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Tina
Osceola



O.B.
Osceola, Jr.

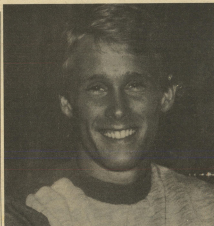


Photo by Missy Cheaney

AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS

by Missy Cheaney

A young Sioux Indian asked her father, "What do I write in a paper for school about why we should give thanks for Columbus finding the new world?" "I don't know, I'll have to think about this one," answered her father.

This was one story that amused the audience while Kevin Locke entertained during the 4th Annual American Indian Days, held at the Swamp Buddy Grounds. Locke also displayed hoop dancing and played traditional Indian flute music.

In the alligator pit, 5 year old Willie Osceola passed the hat for donations, then

remained in the pit while his father William wrestled one of the two alligators. Tina Osceola coordinated a fashion show and performed shawl dancing. O.B., Jr. displayed ethnic dancing. Door prizes were given away. Two very interesting t-pees were displayed this year. Indian crafts, jewelry and clothing could be purchased from one of the many booths. And for a taste of Indian culture, traditional fry bread, chief burgers, Indian taco's and fruit filled bread could be bought.

American Indian Days is dedicated to the memory of Cory Osceola, a Collier County pioneer who died in 1978. It is a fascinating learning experience.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Santa has to eat, too, so now is your chance to actually sit across the table from him! It's Saturday, December 10 at Palm River Country Club, sponsored by the Naples-Pelican Bay Rotary Club. The first of two sittings begins at 8:30, the other at 10 a.m. One hundred tickets per sitting will be sold at \$4 each. Call Mike Horn at 597-1694 or 263-0273, or Rex Ashley at 261-7200 or 774-5771.

The staff of Palm River Country Club is donating their services for the event.

KIDS NEWS 1983

We would like to thank our readers, contributors and advertisers for their continued support of Kids News. Without our readers we would have no reason for being, without our contributors we would not know what is happening in Naples, without our advertisers we could not pay the bills.

Our staff has grown from 2 reporters at our inception to the current 11: T.L. Lawrence, Missy Cheaney, Ricky Duggan, Tara Lanius, Colleen Duggan, Brenda Rickards, Sonja Craparo, Andy Glazier, Pilar Cortez, Robbie Bruce, and Erik Kellar.

We are constantly learning and trying new things — notice our new 3 column format. We are always open to your suggestions and contributions, and to new staff members.

OLYMPIC GYMNAST BART CONNER

by Missy Cheaney

(The day before addressing a convention on Marco Island, Bart Conner worked out at the Naples Gulf Coast Gymnastics Academy. I caught up with him before his warm up for one of the classes.)

One of America's most outstanding gymnasts visited Naples in November — 25 year old Bart Conner. Bart will represent the U.S. in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. He also represented the U.S. in 1980, but the Olympics were boycotted. He decided not to turn professional as Kurt Thomas had, but rather wait for a second chance for the medals.

Bart started gymnastics at age 10 in Chicago. He practiced in a park in front of his house, then at the YMCA. During his junior high years, he practiced at a local high school after classes. His favorite events are the pommel horse and parallel bars. He is also good competing in the floor exercise.

Bart now attends the University of Oklahoma. Although he has attended college for 8 years, it wasn't until his senior year of engineering that he decided he wanted to major in journalism. He also likes photography.

Currently he broadcasts once a month for NBC sports and is absent from school two months per semester to compete in meets. His teachers don't mind, but "you have to get teachers that understand," he said.

Even with a 2 month absence, he manages to make good grades. He graduates this May and will work in Public Relations and broadcasting. He plans to teach gymnastics when he retires.

Bart has appeared on the John Davidson Show twice, Good Morning America 3 times and the Today Show 3 times, just to name a few.

His radiant smile and out-going personality have won him many new fans in southwest Florida. We wish him the best of luck this summer, and hope he returns for another visit!



Missy Cheaney at American Indian Days.

Melanie Sellers, Jamie Umlor and Beth Wyant prepare for Debbie Clementi's Fleischmann Park group.

NAPLES FI ARTS DAY



Colleen Duggan, Shadowlawn Elementary School, voice student of Don Mattson



Bob Kerr, Bob Somogyi and Tommy Boys of the DC Repertory Company danced.



Connie Marszalkowski is a voice student of Don Mattson

ECOLOGY CONTEST WINNERS

BY Charlie Tripp

The Golden Gate 4-H Explorers who were chosen to represent Collier County at the State Ecology Contest on Nov. 19th at Oscar Scherer State Park have returned. The team composed of Lora Tripp, Oliver Matheny and Charlie Tripp placed 7th while the team made up of Jamie Byers, Jonathon Wright and Jason Brooks placed 8th. Both teams can be proud of their scores because the test is difficult. It involved answering 20 forest value questions and identifying 80 live specimens.

The contestants received a lot of pre-contest help from our County Forester, Chris Anderson, who spent 2 days showing slides and another day leading a field trip at Big Cypress Nature Center. Without a doubt, the success of the contestants is partly due to his assistance.

Congratulations to all!

SANTA'S VACATION

by A. Noni Muss

You've all heard of Santa Claus, a name that makes all children pause. Surely you have all been told, how Santa lives in bitter cold.

They would have us all believe, (and this I just cannot conceive) that Santa spends 12 months a year with freezing toes and frost bit ears.

Now the truth at last is known, cause Santa this whole globe has flown. And any one with any smarts, would settle in much warmer parts.

So if he knows when you've been good, or if you're just misunderstood, you know that he is bright enough to find a place, remove his muff, remove his bright red heavy suit, remove his hot, black shiny boots, set down his wondrous, magic bag (still filled with toys & games & flags), and with a twitch of his merry nose, don another kind of clothes.

For just a month, or maybe two, he takes a break that's overdue. He puts away his Santa gear, and fishes from the Naples pier!

HORIZON 4-H

by Missy Cheaney

4-H is more than raising pigs and horses. The Horizon 4-H club is a teen group that has nothing to do with animals. They offer challenges, skills, and a chance to meet people.

Currently the club is learning how to cope with a common teenage problem — stress. They meet every other Tuesday at the members' homes.

They are also trying to raise money for a summer trip. They were looking forward to a cruise, but Treasurer Chuck Nolan thinks Jungle Larry's is about as far as they're going to get.

Club members have worked at the Barron Collier Dog Show, had a Halloween booth at Fleischmann Park, and participated in the Realtors Golf Day. They are now planning a Christmas celebration with the elderly as a Community Pride project.

This year's officers include Scott Mendes, president, Lorna Jean Tarr, vice president, Kristi Murray, secretary and Chuck Nolan, treasurer.

FLEISCHMANN PARK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DEC. 15 — FREE Christmas Party featuring their Jazz I, II, and III and Ballet I and II classes, self defense students and Cambier Park gymnasts. Also the Naples Fire Dept. will present a puppet show on fire safety and prevention. Afterward, kids can visit Santa Claus, enjoy food and games and participate in the annual pinata breaking.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21 — 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Trip to Sunrise Ice Skating Rink in Fort Lauderdale for kids 9-19. \$10 fee includes transportation, admission, skate rental and supervision. Pre-register at Fleischmann soon due to limited number of spaces.

THURSDAY, DEC. 22 — 1-3:00 p.m. Christmas Treats Day for kids 6-12 includes cookie decoration and preparation of easy to make goodies. PLUS a Christmas bingo game with prizes and coupons from local businesses. \$1 per child and pre-registration required. Space is limited.

For more information on any of the above, call Fleischmann Park at 263-0428.

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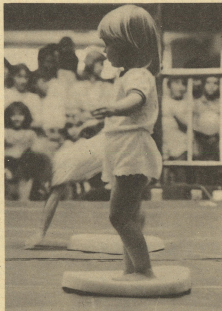
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Marie Hadinger and Troy Davis from the DC Repertory Company, 2 of a great cast, did an excerpt from the Broadway play "Cats"

Leslie Tomasino is a voice student of Don Mattson



Beth Wyant is a Gymbini Cricket at the Gulf Coast Gymnastics Academy.

Photo courtesy of Oter Productions, Sarasota.



INTERVIEW: HELEN CORNELIUS

by Missy Cheaney

Helen Cornelius? Who's Helen Cornelius? She's not a new star, but is well known for her duet albums with country and western singer Jim Ed Brown. They recorded such hits as "I Don't Wanna Have To Marry You" and "If It's Not Love By Now It's Never Gonna Be" plus many others.

Helen appeared at the Southern Spirits in Naples on Nov. 4th and 5th. After missing her on several occasions, Spirits gave me 2 tickets to return the following night. For her first show at 10 p.m., Helen, a very petite woman, walked out in a dazzling silver outfit. The band stood waiting as she stepped on stage. Her strong voice cut through the noisy room.

Helen sang both country and pop tunes. The audience sang along to her hit, "I Wish I Was A Teddy Bear." She also sang such current hits as, "The Rose," "Old Time Rock-N-Roll," and "Always On My Mind." Her hour-long show was dynamic. Many people in the audience bought tickets for all 4 shows.

When she left the stage, a mountain with legs followed her. His silk jacket read "Helen Cornelius" and had a rose embroidered on it. He was her personal body guard. Thirty minutes later, the mountain, who was very nice, led me to her bus.

After a short wait, I was invited inside. I was surprised to find she could barely whisper — she had strept throat — but it was unnoticeable on stage. Looking tired, Helen said if she could be anywhere at that time, she would be "home in my own bed!"

Her favorite song to sing is "The Rose," and it showed in her performance. Helen said if she could do anything, she would "fulfill my talents to the best of my abilities." It has been 3 years since her recordings with Jim Ed, and she doesn't intend to record any more duets. She writes many of her own songs that relate to herself. She enjoys spending time with her family, and taking walks.

I noticed she was straining to speak, and needed to rest for her 12 p.m. show, so I thanked her and said good-bye.

I would like to also thank Ann Ashbacher and the Spirits employees for their help and hospitality; and my Mom (my camera woman) for coming with me and helping.

DID YOU HEAR?...

We're looking for some good juicy gossip! Send your dirt to Kids News, P.O. Box 45, Naples, FL 33939.

• In reply to the girl in last month's gossip column who couldn't find her sister after the Loverboy concert — open your eyes! There were only 4 cars left in the parking lot!

• Why did the cheerleaders have such hairy legs at the Naples High Powder Puff game? (Because they were boys...)

IS A PET ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?

by Charles Tripp

(This is the fourth article in a series by Charles Tripp, part of a program on conservation leading to the Boy Scout Homestay Award.)

Almost everyone you know has pets. Most people have a dog or fish or birds. A few people might have rabbits, ducks, chickens, hamsters, gerbils, mice, rats or guinea pigs. You are thinking that you would like to be different. You would like to be the first one to have a really different pet — a wild one. You think about a baby monkey, lion, cougar, raccoon, fox or skunk that would be neat. You know the pet stores sometimes buy and sell these animals so they must make good pets, right? WRONG!

There are many problems with wild animal pets. It is very hard to give them the kind of food they need. Zoos have to have doctors just to find the right diet for their animals. Your wild pet could suffer and may even die if you are not able to feed him the right food.

Another big problem is that you usually cannot tame their wild ways. They may act tame while they are babies, but they often become tame and hard to handle as they grow. Then you will either have to cage them or let them loose where they will usually die because they do not know how to hunt for their food.

If you remember, I talked about the fact that animals can sometimes give you rabies, parasites or other diseases in an earlier article.

Instead of choosing a wild animal, go to the Animal Control Center, help for a few hours cleaning the cages or feeding or grooming the unwanted pets they find. You will realize that there are lots of tame animals needing love and care. Leave the wild animals for the wilderness and adopt one needing you.

• Joyce and Janet Poole are going to New York Dec. 7-11 as winners in the national America's Miss Charm pageant. They will meet with modeling and talent agencies, appear on Joe Franklin's regional TV talk show, get back stage tours of soap operas and commercials, and finally, receive professional make-overs (hair and make-up.)

• The Naples High School yearbooks are in...and only 3 months late.

• Shawn Lowdermilk won the pie-eating contest at Naples High Sadie Hawkins dance. He won a hay-ride a free marriage, and a honeymoon, all with his favorite girl, alone.

• Don't miss a trip to the Collier County Public Library during the Christmas season — Christmas ornaments made and designed by Pine Ridge and Golden Gate middle school students will be on display. The best will receive prizes. Sponsored by the art dept. of the Naples Junior Woman's Club.

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HAVING A PARTY — or get-together? Need entertainment? Call the kids' THE CYPRESS CLOGGER, 597-3999.

PERSONALS

Almost anything goes here, unless it is libelous or slanderous (untrue or too nasty). Last names will not be used without permission. Must include phone number or your 'personal' won't be published. (Phone number for Kids News use only.) **PERSONALS MUST BE MAILED TO KIDS NEWS, PO BOX 45, NAPLES, FL 33939. NO PHONE CALLS.**

MISSY — thanks for the good wish, and thanks for thinking of me — Sabina

MERRY CHRISTMAS MOM, RICK, RANDY, SABRINA, GREG, & DAD — Love you all, Missy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BETS — I think of you often, but since I fell off the turnip truck, I haven't been able to write. Judy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOEL — from Brenda.

TRIXIE — MIKE'S DONATING SNUFFY'S A TREE — See you at the party — Mabel

MERRY CHRISTMAS GRANDMA & MOM — Love, T.L.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MICHELLE — from Brenda.

RICK — 1000 thanks to Rana for finally receiving your disk drive!

CHAD — I hope it's a bouncing baby Atari rather than an Apple.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DANIELLE — from Brenda

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVID — from Brenda

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN — from Brenda

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHRIS — Love, Sonja

VIDEO REVIEW: JUMPMAN

by T.L. Lawrence

Published by: EPYX
For: Atari
400/800/XL
Price: \$30-\$40
Format: Disk
(Cart Avail. Soon)
Rating: ☆☆☆

"Jumpman" is the latest computer game to follow in those ape-sized footsteps of Donkey Kong. You, as Jumpman, must disarm all the bombs on a space station simply by touching them. HOWEVER, little dots slowly move across the screen until they draw a bead on you, then they zip across the screen at you! They are easy to avoid, as long as they aren't too close when they take flight. At other times, characters that look like you, can kick you off the screen, but you can't hurt them. There are also large blocks that make you jump (sometimes off the edge), robots, hailstones, and another deadly dozen or so.

Technically there are 30 screens, but as some bombs are disarmed, parts of the screen changes, so there are actually more than 30 screens. Eight speeds from super fast to painstakingly slow offer more challenge. The beginner setting allows play of levels 1-6; intermediate, levels 9-18; advanced 19-30.

When the final level is reached, fireworks go off as the just completed structure flashes. The Grand Loop option allows play straight through all levels as long as all six lives aren't lost. Extra jumpmen are attainable every 10,000 points. Randomizer starts off at level 12 with "Robots II" and then randomly picks out other levels. When all jumpmen are gone, the screen crumbles apart.

The game features a high score save-to-disk feature and up to 4 people can play. For those that don't have enough memory for Jumpman, or don't have a disk drive, Epyx is coming out with Jumpman Jr. on cartridge, with considerably fewer features.

NARDA CORTEZ MEMORIAL AWARD

Last year Kids News established the Narda Cortez Memorial Award for anyone 18 or under who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, so to speak, in helping their friends, neighbors, or community. An act of bravery would qualify, or unselfish work that few others would dare undertake.

We do not expect to receive many nominations for this type of award. This year we did not receive any.

However, the Narda Cortez Memorial Award will continue. If you know of anyone deserving special recognition, or if you would like to make a donation to the Narda Cortez Memorial Award, please send it to Kids News. The money will be awarded to recipients of the award.

AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS



William Osceola shows the crowd what big teeth this alligator has...



Photo by Missy Chesney

5-year old Willie Osceola got a great view of the alligator wrestling event — inside the pit!

A CHRISTMAS LIST

by Sonja Craparo

I want a new bike, money, and clothes. But most of all I would like to go to Ohio and see my friend — Michelle Barley, 5th grade.

I would like a nice Christmas with my family — Mr. D., P.E. Teacher

A new set of head phones every month — Robert Lost-At-Sea Lee, G-93

I would like a horse and everything for it — Katrina Davis, 5th grade

A portable radio — Jason Zenuch, 5th grade

My own radio station — Peter Simon, G-93

An Apple Computer — Tamara Conley, 7th grade

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