

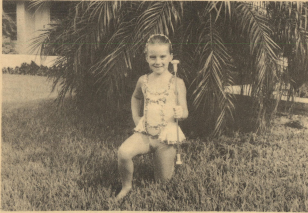
Free

Take
One

KIDS NEWS

July 1981
P.O. Box 45
Naples, FL 33939

T.L. Lawrence, Editor
Ron Stallcup, Art Director



Colleen Duggan won a first place trophy in baton twirling competition, March 28, in Hollywood, Florida. Colleen takes lessons at Fleischmann Park. Here she is preparing for the 4th of July parade.

Frisbees, Frisbees everywhere, but not a drop to drink! It was a mighty thirsty day at Fleischmann Park July 18 where the Frisbee championship was held.



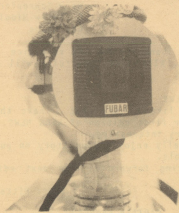
Group photo of the Frisbee participants with Cyndy DeAugustino of the City of Naples Parks and Recreation Department.

But everyone was concentrating too hard to notice - the champs go to Inverness, Florida on August 8, then the Regionals, then to the World Championship on October 17 at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas!

And the winners are: Leslye McDermott of East Naples Middle School in the girls 12-15 age group, Nancy Johnson in the girls 11 and under age group, Joe Genta in the boys 12-15 age group, and Tim Duggan in the boys 11 and under age group. Congratulations!

ATTENTION AREA ORGANIZATIONS

If you have information of interest to Kids - a contest, a party, an event - please let KIDS NEWS know about it so we can pass the word along.



"Am I as good looking as "ROBOT" Redford?"

FUBAR THE ROBOT VISITS NAPLES

All eyes are on this strange looking alien. His head turns. His red eyes flash. And when he offers you his hand, his arms extends out six to eight feet!

FUBAR, the first Interstellar Emissary to Earth, visited Coastland Mall in July. His mission was a huge success, as was evident by the many Kids that followed him around, some staying all day to see each of his four daily performances.

The name FUBAR comes from the first letters in "Futuristic Uranium Bio Atomic Robot" - and what a character! R2-D2 - eat your heart out...

His nose and eyebrows bear a remarkable resemblance to Groucho Marx; but the rest of FUBAR is definitely inhuman. He consists of a computer bank, liquid uranium storage unit, infrared TV, atomic cooling unit, and other electronic marvels.

But while his body is inhuman, his personality is definitely warm and friendly, and funny. FUBAR explained to KIDS NEWS how he came to earth: After his girlfriend Edna became obsolete, she was recycled as a vacuum cleaner, two toasters, an orange squeezer and some lawn furniture. FUBAR was heartbroken, so he volunteered for the interstellar emissary assignment.

The first emissary to earth is exceedingly generous. He gives away 10 uranium units (money) from a slot somewhere near his middle. FUBAR informed us that the money is good anywhere in the universe, and then mumbled very softly "except on earth", as he rolled quickly away down the mall.

FUBAR claims to know personally many of the UFOs that are sighted around the world. He assured us that they are all friendly. The only one to avoid is the Denuvian Mud Devil as they make a terrible mess on the carpet ...

Asked if he had any advice for Kids, he said: "Be happy and have a good time." HE sure does.

Dear Editor:

I think KIDS NEWS is great. I would like school to never start. If school never started, I would go to Denver, Colorado, my home state.

I like KIDS NEWS. You should send it out to every Kid's house.

I hardly watch TV. I hate TV.

I have a paper route - 31 customers. Do you know anyone that doesn't take the paper that wants the paper?

I think you should write more stuff in KIDS NEWS. Does KIDS NEWS come out every month?

Mary Schropfer
Gulfview Middle School
6th grade

Dear Mary - Thank you for the very nice compliments. KIDS NEWS, hopefully will come out every month.

Dear KIDS NEWS:

I would like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed your first edition of KIDS NEWS. I found it to be very interesting.

I especially enjoyed your story on punishment in the schools.

I'm looking forward to the next edition of KIDS NEWS.

Laura Ritter

CAPTAIN KANGAROO IN HOSPITAL

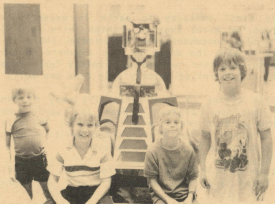
Captain Kangaroo had a heart attack while on a trip to Canada to accept an award for his 26 years of service to kids.

A new "Captain Kangaroo" TV show was supposed to begin filming in August, but will now be delayed.

The Captain is in Etobicoke General Hospital in Toronto, Canada.



SUMMER
ALBUM



CANNONBALL RUN is a car race from Florida to California.

I think Burt Reynolds and Farrah Fawcett are spectacular in the movie. Roger Moore, Dom Deluise, Sammy Davis, and Dean Martin also star.

You have to see it to believe it.

SUPERMAN II is about Superman losing his powers for the love of Lois Lane.

Then three villains come into the story and make a wreck of the Daily Planet. And if that isn't enough, they wrecked New York City.

Even though Chris Reeves and Margot Kidder are still the stars of the show, I thought that Superman II was a waste of money.

(The money's on Superman, Ken, to the tune of \$66 million in earnings in less than one month. Warner Brothers, the studio that produced Superman II said the film has broken 11 box office records, including the most money ever made in ticket sales in one day.)

How many Kids are sorry (or glad) they spent their allowance on Superman II? Let's hear from you.

KEN FRENCH AND HBO (Home Box Office)

Hey Kids, I would like to see how many Kids would like to see GOOD movies in the daytime on Home Box Office. If I get enough of a response, I would try to do something about it. Send responses to:

Ken French
1155 9th Ave. North
Naples, FL 33940

WHAT PARENTS REALLY ARE

by David Gofton, Naples Christian Academy

MOTHER

A mother is a person who cleans your room when you play with your friends.

And a mother car-pools you to school.

And a mother worries about you when you're away because she cares what happens to you.

And a mother makes you study really hard for a test or a quiz, and you end up getting an A+.

FATHER

A father is a person who takes you to football and baseball games.

And a father takes you camping to all sorts of places.

And a father brings home things from work and gives it to you.

And a father sticks up for you till you're old enough to fight your own battles.

There's lots more things parents are, but I will just have to keep growing.

SUPERMAN'S SECRET

At one time the man who can "leap tall buildings in a single bound" could do just that - leap - not fly.

Superman has only been able to fly since 1941. That's when they made an animated cartoon and realized the man of steel looked ridiculous leaping around. (The 6 Million Dollar Man looked pretty silly, too, running at 100 miles an hour!)

So the picture company decided that flying looked good - and zap! Superman could fly!

And millions of fans since 1941 are grateful. Can you imagine Superman hopping after Lex Luthor like a pogo stick?

COMIC BOOKS - FUN AND PROFIT

by Ron Stallcup, Lely High School

That's the way a lot of people collect comics - for fun and profit. For people of all ages, from all walks of life, comic book collecting is an enjoyable hobby that involves art, language and culture.

The years go by. Every comic book purchased by the hundreds of thousands of collectors around the world is one less comic in the marketplace. As the supply decreases, the demand increases, and so does the value of most comics. That's why our theme is "Fun now, Profit later!"

Other factors also cause the value of certain comic books to soar. Sometimes it's the popularity of a story (Spiderman #121, The Death of Gwen Stacy; Spiderman #122, The Death of the Original Green Goblin; X-Men #130, the introduction of Dazzler.) Or the style of the article (X-Men, John Byrne and Terry Astin, #108, 109, 111-114; Spiderman Annual, Frank Miller and Tom Palmer #14, and anything Neal Adams has done from the Black Hood in the X-Men.) Or the style of the writers (Denny O'Neill's Batman and early Green Lantern.)

Then there are national and world events (Spiderman #96-99) and sometimes events that cause limited distribution of certain titles (Howard the Duck #1 and Star Wars #1.)

A very good example of several of these factors is X-Men #137, which went on sale last year for 75¢ and is now selling for around \$3 or \$4.

Today's shakey economic situation in the U.S. is more reason than ever to collect things that gain value with age. Comic book collections rank high on the list of long term investments and future inflation hedges.

Howard Ruff, famous financial adviser, consistently mentions comic books right along with antiques, coins and stamps as important collectibles that will increase, not decrease, in value, except when they flood the market with recent hot issues - like Star Wars #1-6. They reprinted it at least 4 or 5 times and when they adapted the Empire Strikes Back, they reprinted it twice before they had the official adaptation in Star Wars #39-44. But in time it will go right up again.

Howard Ruff also says that people who collect these kinds of things have the best chances of making it through the tough times ahead.

Maybe the best thing about collecting comics is the fun of it. But it's pretty good from the investment angle. It's one of the few ways you can start very small, and very young, in an investment for your own future.

If you want to start a collection, buy a few of the better ones that are on the stands now, like: The New Teen Titans, Iron Man, Micronauts, Moon Knight, Adventure Comics; starring Dial "H" for Hero, ARAK Son of Thunder, Ka-ZAR, and my personal favorite - Warlord.

One that will go up in value fast is All-Star Squadron.

Good luck.

(Editor's note: Ron has one of the largest comic book collections in the area with over 5000 comics!)

Watch for DUNGEONS & DRAGONS in our next issue

You have your longsword drawn, and as you turn the corner, 30 lizard men charge at you, what do you do?

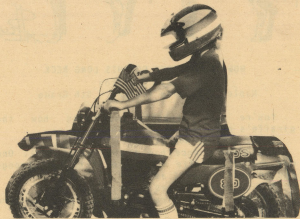
This just might happen if you are playing D&D, as we Dungeons and Dragons players call it. D&D is a complex, but fun game.

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.

Sound interesting? Then watch for our next issue, coming in August!



T.J. Frishe, Naples Christian Academy, and Michael Hartigan, Gulfview Middle School getting ready to join the Boy Scouts in the July 4th parade.



Chip Holcher, Gulfview Middle School, revs up for the July 4th parade.

KIDS NEWS UPDATE

5000 copies of KIDS NEWS were distributed last month around town. The response has been fantastic! Adults have called and stopped us on the street to say how much they liked the paper.

But the Kids reaction is the most important, of course. And you seem to like KIDS NEWS, judging from the letters and phone calls we've received. Your encouragement and articles are greatly appreciated. We're going to try to have KIDS NEWS out every month. So keep your cards and letters coming!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY JULY 25

CATCH & FETCH - Frisbee contest with you and your dog - East Naples Middle School - 10 AM. Or just come and watch.

SATURDAY JULY 31st

The 2nd Annual Jack Webber Memorial Junior Golf Tournament at Lely Hibiscus Golf Course. To register call Ed Torroni at 774-8414 before July 29th.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th & 9th

The Naples Pelican Bay Rotary Club along with Larry Cohan and Ed Torroni will hold a basketball clinic all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon at Barron Collier High. Register Saturday, July 25th at Fleischmann Park 1-5 PM.

THURSDAY AUGUST 20th

The Naples Daily News Junior Golf Tournament. Application and details will appear in the Naples Daily News. Watch for it.

KIDS NEWS MAKES NEWS!

Did you see us on TV? And in the Miami Herald? And in the Golden Gate Eagle?

Susan Gardner interviewed KIDS NEWS for Channel 9's "Naples Report" shown Wednesday, June 17. We were very nervous, but after seeing ourselves on the show, decided that while we may not be ready for stardom, we at least didn't embarrass ourselves. Really, though, we were very pleased with the tape, and thank you Susan Gardner and Channel 9 for thinking us newsworthy.

Next we were interviewed by Mark Merenda of the Golden Gate Eagle. He did a fabulous write-up, and we were even on the front page! (June 19). Thank you, Mark!

Next Dory Owens of the Miami Herald called. Another very flattering article and picture was in the June 21st edition (Section 8, page 1). Thank you Dory for spending so much time with us, and for the really nice article.

Well, Real People, Good Morning America, 60 Minutes, we're available...

FREE - CLASSIFIEDS - FREE

These ads are free to Kids only. Send your ad in or call, but be sure to include your name and phone number.

FOR SALE - Tyco race track, 4x8 board full of track cars and many extras, \$200 worth of fun cut half price. Now only \$100.00. Call 775-1283 after 6 pm or 261-7157 Monday through Saturday 7 am to 6 pm and ask for Mark.

WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED
Writers, cartoonists, artists, newsreporters, letters to the editor, ads, etc. Send in your contribution to KIDS NEWS, P.O. Box 45, Naples, FL 33939. Get published! See your name in print!

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rick H., July 23
E.N.M.S.

TO MY BEST FRIENDS Shannon, Kelley, Stacey, Denise, Tracey, Shirley and Jennifer - Have a fun summer - Kristi Farley.

TO MY BLOOD SISTER Nyna Barket - I hope you have a wonderful vacation and a HAPPY SUMMER! - Kristi Farley.

KEN
'N
MARI

Love you Mari,
from Ken

KATIE AND FRITZ H. - Thanks a bunch for the support and kind words. KIDS NEWS.

PAT MASNEN - Thanks a million. It helped a bunch. KIDS NEWS.

Thank you CHUCK SMITH for your help - KIDS NEWS

KIDS NEWS, P.O. BOX 45, NAPLES, FL 33939



HOW THE GIRAFFE GOT HIS LONG NECK

by David Gofton
Naples Christian Academy - 6th Grade

You're all probably wondering how the giraffe's neck got to be so long.

Well, this is how it is.

The giraffe once had a very short neck. One day another giraffe asked him if he was strong, and he said, "Sure I am."

And of course it was a lie.

So the other giraffe said, "Want to arm wrestle?"

And he said, "OK."

And of course he lost, and he told the giraffe that he let him win, and that was a lie.

That night he discovered that his neck was longer.

The next day he saw a girl giraffe; so he started to lie and say he once was the king of the jungle. He kept lying and lying until his neck was as high as the trees.

And that's how giraffes got their long necks.

And it is also how they got the idea of Pinocchio.

And it also means that you should never listen to a giraffe with a long neck, because he just might be lying.

MY HOME

Milestone Youth Home

(Editor's note: In the first few months of operation, MY HOME provided for 19 local boys and girls. Some who have come and gone still stay in contact. One resident, age 12, recently wrote a letter to Mr. Richard Schneider, Director. It is reprinted below.)

Milestone Youth Home has people living in it. People sharing things together and people doing things together. People who share their problems with one another. People who care about others. People who like to solve problems with others who have problems. People who care about what Kids say and Kids like to do. That's good old Milestone Youth Home.

Help Milestone Youth Home keep on trucking.

It's always nice
to have Kids around
in one form or another...

R.L. SCHMECKPEPER, INC.
2347 Tamiami Trail S.
Naples, FL 33942
775-2334

GRAT SOUTHERN
2755 E. Tamiami Trail
East Naples, FL 33942

MASTER CRAFT
CABINETS
353 Airport Rd. N.
Naples, FL 33942
774-4202