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## Magician makes the rain disappear



Merman floats Little Miss Cal City 1999 Chelsea Henry.

photo by Michelle Schafer

CALIFORNIA CITY — Merman the Magician arrived in Cal City on April 12 and the rain stopped. Since then he has performed magic in the desert in front of the Joshua Trees, at Cal City Middle School for the Community Club and friends, and at Mojave Elementary.

A good time was had by all as he floated audience members (including Little Miss Cal City 1999, Chelsea Henry), introduced Maliki the magic Tarantula, and escaped from a locked box in a tribute to "Houdini the Great."

He also had a great program for the kids emphasizing doing homework, cleaning your room and saying "NO" to drugs.

Many attended the shows and appreciated his talent - "Great performer," "wonderful with the kids," "Super Show," were just some of the things said by those who witnessed this first annual show.

For those of you who missed the shows this year, do not despair, you will have a chance to attend next year. Merman has already scheduled to visit with the Community Club and Mojave Elementary in March of 2000. If you wish to have him visit your school or activity while he is here, please call 1-888-MERMAN or you can call Michelle Schafer locally at (760) 373-8602.