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## The Young People's Theatre Christmas Pageant



George Buonocore as the editor and Meg Bolen as the reporter open the play "The Waiting Room" at Cambier Park for the Young People's Theater.

by T.L. Lawrence

From 4-14 years old, twenty-three Kids in the Young People's Theater Christmas Pageant gave it their all on December 13 at Cambier Park. Even though most of them had never been on stage before, they performed 2 original plays, sang Christmas Carols and read scripture before a full house and much applause.

The Waiting Room - a one act play about a reporter doing a story on Kids sick at Christmas, takes place in a doctor's waiting room. The cast included: Meg Bolen, George Buonocore, Nicole Buonocore, Shawn Sterling, Gabrielle Light, Eric Light, Chris Hutton, Brian Gaudet, Jamie Sterling, Jennifer Gerski, Maria Gerski, Amy Bolen, and Jonathon DePasquale.

The Christmas Heist - also a one act play, took place in the living room of a family out for the evening. Two bums break in and start opening the presents, but before they can get away with their loot, the family returns home and the bums hide behind the couch. The resulting events brought much laughter, Santa made an appearance, and a little girl's belief was reinforced. The cast included: T.L. Lawrence, Ricky Dugan, Amy Peloquin, Michael Hartigan, Adam Shaver, Corinne Buonocore, John Miner, Chrissy Buonocore, and Karen Gaudet.

The Pageant ended with Geri Moore singing a beautiful rendition of "O Holy Night."

The theater group also performed "The Waiting Room" for the Hospital Auxiliary benefit at Palm River County Club and "The Christmas Heist" was performed for the Fleischmann Park Open House.

The Young People's Theater will resume their schedule in mid January, meeting each Sunday at Cambier Park. For information call 775-0665 or 774-7772. Open to anyone interested in acting or backstage work.

## KIDS PROFILE



Melinda Kay  
Flood

Beauty  
&  
Brains

Melinda Flood, a senior at Lely High School, has just been selected to be in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". She was nominated by the Miss National Teen-Age Pageant of Florida in 1980. She is now eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship.

Melinda is in the marching and symphonic bands at Lely High and captain of the varsity cheer leading squad. She also works part time at the school board office.

She plans on attending flight attendant's school in either Miami or Tampa, then Edison Community College before going on to a state college.

Homework, the beach, and simply relaxing are Melinda's favorite pastimes, but the 5'3" green eyed blonde also enjoys sewing, shelling, fishing, cooking, reading, racquet ball and biking.



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# DEAR KIDS NEWS:

This column is devoted to anyone who has a problem and those needing advice. If you feel you've been ripped off, have an embarrassing question, feel lonely, etc., write to Kids News. We aren't Dear Abby, but we can try to help. (We change the names to protect the innocent and guilty alike.)

## The Dream Doctor

by Dr. Norman F. Hale

Dr. Hale has generously offered to analyze Kids dreams for Kids News. If you would like him to analyze your dream, write it down in detail and send it to Kids News, P.O. Box 45, Naples, FL 33939. Dr. Hale will respond in the next month's issue. We will not use your real name in the column.

(Editor's note: Dr. Hale has been exploring dreams for more than 40 years. He has a doctorate in psychology, has served as Vice President of the Mental Health Association of Lee County, as Director of Lee Memorial Hospital, and has been the guest on many radio programs in the United States - including Naples - and Canada.)

Dr. Hale believes that 5-10% of dreams tell us about the future, but most dreams reflect our daily lives. We have many dreams even though we do not recall them.)

Here is a dream Dr. Hale analyzed.

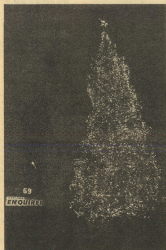
Dear Dr. Hale: For several weeks now, I dreamed that I was out skiing and an avalanche of snow comes down from the mountain, and I am buried under this snow slide. I do not think that I am dying in the dream, but I don't seem to be able to get out from under the snow. Can you

Dear Kids News: I got a really ugly shirt for Christmas from my grandmother. I am embarrassed to wear it, so I don't. My mother wants me to wear it so I won't hurt my grandmother's feelings, but I just can't. What can I do? (It's really ugly). Signed: SHIRTLESS

Dear Shirtless: You're in an awkward position, and we sympathize. Would your mother be satisfied if you wore it once or twice just when your grandmother visits? That way, they are happy to see it on you, and you are relieved not to have to wear it around your friends.

tell me if this means anything? I believe I had this dream about 3 or 4 times so far. The strange thing about this dream is that I have never been on skis in real life. When I wake up, I have a feeling of being trapped. Thank you for any help you can give. Signed: D.K.

Dear D.K.: The fact that skiing is not your thing indicates that you probably tried to give someone a "snow job" and it came back to you, and you in some way feel trapped by the blanket of "white lies" that you may have tried to fool someone else with. My suggestion would be to review your recent associations and determine if you have possibly given someone some information that in some way can trap or surround you, so that you feel stifled. Sometimes we tell someone that we are trying to impress things about ourselves that tend to distort the truth. It is then hard to live up to the false image we have created. We often get ourselves "in over our head." What you need to do is dig out from all the white "flaky" ideas you have gotten yourself trapped with. Make a clean sweep of the situation. Best of luck to you on your sweeping and digging!



## World's Tallest Christmas Tree

by T.L. Lawrence

Over Christmas vacation, my family spent several days in Lantana, Florida. While there, I visited the notorious "National Enquirer". They have the world's tallest Christmas tree on display:

The tree grew for 57 years in an Oregon forest and stands 111 feet high - taller than an 11 story building. It weighs more than 8,000 pounds, its trunk circumference at the base is 106 inches and the bottom branches spread out for 42 feet.

To ship the tree by train to Lantana, most of the branches were removed so they wouldn't get broken in pieces. Then the branches were reattached to the tree by screwing each one to a metal brace, then attaching the brace to the tree. Reattaching the branches took one week.

A crane was used to help the men decorate the tree with 14,000 lights, over 1/2 mile of garland, 1,000 colored balls (each as big as a basketball), 200 red bows, 200 3-foot candy canes (not real candy) and 100 snow flakes (not real either). The silver star at the top is 6 feet high.



The Young People's Theater Kids at dress rehearsal for their Christmas Pageant.

## HUMANE SOCIETY

by Pilar Cortez

The Naples Humane Society takes care of unwanted animals. The Humane Society currently has 50 dogs and 25 cats; they take in 300-400 animals in a month. Sherry Williams, assistant associate director, said they had many adoptions for Christmas - 13 in one day.

Fifteen - twenty pounds of dog food a day is required to feed the canine guests, and 5-10 pounds of cat food per day. The society also houses gerbils, hamsters, birds, horses and cows. Once someone even adopted a pig (perhaps a relative of Miss Piggy...)

If you would like a pet, try the Humane Society first. They are located at 370 Airport Road. Visiting hours are 11-4:00 Monday through Saturday. There is a \$10 fee for any animal, plus a deposit for neutering (so the animals cannot have babies - there are too many already without homes). When your pet is mature, you would take him or her back to the Society for neutering (for which you already paid). The animals have all their required shots except for rabies shots.

The cost for neutering is: male cats \$15, female cats \$25; male dogs \$25, female dogs \$35.00.

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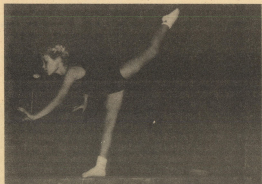
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We want to hear from you.



JACKIE LEWIS, 3rd grader at Seagate Elementary School, works out at the Gulf Coast Gymnastic Academy.

## GYMNASTICS

by Missy Cheaney

Gymnastics is more than something that you see on television with pro's like Kurt Thomas and Nadia Komenich. It is a sport that requires lots of hard practice, and qualified coaching.

The Gulf Coast Gymnastic Academy is located at 222 Kirkwood Avenue. The academy offers many courses, and one might be for you! There are classes for moms and kids around 18 months called KIDERCISE. There is a class for tennis players and several other classes, too.

Pat Watson and her husband started the business last year in September. Anyone can join. The ages start at 18 months old until whenever you want to stop. You are never too old to have a good time, meet good people and stay in shape. There are 150 students to date, and a special class for boys. There are some competitive teams, but Pam feels the real reason for the academy is to develop each child to their full potential: physically, mentally and socially.

The first person I met when I went to the academy was Wendy Lucas. Wendy is a sophomore at Lely High School. She doesn't practice on the equipment herself, instead she dedicates herself to teaching others. Wendy says she enjoys watching the younger girls reach their goals, and seeing the smiles on their faces when they know they have done well. Wendy would either like to teach gymnastics or be a business person when she graduates.

Jill Lucas, Wendy's sister, also goes to the academy. She is in the sixth grade, and goes to Gulfview Middle School. Jill qualified for the sectionals and state meets.

Jill wasn't the only one to make it to the meet; Evelynnn Ennis, on the class two team, came in first on compulsory (everyone does the same routine), but missed qualifying for sectionals by four-tenths of a point. She is 14 and goes to Barron Collier High.

Kim Hurley travels each day from Fort Myers to practice at the academy. Kim, also class two, qualified for sectionals and state for her first time. Kim took fourth all around.

If you want to know more about the academy, and are interested in having fun, call 775-6542 and ask for Pam. You never know, you might even get as good as Kim Hurley who will be qualified for the National meet on January 15th and 16th in Atlanta, Georgia. Good Luck!



## HOUSE OF LIGHTS

Approximately 4000 lights twinkle at the Roy Robbins Home in Twin Lakes. With the help of Ken and Chris French, it took approximately five weeks to complete.

## PET SHOW

AT FLEISCHMANN PARK

Is your dog/cat/goldfish/parakeet/turtle ugly, big, an unusual color, have a verrrrrry long tail, or exceptionally beautiful? Then take it to Fleischmann Park on Saturday, January 23 at 1:00. He/she/it could win a ribbon - but if it doesn't, you'll probably have a lot of fun anyway.

All live animals are eligible (no pet rocks). A variety of categories will be open. Pre-registration is necessary, so call Fleischmann Park at 263-0428.

## Afternoon FUN !!!

by Missy Cheaney

Do you want to have fun in the afternoon but just don't know where to go? Fleischmann Park offers several afternoon activities, most of them are around 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. There are baton twirling classes and self-defense classes. They plan to have an arts and crafts class soon and the gymnastics equipment has been ordered.

These classes are available for a small fee of \$1 per class, per week. If you're interested in pool, they have pool tournaments that you can compete in, and they have recently had a football tournament.

Classes last about 8 weeks. For more information, call Dick at 263-0428.

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WANTED - TAPE RECORDER. 262-0237 Ask for Tracey

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A crowd of his admirers line up for an audience with the King.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JACKIE, KELLY, BILLY CONSTANTACOS, Dad and Grandma. Love, Missy.

THANK YOU Charlie for your hours and hours of work. We're looking good!

LINDA W. - I knew you could do it. Congratulations. Judy.

THANKS, Mom and Dad - I had a great Christmas. Love, Sharon.

I LOVE MIKE - from the girl who wanted your phone number, but never had the nerve to call you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SABRINA - January 25



The Burger King had a magic show when he appeared at the East Trail Burger King on December 12.

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<b>JANUARY</b>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>						
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
		YMCA - Gymnastics now at the Y - girls 6-14 T-W-TH after school Continuous program			Car Show - Coastland Ctr - prizes - entertainment	Car show - Coastland Mall - Prizes - Entertainment
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Car show - Coastland Mall - Prizes - Entertainment		Anheuser Busch Clydesdales - Collier County Fairgrounds 10-4 PM	Anheuser Busch Clydesdales - Coastland Mall Parking area facing north Trail 2-6 PM  Cambler Park dance exhibit by Bena College, Ky 4:00 free	Anheuser Busch Clydesdales - Sunshine Plaza, Bonita Springs 2-6 PM	Fleischmann Park - Mid January - cartooning, ballet, tap, jazzercise, balloon, preschool dance, racquet ball tournament. Call for dates and times 263-0428	
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Young People's Theater 1st meeting of new year. call 774-7772 for time and place. Newcomers welcome.	Holiday Camp at the Y - includes field trip. Members \$8, non-members \$10  Public Library - Central - 10:00 & 2:30 Walt Disney's Robin Hood					Pet Show - Fleischmann Park - 1:00 see article this issue
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>				Conti Family entertains at Coastland Ctr	Conti Family - Coastland Mall	Conti Family - Coastland Mall