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It's True

Conservation and state game officials have confirmed reports that some two dozen wild animals were recently killed at a hunting park in central Florida. The incident took place on Brahma Island, on Lake Kissimmee, about 50 miles south of Orlando.

Hunters paid \$1,600 each for the opportunity to shoot the animals. If they missed a guide was present with a back-up gun.

According to Florida officials the animals - lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards and cougars - were all aging or ailing rejects from zoos. They were transported by boat to the island and placed in concealed cages, equipped with mechanical gates. As the hunter approached the cage door was opened and the animal would come out. However, most of the "people actually preferred to shoot them before they were released," says Peter Pritchard, of the Florida Audubon Society.

The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has charged one man, Jamie Zito of Indian Lake Estates, Fla., will illegally bringing some of the animals to Florida and with illegally selling them. The misdemeanor counts are punishable by \$500 fines and/or 60 day jail terms.

Capt. Kyle Hill, of the Game Commission, says that even though some of the animals are listed as endangered species, no charges were brought against Cary and Layne Lightsey, two brothers who operate the hunting park, because they apparently got verbal permission from the commission before opening. He also said the animals may have been in captivity when the federal Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973. Such animals are exempt from the law, Hill said.

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The Circus

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In The Evenings

Cut-ups

by Billy Barton

Closing night of the Hamid-Morton Circus at Norfolk (Va) was a "cut-up" show with everybody getting into and goofing up each other's act.

Tony Smaha, Jr. got a whipped cream pie in his face, Stacey Moore came on to find the ring had been strewn with popcorn and dog biscuits which kept the mutts busy eating instead of working, and the privately owned show dogs bounded into the ring to join the picnic.

Peggy Mills found her wire act assistant was Alain, in drag, and everytime ringmaster Al Dawley attempted to announce an act he discovered his mike cord had been tied to a prop or rigging.

LOUIS PRIMA, former jazz trumpeter, has been taken off the critical list for the first time since under-going brain surgery in October 1975.

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EXCLUSIVE: JIM NORDMARK pulled his Magic Show off the road in mid-June to revamp and re-emerge as "Jubilee On Ice", a combination magic-icer spectacular which bows in August. Jim hired "Paradise on Ice", its choreographer and eight other skaters, is combining that with productions constructed by JIMMY DOUGLASS, retaining JOE EDDY as manager and illusionist, and BONNIE & CLYDE as the novelty act headliners. "The original plan at square one," says Jim, "was to put out an ice show. The magic show was fielded to develop staff and promotion."

JUBILEE ON ICE will be a one-nighter, carrying a 30x80 portable, teflon rink. Skaters will be housed in motels but a special wardrobe trailer has been brought on to stow the skaters' personal effects.

"Phones will be used where we can," Jim added, "Where we can't, we'll go in cold." The icer will stay out until Christmas after which the tour will be evaluated and, if all goes well, an enlarged show with a tour of possible, longer stands will be mapped out for 1979.

Last year Jim Nordmark and Int'l All Star encountered headaches with the State of Illinois over phone promotions when the State attempted to prove "excessive expenses", meantime contesting the promoter's percentages. Jim fought back, took Illinois to court and, after 11 months, won the battle. The judge sided with Jim, awarded him \$75,000 plus interest.

TED and LISA STEWART are making the transition from show biz to private life, gradually settling down to the latter but certainly missing the razzle-dazzle. Ted is on the maintenance crew at Happy Dolphin Resort, Lisa is working for a newspaper. She is also studying classical piano, bought a new piano in fact, and for "entertainment", Ted is refinishing old furniture and tinkering with his new welding set.

Lack of route has hampered the seasons of both Sells & Gray and King Bros. S&G sat idle in Michigan, some weeks back, while towns were booked and King played two and three day stands where business was light, layed off, or went into spots cold. It is extremely doubtful that either show, even if EVERY day from here on out is a winner, will recoup their spring losses.

For years the Emmett Kelly, CFA Tent in Hagerstown (Md) sponsored Beatty-Cole. Last year they used Hoxie Bros., this year the King show, where that show had a good day's business for a change. Among the acts on the show are the Campa Family, Patti Antalek, the Uptons, and Bradd Frank.

The GREAT RICHIARDI, a masterful and elegant illusionist, who came to this country from Spain in the 50's to appear in Frank Wirth's Circus, has now returned to the US and is starring in a new magic show at the Village Gate Theatre in NYC. The show is produced and directed by Elias Dishi and Joe Bernes, and the production is staged entirely by Richiardi. Sets and special effects have been created by John Mensching, lighting is designed by Bill Krinsky and the executive producer is Aris San. Performances are one show nightly from Tues. thru Thurs., three shows Saturday, two Sunday. Tickets range from \$8 to \$12. If you are in the city try and catch it, Richiardi is a superb illusionist and a gracious guy. **SNAPSHOTS:** Trumpet player BOB AMATO executed a great score for a new circus film for educational TV. . . WALLY and CHERYL advise they did not wreck their car and trailer, a semi carrying beer ran into them when the driver fell asleep. The Jones' kids now have new equipment, are appearing for the summer at the Ohio park featuring the Hanneford Circus. . . Ringmaster AL DAWLEY is in Allen Park (Mich) where the Kewanis Circus plays this week. . . LILLI-ANA blew a motor and had to be towed from Cincinnati into the Mt. Clemens M&M date. . . DEREK RO-SAIRE and his wonder horse TONY have been at Circus Circus in Vegas, marking time until the new Reno CC opens. . . Slated to open at CC in Vegas this month is juggler ORESTO. . . FLORENCE HONEY, of the Honey Girls acro-troupe, years back a feature with Polack, Wirth, Davenport and a staple in major clubs and theatres, died April 17th. . . ANETA VARGAS is still in Las Vegas. . . Calif. based JIM SWAFFORD plans an Eastern vacation again this summer. . . ALEX-ANDRA the GREAT & Co., new Disco-Illusion Trio, are building two new, exotic and mammoth illusion numbers. . . JANICE and MIKE ARIA (bear act) hope to have their Golden Retriever dog act ready by Sept. The dogs are being routined to work like a liberty act. . . VASHEK experienced a series of mishaps during the M&M date at Mt. Clemens. On one occasion his walk-up was shaken and he missed, falling to and catching the wire just in time; on another, a prop boy released the trap too soon and Vashek (still astride the motorcycle) veered sideways and would have up-ended had not Rocky (with JoAnn & Sunny) jumped up and caught the trap. . . ED RICHARDSON, one of the executive producers of the CTV

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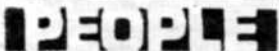
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PAUL HORSMAN visited **AL STENCELL** and the Martin & Downs Circus in Canada not long ago.

FRANCARRO & ESTRELETA, aerialists, were a feature attraction at Rhode Island's "Rocky Point" park last month.

DICK STUART is side show manager on the big Beatty-Cole Circus and has several attractions in the show.

VLADO VLADIMIROV and family are in the Daytona Beach (Fla) area for the summer. Vlado is doing his close-up magic, having recently finished a tour with the **VINCE CARMEN "Razzle Dazzle" Show**.

BU, the 33" tall midget featured with Ringling Barnum was a recent guest on the "Guinness Book of Records" TV Show.

ETHEL JENNIER and **PRINCE NAJVEZ** played July 4th dates for Bauer-Hall, while **JO ANN** and **Sunny** made dates in the mid-west for **MARC** and **HOWARD SCHULTZ**.

THE SAXTONS, unicycles and juggling, worked a July 4th date in Southern California.

DORIAN BLAKE, illusionist, played Daytona Beach (Fla) last month with a rock and roll show, then appeared at an Imperial Shrine Recorder's Banquet in Detroit (July 9-10), plus working the

TALENT

Acts scheduled for upcoming segments of the new circus series "Circus!", produced by Glen-Warren Productions and CTV Ltd. of Canada are:

Shooting July 25-26-27-28: Rix Bears, the Young Troupe, teeterboard/juggling; Edwardo's bike act; Evy, the Girl in the Moon; Stacey Moore's dogs and mule; the Zerbini Riding act; Robert and Mario, teeterboard; the Cordox, comedy table act; Artura Seguro, bounding rope; Ray & Yolinda, perch; the Rolling Diamonds, roller skaters; the Dolly Sisters, cradle; the Manuel Navarro Toupe, bikes.

Aug. 2: The Fornasaries; the Drougettes; the Marrios; Roman Schmitt's rhino and elephant;

Aug. 3: Satani Demon and My-Imba's Baboons.

There will be additional tapings before the complete series is shot for its 1977-78 season. Garden Bros. Circus acts as "special consultants" to the television program and the booking of all circus talent is arranged through Ian Garden exclusively and personally.

... Billy Barton

a whole lot more

by Buddy Watkins

JINX ADAMS now operates a riding school, **AL-FRED OTARIS** is with Int'l Harvester and **BUDDY WATKINS** is with the Louisville Zoo, all were on Ringling at the same time and now live in Derbytown, USA.

ELSA WATKINS, wife of retired chimp trainer Buddy Watkins, flew to Caracas, Venezuela, to visit her ailing month. Meanwhile **JODY Watkins** decided the Petting Zoo and traveling bit wasn't for him, so he quit to work for a local firm.

DON PHILIPS and family are visiting with Buddy Watkins before joining a month long REA tour in Kentucky. In August they play the Iowa State Fair for 11 days. Oldest daughter **DIANE** has been doing zoo volunteer work in the elephant area and she's been getting a workout.

July 2-4 date at Southport, N. C. On July 16th he appeared at a convention of Wine Tasters of America at Asheville, N. C.

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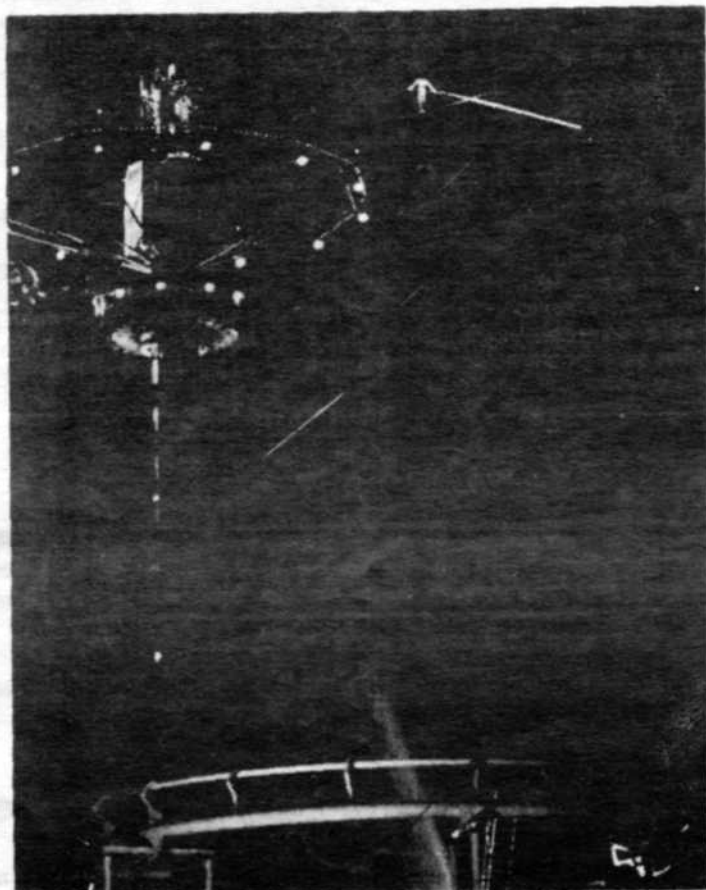
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Acts now appearing at the new Circus Circus are: Derrick Rosaire and Tony, the Wonder Horse; The Flying Dell-Steeles; The Esqueda Troupe, unicycle and teeterboard; Los Alejandros, slack wire; Anden's Poodles; The Flying Ramos; Charles & Co., bicycles and Le Lisa, single trapeze.

FLASH

This week two shows are playing close together with Europorama at Independence, Mo., on July 22-23 and the TNT & Royal Olympic Circus due in that same city on July 20-22.

Meanwhile the Happytime Circus is in its second week at the Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa, as is the Foley & Burk Shows. Both play there through July 22nd.

PEOPLE

ETHEL JENNIER's Greyhounds and FRANK & ESTRELETA, high act, will appear at Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh July 11-30. Other acts working the park this summer were: KASSLE's Bears, the BERTINIS, wire and bicycles, PIRATES OF THE SKY, aerial and MY-IMBA's Baboons.

REX and SANDY YOUNG, along with SUE and AL DAWLEY visited the Art Show during their Norfolk (Va) engagement and lunched at the Valia Restaurant.

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Miscellaneous

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Tour Ends

by Billy Barton

In a phone interview with Marsha Hunt, CR learned that the show went into the barn at Florence (NJ) for two weeks while an attempt is made to salvage the show's route. A decision was made after a few days to close the tent for the season, but a Hunt unit will go out to spot-date, without the top, at a picnic, for example, on July 15th, and to play malls.

"New York state did us in," Marsha said, "and we had to come home to reorganize. Had we stayed in New Jersey we would probably still be out. Business in Jersey was good."

Marsha revealed also that recent newspaper accounts of "stolen trucks" were highly exaggerated and distorted. Only one truck was taken without authorization but it was found at winter quarters in Florence. The truck, a 1965 Dodge step-van, had been damaged however.

Missing items such as an auxiliary generator, 3 cage wagons, and all but a few sections of a steel arena, have also been found.

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Correction

The report that Sonja Zoppe had announced her engagement, which appeared in the May 29th issue of Circus Report was not true.



possession a set of tools belonging to Harry Hunt as well as an electric convertor unit.

Hunt's concession department played the Lancaster (Pa) promotion date for Rudy Jacobi on July 2-3, where Marsha was also engaged as the show organist.

Marsha Hunt did not elaborate on 1979 plans for the tent.

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CIRCUS WORLD MUSEUM

by Ralph Handerson

They have an all new show at Baraboo (Circus World Museum) this year. You enter the big top through a new menagerie top, just like in the old days.

Happy, the clown works come-in. Ethel Luckey is at the organ and Harland Harris plays the air caliope. A brass band was scheduled to come on in about a week for the remainder of the season. Greg Parkinson is the ringmaster.

Harry Thomas opens the show with his fine tiger act and is followed by Margarita Ayala who does a graceful hair suspension. Happy gets kids from the audience to help with a tug-o-war game, then the Rice's are on with three well trained chimps. Margarita follows with the Spanish web. In

In the morning show the Rice's present their dog act and in the afternoon show they have an interesting liberty act with a small horse, Shetland pony and two miniature horses.

Miguel Ayala works on the low wire and is one of the best I have seen. He does both a back

County Fair

Acts booked for the Sonoma County Fair at Santa Rosa, Calif. (July 10-22) are: Jerry Layne, ventriloquist; Diana, magician; The Tonyans, musical family; Glenn Ash, comedian; Leroy Van Dyke, singer; the Snyder Bros., comedy; Elmo & Patsy, bluegrass music; The Reeko Bros., comedy; Freddy Fender, vocalist; Rita Ranch Cowboys, musical group; Myron Floren and the DeMarche Sisters, musical acts;

Special features at the fair include the Happytime Circus, Mesha T. Clown, the Bay City Reds, jugglers, the Magic Pearl, puppets and an RCA Rodeo.

Miscellaneous

Late last month the UPI news service reported a 20 foot python had escaped from the Wonderful World of Circus which was playing a date at Grand Rapids, Mich.

and forward somersault.

Happy uses a Magic Enlarger and the Hair Restorer, and the show closes with Mike Rice and his baby tusker, a good, fast act.



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SPECIAL

Jungle Larry, whose real name is Col. Lawrence Tetzlaff, is both a professional trainer and a successful show business personality. In the summer his animal acts appear at Cedar Point Park and in the winter his African Safari attractions work out of Naples, Fla.

Larry began his career in Michigan where he was working with poisonous snakes while still a teenager. Later he traveled with Frank Buck, helping to collect snakes and reptiles for zoos and circus people in the US, and Europe. During World War II he was one of the few people involved in the Army's snake-milking program to produce serums used to treat snake-bite victims in Africa and the South Pacific.

For many years his specialty has been working with the big cats - lions, leopards, jaguars and tigers. He credits his success with wild animals to a training philosophy that stresses love and respect for each animal.

Larry is especially proud of his tigrons, which were born in 1969, after years of research and effort. The tigrons are said to be the only such animals on display in the world today.

PEOPLE

ANGELA WILNOW and her collies are working at the La Ronde Amusement Park in Montreal this month, booked by Gastoni Attractions. In September they will work Sam T. Polack's Shrine dates in North Carolina, booked by the Howard Schultz Agency.

LOS LATINOS, OTTO BEROSINI, THE ARIAS and MARSHA HUNT, organist, are some of the acts who worked a July 2-3 date for Rudy Bros. Circus at Lancaster, Pa.

JIM "Happy" WILLIAMS is the official fun host at the Circus World Museum and when he is not clowning he is in charge of the Museum displays. Jim is a former Kelly-Miller and Cole Bros. clown.

Larry has trained animals for the films "Daktari" and "Cowboy in Africa" and once worked as a double for Johnny Weissmuller in several Tarzan films. Over the years he has led many expeditions to South America, Africa, and Asia to collect animal specimens for zoos.

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Billy Barton (Continued)

series CIRCUS! was telling me how impressed he is with the professionalism and efficiency of most circus performers who have appeared in the new program (which is always nice to hear).

Anyone familiar with the Kennywood Park set-up knows the stage is set in the middle of a lagoon. The REYNOSA "Pirates of the Sky", high act thriller appeared there in June and, one night, during the breakaway (which extended from the stage, over the water, to a bank beyond) a woman, watching the act from a boat, screamed and became so agitated the boat overturned causing the woman to do a breakaway plunge of her own. SUNNY (Jo Ann Jennier's sea lion) became a true Prima Donna during the taping of a "backstage" sequence of CIRCUS! - couldn't be bothered to sit through the numerous rehearsals involving him, Jo Ann and the show's host stars CAL DODD and SHERISSE LAURENCE. Consequently producer BILL HARTLEY became Sunny's "stand-in" kneeled on the pedestal, clapping his "fins" and "barking". His acting was so genuine, remarks Jo Ann, "I nearly threw him a fish!"
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TALENT

A promotion date, sponsored by the Firefighters of Richmond (Calif.) drew good crowds to the local auditorium the night of July 3rd. Two full shows - 6 and 7:30 p.m. were presented.

Featured on the show program were: Billy Grant, MC/balloon animals/audience participation numbers; The Wheelers, musical comedy; The Saxons, unicycles and juggling, and Don Burnie, musician.

PEOPLE

JEANNE and CLAUDE CRUMLEY recently appeared at a series of fairs and then worked at Woodstock, Ill. on July 4th, with their dog act "The Arwoods" and their comedy number. Their son CLAUDE III, who is 14, works with his parents in these two numbers.

FRED CRUMLEY, who clowns, is still with KEN and ROBERTA GRIFFIN and their magic show. KELLY CRUMLEY is working during the summer at gymnastic camps and in the fall will enter the University of Oregon on a 4 year complete athletic scholarship, and will be with the gymnastic team.

Show Folds

by Walter G. Heist, Jr.

The all new Hix Bros. Circus, which opened May 12th, at Dunn, N. C., folded after 23 days on the road, at Rocky Mt., N. C. on June 3rd. The circus started out with great expectations, with a good performance and equipment in fair condition. As the show left quarters, personnel numbered 62 but on the day of closing this number was down to 34.

With lack of proper publicity, dates, routing, etc., the Hix Bros. Circus had played 19 dates with 29 performances and never made it out of the state of North Carolina. It seemed the all good intentions and plans of Mr. Hicks and Jim Hand, the general manager, had to put a new circus on the road were in vain.

Many problems were encountered, with continuous truck and mechanical breakdowns, lack of proper personnel to get the big top in the air and move the show. A lack of bookings, publicity and a lack of business all contributed to the show's closing.

One week prior to folding the general manager Jim Hand was fired and reportedly took any remaining dates with him. Following the closing at Rocky Mt., Mr. Hicks commented that he hopes to somehow return the equipment to quarters in Dunn, N. C. and attempt to reorganize it. The performers and personnel were paid off and acts drifted off to seek employment with other shows.

Hix Bros. Circus was using the former equipment from Circus Kirk, with the exception of two tractors used to pull the semis. Two of the units had been relettered Hix Bros. Circus, while the rest of the units just had the Circus Kirk name painted out.

This writer was sorry to hear that things did not go well and hopes that an effort at reorganization will be possible. (See CR, issue No. 23 for opening information on Hix Bros. Circus).

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PEOPLE

DIME and CONNIE WILSON, DAVE COSTELLO, and REX and SANDY YOUNG were the clowns with the Hamid-Morton Circus this season.

THE ROLLING DIAMONDS, roller skaters, will do an IAN GARDEN Circus Special on July 28, which will be taped in Toronto. The booking was handled by GUNNER AMANDIS.

AL DAWLEY, ringmaster, worked a Water Sports Show at Penns Landing (NJ) July 2-3, and doubled at an ice show in Phila on July 2nd.



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WILLIAM J. DONAHUE, Sr. (64) a former CMB president died at Torrington, Conn. on June 11th. He was a long-time banking management official and a member of the CFA and CHS. His wife, Lillian, a son, a sister and brother survive.

HENRY HITE (63) whose real name was Henry Mullens, died May 26th at Chicago, Ill. He was reported to be the tallest man in the world at 8 ft. 2 in. and worked in a comedy team - Hite, Lowe and Stanley - until 1962 when one of the group died. After that he spent many years working promotional tours for Corn King and Wilson Foods.

WILLIAM MANDEL (88) former acrobat who lived in Hialeah, Fla. A brother and two sisters survive. His death occurred on May 28th.

THOMAS TIMLIN, Sr. (55) a former national vice president of AGVA, a burlesque comedian and night club MC, died at Detroit, Mich. on May 20th. He was also a juggler and tap dancer. For many years he worked on the "Dopsey the Clown" TV show. Survivors include his wife, Lucia (known as Blaze Fury in burlesque) and two sons, Tom, Jr. and Jude.

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