

THE NANCY NEWS

What's Up and Upcoming from Nancy Cartwright

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From Nancy

Happy New Year! We are off to a fantastic new beginning! I spent the better part of last year preparing for, kicking off and then traveling from city to city on my book tour. Running against the clock and never getting into the correct time zone, the challenge was how to remain bright and fresh without getting any sleep! The results are in: **The BOOK IS A HIT!!!** A first-time author who sells 10,000 copies has done a pretty good job; the publisher will have made its money back and you can bet another book will be in the near future. *My Life as a 10-Year-Old Boy* has sold 68,000 copies to date and the bookstores continue to order more and more!!! I am having a ball, continuing with my book signings and lecture tour. The fans have seemed to love it but not nearly as much as I love doing it. This issue is dedicated to the tour and the fans that made it so much fun. Thanks, guys!!

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*for the time being; for now

BOOK TOUR-IFFIC!!!

Nancy recently returned from a whirlwind book tour promoting her new book, *My Life as a 10-Year-Old Boy*. The tour consisted of visiting bookstores, greeting fans, signing books, and doing numerous interviews with national and local media.



The tour was launched in Kettering, Ohio, where Nancy was welcomed by a very enthusiastic crowd at a luncheon sponsored by The Dayton Ad Club. A record-breaking 300 people attended, giving all their attention to guest of honor and hometown girl, Bart Simpson. Nancy enjoyed sharing with the crowd some personal anecdotes about how much growing up in Kettering had influenced her life.

At the luncheon, Mayor Marylou Smith presented Nancy with a proclamation from the City officially naming November 2, 2000, "Nancy Cartwright Day."

Said Nancy, "I am genuinely moved by this gesture. Kettering was so good to me. I intend to continue coming back and helping out my hometown that helped me so much. Thank you all."

Perhaps even more surprised was Nancy's dad, Frank, who was asked by his daughter to join her on stage. Nancy presented him with a 16" ceramic platter with Bart hand-painted on it.

"I made this for you, Dad, because you are my biggest fan and the best dad this 'boy' could ever have." Not a dry eye in the house.

That evening, Nancy was greeted by about 400 more fans at the Dayton bookstore, Books & Co. She gave a 20-minute speech and sounded off with some favorite quotes of the characters that she does on the show and the audience loved it.



Nancy, Sharon Roth & associate at Books & Co., Dayton

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Next stop was New York City. Nancy visited bookstores in Manhattan, New Jersey and Long Island. Drawing crowds of no less than 200 people at a shot, Nancy signed books, chatted with fans and gobbled up the Big Apple. Then on to London where she was joined by Francine DeVette, the head of Nancy's entertainment company, who made sure that all went smoothly on a jam-packed schedule of signings, interviews and promotions. Public Relations Exec and all-around-good-guy, Colin Midson from Bloomsbury, one of the top publishers in England, was their official escort and bag handler throughout the U.K. and territories.

The first-class flight back to L.A. afforded them a well-

earned rest, but the break didn't last long. Back in the U.S.A., Nancy hit the ground running, signing books at stores in Hollywood, Northridge, Costa Mesa, Portland and Las Vegas, before returning to New York to be on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." Once back home again, she visited the animators, writers and musicians of *The Simpsons* to give out complimentary books in appreciation for their hard work.

All told, Nancy's 17-stop tour was a huge success, resulting in the sale of more than 68,000 books worldwide. Nancy continues to do book signings and lectures, but at a more leisurely pace. You can read and see more about it on her recently updated website: www.thenancyshow.com.

**THE WONDERFUL WINNER
OF THE BART RAFFLE
GIVEAWAY CONTEST IS
CHARLENE CHOCRAN, A
GRANDMOTHER FROM—
WOW—BELLBROOK, OHIO!**

CASTING CORNER

Nancy recently was cast as the voice of Rufus, a naked mole rat in a new Disney animated television pilot called "Kim Possible." Rufus mostly grunts and nibbles but, hey, what else would you expect from a gal who gets paid to burp and fart? The 22-episode series will center around Kim, a teenage spitfire of a girl whose mission on earth is to help save mankind. Jean Smart plays the voice of Kim's mom. Perfect.

NANCY CARTWRIGHT VOICE OF BART SIMPSON



MY LIFE AS A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY
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**Go behind the scenes...in Nancy's New Book
Available in bookstores everywhere
and on Amazon.com**

In *My Life as a 10-Year-Old Boy*, Nancy takes the reader behind the scenes of *The Simpsons* and introduces the cast, crew and celebrity guests. In her warm and lively style, she details the creation of the show, how it is done on a weekly basis, and follows its unlikely growth into the animated prime time phenomenon we know and love. All this is seen from her unique viewpoint as the "invisible star," the mother of two playing the voice of the ultimate underachiever, Bart.

"Here's the sweet and funny inside scoop on *The Simpsons*, straight from the mouth of Bart herself!"

—Matt Groening, creator of *The Simpsons*

"[Nancy's] journey is one we all can enjoy and, through this book, we do."

—Tony Trupiano, Nationally Syndicated Talk Show Host
Talk America Radio Network

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DAYTON'S BOYS AND GIRLS ROCK!

On her recent book tour, Nancy Cartwright stopped by The Dayton Boys and Girls Club, located near her hometown. The kids were jumping for joy when they got to meet Bart herself!

Nancy got a tour of the facility from one of the kids. A local swim team was having practice and heard a rumor that Bart was there. When Nancy was escorted poolside, she said ala Bart, "That water is lookin' a bit yell'er!" The kids howled.

After the tour, Nancy and the kids taped a Public Service Announcement to be played on local television. Nancy directed the kids, wanting to get them more involved. She placed them around her, while she read from the teleprompter. On cue, like a bunch of pint-sized professionals, all the kids yelled out, "Cowabunga, dude!"

To remind the kids how important it is to be a good reader, Nancy presented the President of the club, Jim Dock, a "Read, man" poster with Bart and family sitting in their living room, reading. A strong advocate of literacy, Nancy plans to introduce a tutoring program to the city.

For The Artist...

"What we play is life!"

– *Louis Armstrong*

NANCY SIGNS HER BOOK:

"My Life as a 10-Year-Old Boy"

February 17, 2001 at Borders Books & Music in Montclair, California from 4:00pm-6:00pm

February 24, 2001 at Davis-Kidd Booksellers, Nashville, Tennessee from 2:00pm-4:00pm

February 25, 2001 at Borders Books & Music in Brentwood, Tennessee from 1:30pm-3:30pm

February 28, 2001 at Borders Books & Music in Pasadena, California from 7:30pm-9:30pm

Oxford Blues? No Way, man!

While in England on her recent book tour to promote the U.K. edition of *My Life as a 10-Year-Old Boy*, Nancy was invited to speak in The Chamber at Oxford University. Let's see, five American presidents, nine Nobel Prize winners and now...Bart Simpson. Hmmmmmm.

Nancy says she was surprised upon arriving. "Our car pulled up curbside and all these kids were coming in droves through the gates of the courtyard. It was only then, as I filed in line with them, that I realized that they were coming to see me!"

The Chamber was filled to capacity with 600 well-wishers. Nancy spoke for about one hour and then opened the floor to any questions that the audience had. "The kids were fantastic and so appreciative. I could have read the Oxford Dictionary and they would have loved it!"



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A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO...

En route to London, word spread on the flight that the voice of Bart was on board. Next thing she knew, Nancy was invited to the cockpit to meet with the pilots of the plane. Apparently they were even bigger fans than the flight attendant who blew her cover! Both the pilots were huge "Simpsons" fans and were elated to meet Nancy. In fact, one of the pilots asked if she could get Bart to give the weather report at Heathrow. At first Nancy was a bit hesitant, but then she knew exactly what to say.

At twenty minutes til landing, one of the pilots announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, we have a special guest on board this flight. Nancy Cartwright, the voice of Bart Simpson, has been traveling with us and apparently Bart has something he wants to say." And Nancy was handed the mike.

"This is your pilot, Bart Simpson speaking. Just to put your minds at ease, neither of the pilots have been drinking this entire flight. The weather at Heathrow is 7 degrees Celsius, but I don't know what the hell that means. I am from Springfield U.S.A. and we deal in Fahrenheit over there. I am going to put down my Gameboy and we will be landing in Tokyo in about twenty seconds."

The many fans that were onboard burst into applause. Needless to say, Nancy stayed in the cockpit until the flight was emptied, so she could make her escape!



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LAST ISSUE'S CONTEST RESULTS

Oh, man, I only ate the Apple to save the teacher from a possible terrorist attack of food poisoning.

—June Symonds,
Northridge, CA

*****HONORABLE MENSCHES*****

I DIDN'T LIKE BUSH, I DIDN'T LIKE GORE, SO I VOTED FOR MILLHOUSE. IT'S A FREE COUNTRY, AIN'T IT?

—Karen Austin of New Castle, Delaware

I WAS DOING OK UNTIL SHE TOOK THAT LAST BITE WITH THE WORM IN IT.

—Michael Mullis of Corona, California

HEY? I THOUGHT THEY SAID 'AN APPLE A DAY HELPS KEEP PRINCIPAL SKINNER AWAY?!'

—Mike and Linda Carey of Clearwater, Florida

I NEVER TOUCHED THOSE MISSING FLORIDA PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTS.

—Jonathan W. Cox of Anderson, South Carolina

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