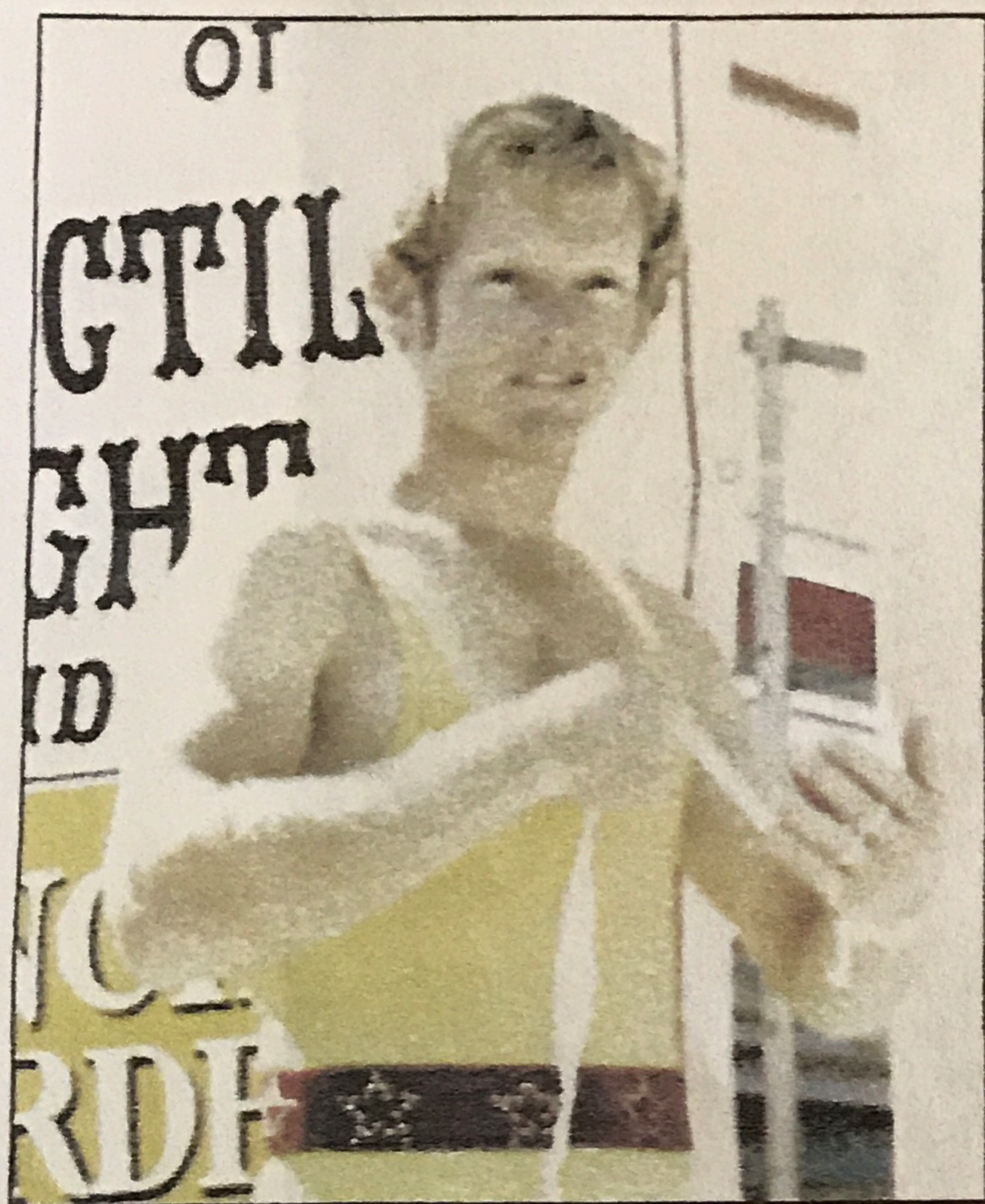


John Zimmerman, CFA, honored in Las Vegas



John Zimmerman, at left in an early picture, now 66 of Haines City, Florida was recently inducted into the World Acrobatic Society Hall of Fame as a legend, in a weekend-long ceremony in Las Vegas.

John, a former California beach gymnast in the 1960s, worked as a trapeze flyer at the Ringling Circus World Theme Park in Florida under the direction of Victor Gaona. He was also a trapeze catcher for the Flying Robins and was

entered into the *1982 Guinness Book of World Records*, catching Tom Edelston on the first triple-twisting double layout, while at Circus World Florida. He also caught the Flying Caceres on the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Blue Unit.

John worked various Circus acts over the years, including the single trapeze act under the Starship 3 helicopter, as the headline "daredevil" act at countless state fairs and special events.

After an illustrious trapeze career, John created and stunt-coordinated multiple live shows for Disney, Universal Studios and other well known theme parks worldwide for more than 20 years.

He also enjoyed a 20 plus year career in the motion picture industry as a professional stuntman, being involved in both live television and motion picture productions. Although John retired in January 2016, he has been involved in other related productions, including the 25,000 foot, non-parachute, world record jump accomplished by Luke Aikins, which aired live on FOX.

John is listed on IMDB (International Movie Data Base) with 130 movie and television credits. He now coaches with his wife Paula Blackwelder at The Circus Arts Place, located on the outskirts of Haines City, Florida. ⬇️