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Red Tape Is Messy

There was a time when a publicity seeker could walk a wire strung over Niagara Falls or go over the falls in a barrel and everyone thought it was a great feat. At least there were no problems involved, other than trying to survive the feat.

But in the daredevil business - as in most businesses - things just aren't what they used to be. Today's would-be daredevil faces a formidable mountain of rules and regulations - especially if he wants to accomplish a death-defying stunt.

It isn't so much that bureaucrats are against stunts. The problem is there are so many bureaucrats. For instance both Canada and the U. S. claim jurisdiction over the falls. Then there are local, state, federal and international rules on both sides of the waterway.

Of course some stunts are still pulled off. In October 1977, a 17 yr old youth from Lewiston, N. Y., told friends he was going to play football. Instead, he and a friend took inner tubes and slipped into the Niagara River and were swept over the falls at Lewiston. When

they swam ashore police were waiting an arrested them. The penalties have yet to be decided.

Officials are more concerned with the spectacular stunts that are likely to draw big crowds. That's the kind of thing that Philippe Petit and Henry Rechatin wanted to do. In 1975 they suggested the recreation of stunts done by Jean Francois Gravelet (Blondin). He drew thousands of spectators in the 1860's when he walked on stilts, cooked his dinner and carried

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Important Note!

During the past 6 years many people have placed advertising in Circus Report and then have failed to respond to the bills and statements. We can no longer afford to permit such practice to continue.

It is expensive to keep Circus Report going out each week and it is a constant problem to meet our bills and obligations.

As of today all advertising copy must be sent with a check, money order or cash to cover the cost involved or the ads will not be run.

Frankly, to those who have consistently overlooked payment of advertising and those who have paid with bad check, we just aren't interested in having your ads run in the paper.

We regret that this action must be taken and a few people spoil things for the vast majority of those who have endeavored to help Circus Report grow and expand. But we feel sure those who really want to help CR will understand our position.

Advertising rates are listed each week in the paper and amount to: Minimum Ad \$5.00; Quarter Page \$10.00; Half Page \$15.00; Full Page \$25.00.

We appreciate your continued help and look forward to a continued growth.

..... Don Marcks

PEOPLE

JAMES M. COLE reports he visited Circus Vargas at Melbourne, Fla., and was treated royally by everyone on the show. Other visitors were **JOE** and **DONNA McMAHON**, **WHITEY BLACK**, **PATTI ANTALEK**, **BOBBY** and **MAUREEN RAWLS** and sister **DOLLY**, and **JOHN** and Mrs. Hall.

BILL BRICKLE will tour with his Poodle Revue for the 1978 season with the American Continental Circus.

BAYOAN LAMBERTI, born on Nov. 13, 1977, is the son of **MARTIN** and **BENNITA LAMBERTI**.

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ALLEN BABCOCK writes the storms of last month caused havoc with shows scheduled in Decatur (Ill) and the only people who made it for the annual Mueller Christmas show were the **Barry Miller Family**. They detoured all over the state and made it just before showtime then found they had to work all of their acts.

WALTER M. SMILEY, organist, worked a successful summer of fair dates then played the Dreikorn Children's Theatre at the Eastern States Expo, followed by dates with Showtime Follies.

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LARRY JOYNER, who bought the **WALT KING** lion act last year, and who now works under the name of **LAWRENCE GRANT**, is the wild animal feature on Circus Vargas. Larry has rebuilt the cages, the props (which are chromed), and expects to add at least 3 more lions very soon. His wife, **JAN**, who has been with CV 3 yrs. with her trap act, remains on the show sans trapeze, assisting her husband, working elephants and also works on the front end.

BILLY EARL has added, in addition to "Harlow, the Bashful Basset", a campy chicken for his vent act. The "chicken" debuted on Int'l Magic Spectacular last fall. "It went well," Billy sez. "Only two lines in the 8 minute routine were flat." The **EARLS** are booked independently this season.

MAC MCGUFFIN, Jr. chairman for the annual **AUT MORI GROTTO CIRCUS** in Youngstown is now publishing a "newsletter" called "Les Cirque Critique." The paper is a quarterly, first released Nov. 1977. The Grotto Circus dates this year are March 14 to 19. The **ELKINS SISTERS** and **PAT ANTHONY** are two of the features.

Editor **DON MARCKS** escorted **JIM SWAFFORD** to view **RON WHITFIELD's** lion act at Africa USA last November and Jim was disappointed he didn't get to see the act. "Wouldn't you know," he said, "One day out of 8 months a slight mishap with two tigers prevented the act from working that day."

Famed horsewoman **CILLY FEINDT** won first place in a local L.A. horse show and when the German Ambassador was sent from L.A. to France, his wife gifted Cilly with her pet horse. Cilly teaches riding to two students 5 days a week and visits every circus that comes to the area, but never goes backstage because she feels people won't remember her. That's like saying nobody remembers the Lone Ranger or Lady Godiva!

SNAPSHOTS: **JUDY JACOBS** advises it is **GARY JOHNSON** (who will be with Garden) who has the elephants in the **NANETTE FABRAY** film, called "Roar".....As great as the **GUNTHER GEBEL WILLIAMS** CBS special was, it was the two parrots who stole the show.....**JERRY LIPKO**, who had a **DISAS-**

TROUS season in South America, has booked the Bavarian Festival at Barnesville (Pa) for 17 days starting June 30.....**HOXIE TUCKER** plans a small cat act for the Great American, meanwhile rumors are that **HARRY RAWLS** may manage the Hoxie Big Show OR the Sells & Gray.....**JIMMY JAMES** and **BERNIE KALLMAN** are reported changing shows this year....

JIMMY DOUGLASS is producing a spec for the Indianapolis Shrine Circus, also one for M&M. In addition he is furnishing lights, ring curbs and clowns for all of **SANDY DOBRITCH's** dates.....**MIKE CHERICK** is now at Circus Circus in Vegas.....**LOTTIE** and **FRANCIS BRUNN** were spied in daily practice sessions together in New York City before Frances dashed off to open at the Hotel in San Juan, P.R. Dec. 17. Does THAT indicate a pairing of the Dynamic Duo sooner than expected?.....The new liberty act scheduled for CV was almost ready when the lead horse damaged its shoulder and trainer **WALLY ROSS** had to replace it. The act will be ready in time for the Vargas trek to California.....**MARK ANTHONY** departed the Ringling Blue show in November.....**HORST MERKEL** is the name of the trainer taking over Cuneo's new 17 animal cat act and an American, **ROY WELLS**, has taken over the revamped act formerly worked by **PRINCE BOGINO**.....**TINA MICHON** had an emergency appendectomy Nov. 22 and thus missed the Moscow Circus when it played Chicago.....**CHARLOTTE THOMAS**, mother of **GARY** and **HARRY**, is the "right arm" to **LA TOSCA** who recently opened a Sarasota Restaurant, the Casa Canistrelli....**GARY** has taken over the Castle herd after 4 yrs on the corporation shows, and **HARRY** and **ROWENA** are looking forward to their season at Circus World Museum in Baraboo. Circus World has been renovating with a new entrance and landscaping. Harry's tigers will be housed, Rowena writes, in those beautiful antique cage wagons, such as the ones used on Hagenbeck-Wallace.

READER'S CIRCLE: Now that winter is upon us and book lovers have a chance to catch up, by all means read "Raise The Titanic," in paperback. Positively the most exciting action-adventure-thriller in decades!

OPENINGS: James M. Cole, Fleckles, Castle, All Star, Hanneford, all in Jan. Next month will see M&M, Sam

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New Agency

A new talent agent that specializes in providing entertainment to churches has opened an office at 19477 Meekland Ave., Hayward, Calif.

According to Mary Jane Sellers, director of the agency Bay Area Ministries, the agency is designed to serve local churches with top local talent rather than to promote celebrities.

"Although we will book nationally and will bring in guest artists from time to time, our primary goal is to minister to local churches through Bay area musicians, speakers, novelty acts, instrumentalists and dramatists," she said.

Mrs. Sellers is the wife of gospel singer Jim Sellers. For the past ten years the Sellers have been traveling as a singing team appearing in concerts in churches, Bible conferences, schools, radio and TV.

Winds of up to 90 m.p.h. completely wrecked the grandstand at the fairgrounds in Eureka, Calif., late last month.

Oakland's (Calif.) Knowland Park Zoo is to be a part of a planned 500 acre recreational area, amusement park and game preserve. The project will cost \$15 million

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Miscellaneous

An elephant, with the Carlos Circus in Stockholm (Sweden) was electrocuted late last month when he wrapped his trunk around a live electric wire and started munching on it.

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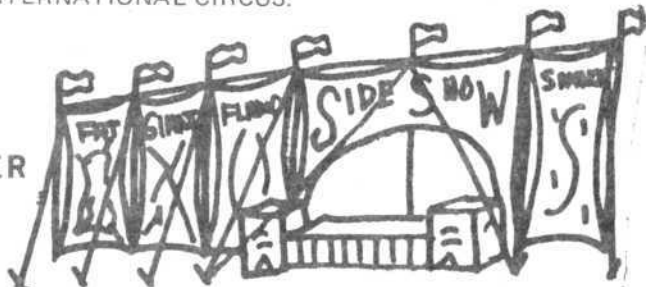


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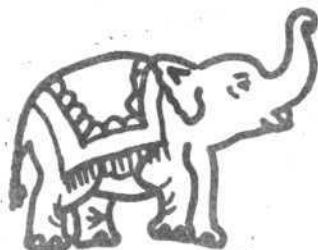
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PEOPLE

EVEL KNEIVEL has filed a \$210 million libel
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book "Evel Knievel on Tour."

BOBBY BEROSINI has moved to Las Vegas
where he is working at the MGM Grand Hotel.
He expect to open at the hotel's new facility
when it opens in Reno.

SYD MOORE will tour his dogs and mule act
with the Hamid-Morton Circus this year. Many
other acts are set for that show including: the
FLYING ESPANAS, JOSIP MARCAN, lions,
and the CRISTIANI elephants.

CLARK McDERMOTT and his dogs, EMER-
ICO, clown/magic, MESHIA T. CLOWN and
WHEATSTRAW, clowns, DENNIS LOOMIS,
magic, DAVE TWOMEY and family and WAL-
LY LEE, magic, were some of the acts working
in the San Francisco (Calif) area during the big
holiday week last month.

KARI JONES and "Tika" recently completed
a TV commercial for the Skippy Peanut Butter
people and last month they appeared on TV's
"Circus of the Stars."

Show Set

The Hanneford Circus, whose 1978 tour opens
this month, has announced plans for an elabor-
ate presentation and show program. All new
special carpeting has been acquired for the in-
door engagements and a completely new light-
ing system, including running lights, spots, etc.,
will be carried.

The program itself will feature several specs
and production numbers, all developed and pro-
duced by Philip Morris. A special "Star Wars"
theme has been developed for the introduction
of the fabulous Struppi. The main spec will be
"Cinderella."

In addition to the Hanneford riding act, which
this year will feature somersaulting star Mark
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CLOWNS

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Andi Andree (Slap Happy); John P. Basile (El Buffo); Louise Behling (Zanee); Earl Bergquist (The Great Zucchini); Joyce Bergquist (Pickleleni); Robert M. Bergquist (Calabash); Ken Broezell (Baggy); Doug J. Carbol (Mc Guire); Lillian Hofmeister (Nail-Lil); Thomas A. Kelly (Bumper); Orville A. Kral (Tiny); Anna Laskewich (Chalami); Stephanie Mena (Stuffy); Susan L. Milla (Shak N' Bake); Alex S. Norbut (Cookie); Evangeline Norbut (Me-Me); Clara Ann Paskiet (Puzzle Toe); Sandra L. Patsch (Butterscotch); Donald J. Pezzuto (Freddy); Margaret M. Pons (Snop); Patrick A. Schleiwiler (Kelly); Dawn Schodtler (Shotzie); Pamela L. Schultz (Zero); Pauline Unhock (Sparky) and Gail L. Vavrinek (Giggles).

On Dec. 18th, Margaret Pons (Snop) and Patrick Schleiwiler (Kelly) were married.

PEOPLE

KARL WALLEDA and his family, including TINO, MARIO, RIETTA and LOUIS MURILLO will be performing in the Circus World Championships at London on Dec. 17th. That program will also include the ROCK-SMITH FLYERS and REGGIE ARMOUR.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

KARL and HELEN WALLEDA

STEPHANIE SHAW

ACTS SET

The Holiday Magic Circus, on tour last month, offered a 90 minute program featuring: The Eastwood's Express, unicycles; Popcorn the Clown and newspaper gag; Paulette's Peerless Puppies; Color Book Sale; Popcorn, comedy juggling; Eastwood's gorilla comedy act; Wally Eastwood, juggling; Tommy Sink, wonder chef; Rex the Lion, presented by Miss Maddy Serio; The Amazing Chandlers, illusions; Santa Claus Finale.

The show staff consisted of: Sid Bernstein, tour director; Philip Chandler, company manager; Bill Bleisner and Ray McMahon, contractors; Daryl Bleisner, concessions; Thomas Popcorn Sink, producing clown; Linda Barr, stage manager; Consuella Padilla, wardrobe; Maddy Serio, musical director and Butch Capo, prop boss.

..... MIKE NAUGHTON

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Both performers have an impressive record. Mr. Petit walked between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center. Mr. Rechatin, who lives mainly in Europe, once lived on a high wire for six months.

Local officials and citizens of the area were receptive to the idea. Some even dreamed of a week-long exhibition with many international performers as part of the Bi-centennial.

There were things that had to be worked out. The Parks Dept. drew up an elaborate legal and engineering requirement, including a fence to prevent excited onlookers from falling into the gorge, plus a \$10 million liability insurance requirement.

There was even more. It took officials more than two years to work out the details. A permit was required from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, approval was needed from the New York State Power Authority. An environmental impact study had to be made. The wire must conform to state regulations and the Dept. of Transportation's construction standards. The Coast Guard also had a say in the planning.

The International Joint Commission and the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, two U.S.-Canadian groups, had to be consulted. The immigration department reported that such a program would have "Immigration implications". A stunter could be charged with illegal entry if

PEOPLE

JOE BAUER is currently on his third trip to Europe in three months where he is scouting acts for his Bauer-Hall Enterprises which operates from Florida.

FREDDY CANESTRELLI and his trampoline troupe were filmed for the TV presentation of the annual Monte Carlo Circus Festival, which will be shown in this country early in 1978.

DOLLY JACOBS, aerialist; THE FLYING SEGRERAS; JIM TINSMAN, clown; BARRY LUBIN, clown and the SILAGIS TROUPE of teeterboard artists will also be seen on the big Monte Carlo Festival Show.

they had not obtained the proper permission beforehand.

Overwhelmed by the tangle of red tape, New York Park officials killed the proposals last year. But not before Mr. Rechatin had made an unauthorized motorcycle ride across the river on an existing cable car wire three miles below the falls.

Later Mr. Rechatin said that no one wanted to take responsibility for allowing the wire walk. "They hid behind their laws," said one official, "we'll never consider the stunt again."

However, a New York artists agent, who represents Mr. Petit, thinks they might be interested anyway. "We're still considering it," he said.

Season's Greetings

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Here is a remarkable book. The story, told very well in warm and compassionate terms by Johnson, is that of a group of young Puerto Rican children of the New York ghetto; he says in a small forward "I hope they (all the Puerto Ricans who have come to this rude and fascinating New York City) find opportunities. They certainly have given me plenty."

While not truly a circus book, this is the story of a man, Johnson, who "was just twenty-one years old when I retired from my first career as an acrobat and became a youth worker in the ghettos of New York City". It's that kind of a story but along the way he tells much about melding the potential young talents of a group of five city street kids into a disciplined (sort of) troupe of expert tumblers and acrobats.

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by Johnson. The stories of their personal lives and problems are interwoven throughout the book as they approach maturity and take their various paths. Their history is summed up in this volume as Johnson brings them together once again for a reunion.

The interlocking narrative of the five boys and their mentor is told with great insight, warmth and considerable writing skill. Of great interest to circus buffs are the many comprehensive descriptions of training, practice and putting together of individual tricks and whole acts, as Joe, Ray, Edgar, Isreal and Angel become accomplished pro's under Johnson's paternalistic but deeply concerned tutelage.

It's a story well worth reading by anyone; it's totally worth adding to the library of anyone who's seriously interested in tumbling.....or in people as human beings.

..... PAUL TOEPP

Circus judging

Judges for the 4th International Circus Festival of Monte Carlo, held last month (Dec. 8-12) were: Jacqueline Cartier, Horst Buchholz, Cary Grant, John Ringling North and Raf Vallone.

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PEOPLE

DON McLENNAN has moved to: 17175 Highway 238, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526. In addition to training animals he also makes trappings and harness for various show animals.

HERBERT SPENCER STINE and Family handled the cotton candy concession for the Ogden Food Co., at Capitol Centre where the Moscow Circus gave six performances last month. The show drew good crowds for each performance.

GLADYS BLACK, former general manager and promotional director for Carson & Barnes Circus resigned on Nov. 6th and is no longer connected with the circus. Her plans for 1978 have not been disclosed.

BOB PELTON, curator for the P. T. Barnum Museum in Bridgeport, Conn., hosted a Christmas Party for Circus Fans at the museum on Dec. 11th. Among those attending were: **BOB CONNOR**, **DAVE ORR**, **GARY PAYNE**, **BILL**

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BRINLEY and several local civic people. Incidentally, Bill Brinley is working on his model circus which is housed on the third floor of the museum.



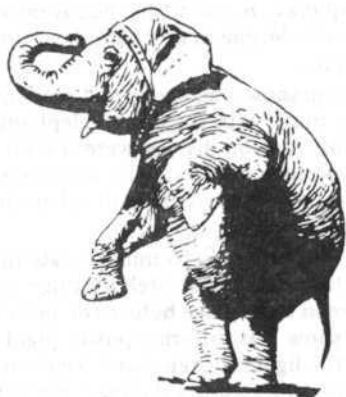
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A REVIEW

CIRCUS VARGAS - Dec. 8, 1977
Plantation, Florida

There really is nothing quite like it anywhere else among tented circuses today. Circus Vargas rolled into west suburban Fort Lauderdale on Dec. 8th and by 12 noon the giant royal blue 4-pole big top was up and traffic on busy University Ave., was at a virtual standstill as motorists gawked at the activity. A Fort Lauderdale radio station did a "remote broadcast" live from the scene with interviews of owner Cliff Vargas, and kids played hookey to watch the activities.

Even though this is the tail-end of the 1977 tour, the show is in remarkably good condition: Fresh paint on many trucks and costumes are still flashy. After playing one more date in Melbourne, Fla., the show moves to Jacksonville, Fla., where it will rest a few days, rehearse and then premiere the 1978 edition. Circus Vargas then starts westward to do it all over again.

The show gathered a great deal of free publicity this past week as a runaway elephant "Colonel Joe" was recaptured after almost a week of freedom. The story was picked-up by national TV networks and newspapers. The bull is an 8,000 lb., 14-yr-old tusker who almost lost 600 lbs during the period he was on the run.

Circus Vargas has so many top acts that it is almost impossible to single-out any as being "best". However, a spotlight must shine on Wally Naghtin's bear act, the Carlos Twins and the CV band, led by Jim Gibson. The 12-piece group plays real old-time circus music and is in the same league as any band heard on Ringling-Barnum.

The sideshow/menagerie and petting zoo was quite busy, with the CV 18 elephant herd staked out. Also on display were several cages of non-performing cats, baby kangaroo, zebra, camel, two-headed calf and other domestic animals.

The big show was 15 minutes late in starting and the color book pitch by ringmaster Mike Gorman took place before the performance. The show was suffering power plant trouble and the lights flickered and went on-and-off several times during the main performance, which was annoying to the spectators and po-

tentially dangerous to performers. The tent is ringed with 6 high-powered spotlights in addition to four 4-bulb chandeliers hung in the top of the tent.

The 1977 Circus Vargas program is an excellent souvenir book and sold for \$1.00. Quite unusual is the fact that no butchers sell food or drink during the performance. During intermission a young girl passed us selling balloons, but she only appeared once.

The Circus Vargas clowns are excellent but make only 2 appearances doing production numbers; there are no clown "walk-arounds". Curiously, there are no white-face clowns. All clowns are the European-type with Auguste make-up; also there were no midgets.

Owner Cliff Vargas has on-order a new ticket and office wagon which is due shortly. It is being built by Waymatic Co., the same plant that produced the outstanding CV midway diner and donniker. Congratulations are in order for the appearance of the Circus Vargas labor crew. Most were young, clean-shaven and wore either orange jumpsuits or tee-shirts (lettered "Circus Vargas") and jeans. The ushers are uniformed and all are most polite and courteous.

Promotion in South Florida was almost exclusively radio, with local disc jockeys appearing as "Honorary Ringmasters" for a certain night. Merchants at nearby shopping centers had discount tickets and school children were given discount coupons in their classrooms. There was no phone boiler room or auspices.

I must agree with my friend Billy Barton who says that CV is the closest thing to Ringling-Barnum of tented years which we will ever see. My fervant hope is that Cliff Vargas continues to be successful and will be back in South Florida again next year.

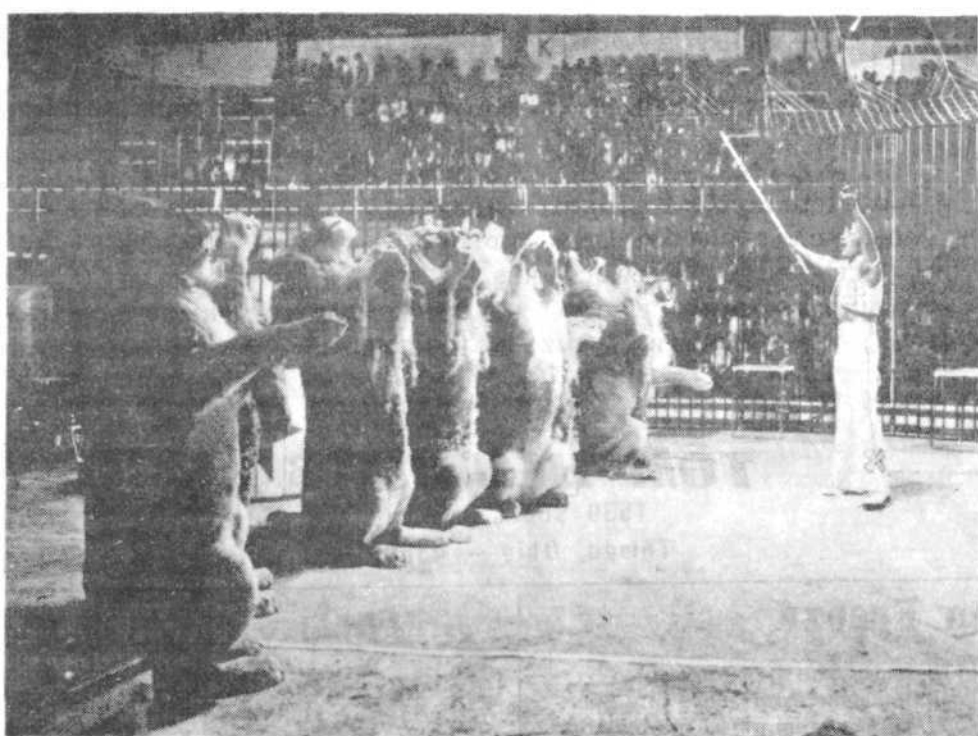
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Christmas shows scheduled in those states were cancelled. Shows that did go on, in such cities as Chicago, Ft. Wayne, Columbus and Newark (Oh), and elsewhere, found their program shortened by the "no show" of many acts stranded enroute. Agent Howard Schultz said his phone never stopped ringing the entire day (Friday, Dec. 9) with emergency calls from performers. Temperatures were deadly, with the wind chill-factor as much as 50 below zero. Interstates in all directions were snarled by jackknifed semi-trailers, some of them dangling in space over icy bridges. Cars were abandoned every which way like some crazy parking lot. Snow plows were seen demolished, overturned, or stalled in snowbanks. Salt and gravel trucks were unable to relieve the situation, thus the navigation of hilly areas was downright suicidal.

Lilli Kristensen, heading for Chicago, was halt-



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ed on I-65 North of Louisville where the interstate was closed by drifting snow and where motorists had to be rescued by snowmobile and taken to private homes, many of them suffering from frostbite. Lilli, who was to be in the Chicago area thru Dec. 20th, returned to Florida.

The Smahas, scheduled to appear in Columbus, were unable to leave their Wisconsin home. Erik Adams was bottlenecked in Northern Ohio, and Prince Najvez was stopped by ice, 3 inches thick, 20 miles into Eastern Indiana on I-70. Those acts involved in the nightmare told CR that it was "the most frightening travel conditions any of them had ever experienced."

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SAWDUST TRAIL

Mr. Dupont is in the hospital with a slight heart problem, so I will attempt to do his column for him. Please don't expect me to live up to his literary talents.

Not much circus news in Louisiana, so will have to think up something else to discuss. I am set to open with Franzen Bros. in the spring, so am busy making preparations for that tour.

My thanks to Mel Silverlake and John Frazier, past and present owners of Fisher Bros. for four great years. I owe them both a great deal for their patience and help. They're both real showmen who will take time to help a young guy get started. The circus needs more men like them.

Another of my heroes is Fred Logan. I remember last spring he came to visit and I was so nervous I almost tripped over the ring curb when I worked the elephant. I'm sure I must have sounded stupid when I was introduced to him and stammered "glad to know you Mr. Woodcock".

But the number one showman in my book is and always will be Mr. D. R. Miller, who gave me my start in this great business. Men like him and the others mentioned, to me are real circus heroes, to whom I'll always be indebted.

..... Ken "Turtle" Benson

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PEOPLE

AL DeLAGE, magic/illusions, GRACIE HANNEFORD, dogs and Zippy the Chimp worked at the annual Christmas Party for Radio City employees in New York. The program was held at the Roseland Ballroom, with acts booked by ROSE ADAIR.

STEVE BAKER (Checkers) and GARY RAY (Patches) have begun preliminary work on the authentic renovation of the Circus Theme Antique Wagon, which will house their new show at Six Flags Over Texas, next season. Circus Fans from around the world are encouraged to visit the wagon, which according to Steve Baker, 'will be based on designs of a famous antique circus wagon, which we've studied for years.' Special talents are being employed to make the production full of elaborate special effects.

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PEOPLE

RAVEEN, magician, is scheduled to present his Hynotic Show at the Variety Arts Theatre in Los Angeles (Calif.) in April.

DICK WESTON, ventriloquist, reportedly closed a long engagement at the Lido in Las Vegas and plans to take a vacation.

HARLIE MYRICK, magician, and DONNA JANE LAUN were married on Dec. 10th at St. Joseph, Mo.

BOUG HENNING, magician, appeared on the MERV GRIFFIN TV Show just prior to his own pre-Christmas special.

Ouch !

A camel that got away from a circus in Hamburg caused a small traffic problem on a suburban street in this German city on Dec. 8th.

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Being the only circus to originate from Green Bay, added to the success, by bringing a multitude of free press, including appearances on all 3 stations in the area, with TV newscasts and talk shows, the highlight being on the 'People' show on WLUK-TV, with the host being Jackie Brockington, wife of John Brockington, former Packers Half-back. The cast included Steve Baker, as Checkers; Barry Martin, singing ringmaster; the show is produced and directed by Rose Baker.

The program featured: Musical Opening; Peppy & Co., chimp act; Flamo, the fire eater; Miss Julie, web; the funny elf, Oliver; Miss Llani's fathered friends (birds); Checkers & Oliver, magic; The Langs, comedy chimps; Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, demonstrating toy testing; Checkers and his balloon animals; The Ventura Duo, aerial; Finale, entire company.

PEOPLE

DOUG HENNING, magician, and BARBARA DeANGELS were married in Los Angeles, Cal., on Dec. 20th.

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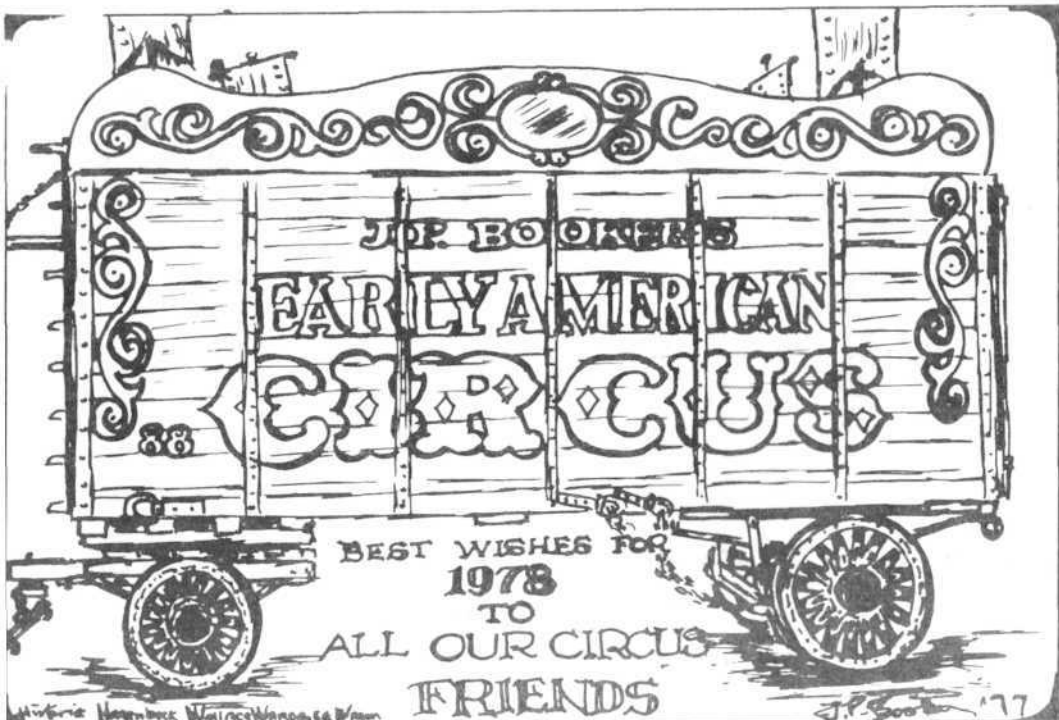
Thirty boys and girls from Oak View Elementary School in Fairfax, Va., presented a workshop-demonstration in Health, Physical Education and Recreation at their 39th state convention in Richmond, Va., at the John Marshall Hotel on Dec. 2-4:

The students, under the direction of physical education teachers Jim Moyer and Cheryl Thompson, demonstrated such skills as unicycling, circus bicycle, juggling, Roman ladders, stilt-walking, rolling globe, plate spinning and rope twirling for the convention assembly.

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'78 Plans

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Beatty-Cole inaugurated a policy this past season of showing at shopping malls without sponsors or telephone promotion. This policy has shown great promise, according to Frank McClosky and will be continued.

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Success of Beatty-Cole's mall dates is due in part to the work of Douglas Lyon, vice president in charge of marketing and Timothy Stinson, vice president in charge of promotion. These two young executives will coordinate with English and will be responsible for booking and promoting Beatty-Cole's 1978 mall tour. They are expanding their staff of marketing directors.

King Bros. and Sells & Gray will continue to operate under sponsorship with telephone promotion. Johnny Pugh will continue as general manager of Beatty-Cole; B. H. (Whitey) Black will remain as manager of King Bros, while Wilson Storey will be manager of Sells & Gray. All three shows, now in winter quarters at DeLand, Fla., are slated for early openings.

PEOPLE

PETER HAUBNER has retired from the Tommy Hanneford riding act. He plans to operate his own private business in Michigan, starting early this year.

COL. BILL VOORHEIS produced a Holiday Fun Show package variety-type program for the Christmas season in Michigan.

MIGUELITO and ROBIN MERAZ finished up their tour with the John Strong Circus on Oct. 24th and returned to San Diego (Calif) where their son MICHAEL RAFAEL was born on Nov. 2nd. Three weeks later they were off to Torreon, Mexico, to visit the Meraz family and then traveled to Mexico City for the blessing of the Meraz family's new show tent. That show has been renamed Circo International de Estrellas (formerly Ribbon Star Circus).

LXIE MELCHER and BOB RITCHIE, unicyclists with the Great Y Circus, appeared in the Very Merry Christmas Parade at Disneyland during December.

Show Acts

Despite cold wintery weather "Santa's Magical Circus", under the management of Joe Eddie, enjoyed good business throughout its tour of Southern Wisconsin.

Acts on the show included: Joe and Betty Eddie, magic and illusions; Bobby James, slack wire, rola bola, juggling, plate spinning and rolling globe. Clowns traveling with the show were: Gene "Cousin Otto" Lee, Charles "Chumley" Fairchild and Joe Fairchild, ventriloquist.

Bull Saved

Firemen were called to rescue an elephant that fell into the sea off Salerno, Italy, on Dec. 8, when the animal fell in after wandering away from a circus lot.

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PEOPLE

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DAVE AVADON, magician, is featured at the Temple Solael in Los Angeles (Calif.) every second Friday night of the month.

GERRY G. PANAKER (Geraldo, the Clown) and CAROLYN ANN WATTS were married at Mesa, Ariz., on Dec. 17th.

MARCO, the Magic Clown, was kept busy last month working dates in New England.

FLORENCE and FRED STANCLIFF, Sr., celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 15th, at their home in Houston, Texas.

RAY ANDERSON, an upcoming magician, put on a magic show at the Victoria (Texas) Library for the kids on Nov. 19th.

BONES and PEGI CRAIG are working at the Wildlife Park in Winston, Oregon. They were formerly with Circus Vargas.

PETE IVANOV was elected president of the Showfolks of Sarasota (Fla) last month, and DOLLY COPELAND was named 1st vice president.

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ODDS N' ENDS: George Hubler picked up new dates in Feb. and April....ETHEL JENNIER goes in for a Face Lift very soon.....One Blonde Bomshell already got hers and she looks fabulous....Whazthiz Mac Mc Guffin writes in his "Les Cirque Critique" about Hubler on a talent search on behalf of a "widely read Men's magazine"??!

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PEOPLE

MIKE PIKE, the Carden-Johnson-Clyde Bros. Circus band leader, recently judged a "look alike" Dolly Parton contest, sponsored by a Kansas City Radio station. Incidentally, his group, Mike Pike and the Caravans are playing at Mr. Kelly's in Kansas City, they open this month at the Hilton International, near the Kansas City airport.

FAY SNYDER recently wound up her 6th season with the New York Opera Co., at Music Center in downtown Los Angeles (Calif.) where she provided 5 horses for 4 shows. The leading lady of "Girl of the Golden West" made the front page of the Los Angeles Times doing a curtain call astride a handsome Appaloosa. Fay also furnished 3 horses for a circus segment of Charlie's Angels TV show and during December worked dates in the San Francisco (Calif.) area.

TED GROSSMAN served as stunt coordinator for the soon to be released film "Jaws 2". The movie was filmed on the coast of Florida.

MARTINE COLLETTE, of Tujunga Canyon, Calif., is raising three white leopards, believed to be the only ones ever born in captivity.

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In Memoriam

GLENN HARRISON, of Burbank, Calif., died suddenly after suffering a heart attack on Dec. 19th. He had been Secretary/Treasurer of the Joseph Andrew Rowe CFA Tent and the Paul Eagles Luncheon Club for many years.

Xmas Show

The Atlas Employee Christmas Show was held at Fosteria, Ohio, on Dec. 17th, and was presented in the local high school gym. The show had a Wizard of Oz theme and was produced by John B. Rodgers Co.

Acts appearing in the 1½ hour program were: Harry (Rick Legg) the Clown, come-in; Harmonica Joe; the Alberto Zoppe Family, comedy English riding act; King Arthur, wire walker and a magician/illusionist.

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