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Michael  
Schini

## KIDS NEWS WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

It was very difficult to pick winners from the 200 entries that we received. We had to read them all two or more times in a process of elimination.

Most Kids felt that video games were habit forming, but only 2 or 3 were willing to quit playing due to danger of addiction. Pac Man was by far the most popular, followed by Defender. Also, most Kids felt that video games were good for hand-eye coordination, and reflexes, but only 1 or 2 felt they were good training in handling computers in the future.

And the winners are: Michael Schini received \$25 in tokens to Arcade City in Grand Central Station; Joe Checke received a \$20 gift certificate to the Eagle's Nest on Fifth Avenue; Robbie Stuve received a \$10 gift certificate to Magic Lantern on Fifth Avenue; Brad Evans received a \$5 gift certificate to the Little Professor Book Center, as did Jerry Morgan. Roger Boutillier received a \$5 gift certificate to The Toy Box.

Honorable Mentions received Certificates of Merit. They are: Nicole Buonocore, Billy Conley, Colby Rosenquist, Missy Cheaney, Kelly Anthony and Ryan Walters. The very first entry received in the mail got a Kids News T-shirt - Kristen Purvis. And each visitor to the Kids News booth on Kids News Day signed up for a door prize. We drew the name out at 5:00 that day - Anthony Rosenquist won \$5 in tokens to Arcade City.

Michael Schini's winning entry is published in this issue. Watch future issues for the other winners entries.



Connie  
Marszalkowski,  
Miss Cinderella  
Teen

## MISS CINDERELLA CONTEST WINNERS

Now we know how tough it was for Prince Charming to search the kingdom for Cinderella. It had to be at least that tough for the judges at the Miss Cinderella contest held on June 6th. But Prince Charming only had to find one Cinderella, and here they had to find four - Cinderella Tot (ages 3-6); Cinderella Miniature Miss (ages 7-9); Cinderella Miss (ages 10-12); and Cinderella Teen (ages 13-17).

The four winners will compete in the state pageant July 7-11 at Lehigh - good luck to you all. And the winners are:

Cinderella Tot: Chrea Kilgore; Cinderella Mini Miss: Kara Wiebe; Cinderella Miss: Kim Geithmann; Cinderella Teen: Connie Marszalkowski.

Runners up in each division were: Tot: Trinity Melton, Amanda Walker, Heather Fechter, Christina Yedinak; Mini Miss: Heather Boe, Christen Cassaniti, Colleen Duggan, Misty Marshall, Jenny Prue; Miss: Joyce Poole, Dianna Schloss, Elaine Wicks, Erin Weidner; Teen: Janet Poole, Schelli Bennett, Stephanie Roberts, Jo Anne Morgan.

The talent portion was won by Heather Boe for the Mini Miss division; Diana Schloss, Miss Division; Jeri Moore, Teen Division. Most Photogenic was: Tot - Amanda Walker; Mini Miss - Heather Boe; Miss - Diana Schloss; Teen - Jo Anne Morgan.

Miss Congeniality was won by Joyce Poole.

Kids News is especially proud of Joyce and Janet Poole as they have recently joined the Kids News staff.

## THE 50 HOUR NIGHTMARE

by Tami Stange

Teamwork is what it was all about when Aaron Blaise and Travis Blaise and their stepfather were lost out on the gulf for 50 hours. They made all their decisions together.

They weren't worried so much about themselves as they were worried about what their family was thinking. They spent most of the time playing word games and thinking about what they would do when they were on land. It was a toss between taking a shower and eating.

As the voyage went on, Aaron was put in the water as a rudder for the boat. But when Travis saw a group of sharks coming, Aaron was pulled out of the water immediately. Having nothing else to do, they fished and caught a shark. Later on in the evening, they stopped at an island and tried to sleep, but had to leave because of the mosquitoes. Next morning they were unexpectedly found by a man who wasn't evening looking for them!

We are glad to say they are all back home safe and in good condition.



Some of the writing contest winners: front row left: Michael Schini, Jerry Morgan, Ryan Walters, Colby Rosenquist, Roger Boutillier. Back row left: Joe Checke, Brad Evans (barely seen behind Jerry Morgan), Missy Cheaney, Nicole Buonocore and Billy Conley

## BRAND NEW WEE PERSON

HI! I'M CHAD COLLIER MORGAN  
AND I'M BRAND NEW AS OF  
MAY 8, 1982  
I WEIGHED 7 LBS. 5 OZ.  
MY MOM AND DAD ARE  
JOHN AND DAWN MORGAN  
OF WEE PEOPLE



Mayor Billick shakes hands with T.L. Lawrence as Joyce Poole & Ricky Duggan eye the Kids News Day Proclamation.

## FIRE EXPLORERS

by Jason Stoddard

Explorers are a recently formed group of young people ages 14 to 18. Meetings are held once a week from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. It was basically formed to teach kids all there is to know about fire fighting and life saving procedures like CPR and Search and Rescue.

They also learn all the radio codes and signals. The 4 positions of command in the Fire Explorers are Captain, Assistant Captain, Treasurer and Secretary. These positions are filled by taking a vote among the kids in the group.

If you would like to join a Fire Explorer post, there are many. There is most likely one near you. For more information, call your local fire department.

## 4-H CLUB PROGRAM

by Missy Cheaney

The 4-H Club put on a sewing and babysitting program. It ran from June 21 to the 24th at Poinciana Elementary School.

In the sewing class there were 12 girls and one boy ranging in age from 8 years old to 16. On the first day we went and bought fabric and a design to make a tote bag with.

In the babysitting class they made babysitting boxes which contained emergency aids and items of interest for the kids. Puppets, band-aids, candy, and little stuffed animals were some of these items.

We all received certificates for our achievements.

## LIGHTSHINE

by Joyce Poole

About 2 weeks ago, the youth choir at East Naples Baptist Church presented a musical entitled "Lightshine". About twenty youth choir members rehearsed for 2 months to perform this musical.

Lightshine journeys with a mime as he searches through the Beatitudes for the secret of happiness. He meets many characters - some happy, some sad. As Lightshine ends, the music, mime and characters come together to complete the puzzle of happiness.

Lightshine was filled with beautiful music, some humorous, some serious.

## Kids News Day

June 19 was a very wet day all over Naples - except at Grand Central Station where Kids News Day was being celebrated. When we first arrived at 10:00 to set up our booth, it tried to sprinkle. But Mayor Billick must have a lot of pull, because he had proclaimed June 19 as Kids News Day, and even signed the proclamation, so it didn't dare rain on us. And it didn't! Not one drop after that first feeble attempt!

We filled balloons with helium and handed them out to everyone who passed by. We tied them to our sunglasses, to our booth, to our belts. We screamed everytime a balloon popped, whether it scared us or not.

Plaques were given to all members of the staff to remember Kids News Birthday, and special gifts went to those staff members who had been with us since 1981: T.L. Lawrence, Ricky Duggan, Ken French, Missy Cheaney and Pilar Cortez. The staff presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to the publisher, Judy Lawrence.

It was also the day to announce the winners of the Kids News Video Game Writing Contest, and at 3:00 all the winners and their families arrived to receive their prize and have their picture taken. The grand prize winner was Michael Schini, 6th grader at Pine Ridge Middle School for an incredible video games poem. See it in this issue.

After the announcements and pictures, some of the staff attached their name and address to the balloons and sent them up, up and away. We're waiting to hear from Atlanta or Toronto or Paris or Bonita Springs, and waiting, and waiting...

It took us a while to pick up the little mangled bodies of popped balloons (how did that happen?) and pack up the booth and promise to make it even bigger and better next year.

We thank Mastercraft Cabinets for the cabinet and top as our booth and for the delivery and pickup; thank Classic Cars for allowing us to store the helium canister, thank Mayor Billick for the proclamation, thank Grand Central Station for having us, thank Arcade City, Eagle's Nest, Magic Lantern, Little Professor, Toy Box, for donating the prizes, and thank God it didn't rain.

## "I BELIEVE"

by Sabrina Sharpe

I believe in wedding bells  
And the beautiful birds  
called doves,  
I believe in moonlit nights  
And two people united  
called love.

I believe in summer days  
And having fun, too,  
I believe in honey bees,  
And I believe in you.

## SPEED SKATING

by T.L. Lawrence

What is the fastest thing on 136 wheels? Why, the Naples Speed Skaters (4 wheels X 2 legs X 17 kids!).

The skaters meet every Monday afternoon from 5:30-7:00 at Naples Skateland and anyone can join.

However, there are a few requirements before you start burning up the rink: pay monthly dues of \$10, have your own helmet, and, easiest of all, you can be any age.

Learn to speed skate (they are FAST) and attend meets around Florida. For more information, call Caren Etheredge at Naples Skateland, 263-3488.



Cari Townsend and Michele Meserve (with back to camera) wait their turn to speed around the rink at Naples Skateland.



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## Reasons Why Your Bedroom is a Mess!

by Deanna Parks, Age 9

4th Grade - Golden Gate Elementary School

My room is always a mess. Is yours? Most kids are like me. And your mothers' tell you "Please Clean It Up" all day long. Same with my mom. Here is some reasons why you did not Pick It Up.

1. I was too busy doing something else!
2. I did not hear you because the dog was barking!
3. You were talking when the garbage disposal was on!
4. I was doing my homework!
5. I can not find my room!



Dana Pallick



Randy with Jamie Dishman

## A Day At Fleischmann Park

by Missy Cheaney

I went to Fleischmann Park to see how some kids were spending their summer.

Fleischmann Park's summer camp runs for five weeks from 9:00 in the morning till 3:00.

Some kids were playing basketball, others were playing racquetball.

I saw Dana Pallick who is down from Michigan, practicing her tennis on the racquetball courts. Dana is 13 and used to live in Naples. Dana works out everyday from 3 to 4 hours. She has five trophies, but would like to add to her collection. Her dad gives her much support, since he is a tennis player himself.

At the playground, my little brother Randy made a friend, Jaime Dishman. Jaime is 3 years old and lives in Naples. She loves to come to the park with her mom and dad whenever she can.

HERE IT IS! The grand prize winner of Kids News Writing Contest. Thank you, Michael!

## VIDEO VISION

by Michael Gehini

Grade 6, Pine Ridge Middle School

Mr. and Mrs. Pac-Man were happy one bright day  
Walking in New York City  
In the merry month of May.

Then something rolled in front of them,  
And much to their surprise,  
They looked above and saw a sight!  
They couldn't believe their eyes!

High above on a window ledge,  
Teetering, tottering near the edge,  
Sat Donkey-Kong who had chosen the tasks  
Of throwing down barrels and flasks.

For Donkey-Kong knew in a moment or two  
Mario would climb above.  
Mario would stop at nothing  
To rescue his true love.

Then Donkey-Kong saw a ship  
He'd never seen before.  
He saw that ship come towards him  
And thought he'd be no more!

Out of nowhere came this ship  
From a million miles away.  
Defender had seen the trouble,  
And decided he would stay.

They called in Space Invaders  
And radioed Missile Command,  
Gorf, Galaxian, and Wizard of War  
All joined the rescue band.

It turned into a Space Duel,  
And everything went Berzerk.  
Asteroids were flying,  
Even Frogger was put to work.

The Pac-mans ran for cover.  
Even Centipede fell apart.  
And to think this all was started,  
Over winning some girl's heart.

Mid-way in the battle,  
Kong began to lose his grip  
He grabbed onto the letters,  
But still began to slip.

The words, "Empire State" broke loose!  
He held onto the "E."  
He fell into a pit of tar,  
And came out with A-Tar-E!!!

## FOURTH OF JULY FUN

by Pilar Cortez

The celebration of the Fourth of July will be fun. To start it is the carnival at Cambier Park starting on July 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Following is "The America the Beautiful" parade at 10:00 a.m. Miss Collier County, Miss Cinderella, Miss Firecracker and Kids News will be in the parade. Then finally it stops at the carnival where the awards are given for the floats. Rides, popcorn, games, drinks, prizes, cotton candy and fun galore.

On the fourth, when it gets dark, the Jaycees will put on an array of colors, piercing whistles and giant booms from the firecrackers. FM98 will be broadcasting the celebration.

The celebration will end Monday the 5th at 11:00 p.m. at Cambier Park.

For those of you who are planning to make your own fun with firecrackers, roman candles, etc., the possession of the things listed is illegal.

The Jaycees are accepting money donations to help defray the cost of the fireworks display. Call Rich Jones at 775-7472

## "ADOPT AN ANIMAL" Month

by Sabrina Sharpe

Many foster mothers of all kinds have been at the Humane Society for over a month such as a young mother cat named "Tiger". She has been there since May 1st nursing her own litter of kittens as well as four others.

Almost all animals will be ready for adoption as soon as they are given their shots.

Remember June and July are "Adopt an Animal Month", so please call the Humane Society for more information at 774-3434.

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## A FRIGHTENING SITUATION

by Ken French

June 1st through November 30th is the Hurricane Season. Just three days into the 1982 hurricane season the first storm crept up in the southern part of the Gulf of Mexico. The name of the first storm was Alberto.

The officials at the hurricane center in Miami were not sure where Alberto would come ashore, but said it would most likely be south of Naples. But Alberto started weakening just before it was predicted to come ashore.

The Hurricane Center put out hurricane warnings for Collier, Lee and Monroe counties causing the cancellation of the last day of school in Collier and Lee counties. Even though Lee County had a make-up day on Monday, June 7th, Collier decided to make June 3rd the last day.

That was the good news. But the bad news was that on that extra day off most kids were watching the local weather to see if Alberto would come ashore on their first day of summer vacation.

More bad news is that school will resume on August 23, 1982.

## SUMMER FUN WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLES THEATER

by Justine Stoddard

Bored? Have nothing to do? Well, actually there's a lot to do - like movies, skating. But those things cost money. Instead you can have fun learning to act at Young Peoples Theatre.

The meetings are held every Saturday at Cambier Park at 1:00 (but not July 3). It's free to join.

During the summer, we do something different each Saturday, like skits or commercials.

Before school let out, we put on a wonderful play "Alice in Oz". But since most kids aren't around all summer, we haven't made any plans for plays until the fall.

There's lots of things to do. It's cost free and fun, so come on and join us. For more information, call 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. Must include your phone number or your "personal" will not be published (phone number for Kids News use only, not to be published).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RICK H., July 23. I love you, Becky.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JANET POOLE, July 31st, Love, Mom.

CHRIS: Hope you have fun this summer on the cruise, at camp and in Canada. Love Missy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mom July 3, Love Tommy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PATRICK July 12 from Tommy and Herbie.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRANDMA July 2, love Tommy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JILL, July 4, love Tommy

## MOVIE REVIEW:

### E.T.

by T.L. Lawrence

Did you ever walk down to the end of your driveway, get your pizza from the delivery boy and find an alien? Well, Elliott did, and they became good friends.

Elliott (Henry Thomas), his older brother Mike (Robert Macnaughton) and his little sister Gertie (Drew Barrymore) hide E.T. (the alien's nickname which means extra terrestrial) from their mom.

This is probably Steven Spielberg's best motion picture ever - better than Raiders of the Lost Ark, better than Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

The movie is a full 2 hours of fun. E.T. will make you laugh and cry. So far I have seen E.T. 5 times and I want to see it again and again.

E.T. is my favorite movie. Go see it at the Kon Tiki. It's rated PG.

## KIDS CELEBRITY SCENE "Annie" Aileen Quinn

by Janet Poole

Aileen Quinn is a determined young actress with lots of talent and a ready-made path to stardom.

Aileen plays the part of a ten year old orphan in the Broadway hit musical "Annie" which has just been made into a movie. The dimple-faced sweetheart got the part over some five thousand hopefuls at an open casting audition in a studio at Manhattan, New York.

After you have seen the movie, you'll appreciate the acting abilities of this young star. She'll win your heart.

Now there is even an "Annie" doll on the market. She is dressed in the classical red dress and has short curly hair. I'm not exactly sure what the doll does, but it wouldn't surprise me a bit if you pulled her string and she sang "Tomorrow".

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