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BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE 1981

KIDS NEWS is honored to have received a letter from Governor Bob Graham to the readers of Kids News.



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August 3, 1981

Readers  
Kids News  
Post Office Box 45  
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Dear Readers:

Upon reading a copy of the first issue of your newspaper, I discovered that much of the emphasis was on school. Quality education for youngsters is an important concern of mine, and I am pleased that you are taking an interest in discussing openly some of the issues which affect the classroom.

Kids News provides you with a means of sharing your views with each other, as well as with adults. You are important to the future of this State, and I hope you will take advantage of every opportunity to express your ideas, be informed, and use your freedom to do so wisely.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Bob Graham*  
Governor

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### SKY DIVING, MONEY AND HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

by T.L. Lawrence

Due to bad weather on the Kids weekend at the mall, the sky diving and hot air balloon rides, sponsored by WRGL, were postponed till August 29th.

Several hundred Kids and adults stood expectantly by waiting for the sky diver to drop from a plane, and also drop real paper money on his way down.

The sky diver hit his mark in the parking lot of the mall, but some of the money he dropped scattered in the wind and landed on top of Sears roof. Most blew over to the driving range near Coastland Mall. A stampede ensued through Sears and across a very wet ditch to search for the free, but elusive moola.

The free hot air balloon rides started about 7:30 in the evening. A very bright, colorful balloon awaited a long line of Kids and adults; 2-4 people went up at a time.

After climbing into a very large basket, the balloonist fired (real fire) up (also very loud) and up, up and away we went. Actually, you only went as high as the tether line would allow. The balloon's tether line was attached to a truck.

But it was certainly high enough, judging by all the squeals and screams of delight.

A few minutes of viewing Naples from the air and we were back on the ground with a gentle thud.

Sky Diving, money, and hot air ballooning were real "high" lights of the day.

August 22 and 23 were Kids Days at Coastland Mall. Special events and contests were sponsored by Coastland Mall, Inc., Clearwater Federal Savings, and WRGL.



Pizza eating contestants: left to right, Abby Martinez, and Bobby Morris.



More pizza eating contestants: Janet Poole and Todd Frank.

### PIZZA EATING CONTEST

by T.L. Lawrence and Ken French  
Cuzzoli's Pizzeria in Coastland Mall sponsored a pizza eating contest during the Kids Weekend. Quite a few showed up for the pig-out, but only six names were drawn to participate in 3 age groups.

After a drooling 10 minutes, the winners were: age 9-12 Todd Frank (ate 4 slices), age 13-16, Bobby Morris (ate 4 slices), age 17-20 Abby Martinez (ate 6 slices). LARGE slices.

### WIZARD OF OZ TRY-OUTS

Kids who want to sing or dance their way through the Wizard of Oz, will have an opportunity to try out on Saturday, September 15, 10 AM, at the Naples Dance Academy at the Naples Shopping Plaza.

Rehearsals will begin after Christmas, and the play will be staged in May, 1982. Kids are also needed to work backstage. Call Debbie Clemente at 261-3579 for more information.

Dear Editor,

I really like Kids News. I really enjoy reading Kids News.

Do you know anyone that wants the Naples Daily News? I deliver 30 papers. I am taking over this Kids route. He has 32 papers.

I hope Kids News keeps coming out every month. I wish you would send Kids News out to everyone's house. I think it is a very nice newspaper.

Mary Schropfer  
Gulfview Middle School  
6th grade

Dear Mary,

I wish we could send Kids News out to everyone, too, but it costs an awful lot of money to do that, and we can't afford it.

Maybe someday. But thank you for the compliments.

Dear Kids News,

I think you all have a great newspaper, and I enjoy reading it very much. I wish it could be published more than once a month, but it's still a great paper!

Sandy

#### MOVIE REVIEWS

by Ken French

ENDLESS LOVE - Rated R, not for Kids, but a movie young adults will find worth seeing.

TARZAN THE APE MAN - Rated R, not worth seeing anyway.

CONDORMAN - Rated PG, enjoyable film for young Kids.

EMPIRE STRIKES BACK - PG, definitely a "must see" for everyone, but especially for sci-fi addicts.

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK - Rated PG, great adventure, love story, comedy drama. Two scenes may cause nightmares for younger Kids. Should receive several academy awards.

HEAVY METAL - Rated R, animated, disjointed, strange film. Don't waste your money.

SONG OF THE SOUTH - PG, great family film. Younger kids will especially enjoy.

ARTHUR: Stars Dudley Moore and is a well made film about a guy who's Grandma and Dad keep him going with \$750,000,000 a year. Arthur's Grandma and Dad want him to marry an executive's daughter or get cut out of the money. I won't tell the ending, I think you'll enjoy seeing it for yourself.

#### MOVIE REVIEWS MAIL BAG

I didn't like Superman II. It was a waste of money.

I liked the Fox and the Hound. It was a good movie.

Mary Schropfer  
Gulfview Middle School  
6th grade

Dear Ken,

I would like to see good movies on HBO in the daytime. - Mary Schropfer.

Dear Ken French,

I agree we should have movies in the daytime. Because at night Kids have to go to bed, then they can't see the movie they want. - Sincerely, Dana Sepper

Dear Kids News,

I saw Superman II and I don't think it was worth the money either. It was OK, but I think Superman I was better.

Jennifer Dawson  
E.N.M.S.  
7th grade

Dear Kids News,

I thought it was worth my money to see Superman II. I even saw it twice! It was even better than the first.

I can clearly say it was not a waste of money

Missy Cheaney

LESLYE McDERMOTT with some of her trophies, medals and certificates.



LESLYE McDERMOTT

Some Kids had a nice relaxing summer - slept late, watched TV, went to the beach, played ATARI - a nice summer.

But not Leslye McDermott.

Leslye took up golf 3 months ago, joined the Southwest Florida Junior Golf Association, and walked away with a 1st place trophy for the Girls E Flight at the Lely Hibiscus course August 17.

Her busy golf schedule (tournaments on August 20 and 21st and the golf dinner on the 23rd) kept Leslye from attending the Regional Whamo Frisbee contest in Alabama.

Leslye was eligible to compete in the Regional Frisbee contest after winning the Naples contest and the state contest in Inverness, Florida. Had she gone on to the world championship in Texas, she might have won \$1000.

But right now golf is uppermost in her mind.

Leslye's collection of awards includes 4 golf trophies, a tennis trophy, a medal for juggling, and several for her Frisbee abilities.

Although Leslye also likes to swim and play racquet ball, she manages to keep up her grades at ENMS - she is consistently on the straight A honor roll.

But even so, Leslye's summer wasn't perfect - she wanted to learn to water ski.

Maybe next summer.

Mike Nelson also qualified at the local and state level to go to the Regional tournament, but did not go due to a lack of transportation to the tournament site in Alabama.

#### GAMMA WORLD

by Joel Eastman, Pine Ridge Middle School

The year is 2471. It is nearly impossible to describe the vast changes that have occurred since the devastation of the shadow years.

You are walking into an old ruined city when all of a sudden 2 Blaashs attack you. What do you do, run or fight?

This might happen to you if you were playing "Gamma World". A science fantasy role-play game. This game is like Dungeons and Dragons, but is in the future.

In this game, you can play as a human or a mutation. There are two kinds of humans, pure strain humans and humanoids. The PSH has no physical or mental mutations, but humanoids have one of each mutation. They both are good, depending on what you like.

There are two kinds of mutations - human and animal. Both of them have some sort of mutation, from "attraction odor" to "wings". There are good mutations and bad ones.

I think this is a very exciting and fun game to play.

Kids walking or riding their bike to Poinciana Elementary School are trodding on a controversial sidewalk. For safety's sake, there should be a strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street, but in order to save money, the grassy strip was left out. Now the walk extends to the street.

Poinciana parents are concerned because Airport Road is a major thoroughfare, and fast moving cars should not be so close to Kids pushing each other back and forth, and generally just being Kids.

Rather than spending the money to tear up the sidewalk to put in a fence, or a grassy strip, Collier County has painted a yellow strip on the sidewalk, which they expect will miraculously keep Kids from getting too close to the street.

Not trusting too closely to miracles, they have also posted 20 mph speed times before and after school; and there is talk of putting triangular rubber cones around during peak hours to remind motorists to slow down. But as it cannot be decided who will take responsibility for placing the cones each day, this measure is still up in the air at press time.

So Kids at Poinciana, please be careful getting to and from school.

#### WHAT ARE MOMS FOR?

Moms are for helping you get good grades; helping you study for a test; helping you get out of trouble.

I really like my Mom. She has to yell at my brothers to clean up the house.

Mary Schropfer,  
Gulfview Middle School,  
6th grade

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL?

by T.L. Lawrence,  
Ricky Duggan and Joel Eastman

GREG SCHRYVER, Lake Park Elementary School - "School is boring", but he looks forward to meeting new people.

SUSAN EICH, Pine Ridge Middle School - "Yes, because I get to see my friends again."

JIM OLIVER, Gulfview Middle School - "Yes, because football is coming, and I'll find out what teachers I have."

MARK MORGAN, Tommie Barfield Elementary School - "Yes, because I want to see my friends again and learn more."

SPENCER CORNETT, Pine Ridge Middle School - "No, because there is more stuff to do at home."

ANDY HUNT, Gulfview Middle School - "Yes, to meet new people."

LYNN O'NEAL, East Naples Middle School - "No, because I'm not looking forward to meeting new teachers."

JULIE ANKENBRUCK, Lely High School - Yes, because I like band and I'm excited about starting High School.

#### "DUNGEONS & DRAGONS"

by T.L. Lawrence

You have your longsword drawn, and as you turn the corner 30 lizard men are charging at you. What do you do?

This just might happen if you are playing D&D, as we Dungeons & Dragons players call it. D&D is a complex, if not fun game. You, the player, make up a character. The character, male or female, has different races to choose from: dwarven, elfen, gnome, half-elfen, halfling, half-orc, and last but not least, human.

The next thing is to "role-up" your strength, intelligence, wisdom, dexterity, constitution and charisma by rolling dice. Then you must choose your character stock from a list of classes and sub-classes:

Cleric - uses magic  
Druid - subclass of cleric, uses magic  
Fighter - uses weapons  
Paladin - subclass of fighter, uses weapons  
Ranger - subclass of fighter, uses weapons  
Magic User - uses magic  
Illusionist - subclass of Magic User, uses magic  
Thief - uses weapons  
Assassin - subclass of thief, uses weapons  
Monk - uses weapons and open hand combat

"DICE" - The dice you use in D&D aren't your usual 6 sided. When you buy the packet that contains the dice you might think you're seeing things. You not only get one 6 sided, but a 4 sided, an 8 sided, 12 sided, and a 20 sided, which doubles as a 10 sided.

Dice are commonly used for rolling damage on an opponent from a spell or weapon. They are also used to determine who draws their weapon or casts a spell first. This is called initiative.

"ALIGNMENT" - The alignment you choose might just be the most important thing you choose when you play D&D. You must choose between good and evil, law and chaos, or neutral.

Chaotic Evil - this alignment wants to kill and destroy.

Chaotic Good - this alignment wants to do good deeds.

Chaotic Neutral - this alignment can choose between Chaotic Evil and Chaotic Good.

Lawful Evil - this alignment is not as destructive as Chaotic Evil.

Lawful Good - this alignment does not do as many good deeds as Chaotic Good.

Lawful Neutral - this alignment can choose between Lawful Good and Lawful Evil.

Neutral Evil - this alignment is compelled to kill, but doesn't much.

Neutral Good - this alignment wants to do good deeds, but seldom does.

True Neutral - this alignment can choose between Neutral Evil and Neutral Good.

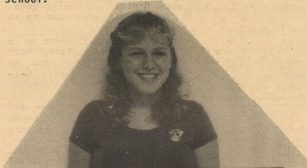
All characters start out at first level, which is the least experienced. To move up levels you must gain magical weapons, or kill creatures which are probably guarding the magical item.

In the beginning it may be a little tough for the character to move up levels, for the beginner is offered only a limited number of gold pieces - money. With the little that you attain in the beginning, you must buy weapons and armor that will help you stay alive long enough to win enough gold pieces to buy better armor and weapons. Different weapons do different damage, the more powerful the weapon, the more expensive it is.

This is just a taste of what D&D is really like - battling with monsters, building your castle, drafting an army, roaming strange worlds - there are close to 20 modules, or dungeons, to go through.

If you want to learn more about D&D, check the classifieds for the D&D classes being held.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW - T.L. Lawrence





**GOLD MINE**

by T.L. Lawrence

It's Open! The Gold Mine is an arcade with many pinball, arcade games, and "the World's Largest Pinball Game" Hercules.

"Warriors," "Armored Attack," "Quiz Show," "Star Fire," "Asteroids Deluxe," and "Head On" are just a few of the game machines available. Most of them cost 25¢, but some are 50¢. All are fun.

Be prepared to wait to play your favorite, as many kids have already discovered the Gold Mine, and a line usually develops rapidly behind each game.

The Gold Mine looks like a gold mine of fun for kids and a gold mine of money for the owners.

**PASSING OF AN ERA**

by R.L. Stallcup

The passing of an era is mostly always sad. All you have left is fond memories of something that you would think would never end.

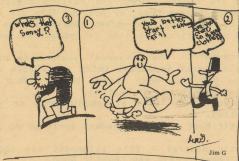
Well, such an ending has come to Naples. Heroes World is closing its doors at Naples Park Plaza for the last time.

People would come all the way from Tampa, Fort Myers, Miami and various other places to shop at the only store in South Florida that sold hard to find comic books.

And with the new "direct selling", comics like Moon Knight, Ka-Zar, and Micronauts won't be found on a regular newstand anymore. It's hard to find anything good on the newstand racks anymore.

But cheer up, true believers, the nice ladies who run the store told me they might reopen the store in Coastland Mall in a month or two, but they don't know yet.

Let's hope they do.

**CAPTAIN KANGAROO OK**

Captain Kangaroo is back at home after suffering a heart attack, and spending time in a hospital in Canada.

After a few weeks rest, the Captain will begin a new version of his show, which he has performed in for the past 26 years.

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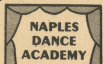
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The Greater Naples Senior Little League All-Star girls softball team are the 1981 Southern Region Senior League champs. They went on to Kalamazoo, Michigan to defend their World Series title (earned in Kalamazoo last year), but lost out this year.

All of Collier County is proud of these girls, and we'll be rooting for you next year. Thanks for the excitement you generate.

**FREE - CLASSIFIEDS - FREE**

These ads are free to Kids only. Send your ad in or call 774-7772, but be sure to include your name and phone number or your ad will not be published.

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS** classes, starting Sept. 9, 7:00-9:00 PM for 4 weeks. \$8.00 Call 262-1243 for more information.

Will Don or Dan, who wants to sell some golfballs at a reasonable price, and who lives in Golden Gate, please call Kids News. We need your last name and phone number for our files before we can place your ad. Thanks.

In the last issue of Kids News, an article told you about a small part of D & D (Dungeons & Dragons).

If you think you'd be interested in learning more about the game, lessons are going to be given starting soon.

The lessons will teach you about all parts of D&D while you play.

The lessons will be on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons.

For more information, contact Joel Eastman at 774-5867.

**WANTED** - Baseball trading cards. 261-8906

**WANTED** - Dungeons & Dragons books, etc. 774-7772

**PERSONALS**

Almost anything goes here, unless it is libelous or slanderous (untrue or too nasty). Last names will not be used without permission, so be sure and include your phone number, for KIDS NEWS use only.

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Happy birthday Ricky, August 25 T.L.

ATARI - My best score at Asteroids is 350,000. Can you beat it? R.D.

ATARI - My best score at Superman is 1 min. 9 seconds. Can you beat it? T.L.

ANDY ANKENBRUCH - Happy 13th Birthday, from Julie.

KIDS NEWS is great - Julie Ankenbruch

THANK YOU KRISTI, for the paragraph in Personals. I hope you had a nice summer, and a good school year this year. Jennifer Dawson

To my best friends - Barbara, Allison, Pam and my favorite cousin Tracy - From Sandy

Bets Miller - thank you for your very generous contribution to Kids News. It helped a lot. J.L. and T.L.