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# Wheeling - A Big One

An all-time, record-breaking engagement was recorded by the Osiris Shrine Temple for its 31st annual circus at Wheeling, W. Va. The show was produced by William Kay, with performances presented on July 20th and 21st at the Wheeling Stadium.

Finley Amos, Shrine Publicity Chairman, reports that advance ticket sales were up 30% over that of last year.

Bill Kay, circus producer, worked the media strong for ten days prior to the show dates, and then the week of the show he had Hugo Zacchini, the Sensational Leighs, the Dubskys and the Gutis Family, all making TV and radio show appearances to push the sale of tickets. The work involved paid off with the huge increase in attendance.

In addition to William Kay, producer, the circus staff includ-

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## AID STATION

Ralphie's grayish-black fur helped him blend with the rocks on the beach near Carmel, Calif. Nonetheless, Elizabeth Sherman and several of her friends spotted the elephant seal, in the same place day after day.

"Something obviously was wrong," she recalls. "We kept a lookout, even gave him a name.

Somehow he survived for three weeks. Finally someone called the Marine Mammal Center."

A truck soon arrived and Ralphie, weakened by a skin sloughing disease, was gently hoisted aboard. On the return trip, Marc Webber, the center's animal-husbandry specialist began feeding the exhausted seal a

liquid to offset the effects of dehydration.

One of the things they did to Ralphie was name him Racquel - after discovering he was a female.

The rescue convinced Elizabeth she wanted to be a part of the Marine

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## GARY STRONG CIRCUS

... by Sally Payne

Gary Strong's Circus came to Westland Mall, a superb of Louisville, Ky for a June 30-July 4 date. The show has a three pole, push pole top, with just side apples, no quarters. Just prior to this date, at Campbellville, Ky. they suffered a blowdown.

There is no butchering in the seats, as patrons are permitted to go out into the midway for concessions during the intermission. Flo Haley (Gary's fiancée) had the concession wagon.

After Louisville he was to play Lebanon Junction and Boston, then was going back to Campbellville to play the date lost due to the blow-down.

We caught the circus on the 4th of July when he gave three performances - 2, 4 and 8 p.m. The program ran one hour and 20 minutes.

Gary was the ringmaster and he knows how to sell the show to the audience. Music was via recordings.

The program featured: Oscar Firschke with a pony drill; Gary Strong, juggling; Chiquita & Pedro, dancing dolls (Mrs. Firschke is inside both dolls); Patti Jean Oliver, western trick riding; Gary Strong, rope spinning; Gary Roberts, clown with 'Tug O War'; Intermission; Mr. & Mrs. Firschke, liberty act; Patti Jean and 'Wild Bill' educated horse routines; Gary Strong with Cora the elephant.

## Miscellaneous

Members of the Tony Diano Tent No. 130 CFA, of Columbus, Ohio, recently attended the Columbus Zoo in a group on July 8th, for a buffet luncheon and a behind the scenes tour of the zoo.

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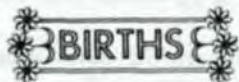
## PEOPLE

**SAD BUSTER**, clown, worked a date at Orange, Texas, on Aug. 10-11.

**MANZINI**, escape artist, will be at Manhattan Market in New York on Aug. 19, Aug. 23, Sept. 2 and Sep. 9.

**ROBERT HOCUM**, a former front office aide with RBBB, is now in his second season with the Europa Circus of Sweden, where he does a cloud swing act.

**RON STINSON**, clown with most of the west coast shows, has gone to South America on a two year Missionary Program for his church.



**ZOLTAN, Jr.**, born at Houston, Tex. in June to PAM and ZOLTAN FABRI, of the Charles Troupe.

**RUBEN, Jr.**, born at Las Vegas, Nev. on June 18th, to ELIZABETH and RUBEN SUAREZ, of the Riding Suarez Troupe.

**ENRIQUE, Jr.**, born at Los Angeles, Calif., to ROSA and ENRIQUE SUAREZ, of the Riding Suarez Troupe.

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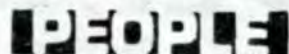


... from Paul Nelson

I just read M. L. Dupont's column where it was stated Marjorie and David Hackett were with the original Nelson Family (risley act).

Just to set the record straight, after our family act broke up I formed an act calling it The Young Nelson's. That is the act Marjorie was in.

Just in case anyone is interested the act consisted of Bobby Kay, Harris Reynolds, Ruth, Peggy, Marjorie and myself.



**TEX DREYFUS**, of Houston, Texas, writes this is the 50th year he has attended a performance of the Ringling-Barnum Circus.

**WHEELING - A BIG ONE** (Cont'd) ed: Patricia Kay, secretary/talent coordinator; Bill Pruyn, musical director; Bob Hastings, superintendent; Bruce Freem, wardrobe, and Bob Johnson and Jack Healy, promotional directors.

(The show's program is listed elsewhere in today's paper).

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15 Fond du Lac  
16 Sheboygan  
17 Saukville  
18-19 Milwaukee

Circus Vargas  
Aug. 15-16 Ogden, Utah  
17-19 Salt Lake City

Tommy Hanneford Circus  
to Sep. 12 Middletown, Ohio

Happytime Circus  
Aug. 13-16 Stockton, Calif.

Kaye Continental Circus  
to Aug. 19 Honolulu, Hawaii

Lin Rich Animal Circus  
Aug. 14-18 Canton, Ohio

Make-A-Circus  
Aug. 13 San Francisco, Calif.  
17 San Francisco

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit  
Aug. 14-15 Tulsa, Okla.  
17-19 Wichita, Kans.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit  
Aug. 15-19 Long Beach, Calif.

Royal Danish Circus  
Aug. 16-19 Cleveland, Ohio

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Aug. 19 New York, NY

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Aug. 15-19 Merritt Island, Fla

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Burger's Animal Revue  
to Sep. 9 Grand Island, NY

CMB Meet  
Aug. 17-19 Baraboo, Wisc.  
Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit  
Aug. 16-26 Des Moines, Iowa

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit  
Aug. 16-21 Des Moines, Iowa

James H. Drew Exposition  
Aug. 13-18 Wise, Va.

Foley & Burk Shows  
to Aug. 18 Stockton, Calif.

Gutis Family - Comedy Act  
Aug. 13-18 Altamont, NY

Hanna-Barbera Show  
Aug. 13-27 Monterrey, Mexico

Hal Haviland - Dogs and Pony  
to Oct. 8 Lincoln, NH

Kaye Hollywood Elephants  
to Sept. 3 Variety Attractions

Lipko's Comedy Chimps  
to Sep. 3 Sandusky, Ohio

Los Latinos - Wire Act  
to Aug. 26 Ottawa, Ont.

Mighty Thomas Shows  
Aug. 16-19 Gordon, Nebr.

Sad Buster - Clown  
Aug. 18-19 Silsbee, Texas

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# Billy Barton

BACK AGAIN after my brief hiatus and sorry for taking the time off but "book writing" at the moment takes precedence. The new version is finished, copyrighted, and my next book doesn't begin in earnest until fall so I should continue my column uninterrupted until then.

News from Ringling Blue is that the unit will develop an elaborate 'Space' spectacle for the 1980 edition which will feature the strapospheric rocket ship act of JOHNNY and BETTY ZOPPE now appearing at Circus World. This is the first I can recall a spec being featured around an act - at least in some time.

Wire walker RON PERRY will wed PAM SHULENSKI on Sept. 29th and writes the wedding will be a "big bash", probably in Ohio, but Ron did not say. The Rianos Duo is in Hawaii for Paul Kaye. Ron was with the Hamid Morton Circus this season.

Plucky NANCY GIORDANO is undergoing treatment for residual problems from her fall of two years ago and will be out of action for a time. Plans are going full steam ahead for her bird act, however, and she has had sessions with Animal Psychologist BEATRICE LYDECKER (seen recently on the Johnny Carson Show). Nancy says the experience was fascinating, that the woman works with animals through telepathy. By the way Nancy, I lost your address which is why I didn't answer your letter, write again.

MARIE and DONNY OSMOND were the stars of a July 4th Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus program (Sans Emmett and Nancy who were in California). Most of the talent used on that date was from the Nordmark unit including: TERRY O'BRIEN, the VASQUEZ Chimps and dogs, POPCORN the clown, and BILLY and BONNIE

EARL. Featured also were RANDY & SYLVIA, The HERNANDEZ TROUPE and the CASTRO BROS.

Aerialist MARY BOAS' truck was struck broadside in Odessa (Tex) and was totaled. She was knocked unconscious and awoke in a local hospital fortunately suffering only minor cuts and bruises. She had been touring with the Nordmark magic unit. Stage manager BOBBY FAIRCHILD was also in the van and received torn ligaments. Worst of it is the truck was only recently repaired and had a full tank of gas.

Gas was hell for the Nordmark unit in Texas. Some of the people were stranded during the night, many missing shows. On the final day of the tour (the show opened July 14) featured magician GEORGE CAHILL did not arrive until intermission.

CLOSEUPS: BONNIE & CLYDE taped the TV show "Circus!" . . . That program is now playing in 28 countries. . . HINES RUCKER managed and MC'd the Emmett Kelly, Jr. unit in Montgomery (Ala) July 4. . . ARIA BEARS play the Louisville State Fair for Emmett Kelly. . . THE WAZZAN TROUPE opened with the Hann-Barbera show in Mexico City and are doing a 30 week tour stateside. One of their trampolines was lost on a Pan Am flight and they had to order a new one! Last I heard from Beverly it was still missing! . . . The Monte Carlo Circus will NOT go to Australia as reported, nor will that show make a Canadian tour. Just where it will go seems to be a question mark. . . BAUER-HALL Agency busy over 4th of July with several major shows in the Philly area—a thrill show one day, an East meets West Wild West Show the next, with a Roller Disco Extravaganza in between. Plenty of talent was used on all shows. In addition to the

above the Agency also produced a Fantasy on Ice special which I almost forgot to include. 30,000 people attended the Thrill and Western shows. The Wild West Show featured the James Zoppe Riders, Dillard's Trick Riders, J. W. Stoker (the Marlboro Man), Galloping Gibsons, Don Anderson's White Horse Troupe, Barbara Autry and Jocelyn, Kent Clayton and Donna and a Stage Coach Holdup with an authentic stage coach brought in by STEVE TOMASIC at one time with the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show.

The Roller Disco show featured the Rolling Diamonds and the Thrill Show offered by Pirates of the Sky (Roger La Mothe, David Chabira and Kay Baldrige), The Quassars, Satani Demon, Sensational Leighs, Rocket Car, Lemoines, Melody Bruno and the National Power Tumbling Team Champions of '77-78, a group of 25 boys and girls from Flip City who are said to be the most exciting tumblers seen in many years. I've heard nothing but superlatives about this group from everyone. Appearances are handled by Bauer-Hall on an exclusive arrangement.

CIRCUS DATE: The Eddie Zacchini produced Circus (June 30) at Philadelphia's Freedom Week featured Hugo Zacchini, The Flying Espanas, Franconi Duo, Zerbini's Riding act, the Castro Bros., Dime Wilson's clowns, Christopher James and the Plunkett Family. Bandleader was Al Vernon, with Austin Miles ringmaster. The Diano elephants scheduled to appear did not because of the trucker's strike.

SNAPSHOTS: The Flying Lanes played Kennywood Park. . . Atterbury's Rocket Car was at Rocky Point Park in Warwick (RI) . . . Ian

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**MAMMAL CENTER (Cont'd)**

Mammal Center, located at Fort Cronkite, just west of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County.

"I signed up as a member (dues are \$10.00 per family per year), then began helping two days a week after I moved to San Francisco," she says.

Such volunteers are the key to the progress made at the center.

"It's no snap," says retired Pan Am pilot Stan Pierce, who pitches in two days a week. A typical day for a volunteer may include hosing down the pens, preparing the 150 lbs of fish used for feeding each day, force feeding several three-week-old pups, conducting a tour for a group of grade schoolers fixing formulas, or lending a hand on a rescue mission.

The center began in 1975 in a wreck of a building next to a former Nike missile site.

"We obtained a no-fee use permit from the Golden Gate National Recreational Area, says Lloyd Smalley, center director and president of the board of trus-

tees.

Helped by several grants, he and a band of volunteers expanded the building to include a medical laboratory, a small museum and library. The volunteers now number 25. "We'd like to have 45 more," he said.

The doughty full-time staff of five ventures out on rescue expeditions from the Oregon line as far south as Big Sur. It's an around the clock operation that may see them pulling an injured seal up a 300 ft. cliff, or taking a boat ride on churning seas, to the Farallon Islands to release a rehabilitated elephant seal.

The work is not without excitement. On one rescue, Marc Webber and several volunteers sneaked up on an ailing sea lion, one of the most dangerous of marine mammals, a few feet from the slippery edge of a 30 ft. cliff near Santa Cruz.

They threw a net over the animal and Webber jumped on top to secure it - he thought. The sea lion carried him quickly toward the edge

and at the last minute a volunteer grabbed the animal's hind flippers, stopping it before it dove back into a storm-tossed ocean - with the rider still on top.

The newest staff member, veterinarian Marty Field, checks in at the center a part of each day.

Her know how has helped boost the survival rate to about 65% of the animals brought to the center. Last year 71 animals were cared for. The average convalescence is six months per animal and the typical cost is \$1500 each.

The center concentrates on rehabilitation. "We don't make pets out of the animals," says one official. "They'd have a tough time readjusting if we coddled them."

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## CIRCUS CITY FESTIVAL

... by Don Sandman

The 20th annual Circus City Festival was held in Peru, Ind., July 14, 18, 19, 20, 21st. Nine performances of the Greatest Amateur Circus in the World were presented in the Circus Center Building.

On Saturday, July 21st, the annual Circus Parade was held with 97 units including high school bands, circus wagons, a Military Mounted Unit, the Indiana University steam calliope, the King elephants and cats, etc. Weather was sunny and beautiful.

There are so many children involved in the circus program it is just an impossibility to list each one who took part in the show. The program consisted of: High Casting; High Wire; Adult Clowns; Swinging Ladders; Balancing Bike; Unicycle; Trampoline; Kid Clowns; Balancing Perch Poles; Balance Trapeze; Revolving Hanging Perch; Adagio; Roman Ladders; Webs; Intermission; Cloud Swing; Loop Walk; Adult Clowns; Rola Bola; Juggling; Globes; Kid Clowns; Single Trapeze; Tumbling; Teeterboard; Adult Clowns; Flying Trapeze; Flag Finale.

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Producers are Ken Hasselkus and Kirby Gaunt. Electrical Dept. Jim Hoover and Bud Hines. Medical Bonnie Knoelder. Tickets, Doris Weldon; Makeup, Susie Rusk, Wardrobe, Judy Guyer, Carol Hoover, Chris Fennimore, Producing Clown, Jim Hoover and Kirby Gaunt, Kid Clown Producer, Barbara Savage, Parade, Jeff Price Head Rigger, Jeff Hoover, Concession unit, Sigma Phi Gamma.

On Saturday the Cheerful Gardner Tent CFA hosted a banquet for the Circus Fans at the Elks Club. Mr. Harding and his pet monkey amused the fans after the banquet and then films were shown for the evening.

The streets of Peru, during the Circus City Festival, are a midway with rides, eats, crafts, games, etc. During the day the Miami County Historical Society Museum, Peterbaugh Museum

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## PEOPLE

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DANNY DANIELS was featured with a full page write-up in an issue of the Mt. Clemens, Mich. paper. The item covered his years as a flyer, acrobat and balancer, and now as he works shows as an organist/comic/juggler.

HARLEY and RUTH HENLINE just spent 10 days working with Fisher Bros. Circus in Kentucky. They are making plans to be back on the circus again this month.

and the Circus Museum in the Circus Center are open to everyone. All of them have circus displays and many of the local stores have circus displays as well.

The Peru (Ind.) Tribune puts out a Special Circus Edition on July 17th. They also carry pictures throughout the week of acts and articles about the worker's backgrounds.

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**PEOPLE**

JOEY JORDAN, juggler with "Fantasy On Ice" was in Atlanta, Ga. on Aug. 1-4, then jumped to Los Angeles to tape a "Guinness Challenge" TV show. After that he jumped to a date in Richmond, Va. (Aug. 8-11)

JAN and SAMANTHA STEINER are in Norfolk, Va., attending the Nat'l Baton Championships.

ANTAR and BEVERLY WAZZAN write that there was an earthquake in Mexico City two days after they arrived there. "Our hotel really was shaking," they said.

FAY SNYDER has a black miniature horse that kicks footballs and also sits up like a dog, in a free sit-up.

PATCHES, the Magical Clown, worked the Aug. 1-5 Contra Costa County Fair at Antioch, Calif.

TIMO, the Clown, was on hand to entertain children at the San Mateo Fair (Calif) July 23-Aug. 4). Acts appearing on the stage show there included:

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Jack Cook  
Geo. Lilly

Sandi Harper  
Richard Tanas

CAS BOXLEY, magician; BILLY GRANT, comedian and KEN KARTER, banjo.

WALLY LEE and LINDA, magic-illusion act, have been busy working west coast dates for the past month or so.

**Acts**

Acts appearing in the Wm. Kay produced Shrine Circus at Wheeling, W. Va. (July 20-21) included:

Ramon Twins, Hushy, balancing; the Clowns; Gina's Royal Palace Leopard act; The Franconi Duo, balancing; the Clowns; Cinderella and Her Birds; The Sensational Leighs, Space Wheel; Janos Chimps; Flying Espanas; Edca Schmitt's Bengal tigers; The Gutis Family, comedy; Princess White Cloud, aerialist; Roman Schmitt, elephants; the Clowns; Royal Hungarian Troupe; the Castro Bros., high wire and Hugo Zacchini, Human Cannonball.

Clown Alley included: Joe Sherman, Carl Gray, Bubba Hastings and Flip Jensen.

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After completing bookings for some eastern and southern Shrine Circus dates, Gunnar was off to Europe for visits in London and Birmingham with the Palacios, at the Blackpool

## PEOPLE

DANNY DANIELS, organist, Comic, Juggler, visited C.J.L. CHARLES STEVENSON when Circus Genoa played New Baltimore, Mich.

JIMMY STEWART, actor, was photographed while riding an elephant for RBBB's Project Hope performance at Inglewood, Calif. The picture was released nation-wide by AP.

PHILIP T. BARNUM is the pastor of the United Methodist Church at Ir-

vington, Ky.  
Tower Circus, then to Sweden and a visit with the Young Brothers. He also visited family and friends in Copenhagen, and then visited Circus Schumann and Circus Bennewiess.

vington, Ky.

BOB OWEN, clown, worked at the Fair in Dodson, Mont., during a lay-off by the American Continental Circus, before the show went into Canada.

MIKE AND HOPE KENT (The Star Dusters High Act) worked at the Aug. 8-12 St. Agapit Quebec Fair.

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## FISHER BROS. CIRCUS . . .

. . . by Sally Payne

Fisher Bros. Circus gave one performance at 7 p.m. on July 10th at West Point, Ky. (Pop. 1,741 - 25 miles west of Louisville).

The weather was hot and hazy, the lot flat with green grass which had recently been mowed. It was a school ground and the show was sponsored by the Jaycees.

The big top was a 60 x 90, 2 pole bale ring tent, that was formerly owned by Gopher Davenport.

The entire performance was presented by the Silverlake family, with one hired performer (Freddie White). Mel did the announcing and his son Mel-Ray, was the clown.

Music was furnished by Bobbie Greene with his Tanglee calliope mounted in a concession type trailer, with the long side windows dropping down. It was beautifully decorated, circus style on the white trailer with two metal figures of dull gold, that looked like wood carvings.

The midway had two side shows, Big Snake and Freak Animals, with nice banners. Mel-Ray handled the bally. Mr. Kernan had the concession wagon with confections. The novelties (balloons) were pitched in the big top by Mel-Ray Silverlake.

Mel and B. K. Silverlake, owners, extended a royal welcome to the visitors on the lot at West Point. They were: Gary and Flo Strong (who were married earlier in the month). CFA's coming from Louisville were Bob Timmel, Bill Rhodes and Henry and Sally Payne. At the end of the performance Mel invited the audience to the backyard, to feed the elephant peanuts and to pose with her for pictures.

The next stand, July 11th, was at Cloverport, Ky. (Pop. 1,388) a 50 mile jump from West Point. The performance there was at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Cloverport Fire Dept. On July 12th at Hardinsburg, Ky. they must have had rain as a large part of the state was getting rain. Two shows were scheduled at Hardinsburg, one

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at 6 and the other at 8, sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Dept.

The program, which ran an hour and 15 minutes featured: Freddie White, single trapeze; Peanut Pitch; Barnyard Revue (4 goats and llama presented by Miss Kathy); Mel Silverlake's liberty ponies (3); Mel and Jarbo, comedy giraffe; B. K. Silverlake, military pony; Mel-Ray and Mel, clown magic and jokes; Susy the elephant with Mel Silverlake (food and drink act); Mel and the cow pony 'Rusty'; Mel-Ray with spinning plates (7); B. K. Silverlake and High Dive Dog; Intermision; Freddie White, anchor perch; Mel and Mel-Ray, juggling; Mel with



TOM (Popcorn) SINK and his partner 'ETCETERA' spent a week at Beech Bend Park (Ky) and visited GARY HOLVECK and family who were performing there.

GRIFFIN, the Escape Artist, is busy healing a broken finger, has received word from two magicians who say "Griffin seems to be one of the most active escape artists around."

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## Suit Filed

A suit charging the Acme Circus Operating Co. Inc., owner of the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus, with copyright infringement has been filed by ASCAP.

The plaintiffs, all members of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) include: New World Music Corp., Warner Bros. Inc., Almanac Music, Inc., Warner Music Corp., First Artists Production Co., Ltd., Emanuel Music Corp. and Twentieth Century Music Corp.

The suit charges that a number of their copyrighted compositions were performed without permission during the circus performance at Pompano Beach, Fla., earlier this year.

JUNGLE LARRY reports that DIETER WICHERT is no longer associated with the Jungle Larry operation or its animals.

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## PEOPLE

AUSTIN MILES reports the rumor that he plans to leave the ministry and return to show business is just not true. He plans to continue his ministry and has been doing a few show dates to be near the people that he loves and to serve them Spiritually whenever needed.

FRANK and BERNICE DEAN, western stars, were featured in a picture story about their lives which appeared in the Antelope Valley Press (Cal) on July 17th.

TERESA MATCHETT, former circus aerialist, who now works a snow cone concession with her husband and family, was featured in a photo story in the Tampa (Fla) Tribune on July 29th.

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# REPORT

## FROM EUROPE

.. by Milt Fitzwater

Circus Barnum continues to be one of the most pleasant circuses in West Germany. Owner and star Gerd Siemoniet Barnum presents a circus with a varied number of animal acts and throughout the entire, smooth running program is a humorous vein. Even the most difficult acts have a humorous touch, which, actually, is an extension of the Siemoniet personality. Several other circuses in West Germany do not give you this light hearted feeling.

Siemoniet sets the tone in his separate lion and tiger presentations just prior to intermission. He has a humorous approach to both acts. Siemoniet is

celebrating this season. It was ten years ago that he bought and rebuilt Circus Barnum into a very successful operation.

This year's edition of Circus Barnum features American La Tosca on the cloud swing. This is her first season presenting this act and the work over the past year has paid off. I saw the act in Frankfurt and then, unfortunately, La Tosca fell during a performance in Munich. She was caught by her husband, Henry Schroer and, reportedly, suffered only minor injuries. Schroer, who was with Ringling Bros., before coming to Europe, has taken over the elephants at Barnum and has improved the act a great deal. He brings American showmanship into the act (riding into the ring on the back of two elephants) that is unusual in a European Circus.

Another of this year's highlights are the Chabri Clowns. Their ballet parody is excellent.

The program also includes: Markus (muscular juggling), Old Regnas (comedy dog and donkey), Charles Knie (hippo, rhino, zebras), The Peters (aerial acrobatics), Eddy Meschke and Helga von der Gathen (equestrian), Sylvia Teron (balancing act), Henry and Valery Mullens (chimps) and Pedro Sandros, (juggler).

# PEOPLE

CHAPPIE FOX, in California to do advance publicity for Ringling-Barnum's Red Unit, was the guest speaker at a special meeting of CFA's and CMB's. The event was scheduled by the Yankee Robinson Ring, CMB in San Mateo, Calif.

MARCELLI & JANIS have been busy playing fair dates in Canada for Gastoni. KEN SHERBURNE recently visited them at Canobie Park in New Hampshire.

DOUG LYON, former circus executive, has been appointed Vice President and General Manager of Productions with the Doug Henning Magic Show.

## BILLY BARTON (Continued)

Garden's tent show will resume operations in August under a new and much larger big top and a greatly augmented performance. . . Garden Bros. has reinked the Montreal Shrine date and is now setting talent for it. . . Ian has been kept busy with the TV show in Canada. . . Promotional Mastermind Frank Curry is off to Europe for three weeks (should be back by the time this sees print). . . Jo Ann Jennier, doing only her Aerialetta act now, is playing dates in her Volks wagen (saves on gas). . . Jenny Wallenda writes she's having a problem getting her new act service idea across to acts. She is offering a central information bureau where acts and agents can get their messages centralized. Write for info: Jenny Wallenda, 2708 De Soto Road, Sarasota, Fla. 33580.

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**REPORT****CIRCUS VARGAS**

... by George Bukota

Circus Vargas was continuing its swing through Washington state and presented six shows at the Skagit Valley Mall in Mt. Vernon.

Since the date was played on a dirt lot, the older tent was up, which has signs of wear and use.

Acts included: Harry Thomas and his Bengal and Siberian tigers; The Rolls Duo, cradle; The Burketts, hanging perch; Clowns and the Newsboy; The Antoinnes, balancing; the Circus Vargas liberty horses presented by Don McLennon; Robin Medina, iron jaw and contortion; Lydia and Lorelei, single trapeze; The Golden Carlos Twins, balancing and gymnastics; The Guerros, high wire; The Tangier Troupe, tumbling; Intermission; Horace and Delilah, comedy gorilla; The Flying Lantons, trapeze; Miss Jan's Samoyeds; Clowns and Levitation; the Circus Vargas Dressage Horses presented by Don McLennon; Sr. Antonio, head balancing trapeze; Clowns and The Bank Robbery (includes the only flying Superman in Clown Alley); Los Gauchos, Argentine bolos; Circus Vargas elephants, presented by Rex and Ava Williams.

The Clown Alley is one of the best I've seen. It includes: Billy McCabe, producing; Jim Jayes, Kelly Chambers, Joe Schmidt, John Carrier, Glenn Simmon (who flies as Superman), Cliffors Leierer and Brian Young.

Billy McCabe has turned out professional, entertaining clowns with some quite young people - only a few have had prior experience.

Billy's philosophy of learning clowning by doing it was tested during the Mt. Vernon stand when a young newspaper reporter became a clown for a day. Carolyn Hugh wrote a full page report on her experiences for the July 22nd, Bellingham Herald.

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**CARSON & BARNES ...**

... by Jack Haley

The Carson & Barnes Circus made a two day stand at Rochester, Minn., playing to four packed houses, July 15-16. The show was set up on a black top lot, a welcome relief from the many dirt lots the show plays.

With Phil Chandler as ringmaster, some of the feature acts included: "Doc" come-in clown; John Marrone, cats; a Spec with "Old Mexico" theme; La Chona, trapeze;

John Carroll's classic elephant act; Wally Eastwood, juggling; Musical Payasos, and Las Lunas, y Los Lopez, flying acts.

Only days later the staff of Circus Genoa visited C&B at Fergus Falls, Minn. Johnny Frazier's show was then heading into Iowa and the Dakotas, while C&B go to Wisconsin and then into the Chicago area.

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... by Karin S. Davis

In June, tragedy struck at an amusement park in Sydney, Australia. A train load of patrons in the park's fun house were burned to death as their screams intertwined with those of the ghouls and goblins living within. The fire was not realized in time.

Tragedy knows no national boundary and only a month later it struck again. Returning from one of its regular jaunts around Dolphin Lake at LeRonde Amusement Park in Montreal, the Mississippi Riverboat took on water in one of its two pontoons.

As the people rushed to the stable side, they caused the boat to tip over completely, dumping over 50 men, women and children into 15 ft. of water, only 50 ft. from the dock. One child and two women died and 15 were hospitalized for injuries. Life vests on board were stored over-

**REPORT****JETTS PETTING ZOO**

What appears to be a scaled-down version of the former big Jetts Petting Zoo played the Plaza in El Cerrito, Calif., July 26 thru Aug. 5th.

This unit is traveling on two trucks a semi and a straightbed. They are white with red lettering and a blue stripe down the side.

The Petting Zoo itself is housed in a red and yellow, square end top - 40 x 60, complete with flags and pennants. Admission to the zoo is 50c.

In addition to the petting zoo the unit carries a kiddie car ride and a train ride.

head, out of reach of children. No lifeguards were employed by the park. No directions were given as to emergency equipment and procedures by the boat's pilot. No scuba equipment was readily available. The lake was 90 ft. deep.

Given much credit for saving many lives were members of the Terre des Hommes ski team. They were dressed and preparing for their second show of the day when the craft capsized.

A preliminary coroner's inquest found boat owner G. B. Amusements, Inc. had not had the 12 year old boat checked yearly by Transport Canada since May 1976. There was a gash on one pontoon. The boat had trouble steering all day and the captain of the boat was seen bailing water from the vessel before the tragic voyage.

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**FRANK and BERNICE DEAN** attended the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show at Lancaster, Calif., in July, visiting with **GAYLORD MAYNARD**, cowboy trick roper and **REX ROSSI**, roping performer.

**LANI IRONBERG** and her animal acts are working dates in the Pacific Northwest.

