

# What's New with Kids– September 2004

## NEVADA KIDS COUNT NEWSLETTER

### Site of the Month

This month we feature a web site which rates media for children. The service is provided by Common Sense Media, an organization of concerned parents who believe that by sharing good common sense ideas they can create a healthy media world for their children. Common Sense, available at: <http://www.commonsensemedia.org/>, offers parents' reviews of movies, television shows, games, music web sites, and books and assigns age appropriateness for each form of media.

As of 9/8/04, the site features recommended Olympic movies for children seven years of age and older. *Cool Runnings*, *Chariots of Fire*, and *Miracle* made the list. Some other categories of movies include:

- ★ all-American movies for families
- ★ best movies for families to watch together
- ★ classic comedy
- ★ five-star holiday movies for families (for ages 4 and older)
- ★ Halloween horrors (for ages 4-6)
- ★ movies with memorable Dads (for ages 6 and older)
- ★ stories of real people (for mature children 13 and older)

Since I enjoy old movies, I checked out the classic comedies and was pleased to see that *Some Like It Hot*, *A Night at the Opera*, and *Bringing Up Baby* were on the list.

Also of interest, are reviews of research on how different forms of media affect children. Consider reading the review on "Watching Sex on Television Predicts Adolescents Initiation of Sexual Behavior," *Pediatrics*, September 2004, Vol. 114, No. 3, pp. 280-289.

Membership in Common Sense Media is free. With the membership comes:

- ★ weekly newsletter
- ★ recommended media for every age and stage
- ★ parent-tested to your media dilemmas
- ★ the ability to communicate reviews
- ★ action buttons for contacting media producers and politicians