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# Irvine Co. Sued

Lion Country Safari, of Southern California, has sued the Irvine Co., for \$320,000 million in damages for allegedly trying to drive the amusement park out of business to cancel its lease on land that has jumped in value.

The Superior Court suit claimed the Irvine Co., had caused several financial deals of the amusement park to fall through by withholding its required consent to them.

Lion Country charged in the suit that a conspiracy to destroy the park's business began in July 1977 with the change of owners of the Irvine Co.

The Taubman-Allen-Irvine consortium purchased the county land-development-agri-business concern two years ago for \$337 million.

According to the suit, the company's new management launched the alleged conspiracy because a sprawling new shopping center is scheduled to be built nearby, and as a result land values are soaring.

"We're surprised by the suit. We didn't expect anything like this.

Of course we deny the allegations totally," said Jerry Collins, an Irvine Co., spokesman.

"Our position at all times during the period of negotiations was reasonable, responsible and constructive," he added.

"We regret the Lion Country deal fell through just as much as

the Lion Country people," said Collins. "The difference is that we are not suing anyone."

Lion Country said in its suit that they had originally leased 500 acres of land, south of the junction of the San Diego and Santa Ana freeways in 1969, at

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## PEOPLE

**DARRELL STOCKER** recently won the annual Houdini Award, presented by the Houdini Club of Philadelphia.

**DeDe LAMB**, former Hanneford show girl, is currently touring with the Ken Griffin Stage Show.

**BILLY BARTON** has sold some material to the Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine.

**THE FLYING GAONAS** were featured in a special picture story in the Milwaukee (Wisc) Sentinel on Aug. 31st.

**BILL CHAUDET** is back in magic again and is appearing at the Magic Castle this month. He manages his wife's (JANA LOU) musical career. They celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary next month.

**THE CARLOS DUO**, perch act, were omitted from a recent report about the TNT & Royal Olympic Circus. The act consists of **CARLOS OBANDO** and **BRENDA GALLOWAY**.

**DON MARIO** (Henrik Mortensen) magician is featured in the small tent circus called "Circus Arli" in Denmark.

## REPORT

### HORSE SHOW

It is still possible that the Lipizzan Stallion Show which operated for a brief period this summer at Niagara Falls, N.Y., will set up its permanent home in that city. The show closed its summer season several weeks before the scheduled closing.

City officials still hope the Lipizzan show will become a permanent part of their city. However, they admit that locations in Florida and Canada are also being considered as potential permanent sites for the show operation.

At the present time negotiations are underway between city and show officials in an attempt to clear up the payments due the city on a contract that called for payments of \$1000 a week for 10 weeks.

The Lipizzan show was planned as a local tourist attraction. It was forced out of business because of poor attendance, due to in part, according to some observers, by a lack of advertising. It was also noted that the show was not included as a part of the local tour bus package, something that would have helped boost attendance.

Next month the horse show is going to leave for a seven or eight month tour in Europe.

## SPECIAL

The Tino Wallenda-Zoppe smooth-as-silk high wire act played to large and very enthusiastic crowds at the Ypsilantic (Mich) Heritage Festival, Aug. 24-26.

Tino, his beautiful wife Olinka, and two small daughters, thrilled and charmed the entire community. The Zoppe's smallest daughter (still just a toddler) took her turn performing (swinging and chinning herself) on a large wooden kitchen spoon held by the city's mayor, George Goodman, at a Sunday night party honoring the Zoppes. She's almost ready!

..... George Bird

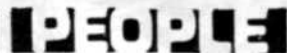
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**CLIFF VARGAS** visited **WALLY NAGHTIN** and family during the Ringling Red Unit's date at the Cow Palace.

**HELENE HARTZELL** recently visited with **ROSS** and **LISA HARTZELL** at Circus Circus in Reno.

**THE ROLLING DIAMONDS**, roller skating act, and **DIANA**, foot juggler, are playing fairs for Gastoni Attractions and the Al Martin Agency.

**DOROTHY HAMILL**, ice skater, will make guest appearances on both units of *Ice Capades* throughout the upcoming season tour.

**KEITH GREEN** conducts the band on the Ringling Red Unit, while the show's organist is **DAVE KING**. He also plays whistles and siren for the clown numbers.

**DAVE SERIFF**, **MIKE McCLENDON** and **PHILIP MORRIS**, magicians just recently taped the TV program "Sunday in the Carolinas" which will be aired in late Sept.

**THE CLAYTONS**, rope and whip act, played Beaumont, Galveston and Freeport (Texas) Aug. 31 thru Sept. 9.

**SHIMADA**, magician featured at the Miramar Hotel in Honolulu, has just signed a contract for another year, it also allows for a TV special and other engagements.

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Beatty-Cole Circus  
Sept. 17-19 Zanesville, Ohio  
20-23 Youngstown

Bentley Bros. Circus  
Sept. 18-19 Reading, Pa.  
22-23 Dubuque, Iowa

Big John Strong Circus  
Sept. 20 Lebanon, Oregon

Carson & Barnes Circus  
Sept. 17 Warren, Ohio  
18 Salem  
19 East Palestine  
20 Wellsville  
21 Alliance  
22-23 Massillon

Circus Vargas  
Sept. 18-24 Houston, Texas

Happytime Circus  
Sept. 20-30 Bakersfield, Cal.

Holiday Hippodrome  
Sept. 18 Beatrice, Nebr.

Kelly Bros. Circus  
Sept. 22 Newport, Ark.  
23 Conway

Monte Carlo Circus  
to Nov. 11 Haines City, Fla

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit  
Sept. 18-23 St. Louis, Mo.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit  
Sept. 18-23 Seattle, Wash.

Royal Lichtenstein Circus  
Sept. 17 Caldwell, Idaho  
18 Rupert  
19 Pocatello  
20 Salt Lake City, Utah  
21 Laramie, Wyo.,  
22-23 Denver, Colo.

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus  
Sept. 21-23 Rockford, Ill.

--- MAGIC ---

Blackstone Magic Show  
Sept. 19 Anaheim, Calif.

Manzini, Escape Artist  
to Sept. 23 New York, NY

Prof. Miller - Magic Time USA  
Sept. 16 Elmhurst, Ill.  
18 Chicago  
22 Deerfield

Tom Ogden - Magician  
Sept. 22 Elizabethtown, Pa.

--- OTHER DATES ---

Bugs Bunny Shows  
Sept. 17-23 Grand Rapids, Mich  
19-23 Portland, Me.

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit  
Sept. 17-22 Columbus, Miss.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit  
Sept. 17-22 Rome, Ga.

James H. Drew Exposition  
Sept. 17-22 Marietta, Ga.

The Flintstones  
Sept. 18 New Orleans, La.

Ice Capades - Eastern Unit  
to Sept. 23 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ice Capades - Western Unit  
Sept. 21-26 Okla. City, Okla.

Kaye Hollywood Elephants  
Sept. 18-19 Reading, Pa.  
22-23 Dubuque, Iowa

Los Latinos - wire act  
Sept. 18-19 Reading, Pa.  
22-23 Dubuque, Iowa

Mighty Thomas Shows  
Sept. 20-29 Ft. Smith, Ark.

Newark Days  
Sept. 19-23 Newark, Calif.

The Sikorsky's - Jugglers  
Sept. 17 Hershey, Pa.  
22 Baltimore, Md.

## HOTLINE

CORKY DAVIS, wild animal trainer, was bitten and clawed by his 3 year old Bengal tiger "Bingo" during his final show at Ghost Town Amusement Park in Northeast Penna. Some 103 stitches were required to close the wounds.

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## In Memoriam

JOSEPH F. MILLER (81), of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and known as "Happy the Clown", died last month after a long illness. He was a retired dispatcher for the Jamestown-Westfield & NW Railroad and member of the CFA and Clowns of America. He had donated his model circus to the State of New York for display in a museum. Survivors include his wife, Fiorella, and two daughters.



ON AUG. 22nd, the suit of HUGO ZACCHINI against WEWS Channel 5, opened before the Common Pleas Judge ROBERT M. LAWThER. Zacchini seeks \$25,000 damages for invasion of privacy. The Human Cannonball originally sued Channel 5 for \$25,000 in 1972, contending that a 15 second airing of his act while he was performing at the Geauga County Fair was an unauthorized usurping of the commercial value of his performance and an infringement of his rights of publicity. In 1976 the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that Channel 5 could show the film because the performance was a matter of legitimate public interest, but in 1977 the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that News Media has no constitutional protection against damage suits if the media broadcasts a performer's entire act without his permission.

IN other legal news the State of California swooped down on the Ringling Show in Inglewood when the Inspector decided that WALLY NAGHTIN, Jr's appearance in the bear act was too dangerous. The show was fined five grand. There was a hearing and the fine was lowered to \$1,000. Now the Ringling show and Wally Naghtin - on behalf of his son - are suing the State of California.

LUCKY LADIES: In early August LONI VAN VOORDEN flew to Chicago to attend French singing star CHARLES AZNAVOUR in concert and to visit the Gallic star backstage in his dressing room, where the two rehased their days together on concert tours in Europe. . .HERTA CUNEO reports her Reno/Las Vegas junket was fun-filled and profitable; she came away from the gaming tables a big winner, says the shows were just great, that she enjoyed her visit with Siegfried and Roy whose home is a

veritable jungle of exotic birds and wild animals, and that she had a luncheon date with MICHELE DOBRITCH. . .MARCELLA (of Los Latinos) continued her streak of "Good Loot" when she went up against a concession during their run at Kennywood Park and almost cleaned the guy out - won two wrist watches. boxes upon boxes of assorted dishware, and an electric percolator! Soon Marcella will be charging to rub her shoulder - ala a genie - for luck!

THE Detroit area played host to 3 circuses, each criss-crossing each other's dates: M&M Internationale at the Detroit Fair, Garden Bros. at Windsor and Dobritch Int'l at Wayne. Acts on M&M were: Ma Ho Pin, Upton's Cougar, Diano's Elephants, Diamond Duo (cradle), Stanley Book's dogs, Miss Loni and Barbara, Jimmy Douglass clowns and announcing and Danny Daniels, organist. In Windsor were: The Reginine Duo, Bill Brickle, Sa Sa Armor, Mogyorosi's tigers, The Arwoods, The Kursawes, Mister Sensation, The Pinsons, Marie-France, Sampion, Rumpy and Dennie Pinson, Jr. Charlie Schlarbaum was the musical director and Ian Garden, the ringmaster. At Wayne were: Walt King, The Gutis, Mister Sensation, Jimmy Douglass clowns, The Lemoines, The Flying Vasquez, The James Zoppe Riders, Jorge Barreda, Mafalda, Vasquez, Stanley Friedberg, organist, Sandy Dobritch, ringmaster, with equipment furnished by Circus Creations, handled by Vern Woerner

THE Clyde Beatty Circus was also in the area and visitors included: The Flying Vasquez and Jorge Barreda, as well as acts from M&M. Howard Schultz visited M&M and son Marc visited Garden Bros. in Windsor. Enroute to Wayne, Sandy and Michele Dobritch visited Circus Vargas. Sandy and fam-

ily also visited M&M at the State Fair and other visitors were Lone Stevens, Donny McIntosh, Billy Barton, Bill Brickle and Bobby Davis.

CLOSEUPS: ELIZABETH RODRIQUEZ marries VENO VENITO in December. . .PABLO and KAREN RODRIQUEZ are expecting a new addition to the family. . .SAMPION and wife MARIE-FRANCE will be with the Hubert Castle Circus in '80. . .TARZEN, who is managing and producing the show, has designed a special lighted (elevator) stage for Marie's delightful Yorkie pooches. . .KAY ROSAIRE has replaced her lions and will also present a leopard act for next season. Meanwhile Kay is four months pregnant. . .THE PINSONS are with Hetzer for a seven week run. . .BILL BRICKLE plays the Zeigfeld Room at the Executive Inn in Buffalo Oct. 9-21. In November his Wonderland Circus goes out for 6 weeks of schools. With the unit will be FERNANDO BAUTISTA Troupe. . .NITA BALE is with her sisters on Beatty-Cole. . .DAVID CHABIRA did not debut his swaypole act on Bentley Bros. as expected. David had been out with the PIRATES OF THE AIR and had no chance to practice. . .FLYING LANES are reportedly finishing out the season with Vargas. Word is that CLIFF is Europe-bound on a talent search. . .TREVOR BALE is back in Florida. . .THE NAVARRO girls played the River Rouge Labor Day celebration for M&M. . .A Cuneo tractor enroute west to pick up the new baby elephant, burned out a motor.

. . .Returnees from Japan include: KARL and SHEILA WINN and the FLYING LAR-RAYS. . .The Ringling Aussie Tour will feature THE FARRELL BROS. (booked thru Ba-

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## SPECIAL

**LLOYD LASTER**, now retired after 60 years in many branches of show business, celebrated his 75th birthday on Aug. 25th, at his home in Tyler, Texas. Over 200 guests attended and enjoyed a buffet meal held on the lawn.

Entertainment was furnished by the Sharon Shrine Temple 'Clown Band' Ted 'LaVelda' Akeman with his demonstration of 'Waximo' the mechanical man, Angela Akeman with humorous stories and experiences while owning Carson & Barnes Circus, and Lloyd showing a 26 year old movie of himself doing his famous 'Gadget Pitch', that gave him the nickname of 'The Gadget Man'. The Potentate of the Sharon Temple surprised Lloyd with a high award from the Shrine for his untiring work he has given for the crippled children.

Lloyd had a varied career in show business, such as side show manager on the 'Bud Anderson Circus', operating his own 'Minstrel Shows', Pitchman and in later years with Jack Moore, operating several units of the Santa Claus Rocket Ships that appeared at large shopping centers at Christmas time.

The following morning, Lloyd treated all of the out-of-town guests to a breakfast at the '12 Oaks Motel,' where they were staying.

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## Acts

The Hubert Castle Circus played at Bridgeview, Ill. (Aug. 17-18) and at Crown Point, Ind. (Aug. 20-22) and used the following acts:

Larry Allen Dean, lions/tigers; John and Mike Winn, inclined wire walk; the Olmedas, bicycles; Jennier's Leaping Greyhounds; Arwood's Acro-pups Princess White Cloud, cloud swing; the Ramon Sisters, contortion; Miss Loni and Barbara, foot jugglers; Doritas, acro-disco dancing; Randy & Sylvia, perch pole; The Kellys, juggling/rola bola; the Franconi Duo, double trapeze; Lamberti, juggling; The Claytons, whips/rope spinning; The Kolmedys, balancing; Timothy & Daniel, rola bola; The Verdus, rolling globes; Miss Michelle, slide for life; Bridgett and Fifi, ladder balance; Lamberti, one finger stand; The Flying Espanas; Roman Schmitt, elephants; Diano's elephants; The Hernandez Troupe, teeterboard; The Winn Troupe, aerial motorcycle;

Kent Clayton was the ringmaster. Harry Freed, prop boss and Carl Gray was in clown alley with different clowns at each date.

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# REVIEW

## HOXIE BROS. CIRCUS

... by Ken Holehouse

Whether six or sixty, as the old saying goes, Hoxie Bros. is the show to see this year. I have never seen a stronger show and, if the circus world was giving academy awards for pacing, performances, costuming, and overall quality, this show would sweep the awards. I loved it!

The local Jaycee chapter sponsored the Sept. 1st performances in Park Forest, Ill., a village that bills itself as America's Model Community. The first trailers arrived before 8 a.m. and the World's Largest Tent started going up around 9. A number of locals watched the set-up, although few volunteered to help.

On the left side of the inviting Midway was a moon walk, ticket wagon and giant ape show. Two colorfully painted trucks dressed the right side with a camel and ponies staked between them and in back of the trucks. The elephants and elephant ride were stationed at the right of the Midway entrance.

From management to canvas crew I was very impressed by the friendliness and congeniality of the show's personnel. Joe McMahon, the show's general agent, was most cordial and everyone else connected with the show was so friendly and pleasant to myself, and other visitors, and each other, that I got the feeling this circus is one big happy family.

As John Steinbeck wrote for the '54 Ringling program, "the lion tamer and the acrobat are brave and clever against our cowardice and clumsiness and the clowns make our selfish tragedy seem funny. Every man, woman and child comes from the circus refreshed and renewed and ready to survive. What doctor can do as much?" I came away from Hoxie Bros. evening performance refreshed, revived and exuberant.

The program, smartly paced by singing ringmaster Jim Royal, opened with the Circus Day Parade Spec, followed by the enthusiastic, masterly display of lion taming by Michael Ce-

cere. This fast paced act, with 22 yr. old Cecere leading his savage charges through action paced maneuvers sets the tempo for the whole show. And a word came to mind as I was sitting on the edge of my seat, watching those blood-hungry lions. And that word was class. And class describes the whole show... from lions to elephants, from the top of the center pole to the bottom of Houdini's Escape Box.

The clowns, with their Hidden Crook, Rocket, Rain and Big Head routines are among the funniest I've seen anywhere. Their antics in warming up the crowd are well received and the hilarity is non-stop.

Other highlights of the show include the Lisner Duo, a beautiful ballet of perch artistry; Miss Patti and her capably trained horse Gamy; Jim Royal and the aforementioned Houdini's Escape Box; Miss Elizabeth and Miss Sonya performing a variety of colorful routines on the low wire; a colorful canine act with the Park Avenue Mutts and Miss Patti; the Campa Sisters and Juan on unicycles and a pre-intermission trapeze act displaying great strength and balancing skills by the Valentino Duo.

The second half of this lively show opens with the talented musical clown entourage, Regalito and Co., performing in the finest continental tradition; the Stimax Chimp Act; Patti Antalek and her ponies; a beauti-

ful aerial ballet featuring Miss Danuska; and then the stunning artistry of the Timi Loyal-Repensky Bareback Riders.

Twenty-one year old Timi Loyal, with five generations of circus behind him, has the makings of a circus superstar. Performing with his beautiful young wife, and two fine horses, Timi's act shows poise and a commanding stage presence. The audience loved the non-stop display of equestrian acrobatics and classy horsemanship, showing classic training and good preparation. This was an outstanding performance.

Hoxie Bros. by now memorable show concluded with elephants adroitly presented by James Crawford and Tiffany

This is the show to see and visit because whether talking with the affable popcorn/taffy apple hawker, visiting with performers, watching the Big Top take shape, making new Friends and seeing old friends, this lot is a warm place to be and the show is class all the way.

## PEOPLE

LAURA and JOHNNY WALKER have joined Carson & Barnes Circus, where Johnny is handling the elephants and Laura presents her dog act in the show.

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### MINI CIRCUS

..... by Sherry Kidwell

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Circus performances are at 2 and 4 p.m. with archery, karate and dance demonstrations also scheduled throughout the afternoon.

All shows are free to the public. Organizers hope to raise money for the all volunteer youth circus by sponsoring booths, games and raffles. (Rain date has been set for Sept. 16).

### weddings

General Circus Manager for the Philip Morris organization, and former ringmaster for Carden-Johnson Circus, A. L. Leonard was married on Aug. 27th in Middletown, Ohio, to Judy Fagionoto.

The entire Hanneford Circus cast was in attendance, with ringmaster Senor Rai acting as best man, and producing clown Cheryl Jones was the bridesmaid.

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## NAMES in the NEWS

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TOM UPTON, circus photographer, was on hand to greet Ringling Red

personnel when they arrived in Fresno, Calif. He showed circus films for show folks during the show's stay in that city.

JOHN STRONG, Jr. visited Howling Wolf Animal Park at Leggett, Calif., where PAT DERBY and ED STEWARD have an elephant formerly owned by BIG JOHN STRONG.



The above photo of the Ballet Girls on Sells Floto Circus was taken in 1924. Ballet Master George Myers is in the center. The girls (left to right standing) are: Mickey King, Annette Pine, Belle McNutt, Mildred King, Golden Caress, Billie Barnardo, Madeline Schlesinger, Shirley deRuy, Cecil Fortune, Florence LeRue and Hope Caprice. Seated are: Cyse O'Dell, Polly Bendar, Nellie Russell, Billie Whitbeck, Rose Nimmo, Irene Russell, "Tex" Pares and Marguerite Wilson.

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EMMETT KELLY, Jr. Circus

... by Bill Galloway

A unit of the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus opened a ten day stand at the New York State Fair in Syracuse. Opening day (Aug. 25) the crowd was very good, considering the circus was located at the back of the fair grounds with no directions as to how to find it. Shows were at 12, 3 and 6 p.m. and the unit was managed by Gunnar Amandis of Amandis Entertainment, Inc.

The show line-up included: Come-in, Balloons by Toe Toe, the Clown; Overture; Slide for Life, Miss Michelle;

## IN MEMORIAM

ALICE H. CONLEY (79), of Park Ridge, Ill., died April 29th. Her late husband, Dr. H. H. Conely was a Past President of the CFA. She was well-known and respected by circus folks and fans alike. Survivors include five daughters, a son, 25 grand-children and several great-grand-children. Burial was at Des Plaines, Ill.

Sword Balancing on Ladder by Princess Sunshine (Zamperla); Cats (3 lions, 6 tigers) presented by Larry Allen Dean; Chair Balancing, by Michael & Co. (Mike Winn); Space Wheel by the Geraldos; Riding Act by The Napoleons (Zamperla Family); Motor-

## HAL HAVILAND SEZ....

News reports indicate the White House and Congress are spending time encouraging foreign artists to defect to our American way of life.

The same federal bunch recently encouraged increases in the price of gas and American circus artists are having a real inflationary problem. Where do we defect to?

cycle on high wire by the Winn Troupe (John, Mike and Michelle); Exit March. The staff consisted of: Producer, Leonard Green; Unit Manager, Gunnar Amandis; Announcer, Earl Michaels as Toe Toe the Clown.

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**Miscellaneous**

Some of the acts appearing with the Carden-Johnson Circus at Reno (Aug. 17-18) and Vancouver, BC (Aug. 23-24) were: Bill Golden, elephants and tigers; Cuccillo, trampoline/mules; Bobby Gibbs, animals; Rosa Gibbs, ponies; David Linden, one finger stand; Gory, almost human gorilla; Eduardo's Gypsy Bears; the Zappada Bros., high wire; The Flying Carrolls, and many others.

The unit was managed by George Carden, and Larry Rich was the ringmaster. Clown Alley featured Tim Hill, producing clown with Bob-O and Captain Buddy. Their numbers included The Levitation, Convict Gag, The Doctor and the Arabian Harem Dancer.

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**PEOPLE**

PETTUS 'Brownie' BROWN entertained the following show folks with a spaghetti dinner during the Western Kentucky State Fair: Hugo Zacchini, My-Imba, Aurelia Hall, George and Jimmy Barreda, Paul Kohler, Arthur and Debbie Lampkin.

**Miscellaneous**

Ringling Blue drew good business at the Summitt in Houston, and the Red Unit has been drawing good crowds on the west coast.

Soap Opera magazine for Sept. 4th has a 6 page article about the Ringling Red Unit with photos of many of its stars.

**By Crane**



# Exotic Animal Auction

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Make your plans to attend this Exotic Animal Auction — you will not be disappointed.

## REPORT

LANI IRONBERG's Circus worked in Northern California (Aug. 26-27) with the small under canvas show being bought out for the two dates. The show operated under the banner of "Bob Elliott's Royal Hawaiian Circus."

Three shows were presented each day to full houses. The tent seats about 500 people and admission was priced at \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

The program featured: Warm-up by Pabo the clown, who also served as ringmaster; Mr. Lee, magic; Miss Lani, liberty drill and Spot the wonder pony; Miss Tina's Circus Doggies; Intermission; The Wheelers, musical comedy act; Miss Tina, trained birds; and Miss Lani's high school horse.

## MAILBAG

... from Ethel Henry

This is the first time in 45 years that we haven't been on the road and we had some shaky and/or risky moments when we were working in circuses and traveling so far for fairs, club dates, etc.

What has to be the climaxed happened in August when a wheel and tire from an 18 wheeler crashed into the house. It knocked a big hole through the brick exterior and broke through the inside wall, pushed the stove to within 18 inches of me.

I was sitting at the kitchen table, reading The Circus Report, when the explosion came. I thought the gas stove had blown up. Anyway, I was very lucky for I believe the stove stopped the wheel from coming on through

## PEOPLE

GEORGE W. LILLY has joined the Carson & Barnes Circus as a billposter, working out ahead of the show.

ROBERT P. GROTE, school teacher, was featured in the 'Grit' of Aug. 19. He is a teacher for youngsters on the Ringling-Barnum Circus.

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## SPECIAL

JOEL BAREZ and former Ringling clown EARL CHANEY, have come up with a new concept for commercializing on the circus clown.

Already under construction in Las Vegas and set to open Oct. 1st, is "Clown Alley". The 4000 square foot building will have a circus motif and is designed primarily to sell ice cream and pie, with the usual birthday party room in which a clown will entertain.

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The shop will also feature a clown school, "The College of Clown Knowledge", plus a magic show that will sell clown props, make-up and books on clowning.

Earl will have his hands full, as he is already the Ronald McDonald clown

## Theft

During the Ringling-Barnum Red Unit's engagement at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Calif., one of the mirrored bicycles for a dog act was stolen from the backyard area.

In another incident a performer was awakened early one morning by a strange noise and discovered some youths were trying to cut his motor bike loose from the housing on its truck rack.

## Miscellaneous

A new house record was set at the American Museum of Magic recently when 20 members of the Le Grand David's Own Spectacular Magic Show stopped in for a visit. "Most we've ever had from a single show," says Museum owner Robert Lund.

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## REPORT

**MAGICAL WORLD OF CIRCUS** kicked off a three week tour on Aug. 27 in Charleston, S.C., sponsored by the Charleston County Police Assoc. The show played the Baptist College with good attendance.

Featured in the program were: Overture by Florence Guelpa; Martin Lamberti, juggling; Chiron & Co., illusions; Marina's Royal Afghans; Donut the Clown; The Rianos Duo, wire; Intermission; Jan Danacheck, unicycle; Chiron & Co., illusions; The Juggling Perrys; Martin Lamberti, balancing; The Simanski's Chimps.

Young Jay Greene is Donut the Clown; John Brenner, stage manager; Herman Guelpa, special technical advisor. The show is handled by South-eastern Entertainment Corp., and is produced by Jim Greene, Chiron.

## PEOPLE

**DICK ZIMMERMAN** and **DIANA, VIC KIRK** and **MARY, CAS BOYLE, PAUL CHOSSE, ARTHUR MURATA** and **FRANK BALCERAK** all magicians, were featured at the annual 'Magic Fest' held at Penn-grove, Calif. on Sept. 2nd.

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## In Memoriam

**SALLY RAND** (75) whose peekaboo fan dancing delighted audiences for many years died Aug. 31st at a hospital in Glendora, Calif. Born Helen Gould Beck, she started performing at the age of 14, and worked her way from Missouri to Hollywood where she was in DeMille's "King of Kings". It was DeMille who gave her the name Sally Rand.

She was performing in Chicago when the World's Fair opened in that city, and it was there she first gained her popularity. Sometimes she danced with fans and other times she used a huge balloon.

In 1939 she was featured at the Golden Gate Exposition on Treasure Island

## Acts

For the third year in a row, Gunnar Amandis booked the acts for the Ottawa Exposition, which is produced by Rolly Hammond.

Acts working the date were: The Quassars (working over the crowd in the grandstand); Trudy's Dalmations (Strong); the Zerbini Riding Act; the Roberts Bros., comedy table; The Plunketts, comedy trampoline; Christopher James, wire; Herbie Weber, wire/slide; Mike Coco and the Coconut Band with clowning/stilts.

and later she operated her own night clubs, had a show on carnivals and at one time toured her own small circus. She is survived by an adopted son and his family.



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**LION COUNTRY (Cont'd)**

at an annual rental of \$227,500.

In March 1977, it renegotiated its lease with the Irvine Co. because the park had been experiencing declining attendance since 1974 and had defaulted on some of its lease obligations.

The revised lease returned 164 acres to the Irvine Co. in exchange for clearing up the park's debts and lowering the annual rent to \$100,000.

Irvine Co.'s Collins said the shopping center had been part of the company plans for at least as long as Lion Country's lease.

According to the suit, the value of Lion Country's leasehold land increased because of the planned shopping center and redevelopment of the property could bring the Irvine Co. from \$3 to \$10 million annually in income, compared to the \$100,000 being paid by the park.

Lion Country said that in Oct. 1977 it attempted to sub-lease its site to Stahl-Lacal, Inc. for 20 years but the deal failed because the Irvine Co. "unreasonably" withheld approval.

Lion Country is seeking \$6 million in actual damages and \$100 million in punitive damages on that allegation.

In Nov. 1978, Lion Country signed an agreement with Jack Bennett to sell him all stock, assets and liabilities in the amusement park for \$4.25 million. Subsequently, in April 1979, the park tried to substitute LCS Recreational, Inc. for Bennett as purchaser.

According to the suit, the Irvine Co. caused those deals to fall through by withholding its consent. As a result, Lion Country is seeking an additional \$4.25 million in actual damages and \$100 million in punitive damages.

Then, in July 1978, Lion Country tried to gain approval to issue \$3 million worth of stock to generate capital but again the deal was thwarted by the Irvine Co., the suit alleged.

The park is seeking \$10 million in actual damages and \$100 million in punitive damages on this allegation.

**BILLY BARTON (Continued)**

uer-Hall), ELVIN BALE, and LUIS MUNOZ. . . The ESPANAS to Circus World Festival in Madrid, Dec. 20 to Jan. 7 (also set thru Bauer-Hall). . . MISS LONI and MISS BARBARA spot-dated dates for Castle recently . . . CEMON'S Chimps return to Beaty-Cole. . . ARIA'S Bears made the Emmett Kelly, Jr. fair run. . . BOBBY BEROSINI has added "patter" to his gorilla/orangutan act. . . Among the talent with Bentley Bros. are JORGE BARREDA, JOSELITO, SMAHAS, LOS LATINOS, WINI Mc KAY, CHESTER CABLE, VASQUEZ Troupe, ZERBINI Troupe, and VIRGINIA LEE FENTON. Some of the clowns are JOHN MacKAY and DAVID CHABIRA. . . CHUCK MELTZER is selling his Philadelphia home and moving to Florida. . . Some of the talent skedded to be with Garden Bros. tent show mall dates are the FORNASARIES, the REGININE DUO, SA SA ARMOR, MISTER SENSATION, RUMPY, GARDEN Bros. Liberty Horses, MOGYORISKI with tigers and lion. Tour begins in Oct. . . CHARLES SCHLARBAUM will also be with the tenter - meanwhile he has been playing dates with the HANNEFORD FAMILY CIRCUS on fairs, ditto the AGUILARS. . .

DOADY FORNASARIE, now married to Sa Sa, learned to be a cradle-bearer quickly and is doing a great job. . . DENNIE PINSON, Jr. is now a full-fledged clown - he did his first 'drag' bit in Windsor (Ont) with RUMPY. . . MELODY BRUNO has given up her sway pole act.

**RINGLING NEWS and RUMORS:** That the GUERREROS, high-wire act now with Vargas will be with the Blue Unit. . . Moving from Red to the Blue will be the FLYING SEGERAS to pair up with the FLYING FARIAS . . . THE CANESTRELLIS, with Ringling Red are set for the Aussie tour. . . CARL WONG's sway pole act is currently featured with the Red Unit. . . Incidentally, the Red Unit broke all attendance records in Anaheim and Long Beach.

**HARD WORK:** In addition to climbing those high sway poles four times a day at Great Adventure, lovely LISA BAUER is also doing her trapeze act twice a day on the midway! Now . . . THAT's hard work!

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**Miscellaneous**

National Enquirer magazine for Sep. 11th has a photo of circus elephants being loaded into a van after a show date in Montreal.

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**SPECIAL****THE FORGOTTEN FIRE**

... by Mike Martin

Overshadowed in the history of circus disasters by the tragedy of the Hartford Holocaust, looms the memory of the devastating fire on the Ringling-Barnum circus lot in Cleveland during the 1942 season.

Just after lunch, fire was spotted in the high-piled hay next to the menagerie top. Gusts of silent wind quietly carried the flames aloft and up the guy ropes. Rapidly the fire spread over the canvas enclosure which was the daily home for the various trained and wild animals carried with the show.

The terror-filled screams of the exotic jungle creatures melted with the anquished shrieks of the domesticated animals into a helpless pleading cry.

Flames roared through the animal cages. Firemen managed to keep a steady stream of water focused on some of the cages and saved the lives of many of the valuable denizens of the jungle. Many, though, were pathetically burned or crippled. Many had to be destroyed.

A group of camels, chained together, were badly burned, as were dozens of elephants who remained obedient to the commands of their trainers and were led alive from the fire but with strips of burnt skin hanging from their massive bodies. Lost were all the lions, the monkey cage, many camels, and six zebras.

When the smoke began to clear and the fire was finally out, gloom had replaced the usual happiness that pervades the circus lot. Fortunately, there were no recorded human casualties. But, over \$200,000 worth of show animals had perished in the inferno.

A 16 year old boy, who had run away from home to join the circus, and who had been fired for laziness, admitted he had set the fire in the hay to get even!

**PEOPLE**

LOU and ROBERT STODDARD, artists and clowns, were featured in the June 1979 issue of Calliope magazine. The article included several pictures of their great clown paintings.

KRAMIEN, the Magician, has been signed to appear in the annual "It's Magic Show" scheduled for a Los Angeles appearance next month.

ANITA and ALBERT VONDERHEID recently purchased a two month old lion cub which they are planning to train.

ALLAN BABCOCK visited Carson & Barnes Circus at Rantoul (Ill) on Aug. 28th. He reports other show visitors included HOXIE TUCKER, MEL, B. K. and MEL RAY SILVERLAKE, BOBBY GREEN, TEAK, HARLEY and RUTH HENLINE, AL GRAGALUNIS, BILL and EDDIE BACKSTEIN, TOM PARKINSON, CHARLES SWAN and ALBERT and ANITA VONDERHEID and family.

*Introducing*

HARRY FINK, of 1622 Fourth St., San Fernando, Calif. 91340, a veteran circus man, will celebrate his 95th birthday on Sept. 24th. He would enjoy hearing from his friends of the old circus days.

Harry, in his earliest days, was in charge of the Privilege Car on the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, and later the Miller 101 Ranch and Wild West with Buffalo Bill. Later on he worked for Hagenbeck-Wallace, the Sells Floto show and Barnum & Bailey.

In his work with side shows he became close friends with the Doll Family of midgets (the Schneider family of Sarasota), and the famous "Pin Heads" who, when he last heard of them lived in Los Angeles. Mr. Fink is a past president of the West Coast Outdoor Showman's League of Los Angeles. He still remains active as a member of the Elks in San Fernando, and can spin some mighty interesting yarns.

**In Memory of**

*Sally  
Rand*



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# Special

## ELEPHANT TESTING

..... by Velma Lowry

Not many elephants have stories written about them in the prestigious Scientific American magazine, but Lois, a 7 year old Indian elephant at the Ralph Mitchell Zoo, in Independence, Kans., was featured in a small column of the August issue.

Ned Stichtman, assistant park supt., and two University of Kansas researchers Rickye (Mrs.) and Henry Heffner, of Parsons State Hospital, conducted a study with Lois and found that elephants have a lower hearing range than do any other mammals tested to date.

The study found Lois could hear sounds as low as 16 hertz (16 cycles per second) at an intensity inaudible to humans. Humans do not hear well below 62 hertz.

At the other end of the hearing range it was found the elephant's upper hearing limit was 12,000 hertz, compared with the human limit of 20,000 hertz.

A mammal's hearing range appears to be a function of the distance between its ears, the researchers said. The range of an animal's hearing is in inverse proportion to the size of its skull, which determines the distance between the ears.

The close-set ears of small headed animals hear higher frequency sounds than do animals with more widely-set ears. For example, bats and mice can hear sounds as high as 80,000 hertz and dogs about 40,000 hertz.

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SUE LENZ made a TV appearance in San Francisco with one of the Lenz Chimps during the Ringling-Barnum Red Unit's stay at the Cow Palace.

In the tests, Lois was trained to punch a "Yes" or a "No" button with her trunk depending on whether the sound was audible or inaudible. Lois usually was rewarded with watered-down Kool Aid, a half cup at a time. She drank about eight gallons of the drink during each two hour session. The Heffners have presented their findings to an acoustical society meeting.

This isn't the first time an Independence, Kans. elephant has been in the news. Remember Susie, the rock throwing elephant who was taken to the Seattle zoo? Now Lois, her replacement is making headlines.

## REPORT

EMMETT KELLY, Jr. Circus

Acts appearing with the Emmet Kelly Jr. Circus at the Du Quoin Fair, in Illinois were:

Mark Anthony, come-in; Overture; The Christinas, acro-adagio; Emmett and Want More; Cimse's Dogs; Emmett and rope; Frank Galumbos, on motorcycle on wire; Mark Anthony, comedy car; Miss Christina, trapeze; The Frankies, rolling globes/rola bola; Emmett with magic; The Knops, perch pole; Lilli-Ana's leopards; Emmett and Nancy say Goodbye.

Nancy Kelley was the ringmistress; Virginia Lee Fenton, musical director; Ruth McGuire, prop boss; Bob Bell, sound and lights.

The Duquoin date was Aug. 24 to Sept. 3rd. The show's next date was set for Sept. 8th at Mansfield, Pa.