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FROM JOEY JORDAN

So far, I report, my season has been quite interesting, to say the least.

In August, I did the TV show "Circus" for Tibor Alexander. I traveled to the date with "Guzman & Monique", in Toronto after the taping we parted - however, when I attempted to ship my props to New York, customs required so many papers I ended up leaving my props with Guzman & Monique who agreed to travel across into the states and ship them by bus to me in New York.

In the meantime, I visited mime Jeff McBride in Montreal. Then I got a call to do a show in the states the next week and my props were on their way to Texas with Guzman & Monique. Luckily I received the props within hours of my first show.

Then, while traveling to the Michigan Fair with "Icetravaganza", just 50 miles away our van broke down and we were towed in the rest of the way, making it in 3 hours before the first show and with 2000 lbs of equipment to be set - but we did it!

After that date I was traveling with "Fantasy on Ice" in New York when the truck with the entire show was stolen, 2 days before the date, Bill Karlton and myself replaced all the props; including my entire act and the show went on.

Happily the van was returned, sans my suitcases which contained some valuable CR's.

From these incidents good has come. I now know what an extra transmission looks like out of a vehicle and I have plenty of extra props.

## REPORT

### STUDENT WINS SETTLEMENT

A \$100,000 settlement has been reached in a suit brought against a traveling circus and a New Jersey school board by a former high school football player who developed a bone infection after slipping on a pile of elephant manure.

Under terms of the agreement, Charles Romoser, 17, will receive \$75,000 from the LBT Corp., owner of the Miami-based Hoxie Bros. Circus, and \$25,000 from the Verona, N. J. school board.

The agreement was approved by Superior Court Judge Peter W. Thomas in Newark.

In August 1977, the circus was hired by a local Rotary Club for a benefit performance, which was staged on the Verona High School football field.

The circus has seven elephants among its animals. According to Romoser's attorney, heaps of animal dung remained on the field after the circus had packed up and left.

Romoser, then a freshman, reported to the field for his first day of football practice in early September of that year. As he was running, the court was told, he slipped and fell into the pile of dung and cut his right knee. Although Romoser cleaned the cut, an infection developed and spread up his right leg, into his groin and down his left leg. He underwent surgery for removal of an infected portion of bone.

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12 Los Angeles

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# Billy Barton

FINALLY got the details on WALT KING's tragic accident at Baltimore during the Hanneford Circus engagement in that city. Walt, coming out of spec was attacked by the elephant Tulsa (lead elephant on which Barbara was riding). Tulsa did a head stand on Walt, then rolled him down the corridor and into the Ladies' Room where Walt finally managed to find safety. Walt is in a body cast suffering from a broken collarbone and a number of ribs and it will be over two months before he will be able to work. One of his son's came down to drive the elephant semi back to Michigan and Walt was forced to cancel the New Orleans date. Meanwhile the elephant, Queenie, was worked single-o by one of Walt's sons on the Hubler dates.

CLOSEUPS: LILLI-ANA and CARMEN HALL (My-Immba's Baboons) will open at Benson's Wild Animal Park in New Hampshire May 23rd and will continue there thru Labor Day. Carmen will also play spring dates for Circus Odyssey and Aurelia to... me Carmen is now working the baboons loose in the ring. . .The fellow in the 'Snoopy' animal skin in SHAPPI's comedy act was none other than BOBBY DAVIS. . .THE FLYING IBARRAS are making winter dates for EDDIE ZACCHINI. . .JACKIE KRAUSE organized a cast party one night in Ft. Worth. . .BARBARA TATA visited with YOLANDA ZOPPE and looks good considering all she's been through. She suffered a broken shoulder, broken ribs and a broken right arm. The gal is lucky to be alive. . .DOREY MILLER indicates a good year next season and is going all out with a super-big show and will play major cities. It is his contention, and I agree, that a Presidential Year is always bad for circuses. I bet you did not know that Dorey once did a tight wire act. . .Among the visitors backstage were LARRY CARDEN, BOBBY GIBBS, ZOEANN HENRY and CLEO PLUNKETT. . .By the time I get to the end of the Ft. Worth column, I'm sure you will find more names listed.

AURELIA HALL is getting about as though she never had a hip operation, and finally made it to the pie car or blue room (whichever you prefer) and sampled MACK ESHELMAN's spaghetti. Mack came up with a new dish every day, everything from pork chops to a specialized slumgullion. . .and while Aurelia was there hordes of people came to pay homage. "When Nini gets married," she says, "I'll be free to go

and do as I please." That's what SHE says. What I say is the Bionic Godmother will turn into a first-class baby-sitter and then start all over again by 1995!

SOMETHING that has been very hush-hush all year was the Great Elephant Escape during spec in Milwaukee this past winter. BOBBY GIBBS told me that spec turned into eleven laps around the hallways of the building and that everytime somebody said: "There they go!" somebody else hollered, "HERE THEY COME!" It was lucky there were no injuries although, apparently, a great deal of damage was done to dressing rooms, phone booths, etc. I remember when I was never afraid of an elephant (as a child on my father's circus and, later, as a teenager) but now I stay as far away as humanly possible. But that is a precaution around animals that all should take, and not just around elephants!!

ITEMIZING: Those Flea Markets around the fairgrounds were like magnets pulling the performers. . .One night I coerced WADE BURCK into making Finale for the first time in his life. He was as nervous as a First of May and kept asking me, "What do I do now?" "Just smile and wave," I replied. He did just fine and was the center of attraction as far as the audience was concerned, even if we were accused of "mis-behaviour" by the powers-that-be, which is NOT TRUE, as those performers behind us and ahead of us can attest.

JOANNE PINSON created elegant new head pieces for DORIS NAGHTIN for the Naghtin Bear Acts on Ringling Red in '81. Joanne has a big sewing compartment in her semi trailer and, as everyone knows, her work is fabulous. . . In thanking Shriners J. Tom Shelton and Mr. McDaniels, I overlooked the generous assistance of ALFRED TRAMP who furthered the cause of my book in Austin with strategic segments on "Good Morning Austin" and a half hour radio show with that city's most famous radio host. Sorry, Mr. Tramp, it was an oversight. . .My thanks also to Shriner KEITH JOHNSON of that city, once a member of law enforcement who was overjoyed with my treatment of police officers in the book and amazed that I was so knowledgeable about police procedure, forensics, toxicology, etc. Well, Keith, I put my nose to the grindstone and did some studying. . .and, while I'm on the thank you kick let me ditto REX MARTIN of Wheaton, Ill., who put me on to a new expert who

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**REPORT****SHOW LEAVES ENGLAND**

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The planned tour in South Africa "could even be a permanent one," he said. "It all depends on whether the womanfolk like it over there."

The Cottle circus started on a small scale about eight years ago, working mainly in the southern part of England. It grew and expanded and for a time operated three units. The show ran into financial trouble when one of its units was caught in Tehran at the time of the Iranian revolution.

"We lost money there," says one of the show officials. "But we believe that in South Africa there's a chance for us to do consistently good business."

The show's general manager Mike Denning describes the British entertainment tax as "Killing". The tax is a terrible thing and unlike the Royal Ballet, the circus does not get a government grant. Our expenses can't be claimed back, he added.

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## HOLIDAY CAVALCADE

"Holiday Cavalcade", the 90 minute family attraction, is prepping for it's extended Christmas Season tour. Produced by Ray Winder and Mike Martin, the magic and variety show will re-open after a brief 2 week hiatus from the lengthy fall tour.

This unit, one of several fielded by Atlantic Southern Productions, of Sarasota, will feature magician Paul Royter & Co., the Dubskys with their dog and chimp acts, clowns Bingo, Debbie and Katie who will work in the show as well as doing advance promotion ahead of the performances.

MC'd and managed by Mike Martin, the show is a fast moving, fun-filled attraction designed with a mixed audience in mind. It is locally sponsored by civic and fraternal organizations many of whom have successfully used the show as their annual fund raiser.

Martin states that "coupling a professionally handled phone promotion and advance advertising - posters, newspaper stories and appearances by the clowns accounts for the yearly increase in 'gate' business. And, naturally, the presentation of a quality show, of which the sponsors can be proud, accounts for the ease of re-booking our regular sponsors and the growth of new groups wanting to bring the shows to their communities."

Mr. Winder, president of Atlantic Southern, is including a more complete concession department with flashy new lobby stands offering consumables - cotton candy, pop corn and peanuts, plus novelties, balloons and a new

program book designed by Mike Martin, with pictures of the cast, a coloring section and space for performer's autographs. Calling on his circus experience, Martin has instituted the "old standby - peanut pitch" as a tie-in with the balloon sales. "The increase in volume," he states, "has been phenomenal."

The addition of two more very capable contracting agents has made an expanded route possible for the coming season. Opening in early Feb. 1981, Atlantic Southern will be trouping Martin's own enlarged unit - 'Holiday in Magicland'. Featuring 100 minutes of thrills and laughs, Martin has increased his cast and crew, has added new and startling illusions and magical effects and will be carrying his usual array of exotic animals, gorgeous show girls, flashy props and stage sets, plus a complete sound and lighting system.

Through out the season, the producing company will offer it's growing list of sponsors, such diverse attractions as "Jubilee" - a self-contained Gospel Music presentation featuring well-known performers in that field, 'Coco and His Musical Comix' - a zany blend of comedy, music and magic starring "Coco" Michael Polakov, and his clown band.

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The tragic fire will be recorded in history books as the second worst hotel fire in the U. S. Yet, despite this fact, the fire does not rank with the major disasters of history.

Some of the major fires in America are:

- + A forest fire at Hinckley, Minn., Sept. 1, 1894 - 413 dead.
- + The Brooklyn Theatre fire, Dec. 5, 1876, Brooklyn, NY - 295 dead.
- + A fire on the docks at Hoboken, NJ, June 30, 1900 - 326 dead.
- + A church fire at Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 20, 1902 - 115 dead.
- + The Iroquois Theatre Fire at Chicago, Ill. Dec. 30, 1903 - 602 dead.
- + The Rhoads Theatre fire at Boyertown, Pa. Jan. 13, 1980 - 170 dead.
- + A school fire at Collinwood, Ohio, March 4, 1908 - 176 dead.

+ The Triangle factory fire at New York City on March 25, 1911 - 145 dead.

+ A forest fire at Cloquet, Minn., Oct. 12, 1918 - 400 dead.

+ A fire at the Ohio Clinic, May 15, 1929 - Cleveland, Ohio - 125 dead.

+ The state penitentiary fire at Columbus, Ohio, April 21, 1930 - 320 dead.

+ The Coconut Grove fire at Boston, Mass. - Nov. 28, 1942 - 491 dead.

+ The Ringling-Barnum Circus fire at Hartford, Conn., July 6, 1944 - 168 dead.

+ The Winecoff Hotel fire at Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 7, 1946 - 119 dead.

+ The Beverly Hills Supper Club fire at Southgate, Ky, May 28, 1977 - 165 dead.

+ The Mayaguez Theatre fire at San Juan, P. R., June 20, 1919 - 150 dead

+ A fire in a dance hall at Natchez, Miss., April 23, 1940 - 198 dead.

The nation's worst fire was a blaze that raced through the woods near Peshtigo, Wisc., on Oct. 9, 1871. The death toll came to 1,182 people. It occurred just one day after the great Chicago fire.

**REPORT****NEW YORK CLOWN ALLEY**

BY HANABELLE

We're marching again in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which is probably the most prestigious in the country (did you know that Macy's keeps a year-round workshop going in Hoboken, N. J. to refurbish the parade from year to year), and only Macy's personnel march, except by invitation.

Mr. Chuck, the performing clown who heads the parade, regularly attends Alley meetings, and is a great help. Our meetings are now held at the McBurney YMCA, on the last Monday of each month, on West 23rd Street in Manhattan.

The Roosevelt Field Shopping Mall has a large Macy's branch, which has called upon our clowns to be Santa's Helpers this year.

Bobo, our veep, has begun a series of lectures on his specialty, ventriloquism. Ron Randon (Root Beer) married his lively Judy, and of course the President is expecting.

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## PEOPLE

**VICTOR PONCE**, juggler, is appearing with the Ice Follies/Holiday on Ice, as is the Canestrelli Family, trampoline act.

**JOSH SILVER**, has produced "The Giant's Circus Tour" a children's show, which is being presented at the Village Gate in New York.

**ROGER BIDDICK** and **WARREN WOOD**, of the Great All American Youth Circus, attended the season ending performance of the Big John Strong Circus at Yucaipa, Calif. Oct. 26

**LYNN** and **JEFF BUSBY**, he publishes magic books, were married this past Aug. 8th and now reside in San Francisco.

**DAVID KEELUNG**, of Lafayette, Calif., recently completed his 4,751 mile bicycle trip across the country. It took 96 days.

**RUDI** and **SUE LENZ** are not selling their chimps and in fact will work during the summer season at Great Adventure Park, starting in April.

**SEIGFRID & ROY**, illusionists in Las Vegas, have three more TV specials to do for the Irvin Feld/Kenneth Feld combination.

**LORETTA SWIT**, star of the TV series "Mash" has joined the campaign to protest the killing of baby seals in Canada. She has proposed a

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**ANGELA WILNOW** and her *Braves (Collies)* are playing Christmas shows this year in Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi for the Royal Danish Circus.

**HARRY BLACKSTONE**, magician, was featured on the John Davidson TV Show which was aired the afternoon of Nov. 26th.

**JOHN HARTZELL** was working on a scaffold in the backstage area of the MGM Hotel in Las Vegas when a security guard came through and told everyone to leave the building. He reports most of the show's backdrops and costumes have been ruined by smoke and water.

**THE AMAZING KRESKIN**, magician, was a guest on the Mike Douglas TV Show which was broadcast on Nov. 28th.

**STEVE McPEAK**, high wire artist; **THE BAUER FAMILY**, sway pole act; **DAVID MERRIFIELD**, aerial trapeze; **ENRIQUE WALLENDA**, high wire walker; the **CHITWOOD Fam-**

ily, daredevil drivers, were all featured on the TV Show "Daredevils" aired on Nov. 21st.

JOEY JORDAN, skating juggler, will be working a date with MARIO MANZINI, escape artist, this month, as well as several shows in Atlantic City, N.J., for the Holiday Season.

DICK STUART recently sat in with the band with Magic Time USA at Richmond, Mo., and PETER STURGIS has joined the show for the remainder of the season, which ends Dec. 20 at Altoona, Pa.

BOB EMERICO, clown and magician, is in the San Francisco area for the holiday, visiting with friends and working some show engagements in the Bay Area.

ROSE ADAIR, Artists manager in New York, set several variety acts at the Genesis Club in Lake Carmel, N.Y.

BOBBY SMITH, juggler, visited with fellow juggler JOEY JORDAN at Kansas City and between shows, showed films of his act.

SUE WINNEN, one of the dancers with the Beatty-Cole Circus, recently returned from a show tour in Japan.

BOB MOORE was presented with the coveted "Sydney Award" by PRISCILLA PRESLEY after his appearance on the TV show "Those Amazing Animals" where his Mongrel Review was featured.



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BILL WILLIAMS, Cotton Candy the Clown, worked a Santa's Arrival party at a shopping center in San Pablo, Calif., early this month.

REX HORTON, bear act, and GRAN MAR, high wire performer, are working holiday shows in the east.

JOHN YOUNG (1616 Redwood St., No. 5, Sarasota, Fla. 33581) is a contortionist enthusiast who is interested in corresponding with others having similar interests.





in turn is assisting me on essential forensic details with my new book, scheduled for release in Nov. 1981. . . Circus folks were traipsing downtown during our Ft. Worth run to eye the window featuring my book in "Barber's Book Store" where books were pyramided in front of a poster with pictures and a blurb reading "America's Newest Mystery Writer - The Successor to Agatha Christie." Inside the store were other giant displays, one of which heralded my imminent appearance to autograph books. Since it was my first major autographing party I must admit I was excited about it.

**SNAPSHOTS:** DAVID STRONG managed DENNIE PINSON's "coat concession" in the Blue Room after Dennie dropped off the coats and journeyed North with his folks for a series

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of Xmas shows. . . Joining MARGARET Mc LEAN for dental work was EARL MICHAELS who had two teeth pulled in Ft. Worth. Margaret is feeling fine after extensive dental care, including that ever-so-painful root-canal. . . . TRUDY STRONG finally added the pony to her Dalmatian dog act. . . RON PERRY is practicing unsupported ladder. . . Took HERBIE WEBER at least two days and heaven knows how many cans of liquid wrench to pry his wire jacks apart for his plane trip to San Francisco.

Looking hale and hearty is CLEO PLUNKETT whom I hadn't seen for many years. . . Those costumes used in the space number to introduce BILL and TRUDY were made by ISABEL LA FERRERA. Bill, incidentally, suffered a bronchial congestion during the Ft. Worth run found breathing painful and difficult. It seems none of us got over the colds caught in Houston where the weather was hot and humid and where the building was air-conditioned. . . TOM MY HANNEFORD due to visit in Ft. Worth, didn't, because his show had picked up extra dates in the South. . . TARZAN is expected in Dallas, he visited already in Houston. . . Aerial Bid Cage trapeze girls in Texas were Isabella, Sally Ibarra, Marcella (Chass Beasley), Jackie and Heidi Krause and Pam Perry. . . REX and SANDY YOUNG skeeded to be with Circus Odyssey in Puerto Rico. . . FRANK GALAMBOS was Rex's golf partner on the Texas run.

The equine display on Castle in '81 will feature 3 rings of dressage. . . Evidently, the Buffalo Shrine date produced by IAN GARDEN is by arrangement with GEORGE HUBLER who has a conflicting date. Hubler has produced Buffalo for the past several years, bringing in, as always, a good show. . . Carden-Johnson has Oklahoma City - Hamid-Morton has St. Paul - every year filing show dates is like playing checkers. . . Hamid will open in Binghamton in '81 and then goes to Hartford. . . I'M not sure but I think the Buffalo and Rochester Shrine dates run the same week this coming year - that's unusual.

One of Wade Burck's tigers lost a tooth and we kidded DAVE (who tends the beasts) by asking him to open their mouths and find out which tiger lost it! No sense of humor, that boy! . . . BETTY HUBER's daughter lives in California.

**LATE DEVELOPMENTS:** One of the elephant handlers, Phil, a young man from California, became another character in the cast of

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the continuing saga of nightmare injuries from elephants, when he bruted about by the Cuneo bull "Billy," suffered 7 broken ribs and a broken jaw. . . REX WILLIAMS is back on the Vargas show after his visit to a hospital. . .

DAVE MERRIFIELD will become a unit manager for TOMMY BARTLETT in '81 and it looks as though Dave is retiring from the air to become an executive. Well, Dave, I'll be right behind you. . . Meanwhile, MARK PILGER, a young man from Baraboo who did cloud swing and trapeze on Carden-Johnson this season and who was helped along in the business by BOBBY and ROSA GIBBS, will perform the helicopter trapeze sensation in '81 for JIM GROGAN and the act will play the Bartlett Water Show at Wisconsin Dells. PAT DAVISON was up to his ingenious tricks with pen and ink and his latest cartoon was one of Bobby Gibbs in Wade Burck's sexy elephant costume staring at himself in a mirror. The caption reads: "Rosa, Rosa, How do I look?" Bobby loved it and so did most of us. I just can't say enough about Pat's incredible talent. The guy is a superb artist with a sharp and discerning wit. . . The irrepressible TOMMY BENTLEY paid us a surprise visit enroute to the Vargas show. He had just driven in from Lowell (Mass) where he and Chuck had wound up their promotion for Christmas shows. The Bentley Bros. Circus will begin operations in June 1981 and continue straight thru into Sept. The show has signed many new dates. As always Tommy was a sensation on the show, captivating everyone with his droll stories and razor-like wit. We were happy to see him.

DOROTHY ORESTO, while walking her dog in a secluded area outside the coliseum, was

confronted by a man leaping from the bushes and brandishing a knife. Fortunately the Doberman scared the would-be assailant away. Dorothy was shaken by the incident and thereafter nobody wandered around the arena during dark hours without an escort. She and RICHARD returned to Las Vegas after the Ft. Worth engagement.

Margaret and Wade Burck expect their baby right after the New Year. . . A new illusion act that's been touring with Tihany will be featured with Circus Vargas in '81. . . A Chipperfield cat act will grace the Hamid-Morton Circus next season as that show's featured attraction.

MICKY GAFFRON (or Micki), originally from the Horthybagi Troupe is now a rider with ROGER ZOPPE's new act. . . RICHARD ROSIO surprised KEITH and HELEN KILLINGER when he showed up in a long black limousine with the daughter of a Greek shipping magnate sitting in the back. Story is he's showing the heiress around the USA. He is supposed to be in Puerto Rico with Circus Odyssey next winter; ditto the RAMOS TROUPE. . . ZENKA MALIKOVA, perhaps the greatest female high wire walker of all time, visited with her daughter WANDA and with Wanda's handsome young son. MALIKOVA is still mourning the death of her late husband and says to visit the Ft. Worth Coliseum for her is painful.

My mother has been removed to a Rehabilitation Center in Mechanicsburg, Pa. where doctors hope to teach her to walk and to talk again. The center is about 50 miles from my home, but only three miles from the home of my good friend MACK ESHLEMAN and so I will stay with him when I go up there.

At the Lions Club Circus in San Antonio were the following acts: Pat and Gwen Davison, Shappi and Linda, Ron and Pam Perry,

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# REPORT

## HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

This year's Anaheim (Calif) Halloween Festival preceded its 57th annual televised night-time parade with a three ring circus spectacular produced by Warren C. Wood and Associates. The pre-parade activities were held at the Glover Football Stadium in the Southern California city's La Palma Park, on Oct. 31st, where the 1.2 mile lighted parade first passed in review.

The cast of 23 were introduced in a Grand Spec as they entered the stadium on two floats from the Dumbo's Circus section of Disneyland's Very Merry Christmas Parade.

Ringmaster Warren Wood announced the first display, an eight member precision unicycle act, the *Super Cyclists*, that included many unusually shaped cycles. A three ring aerial display followed with the La Croix and Bell Duos on the cradle and the Tomari Duo on double trapeze.

Fourth and fifth on the program were the Wray's well-received trampoline act with comedy by Glenn Duncan and Chuck Craw's dive



Davide Zoppe Family, Poco and Slo-Poke, Mach Eshleman, Isabella, with musicians Leo Mascitto and Steve Lockwood, and ringmaster Earl Michaels. The date was played Nov. 21st.

Other visitors in Ft. Worth included: Jeff Plunkett, Gary Henry and Carmen Hall and her new husband.

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into an air bag. Outside rings of adagio teeterboard by the Duncans and the Brandys and a center stage hand balancing number by Danny Castoldi preceded Sid Moore's Mess of Mutts, booked by Paul V. Kaye. Closing feature of the show was the Pegasus Flyers, flying trapeze.

The circus was followed by a fireworks display staged and choreographed by Disneyland.

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# REPORT

## HOLIDAY HIPPODROME

BY C. H. ROWLAND

Holiday Hippodrome, America's original stage circus, came to Colonial Heights, Va., on Nov. 15th. The show was in the high school auditorium with an entourage of international performers. The lively 90 minute presentation was full of fun and laughter, for the ¾ house.

Brad Bradbury does a wonderful job with the Holiday Hippodrome show every year. He is great with the children of the audience. Each time he comes on stage they would perk up to see what he had in store for them to see.

The distinctive array of acts were: The Mad Hatters (Drougetts); Magic (Bradbury & Co); Foot Juggling (Miss Randa Lynn); the Pork Chop Revue; Balloon Animals (Bradbury); Traps (Miss Christina); Magic (Bradbury); Hand Balancing (Danny Cary), and Juggling (The Drougetts).

Music for the show was provided by Brad Bradbury at the organ and Phil Oler on the drums.

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ARTHUR MURATA, chief magician at the late Magic Cellar in San Francisco lectured locally and while attending I learned that this was not his first lecture as I had assumed, that he has lecture notes, and news of a new hang-out for magicians.

The lecture featured a Sidewalk Shuffle with no gimmicked cards and a rope routine of releases, all in print and for which he just claims the routing. It's tested material and above all - entertaining. The notes sell for \$4.00 and postage at First Class would be 67c, or book rate at 59c. It's neatly printed on 20 pages, and illustrated by Wendy Rose and with plastic clamp binding with a cover.

The lecture was short but many then asked for and received further instructions on the nine tricks and routines plus many of his favorite close-up tricks.

The new hang-out will be known as "Cedric's Magic Club" and will be filled with magic memorabilia of interest which has been accumulated. The Carter material remains under the control of Turk Murphy Associates. The location has not yet been determined and a circular is-

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### MAGIC/VARIETY SHOW

The Pan American Magic & Variety Show, under the direction of Allan C. Hill, opened at Johnson City, N. Y., on Nov. 19th, for its 30 day tour which will take them to New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, closing on Dec. 22nd.

Headliner for the tour is Josef W. Smiley & Co., and supporting Smiley are the Vidbel Family with their dogs and chimps, and clowning by Hosie Diaz. The show plays to the accompaniment of Bob and Ken Parker, with Dick Palmer serving as concessions manager. General agent for the hour and a half show is Jim Raab.

## Miscellaneous

Circus Vargas presented three shows on Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Day) at Las Cruces, N. M. Their season closed Dec. 7th at Douglas, Arz. and the show will winter at Casa Grande.

Murphy Bros. Exposition has been signed for the midway at the State Fair in Wisconsin for the 1981 season.

### BOOK WORM (Continued)

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Fresh in stock is a reprint of the Harman manuscripts of inner card magic in large size printed form. No. 1, is "Packet Magic", No. 2, "Card Fare", No. 3 "Loose Ends", No. 4 "Means and Ends" and each is \$12.50, well printed and desirable. No. 5 consists of three in one, those being "Super Dupes", "Odd Lifts" and "Secret Substractions" and this one is \$15.00. This latter is 103 pages with the other around 55 to 75 pages. Those not having the original manuscripts and liking card methods will want these.

# Show Report

## HADI TEMPLE SHRINE CIRCUS

The Hadi Temple Shrine Circus, presented at Roberts Municipal Indoor Stadium, at Evansville, Ind., (Nov. 27-30) was produced by Paul V. Kaye and the Kaye Continental Circus. It was the show's 47th annual presentation.

The program lists: Pre-show warm-up by the Hadi Temple Funsters featuring producing clown Happy Kellems; Hadi Temple Mounted Color Guard and Chanters; National Anthem; Circus Overture directed by Jack Cervone; the "Circusland Fantasy" spec with all personnel; Display with Venicio, Ann, Carole on trapeze and Guadalupe, Juan, Paulo and Roberto on loops and Maryse on ladder; The Rix Bears; Aerial cradle display with the Monterey Duo, the Cheryl Duo and Roberto Duo; Clowns; Spanish Forse Fantasy presented by the Olmedas; Jorge's Unpredictable Car, comedy car number; Display with the Wayne Trio, acrobatic, the Dielkas Sisters, globes and the Antonio Trio, cycles/juggling; Clowns;

My-Immba's African Baboons; Aerial Ballet featuring Lorelei, trapeze star; Christopher James, tight wire; Intermission.

The second half features: The Elizabeth Sisters, hair hang number; Ada Smeiya's lions and tigers; The Flying Rodriguez, double-wide trapeze act; Clowns; Linda, Shawn and Ben DeWayne with the Kaye Hollywood Elephants; Eleanor and Gene Mendez, high wire; The Wainwrights, Plunkett Family and Pablo Troupe, trampoline display; The Aerial Paulsons, aerial motorcycle; Exit March.

Ringmaster/announcer for the show was Paul V. Kaye; James L. Nassif handled the lighting and Paul MacCausland was prop boss.



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## REPORT

### CHRISTMAS SHOW

Wm. F. Hill, Sr. and his son Ted, are touring a New York Theatre show for children called "Merry Christmas Mother Goose," presented by Fan Fare Theatre Productions, Inc. They opened their 31 day tour at Honesdale, Pa., and will travel through Pennsylvania and Maryland, finishing on Dec. 20th.

Evan and Joan Thompson of New York City are the leads in the cast of eight. This children's musical is being received very well by the general public. The performance is an hour and a half. Buck Nolan, world's tallest clown, handles come in and intermission. The tour was booked by General Agent Jim Raab. This was a change from the past four years when Bill and Ted toured an eastern unit of the Pan American Variety & Stage Show.

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## Memo to Our Readers

In order to have this issue of Circus Report in the mail on schedule, so you will get it without delay, it has been necessary to hold some copy material and advertising over until the upcoming week.

We are behind on schedule once again and are hoping to get back to normal this month.

By the way, the last copy of CR for this year will be dated Dec. 22nd. There will be a brief lapse until the first issue of 1981, which will be dated Jan. 5, 1981.

We hope you have a Happy Holiday Season!

## MAIL

Circus Report addressed to the following subscribers have recently been returned because the Post Office says they are unable to deliver them as addressed:

H. Kenneth Krakat	Vino Berosini
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## In Memoriam

SARA GARCIA (85) known as the grandmother of Mexican cinema, died of a heart attack on Nov. 23rd. She appeared in some 350 movies, beginning in 1919, and also was active in radio and theatre.

CLARENCE SLYTER (80) well-known magician, died after a long illness at a Rest Home in Petaluma, Calif., on Nov. 20th. His act was a classic called "A Magician's Night Out" and featured appearing and disappearing shot glasses of liquor, steins of beer, balloons, etc. He first came into magical note at a PCAM convention in Seattle in 1933. Burial was in Tacoma, Wash.

MAE WEST (87) the legendary Hollywood bombshell died at her home in Los Angeles on Nov. 22nd. It was just three weeks after she had returned home from a lengthy stay in the hospital, recuperating from a stroke. Her show business career started at the age of 5 when she appeared in a stage play. She was active in Vaudeville, theatre and films, working with most of the greats of show business.

## COMING SOON

A variety of interesting and unusual features are planned for upcoming issues of Circus Report, all of which you will want to read.

Coming soon is a report on the British Circus Season of 1980, by Jack Niblett, and also a report on the Busch Roland Circus, of Germany, by John Alberti.

Readers will also be interested in the continuing tax battle between Ringling-Barnum and the County of Sarasota, in Florida.

Reports continue to come in about the new indoor version of the Beatty-Cole Circus and these will be printed as time and space will permit.

Billy Barton has stories on the last date of the Texas Shrine tour, as well as some of the other eastern show engagements.

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