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Dressed as a patriot, David Harris explains his Constitutional program.

Byting into computer clubs

CUPERTINO, CA — There's a club for almost everything these days. You can join the River Phoenix fan club, the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, or even a computer club.

Every year Apple Computer sponsors a nationwide contest for the Apple Computer Clubs. The clubs create some unique programs and enter them in the contest.

This year's student grand prize winners were Susanna Gonzalez, 10, and Maria Hernandez, 9, from Tijerina Elementary School in Houston, Texas. They wrote a software program that teaches English to their Spanish-speaking friends.

The Panther Komputer Klub at South Whittier Intermediate School in Whittier, California, dedicated their year to classmate Joe Gonzalez, who was in the hospital with leukemia. They designed cards and wrote letters for him on their computers. Eventually, Joe received a computer of his own and was able to write letters back to his classmates.

David Harris, 14, wrote a program called "The Declaration of Independence." David, from Ridgecrest, California, wrote the program using the format of the television game show "Jeopardy" to test knowledge of the nation's Constitution.

Jason Anthony, 15, from Schenectady, New York, built a speech synthesizer and graphics board for his Apple computer during a four month stay in the hospital. He won the Judges' Choice award.

If you like playing with computers and have some good ideas, join a computer club and byte into fun.



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Big bug brings big bucks

HOLLYWOOD, FL — "Mom, look what I found on the beach. It's a cockroach, and it's longer than two inches."

Laine Snyder didn't know it when he brought home the dead roach, but the bug was a big winner. Laine, 12, entered it in the Great American Roach-off, a national contest to find out which state has the biggest bugs. There were 2,000 bugs entered in the contest from 40 different states.

Laine won \$1,000 for his big critter, and now his state can claim to have the biggest bugs in America.

Scout soars on Eagle Award

BRADENTON, FL — Howard A. Hughes Jr., 13, has earned one of Boy Scouts' highest awards, the Eagle Award, after only two years in the group.

To earn the award Howard redesigned sidewalks at the Girl Scout camp in East Bradenton so handicapped kids could go to the camp. After he drew the plans, Howard asked people to donate wood and concrete for the project. With the help of some scouts from his troop, he built ramps and sidewalks. The project was done in one month.

The Pledge of Allegiance first appeared in 1892 in the weekly Boston magazine The Youth's Companion.

Skateboarding soloist



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At age 10, Stefan Milenkovic of Yugoslavia has become the youngest violin soloist ever to perform at New York's Lincoln Center. When Stefan is not playing the violin, he cruises through Lincoln Center Plaza on his skateboard. He carries his rare violin in a case under his arm while he skates.