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New Animal Law

A new bill has been quietly passed into law in California which could, if carried out, be the end of circuses and animal acts within the state. The new law was developed with the cooperation of the Dept. of Food & Agriculture and is to be governed over by the State Fish & Game Commission.

The law was adopted on an "emergency basis" on Jan. 17, 1975 and made a part of the Fish & Game Code. It will be the Fish & Game Commission's responsibility to carry out the regulations, which it states "are necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety or general welfare.

The regulations prohibit the importation, transportation or possession of wild animals in the State of California. This ruling covers virtually all animals except those that are normally domesticated within the state. These animals, says the Commission, "are undesirable and a menace to native wild life the agricultural interests of the state, or to the public health or safety."

Permits for the importation, transportation and possession of restricted or prohibited animals will be available for zoos, scientific or public health research by a college, a university or government research agency or such bona fide scientific institution as determined by the Commission to meet the research or medical needs. All such animals must be main-

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He Helped

When Allen's Childrens Magic Circus played Forest Park in Georgia (Mar. 27) the program was augmented by two very fine professional acts. Certainly Oz-zie Schleentz, owner of the Royal Ranch Circus, is to be complimented for his efforts in sending these acts to the Allen show

Originally the Royal Ranch Circus was scheduled to play at Cordele, Ga. on Mar. 27th. Mr. Schleentz discovered a carnival was in town at that time and so he decided against competing with that show, and thus gave his employees three days off.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe drove to Forest Park, to add their own whip and rope act to the Allen show program. Also appearing on the program, from the Royal Ranch Circus, was a man and wife team who did acrobats and a very nice bar act.

..... Paul Fitzpatrick

PEOPLE

RICHARD WALL, of Chandler, N.C., has been fined \$1,000 for exhibiting a "sored" horse at a show on July 22, 1972.

MRS. DONNA BOLZ is directing an all Girl Scout Circus, which will be presented in Wisconsin on May 23rd.

PETER & PETROVA (aerialist) and CAPTAIN ORBIT (bike rider) are currently on tour with the Gomas Cooper "Hell Drivers."

MIDWAY DOWN

"We're certainly feeling the crunch of the recession," said John Strong upon his return to the West Coast this month to open with his own show. "Both business at the gate and advance promotions have been down 50%."

The Big John Strong Circus has several west coast dates to play before starting the big Holloway Productions tour, which will take them into new territory in the East and Canada before they head west late in the season.

This year's show features Betty Wendany, manager/announcer; Robin and Tom Bishop, wire, cradle, clown; Heidi Wendany, dogs and ladder; Ben and Chris DeWayne, clown, juggling and side show; Winnie McKay, trap-eze; The Deans, western acts; Cheryl Shawyer, elephants and James Wellington, supt. with a crew of six men.

Music for the show is directed by Virginia Fenton, while advance work is being handled by Phil Shear and Bill Birchfield.

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G-M Plays Shrine Date

This year's annual Shrine Circus at Long Beach, Calif. on April 12-13, featured the George Matthews Circus, plus several additional acts, including some from the Great Y Circus. The two day event was billed as "Polack Bros. presents the George Matthews Great London Circus" while all advertising and tickets carried the Polack name.

Arrangements for the date had been set-up by officials of both shows. It resulted from the fact that the Long Beach and Los Angeles Shrine dates were scheduled at the same time.

It was a rather unique feature for Southern Californians, with three circuses playing at the same time, within a radius of a few miles. Polack was in Los Angeles, George Matthews in Long Beach and Circus Vargas at Torrance.

Following the successful Long Beach engagement, the George-Matthews Circus moved to another nearby location - Laguna Hills Shopping Center -- in Orange County for April 14-21. This was a good location, with lots of traffic and near the Safari Lion Country Park. Local papers gave the show plenty of newspaper space.

During the G-M Show's recent engagement at Santa Monica several film people visited the circus. This included executives who still plan to make the Tom Mix story for films, using the circus as background (see Circus

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New Addition

Patti and Michael Wudtke, of the Clyde Beatty Circus, are the parents of a baby boy, born at Warwick, R.I., on Easter Sunday (7 lbs. 3 oz). His grandparents are Tom and Flo Kulbabsky, CFA's of Warwick, R.I.

Report for June 3, 1974 - Page 6). Rumor has it that super star James Caan will play the role of Tom Mix.

Good Dates

Two full shows were presented by the Gatti-Charles American Cont'l Circus at Holbrook, N.M., where they were the first show there in nine years. The performances were presented outside in front of the grandstand, despite "a raging blizzard." Spectators virtually jammed the seating area, with some reporting they had come from as far away as 80 miles to see the circus.

For its date in Albuquerque (N.M.) the show garnered good publicity in all local papers. This included a page spread of clown Toby Ballantine, putting on make-up, and a story about Patricia Gatti, the world's youngest circus owner.

Freedom Train

Several former circusmen are currently working on the American Freedom Train, which recently started a two year tour of the U. S. They'll all be looking forward to the tour and an opportunity to visit show folks and circus fans at each of the many stops.

Among those with the big train are:- Paul Hudson, John Strongman, Jack Beatty, George Beacher, Bob Gray, Bill McCabe and Art Spellman.

There's also many other people with the train you will know from various shows.

Show Story

The new Russell Bros. Circus, operated by Bill English, appeared in Jackson, Mich., on April 13th. Two shows were presented in the Sports Arena (2 pm and 5:30 pm) with the arena jammed packed to the point people were sitting on the floor.

The program featured:-

Overature - Coco's Musical
Comics - a new, good act.
El Gordo - lions (23 yrs old)
The Clowns
Senorita Marades - tight wire
Bill Kay - plate spinning
Walt King - llamas
Phillip Morris - illusions
The Clowns - Coco
Carmen del Molino - trapeze
Johnson's bears
The Clowns
Miller Bros. - aerial cradle
Walt King - elephants

Coco's Musical Comics is brand new and a very fine group. There are seven band members who appear in colorful clown attire, do all sorts of music, plus stilt walking (16 ft. tall)

.....Clarence Hastings

PEOPLE

HELEN WALTERS visited the Mid America Circus on its opening day, then jumped to Paris, Texas, to see Carson & Barnes.

GLEN HENRY has his dogs and ponies on the Carden-Johnson Circus, opening date was Springfield (Mo.) Mar. 31-Apr. 6

W & R is Plenty Good

If you like your circuses neat, clean and compact, plus real fun and entertainment, then you'll surely enjoy the Wallace & Rogers Circus, as operated by the Hartzell family. Fans and sponsors alike have been high in their praise of this new show and one California sponsor told Circus Report that "we were more than happy with the circus and are certainly going to use them again next year. There wasn't a single problem for anyone and you can't say that about many of the shows we've had in the past."

The circus is presented under a red, white and blue top, in one ring and a stage. All the seats are seat wagons, which take about 5 minutes to set up or prepare for loading. All tent poles are aluminum and lots of rigging is in evidence.

The circus has some truly unique features, one of which is a stereo organ that offers music of an exceptional quality. The music and light show offer something no other circus has yet provided its customers.

Clowning duties are handled by Bob Enrico (Hi Fi), who also has the show's side show of unusual animals. Starting next week the program is going to be expanded with the addition of Chester Cable's foot juggling number. He will also assume the duties of show superintendent.

The program, as seen on April 9th (Dixon, Calif.) featured:-

Wilson-Elliot Duo - trapeze
Miss Diane - trained macaws
Hi Fi - Clown motorcycle
John Hartzell, Jr. - seals/MC

Miscellaneous

The George Matthews Circus is heading East via Las Vegas, Phoenix, Tucson, Deming, El Paso and New Orleans.

Clyde Bros. Circus drew big crowds at the Army Base in Fort Hood, Texas, despite some stormy weather.

The elephant Ziggy suffered only minor injuries when he fell in the Brookfield Zoo moat. However, he did break one tusk.

Modern Maturity magazine for April/May 1975 has a two page story of RBBB's College For Clowns.

The M&M Circus has been booked for the Kentucky State Fair on Aug. 12-23.

Hi Fi - the camera
Miss Diane - aerial web
John Jr. - magic/illusions
-- Intermission --
The Hartzells - trampoline
Mrs. Hartzell - elephant
The Hartzell Duo - loop-the-loop
Hi Fi - playing golf
Astran - The Human Yo Yo

ROUTES

All Star Circus
Apr. 19 Watertown, Wisc.
20 Wisconsin Rpd
21 Oshkosh
22 Neenah
24 Wausau
25 Janesville

Allen's Pet Zoo
Apr. 23-27 Whittier, Cal.

Beatty-Cole Circus
Apr. 21 Wilmington, NC
22 New Bern
23 Goldsboro
24 Roanoke Rpd
25-26 Norfolk, Va.
27 Waynesboro

Hubert Castle Circus
Apr. 24-27 Indianapolis, Ind.

Circus Vargas
to Apr 22 Cerritos, Cal.
Apr. 23 Corona
24-28 San Diego

Clyde Bros. Circus
Apr. 21-23 Bismark, N.D.
25-27 Grand Fork

Franzan Bros. Circus
Apr. 25-26 Knob Knoster, Tex.

George Matthews Circus
Apr. 12-13 Long Beach, Ca.

Gatti-Charles Amer. Cont'l
Apr. 21-22 Eugene, Ore.
23 Salem
25-27 Victoria, BC

Hamid-Morton Circus
Apr. 25-27 Asbury Prk, NJ

George Hanneford Circus
Apr. 21-26 Palatka, Fla.

Happytime Circus
Apr. 23-27 Castro Valley, Cal.

Holiday Hippodrome
Apr. 21 Niles, Mich.
28 Sheboygan, Wsc.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
Apr. 21 Chattanooga,
22 Cleveland Ten
23 Lenoir City
24 Middlesboro
25 Corbin
26 Somerset

Kaye Cont'l Circus
Apr. 25-27 Duluth, Minn.

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus
Apr. 20 East Orange, NJ

Vine Bros. Circus

M & M Circus
Apr. 22-27 Lincoln, Nebr.

Mid America Circus
Apr. 20-23 Houston, Texas
24 Pasadena
25 Baytown
26 Galveston
27 Port Arthur

Polack Bros. Circus
Apr. 25-27 Oakland, Cal.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
Apr. 23-27 Niagara Falls, NY

Ringling-Barnum - Red
to May 26 New York, NY

Royal Lipizzan Show
Apr. 22 Lake Placid, NY
24-25 Syracuse
26-27 Rochester

Sells & Gray Circus
Apr. 21 Jennings, La.
22 Mamou
23 Oakdale
24 De Ridder
25 Leesville
26 Silsbee
27 Lufkin, Texas

John Strong Circus
Apr. 21 King City, Cal.
22-23 Campbell
24 Pleasanton
25 Antioch
26-27 Santa Clara

Voorheis Bros. Circus
Apr. 21 Chelsea, Mich.
22 Jackson
23 Garden City
24 Pinckney
25 Dundee
26 Clio

Wallace & Rogers Circus
Apr. 21 Brookings, Cal.
23 Cottage Grve, Ore
25 Winslow, Wash.
26-27 Bremerton
30 Mission, BC

..... OTHER ROUTES

American Freedom Train
Apr. 20 Boston, Mass.
29 Lowell

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit
Apr. 23-26 Paris, Texas

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit
Apr. 22-26 Huntsville, Ala.

Circus Knie (Europe)
to Apr. 23 St. Gallen, Splt
Apr 24-May 25 Zurich

Circus Royale (Australia)

New Law

The following animals are either restricted or prohibited in California under a new State law.

Larks, Cockatoos, Crows, Ravens, Rooks, Jackdaws, European Blackbirds, Missel Thrush, Fieldfare, Song Thrush, Starlings, Hill Mynahs, Sparrows, English House Sparrow, Madagascar Weaver, Baya Weaver, Quelea, Java Sparrow, Hawaiian Rice Bird, Yellowhammer, Falcons, Eagles, Hawks, Vultures, Owls, Red Whiskered Bulbul, Whiteeyes, Monk or Quaker Parakeet, Sloghs, Anteaters, Armadillos, Common Opossum, Shrews, Moles, Hedgehogs, Gliding Lemurs, Bats, Spiny Anteaters, Scaly Anteaters, Pangolins, Pikas, Rabbits, Hares, Hamsters, Field Mice, Voles, Muskrats, Gerbils, Squirrels, Chipmunks, Woodchucks, Prairie Dogs.

Skunks, American Raccoon, Aardvarks, Elephants, Hyaxes, Dugongs, Manatees, Horses, Zebras, Tapirs, Rhinoceroses, Swine, Deer, Camels, Elk, Moose, Peccaries, Antelope, Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Bison, Frogs, Toads, Salamanders, Giant Toad, Tongueless Toads, African Clawed Frog, Jawless Fish, White Perch, Gissard Shad, Freshwater Drum, Banded Tetra, Piranhas, Tiger Fish, Gars, Bowfins, Pike Top Minnows, Snakeheads, Orfe, Ide, Grass Carp, South American Catfish, Candriu, Asian and African Catfish, Tilapia, Sharks, Stingray, Crocodile, Snapping Turtle, Cobras, Coral Snakes, Adders, Viper, Pit Vipers, Boomslang, Bird or Vine Snake, Crayfish,

Longhorn Rodeo
Apr. 25-27 Columbus, Ohio

Nat'l Hockey Expo
Apr. 24-26 Minneapolis, Minn

Rose City Rides
Apr. 22-26 St. Clair, Mo.

Frank Sinatra Concert
Apr. 24 San Francisco, Cal.

Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus
Apr. 20 East Orange, NJ

King Bros. Circus
Apr. 21 Rockingham, NC
22 Asheboro, SC
23 High Point, NC

Lewis Bros. Circus
Apr. 21 Boxley, Ga.
22 Hazlehurst
23 Milan
24 Washington
25 Elberton
26 Jackson

to Apr. 23 St. Gallen, Splt
Apr 24-May 25 Zurich

Circus Royale (Australia)
Apr. 21 Koroit, Vict.
22 Port Fairy
23 Portlano
24 Keywood
25-27 Hamilton

Circus Saints & Sinners Club
Apr. 24-27 Miami, Fla.

Rex Humbard (Evangelist)
Apr. 24 Oakland, Cal.

Frank Sinatra Concert
Apr. 24 San Francisco, Cal.

PEOPLE

BRADD FRANK has his Dressage horse booked for Lincoln, Nebr., with the M & M Circus. His wife, SHEILA, is at home in Florida waiting for the birth of their second baby.

TOM UPTON visited Gatti Charles Circus last week.

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS

This writer traveled some 200 miles to attend the Ringling-Barnum Circus at New York's Madison Square Garden on April 4th. The show runs about three hours, but is fast-paced with some good circus music and an entertaining performance.

Stormy Weather

Early April storms forced the Beatty-Cole Circus to cancel its performances for Winchester (Va.) on Apr. 4 and Harrisonburg (Va.) on Apr. 5th. About a day later strong winds blew down the show's side show tent, and damaged some equipment.

Because of the storm problems other dates were cancelled or rescheduled. One of these was Waynesboro (Va.) where the circus was scheduled to play on Apr 6th, but now the date has been changed to April 27th.

At last report the sponsor at Waynesboro - Exchange Club - said they would have to find a new lot for the circus. The local speedway, where the circus was going to play, will be used for drag races on Apr. 27th.

Important Note!

Effective immediately the John Strong Circus office will be located at Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The office address is: Box 600, Thousand Oaks, Cal. - 91360

A 24 hour answering service is offered at: (805) 495-3847

The program features:-

The Circus is Coming - opening
 Gebel-Williams - wild animals
 European aerialists - The
 Scheibe, Cortez, Violetta
 The Clowns - hilarity
 Jugglers - The Ternos, The Sofia Troupe, The Hargitas
 Horses - Sigrid Gebel, Wolfgang and Silvana Holzmaier
 Clowns - The crowded car
 Aerial feature with La Toria
 Miss Anna's poodles
 Rudi Lenz Chimps
 Henry Schroer - camels
 The Clowns
 Philippe Petit - high wire
 Circus Spirit of '76 - spec
 -- Intermission --
 The Aerial Armandos
 Wolfgang Holzmaier - lions
 Barry Lappy - unicycles
 Gebel-Williams - wild animals
 The Carrillo Bros. - high wire
 Perch acts - The Dimitrovs, The Petrovs, The Lilianas
 The Clowns
 Gebel-Williams - elephants
 Teeterboard acts - The Charles, The Boitchanovi, The Jabcyns.
 The Clowns
 Flying acts - The Flying Wilastons, The Flying Farfans
 Hooray For the USA -

.....Anthony Olobri

Circus delights, amazes

By ANDREW RESCHKE

Thrilling animal acts, death-defying daredevils, and funny clowns make up this year's edition of the Shrine Circus, and the happy faces, both young and old alike, mean success once again for this "circus with a purpose."

Although the attendance was obviously held down because of the weather — only 4,000 braved the blizzard — those who did attend last night were treated to some of the best animal and acrobatic acts in the business.

The animals in this year's circus come in a variety of sizes, from elephants to baby pigs. Everyone was on the edge of their seats as courageous Pat Anthony put his ferocious lions and tigers through their paces.

The agile pachyderms trained by Oscar and Marion Cristani amazed all with their routine, which featured the elephants in a dance routine.

The Smaha Family and their Imperial Lipizzan Stallions were showcased in all three rings as the horses pranced about on all fours and often on only their hind legs. Their precision was astounding.

A pair of dog acts, Lona's Pets and Erik's Pals, were highlighted on the bill. Both acts had the canines pacing about on their hind legs in cute little costumes that brought squeals of delight from the young members of the audience.

Chimps, always a favorite at any circus, shared two of the rings last night. Antalek's Su-

per Chimps and Adam's Chimpanzees topped their performances with both sets of simians riding motorcycles in an amazing display of balance.

A variety of aerial acrobatics are spotlighted in the Shriner's Circus this time around. The fearless Harold Alzana, one of the truly great high wirelists performing today, kept everyone breathless as he spryly pranced above everyone's heads. His electrifying jump-roping routine was a highpoint of the evening's show.

An aerial ballet, featuring Arturo and a bevy of beauties, dazzled all. Arturo's main stunt, hanging from a trapeze by his feet, was also the forte of Doughtless Donna on the distaff side.

A literally "hair-raising" spot on the evening's bill came when Senorita Elizabeth deftly hung by her hair to perform her routine near the War Memorial's ceiling.

Swinging through the air with the greatest of ease, the Rodriguez Troupe from Mexico and the Flying Ramos put

on a glittering display of grace and daring.

Closer to the ground, such acrobatic acts as the Freddie and the Sergies seemed to defy gravity with their balancing. Juggling par excellence came in the person of Geza Szabo, who utilized both hands and feet in his act.

The bouncing, tumbling Ca-nestrelli Family was featured on the trampoline, leaping high into the air to achieve truly remarkable results.

Clowns are a staple for any circus, and the Randov Troupe featured this year is among the best.

For the first time, the famous clown duo of Krasavina and Fedin, from the Moscow State Circus in Russia, also add humor to this circus. Their hijinx, which feature tumbling and slapstick pantomime, adds a touch of class to the show.

All in all, this year's edition of the Shrine Circus is a delight to see and hear. The Shriners continue to live up to their reputation of putting on an entertaining show annually.

The above review appeared in the Syracuse (N.Y.) Herald-Journal on April 4, 1975.

Miscellaneous

Hameroff & Associates, of Columbus, Ohio, have been named to handle publicity for that city's Shrine Circus. The agency also did advertising work for Ringling-Barnum in Columbus.

Argosy magazine for April 1975, has a picture feature on Ringling-Barnum Circus.

A Look At Royal Ranch

...by PAUL E. FITZPATRICK

This writer visited the Royal Ranch Wild West Circus during its engagement at Congers, Ga. and found the program was thoroughly enjoyable. The date was at a shopping center where the program was limited to just one hour, but it was varied for each presentation, making it rather interesting.

The band is directed by Terry Squires who plans to maintain the group at eight pieces. Their musical score includes many show numbers.

Featured on the program for the April 4-6 date were:-

Overature - Robinson's Grand
Robinson's Grand Entry, or
Barnum & Baileys Favorite or
Huntress

Spec - "Fantasy for Children"
Big Top March

Sharon Kay - aerial web
Most Beautiful Girl in World
As Time Goes By
Manhattan
Stars Fell on Alabama
Mimi
On Streets Where You Live

Uncle Zeke's Georgia Mule
Camptown Races

Texas Don Strong - rope twirling
San Antonio Rose
Pony Boy
Cherokee
Spurs that Jingle Jangle
Yellow Rose of Texas
Whipout (rock beat)

The Clowns
Billboard March

Prof. Tandee's Canine Revue
This Could Be The Start of
Something Big

Rockaby Baby
Roll Out the Barrel
In The Good Old Summertime
Over the Waves
The Breeze and I
Hallaleulha
Puppet on a String

Jackson & Co. - horizontal bars
Everything is Coming Up Rose
No Business Like Show Biz
Big Cage Gallop

Hoot Hilton - Menage act
The Bonanza Theme
Surrey with Fringe on Top
Marching Along Together
Spanish One Step
Mexican Hat Dance
On The Trail
Bonanza Theme (repeat)

Princess Sharon and elephant
Bolivar March
Burma Patrol March
Casey Would Waltz With the
Strawberry Blonde
Crimson Flush
Merry Go Round Broke Down
Invictus

2nd Half Concert
Robinson's Grand Entry

Royal Welch Ponies
Circus Days Gallop

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ROYAL RANCH SCORE (Continued)

Charlie & Sabu - chimp act
 I Know That You Know
 You're A Grand Old Flag
 Copa Cabana
 Mombo Jambo
 Cumonara
 Yankee Doodle Dandy
 Jealousie
 Bim Bam Bang
 Bicycle Built For Two
 Caravan Club March
 Hindustan

Texas Don Sharp - bull whips
 Mama Inez

Hiram's Barnyard Pigs
 Daddy's Delight March
 Ham Trombone
 Old Mac Donald
 Turkey in the Straw
 Alabama Bound
 Mississippi Mud

The Jackson's Comedy number
 Muskrat Ramble
 Java
 Alley Cat
 Broadway One Step
 Goofus

Carlos & Roseta - horse roping
 Prestissimo Galop
 Go Galop
 Homestretch Galop
 Shoot-the-Shoots Galop
 Waltzenberg Galop
 Gay Ranchero
 Zacatas March

Clown Walk-around
 Slim Trombone

NEW ANIMAL LAW (Continued)

tained and disposed of in accordance to the Commission rules.

Permits will be issued for the importation of nurtured male animals on the prohibited list, when requests are accompanied by a veterinary's certificate showing proof of such nuturing surgery.

The Commission will confiscate wild animals held in violation of the law. Such animals will be shipped back to the point of origin or destroyed at the expense of the owner or bailee. All decisions are under the direction and control of the enforcing officer.

Animals legally imported into the state must be housed in cages and cared for as prescribed by the Commission. Permits are available only from the Commission's office in Sacramento, Calif., and require a non-refundable application fee of \$25 for each application. Permits that are issued will expire two years from the date of issue.

(For a list of restricted and prohibited animals see list on the Route page

Hoot Hilton - sharp shooting
 Oklahoma
 Pistol Packing Mama
 I'm An Old Cowhand
 Deep in the Heart of Texas
 Red River Valley
 You Are My Sunshine
 Back in the Saddle Again.