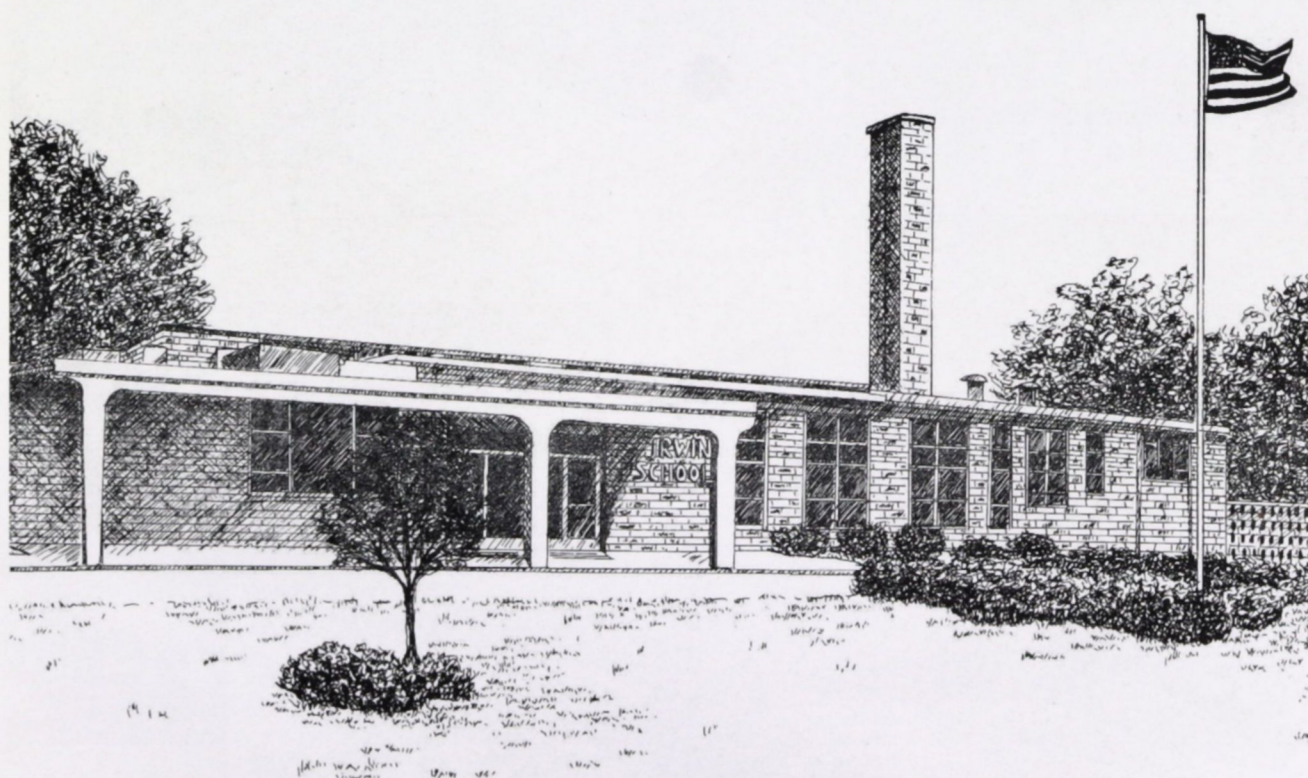


2006



Shining
Stars

Welcome To
Irwin Intermediate School
Fort Bragg, NC
SY 2005/2006



Irwin School Pledge

"I am here to learn. This day has been given to me fresh and clear.



I shall use this day to the fullest, realizing it can never come back again. Every day is a wonderful opportunity for me to learn, to care, and to celebrate the joy of life.



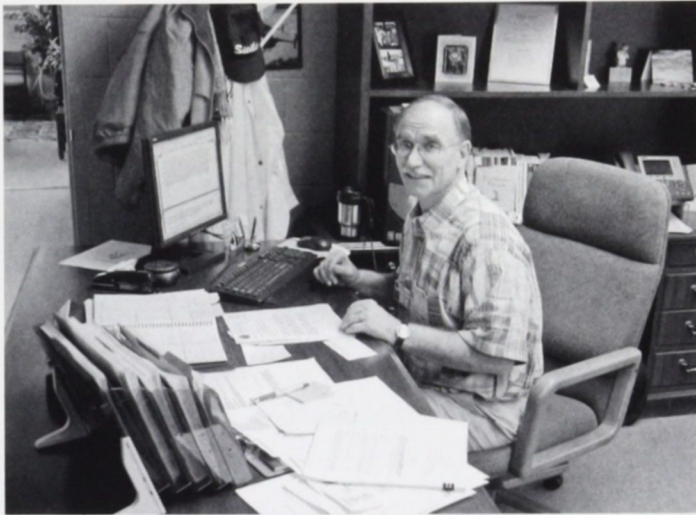
I am the only person who has the power to
decide what I will accomplish. I am a unique
and special person.



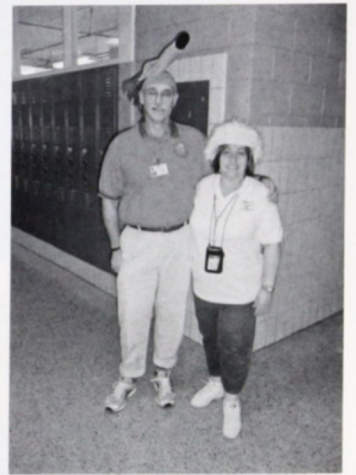
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Dr. Carr Assistant-Principal

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P.E.



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Music



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Mr. Caudil
Art



Ms. Williams
Art



Mrs. Keane
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Mrs. Gibbs
Read 180



Mrs. Graham
Read 180



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Mrs. Lydick
6th Math IS

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6th Resource



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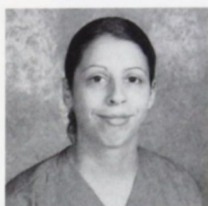


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"Lunch!" Our favorite time of the day.



Irwin Intermediate



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Information Specialist



Mrs. West
Information Clerk

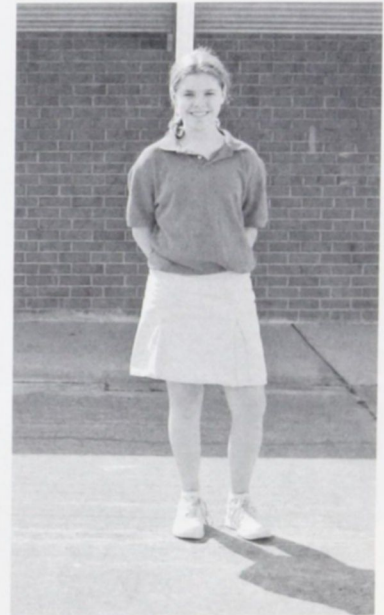


Information Center



Character "Wall Of Fame"

At Irwin Intermediate, we celebrate positive characteristics. Each month we choose one and put an emphasis on it. The character traits we observe are Respect, Responsibility, Self-Discipline, Caring, Integrity, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, and Fairness.



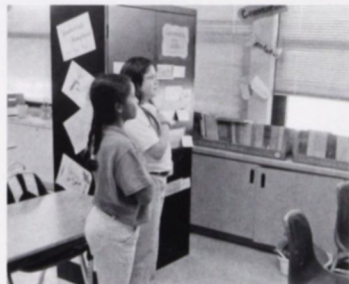
Each student on these two pages fittingly represents the character traits that we at Irwin Intermediate are emphasizing.





"Our Daily Pledge"

We begin each day with:
I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of
America,
and to the Republic for which
it stands:
One Nation under God,
Indivisible,
With Liberty and Justice for
all.



Irwin Fifth Graders



Mrs. Carrasquillo's Classroom



Mrs. Carrasquillo

Shannon Acosta
Luriam Agosto



Marcus Armour
Destiny Bailey



Dominik Culver
Isis Delgado
Alexanderia Ferguson



Davion Grau-Fay
Mikaila Hayes
Kahla Jerkins
Xavier Liles



Jashua Navarro
Tyler Philalom
Alicia Ramirez
Antonio Rodriguez
Steven Smith-Coleman



Nickolas Statkus
Kayla Thomas
Charles Tyner
Sierra West
Emahni Williams
Jordan Zaiser



Mrs. Colonair's Classroom



Meghan Bartram



Corey Bunch
Joshua Davis



Jordan Fletcher
Breana Hack
Sean Hardy



Jacqueline Headley
Dakota Hudson
Larry Lewis
Elijah Mills



Kiara Morrison
Myrissa Quichocho
Gabrielle Robinson
Mc Kenna Schram
Martin Sedlock



Monica Stuart
Cory Turner
Ryan Wester
Ramah Wilson
Marcus Yenter



Mrs. Colonair

Mrs. Conrad's Classroom



Mrs. Conrad

Katlyn Allen
Tre' Amparo



Joshua Amy
Kathrin Arnwine
Jacob Brown



Jeziel Carrasquillo-Silva
Miguel Crespo
Da'Quan Currence
Tiffany Espinoza



Ahleeyah Harris
Benjamin Hodges
Kiondre Johnson
Marcus Johnson



Samantha Kelly
Chance Liston
Stephani Mager
Theron Mason
Richard Minniti



Andrew Robinson
Aaron Scott
Jermonee' Tadlock
Zachery Tyra
Jada Zeno



Miss Franklin's Classroom



Jacob Bailey
Cadarius Blakely



David Blevins
Chesley Dixon
Tyler Ebert



Aundrea Folsom
Deandre' Harris
Brandon Jones
Alexis King-Young



Joshua Madsen
Hector Mata
Chelsey McClain
Benjamin McKee



Anthony Naugle
Antonio Nichols
Ronni Oden
Milika Powell
Tiffany Price



Kyrie Quarrella
Dana Rainge
Katherine Sanchez
Shelby Stanton
Javier Vargas



Miss Franklin

Mrs. Ferraresso's Classroom



Mrs. Ferraresso

Brooke Baker
Haley Balkcom



Jasmine Chambers
Nicholas Colbert



Corina Cruz
Deondre Daniel
Katie Daugherty



Scott Davis
Eric Gibson
Taylor Hammond
Lamine Hill



Joseph Kuhnert
Amber Lamotte
Rebecca Mattias
Shawn Michaelis
Sarina Montgomery



Anyssa Robins
Joshua Robles
Justin Sevigny
Mackenzie Sparks
Adina Warren
Zachary Williamson



Mr. Kelley's Classroom



Tiana Belser
Gabrielle Bethel



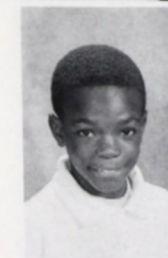
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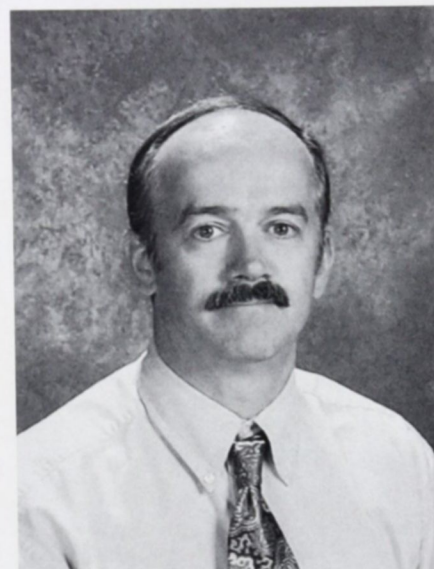
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Anthony Morris
Amber Nentwig
Jameka Pierce



Vondee Pittman
Benjamin Rios
Gwenhwyfer Sargent
Amber Seeberger
Jacob Snow
Bailey Teague



Mr. Kelley

Mrs. Kelley's Classroom



Mrs. Kelley

William Batey



Sacha Bontrager
Jamira Brantley



Hannah Canute
Summer Collins
Joseph De Los Santos



Aaron Deprisco
Jonathan Dorofy
Autumn Gilbeau
Jazmyne Goulart



Jacqueline Hardy
Robert Hopkins
Ryan Jones
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Rachael Lawson
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Tyus Surmons
Brett Tabor
Steven Vanderhoef



Mrs. Kirkland's Classroom



Jesse Alejos
Edward Andino



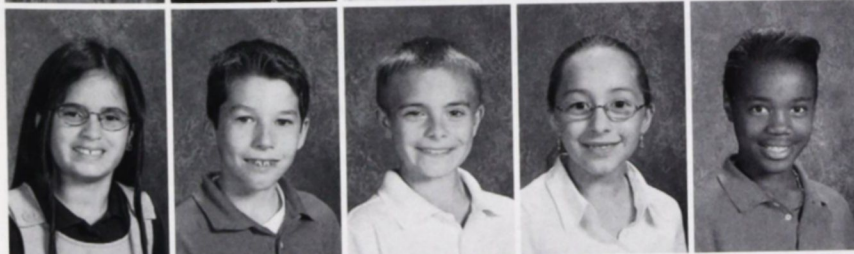
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Frances Negron-Miranda
Levi Primasing
Conner Reeves
Ashley Scott
Jonee Scott



Sohni Shaikh
Erica Streussnig
Cole Wagner
Tyler Wallace
Joshua Walp
Robert Yarbro



Mrs. Kirkland

Mr. Luckey's Classroom



Mr. Luckey

Iftiskhara Abubakar
Jermaine Boyd



Diandra Cowan
Alexander Culotta
Detarian Davis



Michael Franklin
Alexanderia Howard
Jon Ladig
Tyrique Mabine



Justin Mello
Kerianna Mitchell
Miranda Moreno
Bradley Morris



Melissa Morrison
Priscilla O'Rourke
Kayla Ostrowski
Justin Pea
Benjamin Pederson



Jameson Silao
Tatiana Soto
Bradley Vaughn
Quentin Walton
Ariana Whitted
Ian Wouters



Ms. Mancini's Classroom



Cassidy Anders
William Berardy



Justin Cawley
Deandra Goodman
Keywanna Harris



Alec Havens
Michael Henn
Tiffanie High
Darrick Kimble



Ms. Mancini



Imani Latortue
Eduardo Lopez
Derrek Munoz-Santiago
Nicholas Nolan
Kristofer Oliveira



Cottrell Orr
Dexter Penick
Terrence Pittman
Deevona Preyer
Michelle Regalado



Kameron Rice
Sydney Rios
Gabriella Rodriguez
Ebony Rowe
Jeffery Rupp
Brian Ybarra

Mr. McCaig's Classroom



Mr. McCaig

Juliete Anderson
Michael Arabian



Zoe Brouns
Michael Cavanaugh
Shaquevia Davis



Tyler Duncan
Sarah Enoch
Christopher Faircloth
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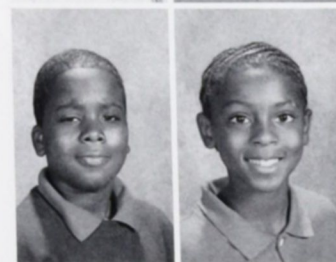
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Jordan Walker



Mrs. Montgomery's Classroom



Margret Best
Caleb Breedlove



Dashawn Brice
Demarcus Dixon



Hasani Estevez
Ryan Horne
Tiyler Horton



Mrs. Montgomery



Kemonie Jones
Gage Laborde
Lauren Lee
Tasha McCowan



Rayvon McQueen
Esharra Meredith
Trent Moyer
Peter Nimarota
Fritzzyann Peter



Jacobs Santiago
Jariya Sarawan
Yoharis Sepulveda
Andrew Spears
Christopher Terry
Kiara Thornton

Ms. Parnell's Classroom



Ms. Parnell

Sarah Bradley
Tameka Daily



Gwendoline Denning
Daishya Duffy
Cody Duggins



Anthony Fairley
Kiana Glenn
Ravin Greene
Ashton Luna



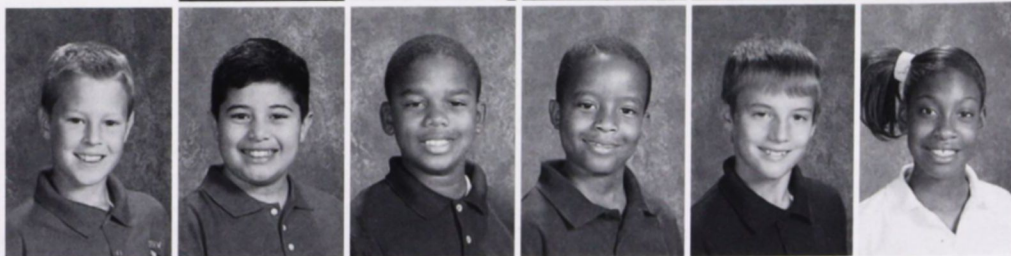
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Austin Olsen
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Writric Rembert
Donovan Tatro
Morgan Whitehead



Mrs. Philpott's Classroom



Thaiyana Aabid
Dakota Allaman



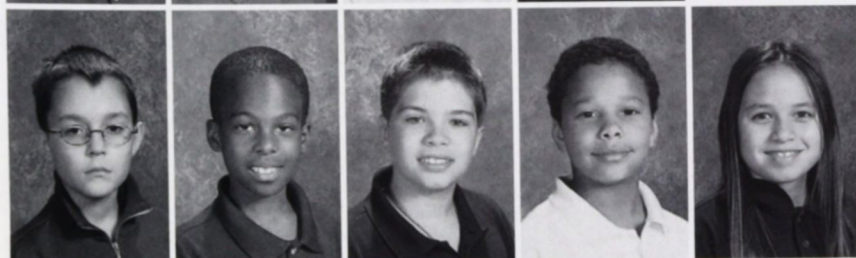
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Mrs. Philpott



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Barret Markey
Annabel Maskovich



Mikayla Masley
Michael Mc Intosh
Chandler Miles
Joshua Mitchell
Katherine Patterson



Juan Rivera
Jaelin Sample
Kahlil Sample
Alexa Tavaréz
Paige Tebbe
Caroline Wubben

Mrs. Sweger's Classroom



Mrs. Sweger

Christina Althof



Amber Baker
Bryant Colon



Bryanna Covey
Ajani Desousa
Brielle Dominique



Miyah Edwards
Brittney Ford
Aaron Hale
Gabrielle James



Elizabeth Keane
Brittany Kelly
Avery Millhouse
Ruth Murray
Tim Pesavento



Samuel Ponte
Silvia Santos
Stephanie Statkus
Raven Taylor
Traevon Yancey



Irwin Sixth Graders



Mr. Autry's Classroom



Mr. Autry

Ashley Alvarez
Frank Ayala-Ignacio



Donald Blackall
Olivia Brooks



Anthony Colon
Nathaniel Davis
Alexcea Debruce



Angelica Diaz
Torrance Garvin
Dominick Green
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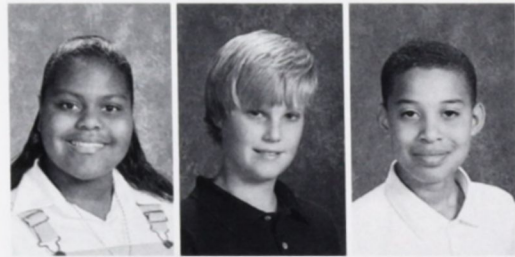
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Brandon Mosley
Sonya Peter
Erica Tyler
Daquan Woodards



Mrs. Ayers' Classroom



James Baker
Brittany Bell



Inez Bellamy-Stanley
Benjamin Bolton
Marcus Charles



Jordan Ferrer
Costin Herwig
Amanda Kelly
Kira Maddox



Forrest Magee
Victoria Mattias
Delorean Michael
Angel Perez



Olivia Powell
Mariah Rivera
Michael Rubin
Juliana Slocum
Alexandra Stacy



Devean Walters
Khalid Washington
Amber Watson
Caleb Wells
Alex Wright



Mrs. Ayers

Ms. Howard's Classroom



Ms. Howard

James Basina



Raven Cedars
Alexandra Crice



Christopher Cyphers
Ashley Evans
Brianna Garrett



Robert Giles
Conner Gillem
Chelsea Jacobs
Diquan Jones



Christopher Malucelli
Tahazanique Olds
Ricardo Rivera
Timothy Rowland



Jay Santiago
Joshua Shultz
Jameka Victor
Demari Wade
Alexis Williams



Mrs. Council's Classroom



Christina Arreola



Mrs. Council



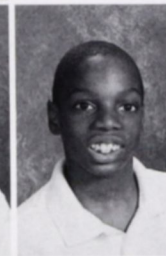
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Ariana Coleman
Lachea Davis
Courtney Deblois



Christina Dechamplain
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Tequan Keaton
Cody Patton



Nicolette Powell
Keyarra Rhodes
Benigno Rodriguez
Ikeem Stewart
Demetric Taylor



Clint Waldon
Kenna Watson
Tyler Wharton
Jordan White
Valerie White
Connor Zalenski

Mrs. Hamlin's Classroom



Mrs. Hamlin

Alexandria Anderson
Glendon Anderson



Ashley Cannon
Faith Casteel
Josiah Claw



Kevin Colon
Jessica Deal
Ashton Fowler



Maurice Harris
Vanessa Harrison
Hunter Hudson
James Jackson



Valencia Knight
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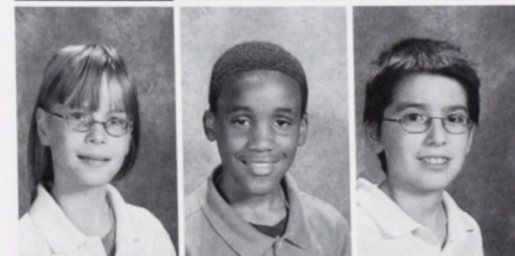
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Brianna Brazell
Kevin Bruster II
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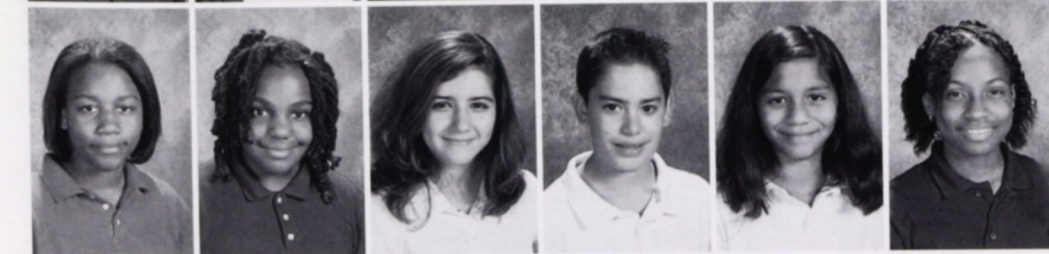
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Marcus Pickens



Ashley Robinson
Briana Shelton
Samantha Smith
Austin Steward
Melissa Vega
Gaisha Volcy



Mrs. Hauser

Mrs. Nance's Classroom



Mrs. Namce

Kamal Bryant
Andrew Campbell



Autumn Collins
Scott Dermer



Katilyn Domingo
Zane Fraser
Khadesia Frye



Darius Gibson
Ta'Neesha Jackson
Gabrielle Keenan
Julie Larsen



Zachery Lysczyn
Codie McDaniel
Zachary Overby
Shelby Partridge
Devin Pierce



Sierra Rhodes
Lathan Scott
Courtney Williams
Acoriana Wilson
Jerome Yearby
Ashley Zimmers



Mrs. Pozniak-Robbin's Classroom



Cary Akers
D'Vondre' Armstrong



Simon Blubaugh
Ianna Brazil
Kristopher Crittendon



Johnathan Dial
Andrew Fuoss
Aiko Gabriel
Aquino Gauthier



Joseph Gibson
Andrea Harris
John Holschuh
Jazmine Ingram



Aneqwa Jefferson
Jonathan Lopez
Rosaura May
Aaron Page
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Ethan Preston
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Mrs. Pozniak

Mrs. Roeder's Classroom



Mrs. Roeder

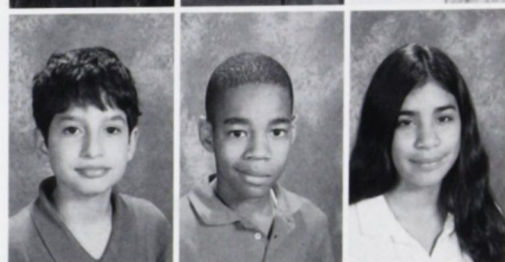
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Hope Hutchison
Philip King



Chelsea Lewis
Xavier Martin
Deniashia McCollum
Michael McGee
Dustin Nixon



Autumn Pate
Collin Pugh
Ashley Rossignoll
Tyrone Shields
Ryan Smith
Marshall Whatley



Mrs. Shirley's Classroom



Chance Altman
Jakiya Bailey



Patrick Batey
Sebastian Byrum
Taylor Cavazos



Morghan Culbreth
Victoria Fortenberry
Christopher Griffith
Tevon Harper



Kody Herbst
Shakedra Kennedy
Jeffery Matthews Jr.
Trevor McClenon



Josue Mejia
Kaniesha Nesmith
Theresa O'Sullivan
Juan Ramirez
Taylor Reed



Deanna Ruiz
Paola Salas
London Salmon
Jessica Stoneking
Justin Torres
Javez Williams



Mrs. Shirley

Mrs. Stillings' Classroom



Mrs. Stillings

Rodney Anderson
Dominique Campbell



Jordan Carter
Danielle Correll
Damon Cotton



Lauren Cox
Raven Deas
Breana Duff



Natalia Garcia
Tucker Gilbeau
Taveyana Hampton
Thomas Happel



Kathryn Hissong
Rachel Hooker
Stefan Isaacs
Paris Johnson
Chelsea McAlister



Antonio Palfreeman
Ke'Juan Perez
Hannah Roller
Aaron Tate
Zachary Wagoner
Michael Whittington



Mrs. Sturgies' Classroom



Carly Anders
Elizabeth Andrews



Vincent Dahilog
Trevonte Dixon
Alexander Ges



McKenzie Gillis
Alma Gomez
Benjamin Gross
Christopher Harris



Kyani Hopson
Toni Howell
Alexis Jones
Divante' Maxey



Kenya Mc Queen
Musani Mixon
Amber Parrott
Mario Quinones
Carlos Rosado



Javier Saldana
Ashton Scruggs
Christopher Ward
Celina Wilhelm
Han-Gyol Yoo



Mrs. Sturgies

Mrs. Taylor's Classroom



Mrs. Taylor

Joshua Caldwell



Cody Friedrich



Michael Gonzalez
Deborah Hamill



Nicholas Hazzard
Trae Herman



Jake Hudson
Xavier Kelly
Jared Kiwaha



Mrs. Trotter's Classroom



Allen Abbott
Kevinn Asahan



Robert Contreras
Delano Cook
Alexis Crespo



John Denning IV
Joshua Durham
Denise Faublas
Briana Gilmore



Amber Hahn
Arierose Hernandez
Molly Herring
Bria Holmes



Kimberly Johnson
Nicole Johnson
Amanda Kuhnert
Deirdre Lewis
Ayanis Lindo



Michael Masley
Brianna McKinzie
Jason Palfreeman
Mark Stalling
Eric Tyler
Jonathan Wheritt



Mrs. Trotter

Mrs. Warren's Classroom



Mrs. Warren

Brandon Bartee



Jeffrey Bopp
Caitlyn Chambers



James Cronin
Keleen Cruz
Quinn Frommeyer



Kevin Grubb
Drew Hunter
Dedarius Knight
Kirstie Knudson



Kelvon Lankford
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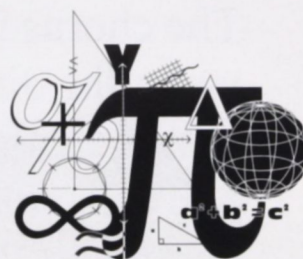
Irwin Intermediate Clubs



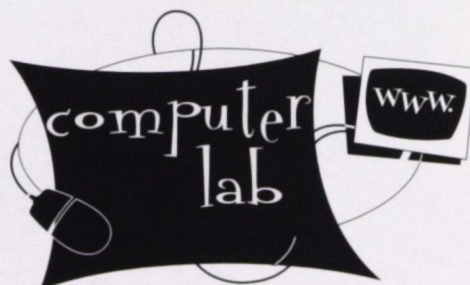
Believe and
SUCCEED

Star
Students

Today's
Children
Tomorrow's
Leaders



 **music**



Irwin Intermediate Chorus



The chorus is a hit again this year, under the direction of Mrs. Yorgey. They have given many fine concerts including the lighting of the Ft. Bragg Christmas Tree. They represent Irwin well.



Irwin Intermediate Bands One and Two



Irwin Bands One (top) and Two (bottom) have done a great job this year, under the direction of Mr. Thomas.



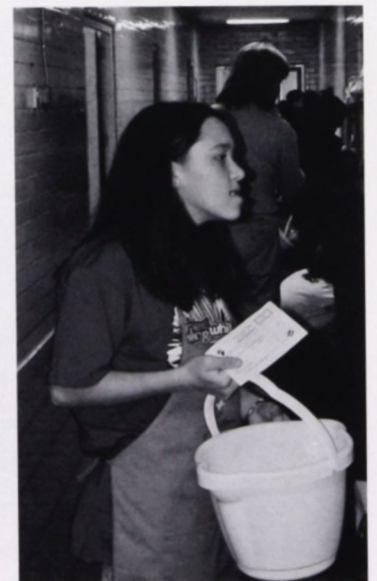
Irwin Intermediate Beta Club



Irwin Intermediate Student Government



Junior Beta and Student Government Activities



Tai Chi



Tai Chi is a meditative exercise for the body and mind. It is also a way to bring calm and to learn to have better control and balance of body movement.

Mrs. Lydick is the sponsor of The Tai Chi Club.



The Art Club students strived to achieve higher levels of creativity and critical thinking. Their sponsor, Mrs. Williams, had them work with a variety of media which included both two and three-dimensional aspects of creative expression.



The mission of the Distinguished Gentlemen is to "maximize to achievement of our fifth and sixth grade at risk male students." Under the supervision of Mr. Pabon, The Distinguished Gentlemen explored such activities as career exploration, goal setting, development of a support group and development of personal habits that promote success.

The Science Club is made up of students who are enthusiastic about Science. Their sponsor, Mrs. Warren worked with them to build a model of the space shuttle. Up, up, and away.

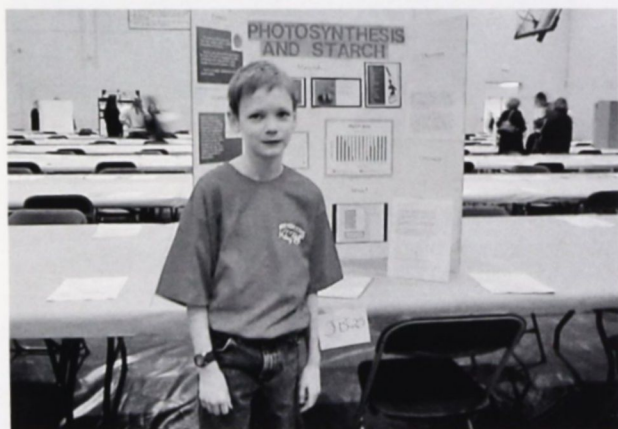


Irwin Intermediate Science Fair

At Irwin this year, many students participated in the Science Fair. It was a great success in part to the efforts of Mrs. Hamlin and Mr. McCaig.



The winners of the Irwin Science Fair went on to compete at the Science Fair at Pembroke. The students that represented Irwin were Zoe Brown, Danielle Cornell, Allen Abbott, Matthew Bower and Drew Hunter. Alan Abbott won an award. Danielle Cornell won her level and will be going on to the State Competition.



Irwin Intermediate Honor Roll Assemblies

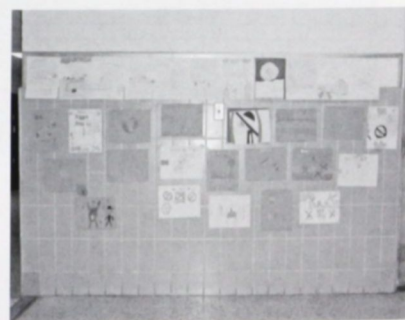
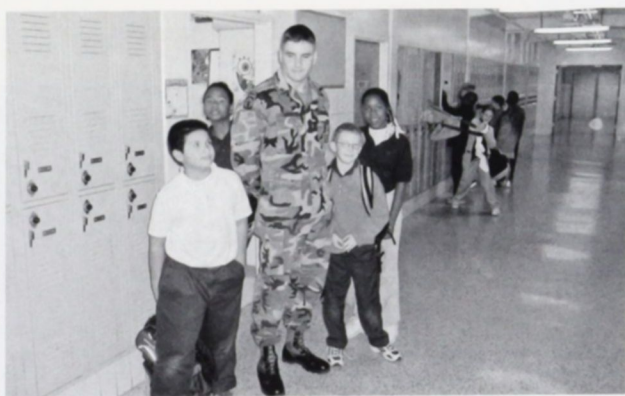


Irwin Intermediate Pep Rally



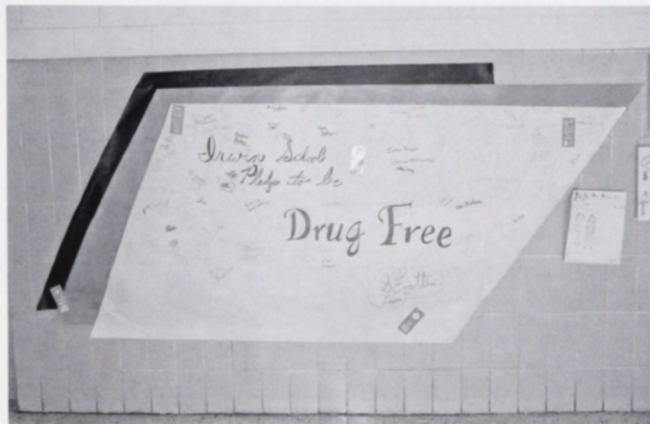
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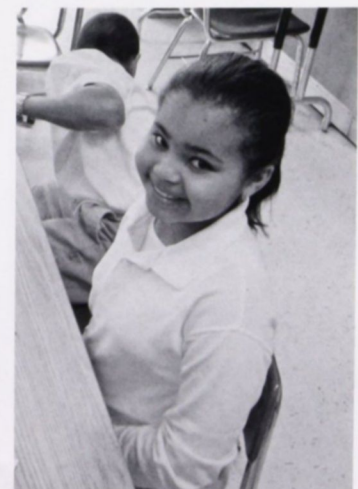
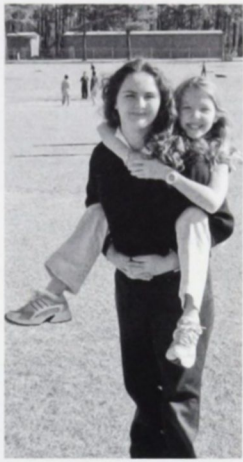
The D.A.R.E. Officers conducted a good program again this year. Each week the fifth graders were instructed on the importance of abstaining from drugs, alcohol, and violence.



D.A.R.E.

During first semester the D.A.R.E. Officers were often seen at recess interacting with the students. They also sponsored a Door Decorating contest which demonstrated why not to do drugs.







PTO IN A FLASH

The Irwin PTO did various things this year. They sponsored a spaghetti dinner. They sponsored two Book Fairs. They raised money through the selling of cookie dough, with some of the money raised they donated several banners which are placed throughout the school to promote good characteristics in students. They also sponsored several "themed" non uniform days, such as "crazy hats and socks."



The PTO bought many colorful banners. Each banner has a statement promoting good characteristics.

Twice this year the PTO sponsored a book fair. Each time it was a great success.



PTO IN A FLASH



Parents, teachers and students all enjoyed the spaghetti dinner put on by the PTO.

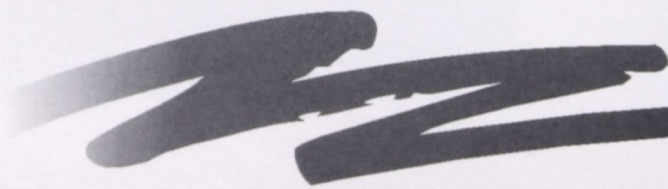


The PTO sponsored a number of non uniform dress days. Crazy hat and sock day was a particular fun day.



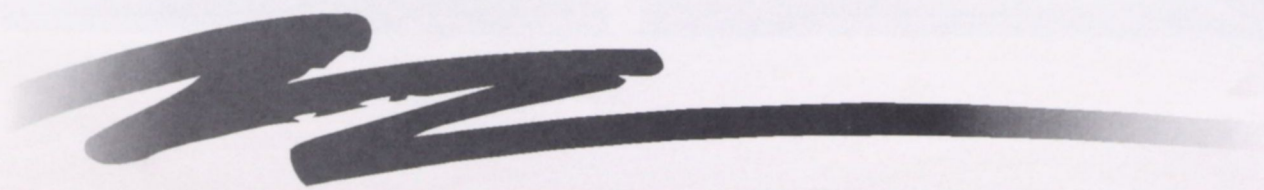


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Mr. Caudill retired February 28, 2006 after his special gift of teaching with us for over 30 years.



He could grab the attention of anyone with the way he spoke in his "country boy" voice. Not only is he a great teacher, but our friend.



Thank You Mr. Caudill for being a part of our lives. Much love and happiness to you.
"Happy Trails" Mr. Caudill.



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First Lady of Civil Rights Movement is Revered

Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King Jr., died on January 31 at the age of 78. Coretta was a champion for civil rights, disability rights, women's rights and many other causes. As for bringing about great change, she has said, "You must change yourself so that you're prepared to lead people in the direction they should go."



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Hurricane Katrina Strikes with a Vengeance

Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast with 140 mile-per-hour winds on the morning of August 29. Katrina is reputed to be the most destructive and costliest natural disaster in United States history. Estimated costs are in the billions.

Nazi Hunter Wiesenthal Dies

Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal, who helped bring more than 1,100 Nazi war criminals to justice after World War II, died on September 20 at the age of 96. The United Nations declared January 27 as the first International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The date is significant in Holocaust history because it commemorates the liberation anniversary of Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp, in 1945.

from the news desk



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Subway Blasts Rock London

Three explosions on London subway trains and a fourth explosion on a bus killed at least 52 and injured 700 people on July 7. Prime Minister Tony Blair suspected terrorists were responsible for the attacks.



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G8 Pledges Relief

The group of eight industrialized nations (G8) comprised of Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, United Kingdom, United States, and Russia, agreed to full cancellation of debt owed by 18 poor countries. In addition, G8 pledged to double its aid to Africa by donating \$50 billion by the year 2010.

Taking a Stand Meant Keeping a Seat

Rosa Parks, whose act of civil disobedience in 1955 sparked the modern civil rights movement, died October 24 at the age of 92. Parks was arrested after refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama.



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West Virginia Miners Remembered

Early on the morning of January 2, 2006, an explosion at the Sago Mine in West Virginia trapped 13 coal miners. The miners were 260 feet underground when the accident occurred. Twenty-seven-year-old Randal McCloy was the sole survivor.

Iraqis Cast Historic Votes

In December, the United Iraqi Alliance won the country's general elections, although it failed to gain an absolute majority in parliament. A coalition is likely to be formed with other ethnic groups including the Kurdish alliance. Sunni Arabs also gained seats over the previous balloting. U.S. officials hope that favorable results from the elections will strengthen Iraq's government and help to move along the withdrawal of U.S. troops.



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Change is the Verdict for Supreme Court

On September 3, Supreme Court chief justice William Rehnquist died of thyroid cancer. Judge John Roberts was named as his replacement on September 30. Sandra Day O'Connor, who had announced her retirement in July, agreed to stay until another justice was appointed.



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The World Says Goodbye to Pope John Paul II

▲ Pope John Paul II is credited with leading the world's approximately 1 billion Catholics for 26 years. Known as a champion for human freedom, the well-respected Pope died April 2 at the age of 84. On April 24, former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was installed as Pope Benedict XVI.



Palestinians Regain Gaza Strip

▲ Despite some resistance, most of the 17 Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip were evacuated peacefully in mid-August. Israel plans to return control of the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians after an occupation that has lasted since the 1967 Six-Day War.



Gasoline Prices Caught Up in Hurricane Turmoil

▲ Damage caused by Hurricane Katrina reduced oil production for many facilities. Gas prices soared across the country and averaged about \$2.60 nationwide. In the last year, gas prices increased 40 percent.



Mission: Successful

▲ With the touchdown of the Space Shuttle Discovery on August 9, NASA completed its first shuttle mission since Columbia broke apart during re-entry in February 2003. The mission was deemed successful, although Astronaut Steve Robinson made some repairs to the shuttle's exterior while in orbit.



Americans Among Nobel Prize Winners

▲ Two Americans and a German won the Nobel Prize in physics for pioneering research involving the behavior of light and its use for creating precise measuring techniques. Also, two Americans and a French scientist won the prize for chemistry with the development of a process that causes molecules to swap atoms. This molecular reaction is used to create medicines, plastics, and other products with more efficiency and less environmental hazard.



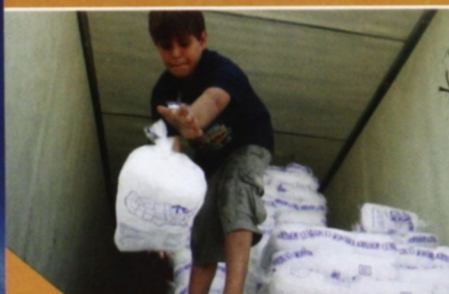
Women in Power

▲ Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a Harvard-trained banker and survivor of Liberia's brutal politics, took the oath of office to become Africa's first woman to be elected female head of state. In Chile, Michelle Bachelet was elected as the country's first female president. Her first fulfilled campaign promise was splitting the Cabinet down the middle to equally represent both genders, and women were appointed to half of the 20 seats.

america responds to katrina victims



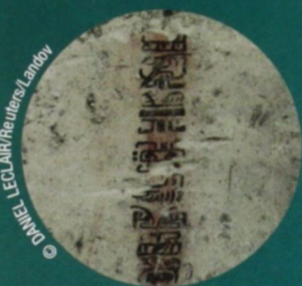
Through agencies including the American Red Cross, U.S. citizens responded to the needs of Hurricane Katrina victims. More than 2,500 truckloads of food, 4,500 health professionals and 220,000 volunteers made their way to the gulf coast. The Red Cross mounted the largest relief effort in its 125-year history to provide food, shelter, health care and relief supplies as well as to reconnect loved ones.



Kids from all over the U.S. pulled together to aid victims in the gulf coast. By collecting money, food and supplies, kids sent much needed relief to families devastated by the hurricanes. Once again, kids have shown how much they care by taking amazing steps to make a difference.



Hurricane Katrina caused many people to lose track of their loved ones—including their pets. When owners were forced to rapidly evacuate their homes, many pets were stranded or left behind. Organizations from all over the country sent volunteers to rescue animals and provided needed care before reuniting them with their families. The Humane Society of the United States donated over \$4 million in grants to gulf coast animal welfare organizations. The grants were distributed to groups directly affected by Hurricane Katrina.



A Really Old Story

Archaeologists revealed the final section of the earliest known Mayan mural. It dates back to 100 B.C. and tells the story of kings and their right to the royal title. The room-sized mural was discovered in 2001 in northeastern Guatemala and was finally completed for viewing in December 2005.

under the microscope



The Battle Against Malaria

Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife Melinda established a \$35 million grant to launch Zambia's first nationwide effort to curb malaria. Zambia is a country located in southern Africa with a population suffering from malaria. The three-year plan, aimed at reducing malaria deaths by 75 percent, is designed to get bed nets, medicines and indoor insecticides to 80 percent of Zambia's population. It is hoped that this model will help other African countries develop national malaria control plans.

One Size Doesn't Fit All

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has come up with a revised version of the food pyramid called MyPyramid. This model for personal nutrition is based on your age, gender, and activity level. It allows for a more customized nutritional plan for each person. The USDA hopes the changed nutritional guidelines will address the growing obesity epidemic in the U.S.—1/3 of adults in this country are considered obese.



MyPyramid.gov
STEPS TO A HEALTHIER YOU



It's For the Birds

The Avian Flu (bird flu) has generated worldwide concern about its potential for spreading to humans. To date, the H5N1 virus strain has significantly affected more birds than humans, and millions of chickens and ducks have been killed in an attempt to prevent the virus from spreading. Although there has been concern about the flu reaching North America from Southeast Asia and sparking a pandemic, experts conclude that the virus has difficulty transmitting between people.

Up Close and Personal With a Comet

NASA's Deep Impact space probe smashed into a comet half the size of Manhattan on July 4 in an effort to reveal secrets of the solar system to scientists. The historic mission allowed scientists to take photos of the comet's surface. Information gathered may some day help scientists stop a comet if the Earth were ever threatened.



In the Fast Train

A new contender for the title of fastest train in the world is being tested by the East Japan Railway. The Fastech 360 is expected to carry passengers at a speed of 224 miles per hour, topping the French TGV train's speeds by nearly 40 miles per hour. To stop quickly, the Fastech uses spoiler-type brakes that pop up from the roof to create wind resistance.



To a Long Life

The life expectancy in the U.S. hit another all-time high at 77.6 years. When you compare this number to the 46.8-year expectancy of the early 1900s, you can see we've come a long way. Worldwide, the current life expectancy rate is 64.3 years. Areas with the highest life expectancies are Andorra, 83.5 years; San Marino, 82.1 years; Singapore, 81.6 years; and Japan, 81.1 years.

Set the Table: Treasures from Ancient Pompeii

On July 18, archaeologists displayed an ancient Roman dining set that had been hidden for two millennia in the volcanic ash of Pompeii, Italy. The decorated cups and fine silver platters were found in 2000. Experts have spent the last five years restoring the pieces that were left behind by their owners as they fled the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius.



\$100 Million Field Trip to the Moon

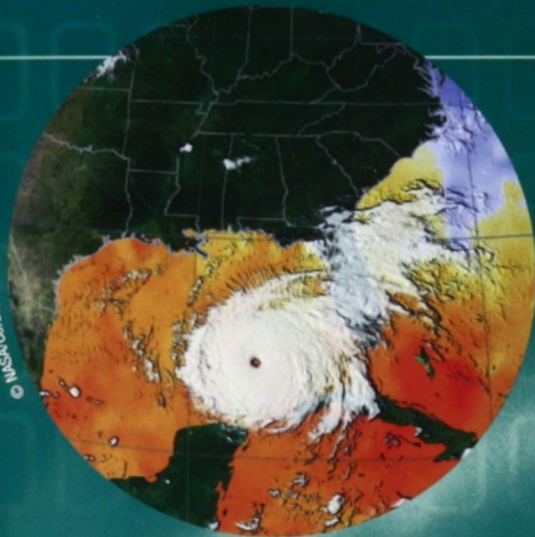
Space Adventures, one of several privately funded companies in the space race, is selling around-the-moon jaunts for \$100 million. Moon tourists could begin making trips as soon as 2008. SpaceShipOne, the world's first private space ship built last year to encourage space tourism, was donated to the Smithsonian Museum.

British Rescue Sub

The seven-man crew of a Russian mini-submarine was trapped at a depth of over 600 feet. After three days on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, they finally made it back to port safely. British military officials used an unmanned sub to rescue the crew before their oxygen supply was entirely depleted.

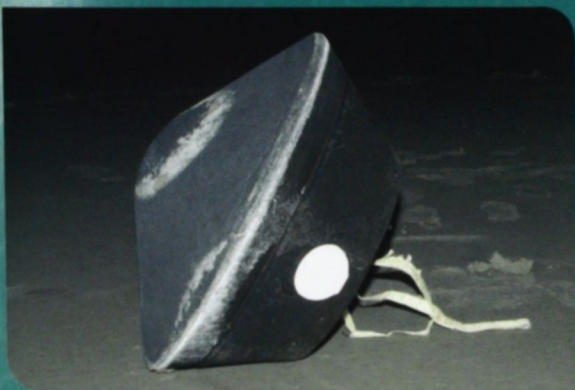


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Did Global Warming Fire Up the Hurricane Season?

Due to the ferocity of Hurricane Katrina, many people believe that global warming was responsible for the increased strength of the year's tropical storms. Today's hurricanes are undoubtedly stronger than the storms of 30 years ago. However, scientists are still divided over the claim that climate changes caused an intense storm season in 2005.



Stardust Space Probe Returns Home

It left seven years ago, traveled 2.88 billion miles and circled the sun twice. In January, NASA's Stardust space probe dropped a 100-pound capsule back to Earth with a tiny payload of comet and interstellar dust. Scientists believe the particles within the Stardust are remains from the formation of our solar system.



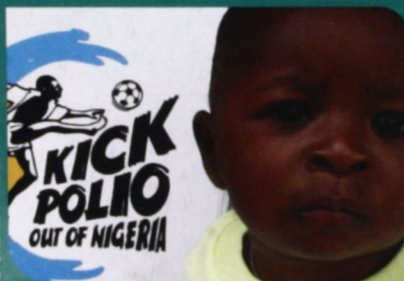
Still the Best Medicine

Go ahead and laugh...it's good for you! Researchers showed a group of moviegoers both funny and distressing clips, and then tested the physical effects of each. Laughter increased blood flow 22 percent in test subjects, and their blood flow decreased 35 percent while stressed.



Mummy, My Eyes are Dry

In an effort to study ancient diseases, a team of scientists in California restored the eyes of two Chilean mummies. One eye came from a 2-year-old boy who died 1,000 years ago. The other eye belonged to a 23-year-old woman who died about 750 years ago. Both bodies were naturally preserved in Chile's arid Atacama Desert.



World Health Organization Confirms New Polio Case

In July 2005, a 15-month-old girl from the east African nation of Somalia was diagnosed with polio, a paralyzing disease. Previously, polio had been wiped out of Somalia since 2002. The return of the disease in 12 African countries has been linked to the failure of the Nigerian authorities to complete an immunization program in 2003.



Mending a Broken Heart

Johns Hopkins University researchers studied stress cardiomyopathy, often mistaken for a heart attack. Known as broken heart syndrome and associated with the loss of a loved one, researchers found that it's caused by a surge of adrenaline and other stress hormones that temporarily stun the heart.



With the looks of a cool motorcycle, the ENV bike is actually more like a moped that runs on a hydrogen-powered fuel cell. The 200-pound aluminum bike travels up to 50 miles per hour and runs silently for about 100 miles on one \$4 canister of hydrogen. The ENV's planned release to the public is early 2007.



The Slingbox, offered by Sling Media, attaches to your home TV and beams your local TV programming for you to view anywhere in the world. All you need to have with you is an Internet-connected PC.



Check out Zubbles, the world's first colored bubbles. Ascadia, Inc. developed these wonders that are made possible with a new dye that tints the bubbles, but leaves no trace when popped. Zubbles come in amazingly vibrant colors and the bubble solution is non-toxic.



Digital music eyewear from Oakley combines the fun of your tunes and the safety of eye protection—all in one. The THUMP 2 offers memory storage up to 1 GB, or about 240 songs. The earphones just swing out of the way when you need to hear what's around you. The best part is that there are not any messy cords and wires to worry about.



Sony's PlayStation Portable lets you play games or watch movies anywhere with its 16:9 display and 32 MB of RAM.

Long-Shot Giacomo Wins Derby

»» With 50-1 odds, a Kentucky Derby win for Giacomo (pronounced Jock-ah-mo) seemed highly unlikely. Yet, he beat 19 others to grab the lead in the final strides of the race. He won by a half-length over 71-1 Closing Argument. It was the second biggest upset ever in the 131-year history of the race.



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Tiger and Phil Win Majors

»» Tiger Woods won the Masters for the fourth time, bringing him to a tie with Arnold Palmer's record. Tiger also claimed victory in the British Open, his tenth major career championship. Phil Mickelson made his mark by winning the PGA Championship by one stroke. The win was Phil's second career major.

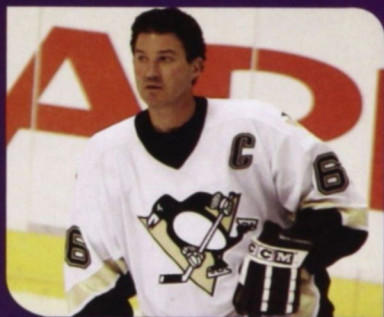
88 Years in the Making

»» For the first time in 88 years, the Chicago White Sox won the World Series championship by beating the Houston Astros in a four-game sweep. The White Sox hadn't won a Series since 1917 and had not played in one since 1959.



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in the locker room



Lemieux Retires Again

»»» Mario Lemieux said goodbye to hockey a second time on January 24, 2006, after retiring in 1997 and making a comeback in 2000. The Pittsburgh Penguins center hadn't played in many games due to illness, injury and the players' strike. Lemieux wasn't the only player to miss last season. The NHL is the first North American sports league to lose a year because of a labor dispute. A new labor agreement that was reached in July ended the lockout.

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Federer Wins It All

»»» Roger Federer defeated Andre Agassi on September 11 to win his second straight U.S. Open title. In July, Federer beat Andy Roddick for his third straight Wimbledon title. He's the first man in the Open era, which started in 1968, to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Open back to back in consecutive years.

The Tony Award

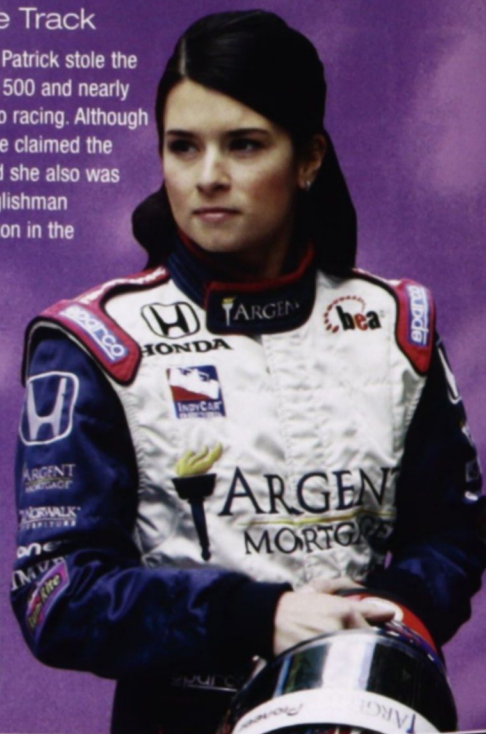
»»» NASCAR driver Tony Stewart won his second championship cup for the most points. Stewart finished fifteenth in the final race and ran steadily for the entire season. He edged out Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards for this year's cup.



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Danica Tears Up the Track

»»» At the age of 23, Danica Patrick stole the show at the Indianapolis 500 and nearly grabbed the biggest purse in auto racing. Although she ended up finishing fourth, she claimed the best finish by a female driver and she also was the first female to lead a lap. Englishman Dan Wheldon won over \$1.5 million in the May 31 race.



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Monarchs Take the Sun

»»» After sweeping the first two rounds of the playoffs, the Sacramento Monarchs faced the only team to sweep them in the regular season, the Connecticut Sun. The difference came down to the relentless defensive pressure the Monarchs applied, which forced many turnovers from the Sun. The Monarchs claimed the champion title, three games to one.



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Olympic Hopefuls Spark Excitement

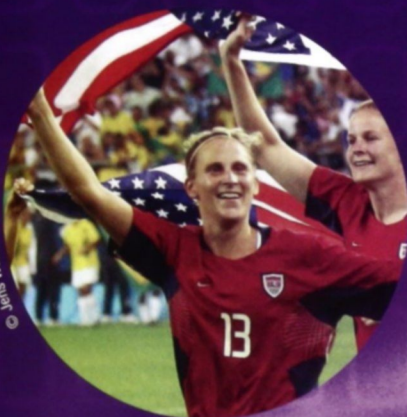
»»» Torino, Italy, was full of talented athletes determined to bring home the gold during the 2006 Winter Olympics. Speed skater Chad Hedrick, skier Jeret "Speedy" Peterson, and figure skaters Michelle Kwan and Sasha Cohen all excelled in their sports to earn their places in Italy. Nineteen-year-old Hannah Teter also sought the gold in snowboarding's Women's Halfpipe event. Although Torino was only the third Olympic appearance for snowboarding events, the sport was a popular one to watch.

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the wacky world of

sports



302 for Lilly

U.S. Women's National Soccer Team captain, Kristine Lilly, reached an impressive milestone when she played in her 302nd international game in January. The game was played in Guangzhou, China, and the U.S. Women gained a victory over China. Lilly was also a member of the 1996 and 2004 Olympic gold medal teams.



Williams Tops Davenport at Wimbledon

In a career comeback, Venus Williams beat top-ranked Lindsay Davenport on July 2, for her fifth major title—and her first in nearly four years. Williams won Wimbledon in 2000 and 2001, and was runner-up to sister Serena in 2002 and 2003.



Spurs Dethrone Pistons

The San Antonio Spurs defeated the Detroit Pistons on June 23 with an 81-74 win to claim the NBA championship. Tim Duncan earned his third Finals MVP and San Antonio picked up its third title in seven years, denying Detroit a chance to repeat its win from last year.



The Yellow Jersey Rides Again

Lance Armstrong made Tour de France history by winning the world's toughest race for a record-setting seventh year in a row. He was also awarded the AP Male Athlete of the Year honor for the fourth consecutive year. Armstrong, a cancer survivor, founded the Lance Armstrong Foundation in 1997. The foundation's mission is to inspire and empower people with cancer to LIVE STRONG through education, advocacy, public health and research programs.

Annika Wraps Up a Dynamite Season

Annika Sorenstam was the top PGA golfer with 10 wins out of 20 starts. She was the first woman in 19 years to capture the first two legs of the Grand Slam by winning 10 times on the PGA Tour. Annika was also selected to be the AP Female Athlete of the Year for the third year in a row.



Teen Phenom

Sixteen-year-old Michelle Wie's phenomenal career as an amateur golfer ended in October when she turned pro. In her first act as an LPGA member, she donated \$500,000 to the U.S. Golf Hurricane Relief Fund.



Steelers Win Fifth Super Bowl Title

The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Seattle Seahawks 21-10 to win Super Bowl XL. An average of 45.85 million homes tuned into the game to make it the most-watched Super Bowl since 1996. The Super Bowl MVP title was awarded to Hines Ward, who caught five passes for 123 yards and completed a touchdown pass for the Steelers. In only two months' time, the Pittsburgh Steelers went from playoff long shots to Super Bowl Champions.



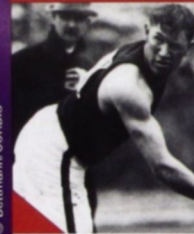
Before 1859, baseball umpires sat in padded chairs behind home plate.



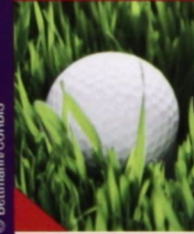
Shaquille O'Neal wears a supersized shoe—size 22.



During World War II, many of the league's players were called to serve their country. In order to have enough players, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles combined to play as the Steagles.



The 1912 Olympics were the last Olympic games that winners received gold medals made entirely of gold.



Golf balls were originally made out of wood; then they were made of leather and stuffed with feathers.



With hockey pucks reaching speeds of 150 miles per hour, it's amazing that the first NHL goalie didn't wear a mask until 1959.



After a pit stop, racecar driver Lee Petty once drove a full lap at full speed with a pit crew member still on the hood.



Squirt Alert

➤ A fisherman in Maine snagged an unusual life form while dredging for scallops in deep water. Known as a squirt, it resembles blobs of pancake batter and is not normally found in open water. The squirt has no known predator and smothers any plant or animal that doesn't get out of the way.

natural wonders



Dogs Sniff Out Sickness

➤ A new study reported that dogs can detect if a person has cancer by smelling his or her breath. With only a few weeks of training, the dogs could distinguish between patients with lung or breast cancer and healthy patients. Researchers are hopeful that the dogs could help with early detection, which greatly improves survival chances for cancer patients.



Feeling the Heat

➤ On October 6, crews battled a 6,000-acre wildfire that was fanned by the dry Santa Ana winds in California. The blaze had threatened about 100 homes in a sparsely populated area about 60 miles east of Los Angeles. In Oklahoma, drought conditions added to the fire problems as more than 400,000 acres were charred along with 250 homes and businesses.

Flying Back From Extinction

➤ The spectacular ivory-billed woodpecker, long believed to be extinct, was spotted in the Big Woods region of eastern Arkansas. With a wingspan that is nearly 3 feet wide, it is one of the world's largest woodpeckers. The last previous confirmed sighting of this big bird was in 1944.



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Massive South Asia Earthquake

➤➤➤ A powerful, magnitude 7.6 earthquake shook the Pakistan-India border region on October 8 and triggered massive landslides that buried mountainside villages. This earthquake originated only about 6.2 miles beneath the earth's surface, which is shallow compared to most earthquakes. The earthquake's shallow nature caused the ground to shake far more violently compared to similar earthquakes that occur deeper in the earth's crust. Over 80,000 died and millions were left homeless as a result.



Dynamic Dinosaur Discoveries

➤➤➤ Scientists are using fossils and new technology to learn how dinosaurs lived and died 77 million years ago. The fossil of a duck-billed dinosaur, nicknamed "Leonardo," was discovered in Montana almost completely intact about four years ago. Now researchers can use the latest tools, such as CT scans and supercomputers, to learn how dinosaurs stood, moved and ate.



Tsunami Shield

➤➤➤ Scientists working in southeastern India after last year's tsunami found that mangrove trees seem to protect villages from damage. Villages on the ocean that were surrounded by the trees suffered far less damage compared to neighboring villages without protective areas.

Rare Crab Find

➤➤➤ An extremely rare type of crab pulled from the Chesapeake Bay in late spring was found to be part male and part female. Crabbers know that male crabs have blue claws and female crabs have red claws. This male-female crab had one claw of each color, along with all of the characteristics of both genders. The last report of a male-female crab was in 1979.



World War II Airman Found in Glacier

➤➤➤ Two climbers discovered an ice-encased body while hiking 13,710-foot Mount Mendel in California on October 16. The man's body, found within the Sierra Nevada glacier, is believed to be an airman whose plane crashed in 1942. The man was found wearing a World War II-era parachute. The wreckage from the plane and four other bodies were discovered in 1947.



A New Mammal in Borneo?

➤➤➤ Scientists investigated whether a red-furred mammal, about the size of a house cat, is in fact a new species. A nighttime camera trap captured an image of the creature in Borneo's rainforest. If it is a new species, it would be the first new mammal species found on the Southeast Asia island in over a century.

stormy weather

2005 set a record for the most named storms (27) in the Atlantic in one season. The alphabetical list of Atlantic storm names was completely exhausted for the first time since the National Hurricane Center began naming storms, forcing the use of the Greek alphabet. Here's a look back at the fierce weather systems:



June

Hurricane ArleneFlorida
Tropical Storm BretMexico

July

Hurricane CindyLouisiana
Hurricane DennisFlorida
Hurricane EmilyMexico
Tropical Storm FranklinBahamas
Tropical Storm GertMexico

August

Tropical Storm HarveyBermuda
Hurricane IreneNo Landfall
Tropical Storm JoseMexico
Hurricane KatrinaLouisiana & Mississippi
Tropical Storm LeeNo Landfall

September

Hurricane MariaNo Landfall
Hurricane NateBermuda
Hurricane OpheliaNo Landfall
Hurricane PhilippeNo Landfall
Hurricane RitaTexas & Louisiana

October

Hurricane StanMexico
Tropical Storm TammyFlorida
Hurricane VinceSpain
Hurricane WilmaMexico & Florida
Tropical Storm AlphaDominican Republic
Hurricane BetaCentral America

November

Tropical Storm GammaHonduras
Tropical Storm DeltaCanary Islands

December

Hurricane EpsilonNo Landfall
Tropical Storm ZetaNo Landfall



The Tenth Planet

Astronomers have found a new planet beyond Pluto, in the outer reaches of our solar system. The yet-unnamed planet is thought to be 1.5 times bigger than Pluto and about 2 billion miles further away. Other planet-like objects in our system have been found by the same astronomers, but to date none of them have been defined as planets.

Great Apes in Danger

As few as 350,000 apes remain in the wild and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) believes they could become extinct within 50 years due to poverty, disease, hunting and logging in the areas where apes live. The UNEP also reported that almost half of the apes' habitat in Malaysia is expected to disappear within 5 years if current building trends continue.



The Name Game

The Washington, D.C. National Zoo's giant panda cub was given the name Tai Shan, meaning peaceful mountain, 100 days after his birth on July 9. As part of Chinese custom, panda bears are not named until after their first 100 days of life. Tai Shan's name was decided by popular vote—the winning name received 44 percent of 200,000 votes cast on the zoo's Web site.



Window to the Sea

In November, the world's largest indoor aquarium opened in Atlanta, Georgia. The Georgia Aquarium includes interactive stations and touch tanks for visitors to enjoy. This aquarium holds over 8 million gallons of water and more than 100,000 animals representing 500 species. It's a huge leap in size over the next largest aquarium—Chicago's Shedd Aquarium has 21,000 animals and 5 million gallons of water.



Dwindling Tigers

In a countrywide census, India launched its biggest survey ever to count the tiger population. The effort focused on national parks and reserves where scores of tigers have gone missing due to poachers and illegal fur traders. Experts estimate that there are only 3,500 tigers left, compared with a count of 40,000 tigers roaming around 100 years ago.



Brave Honey Bees

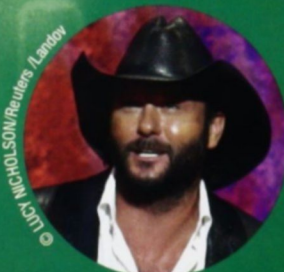
Researchers from several U.S. universities have trained honey bees to locate the vapors of buried land mines. The bees follow the vapor plume of mines until the source is reached. The bees are also light enough not to set off the mines, and bee training is usually completed in only one or two days.

chart toppers



New Artists Rule at Juno Awards

Avril Lavigne won Artist of the Year, Pop Album of the Year and Juno Fan Choice at the Canadian Juno Awards show. Male artist K-OS claimed Single of the Year, Rap Recording of the Year and Video of the Year. Feist was named New Artist of the Year.



Country and Cowboys at the Globes

The big winners at the Golden Globes were *Brokeback Mountain* and *Walk the Line*. Winning four awards overall, *Brokeback Mountain* won Best Drama and Best Director for Ang Lee. *Walk the Line*, a movie about the life of Johnny Cash, won Best Musical or Comedy as well as awards for its stars, Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon. As for television, Geena Davis won a Golden Globe for her role in *Commander in Chief*.

Double Winners at the American Music Awards

Both Destiny's Child and Tim McGraw were double winners at the 33rd Annual American Music Awards. Destiny's Child was selected as the Favorite Band, Duo or Group. Tim McGraw was awarded Favorite Male Artist and album.



Fans Make Their Picks

Millions of Internet votes were cast for the 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards, where the public chooses the nation's favorite movies, TV shows, music, actors and performers. Johnny Depp was voted Favorite Male Movie Star, while Kelly Clarkson was named Favorite Female Performer. Best in TV went to *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* and the winner in the reality competition was *American Idol*.



Underwood is New *American Idol*

Oklahoma's Carrie Underwood beat Bo Bice in the finale of *American Idol*. The 22-year-old country crooner won a recording contract and a key to a private jet. Underwood released her first single, "Inside Your Heaven," on June 14.



CMA Awards Favor Womack

Country music fans cheered on Lee Ann Womack for taking home three Country Music Awards. For the first and only time, according to event sponsors, the awards ceremony was held in New York City rather than in Nashville. Other winners included Keith Urban as Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year and Toby Keith for the Music Video of the Year.

Latin Grammys Expand Genres

For the first time, the Latin Grammys were broadcast in Spanish and featured Brazilian, Spanish alternative, Italian and urban music winners. The upset of the evening occurred when Italian vocalist Laura Pausini was awarded the Best Female Pop Vocal Album for "Escucha."



Keys Awarded for Excellence

The 47th Annual Grammy Awards gave Alicia Keys the Best Female R&B Vocal Performance award as well as Best R&B Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals for her duet with Usher, "My Boo." The late Ray Charles was honored by a special tribute and won eight awards for his album *Genius Loves Company*.



Lost Finds Its Way to the Winner's Circle

Lost was one of the biggest TV shows of the year and it also raked in a ton of awards. The show won the Emmy for Outstanding Drama and Viewer's Choice awards for Best Drama and Show of the Year. The Golden Globes honored the show with its Best Drama award as well. That's one plane crash that really paid off!



kids have spoken

Drumroll, please....

The Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award winners are:



Favorite Male Movie Actor
Adam Sandler



Favorite Movie Actress
Hilary Duff



Favorite Movie
The Incredibles



Favorite TV Show
American Idol



Favorite Music Group
Green Day



Favorite Song
Burn (Usher)



Favorite Athlete
Skateboarder
Tony Hawk



Favorite Video Game
Shrek 2



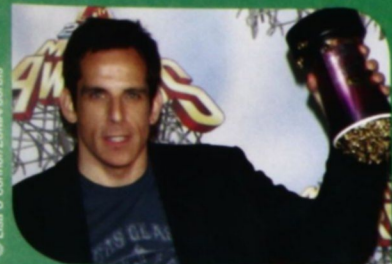
Million Dollar Baby is Academy Awards Champ

Million Dollar Baby won four Oscars this year, including Best Actress for Hilary Swank, Best Supporting Actor for Morgan Freeman, Best Director for Clint Eastwood and Best Movie of the Year. Jamie Foxx won Best Actor for his portrayal of Ray Charles in *Ray*, and Cate Blanchett won Best Supporting Actress for her role as Katharine Hepburn in *The Aviator*.



Raymond Goes Out On Top

Everybody Loves Raymond won Outstanding Comedy at the 57th Annual Emmy Awards. The show ended its run of nine years in May. Raymond cast members were also big winners—Brad Garrett got Outstanding Supporting Actor and Doris Roberts was the Outstanding Supporting Actress.



MTV Picks Best Villain

Who is the most evil villain, according to MTV? The MTV Movie Awards "honored" Ben Stiller as the Best Villain for his performance in *Dodgeball*. Leonardo DiCaprio won Best Male Performance for *The Aviator* and Lindsay Lohan won Best Female Performance for *Mean Girls*. The Best Frightened Performance went to Dakota Fanning for her role in *Hide and Seek*.



Harry Potter Flies Off Shelves

U.S. sales of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* reached a record-setting 6.9 million in the first day. The sixth book in the boy wizard series averaged more than 250,000 sales per hour in its first full day on the market—that is more sales than most books can claim in a lifetime.



The Most Played Songs of 2005

According to Billboard.biz, Mariah Carey had the hottest single with *We Belong Together*, followed closely by Gwen Stefani's *Hollaback Girl* and Mario's *Let Me Love You*. Other songs in the top ten were Kelly Clarkson's *Since U Been Gone*, Kanye West and Jamie Foxx's *Gold Digger*, Green Day's *Boulevard of Broken Dreams* and 50 Cent with *Olivia's Candy Shop*.



Top Movies of 2005

Intergalactic battles, wizards and aliens ruled in the theaters:

1. Star Wars: Episode III\$380,176,000
2. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire\$281,516,000
3. The Chronicles of Narnia\$247,778,000
4. War of the Worlds\$234,207,000
5. Wedding Crashers\$209,118,000
6. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory\$206,439,000
7. Batman Begins\$205,279,000
8. Madagascar\$193,137,000
9. King Kong\$192,679,000
10. Mr. and Mrs. Smith\$186,219,000



Live 8 Unites the World in Music

»»» In July, hundreds of the world's top performers and more than 1 million fans united around the world for Live 8, a global music event to highlight poverty in Africa. Live 8 performances included over 160 music artists in 10 free concerts around the globe. Artists included Paul McCartney, U2 and Coldplay in London and Rob Thomas, Jay-Z and the Black Eyed Peas in Philadelphia.

100 Years of Sundaes

»»» The cool treat with a hot twist turned 100 years old in 2006. The Hot Fudge Sundae was first served in 1906 at C.C. Brown's, an ice cream parlor in Los Angeles. C.C. Brown's later moved to Hollywood Boulevard in 1929 and was a popular hangout for sundae-loving celebrities. Although C.C. Brown's is no longer open, its original brand of hot fudge is still manufactured and enjoyed on top of many a sundae.



Celebrities Get Real

»»» With reality TV audiences dwindling, networks scrambled to add celebrity-studded reality shows into their line-ups. *Dancing With the Stars* featured ballroom dancing, while *Skating with Celebrities* paired pro-skaters with celebrities. *Celebrity Fit Club* allowed fans to watch celebrities sweat their way to a better figure.

talk of the year

Stars in the Classroom

»»» "Class, today we have a guest lecturer, Ms. Cameron Diaz!" This actually happened at Stanford University when the mtvU network invited celebrities to be surprise lecturers on college campuses in a program called *Stand In*. Other stand-ins included Sting, Madonna, Kanye West, Ashley Judd and Senator John McCain. Now, there's a good reason to get to class early!



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The New Xbox

»»» Microsoft released its new Xbox 360 to a mass of customers, just before the end of the year. The new system boasted the most powerful console yet and amazing digital entertainment experiences. Microsoft is the first of the three major gamers (including Sony and Nintendo) to unveil its next-generation video game machine. The Xbox 360 is thought to be one of the most important products for Microsoft this year.

300 Million of Us

»»» The Census Bureau is predicting that the population of the U.S. will officially hit 300 million sometime in late 2006, probably around October. As of January, the Bureau pegged the resident population at 281,421,906. At the present growth rate of 1.1 percent per year, the U.S. population will double to about 560 million in the next 60 years.

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Apple's iPod Nano Rocks

»»» It might be getting smaller, but the iPod Nano packs a big punch. The cleverly designed Nano plays music, displays photos and is thinner than a pencil. Plus, the battery lasts more than 14 hours on a single charge.



Zizzle to the Music

»»» Roger Shiffman, co-founder of Tiger Electronic, which was the creator of the Furby, has done it again. The Zizzle iZ, was brought to life by Roger's latest company, Zizzle, LLC. The iZ was designed for users to create their own music by turning his ears to create new rhythms or pressing his belly to change a beat. The iZ was made to be compatible with an MP3 player, iPod or CD player. The iZ's eyes bounce to the rhythm of the music and his nose color changes to the beat.

The Sting-Ray is Back!

»»» The essence of cool, the new Schwinn Sting-Ray bicycle rocketed in popularity and was named the Outdoor Toy of the Year by the Toy Industry Association. The Sting-Ray is a chopper-styled take on the classic banana seat bike from the 1960s. The new Schwinn was so popular that the first dealers to receive it completely sold out in one weekend. Those dealers had planned for the inventory to last for three months.

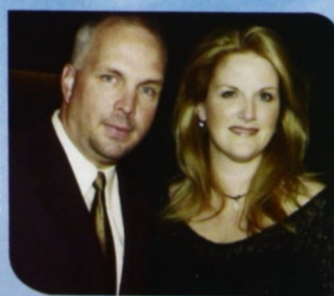


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Garth and Trisha Wed

»»» Country music stars Garth Brooks, 43, and Trisha Yearwood, 41, were married in December at their Oklahoma home. The private ceremony was attended by immediate family only. Garth had proposed to Trisha in May at the Legends of Bronze event in front of over 7,000 fans.

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Fashion Trends of 2005



Destiny's Child Calls It Quits

Destiny's Child's has sold about 40 million CDs since the group's debut CD, the self-titled *Destiny's Child*, was released in 1998. Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams disbanded the group after their tour ended in the fall of 2005. Each singer plans to pursue a solo music career.

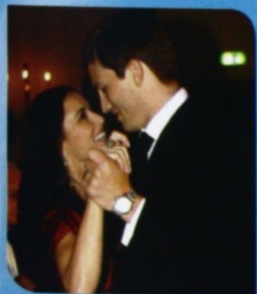


A New Game on the Scene

The DVD-based game, *Scene It?*™ from Screen Life, was awarded Game of the Year by the Toy Industry Association. The game comes in various editions including: TV, movies, music, sports, Disney, Harry Potter and more. To play, watch a clip from the DVD and then answer a trivia question about the clip.



Cowboy Hats



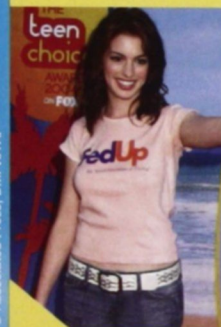
Hollywood Couples

Demi Moore, 42, and Ashton Kutcher, 27, celebrated their two-year relationship on September 24 with a wedding ceremony. Approximately 100 friends, including Bruce Willis, attended the celebration. Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck, both 33, had a baby girl on December 1 and named her Violet Anne. The couple starred together in the movie *Daredevil* in 2003.



A Royal Wedding

Charles, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, married his long-time love Camilla Parker Bowles in a civil ceremony on April 9, 2005. Only 28 family members, including Princes William and Harry, attended the intimate civil ceremony. Afterward, 700 well-wishers gathered at St. George's Chapel for the post-wedding religious blessing. The Queen was not present for the ceremony, but she did attend both the blessing and reception.



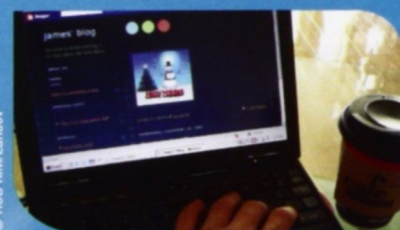
Novelty T-shirts



Bohemian Styles

Top Honor for Twain

Canadian singer Shania Twain was given her country's highest award, the Order of Canada, for her efforts to end child poverty. The award is given to citizens for outstanding lifetime achievement and service to the nation or humanity at large. Shania grew up in poverty in Ontario, Canada.



Something to Blog About

Blog was coined as a shortened version of the term Weblog. A blog was a Web site with entries posted by bloggers, and a blogger was defined as a person who shares his or her viewpoints and personal experiences on the Web. Blogging gained a lot of popularity and the attention of major companies, political figures and the media. Blogs were just one more outlet for exercising our First Amendment right to the freedom of speech.



Polo Shirts



Supersize Sunglasses



Fond Farewell to Peter Jennings

He was a familiar face to millions of viewers for more than 40 years. Award-winning ABC news anchor Peter Jennings died of lung cancer on August 7 at the age of 67. His death came just four months after publicizing his illness on an evening newscast.



Cowgirl Boots



Sequined Handbags

My grades this year were:

A person I admire is:

In the next school year
I want to:

In 10 years, I want to be:

I never want to forget:

myinfo

My age, nickname, favorite
color and lucky number:

myview

TV, Movies, Books I liked:

mycash

What things cost me:

myschool

My favorite subjects
and teachers:

mycraves

My favorite foods:

mygoals

Things I'm proud I did:

myfriends

Who they were and what we did:

mytunes

My favorite bands and songs:

A Game of Logic

Have you caught the Sudoku bug? Millions across the globe are consumed with Sudoku fever. Men, women, boys and girls, young and old alike, have helped to spread this numerical phenomenon. Touted by some to be the best thing since the Rubik's Cube, this game is based on pure logic—no math skills are necessary.

Sudoku (pronounced soo-doe-koo) hails from Japan, where the name is short for "suji wa dokushin ni kagiru" meaning "only single numbers allowed." Even though it became hugely popular in the summer of 2005, it originally hit the United States in 1979 when it first appeared in *Dell Pencil Puzzles and Word Games* magazine.

Object of Sudoku:

Fill the grid with numbers so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9, without repeating a digit.

To find the answers to these puzzles, log on to our Web site, <http://yearbooks.lifetouch.com>. You'll find the answers by clicking on the Zoom Sudoku icon.

Try your hand at the three puzzles below (courtesy of www.free-sudoku.net). If you're new to Sudoku, you'll want to start with the Easy puzzle first to get the hang of it. For those of you with more advanced skills, try to see how fast you can complete the Medium and Hard puzzles!

Skill Level: Easy

7	8					9	3	2
	9			6	7			
	1		9	3			6	
2					6			8
9		1			2	6	4	
	6		1		3	2		
	7			5		4		
4		5		7				9
6			8		4	5		7

Skill Level: Medium

2			3		4			7
	4	6						
	3			7				
					7	5	9	8
		7	5	9			1	
9								
	8		6			1		4
1	5	9		4		2		6
6			8	1	2		3	

Skill Level: Hard

4			2	9	3			
7	1					2		3
		3	1		4	8	9	
	8				2			
9		2	8		5			
3						5		
					7	6		
					6		1	
6		5		1		7		4



Some stars burn bright in solo spots
Like diamond dots on velvet.
Some gather and gleam behind the scene –
The sky's own tinsel blanket.

Alone and bold; in glittering groups;
A thousand trillion clusters;
The cosmos has all kinds of stars
Each adding to the luster.

Would a star wish to shine
The way another glows?
Could it be they do not see
A sparkle of their own?

In the universe of galaxies
Expanding throughout time,
There are no stars who don't give light;
There are lots of ways to shine.

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