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Lori Dixon displays just a sample of her 6,213 stickers, all organized in photo albums.

## Lori Dixon: Collector

Lori Dixon is a collector. As a straight A student, you could say she collects A's. She also collects baseball cards. But mostly she collects stickers — 6,213 of them so far, all neatly arranged in photo albums. She usually buys them 30 at a time. She hopes someday they will be worth a lot of money.

Lori plans to become a dancer, but meanwhile, she is busy with other interests: swimming, singing, writing programs on her computer, playing with her dog Wilbur, participating in talent shows, and keeping up with several other collections. In August she will be modeling for Jacobson's.

Lori is a 5th grader at Naples Park Elementary. She plans to learn break dancing next.



A Dance Arts student performs for the benefit of the Naples Fine Arts Society. See page 3 for more photos.



Two Dance Center students relax backstage before "Fantasia". See page 2 for more photos.

## Foster Parenting

by Missy Cheaney

"You have to learn, to love, and let go."

This is probably the most important learning experience, when a family takes in a foster child. The Houp family is fostering children for the first time. Their home is comfortable, and their four pre-schoolers play like they had been raised together. Marie and Everett Houp's foster children will be leaving soon, and the attachment and love that has grown strong since October will make it hard to say goodbye. Although there will be pain, Marie Houp says they will foster more children because "the love they give back makes it worthwhile."

Foster parents must take a 7 week training class, and must attend 18 of the 21 hours. The program allows couples to evaluate and prepare for placement of a child. There is no obligation to foster children after the class. Children range in age from new born to 18. The couple can choose the age, sex, and severity of problems the child may have.

To become foster parents, a couple must have been married 2 years, be over 21 years old, and their home inspected. A child can be adopted by the foster parents after a minimum of six months. There are openings for single parents, needed for special placement situations.

The foster family receives a check each month for each child to help pay living expenses. An HRS supervisor visits once a month.

Foster parents come from all backgrounds and lifestyles, all ages, income levels and educational backgrounds. They all share a love of children, and a desire to help others.

HRS employees and foster parents are now making "Life Books" for the foster children. The books, telling about their life, the homes they've been in, and why they are foster children, are kept with them wherever they go to live.

Foster parents are needed in Collier County. Call Karen Morgan at 262-6584.



## Beach Bites

by Jenny Prue

Did you go to the beach lately and find sort of mosquito bites on your body and thought they were chicken pox or German measles?

Don't be alarmed because science thinks they are sea lice or tiny jellyfish. They make you itch by biting you. They hurt super bad because my friend Carrie and I have them.

We are using Dermolate and Calamine lotion. It stops the itch. So beware!

## 'Annie' Play Cast

The play "Annie" has been cast by the Naples Dinner Theater. More than 30 actors were chosen for a double cast. The top 4 roles are: Annie, played by Christy Graves, an 11 year old from Sarasota. Understanding her and acting as alternates are Jill Stephen and Christen Cassanita. (Jill and Christen also play the part of Pepper.)

The role of Molly will be played by Randi Sherman and Kia Graves; Tessie by Tiffany Willis and Jessica Long; Duffy by Joyce Poole and Kimberly Schuman.

The play opens October 11.

## Little Miss Firecracker Results

Consuela Lester was crowned Little Miss Firecracker July 1. She received a \$50 savings bond, \$20 clothing certificate, \$10 shoe store certificate, a toy pony, roses, a trophy and crown. Jayma Morgan, as the Statue of Liberty won Best Costume. First runner up was Candice Jolly, 2nd was Talilah Treadwell, and 3rd Jennifer Pelletier. All nine participants receive trophies and a ride in the July 4th parade.



Two hundred students participated. The photos here are a mixture of backstage and on-stage.



Students of The Dance Center presented an unforgettable "Fantasia" in June. All 8 scenes from the Walt Disney movie were recreated in dance, song, drama, baton twirling and acrobatics, and included the Nutcracker Suite, the Sorcerer's Apprentice, and Dance of the Hours.

## Dance Center

## K-N Birthday Party

Saturday, June 16, the staff of Kids News celebrated 2 years of fun and monthly deadlines. For one day we didn't hear "What do you mean, the cat ate your article?" or "All done pasting up? Where did you plan to put these 4 ads?" or "We don't have enough articles to fill 4 pages! Keep writing!" or even "Too many articles this time - take out the interview with Indiana Jones..."

One day a year we pat ourselves on the back, eat, drink, and pass out goodies. This year the staff thanks the following businesses for contributing presents: **The Magic Lantern** (BIG stuffed animals), **Eagle's Nest** (bells), **Alstons** (stationery), **Cozzolis** (pizza certificate), **Camelot Music** (album), **McDonalds** (food certificates), **Treasure Ceramics** (ceramics), **G&G Generator** (T-shirts & pens), **Naples Auto Electric** (T-shirts). Thank you, Ginny Schoolcraft, for rounding up the goodies!

We looked at all the past issues of Kids News and marveled at how far we have come, how much we've learned — and laughed at how young we all looked 3 years ago...

We had rented Dolly the Trolley to ride around town in for 2 hours, but unfortunately, Dolly trolleys out of Naples for the summer, so we'll do it in December (3½ year birthday!) We enjoyed the last 3 years and look forward to the next 30 — when your kids and grand kids might be writing for Kids News!

A baby sitting seminar, held at Naples Community Hospital in June, taught valuable information, including safety pointers.



## Make Your Mark Now!

by Laura Walker

Kids don't have to be kiddies. They can survive in an adult world without being adults. They can shape and influence our culture by showing their maturity and talent.

One of the first fields where children showed their talent was music. Mozart played piano for the Empress Maria Theresa of Austria at age six. Recently, children's musical groups such as the Osmonds and Musical Youth have recorded songs and had great success. One of today's leading vocalists, Michael Jackson, started out with his brothers in the Jackson Five around the age of eight.

Probably the area where children can excel alongside adults the most is acting. One child actor brought about laws prohibiting parents from taking their child's salary. Jackie Coogan was that actor. The laws were called Coogan laws after him. Some of today's stars are children. Kim Fields and Gary Coleman are two of the most famous.

Sports has its share of young stars. Nadia Comaneci first competed in the Olympics at age 14. Olga Korbett paved the way for young gymnasts and other young athletes all over the world.

Kids don't have to be kiddies. You don't have to settle for not being able to do something because you are too young. If you have determination, drive and talent, you can be anything you want to at any age.

## Student Union Open

by Missy Cheaney

A great idea has finally come to town. For years there have been only a few locations to meet friends, none of them specifically for teens. Now there is.

It's called the Student Union, "a teen nite spot," said Peaches (Connie) Sturgeon, one of the owners, said, "I would see the kids in my neighborhood walking the streets at night because they had nothing else to do." She felt they needed a place to go. The other 2 investors are Skip Riffle and Bill Beurman.

They are starting out small at first to see how the teens take to the new place. Centrally located, not too far from any of the high schools, the Student Union is on Enterprise Ave., in an industrial park. "That way we can make as much noise as we want, and we have no neighbors to complain," said Peaches.

The non-alcoholic lounge is dimly lit. A snack bar sells sodas, pita bread pizzas, chips, etc. The dance floor sees a lot of break dancing. There are leather covered tables, chairs, rock posters, a DJ stand and posters of all the local high schools. School information, concerts, etc hangs on one wall.

A disc jockey has replaced a live band so teens can hear top 40 and break dance music. A suggestion box is available.

There is no drinking, no smoking inside the building. Dress as wild as you like — no dress code. Shoes and shirts are preferred but not necessary — the building is not air conditioned. A wide screen TV is planned for the future.

The Student Union is open 7 p.m. to midnight Monday - Saturday with a \$3 cover charge. The address is 4284 Enterprise Ave.

Parents are welcome to visit if they like. The telephone number is 774-9882.

## Birthdays of Stars

by Monica Masterson

These are some of your favorite stars' birthdays you don't want to miss this month.

Jimmy Nichol — July 2  
Tom Cruise — July 3  
Glenn Scarpelli — July 6  
Sylvester Stallone — July 6  
Ringo Starr — July 7  
Eric Carr (Kiss) — July 12

Cheryl Ladd — July 10  
Linda Ronstadt — July 15  
Stewart Copeland — July 16  
David Hasselhoff (Knight Rider) — July 17  
Peter Barton — July 19  
Brian May (Queen) — July 19  
Roger Taylor (Queen) — July 26  
Mick Jagger (Rolling Stones) — July 26



# Dance Arts



Dance Arts held a student recital to benefit the Naples Fine Arts Society Scholarship Fund on Saturday, June 9 at Lely High School. Selections of ballet, toe, jazz, and ethnic dancing delighted the audience, along with a performance of "Peter and the Wolf."

Shown here are just a few of the many dancers involved in the recital.



## Letter to Parents about Drinking

by Tammy Luke

(After losing 2 close friends due to a drunk driver, Tammy Luke wrote a long letter about her feelings on drinking. The following is County, but the letter could have been written by any one of thousands of kids around the country.)

For the most part we all grow up with alcohol around, the drink before dinner because Dad has a rough day soon becomes ritual as every day becomes rough. The fully stocked liquor cabinet is a permanent fixture in most American households; and what social gathering is complete without beer, wine or mixed drinks.

What college campus would be complete without its pub with its chug-a-lug night or its two-for-one night? But high school hang-outs and parties — of course they don't have beer or soda, do they? Surprise, someone has an older sister or brother who'll buy, or parents who'll allow a party and spring for the beer.

Then of course, there's always the fake I.D. Oh yes, they exist and are available — readily available.

But the bottom line is — our parents do it, so why can't we. We are told: "You're old enough to drink now, and we can't stop you from doing it, but if you're ever caught drinking and driving my car, I'll have your license." Wondering, that really scares me until I see you stumbling in from parties and dinners after driving yourself home. Hey, if you can do it, so can I as long as I keep breath mints in the car.

Alcohol is a crutch, a way of dealing with problems or stress or self. It took two very precious things from me — my friends. Alcohol killed them and the sad part is they died alone. There were no last "I love you's", or "Thank you's", or "Hey, I really appreciate all you do." There were no soft smiles, no caring words. Only screams. Screams that echo through the empty chambers of my mind, where laughter once resided.

And all because a lone soul tried to make it home during the early morning hours of July 1, 1981 after having had one too many.

## Rock Review: "Menudo"

by Monica Masterson

Menudo started out in 1977 when the group's creator, Edgardo Diaz, got the idea for forming the group. He gathered his cousins Oscar, Ricky, and Carlos, and some of the sons of a neighboring family — Nefty and Fernando. Today Menudo includes: Robby Rosa (14), Ray Reyes (14), Charlie Masso (15), Roy Rosello (14), Ricky Meliendes (17) who is leaving at the end of this month.

Menudo is hot! They're the tops of international rock! They sing in both Spanish and English.

The reason why so many magazines call Menudo a phenomenon is because when they were in New York, they sold out four days at Madison Square Garden in 1983.

The album they have out now is "Reaching Out," which really opened the doors for them. Recently Menudo filmed Spanish and English versions of TV commercials for McDonald's, Scope, and Crest, and they're due to make their first English language movie this summer to be released later this year.

If you are a fan of Menudo and you want to write to them, write to: Menudo, c/o Padosa, Ave. Ponce de Leon 157, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00917.

## Recipe: Frothy Orange Drink

by Jenny Prue

If you are hot and thirsty this summer, and I know you will be, make a Frothy Orange Drink. Here is how:

- 1 cup orange
- ¼ to ½ cup instant nonfat dry milk
- 1½ tablespoons sugar
- 2 to 3 drops vanilla extract
- ½ cup crushed ice

Combine ingredients in container of electric blender; blend until frothy. Serve immediately. Makes about 2 cups.

## Puzzle

by Sheri Hoy

Find the words listed here in the letter jumble.

JULY	D I V E V S J M E K R
SUMMER	N F X K B W U A L O E
FUN	A U Q W U I L M T O M
SWIM	S M O L S M Y I S F M
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Thumper is a dwarf rabbit. He likes to have his head scratched and enjoys chewing on electric cords — a definite no-no.



Photo by Mike Masterson

## Hare Raising

by Melissa Masterson

To take care of rabbits give them paper in their litter box, or cedar shaving. And give them lots of water. Rabbits like rabbit pellets, carrots, apples, alfalfa, and marshmallows. Rabbits come in different sizes and colors, like white, black and brown. They can be full size or dwarf which is under 3 pounds.

Rabbits need to chew because they have 4 front teeth which grow all through their life. A rabbit will not use his teeth to bite in defense, but uses them just to chew. Rabbits can be trained to retrieve or come when you call them. If they are scared, they make a shriek, but otherwise they have no voice.

Rabbits are cute, cuddly, soft and lovable.

## Book Review

by Laura Walker

"JHEREG"

Rating: ★★★★★ Type: Science Fiction  
Level: High School

*Jhereg* is a fascinating story. It is about an assassin named Vlad Taltos. He is hired by Demon, a member of the council of the House of Jhereg, to which Vlad belongs, to find and kill a council member who has stolen 9 million gold Imperials. That is quite a hefty sum when you consider that one gold Imperial pays for half a week's rent.

Vlad assembles a team to find and kill the man. The team consists of Lioish, his psonic Jhereg; Kragoar, his partner; Kiera, a thief; Cawti, a sorcerer; and Alieria, who has a personal score to settle with the man they are looking for.

This story has a lot of plot twists. It is captivating until the end.

## Volunteers Needed

Looking for something fulfilling to do this summer? Since the snowbirds migrated back North, the Greater Naples Care Center needs volunteers during the day for helping in such activities as bingo, bowling, exercises, nerf basketball, visiting, taking residents outside, assisting with hair care, make-up, etc.

If you are interested in donating your time and smile, call Meryletta Herman at 261-2554.

Craft classes at Creative Touch taught these girls how to make their own Cabbage Patch Kids.



This Cabbage Patch Kid is a punk rocker - it's hair is a shocking color!

## July 4TH

by Charles Tripp

*JULY 4TH* — a time to be glad that we live in the U.S. with a government based on freedom.

*That our government can change to meet the needs of each age.*

*That we have the right to do as we please as long as we don't interfere with the rights of others.*

*JULY 4TH* — a time to be grateful:

*For the wisdom of the founders of our country, For the workmen who planned and built our nation,*

*For the educators who kept freedom ideals alive.*

*JULY 4TH* — a time to be involved:

*In issues that could affect equal opportunities for all,*

*In political campaigns so the best men rule, In making our community a nicer place for everyone.*

*JULY 4TH* — a time to celebrate:

*With other people in our community who share our pride.*

*With those whose sufferings make them unable to appreciate freedom.*

*With the elderly whose help yesterday made our nation today.*

*JULY 4TH* — have a happy one

*While you remember that America's future freedom DEPENDS ON YOU!*

*While you learn the responsibilities that go along with your rights.*

*While you enjoy the good life freedom provides.*

## Michael Jackson

by Sheri Hoy

All over the world people are dressing, dancing, walking and talking like Michael Jackson.

Michael Jackson started singing when he was a little boy. At the age of 11 he had his first #1 song. Now at the age of 25, he is a successful singer.

Michael has sold 150 million records worldwide with his brothers. Michael's first solo LP, "Off the Wall," sold 7½ million worldwide. "Thriller" sold 27 million. That was the most albums ever sold by a solo performer!

Michael enjoys going to Walt Disney World here in Florida. He goes about 4 times a year. He has Peter Pan all over his walls and even wears a Mickey Mouse jacket!

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**DONNA** — Love & miss you lots. Just wanted to say "Hi", so...Hi! Write me, Kim

**HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY CHARLES TRIPP** — August 1st — from His Script Writer.

**HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY CHARLES TRIPP** — August 1st — from Kids News

**MOM** — THANK YOU for all your work with Kids News! Love, Missy

**LORNA** — Have fun at camp, but don't get caught.

**CHRIS** — don't worry, you'll be active some day.

**MARK** — you know I'm cute!

**TO YOU-KNOW-WHO-YOU-ARE** — you took my toys and went home. I'm bored! LMSDDD.

**J.C. MCKAY** — HAPPY BIRTHDAY — July 13, 10 years old Love, Mom & Dad

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