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FROM COL. LUCKY LARABEE

Joni and I have just returned from a two week sailing cruise in the Bahamas, three of us chartered a 33' sailboat and relaxed sailing the clear waters of that island area.

I will open the season Jan. 17th, in Flint, Mich. and then jump into Grand Rapids to do the last seven days of that run.

I will be doing all of the Castle short tour and also doing dates for the Coronas and other producers.

I do want to thank you and CR, and all of those wonderful acts and producers for their prayers, calls and cards during my heart operation.

Am now in the pink of health and looking forward to the 1981 season.

FROM POPCORN AND ETCETERA

Hi! We just wanted to say that we had a lovely Thanksgiving with the members of the 'Magic Holiday Fantasy' show which is owned and operated by Willene and Ron Bacon, of Belpre, Ohio.

Willene cooked and treated the entire show to dinner. The annual Thanksgiving dinner was held at their Belpre VFW Post. The guests were the Lang Family, Janice and Dorian Blake, the Yoxalls, Dave Miller (organist), Billy Martin, as well as special friends of the Bacon's.

In all there were a total of 30 guests and it was just great to have a home-made dinner while away from home.

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## REPORT

ORIENTAL TEMPLE SHRINE CIRCUS

BY BILL GALLOWAY

The 1980 Oriental Temple Shrine Circus was produced for the second year by George Hubler. The circus plays in each of the cities affiliated with the Troy, N.Y., Temple.

The show opened in Schenectady with dates the following week in Fonda, Troy, Glens Falls, Saranac Lake, Saratoga Springs and closing with a two day stand in Plattsburgh.

The program included: The Gutis, gorilla parody; Miss Lydia (Burkett), single trapeze; Miss Gracie's Canines (Hanneford, dogs); Clowns with the Rope Gag; The Karinas (Karin and Happy Davis), comedy trampoline; Intermision; The Charlies (Gutis), acro-balancing; the Clowns with the Tide Gag; Sir Chadwicke Chase and His Rolls Rotten (Karin and Happy Davis) comedy car; Uncaged Leopards, Miss Connie Welde and The Burketts (Alfonso and Lydia), cradle.

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to start our  
10th year!



## SAMANTHA



Well, here I go - it's time for me to make my big entrance for that Christmas party. This might be fun after all, and I am sure that everyone at the party will be really surprised.

I won't get to see you again now until next year, so here's hoping you have a good Holiday time.

Me and CR will be back on Jan. 5th, so until then "Merry Christmas."



# Billy Barton

**DATELINE:** Greencastle - Column kicks off with two major news items: JOHN CUNEO bought the PAUL KAYE elephants, which he confirmed, and, possibly has bought or will buy the WALT KING elephants, which I neglected to ask him about when I saw John and Herta in Dallas.

The second item: CIRCUS ODYSSEY will debut its 1981 season in Mexico City, Jan. 10 appearing under a large European big top and using a two-ring format. From there MIGLEY will take his show to Puerto Rico for an extended engagement, then statewide for a series of Shrine dates including Wilkes-Barre, Boston, Providence and Hempstead. Those acts already signed for Mexico City include JORGE BARRERA, LILLIANA, THE GUTIS, FLYING LAR-RAYS, REX and SANDY YOUNG, SATANI, MISTER SENSATION, LORLEI, JACKIE ALTHOFF's BEARS/CHIMPS, ERIK ADAMS, Jr., Chimps/dogs, JOSELITO, with others still to be pacted. This will take the show's route deep into May. The Providence date will be played indoors, May 7-10.

KEITH and KATHY KILLINGER returned to Dallas after setting the music for the Hanneford produced Shrine date in New Orleans and report that, according to Tommy and Shrine officials, the date for 1981 has NOT been awarded to another show. That was further confirmed by a letter from Jerusalem Temple. Tommy had a large show in New Orleans with two flying acts, three elephant acts and three riding acts - TIM LOYAL and LUCY LOYAL flanking center ring.

**HOLLYWOOD BEAT:** Two days after the death of MAE WEST, veteran star GEORGE RAFT also died (he was 85). Raft was responsible for bringing Mae to Hollywood to appear in a supporting role in his film "Night After Night" (in which, wrote Raft in his autobio, she stole everything but the cameras). The rest, as the world knows, is history. Raft and Mae remained close friends throughout their lives. She gave him a cameo part in "Sextette" for old time's sake. Incidentally, a new (authorized) biog on Mae will be published in the spring. . . A retrospective of silent screen star LOUISE BROOKS (major silent films) was held in Rochester recently but the aged recluse did not attend (My friends Bill and Bev Galloway sent me the clippings). . . GRETA GARBO, believe it or not, says she plans to remake the silent film that made her famous

"The Saga of Costa Berling." She has hinted a screen come-back before but at the last minute chickened out. Maybe this time she'll do it. . . Dallas saw KIM NOVAK arrive just after we left, in for a testimonial of some sort. She makes a come-back in Agatha Christie's "The Mirror Crack'd" . . . Many authors were in Dallas/Ft. Worth area having autograph parties: among the show biz celebs were STEVE ALLEN and GLORIA SWANSON.

**SNAPSHOTS:** Rinmaster SENOR RAI garnered a major article in a New Orleans newspaper's Sunday supplement entitled "A Man For All Seasoning" which praised Rai's "gourmazing" abilities as a chef but which overlooked his ingenuity as a fashion designer of men's clothes. . . JEANNINE HALL is playing a different Atayde unit from that of her brother Irving who will be in Mexico City. . . CARMEN HALL played the Evansville date, trekking north with her new husband. . . Visiting that date and reporting an excellent program were JOHN and HERTA.

Passing the Good Luck Trailer Park enroute from my motel to the building in Dallas, I noticed a number of circus folks camped there, including BOBBY GOLDEN. . . No tie-offs prevented the Le Moines Motorcycle aerial number from being used in the Dallas program although the girls did their slides. . . BETTY HUBER had to be towed to the building when the rear axle on her Volkswagen cracked - luckily right in front of the Shrine Temple. . . All the upper echelon of the Texas Shrine gathered enmasse for their meeting on closing day in Dallas and word filtered out that in 1982 the dates plan to split, with at least Houston and Dallas playing spring dates, the others playing fall dates. The month picked, so I hear, is April. Well, I'm sure all this is only in the "talking" stage and nothing definite has been decided. Certainly they will find it difficult to get acts (unless they acquire a show which can insert these towns into its route). April happens to be the busiest Shrine Circus month out of the twelve and most of those independent dates are all in the East or mid-west.

The Dallas date did lousy business, or at least it had terrible attendance. Blame seemed to be placed on the fair, which fell in October, but seems better placed on total lack of publicity and lacklustre promotion. People I talked with didn't even know the Shrine circus was there. .

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(The Real Circus)

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### DEBBIE GOETSCHI REPORT (Continued)

line Robinson vacationed in Sarasota after closing in Canada with Le Cirque International. . . Clara Bertini Family will be with Garden's Holiday Hippodrome in '81.

Hans and Sigrid Ruwill will return to Showtime Follies. . . Tino and Olga Zoppe have dates with Hubler and Bill Kay in '81. Tino said that Circus Maranatha was a success at Sarasota's Tabernacle earlier this month. The circus makes another appearance on PTL next year. . . Erik and Bobbi Adams will be doing Castle's double dates and Bill Kay's Idaho dates in '81. . . Hernandez Troupe back in Sarasota after a long season at Great Adventure. They return to the park in '81.

Nordmark has the show set for Trinidad. It leaves in late December for 4 weeks. . . Pietro Canestrelli Family will be with Castle. . . Billy Gunga and Family busy getting their show together which will tour Ohio/Penna area for a short run, beginning in late February.

Wes and Florine Oler will not be returning to Showtime Follies after five seasons with the show, but will concentrate mainly on their fair dates. . . Showtime Follies closed Dec. 7 in Naples, Fla., and Holiday Hippodrome closed Dec. 14th. in Sarasota.

In closing, I hope everyone has an enjoyable '81 season, but most of all a profitable season . . . if that is possible.

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## HOTLINE

Nov. - - Roswell, N. M. - Circus Vargas was caught in a snow storm which covered the big top with a heavy coating of snow. At the end of the second show it was deemed too heavy to drop the tent and so it remained in the air.

A center pole broke in half and dropped the end of the top late that evening. The following morning everything that could be salvaged was loaded into the trucks.

## ACTS

Specialty acts currently appearing with The Harlem Globetrotters include: The Fackellis juggling duo from East Germany; Bob Rosetti, French rope spinner; The Ferronis, rola bola acrobats; The Drouguettes, novelty hat jugglers; Andre and Andre, teeterboard acrobats; Chester Cable, foot juggler and Barrett Felker, juggler.

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WILLIAMS

ian Blake and Janis, magic, Billy Martin, rola bola, Silly Sailors knock-about (the Lang kids) and Intermission.

In the second half were Yoxall's Menagerie, pigs, Zig Zag Zebra (Jargo), Balloon Pitch, Dorian Blake, illusions and the program was concluded with the arrival of that real old-timer, Santa Claus.

## REPORT

### MAGIC HOLIDAY FANTASY

BY BOB SMILEY CORBIN

The writer visited with the Ron Bacon show "Magic Holiday Fantasy" on its tour through Ohio and had the most enjoyable visit with many old friends as well as seeing a very fine piece of family entertainment.

The show opens with a stirring overture by organist Dave Miller and then continues with the versatile Billy Martin, a young performer that this old timer sees as one of the greats of tomorrow. Then a fast moving show starts with the favorite Bob Lang Family (Lang's teeterboard), Yoxall's Dogs, Book Pitch, Dor-

# Season's Greetings

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# REPORT

## A FLORIDA VISIT

When Father Schoenig, the Circus Priest of Europe arrived in Sarasota, he was met by Cliff Glotzbach, together with Eugene Nock and son, Michaelanglo. It was Thanksgiving Day.

It was Father Schoenig's privilege to be entertained at dinner by Claudio-Rivoula Dubski, a former performer. Claudio is now a Lieutenant on the sheriff's staff. It was a bontiful dinner, over which Father Schoenig gave the blessing. Present were the Pio Nock Family, the Eugene Nock family, the Bobby Dubskis, and Adaros Dubskis and mama Dubski.

Later the Eugene Nock family and Father Schoenig paid visits to the Joe Bauers and Harry Dubskis. Then they retired to the Eugene Nock home to watch video tapes of the Nock act.

On Friday, Nov. 28th, Cliff Glotzbach escorted Father Schoenig to Venice where they had a nice lunch with Jeanette and Elvin Bale in their new "Cafe Continental". In all probability this is Venice's finest restaurant. Elvin will be with the Blue Unit again this year, while

## in the NEWS

### SHOW CHANGES LOCATION

Patrons trying to attend performances of the King Bros. Circus at Largo, Fla., early this month discovered that the show was set up in St. Petersburg. Reports indicate that the circus' request for a permit to show at the Largo fairgrounds was turned down.

Even at St. Petersburg only one performance was presented. The evening show was cancelled after only a handful of people showed up for it.

The date was promoted under the auspices of the Selama Grotto, which was to have received 10% of the gate sales.

Jeanette will operate the Cafe.

From there they went to the Bale home to visit Jeanette's mother who was here from Germany, visiting. Then they went to the circus grounds to see Gunther Gebel-Williams and many of the other European performers. Before leaving Sarasota, Father Schoenig called on Helen Wallenda.

# *Season's Greetings*

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON . . . .

from the

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and

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And all of our many other friends for contributing  
to the success of our 1980 season.



# REPORT

## CARDEN-JOHNSON CIRCUS

BY JON FRIDAY

The Hammond, Ind., engagement of Carden-Johnson Circus, Nov. 25-30, for Orak Shrine Temple was the last date of the season and was mostly composed of talent carried thru the long season which opened last February in Milwaukee. About 75% of the personnel were at Hammond last November.

The program ran as follows: Overture; Bob Top and Edna, aerial roller skaters; Lawrence Grant, lions; Ms. Kathy, Ms. Kay, Ms. Olga, Master Marko (Mark Pilger) and the Cavanaugh's, aerial display; Cuccillo, comedy trampoline; Ms. Marki and Master Eduardo, doves; Dino Medro, "Goldfinger" equilibrist; Clown number; Gainer's Llamas; Pasquales' Mules; Doug's Camels; George's Funny Auto, comedy; Ms. Belinda, The Navarros and Medro, balancing; Aerial Ballet featuring Mark Pilger, cloud swing; Intermission.

The second half included: The Flying Carrolls, flying act; Eddie's Baboons; Clowns; Rolling Dars with David Connors, unicycles; Sir Marko, (Mark Pilger) and Ms. Kathy English, solo aerialists; Hartman's Bears; Szman-ski's Chimps; Ed's Gypsy Bears; Dave Colvert's rola bola and Larry Joyner, elephants.

## Miscellaneous

The Beatty-Cole Circus cancelled its scheduled engagement at Winston-Salem, with refunds provided to advance ticket buyers.

Merry Christmas and A  
Happy and Prosperous  
New Year



Fred, Betty and Heidi  
WENDANY

## In Memoriam

CLAUDE W. WEBB (87), former circus owner, died at his home in Sepulveda, Calif., on Dec. 5th. He would have celebrated his 87th birthday on Jan. 6, 1981.

He and his late wife, Pauline Russell Webb, founded Russell Bros. Circus in 1928 and operated it until 1943, when it was sold to Art Concello. It was one of the largest and best equipped motorized circuses of the 1930's and early 1940's.

## Miscellaneous

Solters/Roskin/Friedman, Inc., national press representative for the Ringling-Barnum circus, has moved to new offices at: 45 West 34th St. New York, NY - 10001.

The Ringling Museum of Art, in Sarasota, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with special displays thru Feb. 8th.

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year to  
Circus Fans and  
Circus Folks everywhere.

..... Tiny and Hazel Phillips



*Merry Christmas*  
and  
*Best Wishes for the New Year*

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Lord Bernard Delfont, England  
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Thanks to all the agencies and performers for helping me to  
work for you and for our associations all over the world. A  
special thanks to Ian Garden and his family.

TIBOR ALEXANDER, *Artist-Manager*

## NEW BOOK

"The Real Ringmaster" by Austin Miles with Grace Davis. Published by New Leaf Press at \$8.95 in hard cover.

Ringmaster-Chaplain Austin Miles has written an astonishing book entitled "The Real Ringmaster". Published by New Leaf Press, this provocative work is now in family and Christian book stores across the U. S. and Canada. A drastic departure from the average Christian book, "The Real Ringmaster" unravels the many mysteries that have surrounded the life of Austin Miles, including his faked death, the celebrated "bridge incident" and his marriages. Here in detail is his involvement in a White House scandal, a brush with the FBI and attempts on his life. A dramatic episode tells how Washington columnist Jack Anderson called the FBI and intervened on Austin's behalf and how God finally arranged all the pieces of the puzzle to create a rock from a wreck.

Circus names mentioned in the book include: Col. Trevor Bale, Robert Baudy, Bobby Yerkes, Gil Gray, Veno Berosini, Ruby Landrus, Johnny Woods, Karl Wallenda, Jack Leontini, Emmett Kelly, Jr., Leonard Green, Ron and Joy Holiday, Pat Anthony, The Royal Lipizan Stallion Show, the Aut Mori Grotto Circus, Frank Wirth Circus, Tom Packs Circus, and, Madrass the tiger. Photos include Jeff and June Dewsberry, Hercules the tiger, Pamela Rosaire and the New Orleans Shrine.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS and MANY THANKS

to the Circus Fans of Prescott and Phoenix, Ariz., for their kindness and help while the FUNS-A-POP-PIN CIRCUS played the area.

A Special Thanks to Bob and Carol McCall, Fifi and Fred Reed and Joe Rettinger, for extra help and thoughtfulness.

Fred Reed, National President of CFA acted as equestrian director for Funs-A-Poppin while we played at Phoenix.

BETTY WENDANY

To my many new and old Friends

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## PEOPLE

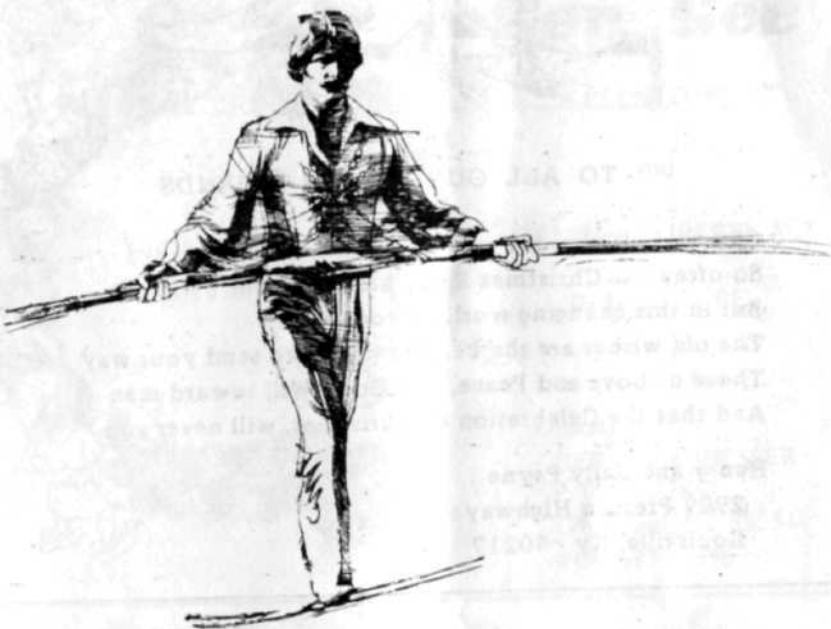
DON and JO-ANN ANDERSON and family, along with VI HOFMEISTER visited with friends at the Dallas Shrine Circus on Nov. 26th. Later Jo-Ann and her daughter STACI and Vi Hofmeister visited the International All Star Circus at Tyler, Texas, on Nov. 30th.

### Miscellaneous

Cotton Candy venders in Camden, N.J. have orange cabinets decorated with the clown "Cotton Candy Andy" which they rent for \$125.00 per month. The machine vends at 50¢ or 75¢, freshly made cotton candy.

Foods in vending machines sold \$2 billion worth in 1979. Of course, the price of sugar, which seems to get higher and higher, would have an effect on how many quarters you insert into the machine.

It is unclear whether you make the cotton candy yourself or whether it comes out already packaged.



I would like to thank the following people for my 1980 season.

The Atayde Brothers  
Bill Bliesener  
Ian Garden  
Jenny Wallenda  
Bill Hall

Stephanie Shaw  
Tibor Alexander  
Tino Wallenda  
Joe Bauer

I would like to give special thanks to my mother, Carla Wallenda, and my grandmother, Helen Wallenda, for encouraging me when I didn't want to try. Also, Tino Wallenda, for offering the love and protection only an older brother can give.

Merry Christmas to everyone, Jesus loves you.

.... Enrico Wallenda



## TO ALL OUR CIRCUS FRIENDS

Christmas Wishes are very old  
So often the Christmas Story has been told  
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## PEOPLE

BOB EMERICO, magic, BOBBY PO, clown and KEN CARD, ventriloquist, were among the acts appearing at a Dec. 7th party in San Francisco.

ARMANDO LUCERO, The Magical Mime, is working weekends at Knott's Berry Farm in Southern California.

FRANK DEAN, western performer, donated some of his old circus posters for the Circus Luncheon Club's annual auction late last month.

DON HEASTON and his "Um-Pa-Pa" German band recently worked at the Anaheim, Calif., Convention Ski Show.

RICKI DUNN, "America's Funniest Pickpocket", is working the Caribbean cruise circuit, working out of Florida.

ROBERT Q. LEWIS, former radio and TV star, is mulling plans for several TV specials, among them is one with a circus slant.

DOUG ASHTON, clown/mime, is wintering on the west coast and will again be featured with the American Continental Circus for its 1981 tour.

WINI McKAY, VIRGINIA LEE FENTON, JIM CONLEY, TIM, EARL and LOUISE TEGGE, WARREN WOOD and CHUCK McCRAW were seen visiting the Emmett Kelly, Jr

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JACK and PATTI COOK's comedy car booked for a repeat engagement in Disneyland's "Very Merry Christmas Parade." Jack's mother, PAM, has been working at Busch Gardens in Tampa.

CHESTER CABLE is cruising in a 70 ft. ship throughout the South Pacific until Christmas.

SCOTT LAND, stiltwalker, has been booked into Knott's Berry Farm for their Lincoln/Washington Birthday Party.

THE LEE HENNEBERRY FAMILY recently worked a benefit show at Avon, Ill., to raise funds to help a hospitalized youngster. The event was called "A Night for Mike."

IRV ROMIG had his Rickey's Comedy Variety Show at the Livonia Mall for five weeks, which started Nov. 22nd. He also has Xmas shows in the Detroit area and is booked for the 1981 Blue Water Festival Parade in Port Huron, Mich.

PAT "Hunky D'Clown" BISSONETTE arriv-

ed as Santa in a hay rack wagon pulled by two teams of Belgians, opening the Crossroads Mall in St. Cloud, Minn. Candi Hargrave 12 state representative of Western Photo says clowns make the best Santas.

ELBERT HANAUER, retired Mack Truck engineer of Hollis, NY, and long-time CMB member, is thinking of selling his models.

SANDRA MORRIS, daughter of producer PHILIP MORRIS, has been signed to appear in the network TV series "Breaking Away" which features SHAWN CASSIDY.

VINCE CARMEN, magician, has returned to the States after a South American tour with Acurama. He is scheduled to open with Circus Vargas in January.

RIETTA WALLEDA was featured on TV's "P.M. Magazine" on Nov. 15th, where she debuted her new aerial act "Goddess of the Galaxy."

JOHN MacKAY will work as producing clown for the Hamid-Morton Circus, as well as with the Sam T. Polack Circus. In the late summer he will continue his travel tour operation.

COUNT NICHOLAS and clown TIM PICCARD were photographed in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune (Nov. 26) at the start of a week-long festival to promote Sarasota's Circus Heritage.

## SPECIAL

### WEDDINGS . . .

PATRICIA RILEY and DANNY CRAIG, well known concessioner, were married in Las Vegas on Dec. 3rd. Best Men, dressed in tux's with their change aprons, were Red Gates, Frank Smith, Camel-Rider, Blake Coleman, Oddie Dodde, Louie the Louse, Whity Monett, Joe Leader and others.

ELLIAN ROSAIRE, daughter of Betty and Derrick Rosaire (Tony the Wonder Horse) and PATRICK CRAMPTON, a rider and stable master with the Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show were planning an early December wedding in Sarasota, Fla.

### A BAPTISM . . .

Clowns Gary (Maxo) and Terre (Sandy) Maximena had their son Christopher baptized between shows on the last day of the Carden-Johnson Circus in Hammond, Indiana.

Performing the ceremony was aerialist Jimmy Joe Steenbergen. He did a beautiful job!

On hand to witness the event were Annie Pike, Bobby Gibbs, Mike Pike and Scott Emerson, as well as Godfather, Jim "Clancy the Clown" Jayes.

# WASHINGTON TUBBS II

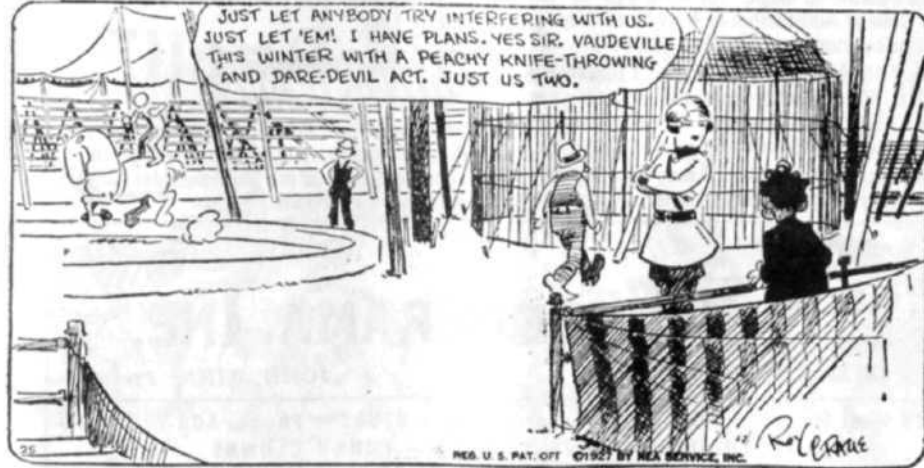
By Crane

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### FROM LLOYD E. JONES

San Francisco Area hearts are saddened this holiday season, not only because of the recent death of old pro Clarence Slyter, but also because of the death of Lila Burke (Nankervis) on Thanksgiving morning. Lila, a long time member of the Magigals was the life of the party at more than one magic convention and could be depended upon to liven things up at any gathering. Full of life and fun, she leaves many of us filled with memories of her. She is survived by her former husband, Claude Burke, once a noted ventriloquist, a daughter Susan Maesen, a grandchild, and a son, Jim. She was in her early 70's.

Just think - ten years ago Davino, Boy Magician, was doing parties in New York for \$20, and today we call him David Copperfield.

Atlantic City is growing in interest in using magicians but they have a long way to go to rival Las Vegas. Ken Noyle and Yoko are at the Bally's Hotel and at the Resort International is Tod Buchanan.

Doug Henning making a movie of his "The Magic Show" is scheduled for appearances on Broadway in 1981 with a new production called "Merlin".

Parent Assembly No. 1 of SAM has set its annual "Salute to Magic" for April 11th at Hunter College Auditorium in New York City. Ticket prices run from \$4.00 to \$8.00.

Goodliffe famed editor of magic's weekly now in its 1800th weekly issue without a skip has been hospitalized for tests. He has suffered from multiple sclerosis for years.

Paul Diamond, big man of magic, had to cancel lecture engagements to enter a hospital for

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blood pressure reduction and possible weight reduction. No surgery in the plans.

Lee Grabel, after several trips to the Northwest to check on his ailing mother reports she is in fine shape after surgery for a jaundice condition. She is nearly 90!

The Magic Castle has set its next "Swap Meet" for May 23rd, which should be a busy Saturday down there.

The Academy of Magical Arts and Sciences (Magic Castle) celebrates its 18th anniversary on Jan. 2nd. Has it really been that long? After the 3 p.m. meeting John Cornelius will lecture.

The 13th annual "Academy Awards" will take place at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in their Grand Ball Room on March 21st - a real gala night. No details available as yet.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the coming New Year!

## Miscellaneous

Many Southern California model builders are exhibiting their circus models at a show in Fullerton, Calif., at the Muckenthaler Culture Center, thru Feb. 15th.

## PEOPLE

**JEFF McBRIDE**, mime/magician, is working cabaret shows for Jet Productions in New York City.

**POP CORN** and **ETCETERA** have been doing promotional dates for Ron Bacon, as well as Christmas shows for Gunnar Amundis.

**MICHAEL ROY BALDRIDGE**, juggler, just completed a successful concert tour in the northeast opening for the James Ward Band, a jazz/rock ensemble.

**EUGENE C. LAMBART** reports that the Jackie Althoff Bears and Chimps are booked for the 1982 season with the Hubert Castle International Circus.

**DON MARCKS** had some of his model circus wagons displayed at the recent Magic Book Fair in Oakland, Calif. (Dec. 7).

**GEORGE DART**, half-man, half-woman act, will tour South America in a revue at the Hilton Resorts for the Joe Cavalier Show.

**JIM LAWRENCE** is operating his new booking office out of Tampa, Fla., and is handling fairs, ball parks, thrill events, etc.

**SUNNY LEE**, skater-singer-model, is performing in dates for True Productions.

**AUGIE** and **MARGO**, producers, will place a new "Crazy Horse Revue" at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal immediately following the close of their current revue on Jan. 1.

**JOEY JORDAN**, juggler, worked some Christmas dates for **BILL HALL**, seven dates with **MARIO MANZINI**, an ice revue in New York and then jumps to Toronto to tape two TV shows called "Stars on Ice."

**PETER JACKSON**, producer, has a revue at Rockefeller Center in New York and then will debut a revue in Atlantic City early in 1981.

**BRIAN GRANT**, **DARLENE GILBERT** and **VALERIE LEVINE** are the skaters appearing in a Christmas show at the Manhattan Savings Bank in New York City.

**JEFF DUNLAP** authored a five part series on "The Amazing Zacchini Family" in the Tampa, Fla., Tribune.

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## in the **NEWS**

### VENICE ARENA CALLED UNSAFE

The Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus has been ordered to cancel its winter preview performances at its arena in Venice, Fla., unless a dozen fire code violations are corrected.

A letter signed by Venice Fire Chief Ted Deming said the violations pose an "unreasonable danger to spectators". A memo from Deming and City Manager Dale Rieth attached to the letter cited problems with the types of doorways, the number of emergency exit lights and the seating configuration, including narrow aisles.

The preview of the 111th edition of Ringling-Barnum circus is set for Jan. 1-4. Rehearsals for the upcoming circus are already underway. Deming said rehearsals could continue while the circus proceeds with corrective measures. However, spectators will not be allowed to watch as in the past.

Circus officials have 30 days in which to ap-

## **REPORT**

### FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BY CHUCK BURNES

Gaylord Maynard and his Drunken Horse Bear Paws will work a special event in Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 25-31 and then will continue on to New York where he will open on Broadway in a new show entitled "The Broadway Follies of 1981" starting Feb. 26th, for a possible five year run.

Last month's annual Paul Eagles Circus Luncheon Club party was a big success. Dave Twomey handled the auction and raffle. The club meets at Phillippe's Restaurant, across from the L. A. Union Station every Monday at noon.

peal the letter, but the order remains in effect until that time. Officials have refused to say whether they plan to appeal.

The preview shows are staged in a concrete block arena with a wooden roof and wooden stands.



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### NEWS FROM FLORIDA

BY MARJORIE J. HACKETT

In a recent issue of Circus Report, Dorothy Herbert talked about "Menage Club Weekly" the newspaper that she wrote and printed on Cole Bros. Circus. I did a column of show gossip for that paper and just may be one of the few people around who has a complete collection of all of the issues! It was a short lived paper.

When David and I moved to Carrollwood in Tampa, from Minnesota in 1977, we got a call from Milongá Cline, from Lakeland, telling us that Dorothy Herbert was there with her and they were coming to see us. . .we were really happy to visit with her over lunch and we took snapshots and talked about Cole Bros. (those were happy days). Then we drove Dorothy to St. Petersburg where she re-joined her travelling companions who were visiting their friends who turned out to be an old

musical vaudevillian family.

That paper lasted until circulation grew so large that it took so much of our time show owner Zack Terrell lowered the boom and publication stopped. A side note was that the 4th of July on the show was traditional with reverse roles from ticket sellers and performers and a huge cookhouse meal. Dorothy had decided to run a popularity contest poll with coupons printed in the paper prior to the 4th. Vic Robbins had the band and the band members bought up as many copies as they could and stuffed the ballot box with the result that I, as Marjorie Nelson became "Miss Cole Show" I still have the banner!

Dorothy Herbert has a Circus Fans Tent named in her honor in Michigan started by the late CFA President Don Smith who was a great fan of hers, no more so than any of us who had the fun of trouping with her!

Zack Terrell had no sense of humor.

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**in the NEWS****TIGER TREATED**

Tommy Hanneford's tiger received emergency treatment at the John Hopkins University in Baltimore, under the care of a general surgeon.

Hopkins is not a veterinarian school, and it was the first time in the school's history that a non-human had been treated there.

The tiger, Sheba, is recovering and is on the circus. She is the same cat that gave birth to two cubs three years ago in Baltimore, backstage during the circus performance.

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**REPORT****BANNER YEAR FOR HORSE ACT**

BY PHILIP MORRIS

Gaylord Maynard and his stallion "Chief Bear Paw", have had their best year ever. Although they spent most of the year on the Tommy Hanneford Circus, Gaylord filled in with spot dates on any of the off time, making a full year.

As a matter of fact, the year was so busy he had to turn down a movie contract and an offer to appear at the Monte Carlo Circus. There were numerous TV shots during the year, including "Those Amazing Animals" on NBC-Tv.

Next year, Edgar Lansbury who produced Godspell and "The Magic Show" on Broadway, has signed Gaylord to appear in his show "Broadway Follies of 1981". The six act vaudeville show will also star Shields and Yarnell, and will open in March, being the first vaudeville show on Broadway in almost 30 years.

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Of the whole route, Dallas had the nicest building to work with the strictest building men and the worst show schedule. Every show was scheduled at 10 a.m. every day but Sunday and Friday and Saturday three shows were given. By the time one got to bed one had to crawl out again and we began to walk around like zombies. The irony of it is none of the three shows was necessary and the early morning shows were all blanks.

CYNDY MIGLEY gave birth to a baby girl Dec. 4th. EARL MICHAELS returns to Hamid-Morton in '81 as ringmaster; meanwhile he made Xmas shows for GEORGE HAMID in NJ. YAKIM and BETTY KRAUSE (The Ronritas) came in to Dallas on their off day from CC to visit daughters HEIDI and JACKIE. They stayed overnight with SUSAN and DAVIDE ZOPPE. By the time they finished chit-chatting it was 2:30 ayem and the Zoppes were faced with a morning show. Before the two couples went to bed Yakim had hidden a small alarm clock resembling a tape recorder behind the Zoppe's radio. The device is called a "talk clock". Thus, at half hour intervals Davide was awakened by a cheerful voice saying "Good Morning" and telling the time. This continued until the clock was finally unearthed at 7:30.

Actress/performer/author/publisher JUDITH KEITH has been doing a whirlwind tour of major cities with an act based on her best-seller "I Haven't A Thing to Wear". Recently Judith sold her book to Avon for six figures, is now agenting mine to paperback, hoping for the same price. She sold another book (a different author) to a TV mini-series and is also trying for the same for my novel. Meanwhile

Collins in London and mystery editor ELIZABETH M. WALTER is sending my novel to the London publishers for British publication. Their own publishing schedule precluded the use of my novel on their list as they couldn't get to it for a year and a half. Mysteries are big in England.

My thanks to all those sending letters of concern regarding my mother. My mother is in a rehab hospital 50 miles away, has regained her speech but not her balance. She will never be the same again. She lost weight, but not her sense of humor. It broke my heart to see her unable to function for herself...but at least she's alive and talking and by God's grace I have her around a bit longer. Having her for an extra day is more important than anything else. Mother had heard about Mae's death and asked me: "Did it make you sad?" "Yes, mom," I said, "It made me very sad."

Dallas has always been a tough city with over strict fire rules. Since the razing of the MGM Grand those officials who love to over-assert their authority had a field day with the Shrine Circus and made life miserable for every act on the show using the most minor special effect. (I was smart. I opened with a straight act, packed away the fireworks and blanks). Can you imagine Satini working without his fire effects. Or Rex and the clowns without noise. Or Herbie Weber's slide without the "wake-up" bang, or Wade Burck without fire hoops? Poor Shappi was all but arrested for using those harmless blanks in his comedy piano act. As usual things were carried just too far. As a result the show was anemic and lifeless. And, when you get right down to it, think for a minute: How many buildings have we performers burned down using fire effects, fireworks, or blanks?

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**CLOSEUPS:** TARZAN ZERBINI bounced into Dallas for a few days . . . ditto RAUL PRADA (the only agent I saw by the way who made it in for the "meeting") . . . On tap also was W. T. TOMMIE RANDOLPH of AB, snapping pix and doing a write-up on the show. . . Members of the Royal Lichtenstein Circus visited, they had been playing a nearby school. . . Also saw TED BOWMAN one night (Hadn't seen him in years) and DOREY MILLER visited again. . . ANETA VARGAS closes at CC this month . . . BOBBY HUBER marries his girl friend JEANNIE in Los Angeles on Christmas Day. Mama BETTY will fly out for the nuptials. . . REX YOUNG won a turkey at a golf tournament which TRUDY cooked for Thanksgiving.

EDDIE MURILLO, Sr. and daughter MARY LOU visited and Eddie looks hale and hearty despite recent heart problems. Other visitors included: Kandra Craig, Eileen and Jack Wong, Joe and Peggy Zoppe, Joanne and Don Anderson, Dennis and Anita Zoppe, Jeannie Hall, Aurelia Hall, Jimmy Hall, his wife and baby, Joe Lemke, Johnny Lam, Billy Loyale, Don

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Basham, Donny and Gaynor Johnson, Karl Wong, Roger and Pam Zoppe, Myna Moon, Bobby Golden, Shirley Henry and scads more whose names I didn't get down on paper.

The REV. DAVID J. TETRAULT visited the Hanneford Circus at Williamsburg (Va) and chatted with that Beasly Monarch Quasi Moto Rai Beasly. Speaking of whom, I tender my "thanks" to Quasi for sending via Keith and Kathy the prized Beasly object'd art, the "priceless head" of Great Grand Papa Beasly which I shall plant in my backyard and pray the weeds overtake. Great Grand Papa was actually the man in the Iron Mask you know and one look at his bared face explains why. Oh! the price of being a Beasly.

Keith Killinger surprised me closing day with my music completely rewritten and put in new folders and then in a large carrying folder. For once, and rarely, I was speechless. He is also adding a new number to my score that fits my writing career - a song from Pal Joey.

Dauntless Herbie Weber returned from Calif. daunted by a bad cold. Marcella isn't conservative, oh no, not by any means, but if she's so liberal why does she manage to get about

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TO ONE AND ALL....



# Season's Greetings

.... MIKE and SALLY LaTORRES



6 cups of tea from one teabag?

Flying Lar-Rays to be with Hamid-Morton this next season . . . Marcelli and Janis played Utica for Castle and then vacationed in Atlantic City. . . Beverly Heigham and Rosemary Marino moved to Buzzards Bay (Mass). . . Aria's Bears made Xmas dates after the Hetzer route closed. . . Bill Hill and sons busy with their Xmas dates in my area. . . Bonnie & Clyde playing club dates until their new season starts.

This is the final column of 1980. Mail is pyramided on my desk, having accumulated for 2 months. I haven't begun to sift thru it yet. A lot of it is news for this column. Things are extremely chaotic for me at home at the moment and I promise to get to the mail soon and will include items in my first 1981 column.

Thanks to everyone for writing and keep the news coming in - this is essentially a forum for performers and without your cooperation this column could not exist. I had also planned to mail out special Xmas cards this year but with things the way they are at present this is not possible.

Thus, thru this column, I wish everyone a very happy holiday and a prosperous 1981 season.

SEE YOU down the road, luvs.

## REVIEW

BY KEVIN BARBERO

"Past Murder Imperfect" by Billy Barton

"Past Murder Imperfect" is, as advertised, "the renaissance of the detection novel in the classic tradition." What it also is, is an extremely well-written novel, perhaps even better than one might expect from a first work. In a genre where there are too many examples of poorly written books it is always a pleasure to read one that contains literary merit along with an entertaining and complex plot.

The first observation one makes upon reading Barton's book is his esteem for the late Dame Agatha Christie. In fact, this admiration is carried along as one of the intertesting subplots in a story that is weaved as delicately as any spider's web.

The final chapters are deftly handled with the reader mystified until the ending is explained. One can only await with relish Billy Barton's next book and hope that his initial triumph does not lessen his enthusiasm, wit and characterization in future works.

(Kevin Barbero is a former editor at McGraw-Hill and currently is proprietor of "Murder By the Book" bookstore in Providence, R.I.)

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