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## TV Feature

The thrill and excitement of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus World will be brought to your living room in an NBC Television special to be broadcast nationwide this winter.

Produced by Irvin and Kenneth Feld, producers of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows, "Circus Superheroes" features some of the Ringling-Barnum Circus' most glamorous and spine-tingling acts, many of which perform regularly at Circus World in Haines, Fla., the circus theme park.

The one hour television special opens with Olympic Gold Medal Decathlon winner Bruce Jenner on Circus World's famous "Florida Hurricane" roller coaster. Subsequent features highlight Circus World's polar bear trainer Ursula Bottcher, the Flying Gaonas, Pedro Carillo, high wire artist, and Elvin Bale, who performs breath-taking feats throughout the film special.

While part of the show was filmed at the Circus World park in Florida, much of it was filmed during performances of the circus as it appeared throughout the country, and some scenes were filmed on the California coast.

"Circus Superheroes" is described as a fast-paced and colorful show, one that is sure to enchant those who enjoy the circus and who have visited Circus World and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus itself.

## Charges Made

A Boston hospital and the owners of an Iowa dog kennel have been charged with violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act, by the USDA.

The Boston State Hospital failed to file an annual report on its use of laboratory animals, according to the charges. The Animal Welfare Act requires

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## AT THE FAIR

Hundreds of clowns from all over the State of Texas, as well as the surrounding areas, participated in the official "Clown Day" at the Fair in Dallas.

In all five clown shows were presented under a 100 ft. x 200 ft. tent, with overflowing crowds on hand for each performance. One show was presented in the Women's Building and the crowd jam-packed it with many outside unable to get in for the show.

Some 18 newspapers carried stories and photos on "Clown Day". Their combined circulation is over 5 million. Three other papers are doing additional reports about the special event.

The clown performance tent was managed by Bob Stoddard, and Lou Stoddard had a clown painting booth at the fair. The Mid-Cities Clown Association Alley 85 and the Clowns of America were hosts for the event.



### USDA CHARGES (Continued)

private and government research facilities to report each year the number of animals and the types used in biomedical research and to describe any cases where the animals experience pain. This material is then compiled and submitted to Congress.

Failure to file the report subjects a laboratory to a cease-and-desist order. Subsequent failure to file the report can bring a fine of up to \$1,000 per day for delays.

In another case, Mr. and Mrs. Ted R. Lang, of Carlisle, Iowa, were charged with repeatedly allowing their kennel to fall below standards set by the Animal Welfare Act. The charges have asked that their license be suspended until they show their willingness to comply voluntarily with animal care regulations. A cease-and-decease order was also asked for that would subject the kennel owners to fines if they continue to keep dogs under poor conditions.

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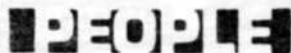
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CHARLIE CAMPBELL writes that Jumbo was killed on Sept. 15, 1885. The date as mentioned in the recent issue of CR was wrong.

WALT STIMAX and family have returned home after spending the season with Hoxie Bros. Circus and are now preparing for a series of Xmas dates.

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Circus World Championships  
Dec 10-15 London, England

International Circus Festival  
Dec 7-11 Monte Carlo

## Royal Lichtenstein Circus

Dec 4 Las Cruces, N.M.  
5 Tucson, Ariz.  
6 Tempe  
7 Los Angeles, Calif.  
8 Orange

## Showfolks Circus

Dec 9 Sarasota, Fla.

## Wonderland Circus Revue

Dec 4 Allendale, S.C.  
5 Denmark  
6 Norway  
7 Eastover  
8 Sumter

## --- OTHER DATES ---

## Blackstone Magic Show

Dec. 5 Red Bank, N.J.  
6 Burlington, Vt.  
7 Sottrrs, Conn.  
8 Hershey, Pa.  
9 Buffalo, N.Y.  
10 Syracuse

## Holiday On Ice - Int'l

Dec 5-10 Rock Island, Ill.

## Holiday On Ice - Nat'l

Dec 5-10 Reno, Nevada

## Ice Capades - Eastern Unit

Dec 6-10 Atlanta, Ga.

## Ice Capades - Western Unit

Dec 5-10 Portland, Oregon

## Ice Follies

Dec 5-10 Providence, R.I.

## Loomis Magic Capades

Dec. 6 Lordsburg, N.M.  
9 Alamagordo

## Magic Time USA

Dec. 4 Hanover Park, Ill.  
7 Berkeley, Mich.  
8 Brighton  
9 Sandusky, Ohio  
10 Mansfield

## Santa's Variety Show

Dec 4 Salt Lake City, Utah

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Dec. 4 Buffalo, N.Y.

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AURELIA HALL and CARMEN are enroute to Mexico to play the winter season with CIRCO ATAYDE. They return State-side in the early spring. Meanwhile the Bionic Godmother has recuperated from her recent operation and is getting along fine.

The GUTIS will spot-date Castle next season, are making Virgin Island at St. Croix for SANDY DOBRITCH Dec. 17-18, after which they intend to spend time with HEIDI and JIM GROGAN at their new Florida home.

WES and FLORINE OLER stopped by recently to visit JANET and FRANK BURGER who were busy butchering hogs! The BURGERS return to Fantasy Island next year for the entire summer. The OLERS are touring with Garden's "Showtime Follies."

SNAPSHOTS: SANDY DOBRITCH has resigned the Busch Gardens Circus Show at Williamsburg (Va) for 1979. SYD and BARBARA MOORE will return, ditto RAY HARTZELL. . . REV. AUSTIN MILES who is a regular guest on the PTL Club, a religious TV program, is busy spreading the word about show people - on the positive side, for a changel. . . GAYLORD MAYNARD married BELINDA AMANDIS on Nov. 18th. . . LOU ANN JACOBS has re-signed with Royal Hanneford for '79. . . Among the acts appearing with the Showfolks Circus are the JORDANAS and KAY ROSAIRE, also TINO ZOPPE WALLEENDA. . . RON and JOY HOLIDAY's date for TIBOR RUDAS at the Resort Int'l Hotel in Atlantic City has been delayed until May 1979, due to incomplete construction of the animal room. . . Meanwhile producer JACK MANSELL's Las Vegas Revue "1002 Nights" has been booked for 3 months at the Showboat Dinner Theatre in St. Pete (opening Jan. 6) and the Holidays have signed to do 6 weeks of it. . . Toward the end of the Castle season there was a rash of accidents - first TARZAN ZERBINI's semi veered off the road to damage worth \$20,000 but no injuries to animal or people. . . then SUSAN ZOPPE's brakes failed and she rolled the truck and trailer, also fortunately no injuries to animals or people. On top of all this DOUG and SALLY ASHTON's trailer was struck broadside by a drunken driver. Later, TARZAN's semi caught fire as he arrived at a date and the lions were unloaded in the nick of time. . . The DAVIDE ZOPPE FAMILY are reportedly set to go with Gatini in '79. . . STACEY MOORE will

play Detroit for the FLECKLES CIRCUS. . . The WAZ ZANS and the MORGAN ASHTON troupe will be with Garden Bros. in '79, also the BLOCKS making spot-dates. . . LAWRENCE GRANT and his lions make New Orleans for SANDY DOBRITCH. . . The FLYING LANES have a full winter, spring and early summer route set, appearing with M&M, Fleckles, Hamid-Morton and Dobritch Int'l. . . JAMES ZOPPE ROYALE RESIN BACK RIDERS who will play dates for POLACK and DOBRITCH have been set at the Rocky Hill Fair in Aug.

Rumor hazzit that TOMMY, BILLY and JUDY BAKER, recently with Vargas, will be with Ringling next year; also the Monte Carlo Circus has acquired a crackerjack bandleader (won't mention his name, but he's great!) . . . CIRCUS VARGAS will cut down to a 6 man band in '79. . . that show, by the way, is in the middle of shooting the Circus Feature for NBC. . . Organist LEE MALONEY called me enroute after closing with the Hoxie show and says he's tired from a long season. He is playing a series of Christmas shows in the East. . . KIM KRISTENSEN had a bad accident with his horse "Pascha" on an Emmett Kelly, Jr. date in Kent (Oh). The animal took a nasty spill, falling on its left side, and wrenching a muscle. The horse's leg was packed in ice and State Police escorted a vet from Hudson, 40 miles away. Pascha is doing very well now and was able to work the Kelly date in Birmingham (Mich) on Nov. 24-26.

MORE ON THE ANIMAL NIGHT MARE (Excerpt from a letter written by RON HOLIDAY) "Two months ago we had a great contract offered to us for Radio City. Joy and I contacted the proper officials for papers, permits, etc. for New York City, and were refused - after an hour of conversation long distance between Florida and New York City.

"Then when we went to Calgary, Alberta, earlier in the year, we applied to Washington for entry and exit permits - applied for these permits FIVE MONTHS in advance. We received them TWO WEEKS after we were BACK in Florida and AFTER we had played the date! The only reason that we got back into the country is we had the officials call Washington for confirmation, which they provided as they had PROMISED us the proper papers would be at the border and then were NOT. I don't know how any of us can work when our Government seems to be against us - even when you do everything right, it seems you're wrong!"

NOW - the Other Side of the Coin: A bear cub, growing too large for his cage at an Alaskan zoo was destroyed by State Fish and Game officials when a home for the bear could not be found. The zoos contacted had a surplus of bears. Now . . . something about all this just doesn't seem kosher when the very people who are

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**PEOPLE**

DOUG HENNING, magician/illusionist, is appearing at the Sahara Tahoe Club in Nevada during the holiday season.

EDDIE HOWE, former circus press agent, now works advance promotions for Columbia Pictures and most recently was doing advance work for the film "Midnight Express."

DERRICK ROSAIRE and his wonder horse Tony, are featured at the Circus Circus Casino in Reno.

HARRY BLACKSTONE, Jr., magician, plus the local group of Clowns of America, were featured in the annual Thanksgiving Day parade at Detroit.

**MAIL-BAG**

I am writing to correct the article in your Nov. 6th Circus Report on the Dr. Pepper Circus at the State Fair of Texas. The miniature horses that worked the Dr. Pepper Circus were owned and trained by Gertrude Craig of Dallas and were presented by her daughter Kandra Kay Bolls, also of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig retired from show business three years ago and Mrs. Craig is now raising and training these small horses, and at present has 20 head, all under 34 inches tall.

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A Nov. 5th pre-holiday benefit show presented at Oakland, Calif., was produced by Betty Wendany of the Funs-A-Poppin Circus.

Appearing on the show program were: The Wheelers, musical comedy; Dave (Happy) Twomey, clown and dogs; Thrills On Wheels, roller skaters and the Palace Family, magic/illusions. Betty Wendany handled the announcing.

**Miscellaneous**

Members of the Roland C. Butler Tent, CFA, kept the coffee pot hot during the final show of Circus Vargas and through the teardown in Phoenix, Ariz. Located just outside the backdoor, both performers and crew stopped to warm up during the cold evening.

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## Mailroom

The Post Office reports that Circus Reports going to the following people have an incorrect address.

Mike Straka

Emil Pallenberg

## PEOPLE

HAROLD DUNN has his model circus on display at the Ringling Museum of the Circus at Sarasota, Fla., this month.

ETHEL JENNIER, HORST GEYER, JO ANN JENNIER and ROCKY REBIDEAU visited the Beatty-Cole Circus at several spots in Florida.

EDDIE and BILL BACKSTEIN visited BUCKLES WOODCOCK and the Ringling show in Chicago on Nov. 12th. Then on Nov. 19th, Bill and ALLEN BABCOCK visited the Stebbing Circus at Springfield, Ill.

BABE BOUDINOT, former RBBB general agent now lives in retirement in Chicago, while F. BEVERLY KELLEY, former RBBB press chief lives in St. Louis.

ED RUSSELL, circus ringmaster and magician, is at home this winter, caring for his mother who recently underwent open heart surgery.

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## Show Report

The Ivan Henry Circus has returned to the Phoenix, Ariz., area for the winter months. The circus was presented for the Digital Corp. Family Day on Nov. 18th giving three performances to enthusiastic crowds.

The day-long program featured Carmen Henry and the Dalmations, Harry Ross, clown, the Henry Chimp Act, Ivan Henry and 'Shorty' the elephant, plus Harold and Judy Coates, 'The Jumping Jacks'. The show announcer/ringmaster was Fred Reed.



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Also appearing in Fairbanks was the Paul Riddell Hell Drivers, who presented shows on July 5 and 6th. They used 1978 Fords and featured a pick-up truck being shot out of the mouth of a giant cannon. Also appearing with the show was Koko the Clown with his 1978 Fiesta Funny Car.

## ACTS

Acts currently appearing at Circus Circus in Las Vegas include: Shupi, clown and dogs; The Flying Michells, trapeze; Oresto, juggler; The Rebounders, trampoline; the Richard Duo, ladder balance; The Flying Cavarettas, trapeze, and the Vargas Magic Act.

## PEOPLE

EVEL KNEIVEL, famous stuntman, now sports a diamond earring which is valued at \$103,000. "The

## New Film

Filming for the NBC-TV movie special "Side Show" got underway during Circus Vargas' engagements in Arizona. The film is about a 16 year old boy who, after World War II joins the circus as a puppeteer for the side show. The part of the boy is being played by Lance Kirwan.

Thousands of feet of film were taken of the circus as it arrived in town, unloaded and set-up its tents. In the final showing most of this will be edited down to just a few minutes of actual viewing time.

The script was written by George Kirgo, who also selected the cast members. Bill Conrad, of TV's Cannon series is directing the film, something he has been doing off and on for 20 years. The movie is being produced by Krofft Productions.

Stars of the movie are Connie Stevens, a trapeze artist, Tony Franciosa, a lion trainer and Red Buttons who plays the part of the man in charge of the Side Show.

only reason it's on my ear is because I couldn't find anyplace else to stick it," he said. The showman was in Tacoma, Wash., late last month to oversee the shipment of equipment (4 motorcycles, 2 Cadillac pickups, a wheelie car) to Australia for his upcoming tour in that country.

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GENE McDONALD helped handle tickets at the Preferred Section of seats for Circus Vargas during the show's tour of Arizona last month.

ROBIN KNEIVEL, sister of the famous stuntman Evel, has announced plans to marry DOUGLAS SPARKES, of Chino, Calif., a jailer who she met while her brother was serving time in the California Prison System. The wedding date has been set for Jan. 13th.

THE KLEMENTIS, bicycle performers, who spent four weeks visiting friends and relatives in Austria, returned to the U.S. on Dec. 1st, in time for their winter dates.

## Show Report

A stage show called "Vaudeville 78" recently concluded a successful tour in the Pacific Northwest with a strong program of acts.

Appearing in the show were: The Flair Dancers, Ottini the juggler, Gene Bell, the Minstrel Man, DeMille, on the tightwire, Rod James and Basil, ventriloquist act, The Ukranian Dancers, Berosini, balancing, the Flair Dancers at the Disco and Joey Van, impressionist. Also working with the show was clown Bob Emerico.



## BEATTY-COLE CIRCUS

by "Circus Joe" Valenciano

Just two weeks and one day after the Hoxie Bros. Circus played Tampa (Fla) the Clyde Beatty-Cole Br. Circus made their annual visit to the Tampa Bay Area. The circus played first at the Clearwater Mall (Nov. 13-15) and then moved to the Eastlake Square Mall for Nov. 16-19, the same spot they played last year.

The show got plenty of publicity throughout the various malls with each store displaying two or more window cards. In the hallways there were colorful posters and date sheets, plus plenty of free passes for the local youngsters.

There was lots of radio and TV coverage, including two of the local major Rock Music stations. Three local TV stations helped to boost the show, two carried reports about the set-up, while the third brought in several circus performers who were guests on the John Eastman Talk Show.

The circus looks good with its blue and white big top. The marquee and cookhouse tents matched the big top canvas, but the sideshow was the old brownish colored canvas. All of the trucks looked as if they had just been freshly painted.

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The grandson of the late Karl Wallenda and other members of the famous family of high wire performers are organizing a small circus in Sarasota to advance Christianity.

The Circus Marantha, meaning "the Lord is coming," in Greek, lead by Tino Zoppe, is set to do the first show at The Tabernacle Christian School on Nov. 20th. The benefit performance will be free but donations will be accepted.

The highlight of the newly formed circus is Zoppe's jumping rope and dancing on the high wire. His wife Olinka also performs with him.

The circus consists of 14 performers, including acrobats, clowns, unicyclists and a chimpanzee act.

Zoppe, 28, says he has been planning the Christian circus for four years. Other members of the Wallenda family group will join the show later, he says. They will include his sister Delilah and brother-in-law Terry Troffer. Dave Klukow, who performed the seven man pyramid during the filming of the TV movie "The Great Wallendas" will also be in the circus.

## FIRE

Fire of an undetermined origin destroyed the historic Sierra Railway Co. and an adjacent railroad museum at Jamestown, Calif., on Nov. 23rd. Damage caused by the early morning fire was estimated at \$125,000 which included the office, museum, and two old-time passenger cars that were parked near the office.

The blaze was discovered by a passing motorist at 3:20 a.m.

The famed Wallendas have continued to perform in three separate acts since the master of the family, Karl Wallenda, died last March at the age of 73, in a 123 foot fall from a high wire in Puerto Rico.

"The Great Wallenda Troupe," with Zoppe's cousin Rietta and two non-family performers will continue to perform separately from the rest of the family.

Zoppe is lining up future bookings in hopes of attracting more performers. The circus has already set a date for a Christmas program at a retreat in Bradenton.

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## Xmas Show

The Caterpillar Tractor Co., of San Leandro, Calif., held its annual employees Christmas party and program on Dec. 2nd at nearby Chabot College.

The program was produced by Walter Tolleson and featured: Mary Ann Kent, Julia Tolleson, Bill Castner The Holiday Spirit, vocal quartet, the Pickle Family Circus Clowns, plus Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus who distributed gifts after the show.

## The Circus

A brochure type program for the Nov. 16-19 Three Rivers Circus at Pittsburgh, Pa., lists the following circus acts:

Opening Spec; Sponge Plunge; Tarzan Zerbini, wild animals; Miss Tina, the Dolly Sisters, Miss Ruth, aerialists; the Circus Clowns; The Elkins Sisters, acro dog feature; Mr. Ronald, Los Latinos and Eugene & Aurelia, tightwire; the Lenz Chimps; the Balancing Knopps plus The Vickinas, and Little John, balancing display; Los Mayans; The Great Wallendas; Intermission.  
The Brenda Casey Dancers; The Navarros, bicycles; Ron

## Billy Barton (Continued)

fighting our animal acts can properly (they seem to think) get away with murder! It seems also that the Home of the Brave and the Land of the Free, for animals and their owners, is becoming an outrageous mockery.

A good many people are working behind the scenes, I'm sure, to fight these unfair laws; however, I do not know who they are other than AURELIA HALL and JANICE ARIA who are actually working very hard and constantly to do something about it, I certainly wish them God Speed.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: EMMETT and NANCY KELLY visited the Beatty show recently and COUNT NICHOLAS presented Nancy (who debuted as a ringmistress this season) with a solid gold whistle. The whistle has been specially inscribed: "From Count Nicholas, Ringmaster to Mrs. Emmett Kelly, Jr., Ringmistress. Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus. World Tour."

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## SAWDUST TRAIL

by M. L. DUPONT

The following item appeared in the Nov. 5th issue of "Today Is Circus Day In....?" which is published by Charlie Campbell. "Carson & Barnes No. 2 Unit which closed Nov. 18 in Gilbertown, Ala., and went into quarters will have a new title in 1979. The show will go out under the name of Circus Vegas."

The Beatty-Cole Circus will have a winter tour in Fla. opening Dec. 27th at Tropical Park, then to New Dade County Zoo on Jan. 2 and to Haulver Beach Jan. 5th.

Dobson Petting Zoo played the Twin City Mall at Monroe, La., for two weeks in late Oct/early Nov. It was to have been a one week stand, attracted so much attention that the second week was added. Contracts have also been signed for return engagements in Feb. '79 and Oct. '79.

Sal Conditto, working man on Ringling was recently honored by the CFA for saving a fellow performer's from serious injuries by breaking his fall. Now Sal can add an "Oak Leaf Cluster" (as we used to do in flying) to his certificate. In Boston, Sal was responsible for breaking the fall of Luiz Poso, a member of the Carrillo Bros. high wire act. Congratulations to Sal.

The Arthur Stones plan to be in Monte Carlo in Dec. They travel ahead of Franzen Bros. Circus setting up dates and promotion. They've been clowns ever since their retirement several years ago.

I am indebted to Jim Forrest, of Hartford, Conn., for several beautiful European circus posters and the English Fan's publication "King Pole" an excellent magazine. Jim and his sister Mary, surprised the Klementis as they arrived at Kennedy Airport on their way to Austria and so had a quick visit.

Here it comes at last! 1979 will be known as "The Year of the Clown" according to a published comment in a brochure "official souvenir program" put out by

## PEOPLE

JUNE CURRY, long-time circus fan, was featured on a Phoenix, Ariz., television news show as the person who dresses the clowns. She was shown making clown costumes and told about some of her many clown friends.

BILL BURGER, who has been booking dates for the John Strong shows, visited with BILL BIRCHFIELD who is in charge of lighting at the Nugget, and DAVID HALL, who handles the Nugget's elephants, while in the Reno area.

RICHARD SCHMITT, formerly of the high wire act of Schmitt & Albullet, has now joined forces with Farrell Hettig to form a new act which will be called "The Fabulous Farrell Brothers".

PHILIP MORRIS' World of Fantasy Wizard of Oz Show closed its 1979 tour at Gainesville, Ga. on Dec. 3rd. Next year's show will feature Cinderella and will open on Feb. 5th. WILLIAM J. ENGLISH, of Greater American Entertainment Corp. who has managed the show since its start in 1967 will again represent the national tour of the family attraction. MIKE STRAKA has been signed again as road manager.

the Gerry Cottle Circus 1979.

Cottle's Circus is a fine show and it was selected to appear for the Sultan of Oman's birthday celebration in the Arabian Gulf in Nov. 1976. Three large transport planes flew the show in, including elephants, the tents and seats and all performers. In April 1978 they played a special season in the state of Shrhjah.

Franzen Bros. Circus took Nov. 22-23 off to observe Thanksgiving eve and day. They then crossed from Arkansas to Mississippi, heading for Alabama. Closing date is set for about Dec. 19th, then its into quarters in Louisiana or thereabouts until next year.

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The tents are: big top, 4 center poles, two rows of quarter poles, three rings, 20 sections of canvas. Blue seats on both ends, Grand Stand long side, reserved seats on

short side, 3 sets of lights with four lights each, lights around track and four lights around each ring, pipe railing.

Marquee: 2 center poles, 6 side poles

Menagerie: 8 center poles, one row of quarter poles, 21 cages, 24 elephants, 3 small elephants, 5 camels, 1 baby camel, 3 zebras, 2 llamas, 4 sacred cattle, 2 cages of performing lions and tigers, hippo, seals, bears, monkeys, birds, gnu, 2 candy stands.

Side Show: 4 center poles, one row of quarter poles, 15 platforms, 15 banners, 2 outside platforms, 3 ticket boxes.

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**REPORT**

An Associated Press release on Nov. 16th reported that David Mayfield, of Lake Worth, Fla., mailed a petition to the U. S. District Court asking to sue Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Clown College at Venice for alleged employment discrimination.

Mayfield claims he wasn't allowed to finish clown college last year and wants a judge to order the circus college to take him back and assign him to an apprentice clown position.

He says he is an honorably discharged, decorated Vietnam veteran and suffers from epilepsy. He said he was stricken with a painful ear infection in Oct. 1977 while attending the clown college.

According to Mayfield, school officials made an appointment for him with a doctor in Sarasota, and said transportation would be provided. But when the time came, Mayfield said, he was told to walk to Sarasota — some 15 miles away.

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The midway has a white and gold ticket wagon, frozen custard unit, red ticket wagon, three candy stands, two umbrella stands, peanut stand, cotton candy, novelties, tax box.

The concert features Ken Maynard, plus ten Indians, 15 cowboys, 18 horses.

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