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Wire Walker Falls

Officials at Mary's Help Hospital in Daly City (Calif.) report that high wire performer Thomas (Toby) Reed (24) is still in critical condition. He is suffering from internal injuries and has broken both legs and both arms.

Reed was performing in the PAL Circus at the Cow Palace, just south of San Francisco (Calif.) when he apparently lost his balance during the Nov. 21st matinee performance, then fell to the concrete floor, about 40 feet below.

One spectator, David Quinn, told CR, "he almost lost his balance when stepping out on the wire. Then he went across to the other side, turned around and fell."

It's Sold

Polack Bros. Circus has been sold. Read the story on Page 11, of today's issue.

The Future?

An uncertain future is ahead for a varied group of exotic animals housed on the north bank of the Pajaro River, near Salinas, Calif. Their owner, Mickey Solomen, was killed in a head-on highway accident on Nov. 18th, while out obtaining food for his charges.

At the present time only a four months old cub
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show program

The Nov. 13th engagement of Patterson Bros. Circus at Benton Harbor, Mich., was produced by Mrs. Ida Patterson, who is carrying on her late husband's work.

Two performances were presented with Les Gibson doing the announcing. Music was provided by the Henneberry Family and clowning was handled by Les Gibson and Irvin Romig (Ricky the clown).

The program included: Lee and Rita Henneberry, juggling; Clowns and the comedy car; The Barry Miller family, comedy trapeze; Clowns, a long distance call; Gloria Peebles Busy Bees (monkeys and dogs); Clowns, the trombone; Lee and Rita Henneberry, magic and trunk illusion; the Miller Bros., cradle; Gloria Peebles, dogs; Clowns and the Hot Dog; Unicycling by the Henneberry Family; Clowns, balancing feats; Gordo, Gordo & Co., gorilla parody (was the first time they used two gorillas in the act).

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UNCERTAIN FUTURE (Continued)

who was also injured in the accident, has an assured future. A friend has taken the young lion and is paying for his vet expenses.

Left without anyone to care for them are 14 African lions, 20 cougars, 12 wolves, hyena, an ape and several goats. They were either purchased outright by Solomen, or given to him by owners who could no longer handle their exotic pets.

Solomen exhibited his animals at shopping centers, carnivals and other such special events. It had been his dream that someday he could establish a "natural" zoo in the area where he lived.

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77 PLANS

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According to John his circus will drop 50 towns on the west coast next year. However, these dates, and others, will be played by a small show, managed by Bill Birchfield and called "This Is Magic." The show will operate from January to April.

Another unit, sponsored by John, will also operate during those months under the independent direction of Betty Wendany. The unit will feature animal acts and is scheduled to play schools, shopping centers and special sponsored dates.

In April both of these units will be merged into the Big John Strong & Son Circus for its regular tour. The circus will head east, playing dates for Holloway Productions, starting May 15th, at which time additional acts and a band will be added.

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PAL CIRCUS

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Wade Burck, tigers; Miss Astra, sponge dive; Clown prize fight; Great Valentino and Thomas Reed, high wires; Herta Klauser, white tiger and elephant; Clowns; David & Irena, cradle; Chris, slack wire; Los Latinos, tightwire; Wal-Tims, risley; Web number (7 girls); John Cuneo, elephants; The Flying Artons; Clown Wedding; Klauser's bears; The Great Huberto, slide for life; The Bouncing Lees, trampoline; Clowns on Parade; Seven Alexanders, teeterboard; 3 baby elephants; Renee and Diana, single traps; the clowns; Elephants in long mount.

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Show date is Monday, December 13th, at 8:30 p.m., and of course, all show folk are welcome as guests of the management.

However, house rules at the Performing Arts Hall require that everyone must have a numbered ticket. So, if you wish to attend as a welcome guest, please feel free to call or write into our office and we will happily provide courtesy tickets. This will assure you of a seat and hopefully avoid offending any of our fellow Sarasota show folks.

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BILLY BARTON

HOWARD SUESZ HAS rallied to new interests after selling his Clyde Bros. Circus to the Carden-Johnson Corp. - an outright sale spread over several years. "I almost went crazy from inactivity those first three months," the showman disclosed. "In fact I had a heart attack and was bedridden for ten weeks." Howard has established "game rooms" (pool tables, etc) in a number of Texas locations, including Edinburg (on the Mexican border) where he is now based. The showman also bought and renovated an old farm at Santa Rosa and seems to be dabbling successfully in real estate.

This winter will find Howard Suesz trekking off to Europe to visit circuses. Will the showman resume a circus career after a three year hiatus? "By that time," he says, "who knows?" Well....old habits die hard.

ROYAL HANNEFORD's return to Shrine dates this fall (starting with Baltimore, Nov. 2-6) was greeted by a rousing editorial in the Baltimore News American: "For some 46 years Baltimoreans have patronized the Shrine Circus, but this Bicentennial gala extravaganza included thrills far beyond those presented in previous years." End quote.

DOWN RUMOR ROAD: That PAUL KAYE has cancelled Puerto Rico.... That HALL's BEARS and CARMEN's BABOONS may appear at the Onstage Circus starting in Feb.... That PETER LUVAS may take his Globe of Death to FAMOUS HUNT.... and that the STERLING FOREST theme park may not reopen its doors in '77.

FLASH !! The Ringling Tent Rumor has been re-activated by buzzings that a famous indoor circus has been approached to be the nucleus of its performance!

BLINKO (Ernie Burch) writes that he did NOT have a heart attack in San Antonio, that he suffered heart palpitations and spent four days in a hospital to have his medication checked.... The STEELE-GAONA FLYERS played New Orleans for Royal Hanneford and will be with Circus Odyssey in Puerto Rico.... SANDY and MICHELLE DOBRITCH bought a town house in Vegas.... A documentary is in the works for flying star TERRY CAVARETTA.... The Onstage Cabaret recently featured TED and LISA STEWART (the Comancheros).... JIM NORDMARK is reported to be planning a second unit for spot dates.... HARRY

RAWLS, and son DAVID, are busy at Hugo building their new "rep" tent.... CIRCUS WORLD is coming out with its own newspaper called CIRCUS TOP-ICS.

The Command Performance for the Queen of England seems to hold a Jinx - at least for the FLYING TERRELLS and GENE MENDEZ.... The FURNASARI FAMILY are wintering in Lakeland (Fla).... FARLYN JACOBSEN is presenting the new 5 elephant act trained by BUCKLES WOODCOCK.... DON BASHAM left Royal Hanneford.... Ringmaster KIT KASKETT will be with one of the RBBB units.... New Circus World wardrobe was executed by PEGGY DAY and PEG COBURN for the debut of DELILAH (age 4) and SHANNON (age 7) whose cute costumes match Mom and Dad's - the WOODCOCKS. Peggy Day also made new costumes for Barbara and Buckles.

SHOTGUN PAGE writes that CARL ALBRIGHT has framed a school show which is headed his way and that former circus side show mgr. "HOOT" BLACK is now retired and living in Athens (Ala).... The FLYING DELLS (Bill and Betty Woods) are hanging it up at season's end to pursue new endeavors in Vegas.... HAGEN-WALLACE, SELLS & GRAY reopens Apr. 3rd.... One of TAJANA's baby tigers was named BOUMI - after that Shrine Temple.

RBBB CIRCUS WORLD HEADLINES: THE FLYING LANES is becoming one of those "must see" attractions. PAT LANE is catching triples and the act has worked out a passing leap involving three leapers.... Lion tamer JEWEL NEW features the "world's only motorcycle riding lion".... Lovely BONNIE BALE premiered her new long-reins Lipizzan.... And the CORONAS are launching a new aerial act (being kept under wraps) which I suspect to be a "rocket type" act for STEVIE.

The craziest party of the year was CW's Halloween bash with TREVOR BALE winning first prize for his famous tramp outfit, from his comedy-bike days; where daughter BONNIE was a strutting sensation as busty, lusty MAE WEST and where STEVIE CORONA upset everyone appearing as a "fig newton"! Highlighting the event was JEWEL NEW (The Blond Fonz) streaking thru the shindig on his baby blue chopper. (Stevie couldn't focus her camera fast enough). Jewel won the apple-bobbing contest and JORGE CORONA

SAWDUST TRAIL

Carson & Barnes gave a street parade at Texarkana, Texas on Nov. 11th. Their last three days were played in extreme cold with snow falling at the closing spot.

An unusual feature of the Beatty-Cole date in New Orleans, as reported by Charles Koehler, Jr. was the fact that one end of the big top was set up on grass while the other end was on the hard surface. Charles was also a visitor on the Diamond S Rodeo which was promoted by phones by Mr. Donaldson. No advertising at all.

The Arthur Stones, advance agents and clowns for Dailey Bros. have returned to their home; Art reports the bad publicity about the show was blown up by the press, because of a "fired female" employee.

This reporter has knowledge of a circus sale but is unable to report details at this time. Whether the show will operate under its old title or go out under a new one has yet to be decided. But the sale is not a Ringling show situation.

Col. Harry Jenkins, organist, has finished a tour that took him over 21,000 miles of highways. He isn't planning a full season next year, due to doctor's orders.

Coco, the Clown's stage show has been booked for Bastrop, La., for Dec. 17th. The phone room for that same show at Monroe on Dec. 16 has finished its operation and reports a good gross.

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David Carradine will play the part of a Jewish trapeze artist, Abel Rosenberg.

The film, called a horror movie, is set in Germany between Nov. 3 and 11, 1923. "In this terrible week," says Bergman, "poverty and inflation kept the population in a continuous state of fear and most people had lost faith in the future." (Adolf Hitler led an unsuccessful putsch in Munich on Nov. 9, 1923).

PEOPLE

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JOE UZDAVINIS, of the Enchanted Forest at Old Forge, N. Y., died of a heart attack on Nov 15th. Just this past June, his wife, Mary Edna, was killed in a tragic auto accident.

GEORGE and JOY ADAMSON have parted after 33 years of marriage. Their work with lions in Africa resulted in the book and film "Born Free."

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Wesley Oler reports the grandstand attendance broke all records. Vidbel's Petting Zoo and elephant rides were placed in the area and music was directed by Florine Oler.

TV SPOT

Acts working on the George Burns TV special on Dec. 1st, booked by Simone Finner, were:

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BOB WELZ, juggler, is appearing at the Copa Cabana in Rhodes, Greece. Last month he was

BOB WELZ, juggler, is currently at the Copa Cabana in Athens, Greece. Last month he worked at the Copa Cabana in Rhodes.

JOY and DICK ROBERTS, former wild animal trainers, now keep five pet lions at their home near Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

MICHU, RBBB midget, was presented with the key to the city at Bridgeport, Conn., where he toured the city and visited the local graves of Tom Thumb.

MIKE DEAN, clown, fell during the balloon

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chase at the PAL Circus last month and injured his head.

JOSHUA SILVER, clown, will work with STEVE BAKER and GARY RAY on a holiday show at Green Bay, Wisc., this month.

KARL WALLEDA was a dinner guest of the Queen of England, after he walked across the Thames River, on his cable.

GARY JOHNSON recently closed the second half of the season with his elephants, working on Garden Bros. Circus.

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Polack Show Sold

After a long period of negotiations the sale of Polack Bros. Circus was announced at Hammond, Ind., on Nov. 27th. The buyers, who have not been identified, were represented throughout the negotiations and at the signing of the contract by Parley Baer, popular circus and TV star.

The circus was sold for approximately \$100,000, which includes the show's title, its elephants, trucks, route, Chicago office and rights to all concessions.

The new owners take over today (Dec. 6) and will continue to maintain the Chicago office for at least six to twelve months. It has been rumored the show's headquarters will be shifted to the west coast, but there has been no confirmation of this report.

The regular staff is to be maintained as is the office personnel. Louis Stern, one report stated, will continue to work with the show, serving as a technical director.

Advance booking crews are to be sent out immediately to expand the show's route, with plans to keep the show touring almost all year long. The program is to be upgraded with the signing of several acts, whose names will be announced shortly.

Show Acts

Acts signed to appear at the Monte Carlo Circus Festival in late December are:

The Flying Michaels; Judy Murton, aerialist; Miss Mara, single trapeze; Tonito, tight wire; Walter Galetti, bounding rope; The Flying Lucianos; The Albarracines, aerial stars; Henry Wawrzyniak, wild animals; Christel Senbach Krone, horses; Dieter Farrell, wild animals; the Rios Bros., risley; David Rosaire, dogs; Carlos and Tina Rosaire, snakes and crocodiles, and the Rastelli musical clowns.

What Now?Billy Barton

The recent political upset by Quebec's Separatist's Party has Canadian and American business interests worried and has sparked instant fear of eventual separation from Canada. Reassurances by prominent Party spokesmen have done little to lessen this growing concern or to dispell the gathering clouds of uncertainty. The Canadian dollar has already been thrown into a tailspin. The unexpected rise to power by the Separatists in no way precludes the inevitable secession, a goal that has been this party's battle cry for many years.

The question is: Will the new political climate further complicate an existing complicated Tax Structure for American shows visiting Canada and Quebec?

There is no indication a positive separation action is planned, but obviously it could happen. If it should there is nothing that points to an unhappy condition for American shows or performers. Recent experiences by Circus Vargas would indicate just the opposite.

Whatever the outcome, Quebec is currently an uneasy Province that invites close scrutiny by shows and performers planning to appear there in the near future.

A larger question looms: If separation becomes a reality what problems will American and Canadian shows encounter as they pass through Quebec to the Maritimes? Each could find new border rules and regulations.

One solution for American shows might be to exit in New York State and thus reach the Maritimes and Newfoundland and return at a point in Maine.



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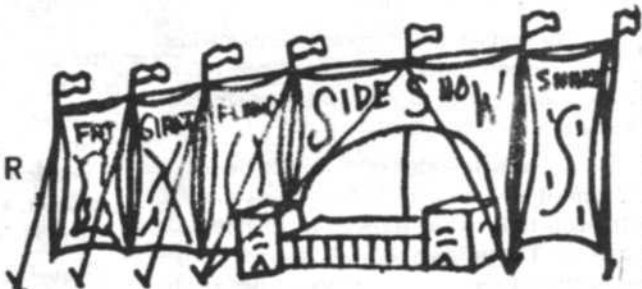


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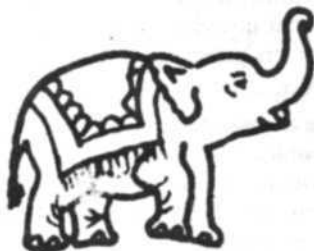
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"Old John, the lead bull on the "Big Show" for many years had a disposition similar to Tommy's, but during his must period he was very erratic and unpredictable.

"One time while in winter quarters at Baraboo, John went through an 18 inch wall, luckily he ran through the outskirts of Baraboo.

"When on the road with the show and not in "must", small children (complete strangers) could swing on John's trunk and play with him. Any bull-hard who knew commands could work him, but during his "must" period anyone who approached him did so at the risk of losing their life.

"I don't know who came up with the theory that during a male elephant's "must" period they suffer pain similar to a toothache. It is just not so.

"When an elephant is "must" he is, temporarily insane and his actions cannot be predicted by any man, no more so than the actions of a human murderer (suffering no physical pain) can be predicted, when he is turned loose on the streets.

"During his "must" period any elephant, no matter how gentle at other times, should be confined so he comes in contact with no one during this time.

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PEOPLE

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PAT BISSONETTE and MIKE NAUGHTON will present their "Abracadabra Circus" for the Bergdorf-Goodman Dept. store in White Plains.

JERRY LIPKO and his Comedy Chimps got front page publicity in The Gazette (Medina, Ohio) for their local school engagement.

The JOE ZOPPE FAMILY leaves for Mexico and their engagement with the Atayade Circus on Dec. 12th;

EARL and LOUISE ALLEN, of Sikeston, Mo., visited the Beatty-Cole Circus when that show played their hometown in September. ARNOLD MALEY was their dinner guest and visited their circus room.

Indiana Date

The Grand Ole American Circus, which gave three shows at Wabash, Ind., on Nov. 13-14, was co-produced by Paul Kelly and Baron Julius Von Uhl.

Music for the program was provided by organist Danny Daniels, who also handled the announcing chores. The show's clowning was handled by Bob Hurley and Frank Gilbert.

The program featured: Julius Von Uhl, illusions; Clowns and magic tricks; Dorothy Kelly, goats; Danny Daniels, juggling; Michael Kohlrieser, unicycle (was his debut); Dick Kohlrieser, trained dog "Skipper"; and the intermission.

The second half featured: Dick Kohlrieser, trained llama; Clowns and the fire cracker; Dorothy Kelly, dogs; Clowns and the levitation number; Dick Kohlrieser, pony and monkey; Baron Von Uhl, wild animals.

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Miscellaneous

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BILLY BARTON (Continued)

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See you down the road, luvs.

PEOPLE

LETHA PEALER, mother of the late Francine DeRiskie Kiess, was omitted from the Memorium notice reported earlier. She lives with her daughter Cail, in Florida.

ROMAN WHMITT has added an African male elephant to his rhino act. The act will be featured with the Atayade Circus this winter.

HARDY O'NEAL, CFA of Shreveport, La., helped locate clowns for the Carson & Barnes Circus parade at Texarkana, Ark.

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Dec. 10 Fort Worth, Texas

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9 Oroville

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11 Antioch

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Dec. 6 Forked River, N. J.

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11 Lindenwood

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Hoxie's Plans

Hoxie Tucker has bought most of the Diamond S Rodeo equipment, now stored at the Miami winterquarters, where, according to manager John Hall, over 15 men are busy sprucing up both shows for next season.

It is true that Hoxie acquired John Berosini's Ape Show, which includes a full-sized Gorilla, large Orangutan and two Chimpanzees. The unit toured in 1975 with Royal American and with the Murphy Expo in 1976. The Ape Show is mounted on a modern air-conditioned semi, has a carry-style front and will serve as the Great American Circus side show in 1977. Meanwhile, Hoxie Tucker is touring this attraction in Florida shopping centers.

Mongo, the Bob Knoell owned Gorilla makes a second tour with Hoxie Bros. Circus this coming season, where a good portion of last year's program will be retained, but with a face-lift. Phil Chandler is flashing the show with a Grand Illusion Display, featuring four beauties in Las Vegas-style costumes. Returning are the popular Diaz Sisters, clowns Harley Newman and Tom Sink, bandleader Joe Eddy, with musicians Dick and Dave Percy, lion tamer Michael Cerece (adding a tiger), side show manager Roger Boyd, Jr., and the two young men from the Cortez Troupe will be joined by their wives, now in Colombia, for a 4-person high wire and flying return acts.

New acts for the Great American include: Joanne Jennier, aerial and seals; and Patti Antalek, dogs and chimps. Returning are: the Bill Gunga family; Bill Hill, manager; Buck Nolan, clown; Charles Moyer and Barry Miller, bandmen; Rick Paska, elephants and 1977 will mark Joe Carabetta's fourth year with what was first Lewis Bros. Circus and is now the Great American.

Bookings for both shows are far ahead of schedule. John Hall reports, and anticipates an excellent season in 1977.

..... Billy Barton

False solicitations are being made in Alameda County (Calif.) for funds, which are reportedly for a Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the County Deputy's Assoc. There's no such program here, officials report.

PEOPLE

TERRY O'BRIEN, juggler, recently won his license as a commercial helicopter pilot.

CLIFF VARGAS is featured in an interview in the Sept./Oct. 1976 issue of White Tops magazine. The interview was held at Waukegan, Ill. on June 27, 1976.

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