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## REPORT

### MARTIN & DOWNS CIRCUS

... by Paul Horsman

The writer caught the Martin & Downs Circus on its opening day and then spent several days following with the show in Canada.

This year's program features: Spec with all circus personnel and animals; Billy Martin, rola bolla; the Arlise Troupe, juggling; Stencell's Performing Poodles; Clown Gag; Kathy Wilson with Lucky the llama; Miguel Meraz, chair balancing; Combination web-trap act by the Panthers; Al Stencell and performing mule; Capt. Bill Morris, with elephant Jewel; Clown Gag; Intermission; Billy Martin & Co., gorilla parody Al Stencell and liberty horses (4); Clown gag;

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Featured on the midway are: the Petting Zoo/Menagerie, Snake Show, Elephant Rides, Pony Sweep, Concession/Ticket semi and a Grease Joint trailer.

Personnel this year consists of: Al and Shirley Stencell, owners; John McGorkle, office mgr.; Andrea McGorkle, cookhouse; Ron Morris, concession mgr.; Gary Sheffield, 24 hour man and Grease Joint; Billy Martin, petting zoo and performance director; Allen Patten, Petting zoo boss canvasman/prop boss; Bill Morris, elephant supt.; Miguel Meraz, boss canvasman big top; Eddy Malcolm, asst. boss canvasman big top; John Schoenijahn, supt. ring stock; Dave Miller, organist; Ray Watson, purchasing agent/wardrobe; Robin Meraz, snake show mgr.; Roger Every, producing clown; Paul Parsons, billposter; Larry Shelton, legal counsel

Visitors on the lot have included the Hortons, bear and wire act people, plus CFA's Robert Le Blanc, Willard Ramson and Jack and David Mendeville.

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## in the **NEWS**

### ANIMALS CONFISCATED

California Fish and Game officials confiscated the animals owned by Otto Berosini as he was waiting to be processed to cross the border into Mexico, last month. The animals were taken to a state facility in Southern California and are still being held there.

Berosini has been in California for quite some time and recently signed a contract to produce a circus for the Mexican government at a fair. In addition to his animal acts several American acts were to be featured in the show. The circus went on as scheduled, but without the animals.

Berosini charges that twelve Fish and Game officials, with guns, surrounded him at the Mexican border and announced they were taken his animals. He was threatened with arrest if he interfered with their activities.

Prior to this incident, Berosini said the Fish and Game people had broken into his quarters and took the cats, holding them for several days and injuring one because of rough handling.

The Fish and Game Commission's complaint, according to Berosini, is that his cages do not comply with the regulations. They said each cage has to provide 150 sq. ft. of space per cat.

Berosini also reports that his lawyer called the USDA office in Washington, DC, in an attempt to work out the problems. He was informed they were not interested since they wanted to phase out circus animal acts as soon as possible.

Berosini further charges that the California Fish and Game facility in Southern California currently has some 200 animals of various species, all confiscated from private owners. He also charges that these animals are sold outside of the U. S. to foreign buyers at big prices, and that approximately 25 people work at the facility.

## MAILBAG

... from Jon Friday

Much to my surprise, Red Skelton, rode into the Coliseum on opening night at Columbus, Oh. for the Aladdin Shrine Circus, with some of the Divan as Honorary Ringmaster in a Cadillac convertible. Red had several nice things to say about the Shrine (He's a Shriner himself) and he presented Al Ross with a check as Al Ross is celebrating his 50th year in "Show Business."

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to be the Ringmaster for the Murat Shrine Circus at Indianapolis, Apr. 24-27, this year. Instead I was with the Castle Blue Unit making the long jump into Yankton, SD, for Apr. 22-23. After 25 years of announcing circuses and thrill shows; I had my very first experience with a bomb scare at Yankton, SD, Apr. 23rd. Some poor demented soul called the police chief and said a bomb was set to go off at 10 p.m., in a crowded gymnasium, so I closed the show with Christopher James' wire act and we had the building empty by 9:50 p.m. The police and firemen told me later that there had been previous bomb scares at this same college and they have no choice but to treat them seriously where life and property is at stake.

I start my summer stint as Ringmaster at Circus World Museum at Baraboo, Wisc., May 20th

# Show Dates

## Beatty-Cole Circus

June 2-3 Lancaster, Pa.  
4-5 Hagerstown, Md.  
6-8 Camp Hill, Pa.

## Bentley Bros. Circus

June 7 Los Angeles, Calif.

## Carden-Johnson Circus

June 6-8 Birmingham, Ala.

## Carson & Barnes Circus

June 2 Jacksonville, Ill.  
3 Pittsfield  
4 Rushville  
5 Pekin  
6 Bloomington  
7 Streator

## Hubert Castle Circus

June 2 Ft. St. John, B.C.  
4-5 Prince George  
6 Williams Lake  
7 Kamloops  
8 Revelstoke

## Circus Arts Troupe

June 5-8 Moorestown, NJ

## Circus Vargas

June 2-5 El Cerrito, Calif.  
6-8 Castro Valley

## Circus Variety Show

June 2 San Bernardino, Cal.  
4 Phoenix, Ariz.  
6 Albuquerque, NM

## Coronas Family Circus

June 5-9 Denver, Colo.

## Fleckles Circus

June 4-8 St. Louis, Mo.

## Hamid-Morton Circus

June 6-8 Hempstead, LI, NY

## Hubler Int'l Circus

June 7-9 Belleville, Ill.

## Bill Kay Circus

June 6-7 Grand Junction,  
Colo

## Hoxie Bros. Circus

June 2 Frostburg, Md.  
3 Morgantown, W.Va.  
4 McKeesport, Pa.  
5 Butler  
6 Meadville,  
7-8 Warren

## M & M Circus

June 7-8 Mt. Clemens, Mich

## Pickle Family Circus

June 3-4 Santa Cruz, Calif.  
7-8 Palo Alto

## Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

June 3-15 Philadelphia, Pa.

## Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

June 5-8 Louisville, Ky.

## Royal Hanneford Circus

June 6-8 Wheeling, W. Va.

## TNT & Royal Olympic Circus

June 4-7 Euclid, Ohio

## Wenatchee Youth Circus

June 7 Coulee Dam, Wash.

## ---- MAGIC ----

### David Ginn

June 3 Baton Rouge, La.  
4 Houston, Texas  
5 Phoenix, Ariz.  
6 Spokane, Wash.  
7 Vancouver, BC  
8 Victoria

### Manzini, Escape Artist

to June 6 New York, NY

### Stu Miller - Magic Time USA

June 2 DuBois, Pa.  
3 Coraopolis  
4 Beaver  
6 Sugar Grove, Ohio  
7 Athens

### Tom Ogden

June 2 Cincinnati, Ohio  
5 Tenafly, NJ

## ---- OTHER DATES ----

### Burr's Fun-O-Rama

June 2-7 Nashua, NH

### James H. Drew Exposition

June 2-7 Welch, W.Va.

### Firemen's Muster

June 7-8 Seattle, Wash.

### Gund Western Collection

to June 15 Stockton, Calif.

### Gutis Family - Jungle Parody

June 7-8 Mt. Clemens, Mich

### Hall & Christ Attractions

to June 5 Memphis, Tenn.  
to July 6 Honolulu, Hawaii

### Kaye's Hollywood Elephants

to June 8 Bentley Bros. Circus

### Mr. Sensation - Aerialist

June 4-8 St. Louis, Mo.

### The Sikorskys - Jugglers

June 5-9 Denver, Colo.

### Tip Top Shows - Blue Unit

June 4-8 Sheboygan, Wisc.

### Tip Top Shows - Red Unit

June 6-8 Saukville, Wisc.

### White House in Miniature

June 6-15 Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Cold Nose Five Dog Act

June 4-8 St. Louis, Mo.



MOHAMMED FINALLY WENT to the mountain when I visited Ringling Red in Rochester (NY) Apr. 28-29. If I wanted to catch up with WALLY NAGHTIN a visit was essential and although I planned to stay only one day I had such a good time I satyed for two.

I thought the show was good, the animal displays were especially fine, I was impressed with the elephant production number, and enjoyed meeting SUE and RUDI LENZ, so entertaining with their droll sense of humor. While I hesitate to single out any act, display or performer for attention, my being an aerialist prompts me to say that DOLLY JACOBS is one of the most outstanding aerial stars I have seen in years; is, to use an old cliché, which in this case is underscored by truth, "poetry in motion." So unusual is it nowadays to see an artist of such original distinction that in my opinion Miss Jacobs should be spotlighted alone, in center ring, with out webs, without ANYTHING other than her beauty, talent, and her true-star-quality, just as many others, including ELLY ARDELTY, were once featured.

I said hello to so many people I haven't seen in years, including DICK SLAYTON, his ex-wife CARMEN, organist DAVE KING, that veteran prop man I first met in 1947 on the Polack show the redoubtable IRISH, CARL WONG, MICKEY ANTALEK and many others, and met still more for the first time, including GUNTHER GEBEL WILLIAMS, whom I have long admired and who is busy breaking a giraffe for next season's show and is personally driving the giraffe truck over the road. Also got to say Hello to LOU JACOBS at intermission and just before he was chauffeured back to the train. Alas! I missed good friend JOEY HODGINI who was not at the building that day.

Unfortunately many names will be missed in this column because I went from there for a ten day run with Garden Bros. Circus in Canada, during which I lost my notebook, or mislaid it. At any rate, as this column is being written it is still missing and I will just have to remember three weeks back and hope the elusive notebook turns up soon. So, to anybody I have missed please know that is the reason. My memory can only file so much information!

Special Kudos are in order for bandleader KEITH GREENE who plays the greatest trum-

pet in any circus band I have ever heard! And I should like to thank TIM HOLST for my red-carpet reception and, of course, my friends WALLY and DORIS NAGHTIN and especially Doris for having me to dinner.

CTV CIRCUS underwent its first taping for the new season and herewith is a roster of acts appearing on that four day schedule: Killer Willard, boxing kangaroo; Miss Belinda, Christine's Chimps, Gaylord Maynard's horse; Grin 'N Barrett; Smiley Daley; Miss Paula; Andromeda; Flying Lanes; Bertloffs; Jordan's Motordrome; Mario Alberto & Co.; Pat's Ponies; the Countess Von Albert's Doberman Pinschers; Mary Jane (contortion); Stebbing's elephants; Kramer; the Villams; the Albanis; Pat and Roy, elephants (Gee Gee's bulls); Dick Albert, the Pinsons and the Rebounders.

ITEMIZING: When AERIALETTA opened at Ballinger's night club she brought an entourage: David Chabira, musical director; Bobby Davis, announcer and Billy Barton, stage assistant. While the trapeze sensation was there she had beaucoup visitors from CTV TV and Garden Bros. Circus. The aerialist will resume college this fall, 38 miles south of Roanoke (Va) and was a recent house guest of MARGUERITTE BARTON . . . REX HORTON will take his bear act to Enchanted Forest for the summer; his brother is recuperating from a kidney operation, and his brother-in-law MIGUELITO is touring with Martin & Downs. . . Speaking of kidney problems, MARQUEEN SCHLARBAUM is ailing and CHUCK flew to Miami as soon as the Garden Show shuttered to be with her. Chuck is now playing the Hammond organ. . . At the end of the month BONNIE ARMOR flew to Copenhagen to visit Sa Sa for several weeks; meanwhile she and Reggie are prepping concession units for fairs although they will not tour with them. TUFFY NICHOLAS will oversee the operation while Reggie and Bonnie do a few spots with DICK GARDEN who has Bavarian Eateries on a few eastern fairs. . . Their concessions? "Funnel Cakes" or "Elephant Ears" a dough confection, light as air, and smothered with powdered sugar. . . Word is out that BILLY and JUDY BAKER's horse number is one of the major highlights of Circus World. Son, TOMMY,

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**SPECIAL****HARRY ALBACKER - Magician**

... by John J. Bogorae

Harry Albacker, 53-year-old Pittsburgh, Pa., magician, has been a professional magician since he was 12 years old, and he continues to be a very busy entertainer.

Billed as the man who does real circus magic, and as the greatest of all circus magicians, Albacker with his educated animals is also a humorist and showman. Internationally famous, Albacker has toured the world 19 times with his "show of 1001 wonders."

He is the official magician for Disney World in Orlando, Fla. and has performed seven times in one year at the White House, for the Kennedy children.

Says Albacker, "My life in magic has been reincarnated with the growth of shopping malls. Today's mall arenas have replaced the vaudeville stage of years gone by, when I did three shows on the vaudeville circuit."

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**REPORT****SESOSTRIS TEMPLE SHRINE CIRCUS**

... by Bill Galloway

The M & M Int. Circus moved to Lincoln, Nebr. Apr. 22-27 for the Sesostris Shrine Temple, performing on the traditional "Circus Sawdust" in the State Fair Coliseum. Turnaway crowds were the rule, rather than the exception, and attendance records were set here with an increase over that of last year.

One of the high spots of the show was the act called "Super Lokos" which "stopped the show" at nearly every performance.

The M & M Circus Internationale will return to Lincoln in 1981, as part of the route which will include the newly signed Sioux City, Iowa, date.

The program line-up included: Shrine activities, and National Anthem; Circus Overture; Spec "Good Old Days"; Harry Thomas, tigers; Franco & Estreleta (Frank and Ruth Clark) hanging perch; The Bertloffs (Mark and Paula) equilibrists; The Freddie's (Kursawes) rola bola; The Super Lokos, comedy knock-about; Miss Loni, foot juggling; Don Phillips & Co., juggling/uni-

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cycle; Frank Clark & Co., foot juggling; Willy Lenz, chimps; Musical Clown Whimsical Willie (Valencia); Victor Julian's Little Stars presented by Leo Coffey; Intermission; Aerial Ballet featuring Miss Pachinka (Paula Bertloff) on the single trapeze; The Smahas, Lipizzan horses; the Clowns and Construction Co.; Bill Wilson and Tom Taylor, elephants; Clowns and the Long Shirt; Cycling display by the Van Noy's (Phillips) and the Kursawes; The Flying Valencias.

The show's staff consisted of: Grace McIntosh and Charles Marine, producers and directors; James Douglass, announcer; Boom Boom Browning, musical director; with spec floats and wardrobe by Circus Creations of Daytona Beach, Fla.

Clown Alley featured: Vern Woerner, producing, John MacKay, Rick Legg and Rocky Rideout.

**On The Cover**

This week's cover picture is another in the series of water color pictures painted by Robert B. Johnson.

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# MAGIC

... by Prof. Stu Miller

From New York City:

There is a lot of magic activity in the Big Apple as usual. The Magic Towne House continues to garner good biz. A new close-up show called "Chamber Magic" has opened at 307 West 47th St, upstairs over Molfeta's Greek restaurant.

Mime-Magician Jeff McBride is in his 8th month at the Club Ibis. The Blackstone road show opened at the Majestic Theatre on May 13th. Jack Flosso, of Flosso-Horoman Magic Co. gets a lot of local press coverage for having the oldest magic shop in the country. Tannen's mail order biz is phenominal, co-owner Tony Spina has thinned down a lot and looks years younger.

Lou Lancaster is giving private lessons at the 8th Ave. Magic Center. The streets are full of 3-card Monte workers who are taking the tourists for a bundle. We chatted with Randi on Times Square at one such game and we were both fascinated by it.

On April 19th, the parent Assembly No. 1 of

S.A.M. proclaimed Richiardi as "Magician of the Decade" during their annual Salute to Magic public show at Hunter College auditorium. Performers there, in addition to Richiardi, were Mike Caldwell, Count de Mattiazzi, Sam Walker, Earl Canapp and Richiardi's son. The show was produced by Larry Weeks who also produced "Magic on the Mall" at the Bergen Mall in Paramus, N.J., on April 10-12. He had a Houdini display set up along with 12 dealer booths and shows each day featuring Al DeLage, Jack Adams, and Bob Myers.

They also held an amateur magicians contest and the winner, Jess Monroe, landed a job on the Richiardi show. Larry Weeks

Larry Weeks, long awaited 50th annual one day magicians convention will be held in Manhattan on Sunday, Sept. 7th.

A new musical "Barnum" just opened on Broadway and is destined to be a long run hit. Sara and myself, along with Alan Hill, Vanessa Curtis and Cindy Herriott caught it one night and saw Irvin Feld (the co-producer) in the audience.

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# MAILBAG

... from Mark Anthony

After working circus dates in Detroit, St. Petersburg and Tampa, I visited the Hoxie show before going to the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC where I worked my comedy car.

I worked outside with Johnny Herriott and Tim's table rock on the first day, then because of rain we brought the small car up the elevator to the second floor and into Clown Alley. There we had Peggy Williams, Lou Jacobs, Bobby Kaye, Tim and myself.

They had trunks and wardrobe here and I even hung up one of my skeltons for atmosphere.

The crowds were so heavy I had to have a clown out ahead of me so I could inch the car along, towards the George Washington statue. I did the car without water and fireworks, taking out the spark plug, caterpillar, geese, etc. Bobby Kaye did the magic rings and Tim did balloons.

Downstairs they had the side show with Jay Marshall, magician; Vernon Brown and Charles Cook, tap dancers; Frank Dean, whips and ropes, Ethel Luckey, piano and a vibra xylophone.

Besides the one ring circus outside they also had Ward Hall's side show, a ferris wheel (old one), merry-go-round and a marine band.

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A reception was held in the home of Edwin's sister, Katherine High, of Frederick. Among those attending, in addition to relatives and close friends, were Chris Mercer, Supt. for elephants and Cayce Cover, Supt. of Seals at the National Zoo in Washington, DC.

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## PEOPLE

**JOHN MCGINN**, of Prescott, Ariz., has been presenting his clown act for various local senior homes and hospitals. He is also actively engaged in working with Antique Shows and the Barber Shop Chorus groups.

**CLIFFORD "Tiny" KRUEGER**, of Wisconsin, was the guest speaker at the Seils-Sterling CFA Tent Meeting in Sheboygan, Wisc. on May 14th.

**JOHNNY FULGHUM**, was on hand to watch as the new Beatty-Cole canvas went into the air for the first time at Richmond, Va., on May 8th. He spent time visiting with Dave Hoover, Fred Logan, John Pugh, Cherie Cunningham and Harry Hammond.

**THE PINSONS**, animal and aerial acts, will be working the Denver, Colo., circus which is to be produced by Sandy Dobritch.

**ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ** was featured in a special photo/story article carried in the Star-Phoenix newspaper of Saskatoon, Sask. Canada on May 10th.

**FRED MENKE** and **MARY PAYETTE**, clowns, visited with Happy the Clown, the Herriotts, as well as Ada Smieya, Clause and Bruno, on the opening day of the Circus World Museum show in Baraboo.

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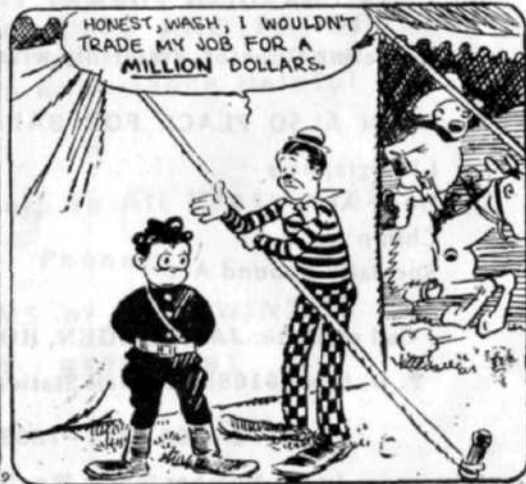
... by Harry Graham

Victor Gaona, father and former catcher of the famed Flying Gaonas, returned to Venice, Fla., in early May to shop for a cannon, some camels and elephants for Circus Suarez. His son-in-law Raul Suarez is a partner in the Mexican show.

Victor then flew to Japan late last month where his famed flying family is performing with the Monte Carlo Circus.

The Gaonas have been invited to participate in circus competitions next winter in England, Spain and Belgium. Victor says he will talk over the details with his flying children, Tito, Chela, Riccardo and Armando, catcher and boss of the act.

## By Crane



# REPORT

## EL KAHIR TEMPLE SHRINE CIRCUS

... by Karin Stewart Davis

The 14th annual El Kahir Temple Shrine Circus (Cedar Rapids, Iowa - May 9-11) was produced this year by George Hubler. It was the first year the circus was held indoors at the 5 Seasons Center and the cheerily decorated building proved to be a nice backdrop for the excellent show.

Visitors to the show included Larry Griswold, one of the pioneers of the modern trampoline. Larry Griswold, who is 75 but doesn't pass for a day over 50, was the original partner with George Nissen in the firm of Griswold and Nissen. The Saturday night show hosted the local Circus Fans of America.

The show line-up was: Spec; Eddie Schmitt, tigers; Paulson's aerial motorcycle; Sir Chadwick Chase and his Rolls Rotten; The Laddies, unsupported ladders; the Edwardos, bicycles and Don Giovanni; Olinka, head balance trapeze; Susan Sheryl's Royal Afghans; Erna's Chimps; The Karinas, trampoline; Ben Williams and Anna May; Tino Wallenda Zoppe, high wire; the

Flying Lantonies; Intermission; Albert and Janet Rix, bears; Miss Evelyn, Girl in the Moon; Johnny Zoppe's Rhesus Monkeys; Buckles Woodcock, elephants; the Sensational Swaying Stars.

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In an opening show mishap, one of the Bertini's chimps bit Erna above the eye, leaving her with a gash that had to be closed with sutures. There was some concern about a broken wrist, but X-rays proved the arm was sound. Erna missed only one show during the engagement with the chimps and was forced to omit their aerial act completely.

The Chinese restaurant dinners that were so popular with the performers at Hubler's Wilkes Barre date were also popular in Cedar Rapids, too, with the Zoppes, the Davises, Buckles Woodcock and Ben Williams.

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## PEOPLE

ANGELA WILNOW and Her Collies were booked for and worked dates for the Hubler Int'l Circus recently, with arrangements made for them by Amandis Entertainment, Inc.

ROGER and MARY GOODWIN (Goodwin's Chimps) visited the Hamid-Morton Circus at W. Springfield, Mass. on May 8th and report the show drew a record crowd for its opening night.

JO JO JINGLES (G. Elmar Jones), a Ft. Worth (Texas) clown, wound up a successful tour of his "Gospel Circus" at Roswell, NM, on May 16. Jo Jo is well known for his column "Jo Jo's Jinglings" which has run for years in the Clowns of America magazine "Calliope."

RUDY BUNDY, former RBBB executive, will be the guest speaker at the CFA's Convention to be held in Sarasota, Fla., June 15-18.

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TINY KRUEGER, Wisconsin State Senator and a former circus fat man, was featured in a special supplement of the Green Bay (Wisc) Press-Gazette on April 20th.

JACK MESTER, of the Royal Crown Circus, has recently returned from London where he worked on special effects for two science-fiction films - Galaxina and Dragon Lord.

MANZINI, escape artist, has completed a Home Box Office TV Special. He is assisted in his act by Dina and two men.

TONI and RALPH HEFNER and their Affection Trained Animal School were featured in the Los Angeles (Calif) Times of May 7th.

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## Miscellaneous

In Minneapolis, Minn., WCCO-TV announced on May 7th, that their city is raising the licensing fees and considering the abolishing of licensing for ventriloquists and small circuses.

Featured in the Jan. 1980 "Reno" magazine were Sergio Ramos and Tony Steele (flyers) and Richard Oreste (juggler).

Visitors to Ray and Suzi Rea's Poplars Mobile Home Park in Elkhart, Ind., recently included Karin and Hap Davis, Kenny and Vesta Grimaldi, the Jimmy Fossetts, the Angelo Bisbinis, the Luis Munoz family and the Carlos Obando family.

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# MAILBAG

... from Jon Friday

Attention: Tom Henricks - Please don't blame Billy Barton or Circus Report for the error of reporting that the Rix Bear act worked in Tarzan Zerbini's new aircraft cable mesh arena at Grand Rapids, Mich., last January 18-27 as I "ed" Billy Barton and CR that information as part of a full-page of circus news from the Grand Rapids Press.

We all know that the Rix Bear act has a portable steel arena which is time and manpower consuming to erect and dismantle in a fast-moving performance, so the circus chairman knowing that Ringling's Blue Unit presents a much larger polar bear act in a mesh arena thought it would be much easier to present the Rix act in Tarzan's new mesh arena.

Unfortunately, some of the Rix equipment depends on the rigid cage sections for support and there was some concern that the bears might become upset in unusual confinement which is understandable. So, although it was a noble idea on paper at least; the obstacles dictated that the old style cage had to be used at the last minute. It never entered my mind that anybody would think the Hubert Castle Int'l Circus would engage any wild animal act that wasn't self-contained with all proper equipment and permits.

Tarzan Zerbini owns two complete wild animal acts (lions and tigers) and is not in the habit of supplying arenas to other wild animal acts on sponsored dates as they're engaged as independent contractors and not employees.

CR readers must realize there is a considerable time delay before news items on Shrine Circuses reach their hands and therefore there will be many cases where the event will have been held by the time CR reports the advance publicity releases. Every major circus or ice show program contains the disclaimer "this program is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control". You're going to have a clown or act listed

that doesn't appear every once in a while. One major indoor circus has been in the habit of listing acts that never appear on any of its engagements, for many years. The only alternative would be to only list stale old news items of events of six weeks or more past-tense.

As an example, I'd like Mr. Henricks to explain how the Olmedas Spanish Horse display was in Toledo May 1-4 (as he states in CR of 4/21/80) when all the Olmedas were up here in Canada playing Swift Current, Sask., May 1-2; Moose Jaw, Sask., May 3 and Lloydminster, Sask., May 4. The Olmedas' Spanish Horse Fantasy has been booked for the Hubert Castle Int'l Circus Blue Unit tour several months now, so it hardly seems possible they could be projected to play Toledo on May 1-4.

It is my suggestion that circus fans start double checking their sources before nit-picking the professional writers. I was on the editorial staff of Billboard magazine for over 20 years, writing circus news and its never been an easy task to keep all news items 100% factual due to the transient nature of the circus business. However, that doesn't mean I'm going to start dealing in half-truths and fantasies just because it is easier to write than digging up the hard facts.

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**BILLY BARTON (Continued)**

is headed for Hollywood. . . **BONNIE FELD** is awaiting the arrival of their second child. . . In Washington, **IRVIN** and **KENNY FELD** hosted a dinner for the entire cast of the Red Unit. In that city, by the way, the show broke all attendance records. . . Business for all circuses has been phenomenal this year. **GRACIE** told me both Omaha and Lincoln were way up, and **EL-LIOT ABELLS** informed me that Garden Bros. Circus engagement in Toronto broke ALL previous existing circus records and is the ONLY circus that ever filled the mammoth Maple Leaf Gardens AND turned thousands away! . . **IAN GARDEN, Jr.**, is now working a six horse pony drill. . . **RICHARD BRUSKI** was given a cake closing night on the Garden show as a reward for being the most "entertaining and good natured" performer on the entire tour. . . Meanwhile, during a performance, **BARBARA BRUSKI** set her hair on fire when gas spilled from the flaming platter being balanced on her forehead, ignited her hair and burned her face. Only quick action by Richard prevented Barbara from sustaining serious injuries. . . **NBC TODAY** Show filmed a segment at **BILL** and **TRUDY'S CIRCUS FARM** in Springfield, Ohio. Many acts were on tap, including: Walt and Barbara King, and the Flying Lanes. Also visiting there recently were Eugene and Aurelia Nock who went with Bill and Trudy to visit the Hanneford Circus in Cincinnati. . . During the opening performance in Rochester, **CARL WONG's** sway pole almost crashed to the floor - scared us all to death. The building was too low for the break-away pole and he was using only a short sway pole - fortunately. . . Next season on Ringling Red **WALLY NAGHTIN** will have two bear acts. He and Doris and Wally, Jr. will work one; Renee and his wife will work the other. . . **JOHNNY JORDAN** and company will be at Reno's Circus Circus, not the one in Las Vegas.

**TIM HOLST's** wife **LINDA** has published a circus cookbook called "Center Ring Cuisine" and gave me a gift copy. This is an unusual item sure to please those who love to cook and those circus fans looking for something different. The exotic recipes have been culled from the large roster of culinary artists connected with Ringling Red and may be ordered as follows: \$5.50 p.p., send to: Circus Cookbook, P. O. Box 937, Kailua, Hawaii 96734.

Our condolences to **JOHNNY WELDE, Jr.** and the Welde Family for the loss of Johnny's wife, who contracted Rocky Mountain Fever from a tick bite and five days later was dead. The entire Beatty-Cole show was in a state of shock over the tragedy.

Nice to report that **LA NORMA** has fielded her marvelous ceramic creations to an elegant gift shop in Sarasota which pieces are being snapped up and sold as quickly as she can turn them out. It couldn't happen to a sweeter gal.

The program for Circus Odyssey, debuting its first Shrine Date in Hyannisport in Aug., has finally been set. Here is a rundown of the acts booked: Lilli-Ana, Jorge Barreda, Joselito, the Gutis, Lou Ann Jacobs, an aerial ballet, the Quassars, Burger's dogs and chimps, Janet's animals, Erik Adams, dogs and chimps, Cimse's Russian Wolfhounds and Poms, Satani Demon, Mister Sensation, the Pirates of the Sky, The Pierto Canestrelli Family, Marcelli and Janis, Pancho Magana, Rex Young, Mike Naughton, Tony Diano elephants, Boom Boom Browning, plus a major spec and a space production finale.

Deadlines are upon me and this column must be brought to a close. The scads of dirt I have piled high on my desk will just have to wait until the next column AND the unearthing of that damn, elusive notebook!

SEE YOU down the road, luvs.

# CIRCUS ATTRACTIONS

by MARIO DEMARCO

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## in the NEWS

### SIX-YEAR-OLD WINS SUIT

A damage suit brought on behalf of Sean Spencer, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Spencer, of New Richmond, Ind., has won a lifetime settlement over the loss of an arm.

The boy and his parents attended the circus at Crawfordsville on Sept. 5, 1978, when the boy reached into a lion cage to pet the animal and the lion bit his arm off. Attempts to sew his arm back on were unsuccessful.

Sean was awarded an out-of-court settlement that will bring him about \$3.2 million if he lives into his 70's. His parents received \$64,000 in the settlement.

The Spencers sued the Acme Circus Operating Co. Inc., operators of the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus, charging "gross neglect and willful misconduct" in allowing the boy to put his hand inside the lion's cage.

Sean, who recently was fitted with an artificial arm, received \$151,000 immediately, plus a structured lifetime settlement in the agreement. From the ages of 6 to 22 years, he will receive \$400 a month, for a total of \$76,000; from the age of 22 to his death, he will receive \$5,000 a month. If he lives to be 72 years old, he will receive a total of \$3,076,000.

The original suit asked for a total of \$500,000.

### CIRCUS QUIPS . . . .

. . . . by KARL J. BISCHOFF

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