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ELIZABETH



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KIDS PROFILE:

GINA & ELIZABETH BALLOT

by Missy Cheaney

This month's Kids Profile spotlights Gina and Elizabeth Ballot, two sisters who are not only beautiful, but who also share the same ambition - to become doctors.

Elizabeth Ballot won the title of Queen on August 21st in the Miss Shrine Pageant, but that's not all of her achievements. She is a pre-med student at Notre Dame hoping to be a plastic surgeon and will minor in music. Elizabeth took Phase 5 classes at Naples High so she has enough credit not to have to go to the first six months of college. She is an excellent piano and violin player, and for her talent in the pageant, she played "C Sharp Major Prelude" by Rachmaninoff on the piano.

In 1981 Elizabeth was in 2 pageants: Miss Collier County where she won first runner-up and she was 2nd runner-up in the Miss Shrine pageant. This September 24, she will compete in Cape Coral's Araba Temple Shrine Pageant and Nov. 20 will compete in the Regional Miss Araba Shrine Pageant in Ft. Myers.

When Elizabeth won she said "I just couldn't believe it. I started crying when I heard my name announced. This is such an important pageant and the Shriners are such special people, I'll be proud to represent them."

She has also been in "Who's Who in American High School Students".

Gina was 1981's Miss Naples Queen of the Fine Arts Festival. I asked her how it felt being chosen as the queen. "I never, never thought I would win. I didn't cry. I was just stunned and wondered why me?", she said.

Asked if she would be in another pageant, she said, "I would, because all of the interviews they give me will help me learn and prepare me for the most important interview - the one that will get me into med school."

"I think if you do decide to enter a beauty contest, don't go in to think you're going to win or you're going to lose. The most important thing is learning about yourself and others."

While Gina lived in Scarsdale, New York, she won several awards for swimming and is a certified life guard instructor. She is also certified in CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation), advanced life saving, first aid in safety, and she coached disabled kids, and helps handicapped adults.

It's not hard to guess that Gina wants to be a pre-med student at Florida Southern College in Lakeland.



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Carol Trettis as the clown and Adam Shaver as the Ringmaster.

THE FIGHT FOR DRAMA II AT NAPLES HIGH

The Naples High Drama program is made up of 3 classes. Drama II is being dropped, and several Naples High students and recent graduates care enough to do something about it.

They have written letters to the editor of local newspapers, and Dan Perry wrote a short play which was recently performed at Fleischmann Park to draw attention to the importance of the class.

The play, "The Invisible Circus", designed to attract audience participation, was a great success as the elementary school-age audience either sat spellbound or screamed and yelled at the bad guy, Prof. Merbidus E. Picklepus (Dan Perry).

The school board feels that there aren't enough students in the program to budget money for it, while the students argue that the class works best with fewer students, and it is vital to the drama students and a valuable service to elementary school students.

Drama I is an introductory course, and Drama III is for the serious drama student with an emphasis on directing. Drama II students take several shows a year out to K-5 grades.

These students are asking parents to write to the school board to save Drama II. Perhaps with your help and their efforts, a young child will be able to see his/her first play.

★ WORLD CHAMPS ★

Congratulations to the 14 girls on the 1982 Senior Little League Softball team for winning the World Championship. Naples is fortunate to have thousands of kids we can be proud of. But these 14 have grabbed the attention and moved the hearts of this city like no other kids have. Thank you girls, for making a difference:

Marcia Fregel, Marisela Gutierrez, Heidi Mazeroski, Mario Mazeroski, Cheryl Murphy, Delores Parker, Margaret Pittman, Mary Beth Proffitt, Nancy Raub, Cindy Reynolds, Caroline Seiffert, Joy Swilley, Lisa Wissinger, Julie Zimmer.

SHRINE QUEEN WINNERS

Elizabeth Ballot was crowned Miss Shrine Queen August 21 at Barron Collier High School. First runner-up was Janet Poole. Winning best talent was Melanie Swallow. Miss Congeniality was Kathleen Moran.



Coastland Mall resounded with screams, squeals, gasps and much applause on August 21 and 22 for the talented kids that danced, tumbled and crawled their way across center stage during the Fun Festival.

The highlight was Sunday's Diaper Derby sponsored by Pioneer Federal Savings & Loan. Some of the babies in 2

age groups that raced across the stage were simply bewildered, others protested loudly that the entire event was unbabylike. But others were so delighted with all the attention and noise, that they sat right down and watched as their screaming, begging parents tried to entice them across the mat.

HUMANE SOCIETY

by Kelly Abbondondolo

There's lots of cute animals at the Humane Society. The Humane Society of Collier County is now open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you love animals and can't have one or even if you do, you can still go to the Humane Society from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and walk the dogs or play with the cats. If you want to adopt a pet the Humane Society has cats, dogs, puppies and kittens. They even have a skunk named "Sweet Pea".

If you have a pet, and suddenly it gets sick, you can call the Humane Society at 774-3434 and talk to their vet. He will tell you what to do. The Humane Society is taken on the needs of homeless or sick animals. They take in abandoned animals and animals that people cannot keep. They feed them and take care of them. So if you "Need A Friend, Adopt A Pet" from the Humane Society of Collier County at 370 Airport Rd.

RECIPE: ROLL SANDWICH-UP

by Jenny Prue

Why not roll up a sandwich for a change? Roll-up Sandwiches make a special party treat. And it's easy to make, too.

First cut off the bread crusts and flatten the bread with a rolling pin. Now you're ready to spread on your own favorite filling and roll up the bread.

Yummy combinations are peanut butter and crushed pineapple, or bologna, relish and bacon bits. Or roll up and fasten with a grape on a toothpick, put in the refrigerator for an hour and slice into little pinwheels.

FILM REVIEW:

FRIDAY THE 13TH PT 3 IN 3D

by T.L. Lawrence

Jason is back and this time he's out to get you, literally! It is not as gorey as Parts I and II, but it has really good special effects. The 3D effect is great and the movie makers take advantage of it - every other minute something pops out of the screen, and you jump. If you're into special effects, this movie is a must. However, it's rated "R", so invite your Mom or Dad to share an evening with you at the movies...

PUZZLE

by Sheri Hoy

Can you find these words in the puzzle: Kids, News, Is, Really, Fun, To, Read.

K N E W U R
P I N U F E
S E D C D A
W Z B S A L
E A O M E L
N T U X R Y

(Answer in box below)

SCOTT BAIO: New Teen Heartrob? You Bet!

by Sandy Knight

Scott Baio, also known as Cha-chi on the popular TV series "Happy Days" has become one of America's hottest teen heartrobs.

Scott started portraying Cha-chi on "Happy Days" when he was about 12 years old. Cha-chi had always been very fond of Joanie and after they both grew up, their romance turned into a spin-off of "Happy Days" called "Joanie Loves Cha-chi."

The new show got Scott started off in a new facet of his career - singing. Joanie and Cha-chi are both in a band on the show and after getting such good reviews on his singing, he has started singing professionally.

In fact, he just released his first album. And believe it or not, he has never had any type of vocal lessons or training!

He just made his first movie - "Zaps" - where Scott portrays a genius who while working in his lab one day, accidentally acquires a telepathic ability to make things happen.

Scott and his best friend in the movie, portrayed by Willie Aames, have a lot of fun experimenting with Scott's newfound ability, and along with their fun, also cause a lot of trouble.

"Zaps" is coming soon. Watch for it and don't be surprised if you hear Scott Baio's name more and more often.



Dustin Etheridge

SPEED SKATING TEAM NEEDS YOU

by Dustin Etheridge

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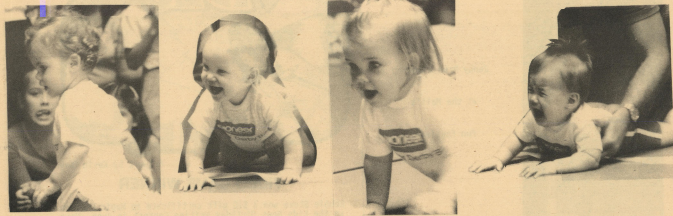
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Answer to Puzzle





One charmer rose above it all as she lay down on the starting mat and promptly fell asleep.

Laurie VanderPloeg took first place in the 6-9 month age group and crawled off with a \$25 savings account at Pioneer Federal, a trophy, and a toy from Wee People. Jared Pereira was 2nd, Winter Ellaine Johnson was 3rd,

and Jennifer Webster was 4th. They each received a ribbon and a toy from Wee People.

In the 10-12 month group, Andrew Howdeshell received the 1st place goodies, Jeffrey Verbanec 2nd, Vanessa Moser 3rd and Daniel Hatch 4th.

BACK IN SCHOOL

by Justine Stoddard

All those summer days are gone, we're back in school and days go on. Books and paper, pencil or pen, boys and girls, friends and kin.

Classes you love. Classes you hate. Math or English. Lunch times just great.

"A"'s are great and so are "B"'s, "C"'s are average, but watch those "D"'s.

Now don't get an "F", those are bad. Go home with one and you'll be sad.

After awhile summer is here, you're back at the beach or down on the pier.

All the beaches are packed with beach bums, but that's all next summer, can't wait til it comes!

THE SEA

by Kelly Abbondondolo

As I was sitting down by the sea, stretched on the bank as quiet as can be, I saw a few dolphins in a distance so near, that their wonderful sounds I could surprisingly hear. I saw a fisherman down by the dock, and boats in the water beginning to rock.

I can feel the great softness of the sand as I sit and let it ooze through my hand. I sit and hear the great sounds of the sea, and think of how great it is to be free, to think of the wonders of nature so strong, to which all beautiful things belong.

A bird overhead softly said "coo", and all I can think of is wonderful you.

FRIENDSHIP

by Kelly Abbondondolo

Friendship is your greatest treasure, for friends are always to share your pleasure. Day by day we make new friends who really show they care, to let you know they'll lend a hand and always will be there.

Your friends are wonderful, great and kind, for always the love they have is surely the love you will find.

Friends are for sharing secrets and telling your stories to, the friendship you can build starts with the two of you.

If one good friend is all you have, that all you need you see - that one good friend you have can make you happy as can be.

PAC MAN CONTEST WINNERS

by Ken French

WRGI conducted a Back to School Quest for Fun Day at Coastland Mall on August 20. The day included a Pac Man and Ms. Pac Man contest and the winners were:

Pac Man: first place, Lee Hendrich, 66,790 points. 2nd place, Brad Phillips, 60,890 points.

Ms. Pac Man: 1st place, Rob Weiss, 64,180 points. 2nd place, Eddie Giradine, 30,310 points.

Each player had 10 minutes to score as many points as they could. Prizes included a trophy, dinner for 2, a beach towel, \$5 for video games, a t-shirt, and license plate from G93.

MAAS BROTHERS TEEN BOARD

by Ken French

The new Maas Brothers Teen Board includes, from Baron Collier, Denise Hous, Kathy Smith, Jo Anne Morgan, and Lourie Napier; from Naples High, Karen Squillace; and from Lely High, Trisha Frary.



The Kids News camera caught Sandy Knight, Missy Cheaney and Tara Lanius with bee-bops and shades.

NEW FAD - BEE-BOPS

by Missy Cheaney

About a week ago, 2 of my friends (Sandy and Donna) and I went to the mall just to walk around. We saw a head band with what looked like 2 springs and 2 silver balls on the end. The clerk said they were "bee-bops". I bought a pair because I thought they were cute. Then Donna bought a pair with sunglasses and with much persuasion, Sandy bought a pair, and then we both bought sunglasses.

During our walk through the mall, we got many looks, and a few comments, but most of the people asked where we got them. And as time went by, we saw the people who had asked us were wearing them, too.

So far we have noticed 5 different types of bee-bops: stars, balls, pinwheels, hearts and Pac-Man.

VIDEO CARTRIDGE REVIEW: DONKEY KONG

by T.L. Lawrence

I have recently purchased the new Donkey Kong cartridge for Atari (for which I had to do extra chores.) There are a few drawbacks to the cartridge as compared to the video game. There are only 2 boards. The first is the same as the first board on the arcade game - jumping over barrels. The 2nd board you knock out the rivets by walking over them, but the flames cannot climb the ladders - they always stay on the same level.

The effects are good. Mario looks the same, his girl-friend looks better, but the Donkey Kong looks like a brown blob at the top of the screen.

Otherwise, the game is great. I picked mine up at a new outlet - Naples Video Center at 318 9th St. North, 261-5711.

ARTISTIC SKATING

by Sheri Hoy and Jenny Prue

How would you like to learn Artistic Skating and besides that you can meet girls that need dancing partners?

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Jenny Prue clogging
at the Mall's
Fun Festival.

WHAT'S HAPPENING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 4 - Naples Dance Academy's first company performance inspired by Xanadu at Barron Collier High. 8 p.m. Adults \$5, students \$4.

SEPTEMBER 11 - STADIUM RUN - 5000 meter and 1 mile novice run. Entry fee for students \$4, novice run \$2. Starts at 7:45 a.m. For all ages. Sponsored by the Barron Collier Athletic Booster Club.

★ SEPTEMBER 12 - JUNIOR BOWLING TOURNAMENT - Ages 8-13 Sign up at Goodletty Strikes 8 Spires on Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fee is \$2. Or you can sign up the day of the tourney from noon till 11:00 a.m. 38 trophies will be awarded. Boys and girls divided into separate age groups. Call Terry Hall, 455-1923 after 5 p.m. for more info. Sponsored by Sunset Optimist Club.

FLEISCHMANN PARK - Activities begin the week of Sept. 13 for 8 weeks, and except for pre-school fun time which meets 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, all weekday classes meet after school or in the evening. Some meet on Saturdays. For times and fees (\$15 and under) call 263-0428.

Activities include mountain clogging, arts and crafts, sewing, cartooning, sculpture, painting, self-defense, pre-school dance, ballet, jazz and tap dancing, glamour and self image, stained glass, macrame, gymnastics and jazzercise, and a mime and drama class for kids 11 and younger. Also a Dungeons & Dragons 8 week class starts September 15, 7-8 p.m.

OCTOBER 3: SUGAR & SPICE PAGEANT for boys and girls ages 0-3 in 4 age divisions at Naples Depot. Contestants compete in party clothes, sportswear and swimwear. A prince and princess will be crowned. Call 774-2164, 775-8200 or 261-3558 for info.

OCTOBER 9: JUNIOR ORANGE BOWL QUEEN PAGEANT for 12 and 13 year old girls at Cambler Park 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER: LITTLE MISS AMERICAN BEAUTY CONTEST for ages 3-18 in 4 age divisions on Nov. 6-7 at the Naples Bath & Tennis Club. Prizes include \$500 Sony TV set from House of HiFi and Executive Health Spa membership plus gift certificates and discounts for outfits used in pageant from Wee People, Desiree's and the Silver Swan. Also ITS (International Talent Scouts) will prepare a portfolio for the winner and contribute free seminars, etc. Call 774-2164, 261-3558 or 775-8200 for more info.

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WANTED - Baseball trading cards. 261-8906



Artwork by Kevin Owen

VIDEO GAME WINNER

Robbie Stuve won a \$10 gift certificate to Magic Lantern in the Kids News Birthday Writing Contest in June. Here is Robbie's entry.

I think video games are fun and good to use but America has spent large amounts of money on them. Once a company makes one of their best games, the players think it is the most popular game around so they spend all of their allowance on it. Some kids spend all day in arcades getting addicted to the games, spending quarter by quarter until they're broke.

It's not only children that play video games, but adults play them, too. Video games don't really teach you how to work computers. It's just mostly pressing a few buttons or a handle.

I like the games because they give me something to do when I'm bored. I don't play them too long or I will have the games on my mind all day. My favorite games are Gorf, Donkey Kong, Pac Man and many others.

All over the country video games are being used. A smart thing for America to do is to put up signs on video games that say to donate quarters for starving people, crippled people, retarded, and many other diseases or birth defects. It's a good idea to have good use of the money instead of throwing your money down the drain.

I love video games and I can't live without them. I'd hate to see them go, but if the money went to a better use, maybe they will go on and on.



Curt Mackey as the nasty helper and Dan Perry as Prof. Morbidus E. Picklepus

Brynn Taylor as the witch.

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).

SUZANNE - I love you, Brian

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