  
Khial Watson



# 5th Grade

Brianna Webb  
Kristina Weeks  
Alexander Welch  
Helen Wells  
Dezerae West



Jules Whitlow  
Alexander Williams  
Alexis Williams  
Chelsia Williams  
Deleana Williams



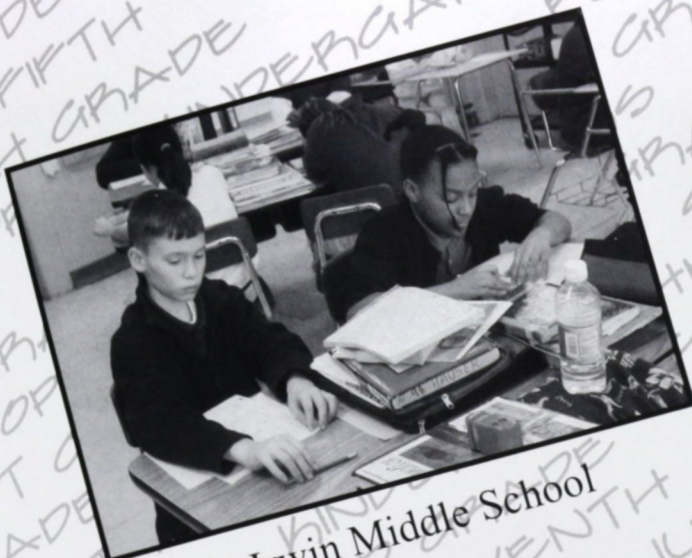
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Sarah Yarbrough  
Makenzi York  
Yusuf Yunis



Marissa Zacheus  
Alicia Zawojski



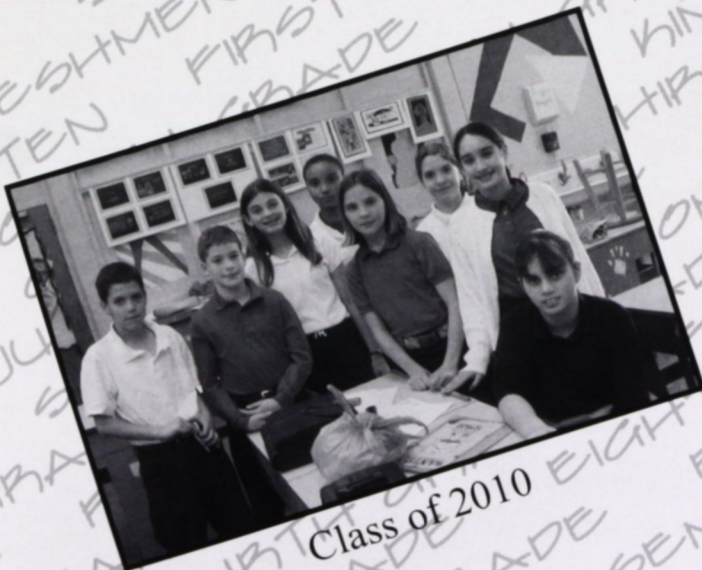




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Sixth Grade



Class of 2010

# CLASSES



# 6th Grade

Britnee Acosta  
Andres Acosta-Santiago  
Carlos Agüero  
Johan Ahn  
Adrian Aldeano



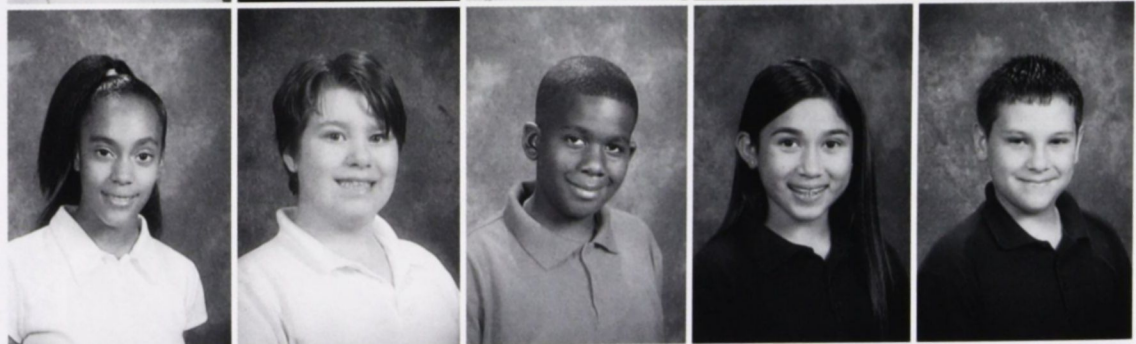
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Jazmyn Allen  
Joshua Allen  
Katherine Anderson  
Matthew Anderson



Rommel Andre  
Miata Arroyo  
Princess Avery  
Alexandrea Bailey  
Elizabeth Baird



Jalesia Bannerman  
Stephen Barrett  
Jacob Bartley  
Kylie Batalona  
Triston Bear



Samuel Bettinger  
Alexander Betts  
Carissa Bjork  
James Blevins  
Erin Blount





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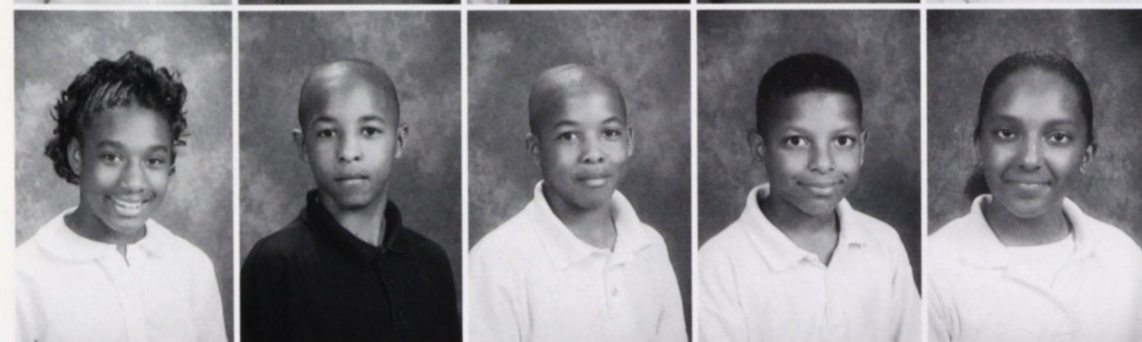
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Mayra Boone  
Ariel Bowling  
Devin Boyd  
Jermiah Boyd



Christopher Brenci  
John Bristow  
Akira Brown  
Lance Brown  
Phelan Brown



Sara Brown  
Francesca Bugler  
Heather Butler-Capone  
Anthony Calderone  
Kaitlyn Camp



Jaslynn Campbell  
Jason Campbell  
Jayshawn Campbell  
Mathew Castro  
Xenia Castro



Kirstin Changose  
Myranda Chapman  
Destinie Chatman  
Bryannah Cintron  
Michael Closs



# 6th Grade

Ezekial Coffman  
Ciara Cole  
Grace Colles  
Genevieve Conty  
Jennifer Crews



Thomas Crews  
Jesse Cromeenes  
Nicole Cruz-Cedeno  
Shevonne Cunningham  
Dion Curington



Dasnii Curtis  
Mysti Dahlin  
Dillon Daigle  
Natalie Dailey  
Ja'Mesha Davenport



Artrell Davis  
Ariel Day  
Christopher Dean  
Sidney Dehaan  
Josiah Dells



Mary Deprisco  
Mark Diaz  
Amanda Dixon  
Danielle Dudenhoeffer  
Issac Dumond





# 6th Grade



Chelsey Earnest  
Briana Elj  
Kylee Ellis  
Iyanna Evans  
Jessica Farrington



Renaikha Fermin  
Justin Ferrer  
Tamera Fetterson  
Joshua Finch  
Nicholas Flores



Sasha Fogg  
Tasia Foote  
Dillon Francis  
Thomas Francis  
Joshua Fredrickson



Kristi Free  
Alexander Freitas  
Antanise Fuller  
Josef Fulton  
Ameriah Gallardo



Alexa Garcia  
Anthony Garcia  
Christian Garcia  
Donnesha Gardner  
Tyler Garner



# 6th Grade

Austin Geise  
Ashley Gentry  
Lia Gerena  
Tyler Gilbeau  
Joselyn Giron



Jerome Gloeckler  
Juan Gloria  
Ashley Goble  
Thurmond Goins  
Miguel Gomez



Thea-Olivia Gonzales  
Brachon Griffin  
Leandra Gritta  
Marissa Guerra  
Johnathan Gutierrez



Jessica Hadley  
Andre' Hardnett  
Jasmine Harris  
Michael Harris  
Phillip Harrison



Leeza Haskell  
Michael Hass  
Katryna Henderson  
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Alex Hendrix





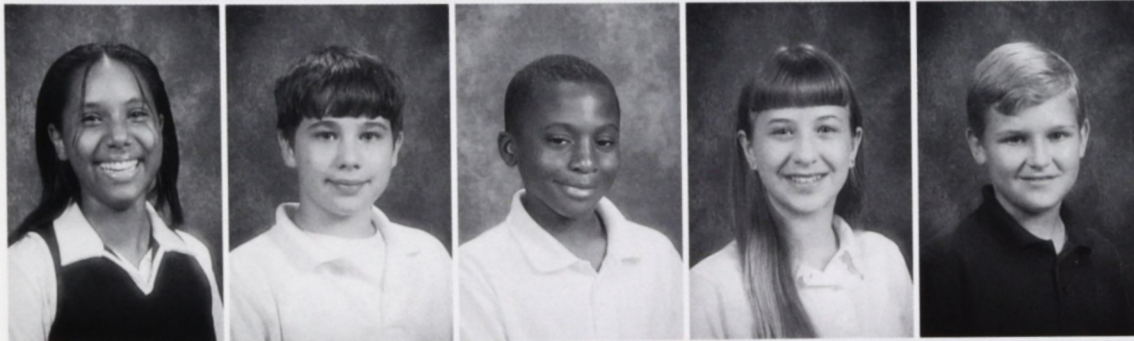
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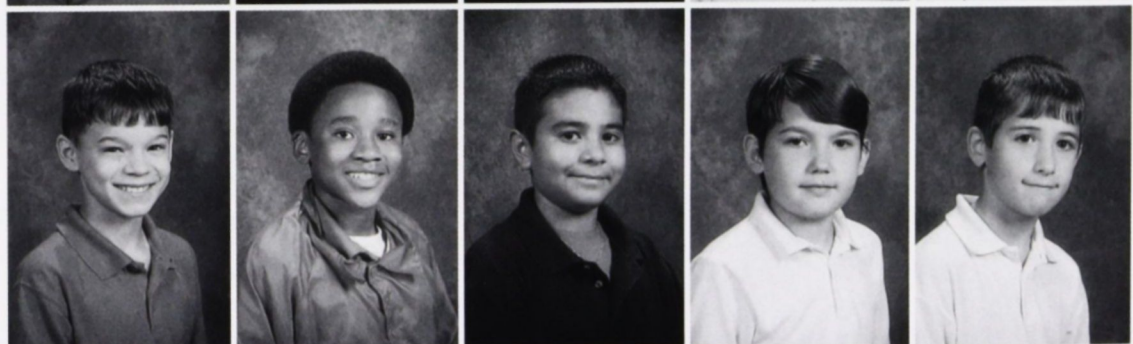
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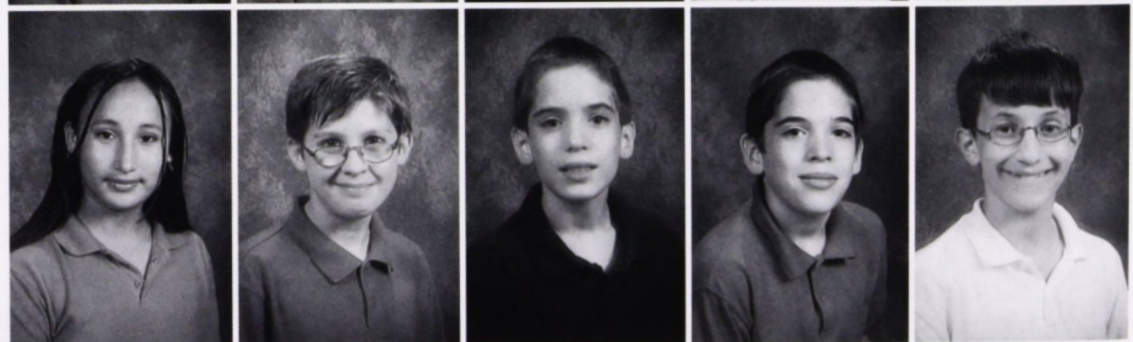
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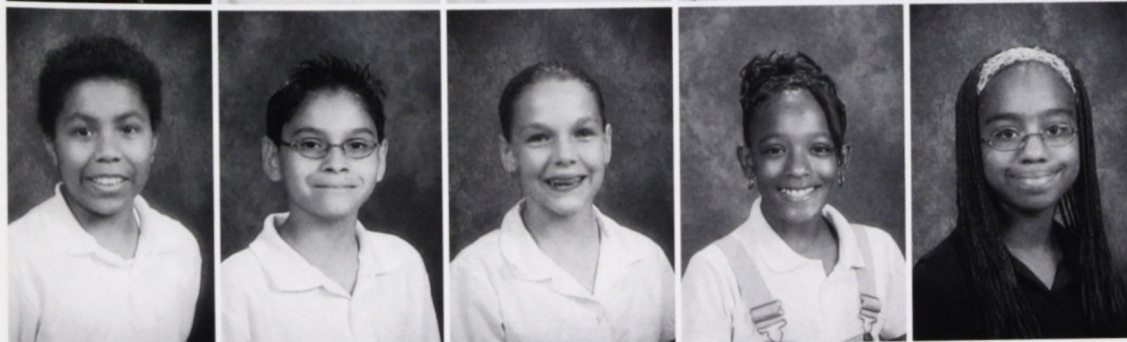
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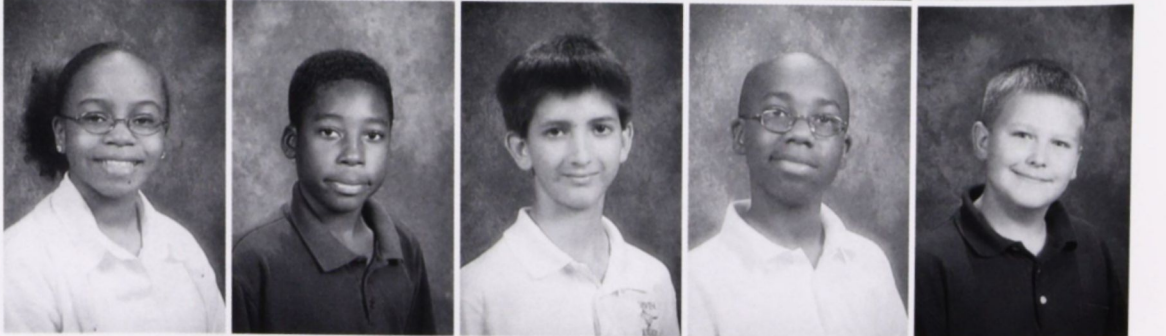
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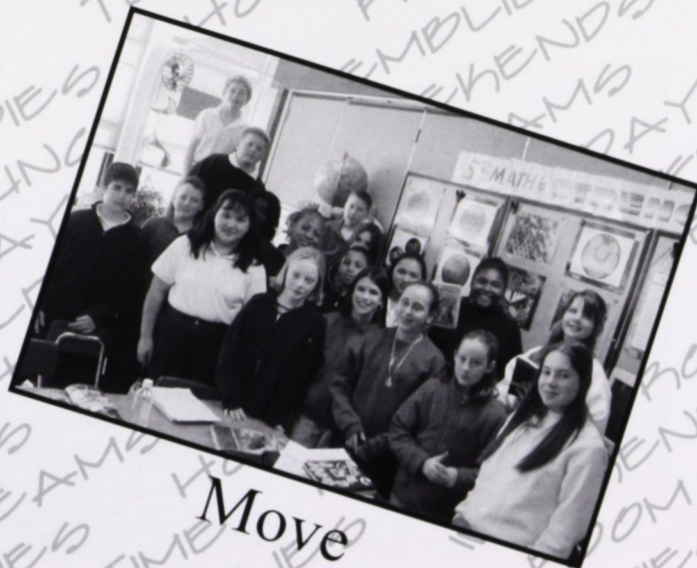
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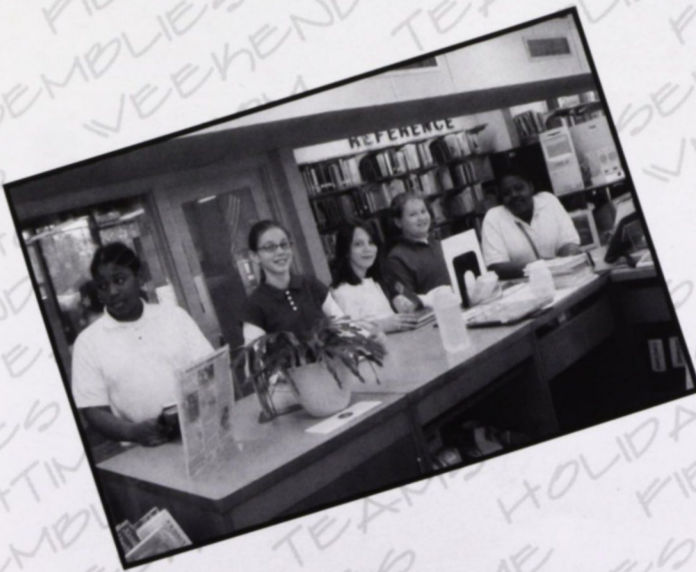


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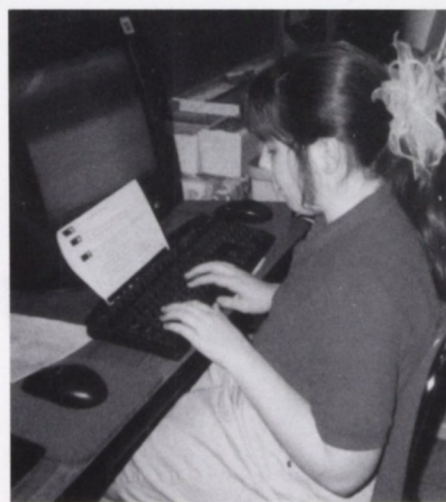
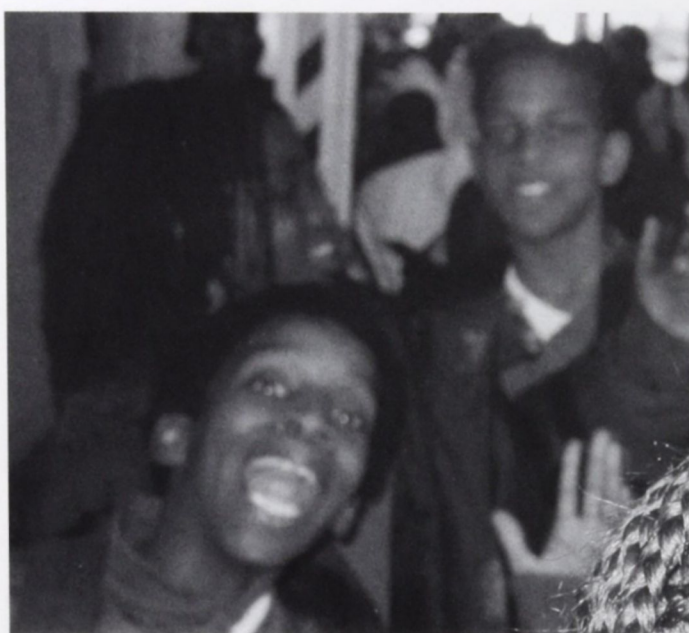


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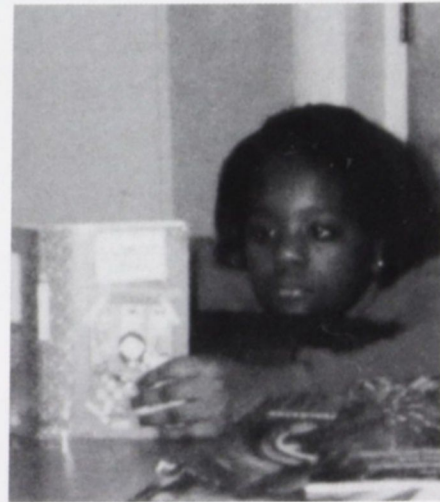
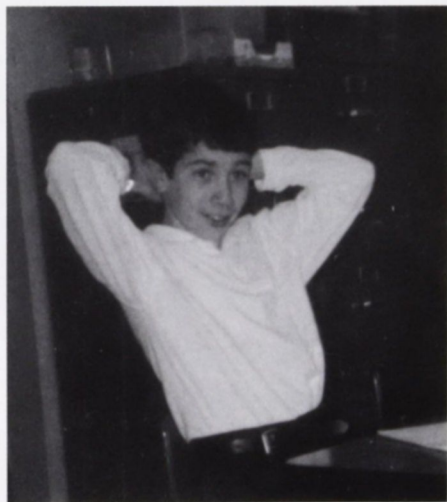


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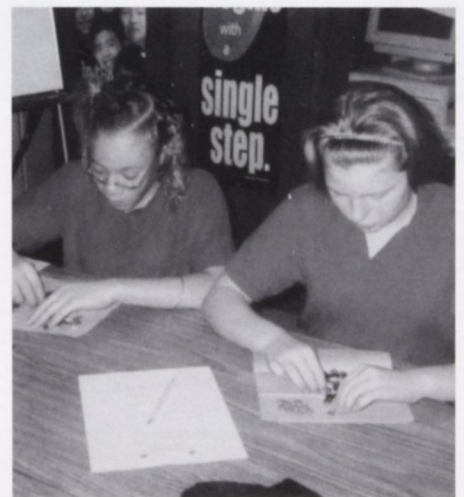
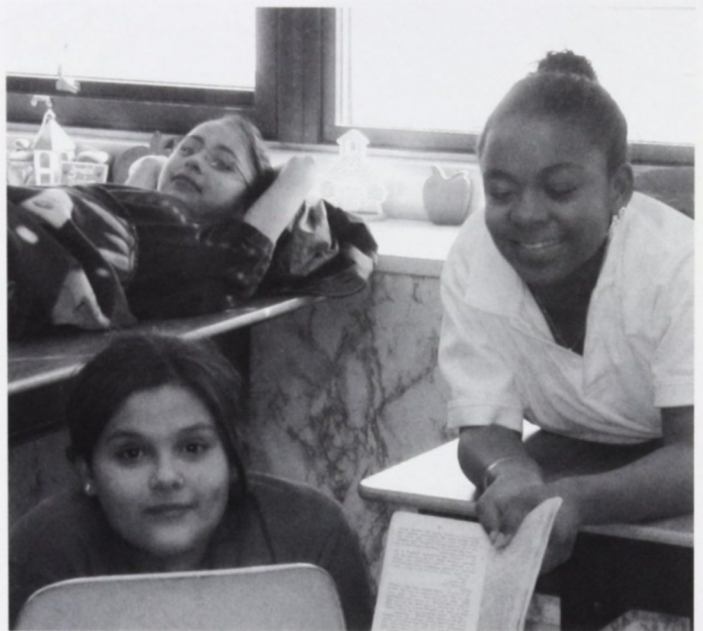


# This day has been given to me





fresh and clear.





# I promise I shall use





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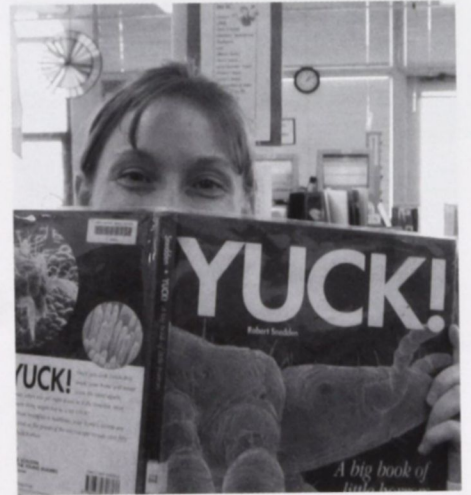
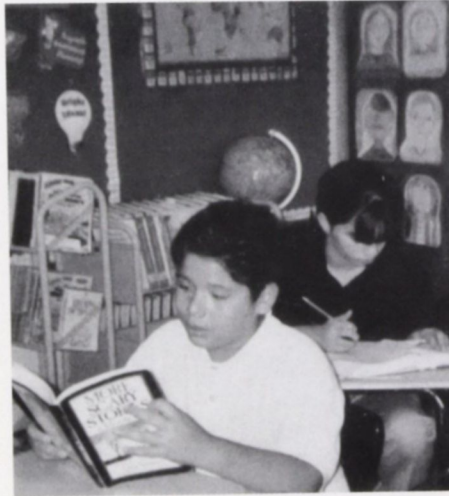


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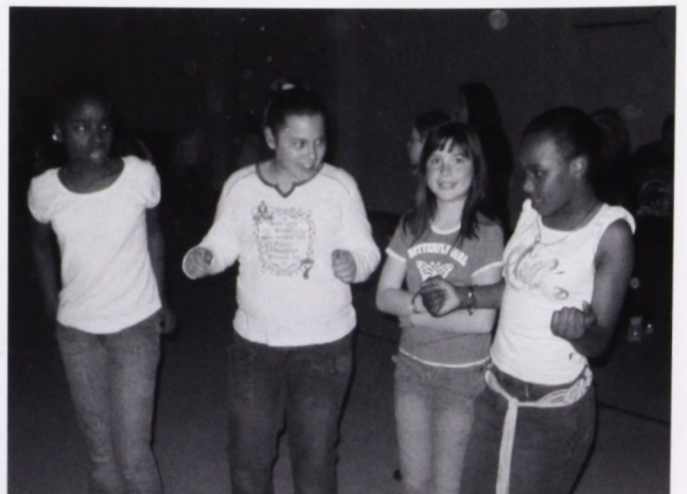
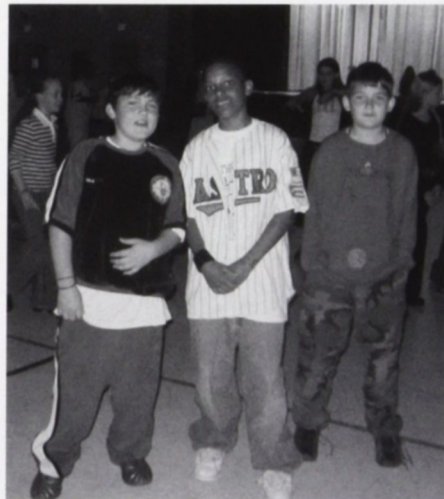
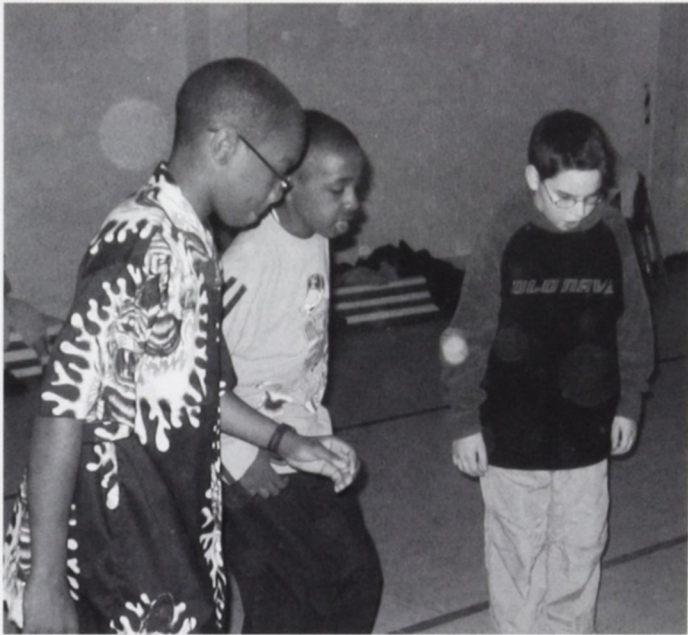


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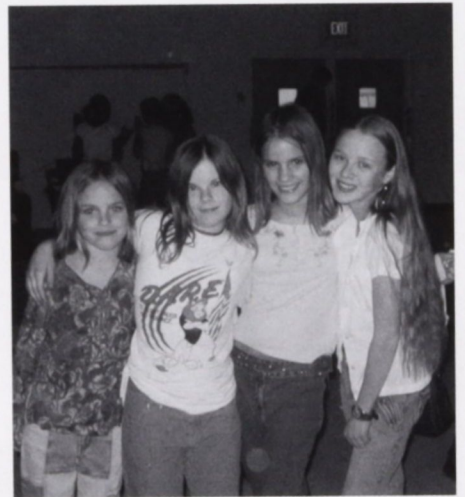


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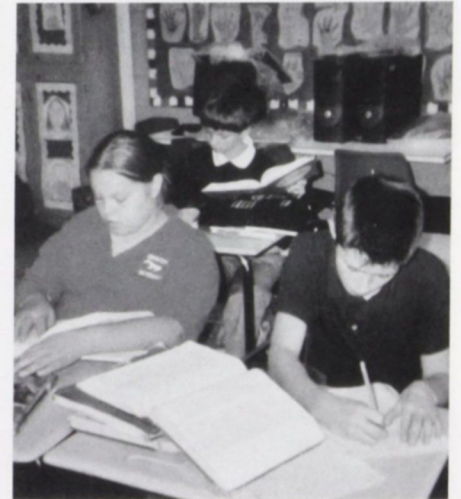


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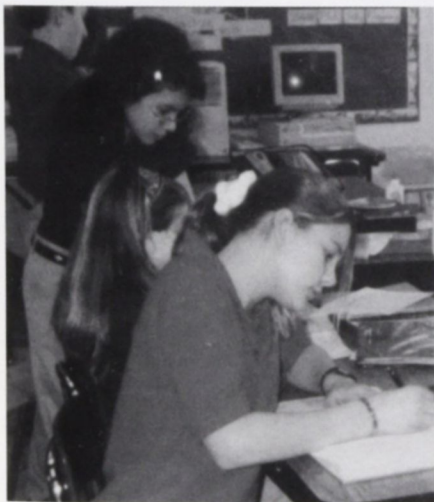


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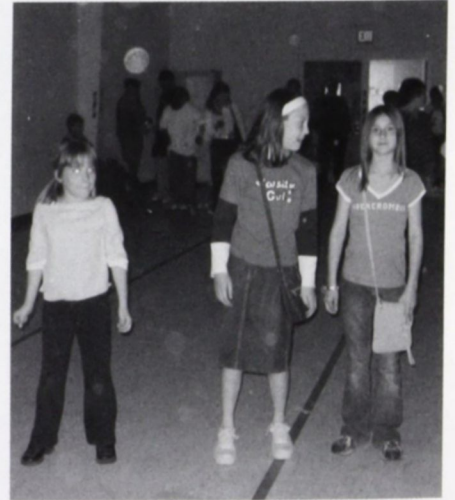
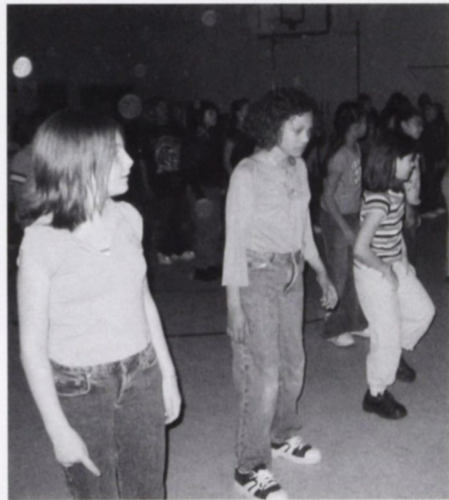


and to celebrate the joy of life.



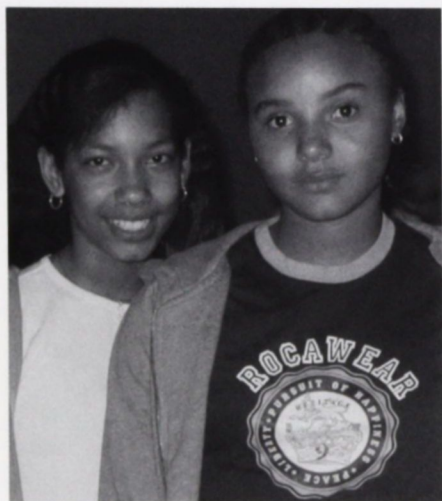


# I am the only person



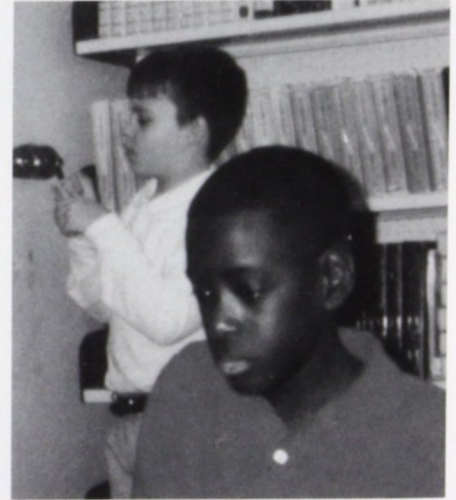
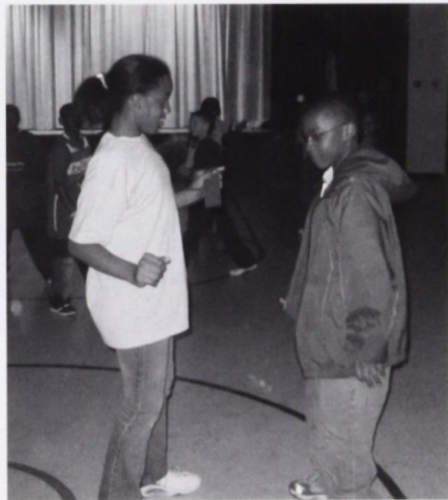


who has the power to





decide what I will accomplish.



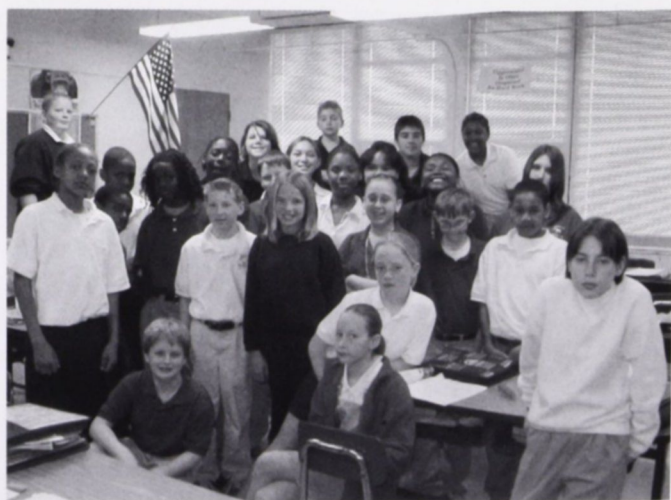


# I am a Unique and



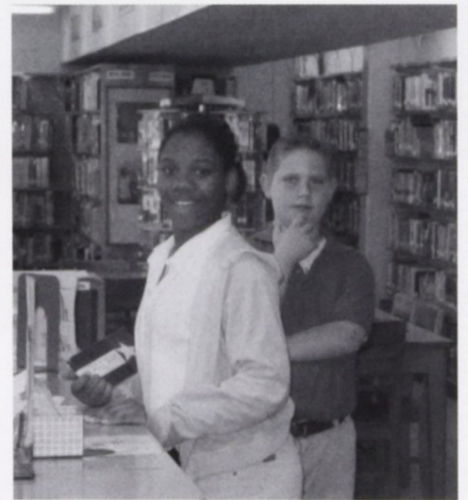


# Precious Human Being





# I have the potential



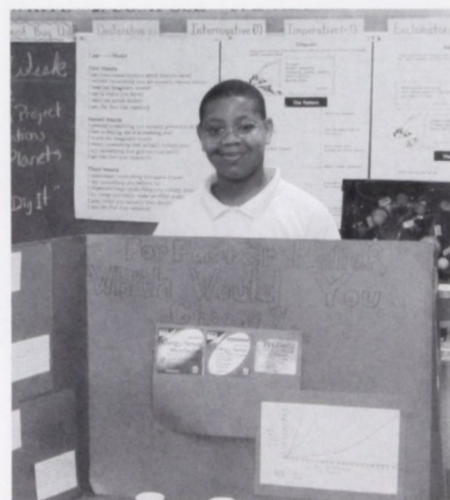


to achieve great success.





# I am an important part



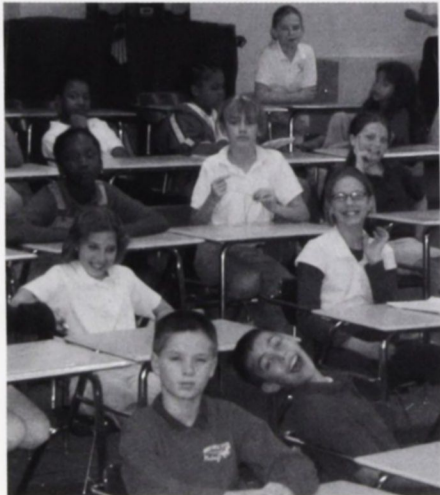


# of the Universe.





# If I can Conceive it



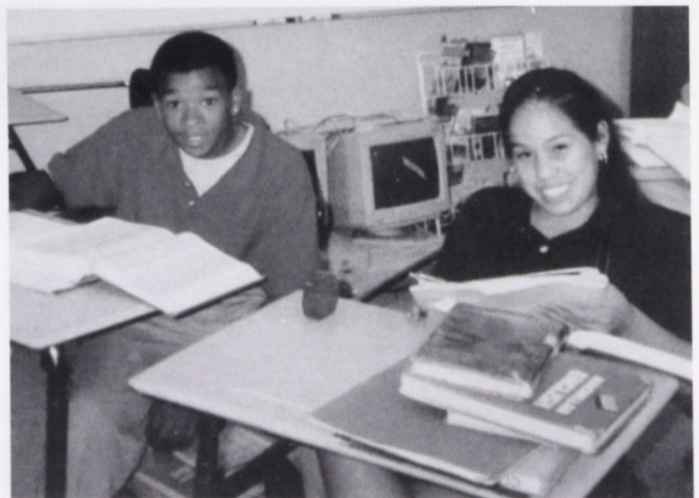
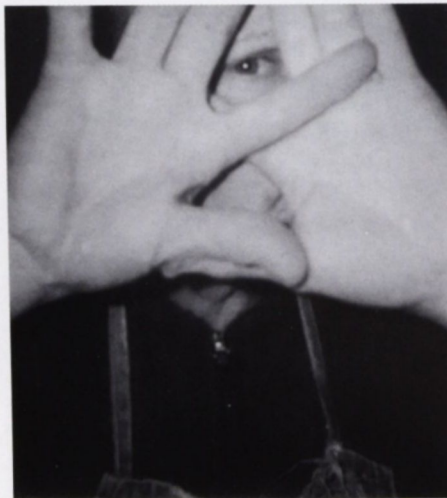


# If I Choose to Believe it



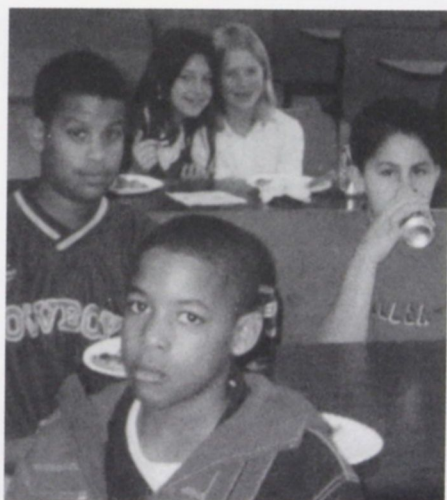


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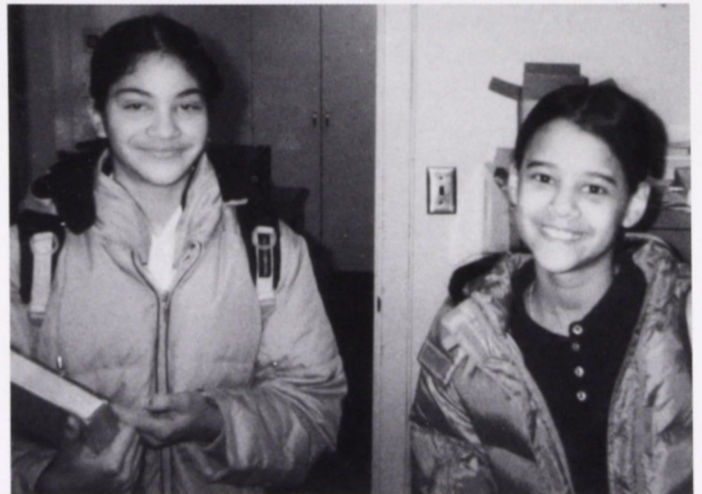


# SUCCESS begins with me!





# I WILL SUCCEED!







You're On Your Way To SUCCESS!

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My Best,  
Mr. Small

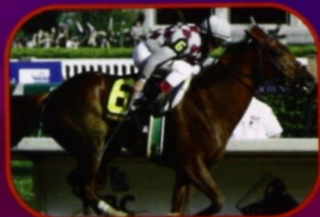






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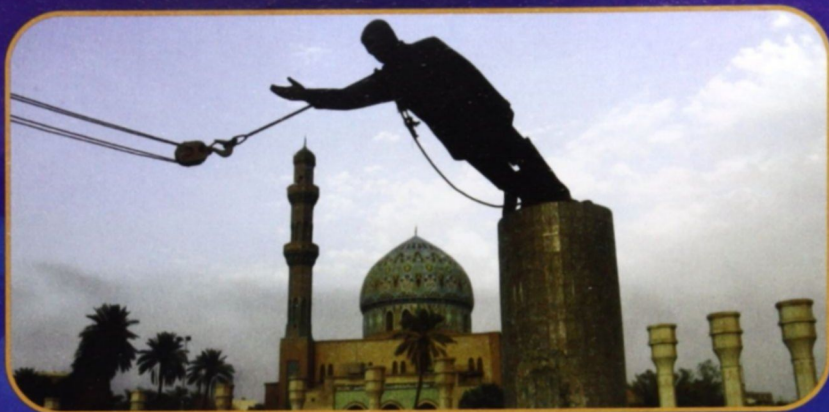
## A Year In Review



2003 – 2004

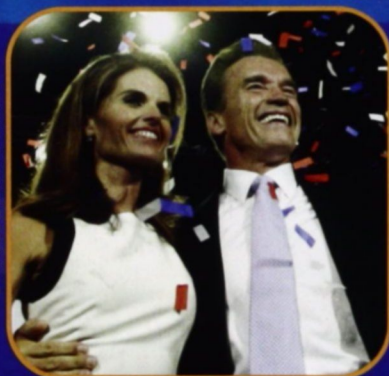






## United States Goes to War in Iraq ▲

Leading a coalition of forces, the United States and Great Britain invaded Iraq and captured Saddam Hussein. Resistance continued after the capture amid continuing questions about weapons of mass destruction. President Bush surprised troops with a Thanksgiving visit and the United States soldier was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year. Back home, security alert levels were raised and international flights cancelled due to suspected terrorist threats.

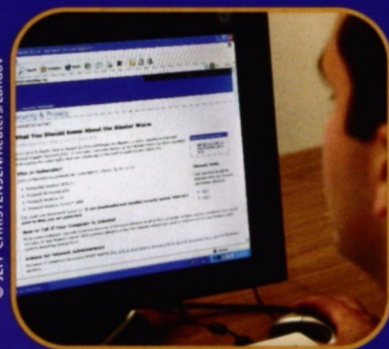


## ◀ Schwarzenegger Terminates Gray Davis in California Recall Vote

Action movie hero Arnold Schwarzenegger easily beat incumbent Governor Gray Davis, as well as a former sitcom star and dozens of other colorful candidates, in a recall election to become the new governor of California.

## Joyful Homecoming in Utah ▶

Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart, who was abducted from her bedroom, was found alive after missing for nine months. Remarkably, despite massive searches, Smart was found just miles from where she was abducted by a drifter and self-described prophet who did work for the family.



## ◀ Attack of the Worldwide Computer Worms

A series of prolific worms clogged computer networks, shut down businesses, exposed the vulnerability of the Internet and caused widespread havoc as they replicated themselves and spread like wildfire to personal computers and giant computer networks alike.



## Lights Out! ▲

The largest power failure in United States and Canadian history cut a 600-mile swath between New York and Detroit, blacking out population centers all across the northeastern United States and into Canada, crippling transportation networks and trapping tens of thousands of people in subway cars, elevators, trains and on highways. No evidence of terrorism was reported.

# From



## Queen Mary 2 Sets Sail ▶

Four football fields long and 23 stories tall, the ultra-luxurious *Queen Mary 2* set sail on her maiden voyage. During regular service, passengers can pay up to \$27,249 for the six-day trip across the Atlantic.



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# POPQuiz

## Politics Goes Hollywood

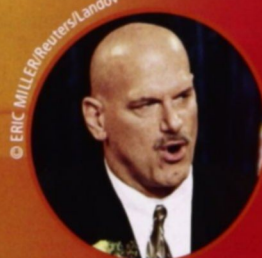
Arnold Schwarzenegger wasn't the only celebrity to leave the back lots of Hollywood for a career in politics. See if you can name these other famous actors that elected to act on their political ambitions and serve in public office.

In Hollywood he was "Dutch." In Washington he was Mr. President.

- A. Jimmy Carter
- B. Ronald Reagan
- C. Gerald Ford

Who wrestled with politics as the governor of Minnesota?

- A. "Nature Boy" Ric Flair
- B. Jesse "The Body" Ventura
- C. "Stone Cold" Steve Austin







## Rebuilding on the Site of Tragedy ▲

Rising 1,776 ft. from the ashes of the World Trade Center site, the Freedom Tower is designed to be the world's tallest building. Plans are also underway to build the "Reflecting Absence" memorial that will mark the footprints of the World Trade Center towers that were destroyed by terrorists on September 11, 2001.

## SARS Scares the World ►

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), spread from Asia to more than two dozen countries in North America, South America and Europe. Over 8,000 people worldwide became sick and hundreds died.



## How Now Mad Cow ►

A single Holstein cow on a Washington state farm tested positive for mad cow disease, marking the disease's first suspected appearance in the United States. The cow was later determined to have come from Canada.



# the News Desk



## Frail Pope Celebrates 25th Anniversary as Head of Catholic Church

Pope John Paul II, courageously clinging to the remnants of his once-robust health, reached a milestone in 2003 as he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his election as Pope. Revered around the world as a man of peace, the Polish-born Pope continues to lead millions of Catholics worldwide.



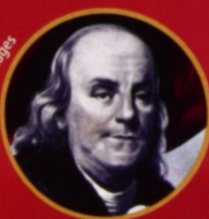
## Concorde Grounded ►

After more than three decades of luxury travel, the supersonic Concorde airliners were grounded for good citing failing revenues and rising costs. Cruising at around 1,350 mph at an altitude of up to 60,000 ft. (11 miles), the Concorde carried jet setters, celebrities and royalty from Europe to New York in less than three-and-a-half hours.

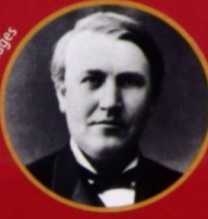


## That's the Spirit! ▲

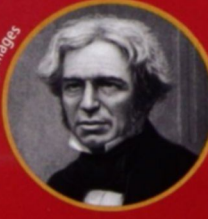
After a seven-month voyage, "Spirit," NASA's Mars Exploration rover, successfully landed on the Red Planet. Its primary mission – to search for answers about the history of water, and possibly life, on Mars.



Flying a kite in a storm to prove his theory about electricity could have easily killed Benjamin Franklin.



Thomas Edison's DC generator was used to illuminate the first New York street to be lit by electric lamps.



Michael Faraday discovered how to generate electricity by means of motion in a magnetic field.

# FACToid

## The Power to Choose

There are many sources of energy for producing electrical power including solar energy from the sun, fossil fuels like coal, natural gas and petroleum, hydroelectric power which harnesses the motion of water to spin turbines, nuclear energy which is made by splitting atoms in a process called fusion and wind power which is produced by the wind turning a turbine. All have their advantages and disadvantages in giving us the power we need to run our lives.



## Chinese in Orbit Over First Manned Space Flight

Chinese astronaut, Lt. Col. Yang Liwei orbited Earth 14 times before the 38-year-old former fighter pilot brought his spacecraft in for a near-perfect landing just five kilometers (three miles) from his target. The flight makes China only the third country in the world to launch a manned spacecraft into orbit.



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## Super Trio Share Nobel Physics Prize

Alexei Abrikosov, Anthony Leggett and Vitaly Ginzburg won the 2003 Nobel Prize in physics for their work in superconductivity and superfluidity – two areas of quantum physics that study the bizarre activity of matter at extremely low temperatures.

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## The Oldest Planet Yet

Astronomers have detected the most ancient planet yet known orbiting a binary system thousands of light-years away. The new discovery indicates that planet formation in the Milky Way may have started sooner and been more widespread than previously believed.

# Under

## Chip Has a Long Memory

A prototype computer memory chip could store information using hundreds of billions of nanotubes. Once fully developed, the nanoscale random access memory (NRAM) could hold 10 gigabits of data and would be non-volatile, meaning data would not be lost when the power is turned off.

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## Turning Off the Light

Physicists say they have brought light – which travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second – to a complete halt for a fraction of a second and then sent it on its way. It's possible this achievement could someday help scientists develop powerful new computers.

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## Oldest Marsupial Fossil Found in China

Amateur fossil hunters helped discover a near complete skeletal fossil of the oldest known ancestor to kangaroos, koalas, possums and wombats. The remains of the chipmunk-size marsupial ancestor were dug up from 125-million-year-old shales in northeastern China.

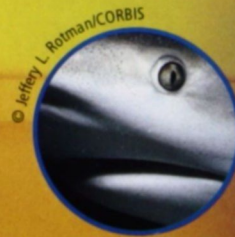
# POPQuiz

## Sharks!

Few things terrify people as much as sharks and shark attacks. Swimming in the world's oceans for millions of years, sharks are still often misunderstood today. How much do you know about this mysterious species of sea dwellers? Take the quiz and find out!

### True or False?

- Sharks can shed as many as 30,000 teeth in their lifetime.
- Shark skin was used on sword handles for a non-slip grip.
- Some sharks can live to be 100.
- Great White sharks can go up to three months without eating.



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### New Sight for Sore Eyes ▶

Ophthalmologists have revolutionized cataract surgery by implementing a new, cutting-edge multifocal lens implant. Cataracts cloud the clear lenses in the eyes. The lens becomes brittle and yellowish. Although some cataracts occasionally occur in young children, many adults encounter this syndrome.

### ▶ Jaws May Hold Key to Cancer Cure

Sharks have survived some 400 million years on Earth. Scientists are now investigating whether their longevity could be due in part to an extraordinary resistance to cancer and other diseases. If so, humans might someday benefit from the shark's secrets.

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### Time Flies ▲

One hundred years ago, in 12 brief seconds, the history of the world changed forever as Orville and Wilbur Wright launched the first successful sustained powered flight in a heavier-than-air machine at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.

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# The Microscope

### Galileo Ends its Jupiter Voyage with a Big Bang ▶

The *Galileo* spacecraft's 14-year, nearly 3-billion-mile odyssey came to an end when the spacecraft disintegrated in Jupiter's dense atmosphere. In its travels, *Galileo* discovered strong evidence for a liquid ocean...and possibly life, beneath the frozen surface of Jupiter's moon Europa.

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### What's for Dinner? ▶

Scientists have identified a microbe that gobbles up toxic waste deep underground, offering a potential way to clean up a particularly nasty chemical that has contaminated the water underneath hundreds of the nation's industrial and military sites.

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### Look Ma, No Plane! ▲

"The Missile Man" became only the second person to cross the English Channel in an unpowered flight. Wearing high-tech carbon wings and using oxygen during the 20-mile flight in -31°F temperatures, Felix Baumgartner jumped out of a plane at 30,000 ft. above Dover, England and flew to France in under 10 minutes.

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The average person blinks about 12 times a minute. That's an amazing 10,080 blinks in a 14-hour day.

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Eagles can see a rabbit about one mile or 1,760 yards away. People can see a rabbit about 550 yards away.

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While not blind, bats bounce sound waves off objects to "see" where they're going.

## FACToid

### The Eyes Have It

How many times have you heard, "Be careful or you'll put your eye out?" Actually, parents have been saying that for a very long time. In fact, the phrase, "It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye" dates from ancient Roman wrestling matches where the only rule was, "no eye gouging." Biting, kicking and scratching were allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke someone in the eye.

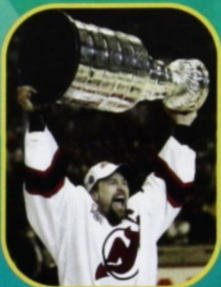




### Stanley Cup Runneth Over for the NJ Devils

The New Jersey Devils ended the Anaheim Mighty Ducks' playoff run, winning the Stanley Cup with a 3-0 victory in Game 7 of the seven-game series. It was the third championship for the Devils in just nine years.

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### Detroit Goes from Worst to First

The Detroit Shock put a perfect ending on their worst-to-first story as they beat the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Sparks in a decisive Game 3 of the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) Finals. The Shock won a league-best 25 games this season, one year after losing a league-worst 23. Ruth Riley was named the MVP of the finals.

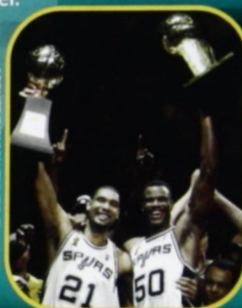
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### Think You Play Hard?

Try Moto X at the Winter X Games. A daring combination of motorcycles and snow, some Moto X riders choose to do back flips over a 35-foot gap, while others sidesaddle their bikes or let go of the handlebars over a 90-foot gap. The more daring do flips off the big ramp...often with bone-breaking results.

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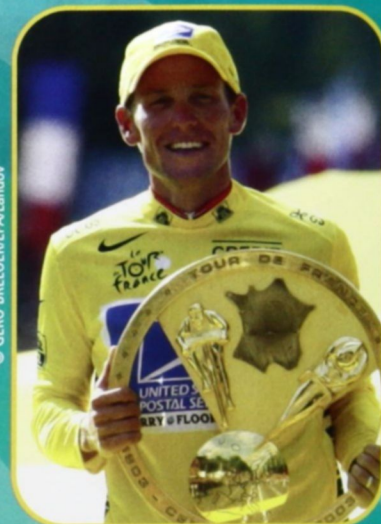
### San Antonio Spurs Ride Away with the NBA Championship

Erupting for a 19-0 run in the fourth quarter of Game 6, San Antonio beat New Jersey 88-77 to win the NBA Championship. Finals MVP Tim Duncan was two blocks shy of a quadruple-double and David Robinson grabbed 17 boards in his final game.

### Fearless Fighting Fish Blast the Bronx Bombers

Led by 23-year-old Josh Beckett, who became a legend overnight after throwing a five-hit shutout in The House That Ruth Built, the Florida Marlins beat the NY Yankees in six games to take the 2003 World Series. For the Marlins, it was their second title in just 11 years of existence.

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### Lance Comes on Strong to Win Fifth Tour de France

Overcoming illness, heat, crashes and hard-charging rivals, Lance Armstrong became only the second rider to win five Tours in a row and one of only five men to have won five Tours in total. The victory in the grueling 23-day race running 2,125 miles across the French countryside, is all the more amazing considering that in 1996 Armstrong was only given a 50 percent chance of surviving cancer.

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### Hockey Legend Herb Brooks Dies

Herb Brooks, who coached the United States hockey team to the "Miracle on Ice" victory at the 1980 Olympics, died at age 66. A member of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame, Brooks played hockey at the University of Minnesota, where he later coached, winning three national titles. Miracle, a movie about the 1980 Olympic victory, was released in February 2004 and has received awesome reviews.

## POPQuiz

### Vive La France!

As the most prestigious bicycle competition in the world, the Tour de France has a rich history of triumph and tragedy. Can you answer these questions about the race that runs 2,125 miles through the French countryside and into Paris?

The first Tour de France took place in what year?

- A. 1903
- B. 1856
- C. 1652

What color jersey does the Tour leader wear?

- A. purple
- B. yellow
- C. polka dots

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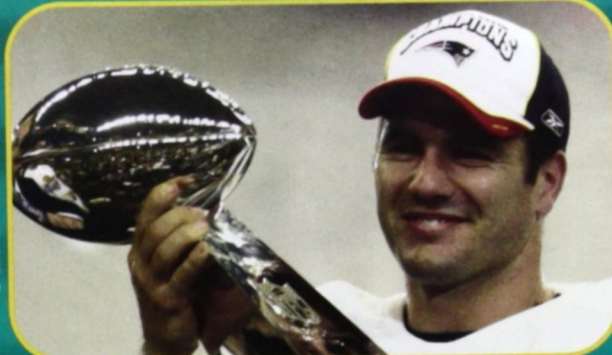
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## Horsing Around Pays Off for Funny Cide

In the 129th Kentucky Derby, 12.80-to-1 Funny Cide stunned much of the sports world with a length and three-quarters victory over 5-to-2 favorite Empire Maker. The bright chestnut gelding won "The Run for the Roses" with a time of 2:01.19, ranking among the 10 fastest Kentucky Derbys ever run. The victory was worth \$800,200.

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## World Class Runners

Two British adventurers, Ranulph Fiennes and Mike Stroud, accomplished what seems impossible. The pair ran a total of seven marathons in seven days on seven continents, finishing up in New York.

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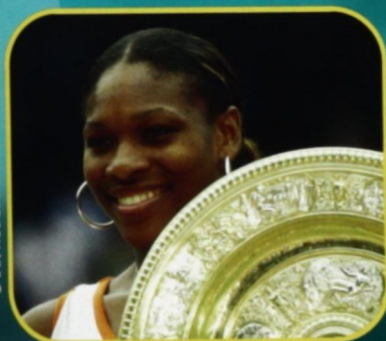


## New England Patriots are Super

With just seconds remaining, Adam Vinatieri kicked a 41-yard field goal to give the New England Patriots a 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl XXXVIII. At 26, Patriot quarterback Tom Brady became the youngest two-time Super Bowl winning quarterback, wrapping up his second Super Bowl MVP honor in three years.

# the Locker Room

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## Tennis Stars Increase Their Net Value

Serena Williams beat sister Venus for her second straight Wimbledon title. Roger Federer won the Men's Final. Justine Henin-Hardenne and Juan Carlos Ferrero won the French Open singles titles while Andy Roddick and Justine Henin-Hardenne won the U. S. Open championships.

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## Golfers go Fore the Green

At the U. S. Open, Jim Furyk won the Men's title. At the Masters, Mike Weir took the Green Jacket while Shaun Micheel won the PGA Championship. In the LPGA, Hilary Lunke won the U. S. Open while Annika Sorenstam took the British Open and LPGA Championships to become only the fourth woman in the modern era to win all the Grand Slam titles.

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## Speed Demons

The NASCAR official driver standings for 2003 included:

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Matt Kenseth       | 6. Ryan Newman    |
| 2. Jimmie Johnson     | 7. Tony Stewart   |
| 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr. | 8. Bobby Labonte  |
| 4. Jeff Gordon        | 9. Bill Elliott   |
| 5. Kevin Harvick      | 10. Terry Labonte |

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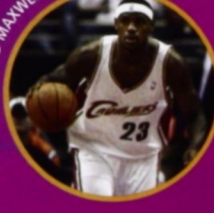
**Freddy Adu** is widely considered to be the best young soccer player in the world.

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**Michelle Wei** took up golf at age four and hopes to play at the all-male Masters tournament.

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**LeBron James** is a 6'8", 240-pound rookie powerhouse for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

# FACToid

## Born to Play

Fourteen-year-old Freddy Adu signed a six-year deal with MLS (Major League Soccer) team D.C. United and is expected to become the youngest player for a United States professional top-level team in more than 100 years. Six-foot-tall golfer Michelle Wei, 13, tied for ninth place to become the youngest player to finish in the Top 10 at a Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour event. Fresh out of high school, 18-year-old LeBron James took the NBA by storm in his rookie year with the Cleveland Cavaliers.





## Heads Up!

The biggest hailstone ever recorded in the United States fell in Aurora, Nebraska. About the size of a soccer ball, the record-setting hailstone measured over seven inches in diameter – even after losing nearly half of its mass upon landing on the rain gutter of a house. Hail causes nearly one billion dollars in damage to property and crops annually.

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## Rare Giant Panda Gives Birth

Bai Yun, a 13-year-old giant panda, gave birth in captivity for the first time since 1999. Her first offspring, Hua Mei, is the first U.S.-born panda to survive into adolescence. Giant pandas are an endangered species. Fewer than 1,000 exist in the wild, all in China, and only a hundred or so live in captivity.

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## Deadly European Heat Wave

Record temperatures around Europe during August claimed over 35,000 lives. France suffered the most casualties as temperatures broke the 100 degree mark for the first time in several decades. United Kingdom fatalities were estimated to be over 2,000, with London registering its first-ever 100 degree plus temperature.

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## The Big Squeeze

Villagers on the Indonesian island of Java caught a live reticulated python that measured 49 ft. long and weighed in at 985 pounds according to a local government official. Prior to this, the Guinness Book of World Records lists the longest snake ever captured to be 32 ft.

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## Flying Sharks!

Near Cape Town, South Africa, giant sharks including Great White sharks and Orcas can be seen hurtling through the air as they rocket with great velocity from murky depths to catch seals near the surface. The phenomenon is best seen near Seal Island, when seals cross deep water to approach or leave their island sanctuary.

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## Census of Marine Life

The Census of Marine Life is a multi-national research program seeking to assess the diversity, distribution and abundance of ocean life and discover how it changes over time. The Census has been underway for three years and is scheduled to run until 2010. So far, researchers have found hundreds of new species of fish, plants and animals.

# POPQuiz

## The Red Planet

Mars is the Earth's closest cousin. The Martian day is just slightly longer than the Earth's with temperatures that can reach as high as 25°C (77°F). Mars also has four distinct seasons like Earth. On the other hand, before you pack your bags, the Martian atmosphere is unbreathable and it can be very cold, down to -125°C (-193°F)!

Mars was named after the ancient Greek god of:

- A. war
- B. the oceans
- C. fire

If you were 14 on earth, how old would you be in Martian years?

- A. 28
- B. 2
- C. 7

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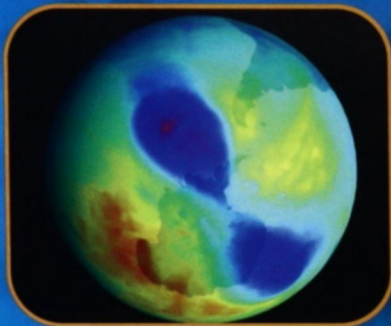




## Iran Hit by Massive Quake ▲

Disaster struck in Iran as a huge earthquake measuring over 6 on the Richter scale devastated the city of Bam. It's estimated that 70 percent of the city was destroyed with over 41,000 people killed and thousands more injured. Miraculously, there were heroic rescues of people who had been buried in the rubble for more than a week.

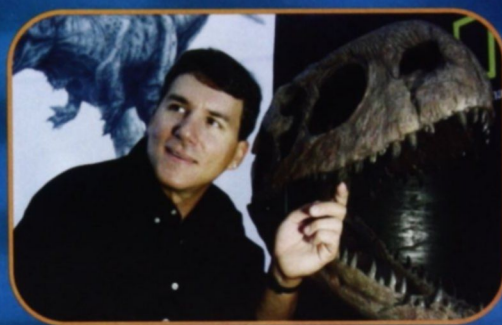
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## ◀ Ozone Layer May be on the Mend

According to data collected by NASA satellites, damage to the ozone layer may be starting to reverse itself. Ozone loss still continues despite bans on ozone-depleting pollutants; however, the rate has slowed enough for scientists to believe that the ozone could start to be replenished within several years.

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## New Dinosaur Species Found ▶

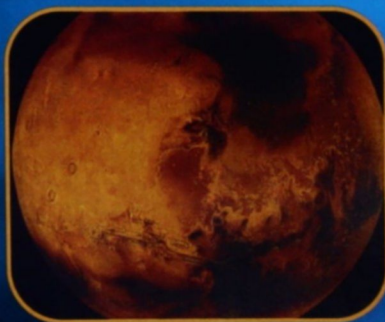
Indian and American scientists announced a new species of dinosaur named *Rajasaurus narmadensis*, which means "regal dinosaur from the Narmada," the river region in western India where the bones were found. The 30-foot, horned carnivore hunted other dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

# Natural Wonders

## Red Sky at Night is Star Gazer's Delight ▶

2003 brought the planet Mars closer to Earth than it has been in nearly 60,000 years. Nicknamed the Red Planet, Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun (Earth is third) and was only 34.6 million miles away, much to the delight of astronomers and backyard star gazers alike.

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## ◀ Keiko, Star of "Free Willy," Dies

Keiko, the killer whale made famous by the "Free Willy" movies, died in Norwegian coastal waters where he remained after millions of dollars and a decade of work failed to coax him back to the open sea. The whale, who was 27, was old for an orca in captivity, though wild orca live an average of 35 years.

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## This Lady Packs a Punch ▲

Hurricane Isabel raced from Virginia to the Canadian border, leaving millions without power, smashing homes and causing tidal surges that trapped some city dwellers in their homes. At least 17 deaths and potentially billions of dollars in damage were blamed on Isabel.



While incredible winds rage around it, in the "eye" of the hurricane, the winds are almost completely calm.



The name of the year's first hurricane always starts with "A." From there, storm names follow the alphabet.



The 1992 hurricane season started off with a bang as Andrew caused over 35 billion dollars in damage!

# FACToid

## Thar She Blows!

Hurricanes are one of the strongest and most destructive forces on the face of the earth with winds that can move mountains of water against the coast of the United States. The strongest storms, category 5 storms, have winds greater than 155 mph, but are very rare. These monsters can have storm surges (walls of water) over 20 feet. Only two such hurricanes have hit the United States this century - Camille in 1969 and Andrew in 1992.





## The End of a Beautiful Friendship ▲

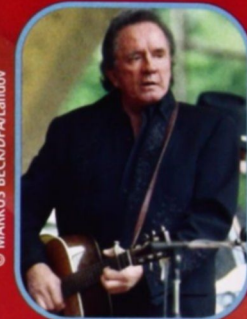
After ten years of living together, relationships, babies, marriages, break-ups and thousands of laughs, Chandler, Phoebe, Joey, Monica, Ross and Rachel finally said goodbye in their final season as Friends.

## Norah Jones Grabs Eight Grammys ►

2003 belonged to Norah Jones as she grabbed eight Grammys including Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Best Pop Vocal Album among others. Additional winners included John Mayer, Bruce Springsteen, Sheryl Crow, Coldplay, No Doubt, B.B. King, Johnny Cash, Tony Bennett, Mary J. Blige, Usher, Dixie Chicks, Missy Elliot and Eminem.

## Man in Black Wins Gold ►

Johnny Cash died at the age of 71. His career spanned more than four decades with over 48 singles on the pop charts and 11 Grammys. In 2003, he won Album of the Year and Single of the Year at the Country Music Awards. Other winners included Alan Jackson for Entertainer and Male Vocalist of the Year, Martina McBride for Best Female Vocalist and Rascal Flatts for Group of the Year.



## Teens Rule!

2003 saw the dominance of teen stars like Hilary Duff, the Olsen twins, Raven, Keira Knightley, Michelle Branch, Mandy Moore, Aaron Carter and others as they made their mark in the movies, on television and on the pop charts.



## Juno Awards

Avril Lavigne was the big winner with four awards. Other winners included Eminem, Shania Twain, Sum 41 and Our Lady Peace.



## Harry Potter Continues to Work His Magic ▲

Fans lined up outside bookstores around the world to get their copy of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, the fifth book in the phenomenally successful series.



## Sir Mick ▲

Rolling Stones lead singer, Mick Jagger, was knighted by Prince Charles. Jagger joins Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney who have each received the same honor.



## Nemo and Friends Find Fame and Fortune ▲

Top grossing movies of 2003 were:

1. Finding Nemo
2. Pirates of the Caribbean
3. The Matrix Reloaded
4. Bruce Almighty
5. Lord of the Rings: Return of the King
6. X2: X-Men United
7. Elf
8. Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines
9. Bad Boys II
10. The Matrix Revolutions



## Top Selling Artists of 2003 ▲

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. 50 Cent     | 6. Beyonce'    |
| 2. Norah Jones | 7. R. Kelly    |
| 3. Linkin Park | 8. Hilary Duff |
| 4. Evanescence | 9. Toby Keith  |
| 5. Outkast     | 10. Coldplay   |

# POPQuiz

## Idol Gossip

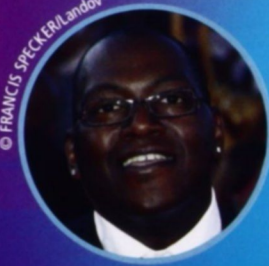
Now in its third year, American Idol has become a television phenomenon, drawing millions of viewers every week to see who America thinks has what it takes to make it to the top of the music industry...and who has just plain had it.

## Which of these top ten finalists was a wild card?

- A. Clay Aiken
- B. Ruben Studdard
- C. Kimberly Locke

## Which judge commonly calls the contestants "dawgs"?

- A. Paula Abdul
- B. Randy Jackson
- C. Simon Cowell

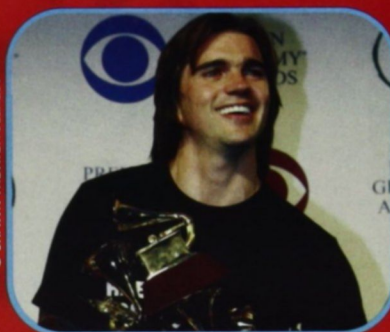






## Everybody Loves Raymond and The Sopranos at the Emmys

It was a battle of the families as *The Sopranos* took home three Emmy Awards including Outstanding Lead Actor and Actress in a Drama Series (James Gandolfini and Edie Falco), as well as Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series (Joe Pantoliano). *Everybody Loves Raymond* took home the Outstanding Comedy Series Award, Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series (Brad Garrett) and Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series (Doris Roberts).



## Saying Goodbye ▶

2003 saw the passing of many beloved stars including Bob Hope who died at the age of 100 after a long and illustrious career. Other stars who left us included: Katherine Hepburn, John Ritter, Barry White, Fred Rogers, Gregory Peck, Art Carney, Maurice Gibbs, Nell Carter, David Brinkley, Gregory Hines, Warren Zevon, Rod Roddy and Hope Lange.



## Juanes Wins Cinco Latin Grammys ▲

The Colombian singer-songwriter was showered with five Latin Grammys, including Album of the Year, Record of the Year and Song of the Year. He also won Best Rock Solo Album and Best Rock Song. The Best Male Pop Vocal Album award was won by Enrique Iglesias. The Best Female Pop Vocal Album award was given to Olga Tanon.

# Chart Toppers



## Ruuuuben Wins Big on American Idol

Ruben Studdard, dubbed the Velvet Teddy Bear by Gladys Knight, came up big against his slender friend and finalist, Clay Aiken, in a TV showdown watched by over 33 million viewers. With nearly 24 million phone votes cast, Studdard beat Aiken by only 130,000 votes. The popularity of both finalists resulted in each getting a prized recording contract, agent representation and high-profile propulsion into show business.

## MTV Honors its Top Performers ▶

The Best Female Video award went to Beyoncé' featuring Jay-Z. Justin Timberlake won the Best Male Video award.



## Windy City Winds up with Six Oscars

Celebrating its diamond 75th anniversary, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded the Best Actress Oscar to Nicole Kidman for *The Hours*. Best Actor was awarded to Adrien Brody for *The Pianist*. Best Picture, along with five other Oscars, went to *Chicago*.



## Get Real!

2003 saw the continued popularity of reality shows including: *Survivor*, *The Bachelor* and *Bachelorette*, *Joe Millionaire*, *Fear Factor*, *The Simple Life*, *Extreme Makeover*, *Trading Spaces* and *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*.



The #1 albums of all time in the U.S. are: "Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975" by the Eagles, "Thriller" by Michael Jackson and "The Wall" by Pink Floyd.



In 1972, 9-year-old Jimmy Osmond was the youngest person to hit #1 with "Long Haired Lover From Liverpool."



In 2003, over 650 million CDs were sold in the United States alone!

# FACToid

## Mighty Music Makers

CDs play from the center to the edge, rotating at a speed varying from 400 times a minute at the beginning to 250 times a minute at the end. Read by a red light laser that makes over 44,000 arithmetical calculations every second, the music on a CD is imprinted in the form of "pits" (small depressions of varying length) on a spiral track 3.52 miles long. Average CDs contain approximately 16,000,000,000 pits, each one about 700 times smaller than a pinprick!





## The New Color of Money

The most secure currency in United States history was introduced into the economy as a newly redesigned, colorful \$20 bill was issued by the Federal Reserve System to help protect against counterfeiting. It was the first time in modern history that United States currency featured background colors other than black and green. New designs for the \$50 and \$100 notes are scheduled for introduction in 2004 and 2005, respectively.

## Pass the Seaweed Please

In "Vegetables from the Sea," cookbook author Jill Gusman offered recipes for such exotica as kombu, wakame and bullwhip kelp. These veggies, which many people might call, well, seaweed, are a mainstay of Japanese cuisine and packed with minerals and disease-fighting antioxidant vitamins.



## Music Pirates Forced to Walk the Plank

2003 was the year to pay the piper as subpoenas were issued to people who illegally downloaded music from the Internet. The subpoenas were part of the industry's battle to clamp down on music piracy, and were spearheaded by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). Users charged with piracy could face lawsuits for damages ranging from \$750 to \$150,000.



## Thin is in for TVs

Forget bulky old televisions. Flashy new flat screen TVs were flying off store shelves. Measuring just a few inches thick and featuring ultra-clear pictures, high-definition plasma and LCD televisions are expensive but with demand on the rise and competition among manufacturers, prices are expected to continue falling.



## Hold the Pickle, Hold the Lettuce, Hold the Bun!

Leading fast food chains rolled out bunless burgers in a nod to the low-carb craze that's swept the nation. The surge in popularity for the high-protein, high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet is what prompted a move that once would have been unthinkable in the hamburger business.

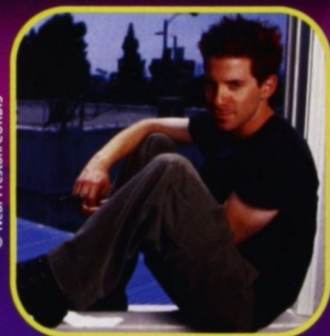


## Peanut Butter Enters Hall of Fame

Due to the exact measurements of its unique composition, peanut butter has become a standard reference material (SRM) of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology. SRMs, which include spinach, baby food, oysters and dark chocolate, are used by food companies to test their nutrient-measuring methods and equipment.

## Cargo Pants Deliver Big Profits to Retailers

Hot pockets were everywhere. They showed up on runways from Carolina Herrera (in silk) to Tommy Hilfiger (in charmeuse). They showed up on celebrities. They came cropped, belted and low-slung. And of course, they came with pockets...lots of pockets. Cargo pants were the hip huggers for 2003!



# POPQuiz

## Show Me the Money!

It's money that matters. Money makes the world go around. Money is the root of all evil. Call it what you will, but as long as there have been people and things to buy, there's been money. How much do you know about the colorful history of the cabbage, the dinero, the cash, the moolah, the bread? Take the quiz and see.

"The buck stops here" according to what U.S. President?

- A. Harry S. Truman
- B. Lyndon Johnson
- C. George Washington

How many women have ever appeared on U.S. paper money?

- A. none
- B. one
- C. three







### ▶ Drive Like James Bond

The Gibbs Aquada looks like a sporty roadster, but press a button and in a few seconds flat its wheels tuck gracefully under its body, and you're boating, not driving. The Gibbs Aquada can do 100 mph on land and a cool 30 mph afloat.



### ▶ Making a Name for Yourself

Everywhere you looked, from fashion runways to the classroom and beyond, preppy-style monograms, embroidery and decorative stitching were a letter perfect fashion trend on shirts and jeans.

### ▶ Call Your Tune

It's a phone. It's a wireless music player. It's both. A leading phone company gave subscribers the chance to play full-length songs on its phones, radio-style. Subscribers can choose from 50 different songs. There's almost no delay but the sound is a bit wobbly for now.

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### ▶ 2003's Best Video Games

According to Time Magazine, the best video games for 2003 were: *Karaoke Revolution*, *Soul Calibur II*, *Republic: The Revolution*, *Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2004*, *Temple of Elemental Evil*, *Space Colony*, *Simpsons Hit & Run*, *URU: Ages Beyond Myst*, *Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker* and *Tron 2.0*. Studies show the average gamer spends six-and-a-half hours a week playing video games.

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# Talk of the Year ☆

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### ▶ A Handful of Fun

Zodiac challenged Game Boy on its own turf with a new handheld combination of a Palm organizer and video game player fully equipped with a hot graphics accelerator, analog joystick and high-res LCD screen. The new handheld comes with either 32MB or 128MB of memory and plays some of the most popular games on the market today.

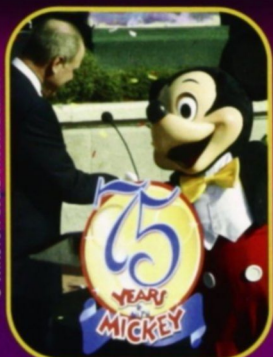
### ▶ Daring Dairy

New milk flavors such as raspberry, orange cream and blueberry are now in stores and some schools. Companies selling the new kind of milk hope its sweet flavors will get more kids to drink up. But some health experts say this new milk is almost as bad for kids as soda.

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### ▶ Mickey Still Going Strong at 75

Mickey Mouse debuted in the first synchronized sound cartoon, "Steamboat Willie," on November 18, 1928. Since then, he has remained one of the most beloved and enduring characters while also presiding as the face of The Walt Disney Company around the globe.

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### ▶ Tying with the Past

A journey to the mall felt more like a trip down memory lane as many past favorites including Strawberry Shortcake dolls, Care Bears, Transformers, He-Man figures, Cabbage Patch Kids, Slinky, Mr. Potato Head and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles made comebacks.



About 20 percent of American teens (girls more than boys) own a cellular phone.



A cellular phone isn't actually a phone. It's really a highly sophisticated radio!



The first cell phone was introduced 20 years ago in 1984.

## FACToid

### It's For You

The process that lets you talk to anyone almost anywhere on your cellular phone begins with the division of an area like a city into small "cells," each with hundreds of assigned frequencies that let millions of people use their cell phones simultaneously. Using special codes, highly sophisticated transmitting systems can identify phones, the phone's owner, the phone's movement and the service provider so that calls can be transferred from cell to cell almost instantaneously.



### I'm a Great Kid, Here's Why...

I tried my best at school. My best class was \_\_\_\_\_

I helped out in my community. I \_\_\_\_\_

Without being asked, at home I \_\_\_\_\_

Talk

Add  
Buddy

Send

### Good 4 Me!

My favorite activity is \_\_\_\_\_

My best activity memory this year was when \_\_\_\_\_

Creatively, I like to \_\_\_\_\_

My goal next year is to \_\_\_\_\_

Talk

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### It's Totally Personal!

This year was the first time I had the courage to \_\_\_\_\_

I can't believe I \_\_\_\_\_

What was I thinking when I \_\_\_\_\_

I'll never forget when \_\_\_\_\_

I was so proud that I \_\_\_\_\_

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### My Crew

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### The Future Is Up to Me!

In school next year I want to \_\_\_\_\_

Right now, I think I'd like to be a \_\_\_\_\_  
when I grow up.

Talk

Add  
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# all About Me!



### In Case You're Interested...

My nickname is \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite thing to wear is \_\_\_\_\_

My pet's name is \_\_\_\_\_

My very favorite color is \_\_\_\_\_

My lucky number is \_\_\_\_\_

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### My Faves!

Book \_\_\_\_\_ Actor \_\_\_\_\_

Video \_\_\_\_\_ Actress \_\_\_\_\_

TV Show \_\_\_\_\_ Band \_\_\_\_\_

Song \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

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# Word Jumble

Backwards, forwards, inside out and upside down...use the clues and see if you can unscramble this jumble of letters to find some of the people, places and things that made 2003-2004 a year to remember.

A W P R Y I R A Q S P A  
L R C B N Z W E R V S R  
J I Z O Q F O S S I L M  
D G R I N H T P D S E S  
S H F N K C O E W Z K T  
W T O E G L O S S O O R  
M I C K E Y T R E E A O  
W Z A R A E K L D R R N  
O M E N S D I Y M E A G  
R S L S H L M A R S R S  
M J T P A T R I O T S P  
L T I G E R W O O D S O



1. Faster than the speed of sound, I carried jet setters, celebrities and royalty from Europe to New York in less than three-and-a-half hours.
2. This oil-rich Middle East country was liberated from dictator Saddam Hussein.
3. This remnant of days gone by is as old as the hills and twice as dusty.
4. Mostly I crawl in the dirt but sometimes I can also get into your computer.
5. We beat the Carolina Panthers to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.
6. Named after a famous astronomer, I travelled all the way to Jupiter.
7. As brothers who made the first heavier-than-air flight, we couldn't go wrong.
8. I was a tour de force winning the Tour de France for the fifth straight year.
9. I'm sometimes called the Red Planet.
10. Can you find me? My dad did with a little help from some friends.
11. Hey there, hi there, ho there, I'm probably the most famous mouse in the world.
12. If you like whacking around a little white ball, my video game will fit you to a tee.





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