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New Eagle Scout

Eagle Scouts are almost as rare as our American symbol — the bald eagle. But Daniel Sullivan has joined the ranks of this elite group by earning 21 merit badges, holding six positions in the Boy Scouts, showing skill in numerous achievements, and devoting 112 hours to a community project.

Daniel is a member of Boy Scout Troop 2. Less than 2% of all Boy Scouts nationwide earn the Eagle Scout designation. Congratulations, Daniel Sullivan!

Creative Writing Workshop

Week-long creative writing workshops for elementary-age kids are scheduled for August 6-10 and August 20-24 at the East Naples United Methodist Church (on Airport Road next to the Courthouse); 10:00 - 12:00, \$25.

The course will focus on: Fantasyland, how to start a journal, creative brainstorming, word whackies, writing and word games, building vocabulary, becoming descriptive in thought, playing with dialogue, using drama to create, discovering our senses in writing, writing make-believe, letter writing and poetry, the finished product.

The goal of the course is to encourage kids to risk being creative — letting his/her ideas, thoughts, dreams, and fantasies pour onto the empty page creating a work of art.

Mrs. Bruce has a BA in Journalism and is a full-time writer. She has had over 450 articles published in the past 5 years in national magazines, and has co-authored two books.

There is a limited enrollment, so call 775-8447 as soon as possible. A class for middle and high school kids may also be scheduled.



Photo by Missy Cheaney

Hard Working Future Chef

by Missy Cheaney

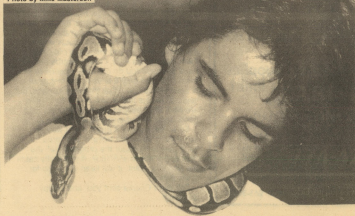
Rob Higgins, a junior at Barron Collier, is working three jobs during the summer to further his knowledge in his chosen field — cooking. He works at Plum's Cafe as a prep cook, the Community Hospital's dietary department, and as food-server at Poinciana Elementary's summer school.

Rob's ambition is to be a chef. He plans to attend the "Culinary Institute of America" in Hyde Park, New York. After graduation, he will work in a restaurant until he saves enough money to open his own place.

Rob especially likes making cakes and pastries, and says he enjoys cooking because "you can be creative, and because I like experimenting with different foods."

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, he has lived in Naples for 14 years. He has been involved with the Drama Dept. at Barron Collier for the last two years, and is in the French Club.

Photo by Mike Masterson



A Boy and His Snake

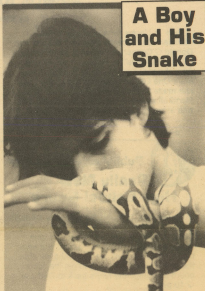


Photo by Mike Masterson

Robert Berrios, a Barron Collier sophomore, really watches out for snakes — so he can catch them... At the moment he has a 3½ foot African ball python. The reptile resides in Robert's room.

Snakes are cold-blooded and absorb heat from warm sand, or the sun, etc. Since Robert's snake was in a cool room, it was cool to the touch, and very soft. It eats mice, usually one a week. This one isn't eating well, so Robert may have to force feed it a special concoction.

Robert has a license from the State of Florida to possess poisonous snakes, but he doesn't have one of the little rascals at the moment. It's against the law to sell poisonous snakes, so he must catch them himself.

Robert puts on snake shows for groups like the Boy Scouts. After graduation he plans to make wildlife studies a career.

An impressive artist, Robert has won awards for wildlife drawings. (And his drawings of Michael Jackson are incredible!)

WARNING: Do not try this! Some snakes are deadly!

Wrapped up in his work, Robert shows off his non-poisonous friend. Boas do not bite — they suffocate their meal by "constricting" around the chest until dinner stops trying to crawl away from the table...

Kim backstage with the star of "Damn Yankees" Donald O'Connor



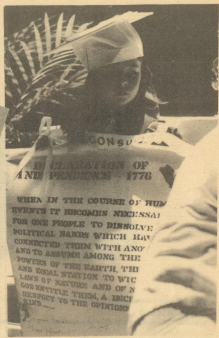
Kim and The Cumberland Boys in Nashville, Tennessee

Update: Kim Minahan

by Missy Cheney

Back in Naples for a brief visit is Kim Minahan. She recently sang and danced with Donald O'Connor in a 10 week run of the play "Damn Yankees" in Pinellas Park, Florida. After the play closed, she auditioned at the Mark One Dinner Theater in Lakeland. Then she made a demo singing tape at the Barbara Mandrell recording studio in Tennessee. She was asked to sing at the Nashville Palace, but

because she had never practiced with the band before, she had to take a raincheck. Kim will return to the Showboat Dinner Theater in Pinellas Park to audition for their next play. It means more traveling and moving. Kim said "It's tough, because you don't know if you are what they're looking for, but sometimes you feel really positive." You cross your fingers and hope it turns out for the best.



Consuela Lester became Little Miss Firecracker on July 1st.



Jayma Morgan won best costume as the Statue of Liberty in the Little Miss Firecracker contest



Publisher's Comments Really New High School Hours

Naples High, Lely and Barron Collier students — you can sleep in this year — maybe... The Collier County School Board set new high school hours for 8:50 a.m. - 4 p.m., but some parents and students are very unhappy about the change, and are trying to get the school board to change the hours back to 7:40 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

- Kids News would like to see the hours changed also — to noon - 7:00 p.m. This change has many advantages:
- No more falling asleep in class, because students can sleep until 11 a.m.
- You can stay up until 3 a.m. (doing homework, of course) and still get 8 hours sleep.
- Getting out at 7 p.m. still leaves time to get to the movie theater, or have dinner before prime time TV starts.
- Parents will have had an hour or 2 to calm down from a day at work and are less apt to be cranky.
- After school activities will be before-school-activities. After school jobs will be before-school-jobs.
- No more soggy corn flakes for breakfast — no more breakfast! Just lunch and dinner.
- Most important of all — this publisher would not have to get up at 6:00 a.m. when she doesn't have to be at work until 3 hours later!



Boy Scouts

by Charles Tripp

Looking for something different, something interesting, something worthwhile? Have you considered scouting? This is a good time to join and discover the requirements and benefits before school classes begin and your time is more limited.

There are Brownies, Girl Scouts, Explorers, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, but I only qualify for Boy Scouts, so I will only discuss them. Boy Scouts is open to all boys who have either completed 5th grade or are 11 years old, but not yet 18.

Choosing a troop is an important decision. Collier County has 10 troops. This includes 2 in Immokalee, one in Bonita Springs, 1 in Golden Gate, 1 in East Naples, 1 on Marco Island and 4 in the City of Naples. You will want to consider the location of the meeting place and the day and time it is held. You also want to meet the Scoutmaster and attend a troop meeting to see if you like it because each troop runs their program in a little different way and you may like one program better than another.

Once you have decided which troop is best or you, it is time to get to work. Boy Scouts has 7 ranks. The highest is Eagle. You could earn the Eagle rank in a little over 2 years, but usually it takes longer because you are so busy with weekly meetings, monthly campouts and community service projects that it is hard to find time to meet the rank advancement requirements. Only 2% of all scouts ever earn the Eagle rank, so you know it is not easy. Also, Scouts can earn 11 skill awards and 120 merit badges. You do not have to earn all of them — in fact only 6 boys in the history of scouting have earned all the merit badges, but you can always find a new one to try. There are also winter badges you can work on, so a good Scout can always find something to do.

So — think about it guys! If you want to know more about the troop in your area, or have questions about the program, call the Scouting office at 455-1807. If you really catch the Scouting spirit, it will keep you busy for several years.

Tell them Charlie sent you, and Happy Scouting!

Wilderness Experience

by Lora Tripp

Have you ever eaten armadillo you caught or made and drank pine needle tea? Well, I have and I survived! My experiences were part of a 2 week camping program offered at the Withlacoochee State Forest Training Center near Brooksville.

This camping program is open to students who have completed the 6th grade, but not yet entered the 12 grade. Each session has 80 campers. The schedule for the first week is made up of three 2 1/2 hour classes a day about water, air, soil, first aid, wilderness survival, orienteering or land use except for an entire day spent on a canoe trip. Before and after classes you can swim, fish, play games, etc. Three delicious meals are served and you sleep in bunk beds in air conditioned rooms. It costs \$75 a session.

Most campers leave after the first week but 12 campers from each session are invited to a free advanced week. During this week you live in tents on Hog Island and you have to practice many of the things you learned the first week in order to survive. You also go on many field trips to learn more about the things you studied in the first week.

If you are interested in trying this kind of camping next summer, you need to get an application from the Division of Forestry in early spring. Spaces fill up so quickly that they only allow you to attend their camps twice in your lifetime. This allows more students to have this wonderful opportunity. You will enjoy it and you will learn a lot!

4 H Winners at Stato

Local 4-H Clubs brought home 1st and 2nd place trophies from the State Congress in Gainesville in June. Stephanie Matlack won a 1st place trophy in Industrial Arts for her woodworking. She will also be invited to attend the National Congress in Chicago. Lavonda Cotton won 2nd place for Chinese food. Also attending were: Angela Fischer, Janice Leon, Kirsten Madison and Sherry Poncier.



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Rock Review: Cyndi Lauper

by Monica Masterson

If you have MTV you know they just showed a live wrestling match between Cyndi Lauper and her ex-manager Captain Lu Albano, who plays her father in the "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" video. Both Cyndi and Lu had somebody represent them and it ended up that Cyndi Lauper won! The reason that they had the fight was because Captain Lu said that if it wasn't for him, Cyndi wouldn't be where she is today and Cyndi disagreed.

Fight after the fight MTV world premiered her new video "She Bop." It is her third video from the "She's So Unusual" album. The videos include "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" and "Time After Time." Both these songs hit number one — maybe "She Bop" will get there, too!

Cyndi Lauper was born in Brooklyn, New York, June 20, 1953. Her parents were divorced when she was five years old. Cyndi has a brother Butch and a sister Ellen.

She said when she just started out people used to laugh and throw rocks at her because of her clothes but now people ask her where she gets them. (She makes them herself.)

It took Cyndi nine years to professionally crack into the top 10. Cyndi used to play with a band called Blue Angel from 1979-82.

If you want to write Cyndi the address is: Cyndi Lauper, c/o Epic Records, 51 W. 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019



Photo by Mike Masterson

Talented Biker

His car was parked next to a 2-3 foot high mound of earth in an empty field. We could see him a block away on his bike, and coming up fast. His bike climbed the mound, and he soared 15 feet over the car, a blur of bike and boy.

Erik Hester gets high on bike racing — high in terms of thrills, and high in terms of HIGH over the car. Erik races in BMX (bicycle moto cross) races, mostly in Cape Coral, but also at the State level at Lake Alfred.

The Cape Coral track is a 1/8 mile obstacle course. The starting gate is 2 stories high, almost straight down, and the course consists of jumps, whoop-di-dooos (ramps), hair-pins, puddles, speed bumps, small table tops, etc. at speeds up to 45 mph.

Erik rides a "P.K. Ripper" bike made especially for BMX racing, and has placed first in many races. He warns other kids not to try his kind of bike riding and jumping — it is dangerous!

His friends rushed over to him, making sure he was not hurt. Erik jumped up, ready to repeat the heart-stopping feat. And he did. Is this how Evel Knievel got his start?

Poem:

A Most Tearful Clown



DONNA BOSLEY

When you see a clown at a circus or fair, you see a man in baggy clothes with rainbow colored hair.

His make-up makes a bright red smile, a cherry laugh you'll hear, but when the make-up's off his face, you can usually see a tear.

Moving around from place to place never a stable home to go. Just another happy face, just another 3-ring show.

He's always lonely, but never alone, always a smile, but never a cheer. All he needs is a push along through the day and through the year.

There's games and rides and food to please. Most especially, don't miss the show. Happy clowns are everywhere, but "happy" clowns are few to know.

Help Wanted

by Charles Tripp

Looking for a worthwhile community service project to do this summer? How about helping the Gateway to Naples Beautification Committee plant trees at the I-75 Pine Ridge Intersection? This intersection will be the main entrance to our area and many community groups are working together to make it look as nice as the rest of our area. Call 597-2881.

I am planning to direct a group planting about 400 wax myrtle trees on four weekday mornings from 8:00-12:00 sometime in August, whenever the trees arrive. If you are interested in helping on one or more mornings, call 774-3001 and leave your name and phone number so I can call you when they come in.

Just think, for 80 years or so you will be able to look at those trees and know that you helped plant them! This is a good example of how a few hours of hard work can make a real difference in our community!

Movie Reviews

by Missy Cheaney

THE KARATE KID, rated PG, ★ ★ ★ ★ This is an excellent movie. It shows the growing relationship of a teenage boy, played by Ralph Macchio, to a father-figure, Pat Morita. After Macchio gets sand kicked in his face by a Karate bully, Morita teaches Ralph the spiritual, not just physical ways of Karate. He gets his revenge and also learns not to underestimate himself at a Karate competition. The ending to this movie is great and you will find yourself cheering along with the rest of the audience.

GHOST BUSTERS, rated PG, ★ ★ ★ ★ One of the best comedies of the summer. Some refer to this movie as a horror comedy, but it's not. It has action and wonderful choreography. It is very convincing. The movie is about a business that catches ghosts. The movie stars two "Saturday Night Live" veterans, Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd.

REVENGE OF THE NERDS, rated R, ★ ★ ★ This movie is better than the usual high school/college teeny-bopper movie. It has a story. It shows a different side of growing up. It's still pretty shallow, but it is funny. This movie isn't for everyone.

Lazy Days

by Jenny Prue

If your summer days are lazy days you don't know what you're missing. Here are two fun things you could have been doing. You could have been in computer class and take Introduction, Key Boarding, Word Processing and Programming at either Barron Collier High, Golden Gate Middle, Gullview Middle and Naples High schools.

But your days were lazy days. You still can be a volunteer in nursing homes. You can call Moorings Park, Gulf Drive and Lely Palms if you would like to be a volunteer.

So call now, they need you. Make those lazy days fun days!

Happy Birthday!

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McDonald's held a Grand Opening for their Golden Gate Playground on July 28. Ronald McDonald was there for the carnival. The day featured a break dance contest, free balloons, face painting, and of course, rides and slides on the colorful McDonaldland playground.



The cockatiel is a member of the parrot family of birds and has a crest of feathers on top of its head.

Pet of the Month

by Melissa Masterson

The cockatiels were named after the cockatoos because of their similarity. Cockatiels are popular as pets because they are easy to take care of, are friendly, and beautiful. They come from Australia.

With a little patience a cockatiel can be finger tamed and taught to speak, whistle, and do tricks. They live 20-25 years when fed a balanced diet. They eat seeds and millet spray and they need gravel to help digest their food. The cockatiels don't need to stay in their cage. They can be trained to stay on a perch.

You can get more information from Petland in the Towne Center.

Baby Sitter Guidelines

If you've been baby sitting, then you're in business for yourself, and educating yourself in your business makes good sense. The Naples Community Hospital Auxiliary held a "super sitter" seminar in June. Kids News reproduces some of the information here. You might want to cut it out and ask the parents to fill it out the next time you are baby sitting.

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Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

BEDTIME HOUR: _____



"Annie" rehearsals at the Naples Dinner Theater are underway for an October opening.

Birthdays of the Stars

by Monica Masterson

Is your birthday in August? Maybe you share it with one of these stars:

Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) August 1
 Carlo Imperato (Fame) August 3
 Larry Wilcox (Ex-CHIPS) August 8
 Dan Fogelberg (solo singer) August 13
 Timothy Hutton August 16
 Belinda Carlisle (Go-Go's) August 17
 Patrick Swayze (former Outsider) August 18

John Stamos August 19
 Kenny Rogers August 21
 Steve Smith (Journey) August 21
 Rick Springfield August 23
 Gene Simmons August 25
 Michael Jackson August 29
 Gina Shock (Go-Go's) August 29

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Personals

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BRADFORD — HAPPY BIRTHDAY "TEENAGER" — August 15. Love EDJGPWB

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HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY LORNA TARR — Love, Missy

KIM — Can I have a dollar? I want to do it again!

MOM — You're all talk and no action

ROB — Happy Early Birthday! Make Magnum happy! Love, Missy

JUDY — "They" were asking about you, so I gave them your phone number!

MISSY — It was your best effort. See what you can do when your heart is in your work?

T.L. — Welcome home. I love you.

Animal Crossword Puzzle

by Sheri Hoy

ACROSS

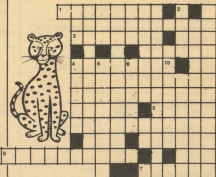
- 1) Australian, hops & has a pouch.
- 3) A very fast cat.
- 5) Small, black and white and smells
- 7) Moves very slow and has a shell
- 9) Large, white and lives in Alaska (2 words)

DOWN

- 2) A wild dog
- 4) A horse with black and white stripes
- 6) An animal that eats acorns and nuts
- 8) The biggest of all animals living in the water
- 10) He loves bananas and swings in trees

LIST OF WORDS

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