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## Kristy Graves

by Missy Cheaney

It started with an open call, with 149 hopefuls. 52 were called back. Then, a lucky seven were chosen. All extraordinarily talented. But only one would be the little orphan turned rich kid — "Annie," the musical opening this month at the Naples Dinner Theater.

Kristy Graves, a multi talented 12 year old received the part. Two understudies, Christian Cassinili and Jill Stephens play "Pepper" on alternate nights.

Chris Parsons, director and casting director for "Annie" at the Naples Dinner Theater said, "It was a difficult choice. Kristy is smaller, and she has had more training."

Kristy's mother and two sisters, Kia, 7, and Karron, 9, are also in the play. They moved from Sarasota for the show, leaving her father and brother Kevin, 17, behind. They will return home when the play ends.

The four siblings have all modeled in New York City, and all received awards. Kristy placed 2nd in a TV commercial competition. But acting isn't her only gift. She is an exceptional singer. She comes by it naturally, her mother was a choral director, and also sang for the nationally known "St. Olaf Choir."

Kristy plays the flute and piano. She enjoys dancing, tennis and swimming, and is involved in a Sarasota talent group called the "Hollywood Hopefuls." It consists of 9-10 children who perform for the public.

Annie is not new for Kristy. She played the title role at a Sarasota school. She also played Princess Ying Yowalach in their production of "The King and I." She has appeared in three national magazines: McCall's, Red Book, and Working Women; models Cabbage Patch clothes, and has modeled for Burdines.

Kristy would like to pursue an acting career. After graduation, she plans to attend a performing arts college and work her way to Broadway and Hollywood.

What makes a girl of 12 so intensely positive about a dream? She says, "It's really thrilling when I'm on the stage, with the lights shining on me. I get a tingling feeling..." and the feeling lasts, and you want more. All you need is the strength and guidance to find your dream, in the pursuit of happiness.

## Bill Wright



by Sonja Craparo

Recently I interviewed Bill Wright from the Dance Center on Davis Blvd.

KN: How long have you been dancing?

Bill: A year.

KN: How many hours a week do you practice?

Bill: Dancing? 25 to 30 hours a week

KN: What kind of dance do you like the most?

Bill: I like them all!

KN: What does it take to be a good dancer?

Bill: Lots of patience and hard work, a good teacher, and believing in yourself.

KN: What got you interested in dance?

Bill: A friend of mine invited me to a recital and I liked it, so I started taking classes.

KN: Was being a dancer always your dream?

Bill: No, to be a writer was my dream, and still is.

KN: What has been the biggest thrill for you since you began dancing?

Bill: Going on the Hootor Dance Caravan this summer and meeting new people. It was unbelievable — fantastic — incredible, and getting to work with other people. I'll never forget it.

KN: What are your hobbies?

Bill: All sports, I like all kinds of music, and spending time with my friends.

KN: What do your parents think about your success?

Bill: They are really supportive, which is great.

KN: What are your plans for the future?

Bill: To dance, go to California, and go back to school.

## St. Jude's Bike-a-thon

A "Wheels-for-Life" Bike-a-thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Tennessee will be held Saturday, October 20 starting at 8 a.m. The course will be 2 miles long, down Gulf Shore Blvd. Pick up sponsor sheets at your school or call 597-6463 for more information.



## T.L. Lawrence

by Missy Cheaney

T.L. Lawrence, Editor of Kids News and Lely High's school newspaper, is the second profile in a series on the Kids News staff.

KN: How would you describe yourself?

TL: (chuckle). Talk about a question!... A fun guy, I don't think I'm good looking like Tom Selleck, and I don't think I'm funny like Richard Pryor. I just try to have fun.

KN: What do you do for fun?

TL: I haven't had fun since I got a job. If I'm not at school, then I'm at work. Thank God for my electronics, (Atari 800, VCR, MTV, stereo); movies, the Mall. I take pictures, sail, play racquetball, basketball and tennis.

KN: What do you dream about?

TL: I dream a lot. I want a camera for my VCR so I can make my dreams reality. I've written several scripts, mostly space stories and medieval stuff.

KN: What are your plans for the future?

TL: I hope to attend Michigan State University, major in computers or film making, with a minor in journalism.

KN: Do you like writing?

TL: I enjoy writing the computer column for Kids News, and film scripts. When you write about whatever flows through your mind, it's great. I don't like writing term papers and reports simply because those are subjects I don't care about. I write better when it's about something I know or like.

KN: What is important in your life right now?

TL: To get good grades, but school isn't necessarily the most important thing in life. Friends are. I would hate to be all alone. Work and school serve a dual purpose: it's the most time I get to spend with my friends.

KN: Describe "friendship?"

TL: A real friend is someone who won't laugh when you express your feelings.

KN: When is your birthday?

TL: Oct. 23, a terrible birthdate, right Johnny?!

KN: Huh?

TL: October 23 is on the cusp between Libra and Scorpio. In other words, I'm neither and both. Johnny Carson shares my birthday. He should feel honored. (laughs)

KN: What would you like for your birthday?

TL: I don't know... probably money so I can save up for a car. And of course a VCR camera, printer and modem for my computer. Nothing that costs under \$200 unfortunately.



## 4-H Golden Gate Wildcats

The Golden Gate Wildcats 4-H Club helped spread mulch on the Golden Gate Library lawn in September.

The Wildcats also plan to help the Kiwanis Club in their newspaper recycling drive, help St. Jude's Bike-a-thon, and participate in the Golden Gate Pioneer & Festival Days.



## Mock Elections at Lake Park Elem. School

Lake Park Elementary School is in the midst of a mock election campaign. This student learning-awareness project will help prepare kids to become knowledgeable voters. During the 2-week campaign, complete with voting day and a victory ice cream party, each 4th and 5th grade class will begin the mock election by running on a class presidential candidate to run for office. The students will prepare a platform, such as "How money would be spent" and "What kind of teacher would be hired" to "What changes should be made to ensure students are well prepared for middle and high school," and other topics.

The students will also debate with opposing candidates; register as a voter; and receive a voter registration card to show at the precinct on election day. Campaign posters are displayed at the school.

On November 5, students will vote at their assigned precinct from 7:45 - 1:00. Final election results will be announced on Election Day at the closing of school.

## Fleischmann Park Halloween Carnival

SUNDAY, OCT. 28 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fleischmann Park Community Center will thrill you with their annual Halloween Carnival on Oct. 28. A variety of game booths, prizes, food, and activities will be offered for kids 2-14 years old. Prizes for the best costume in several age divisions will be awarded. First and second places in these divisions: 4 years and under, 5 & 6 year olds, 7 & 8 year olds, 9 & 10 year olds, and 11 years & older.

Tickets for all games and activities will be sold at the main entrance inside the center. Tickets are 8 for \$1 or 15 cents each. Games include dart throw, bean bag toss, bowling, musical chairs, and much more! Hot dogs, cokes, popcorn, cupcakes, and helium balloons will be sold. Madam Mystic will tell your fortune, if you dare!

Local youth groups will operate the booths. Come on out and join us in the Halloween spirit! For more information call Shirley Breedon, 263-0428.

## Birthdays of the Stars

by Monica Masterson

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

October

Sting (Police)	2
Mike Rutherford (Genesis)	2
Lindsay Buckingham (Fleetwood Mac)	3
Kevin Cronin (Reo)	6
John Cougar Mellencamp	7
Jimmy Van Patten	7
Jackson Browne	9
David Lee Roth (Van Halen)	10
Martin Kemp (Spandau Ballet)	10
Darryl Hall	11
Marie Osmond	13
Sammy Hagar	13
Gary Kemp (Spandau Ballet)	16
Charlotte Caffey	21
Bill Wyman (Rolling Stones)	24
SIMON LEON (DURAN DURAN)	27
Grace Slick	30



## Awards

by Nikki Giles

This was a special night for many people. MTV was announcing the 1st Annual MTV Music Awards. Dan Aykroyd and Bette Midler hosted it.

Some guests included Simon and Nick from Duran Duran, Madonna, Ray Parker Jr., Hall and Oats, Diana Ross, Herbie Hancock, and many more.

Some awards were:

Best Overall Performance in a Video - Michael Jackson (Thriller)

Best New Artist - Eurythmics

Best Stage Video - Van Halen (Jump)

Best Choreography - Michael Jackson (Thriller).

Most Experimental Video - Herbie Hancock (Rock It)

Best Group Video - ZZ Top (Legs).

Some live stage performances included Madonna, Huey Lewis and the News, and Rod Stewart.



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## A New Eagle Scout

by Lora Tripp

Only 2% of all scouts ever earn the highest rank of scouting - that of Eagle. The most recent Boy Scout to obtain that honor is Charles Andrew Tripp, a 13 year old from Troop 52 of Golden Gate.

To earn this award Charlie has earned 45 merit badges, 12 skill awards, held numerous troop offices and led a group planting 550 wax myrtle trees at the I-75 Pine Ridge Intersection. He also has earned other scouting awards like the Ad Altare Dei Religious award, four historical trail awards, the SOAR Conservation patch, the World Conservation patch, and the Order of the Arrow. He has almost finished the requirements for what he hopes will earn him one of the six silver Hornaday Awards given annually on the national level.

His scouting experiences have taken him on numerous campouts and trips. The most recent adventure was flying to a scout retreat in September as a guest of the Trenton Diocese in Trenton, N. Jersey.

Charles is also active in the Golden Gate 4-H Explorers and for the past two years has been chosen to represent Collier County in the ecology contest. He has also been a first place finalist in 4-H district events.

Mostly because of his 4-H and scout activities involving conservation, he was awarded the first Cape Award last March by the Collier County Conservancy.

He is an 8th grader at East Naples Middle School. Last year he represented his school in the Optimist Oratorical Contest and in the Collier County Spelling Bee. As a member of the E.N.M.S. chorus, he has played in four school productions.

*Sister-brotherhood is not always sweetness and light... Moments of friendship and support intermix with name calling and hair pulling. Lora Tripp wrote the above article in praise of her brother. The following article gives us a peek at some of the other moments.*

## Oh, Brother!

by Lora Tripp

I doubt if this article ever has a chance of being published because the editor is a boy who probably also has a long suffering sister behind him. All you girls with brothers close to your age (three or more years do not count) know exactly what I mean. They say being every great man is a great woman, but I say "behind every successful brother is a hard working, patient sister."

Take my brother - please! Everybody fusses over him while they ignore me. He is almost a year older than I, but I am taller, so everyone expects me to be responsible for him.

He has earned 45 Boy Scout Merit badges which I guess is some kind of record, but who helped him visit different businesses, do research at the library, take five mile hikes, collect nasty aluminum cans; loaned him my sleeping bag, took care of his pets during his campouts, helped him build and shoot off rockets, ate his cooking, and helped him with clean-up? Then who had to sit in the car for hours while he sat in air conditioned offices or homes with his counselors? Guess!

Last year, the newspaper did a long article about his trip to Washington, D.C. to work on the Citizenship Badge. One line explained that my mother and I also went! He wrote a series of articles for the Hornaday Award but who do you think helped him with ideas, pens, envelopes or stamps? He goes on monthly campouts while I get to help pack and unpack.

Now he is becoming an Eagle Scout and there will be a Court of Honor and a big fuss for him. What do I get? To clean up. I bet!



Michael Jackson drawing by Robert Berrios, Barron Collier High

## Michael Jackson's Victory Tour



Chad Fogla



Jeff Rucker

Would you pay \$30 to see someone sing, then sit on a football bleacher at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville for four hours waiting for the group to come on stage? Wouldn't it have to be a pretty spectacular show to think it was all worth it?

Chad Fogla of Lake Park Elementary School did all those things, and yes, he thought it was worth it. As the show started, the stage rose up from the floor, Michael Jackson emerged and took off his sunglasses... At one point, Michael took off his hat and threw it into the audience.

Chad enjoyed it when Randy Jackson slayed a dragon after taking a sword out of rock, and when they displayed a laser light show half way through the concert. And of course the fireworks at the end. Chad's favorite song is "Billie Jean."

The Jacksons played for about two hours, and were even better in real life than on TV. He would definitely like to see them again.

Chad loves break dancing, and would like to become an artist.

Jeff Rucker, of Lake Park Elementary School, waited for 2½ hours at a football stadium in Knoxville, Tennessee for the Jacksons to come on stage. But first he had to sit through the opening act - a juggler, who was booted off the stage, then wait another 30 minutes.

Jeff said there were no bad seats because the entire concert was projected onto a huge screen. The Jacksons even jumped off the stage into the crowd. There was a lot of magic, and even levitation.

Songs included "Billie Jean," and "Beat It," but not "Thriller." They changed costumes at least four different times. (And there were lots of Michael Jackson costumes worn by the audience.)

You could buy T-shirts, pins, record albums and tapes, head bands, souvenir programs and Michael Jackson gloves.

Laura White, of Shadowlawn Elementary School, also attended the concert in Jacksonville, but she only waited 30 minutes. She really liked it. Laura bought a T-shirt and a glove.

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## Kids Open I-75

by Charles Tripp

On September 5th, while most of their classmates sat in their classrooms, some Naples youth were excused to join U.S. Senator Chiles, State Senator Mann and other officials in opening the final section of I-75. Members of Boy Scout Troop 52 were given the honor of opening the ceremonies because of their tree planting activities at the interchange of Pine Ridge and other accomplishments.

Participants, besides myself, included Sean Curry, Eric Keller, John LeSpade, Robert Martinez, Jimmy O'Connell, Bobby Short, Richard Short and Paul Tshimir. Scoutmaster Robert Curry and former Scoutmaster Don Santini accompanied us.



Front, left to right: Sean Curry, Paul Tshimir, Charles Tripp, Robert Martinez, Robert Short, and Jim O'Connell. Second row: Erik Keller,

Richard Short. Back row: Don Santini, John LeSpade, Scoutmaster Robert Curry and Senator Frank Mann.

Auditions for the DC Repertory Company at The Dance Center on Davis Blvd. were held in Sept. Amy Martin (1), Jamie Raymer (2), Laura Seib (6), and Stacie Maguire (7) concentrate at the try-outs.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY T.L.** — 16 years old! At last! Love, Mom

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCOTT FOELLER** — 17 years old! From CAPT.

**LORNA** — Wasn't it awful? I hope my car never runs out of water again! Ha! Ha!

**DAVID** — Maybe we'll get a chance to talk! Fred

**MOM — HAPPY B-DAY OCT. 24** - Love, Missy

**TAMI COMBS — HAPPY B-DAY 10/4** - Love, Missy

**DAVID F.** — Happy 23rd B-DAY 10/4 - Love, Missy

## Rock Review: Prince

by Monica Masterson

Some people would say Prince is a hot new thing, but actually he has been around for a while. When Prince was 19 he had his 1st album. He composed the music, played all the instruments, sang all the lead vocals and background vocals, wrote the string parts, and produced the sessions. His second album, was a number 1 R&B hit. On his third album, "Dirty Mind," his image changed, his slightly punk appearance was outrageous, and everybody, even the critics, loved his new sound.

His next album, "1999," was a big hit with songs like "Delirious," "Little Red Corvette," and "1999." Prince's last album, "Purple Rain," and his singles, "When Doves Cry," "Let's Go Crazy," and "Purple Rain," are moving up the charts every day, if they're not already Number 1. His movie "Purple Rain" was also a big smash.

Prince Rogers Nelson was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. When he was 12 he left home and shifted from living with his father to an aunt and then moved into the basement of a fellow recording artist. That's where he taught himself to play 30 instruments and wrote his own lyrics.

His demo tapes were soon noticed by Warner Brothers who offered him a 3 record contract. They also let him control the studio, making him the youngest producer in that label's history.

Prince should be touring soon with Apollonia, (the co-star of his movie) and her band Apollonia 6.

To write Prince you can reach him at his fan club: Prince Fan Club, Box 4475, North Hollywood, California, 91607. Or at the record company: Prince, Warner Brothers Records, 3 E. 54th Street, New York, NY 10022.

## Be a Boy Scout

Boy Scout Troop 123 is looking for boys between 10-17 to join our troop. 123 is planning car washes, hiking, camping trips and much more. Jim Schulze is the Scout Master and has earned the Eagle Scout award.

We meet on Tuesday nights, 7:00 at Big Cypress. For more information please contact Jim Schulze at 774-7579 in the evenings.

## Dear Kids News

Dear Missy Cheaney:

We, here at The Conservancy Nature Center, have seen several issues of Kids News and are very impressed with the high quality of journalistic content, pictures, and layout. You can indeed be proud of your efforts. It's a good newspaper and we have enjoyed reading it.

We thought we might add your name to our list of news media who receive our news releases and other program information. In that way your staff and your readers will become more aware of all of our activities here at the Naples Nature Center — and at the Briggs Nature Center on Shell Island Road. On October 15 our Exhibit Hall and Nature Store will reopen for the season, with many new additions. Right now, our loggerhead sealutiles are hatching on Keewaydin Island.

Keep up the good work.

(Mrs.) June L. Hudak  
Administrative Assistant

## Pet of the Month: Guinea Pig

by Melissa Masterson

Guinea pigs, or "cavies," originate in South America. They live 5-8 years. Males are called boars and the females sows. The babies are called piglets. When they are born, they are exact duplicates of their parents. While most rodent babies are born pink, naked and blind, guinea pigs are fully furred, wide eyed and ready to run. Their habit of whistling is very appealing and they rarely bite, making them an ideal pet for children.

Guinea pigs come in 4 coat varieties: normal or smooth coat; Abyssinian which has a long fancy coat; and the Peruvian, with hair growing to the floor.

Male guinea pigs will fight if they are put with another male but females can be safely kept together.

The following items are needed for guinea pigs: bowls for food (heavy crock ones can't be chewed), guinea pig pellets, water bottle, cage or aquarium; pine, cedar or no litter, cage spray to eliminate odors, mites, lice and fleas; sale or mineral block, nail clippers, file, book about them, brush or comb, multiple vitamins, hay or alfalfa cobs.

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