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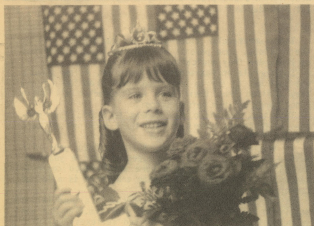
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KRISTINA METZ

## LITTLE MISS FIRECRACKER WINNERS

Little Miss Firecracker was chosen on Sunday, June 27th. The girl that brought in the most money from collection cans placed in businesses around the community was the winner - Kristina Metz. Kristina received her crown from Dodi Gill, Little Miss Firecracker, 1981, and Lorie Ann LeMay, 2nd runner-up 1981 Miss Firecracker.

The first runner-up and winner of the most patriotic costume was Laura Nicole Pereira. The judges had a difficult time choosing between Laura and Heather Stock for the patriotic costume. Second runner-up was Pamela Benfield. Third runner-up was Wednesday Mayle.

The contest was sponsored by the Naples Jayceettes.

## LOCAL KIDS REACH OUT: "Our Gang"

by Tami Stange and Missy Cheaney

We are getting together a new gang in town to perform our way into the hearts of young and old.

The gang all started when we (Tami and Missy) decided to get together and go to nursing homes to perform for the elderly. But we need more kids.

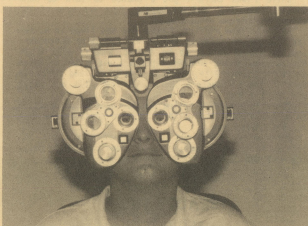
So far the gang consists of 5 people. We need about 5 more so if you have any kind of talent or would just like to help out and be a part of our gang, call 774-7772 and leave a message for Tami or Missy.

## SKATEBOARD CLUB NEEDS A HOME

The Naples Skateboarding Club needs your support. The club provides its members with a safe and interesting activity. The club has donated its ramp to the city, and we would like to keep it at Cambier Park - or anywhere the Parks Department will let us.

Skateboarding can be a safe and enjoyable sport for Naples youth, but without a place for the ramp, there will be no organized skateboarding activities.

If you would like to help us find a home, please call 261-8717. Thank you - The Naples Skateboard Club.



No, it's not Elton John's newest shades - it's Ken French having his eyes tested

## FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

by Ken French

Some kids have never had their eyes checked! And because your eyesight is so important, this reporter talked with Dr. Elaine Witten, Optometrist, at 505 Fifth Avenue South, to bring you this report on eye exams.

Why should you have your eyes tested? - Because it is important to see as well as we can, and some people don't realize they have a vision problem - they think everyone sees as poorly as they do.

What could an eye exam tell you? - Whether you have a health problem with your eyes, whether you are near sighted (you can focus on things closer to you, but have trouble focusing on things far away), whether you are far sighted (you can focus better on things far away than you can close to you).

How old should you be before you have an eye exam? A year old is not too young to have an eye test. Two years of age is a critical time for some eye problems. Dr. Witten has tested babies only a few days old.

How often should you have your eyes tested? - Every 2 years before you're a teen ager and every year after that because your eyes grow and change.

What are some symptoms that indicate you should see an optometrist? - Not being able to see the board at school is a real good clue, but also blurred vision, headaches, double vision, frequent eye strain. Also if you have trouble learning or are a slow learner, it may be that you simply don't see well. Also, if both your parents wear glasses, there is a good probability that you need glasses.

Is there any difference between brown eyes and blue eyes (except for the color)? - Yes, blue eyes are more sensitive to light, thus blue-eyed people feel the need to wear sun glasses more than brown-eyed people.

Movies and television do not glamorize the wearing of glasses, but stars must have poor eyesight just like the rest of us. Can you name some stars who wear glasses? - Elton John, Joan Rivers, Richard Pryor, Sophia Loren, just to name a few.

Don't wait to have your eyes tested. And if you can't find any frames that you feel flatter your face, there's always contact lenses.

Any questions? Call Dr. Witten at 263-4242.

## CINDERELLA CONTEST UPDATE

Chrea Kilgore, tot winner in the recently held Miss Cinderella contest in Naples, has gone on to win the title "Miss Florida State Cinderella Tot Queen." She received \$50 in cash, a 14K floating heart, a Barbie doll and a \$500 scholarship.

According to the judges' critique, Chrea won not only because she is a beautiful girl, but because of her courtesy, politeness and the fact that the other girls in the contest loved her.

Chrea will now go on to the national Miss Cinderella contest in Baton Rouge in August.

We're rooting for you, Chrea.



Artwork by Kevin Owen

## RADIO D.J. - JOHN CONRAD

by Kelly Abbondondo

One of the places that makes Kids' News available to you is Palmer Communications Center on Eighth Street South. They broadcast on radio stations WNOG and WCVU, also on Cable Channel 9.

While I was there I got a chance to talk to John Conrad, radio D.J. and weatherman. Here are some of the things he told me about himself.

He comes from Wichita, Kansas and has lived in Naples for 7 years. He attended Kansas Mid School of Broadcasting. He always wanted to be a disc jockey. Also it is not easy doing the weather reports - every day he makes calls to Golden Gate, Bonita, Immokalee, and Marco to talk to the forecasters there. Although it's not easy, you learn a lot.

There is a machine called the teletype which gives information about the weather. It also sends in the temperature every hour.

John enjoys all kinds of music and likes his job because he is always meeting people and constantly dealing with the public.

## BEAUTY TIPS

by Pilar Cortez

School's almost here and we want to look our best. Although clothes give us style, we must not forget our complexion. Most people with problem or normal skin have tried all sorts of stuff to get rid of or prevent pimples, etc. Yet these products have chemicals that may affect our skin now or later in life.

So take care of your skin naturally, with fruit, vegetables, and other natural products. Here are some things that will help problem or normal skin to be more beautiful: cranberries and grapefruit when eaten help poor complexions. Pears, cabbage and onions help prevent skin eruptions.

To cool and refresh the skin, place cucumber peels on your skin. To get rid of dead skin on the face, take an egg white and place on skin. Let dry. Then peel off. To get rid or give oil to the skin, take the inside of a ripe avocado and soften till smooth. Place evenly on the face. Let set for a few minutes. Then rinse off.

So fruit and vegetables are good for your skin when eaten, and some are even good for your complexion when placed directly on your skin!

Next month I'll talk about fall hairdo's.

## Writing Contest Winner: JOE CHECKE

Joe Checke received a gift certificate to the Eagle's Nest for his 2nd place winning entry in the Kids News 1st Birthday Writing Contest.

by Joe Checke

Those spectacular video games are eating quarters by the millions. Some parents are worried about its effect on kids. Are they addictive?

Some people in Massachusetts think so. A few parents got together to try to ban video games from their town. They claimed that their kids were spending all their lunch money on them before school.

They took the video game owners to court. They managed to force the owners to keep their machines off during school hours.

In the future I think the average video game will have a shorter life. Pac-Man appeared over a year ago and is still going strong. There wasn't much competition. Now video games are a craze and there is a lot of competition.

It all started with Space Invaders. This game relied mostly on reflexes and skill, and good aim. Pac-Man was so successful because they combined reflexes and skill with strategy. It has very little violence, which also helped.

I think in the future we will have more advanced games like Tempest. I think more games will go into 3-D.

## CLOGGING CLASS

Jenny Prue is 9 years old and a member of the Collier County Cloggers. She wrote Kids News and asked us to publish the following letter. Thank you, Jenny.

Dear Kids,

Are you just sitting around at home with nothing to do? Well, how would you like to do Mountain Style Dancing?

We call it clogging. It's for Kids 7 years old and up. On Sept. 7th, there will be classes at Fleischmann Park from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM. You can even bring a friend!

For more info, call Fleischmann Park at 263-0428.

See you all there!

## School is Closer Than You Think

by Missy Cheaney

Well, school's almost here...and I asked some people what they thought about school starting this month - here's what they said:

Donna Glaspey - 9th grade, BCHS: I try not to think about it!

George Vardy - 9th grade NHS: It doesn't matter to me.

Andrea Etheridge - 6th grade PRMS: I'm excited about starting a new school.

Lesli Naas - 6th grade PRMS: I'm excited.

Tami Stange - 9th grade BCHS: I'm looking forward to becoming a freshman, but I wish summer would last longer.

Robert Davis - 10th grade NHS: I want summer to last longer.

Stefani Bliss - 10th grade NHS: I can't wait to be in high school, but summer went by too fast.

Wendy Krahn - 7th grade GOMS: I don't want to go back - EVER!

Adriana Figueroa - 6th grade NCA: I want to see my friends again.

Cathy Chalfant - 7th grade GWMS: I'm looking forward to meeting new kids.

Molly Allen - 6th grade PRMS: I wish summer would last longer.

Kerry Alexander - 9th grade NHS: I can't wait!



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## BACK TO SCHOOL FASHIONS



Cameron

Stephanie Carlson, Golden Gate Middle School, models Vanilla knickers and rilly blouse from Wee People.

Tiffany Turner models Pinafoles N Cream knickers with matching vest and long sleeve white blouse with a plaid tie from Wee People.

Crista Holland, Lely High, wears a Jordache prairie-look skirt and matching blouse set off with a head band from Wee People.



Crista, Stephanie, Cameron on wall, Tiffany on ground.

Cameron Morgan, age 4, wears a Jardi Classic pleated red dress with tie back from Wee People.

Baylen Dahl, age 5, wears a Hung Ten shirt and Farah pants from Wee People.

Robert Davis, NHS, sports a yellow Pacific Coast Highway shirt with blue stripes, O.P. pants, and a white Pacific Coast Highway jacket from The Eagle's Nest.

Todd VanEmburgh, Gulfview, models a navy blue hood shirt, Farah pants, and a cream colored Gant blazer also from The Eagle's Nest.



Tiffany



Stephanie



Robert, Crista, Todd



Baylen, Robert and Todd

Kids News would like to thank the Naples Beach Club Hotel for use of their pool side in photographing the fashions for this issue. Thanks also to The Eagle's Nest and Wee People for the fashions and models, and to Charles Utz, photographer.

## ALABAMA CONCERT REVIEW

by Missy Cheaney

For those who missed the Alabama concert, you really missed a great show!

July 16th at the Lee Civic Center, Alabama's warm up band was Lee Greenwood and the Blackjacks.

Alabama is a crossover group (country that turns pop) that appeals to the young and the old.

During an intermission there was a man with a movie camera taking pictures. My reporter's curiosity overcame me, so I went and asked him if he was from the news. He told me he was taking pictures for Alabama of the people! It's only fair - we take pictures of them! I asked him about Alabama, and he told me they were going to have an autograph session afterwards.

Alabama soon came out and received many standing ovations, and gifts and flowers from the fans. On one of their hit songs, "Old Flame," 3 girls flicked their Bics and within a few minutes, hundreds of people had lighters lit.

At the end they did an autograph session (I could barely hear because we were so close). There were 3 very long lines and I was at the end. The lead vocalist Randy Owen was giving all the girls kisses and every time he did you could hear them scream (for joy).

My mom wanted to leave, so I tried to hurry. I went up front just to take pictures, and one really nice girl let me by so I could. Teddy Gentry didn't sit down, but walked down the line giving his autograph - so I got his. There were so many people, and they promised they would give every single person an autograph. I just settled for one, took more pictures and came home.

If you missed this concert, you missed a great one! Also everyone got a souvenir if they wanted one. They ran from free to \$9.00.

## PAC MAN TV SHOW COMING

by Justine Stoddard

If you're a Pac Man freak and love Ms. Pac Man, there's a new cartoon coming this fall on Saturday mornings on ABC. Watch for it.

### NEW CONTEST!!

### LITTLE MISS AMERICAN BEAUTY CONTEST

The local Little Miss American Beauty Contest will be held November 6-7 at the Naples Bath & Tennis Club. The contest stresses leadership and development. The age groups are divided into the following: 3-6 Little Miss, 7-10 Junior Miss, 11-13 Miss, and 14-18 Teen.

Prizes include a \$500 Sony TV set from House of Hifi and memberships to the Executive Health Spa.

For more information, call Mr. or Mrs. Gill at 774-2164, 261-3558 or 775-8200.

## LELY ARCADE

by Jason Stoddard

Lely Arcade is located to the left of the Naples South sign on East Tamiami Trail. It is one of the newer video arcades in the area. It is not as big as some of the others, but still attracts a lot of people and has some great games.

Some of the games they have are "Krazy Kong", "Ladybug", "Defender", and they even have a couple of pool tables, a jukebox, and a pin ball machine.

So if you have some spare time and some loose change, invest it at the Lely Arcade.

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Mr. Merriman of Merriman's Wharf treated the girls in the recently held Cinderella contest and their mothers to a free dinner at Merriman's Wharf at Old Marine Market Place. Here Mr. Merriman stands with Chrea Kilgore and Heather Fechter

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These ads are free to Kids only. Send your ad to Kids News, P.O. Box 45, Naples, Fl. 33999 or call 774-7772, but be sure to include your name and phone number or your ad will not be published.

WANTED Eager skate board enthusiasts to join club. 261-8717.

FOR SALE: Month old Walker Freestyle SKATEBOARD. Very good condition. Kryptonite wheels, nose and tail guards, gull wing trucks. \$60. firm. Todd 263-1795.

FOR SALE - New 5'6" Killer Twin Fin Channel Sebastian Inlet Surf Board with fans, channel bottom and leach. Best reasonable offer. No kooks. R.D. 263-3318

WANTED - Baseball trading cards. 261-8906

WANTED - Writers for Kids News - write one article and send it in or call about being on staff 774-7772.

FOR SALE MAN'S PACER SKATES. size 8. black leather, blue wheels. \$50. LADY'S PACER SKATES. size 5 or 6. white leather, blue wheels. \$50. Like new. 597-6443. Ask for Tammy or Eddie.

### 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 ANNIVERSARY MOM AND DAD - Love Donna

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MOM AND DAD - Love Missy

R.D. - It's been fun talking to you this summer. Love, Missy.

RACHAEL FRANCIS - Welcome to the world - 7/24/82.

RICKY - HAPPY BIRTHDAY 8/25 from Kids News

GLEN AND GREG - Welcome back to Florida from R+C.

The life of a lamb isn't so baaa-d. Sandy

THANK YOU Kraft Construction for loaning Kids News your truck for the July 4th parade. We had a ball!

### GYMNASTICS CLINIC

Gymnastics classes will be held August 9-13, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. A fee of \$9 is required at registration. Do not wear jewelry, or clothing with buttons, snaps or zippers. Wear sneakers and socks. Hair should not be loose. Bring your own snack. Any questions, call Shirley Bredetti at 263-0426.

## POETRY CORNER

### I'M NOT OKAY ANYMORE

by Sandy Knight

I was perfectly okay before you said hello to me that day. But then after I met you, I was on "cloud 9", Cause I thought you'd always be mine.

We had a wonderful time together, no matter what the weather.

Being around you was so nice, We really could have been the picture of sugar and spice.

But then you told me Sunday that you had to leave next Thursday.

Don't you know you broke my heart? And can't you see this is tearing me apart?

Does it hurt you, too?

You're being so good at hiding your blues. Did I even mean anything to you? Oh, please don't tell me that's true.

The few days we had together went so fast, and now they've all passed.

So now you're about to leave, After you face saying goodbye to me. And here I am again, all alone again, but definitely, no longer okay.

### EPCOT CENTER

by Ricky Duggan

A few miles from the Magic Kingdom - and beyond the boundaries of imagination - Walt Disney's greatest dream is becoming a reality. Epcot Center opens October 1, 1982. A showplace more than twice the size of the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center represents the ultimate in Disney imagineered entertainment.

In a 6-acre Land Pavillion, you'll witness nature in its most wild and cultivated states. You'll see actual experiments in futuristic farming, like lettuce thriving in outer space, tomatoes growing from ceilings and melons from walls. Plus you'll enjoy a zany cast of incredible edibles serving up some of the most palatable entertainment this side of the refrigerator.

Imagine in one day...you've breakfasted on tea and biscuits in England...followed roads leading to Rome, lunched in a Bavarian Beer Garden during Octoberfest, explored the interior marvels of a Mayan Pyramid, crossed the vast expanse of Canada and the Great Wall of China, relaxed by a clear blue pond in the formal gardens of a Japanese pagoda, dined in gourmet splendor under a moonlit Eiffel Tower, and watched more than 350 years of American history come to life in one of the most inspiring theatrical experiences ever conceived in the World Showcase.

### DON'T MISS FUN FESTIVAL

The Children's Fun Festival at Coastland Mall is scheduled for August 21 and 22. Information booths and center stage entertainment will run throughout the weekend. A diaper derby will be crawled on Sunday at 1:00. The first 40 to drool, er, sign up will be the lucky racers. Age divisions are 6-9 months and 10-12 months. Call Pioneer Savings & Loan or Wee People to enter.

### THE 1 THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY!

by Pilar Cortez

On June 15th, Mr. Charlie Patterson, head custodian at Gulfview Middle School, went fishing on Marco Island. At 8:15 p.m. he caught a 6 foot long tarpon that weighed 216 pounds! But this fish wasn't the only one he caught. The night before at the same place he caught one that was 5 ft long and weighed 150 pounds.

Both fish were donated to Big Cypress Nature Center. So you kids who like fishing, just try your luck. Who knows, maybe you can catch your own hopper.

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