

YOU & THE NEWS

You made the news in '86



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In the eeriest story of the year, 15-year-old **Donna Ashlock**, left, from Patterson, California, received a heart transplant. Her friend **Felipe Garza** "willed" his heart to her when he foresaw his own death several weeks before he died of a brain hemorrhage.

Russian schoolgirl **Katerina Lycheva**, 11, toured five U.S. cities with her American companion **Star Rowe**, 10. The two represent the Children as the Peacemaker's organization.



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Ryan White, 14, of Kokomo, Indiana, finally won his battle to return to public school. Ryan suffers from AIDS, which he got from blood transfusions, and has not been allowed to attend school because of the disease.

Secretary of Education **William Bennet** released "First Lessons," a report on the nation's 80,000 elementary schools. It recommended schools: spend more time on reading and problem solving; consider lengthening school year; allow grade promotions based on ability; and pay teachers based on performance.



Oregon's gubernatorial candidates **Neil Goldschmidt** and **Norma Paulus** faced ten students from around the state at the first "At Issue" forum. The winners of a state-wide essay contest asked the candidates questions important to them and their communities. Sponsored by *Young American*, America's Newsmagazine for Kids, and Portland General Electric, the students showed their interest in politics and their desire to be involved in the election process.

Fashion news was big and baggy on top and snugly fit on the bottom in '86. Pastels dominated the girls' scene while the old standby 501s monopolized the boys'.

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Answered by **Vickie Leaird**, Retirements Specialist Central Operations Dept.

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Nathan Bitner, 12, of Naperville, Illinois, won a \$100,000 scholarship in Mattel Toys' "Create-a-Character" contest. His character, "Fearless Photog," is a heroic camera-man who focuses on evil warriors and drains their power.



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Cecily Schoen, 15, of Chicago, Illinois, was one of 11 winning writers to have their radio plays broadcast live, nationwide. In her play *Syntax Error*, a computer glitch matches two girls with the wrong dates for a dance.

Taiwan's Little Leaguers left Williamsport, Pennsylvania, with their 11th Little League World Series Championship in 18 years. They defeated the team from Tucson, Arizona, 12-0.

Breaking Age Barriers



Greg Colwell, 12, from Long Island, New York — youngest tattoo artist.



Tricia Porter, 10, from Mesa, Arizona — youngest DJ.



Stephen Baccus, 17, from Miami, Florida — the nation's youngest lawyer in history.



Brent Meldrum (left), 5, from Lynn, Massachusetts — youngest lifesaver who used Heimlich maneuver to stop choking of Tanya Brandon, 6.

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