



5th Year

November 15, 1976

Number 46

## Capacity Crowds

Big crowds have jammed-packed the John Strong Circus tent for every performance since the show arrived in Southern California for its fall and winter dates. Turnaways were recorded at Redlands, Yucaipa, San Bernardino and Riverside. One observer reported you can't imagine the size of these crowds.

John Jr., has rejoined the show after a summer tour with Mid-America. His balancing and juggling acts, which win strong applause, have been added to the show's program, while his side show attracts good sized crowds on the midway.

Another feature act on the show is Swami, the fire eater and sword swallower, whose performance draws standing ovations at every show.

### Pumpkin Festival

An old-time circus side show, from the days of Barnum, was created by the Early American Circus for the annual Pumpkin Festival at Half Moon Bay (Calif.) on the weekends of Oct. 23-24 and Oct. 30-31. The Jerry Booker production provided an extra attraction at this small town's annual Halloween feature which attracts thousands of people every day.

The show was impressive and colorful, sit-

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Show personnel includes: Andre, high wire; Kay Rosaire, lions; Les Peters, hand balancing; Danny Chapman, clown; The Revolutions, trampoline; Sarah Chapman, aerialist; Capt. James Henry, balloon trap act and Robert Sanderson, musical director.

## PEOPLE

ANTHONY OLOBRI and his circus models were featured in the July 27, 1976 issue of the Providence (R.I.) Times.

HERBERT UECKHART, of Las Vegas, has been appointed Nevada State Chairman for the CFA.

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Appearing on the Merv Griffin TV show next month will be: The Great Tomsoni, Poland's Finest Magician; Mr. Electric (Marvyn Roy and Carole with their electric light illusion); and the Great Alexanders, Hungarian teeterboard troupe.

## In Memoriam

FRANCINE DERISKIE KIESS (48) died after a brief illness on Sept. 20th at Muncie, Ind. She was formerly a member of the Deriskie circus troupe. Survivors include her husband, Robert; children, Robin, Clyde, John and Robert II. Other survivors include a brother, Frank Peeler (with Circus Vargas), and sisters Lucy Snowden, Sandra Owens and Gail Barnes.

## Miscellaneous

New arenas under construction at Billings (Mont.), Portland (Me.), and Jamestown (ND) will be included on RBBB's route for '77.

Lion Country Safari, in Southern California, is featuring "Bluegrass" music shows under its circus tent for the winter season.

Members of the Sells Bros. CFA Top in Ohio attended the evening performance of RBBB in Cleveland on Nov. 13th.

The 1977 CFA Convention is set for June 16-18 at Circus Circus in Las Vegas.

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 16 Homestead  
 17 Plantation  
 18 Hallandale  
 19-21 Miami

## Circus Vargas

Nov 16-18 Visalia, Calif.  
 19-24 Citrus Heights

## French Charity Circus

Nov 20 Santa Monica, Ca.

## King Bros. Circus

Nov. 15 Marianna, Fla.  
 16 Chattahoochee  
 -- End of Season --

## Lions All-Star Circus

Nov 20-21 Nazareth, Pa.

Polack Bros. Circus  
 Nov 19-21 Springfield, Ill.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit  
 to Nov 21 Nassau, L.I.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit  
 to Nov 21 Cleveland, Ohio

Ray Valentine Circus  
 Nov 20-21 Conroe, Texas

## .....OTHER ROUTES .....

Carnival of Brazil  
 Nov 16-21 Cincinnati, Ohio

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 Nov 15 Los Angeles, Cal.

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 Nov 16 Biloxi, Miss.  
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**THE CLAUDE DU BOIS' "Circus World"** a new French-Canadian Circus which debuted this season, is prepping for an extended tour in 1977 to run at least six months and is looking for a small wild animal act. **CHESTER CABLE** returns in 1977 and **TONY** and **IRENE FOSSETT** have signed with Circus World and will present their new Kangaroo act along with the Gorilla Parody and Tony's bounding rope..

**BILL** and **TRUDY STRONG** cancelled Circo Union due to Mexico's peso problems.....A new rocket ship aerial act from Europe will be featured with Circus Vargas. The unique rigging is moved into the center ring, then rises and rotates independent of suspension cables or guy lines.....**BOBBY GIBBS** was seen visiting CV in Dallas.

**BILL "Boom Boom" BROWNING** finally gave up the bachelor's life when he married a girl he met in St. Louis....**ALFONSO MAGANA** phoned from Florida, very upset over reports that he "conspired" to "steal" the G-M bulls. "It is simply NOT true," he says.....**GEORGE HUBLER** added Syracuse to his 1977 Shrine dates.....Understand the Detroit Shriners have vetoed professional butchers who have worked there since **ORRIN DAVENPORT** pioneered the date decades ago - why? ....**ROYAL HANNEFORD** will repeat Cincinnati....Dayton has switched its dates several times!

**RUDY JACOBI** is active booking his Rudy Bros. Circus and has acquired a number of important engagements for 1977.....Many of you know that **JON FRIDAY** is a ringmaster but didyknow he did a single trap act?.....**JIM DOUGLASS** is creating an elaborate new spec for M&M and **SAM T. POLACK**.....**JACKIE LE CLAIR**, former **RBBB** aerialist, finally subscribed to CR. "I got tired of getting it second-hand!" he writes. We wish this feeling were contagious!.....Comedy star **NANCY WALKER** actually yells at her plants to make them grow - which they do! I wonder if you would term that "Green Tongue"?

Gossip-star **RONA BARRETT's** latest Gossip Magazine is filled to the brim with pictures of **RBBB** performers mixing it up with Hollywood Hotshots. ....Hear that a reporter who was inside the Hoxie Bros. steel arena attempting to photograph a lion, got clawed in the face for his efforts.....**KURT EL-**

**KINS** reports the Sisters are fine, and they have added a black poodle that steals the act. Their new presentation planned for '77 has been delayed, but will probably be unveiled mid-season.....**BILLY** and **BONNIE EARL** have added a skunk (Petunia) to their musical-comedy number. It's going over so well, Billy says he's "jealous". In that it's a female, Billy, dontyathink it's Bonnie who should complain? Billy, incidentally, composed all the music for one full side of their sensational **BONNIE & CLYDE** album

Prior to Sells & Gray's closing, **MARTA FLORES** and **MARLENE GROTEFENT** measured the tresses of glamour-puss **BLANC ESTRADÉ** whose hair falls an incredible 36 inches.....**RBBB's BOB DOVER** felt right at home under the Circus Vargas Big Top when he visited former assistant **MIKE GORMAN**, the CV ringmaster. That show has one of its new seat wagons completed and it was inspected by **CLIFF VARGAS**.

**GEORGE DA DEPPO** has finished the art work for the new Polack Bros. Circus program. He also did the new covers for White Tops, the letter-heads for the **HERNANDEZ TROUPE**, ad layouts for **JOHN STRONG** and is busy designing a new brochure for the **FLYING ARMOURS**.

**LES BLOCKS**, high wire artists, visited Sells & Gray enroute to Florida from the Gatti-Charles closing; also visiting S&G on an unscheduled day off from Hoxie Bros. were the Chandlers, the Bradd Franks, the Dryers and Ted Saversky. **INGE** and **ROBERT WILLIAMS** were also on the lot for a day.

A bizarre incident marred the Sells & Gray's Dawson (Ga) stand where, only the night before, the local KKK had burned a cross. It seems the show was sponsored by a black American Legion Post. That incident, coupled with a spongy lot and no available caterpillar, decided **Wilson Storey** to move on. How fantastic to imagine that, in this day and age of social enlightenment, the KKK is still allowed to pursue their indignities!

Frustrations suffered by tent show people are numerous and here's an example. On a tenter recently the entire show was engrossed in a crucial World Series playoff when the light plant suddenly shut down! A word to the wise: Buy battery TV's.

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The show itself, running on a continual basis, was sidewalled and featured a rope walker, juggler, belly dancer, snakes, two clowns and a fire eater. Several circus animals were also displayed within the canvas walls, including Hapiso, the world's only trained hyena. After show lectures were given about the hyena by show owner Jerry Booker, who also demonstrated some of the training techniques used in teaching Hapiso his tricks.

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## Acts Set

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Acts featured on the National Unit include: John Baldwin's Charming Chimps; The Patricks, juggling duo; The Davisons, rola bola;

Touring with the International Unit will be: The Lindens, balancing team; Ham 'N Burger, plate spinning; The Grimaldis, musical clowns and Michael Ashton, foot juggler. This unit will make dates in Canada, Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela, as well as the U.S.

## PEOPLE

SAM T. POLACK will produce the New Orleans, La., Police Circus for 1977.

DAVE MERRIFIELD and THE QUASSARS worked the fair at Atlanta, Ga., early this month.

The ERIK ADAMS acts replaced The Burgers on some east coast Polack show dates.

JOSS SILVER, formerly with the Circus Kingdom, has joined Clown Alley on the Polack Bros. Circus.



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The unloading was started at 6 a.m. and it was completed, with everything up on the lot by noon. There was no parade.

The tents include: 4 pole big top; 4 pole menagerie; 3 pole side show; 3 pole dressing top with ring stock; two baggage horse tops with 7 poles each; 2 pole wardrobe; 7 pole dining top; 2 pole kitchen; three concession tops, one pole each and three small tops, with one pole each.

In the menagerie were: 14 cages, 14 elephants, 6 camels, Indians, 16 lions, 8 polar bears and 9 tigers.

They have 96 head of baggage stock and 38 head of ring stock. Wagons included: 2 light plants, electric supplies, 2 ticket wagons, a stake driver, commissary, steam wagon, 2 canvas wagons, poles, stringers, jacks, 4 seat wagons, 2 tractors, a cart, 15 cages, band, ring, side show, menagerie, 3 cookhouse, horse tents, dressing and ring stock, 2 wardrobe, 3 prop wagons, water tank, stake & chain, dogs.

End seats were blue, 14 lengths with 14 rows high. Reserves are orange with 14 lengths and 14 rows high with 8 seats to a length. The back side had 12 lengths and 14 rows high. All interior big top poles are white.

The cookhouse and horse tents were taken down about 6 p.m. The menagerie started to come down right after the night show was started. The side show was being taken down at the same time they were dismantling the big top.

The show was loaded about 11:30 p.m. and was on the train by 12:45 a.m. The train pulled out for Albany, NY at 1:30 a.m.



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The deadline is Dec. 11th.

## Season Ends

The season for Carson & Barnes came to a close at Antlers, Okla., on Nov. 14th, and was one of the show's longest tours. The big circus opened at Austin, Texas on March 27 and gave 474 performances in 233 days on the road, with one day off.

The circus played in 22 states, its longest jump (240 miles) was between St. Genevieve and Republic (both Mo.), while the shortest jump (15 miles) was between Carrollton and Lewisville (both Texas).

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## Talent

Acts seen working recently at Atlanta, Ga., for the Wm. Rice Circus were: The Staneks, Baron Von Uhl, and Cimse's dogs. The show was announced by Robert Mitchell, while Charles Hanson handled concessions.

## NEW TOP

The formation of a new CFA Tent is underway in Ohio and its charter is awaiting full CFA approval.

Officers elected for the new Central Ohio organization are: Forrest A. Traylor, President; Donald C. Nieman, vice president; Norman I. Vodrey, secretary and Ed Starr, treasurer.

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Part Three

.....by BILLY BARTON

**THE FINANCIALLY TROUBLED G-M** Great London Circus, helmed by Sid and Matt Kellner, experienced a season of fits and starts. Opening in early April for the first time in the East, G-M was immediately assaulted by rain and mud. Business was good but after only six weeks the show closed in New Orleans, to reopen in mid-July as a two-poler, one-ringer.

Business was gung-ho the first several weeks out. Once the show nosed North, where it bucked fairs and played territory already visited by one or more circuses, attendance dropped. Only a handful of winning dates helped swell the coffer - Wheeling, Annapolis, Baltimore, and the show sold out for its ten day Akron/Cleveland run where the full tent and three rings were used.

Two bugaboos sabotaged the operation: old equipment breaking down at an alarming rate (the spool wagon was towed for a week), plus a disorganized front end. The odd thing is the show made money (no doubt due to a low nut) but the incredible amounts of cash poured back into repairs ate up the profits.

Following the last Cleveland stand, Kellner shuttered for ten days at the Ascot Speedway in Akron, ostensibly to refurbish equipment. The show was then to make three giant steps to the West Coast. Two days into the layover the show closed, people dispersed and the Kellners left for the West Coast, where promotions were in operation. The plan now is to reopen in November for a quick run of building dates.

Meanwhile, problems erupted in Akron where the Humane Society was in an uproar over the elephants. Some bad front page publicity resulted. Kellner returned, sold the G-M bulls to RBBB, issued a few statements and departed again.

What happens in 1977 is all guess-work. Probably the Kellners will go on the road, playing either in buildings or ballparks, or back under canvas. For how long and based on previous openings and closings, is all guess work. The future of this circus depends as much on a thorough overhauling of its front-end, as it does on the body of the show itself. A canvas tour, to be successful without a rehash of past problems, means a total restructuring of the show as a whole.

**Famous Hunt is America's oldest circus - still active** - which has never been sold to an outsider and which has remained within the family since 1892. Idle for 12 years, Marsha Hunt Jones, daughter of Harry T. Hunt, picked up the reins and took the show back on the road in 1975 with a new format - a one ring, two pole square end top.

The first season was a disaster. But 1976 saw the show try again, begin to click, and to emerge a financial winner. "1976", says Marsha, "was 100% over 1975."

Elaborate improvements are underway at the Hunt quarters in Florence, N.J., where the circus is undergoing a face-lift. Retaining its present size, Famous Hunt reopens in late April and will tour thru Labor Day.

A petting zoo and pony ride will be added to the midway line-up which features a unique 30x60 canopied marquee covering its entire length. Among the new pieces of rolling stock are a workingman's sleeper, a double-decked low-boy animal semi, and a fifth-wheel living quarters, the back of which will serve as an office and ticket wagon. In addition, a 600 gallon Army field truck water wagon will provide running water to the front and back yards, plus an extra large tank mounted on an animal semi for the animal department. And, to keep the lots clean, a new machine tagged "the garbage eater" that not only gobbles up trash but bags it at the same time.

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## Oliver

The strange ape/man creature called "Oliver" which created a rash of headlines about a year ago, has become a guest at Enchanted Village in Buena Park, Calif. The creature will be on view to the public "as an education experience," says park creator Ralph Helfer.

Oliver will undergo an extensive series of tests in an effort to determine his origin and any possible link to the evolution of man. His chromosome count is said to be 47 as compared to that of an ape which is 48 or man which is 46.

The 4 ft. 6 in., 125 lb. Oliver looks like an ape, but walks erect like a man. He has a bald head and upturned nose and eats meat. His tongue resembles that of a man, but he has no front teeth. He can crush an apple with his gums and chews on his back molars. His cry is much like that of a human and has been described as "eerie."

According to Helfer, Oliver came to the U.S. from South Africa. He says that Eastern au-

## PEOPLE

**BILL SPAETH** (Koko, the Clown) worked the South Carolina State Fair last month, where he celebrated his 53rd year as a clown.

**EDDIE HOWE** has been working advance publicity for the Columbia film "Taxi Driver" which stars Robert De Niro.

**PELUZA**, the Clown (Javier Esparza) has been an instructor at RBBB's Clown College since Sept. 20th. Prior to his work at the college he spent four years with Disney on Parade and ten years with Polack Bros.

**THE BUMPY FAMILY** recently returned from a ten day tour that included Hawaii, Hong Kong, Maucou and Los Angeles.

thorities have estimated Oliver's age at 7, and if he were a chimp he would weigh 95 lbs.

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tion and will be re-used. Boots on the center poles and new 12 ft. side poles will make it several feet higher. Contemplated are a "back door pad room" similar to the one on Circus Vargas and an augmentation of brass in the band.

A very strong, top calibre program is being engaged. The Barry Miller Troupe, with cradle, comedy trapeze and twin-gorilla parody, has been signed, and negotiations are underway with some top animal acts. Lavish back door curtains, extending from the quarter poles to back door, have been made, a second spotlight added, and "mixer lights" installed in a new ring curb that flash various colors and light patterns - somewhat like "dancing lights."

The Hunt Circus, during its long history, has always played two routes, alternating each season. Famous Hunt follows the same procedure. The circus tours Eastern Shore, Delaware, New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and New England exclusively. In 1977 however, they will by-pass Connecticut.

Each year a Hartford TV station runs newsreels commemorating the tragic Ringling fire in the midst of a great public ceremony involving wreath-laying on unmarked graves. This annual reminder does little to make life easy for a tent show in that state. Insurance requirements have more than doubled since 1975, are certain to increase. The minimum requirement now is for \$3 million involving a tenter seating only 1000, goes up as high as \$10 million. This year Charles Germaine had the same headache and worked outdoors, next to the tent!

Moreover, there is no uniformity among inspectors who change every day. Pressurized fire hoses surround the top, snake through its interior and ac-

tually block entrances and exits. "A far worse hazard than the possibilities of a fire," exclaims Marsha Hunt.

The prediction here is that Famous Hunt will thoroughly re-establish its old route, make a solid comeback with its old sponsors and come off the road as one of the season's major winners. Expect this show's performance to be a block-buster, probably the "sleeper" show of the season; and look for a four-pole-square European big top to emerge in 1978, putting Famous Hunt in the same class as Circus Vargas, but on a much smaller scale.

1976 found Wallace & Rogers in competition with De Wayne Bros. Circus during their Alaskan tour, but they report a good season in the North Country. This small family show, well framed and very popular, will acquire a new top in 1977, another seat wagon and book a new program. They are certain to repeat their Alaskan trek.

Diamond S Rodeo featured circus acts such as the Herriott family, was touted to be a good looking unit, well put together. The show averaged a season of half weeks and while it did good business at most spots, using heavy promotion, reports are that the rodeo lost money. No word has been received about future plans -- if any.

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At no time was the elephant out of control and he never missed a performance. Mr. Keener's 6 year old daughter rode the elephant in "spec" at each show.

At Houston, "Tommy" in a show of temper hit the groom while he was being swept off in preparation for the show. The animal was loose and could have killed the groom, but he did not follow up. Also while in Houston "Tommy" broke off about 1½ foot of his left tusk.

At this time he is back to his normal self and working daily.

## In Memoriam

CHESTER SHERMAN (82) died from a heart attack at Bellevue, Ky., on Nov. 4th. He spent his whole life as a clown, and started just as World War I was getting underway. He toured with many of the famous old circuses such as Yankee Robinson, etc. In recent years he had appeared with Polack Bros., Wm. Kay, Clyde Bros. etc.



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## PEOPLE

DON and JO ANN ANDERSON visited the Beatty-Cole Circus and their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. HOFMEISTER on Nov. 1st at Tuscaloosa, Ala. They even had their 30 head of horses with them.

GENE MENDEZ suffered a broken wrist, elbow and several cracked ribs as a result of his recent fall in San Antonio;

BARRY LAPPY and family, RBBB unicyclist, will visit with WILLIAM JENACK before heading back to England.

GRACE IVANOV will direct the "Showfolks Follies" feature for the annual Sarasota Showfolks Christmas Party on Dec. 4th.

The TRISKA TROUPE worked the Shrine Circus date at Fort Worth, Texas.

KARL WALLEND and BILL KAY will produce the annual Showfolks Christmas Circus at Sarasota (Fla.) on Dec. 18th;

## NOTICE!

Please note that I have a new address:

Charlie Campbell

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I will again be publishing my weekly route sheet "Today Is Circus Day In —" during the 1977 circus season. (Many subscribers have a credit for the 1977 route sheet).

Please contact me regarding price and publication dates.

.....Charlie Campbell

## More Restrictions

Some 26 primates will be placed on the Endangered and Threatened Species list as of Nov. 18, 1976. Included are: Cotton-top marmoset, Pied tamarin, Yellow-tailed woolly monkey, Diana monkey, Red-eared nose-spotted monkey, Red-bellied monkey, L'hoest's monkey, White-collared mangabey, Black colobus monkey, Mandrill, Drill and Francois leaf monkey.

Others are: Lesser slow loris, Philippine tarsier, White-footed tamarin, Black Howler monkey, Galada Baboon, Stump-tail macque, Formosa rock macaque, Toque macaque, Japanese macaque, long-tailed langur, Purple-faced langur, Tonkin snub-nosed monkey, Pigmy chimpanzee and Chimpanzee.

Primates held in captivity on or before the 18th, or the off-spring of any such animal will be free of the law. The off-spring of any Threatened primate legally imported af-

## DATES NEEDED

We would like to add your Christmas holiday dates to the regular show route listing so please send in these dates.

In many cases promoters will be operating more than one unit at the same time.

ter the 18th will also be exempt from the law.

However, those wishing to engage in transactions involving these exempt primates must be able to prove positive ownership before the law went into effect. Inventories and records kept for business should provide proof of such ownership. Markers, tags, tattoos and other devices will be accepted.

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## PEOPLE

**NADIA COMANEI**, Romanian gymnast, will be featured on a TV Special on Nov. 23. The show, hosted by **FLIP WILSON**, will include acts from the Bucharest Circus.

**BOB** and **KAY PARKER** are the parents of an 8 lb. 3 oz. baby boy born on Oct. 13th.

They've named him "Robert".

**JIM PARKER** clowned aboard an aircraft carrier on Nov. 6th, for a **Dependent's Day Sea Cruise** from Alameda, Calif.

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## In Memoriam

KAY FRANCIS HANNEFORD died at a New Orleans hospital on Nov. 2nd. She had been treated for cancer of the throat since last winter, and went into a coma in October from which she never revived. Survivors include: daughter, Nellie; brothers Tommy and George, Jr.; mother Katherine and her husband, James III. Services and burial will be held this week in Sarasota.

## Miscellaneous

Those who have been wanting a mailing address for the Carnival Historical & Model Builders Society, the organization can be contacted through its Public Relations Director Allen T. Zagel, 2255-B Pennview Lane Schaumburg, Ill. 60194.

Local fans report that business was off for RBBB at Detroit and that things didn't get better after the building manager made a TV appearance and announced people were staying away because of muggings and such in the building area's parking facilities.

New Zealand's Tony Ratcliffe and Ray O'Connor have merged their circuses to create Ramon's Circus. All equipment has been painted red, white and blue.

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