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## A Court Ruling

Mattel Toys, Inc. founder Ruth Handler, and a top level associate have been ordered to pay \$57,000 each in reparation for submitting false financial statements that cost shareholders \$256 million.

Mrs. Handler, 61, and former Mattel vice president Seymour Rosenberg, 54, both of Los Angeles, were given the maximum 41 year sentence and \$57,000 fines for their "no contest" pleas to a 10-count grand jury indictment.

U. S. District Judge Robert Takasugi suspended the prison terms and fines because of "life endangering problems confronting both . . . and Mrs. Handler's age."

But the judge earmarked \$57,000 to be paid by the defendants to establish a special occupational development program for ex-felons.

"The crimes each of you committed, in the opinion of this court are exploitive, parasitic and I think disgraceful to anything decent in this society," said Takasugi in imposing the punishment.

Takasugi placed each defendant on five years probation with the special condition that each contribute 500 hours during each year of probation to a charitable organization.

Takasugi told the defendants, he was "Mindful of the good you've done in the past,"

but said that added with the crimes committed "it reveals an almost schizophrenic style of conduct."

"You owe society more than just merely an imprisonment . . . you should return to society what you have taken," the judge said. Monetary contributions or efforts would not be enough, he added. He also ordered that neither could serve as officers or directors of a public corporation during the period of probation.

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**SPECIAL**

*(The following item is reprinted from a recent issue of 'Variety' and is offered here as a different view).*

**THIRD ANNUAL CIRCUS OF STARS** — "Circus of The Stars," CBS' annual excuse to trot a lot of stars in front of the cameras for two hours, was glutted with performers — 36, count 'em — but undernourished creatively. It was a tedious time, perhaps another great night for the toddlers watching, but not for others.

Performances were uneven, not unexpectedly. Those coming off best were Cathy Lee Crosby, David Nelson, Tony LoBianco, Mary Ann Mobley, and Lassie, who wasn't the only dog on the show. Appearing sad and silly were Mike Farrell and Jamie Farr, in a slapstick comedy routine, and Martin Sheen, who proved only that as a comic he is a fine actor.

A v.o. kept telling viewers how daring and breathtaking it all was, but it really wasn't.

Lauren Bacall, Jerry Lewis, Bernadette Peters, Anthony Newley and Sammy Davis, Jr. served as hosts. Job Finkel was producer, Tony Charmoli director, and Jim Tisdale and Bob Sykes the writers, none of them making particularly good contributions. Show originated at Caesars Palace in Vegas, a fat plug for the nitery throughout.

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**HARVEY "Matty" CLARK** (73), former circus and carnival side show worker, died at a Phoenix, Ariz., hospital on Dec. 16th after a long illness. He was a brother to June Curry.

**COURT RULING (Continued)**

Mattel executives were charged last February with reporting \$10 million worth of non-existent business for the company over a five year period. The fraud led to the collapse in share prices for Mattel, costing the shareholders \$256 million.

Last year three other top level executives of Mattel pleaded guilty to participating in the false reporting of the company's annual losses and earnings in 1971 and 1972.

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Jan 26 Ft. Lauderdale, Fla

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Jan 26-28 Venice, Fla.

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to Jan 29 Miami Beach, Fla

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Jan 21-28 Grand Rapids, Mich  
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Jan 22 Orlando, Fla.  
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24 Sarasota  
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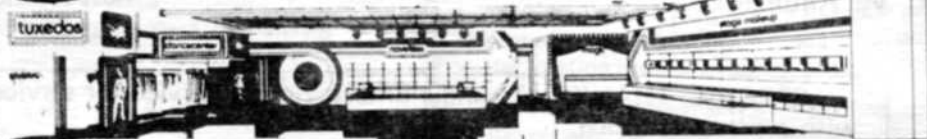
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**WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK:** Ringmistress NANCY KELLY saved the gold whistle presented to her by Count Nicholas to use for the first time at Washington's opulent Kennedy Center. The whistle didn't blow worth a darn, so now she wears two whistles - one for the show, one for the blow; proving that that which glitters may be gold but . . . !

**EMMETT KELLY, Jr.** advises that, as of Jan. 1st, the expressway through Atlanta has been banned to all truck traffic and the beltway around the city must be used. Unless a specific reason for being on the expressway is provided the vehicle will be stopped and ticketed. Truckers are threatening to boycott Atlanta. . . CHARLIE VAN BUSKIRK tells me that between now and spring the immigration laws are to be relaxed at the Canadian border, that crossings will be as they were before last year's snafus. Lets hope so. Now that prices have skyrocketed and the exchange is down to 18%, going there is certainly not worth the hassle acts have been experiencing.

**SNAPSHOTS:** BENNY WILLIAMS was in New York to have his other knee operated on, and his plans are indefinite. He will not return to Ringling Blue - at least not in the near future. . . BUCKLES & BARBARA WOODCOCK have been given half a railroad car, BOBBY JOHNSON, their good friend, has the other half. There is a door between the two. . . URIAS TROUPE will close the show on the Blue Unit; there will be neither rocket nor wheel act on the show this year. . . CHARLIE VAN BUSKIRK plays the Maine dates for McCAREY which run from April 13 thru May 5th. Reportedly set on the dates are EDDIE SCHMIDT's Tigers and the VERDUE TROUPE. . . PIETRO CANISTRELLI Family broke the frame on their four months old Kountry-Aire. . . JOE HORWATH's Chimps to Hamid-Morton. . . STU MILLER and his Magic show open in March. . . CIMSE says he had the best Christmas season in 30 yrs. . . BAUER-HALL set the CASTRO BROS, high wire act with CIRCUS RUSSO in Spain, plus CRISTIANI's trampoline and GILDA's leopards at Deutschland-Halle this past Christmas season. . . Circus Knie furnished the balance of the program. Bauer-Hall, however, are sending seven acts to Berlin next winter. Their office

also has the Kool Aid Fair Route and will provide acts this year for KENNYWOOD PARK. . . DINO and ANITA, wire act, not returning to Cirque Gatini. . . JASMINE SMART didn't make the Circus America date because she got married and the Billy Smart Circus had last minute conflicting engagements. . . ALBERT RIX plans to enlarge the bear act to include 12 bears. They are in the process of putting it together now. . . M&M Circus sold their big top to DOREY MILLER. . . SIR VICTOR JULIAN returns to Medora (ND) where he has performed for the past 15 summers. June 20-26, 1978 was declared "Victor Julian Week" by Mayor Rod Tjaden's proclamation which read: "Whereas Victor Julian celebrated his birthday June 20th and whereas his personal warmth, kindness and excellent performances in the Medor Musical have been enjoyed by several hundred thousand, we hereby join the celebration by honoring and thanking Victor and declaring June 20 thru June 26 VICTOR JULIAN WEEK". If anyone deserved such an honor it is this gentleman who is beloved by all. . . Equestrian DARRYL WALLEN has an unusual "Mr. Rythm" color books he distributes wherever he appears. The books are clever and well-executed. . . Cyclists The DOLLIE SISTERS (The Therons) are coming from Europe to appear in the Detroit Shrine Circus. . . Rumor Hazzit ART CONCELLO is coming out with a new show and that promoter MEARLE JOHNSON plans a circus in 1980. . . JORGE ROSSELL was "trigger man" for HUGO ZACCHINI during the "Circus America" engagement and CARLA WALLEUDA did a great "stooge" job for NORBU. . . It looked like Little Sarasota on New Year's Eve at the gala cast party in the "Sky Room" at the Capitol Center. EDDIE BELL was bartender, CARLA WALLEUDA scurried around getting the food together, and JOE BAUER furnished a case of champagne. It was a wonderful party with no one getting tipsy or out of line. Among the celebrators were: Helen Wallenda, Carla, Stephanie Shaw, the Wallenda Troupe, Norbert and Arden, The Bauers, The Espanas, The Menendez Family, The Rix Family, Jorge Rossell, The Leighs, Larry and Karen French, Bobbi and Eddie Bell and scads of people I didn't know. . . Wire walker GENE MENDEZ added to the Monte Carlo Circus, which will play small buildings in small towns. . . Hey! it's true, Ringling WILL tour Australia in 1980!

Beauteous LISA BAUER walked away from the Monte Carlo Circusfest a triple winner, copping the Silver Cup Circus Directors' Award, a Gold Medal, and the Monte Carlo Children's Award; the reproduction of a gold covered-wagon, old-time Circus Caravan which she treasures the most and over

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## SAWDUST TRAIL

by M. L. DUPONT

Winterquarter reports: The Jungle Wonders Circus of Gopher Davenport is in full swing with plenty of help in quarters and the cookhouse is in operation. Latest word is that Bill Swain has returned from the west coast with the new big top for 1979. The tent will have all aluminum poles and as was reported earlier the format is a one ring concept.

Jack Fulbright is definitely contracted for a liberty act and dressage, while Mike Clark, of McKinney, Texas, has been engaged for his cat act. The show will also have a flying act and several more people have been engaged for the front end. Arthur and Bea Stone and Max and Geri Tolivar will be ahead of the show as Special Engagement Directors. Young Ison Null will head up the bill posting crew while his sister, Peggy, will handle several jobs on the show.

Other personnel engaged includes Gary Johnson who will be in charge of the animals and will be the Zoo Curator. Carl Albright will handle banner sales. Carl is probably one of the best still in the business. Other personnel are to be added and negotiations for a well-known clown to handle the side show have not been completed.

No route has been released, but this reporter has received word that Louisiana fans can look forward to seeing the Jungle Wonders Circus in the fall. Last year the show was in the west, toured also in Canada and Alaska.

At last report there were 10 elephants on the show, but the punk African that was being trained for a lion to ride its back was killed on Jan. 3rd, when Suzie, the big Asian elephant, struck her with her trunk and broke its neck. They were on a picket line in winter quarters when the accident happened.

Very little news has come out of Hugo, home of the Carson & Barnes Circus. However, they are reworking equipment for the upcoming tour and there has been some movement of equipment between Hugo

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DANNY KAYE will host the annual TV feature of the "Highlights of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus." on NBC-TV, Jan. 30th.

and Stapleton, winter home of Circus Genoa.

No news from Florida about the Corp. shows either other than the announcement that Beatty-Cole was to play a date with the CFA Convention at Gettysburg, Pa. in June.

Jimmy Chipperfield has a new book out called "My Wild Life". Watch for an ad in future issues of CR. It is published at \$8.95 but readers of CR will be able to get it for a discount. It's a fascinating autobiography of a world-traveled animal trainer and circus performer. Would you believe "drunk elephants and fortune telling horses"?

Most Eastern Circus Fans are familiar with Hoxie's purple and white color scheme, it's been his trademark for years. Well, Austen Bros. London Festival Circus also uses the purple and white color scheme. Brian Austen, managing director, has eight Scammell tractors on his show and each is a collector's item. They are painted purple with the cab's top portion in white with gold scroll. The word 'circus' is in huge letters down the side, trimmed in gold. Each door has an Austen Bros. decal and logo.

By the way, the boss canvasman on English circuses is known as the "tent master". Most English shows have a 4 pole top, set up in a square for their one ring format. These center poles are called king poles.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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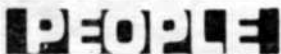
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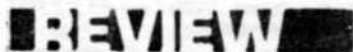
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by Philip Morris

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**TIPPIE HEDRON**, an actress, was pictured by AP Wirephoto Service with a young 'tigon'. The animal was born during the filming of the movie "Roar" and its birth is recorded in that film.

**JOHN CUNEO** reports a female white tiger was born at his place on Jan. 3rd. **HERTA** has named the new arrival 'Tiffany'.

**JEANETTE** and **O'LEE CARLSTROM** and daughter **ROSE LEE** attended the Paul Eagles Circus Luncheon Club's Birthday Party where Rose won the door prize, a 4 ft. high stuffed lion. O'Lee won a bottle of champagne that same day.

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**DANNY CASTOLDI, CHUCK CRAW, DALE DANIELS, SCOTT FLOYD, KARL KRAUSE, DARRELL MEDLEY, TONY MEDLEY, and DENNIS WALKER** all performers with the Great All American Youth Circus (Great Y Circus), of Redlands, Calif., juggled, rode unicycles and did hand balancing in the "Dumbo's Circus" section of the Very Merry Christmas Parade during the holidays at Disneyland.

**MELVIN SILVERLAKE** opened his new circus in Texas on Jan. 9th. The tent is the former side show top of Circus Vargas. The show features animals, a live band and a wild west unit. The show moves on 4 semis and 10 other trucks, has a 75 K.W. light plant, and **B. K. SILVERLAKE** is the general mgr.

**JOHN** and **HAZEL FRAZIER**, circus owners, were in the Houston area recently and visited with **BOB GIBBS, HILDA KING, JOHN DAVENPORT, MEL** and **B. K. SILVERLAKE**.

**DAWAYNE PITTENGER**, a 13 year veteran of the Sailor Circus, turned pro last year after his graduation and clowning with the Stebbing Royal European Circus. He is now putting a flying act together, for which he will be the catcher.

## IN MEMORIAM

### CONSUELO

Well loved trapeze artist, daughter of John and Jorie Armstrong.

She died ten years ago - Jan. 16, 1969 - at the age of 34 in an automobile accident on an icy highway near Kadoka, South Dakota.

**TERRY FINNEY**, elephant man with Carson & Barnes Circus No. 2 Unit last year, is now with the big Jungle Wonders Circus where he has a herd of eight bulls. He expects to soon take delivery on two more to bring the herd to 10 animals.

**GEORGE HANNEFORD** has recovered from his recent illness and is working with his circus in Sarasota regularly.

**MERLE EVANS** was again serenaded on his birthday via telephone from Illinois. This year the 92 year old violinist played a lively hoedown instead of a circus number. Perhaps it should be said that hoedowns, violins and pianos are not traditionally circus.

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which she cried when the children, (who make their own selection) made the presentation. . . DAVID NIVEN was a judge, along with CARY GRANT and TELLY SALAVAS. Other winners included: The FLYING GAONAS (Gold Clown); FLYING MARILEES (Silver Clown); The DOBRITCH PERCH ACT (Silver Clown); and clown CHARLEY KAROLY (The Air France Medal).

The EMMETT KELLY, Jr. Circus enjoyed a successful appearance at the Kennedy Center in Washington and featured the Pietro Canistrelli Family, Darryl Wallen with Mr. Rythm, Cimse's dog act, Crawford & Gloria (in which Emmett did some marvelous "Red Skelton style" panto-bits), The Cyclonians, Horwath's Chimps and Pietro & Joyce.

JOE and ELIZABETH BAUER have been investing

**PEOPLE**

JOHN RINGLING NORTH, CARY GRANT, KENNETH AND IRVIN FELD were among those seen seated near PRINCE RANIER and Family during the annual Monte Carlo Circusfest.

THE JUGGLING FERKOS and magician DOUG HENNING were featured on the annual AGVA TV Award Show.

heavily in Florida real estate, bought GUNNAR AMANDIS' former home (right next door) and a major apartment complex in Sarasota's Southgate. They return for their 5th consecutive season to GREAT ADVENTURE, after which Joe and Elizabeth will no doubt own half the state of Florida!

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**JOHN LIBERTY** was Santa Claus at a mall in Windsor, Ontario, during the Holiday Season. He also clowned for several circus-type Christmas parties, doing his juggling and magic routines.

**TERRELL JACOBS, Jr.**, had his animals on an indoor circus at Everett, Wash., early in December, then worked many Christmas dates in the Pacific Northwest area.

**THE DIONNE FAMILY** (Ray, Yolanda, Michel) just completed a 6 weeks tour of one nighters with 'Winter Wonderland On Ice'. After being away from ice shows for several years it took only a brief practice session to get back into their juggling act on skates.

**TIM BICKMORE** took a vacation during the time Circus Vargas was closed for the holiday season. He went camping with the Plunketts, took hang gliding lessons and spent the New Year at Catalina.

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**BUCK NOLAN** (7'6") the world's tallest clown and **PHILIP MORRIS** (5'8") of Morris Costumes, were photographed by UPI last month as Buck was being measured for a new clown suit.

**RALPH HENDERSON** (Koto the clown) and **LEE LLOYD** (Curly the clown) made 100 appearances for 'Project Joy' for senior citizens in the Spokane, Wash. area last year. They also worked dates at shopping centers, malls and for birthday parties.

**KRISTEN MEYER** reports that Circus America used lots of TV advertising and that tryouts for the show's chorus line were also televised. Kristen attended the New Year Eve's performance of 'Hello Dolly' with **CAROL CHANNING** AND **EDDIE BRACKEN** and the Champagne Party that followed after in the theatre lobby.

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*(The following item was written by Bill Popper and appeared in a student newspaper in South Carolina).*

The Royal Lichtenstein Circus gave an energetic and thoroughly entertaining performance in McAlister Auditorium this past Monday for the enjoyment of kids of all ages. The performers rushed through feats of verbal and physical prowess and left the audience alertly grasping for every innuendo. A laugh-filled program of stunts, animal acts, puppet shows, and morality skits managed to captivate the audience for the entire one-hour performance.

The clowns that transformed a small stage into a world of fantasy were actually Jesuit priests. They managed to splice some bits of wisdom into an other-

wise frivolous evening. Some acts featured furry assistants including a woolly monkey that ate out of a cup and walked the high wire, two poodles that walked on their legs and jumped through hoops, and a gray-white pony which pranced around in a circle while caddying a terrified canine.

Some of the more sparkling moments of the circus were, surprisingly, not the acts and stunts, but the quick-witted banter and candid comments of the ringmaster, clowns and Mimists. This evening of fun was made possible through the efforts of Associate Chaplain Jim Pitts, in cooperation with the Newman Club.



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## Injury Report

Three performers in the Circus World Championships in London last month were injured.

Sylvia Hernandez missed her layout to a three man high in the teeterboard act and fractured a bone in her back. The cast will be removed soon and she will be all OK.

Mario Manzini, escape artist, shattered an ankle in a fall and is still hospitalized in London.

Freddie, of the Flying Oslers, struck his head on a bag of chains, hanging from a rope, as he did a double over the bar. That injury required several stitches.

## Miscellaneous

A Siberian tiger at a zoo in Rotterdam killed its keeper when the man entered the cage to give the animal water. The safety cage designed to protect the keepers was left open.

An agreement to sell Lion Country Safari, in Southern California, has been announced by park officials. The sale price is said to be \$4.25 million.

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## Happy Holidays

Members of the entire Lang Family were together, at home, for the first time since the Holidays a year ago.

The weather in Sheboygan, Wisc., was cold so they amused themselves for many hours by viewing the many thousands of feet of movies and slides they have been accumulating for years. The younger members of the family were amazed by the great acts of the 40's and 50's.

The Bob Langs (6) were with the Jimmy Cole Circus, Great America Circus and Ron Bacon's Holiday Magic Fantasyland and worked several Christmas shows for Variety Attractions.

Erv's, Peppy the Chimp, did 3 months of school shows, Col. Bill Voorheis Circus, Shopping Centers, Jose Cole's Int'l Circus, Ron Bacon's Holiday Magic Fantasyland, Christmas Shows for Variety Attractions and also a part in an upcoming movie called "Foolin Around".

On Jan. 10th, Erv and Peppy were on the Bozo TV Show from Chicago, and on Jan. 11-12 the Lang Family Acrobats and Bobbi-Jane, juggling, were on the Bozo TV Show, after which Bob-Jane and Family joined the Jimmy Cole Circus.