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FUEL CRISIS

Time is growing short for by May 2nd Congress must vote on a Department of Energy (DOE) plan that would prohibit the sale of gasoline and diesel fuel on weekends. If the proposal is passed into law fuel sales would be prohibited between Friday at noon and Sunday at midnight. As a result highway traffic would be virtually stopped on weekends.

The weekend restrictions on the sale of gasoline is intended to reduce the demand for fuel by limiting non-essential weekend driving. The plan, it is estimated, would save about 246,000 barrels of fuel per day.

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Within 30 days of the plan's enactment owners of retail stations would be required to

complete and post a certification form indicating their compliance with the plan.

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RBBB'S BLUE UNIT . . . by Don Sandman

Circus Model Builders in Cincinnati, along with the local CFA's set up displays in 26 downtown store windows to whet the appetite of local people and to alert them to the fact that Ringling-Barnum was on its way. Even the Cincinnati Post carried a column by Dick Rawe telling about the displays that were to be seen around town.

The Blue Unit arrived to play at the Cincinnati Riverfront Coliseum (Mar. 28-Apr. 1) on Mar. 26th at 3:45 p.m. then had to wait for the rush hour traffic to ease before they could be moved in close to the Coliseum. On the 27th they held their animal walk to Fountain Square where the elephants enjoyed a Smorgasboard.

On Mar. 30th, fans and model builders took a group of 51 Fourth Grade students to the 4 p.m. show. The trip included a look at the backyard area and a tour of the animal quarters. Then on Mar. 31st some 50 members of the John Robinson/Loyal Repensky and Harold Barnes CFA tents attended the circus in a group.

The performance here included: Clown Band warm-up; Opening Spec; Charley Baumann and his tigers; The Spider Web, aerial acrobatics; The Dimitrovi, The Ivanovi, The Donevi, Cossack riding; Clowns in a Walk-around; The Flying Gaonas and The Flying Farias; Michu; King Charles Troupe, unicycle basketball; Barbara Woodcock with elephant Anna May and a leopard; Clown Car Capers; The Polonia, The Lazars, The Georgievs, perch pole acts; Charivari, gymnasts; Clown Charivari; Lazlo Axt, trapeze headstands; the spec Neptune's Circus; Intermission; Jewell New, lion act with motorcycle; Clown Ballet; Maria Augustine, Miss Ibolya, single trapeze; The Slavovi, The Romanovi, The Paniotovi, bareback riding; Clown Walk-around; The Wozniaks, The Kehaiovi, The Oblocki,

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Miscellaneous

The annual Zembo Shrine Circus at Harrisburg, Pa. was postponed for a week to April 9-14, because of the nuclear accident in Pennsylvania. There was no matinee performance on Good Friday.

Hoxie Bros. Circus gave five shows in two days during its Melbourne, Fla. engagement - Apr. 7-8.

The April 1979 issue of "Western Horseman" has an article called "Circus are Horses" by Paul F. Long.

The Educational Services Dept. of RBBB publishes a newsy flyer called "Tanbark Topics for Teachers" and is available to teachers and school administrators.



JIM PARKER, clown and model builder, has been released from the Los Angeles VA Hospital, after having suffered a mild stroke. He would enjoy cards and letters, write him at: 854 East Italia St., Covina, Calif. 91722.

DAVID LOW was the juggler referred to in a recent review of the Tommy Scott Old Time Medicine Show which appeared in CR on April 2nd. His name was listed wrong in that article.

BOB WELZ, juggler, now with the Ice Capades, will fly to Toronto this month to tape three segments of Stars on Ice, a TV special shown in Canada and Europe.

teeterboard; Buckles Woodcock and the elephants in an Oriental Delight, ending with a long mount; The Kondovi, highwire; Clowns; The Urias Troupe, motorcycle Globe of Death; Finale.

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20-22 El Dorado
23-25 Pine Bluff

Carson & Barnes Circus

Apr 23 Alva, Okla.
24 Arkansas City, Ks.
25 Stillwater, Okla.
26 Andover, Kansas
27 McPherson
28 Great Bend

Hubert Castle Circus

Apr 26-28 Sioux Falls, S.D
26-29 Indianapolis, Ind

Circus Vargas

Apr 23-25 Woodland, Calif
26-29 Modesto

Hamid-Morton Circus

Apr 24-27 Morristown, N.J

M & M Circus

Apr 23-29 Lincoln, Nebr.

Monte Carlo Circus

Apr 24-29 Cleveland, Ohio

Moscow Circus

Apr 25-29 Okla City, Okla

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Apr 25-29 Rochester, N.Y.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

to June 3 New York, NY

Royal Hanneford Circus

Apr 24-28 Boston, Mass.

Royal Lichtenstein Circus

Apr 23 Hartford, Conn.
24 New Haven
25 New York, NY
26 Bethlehem, Pa.
27 Baltimore, Md.
28 Silver Springs
29-30 Washington, DC

Shrine Circus

Apr 18-30 Atlanta, Ga.
26-29 Grand Rapids,
Mich
27-28 Little Rock, Ark

Stage Circus

Apr 24 La Crosse, Wisc.

John Strong Circus

Apr 23 Sonora, Calif.
24 Plymouth
25 Auburn
26 Grass Valley
27 Placerville
28 Roseville
29 Orland

---- MAGIC ----

Kramien's Magicazam

Apr 21 Puyallup, Wash.

Manzini Escapeology Show

Apr 26 Amherst, Mass.
27 Springfield
28 Fitchburg

Tom Ogden - Magician

Apr 23 E. Orange, N.J.
24 Franklin Sq. NY
27-28 Buffalo

---- OTHER DATES ----

James H. Drew Exposition

Apr 24-29 Greensboro, NC

Ethel's Greyhounds

Apr 24-29 Lincoln, Nebr.

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Apr 22-25 Chicago, Ill.

Gutis Family - Jungle Parody

Apr 27-29 Grand Forks, ND

Holiday On Ice - Int'l Unit

Apr 25-29 New Orleans, La.

Holiday On Ice - Nat'l Unit

Apr 27-Jun 3 Mexico City

Ice Capades - Eastern

to Apr 29 Los Ang., Calif.

Ice Follies

Apr 26-May 6 Seattle, Wash

Jo Ann & Sunny - seal act

Apr 27-29 Lincoln, Nebr.

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DIAMOND JIM PARKER suffered a stroke and two mild heart attacks on Circus Vargas in late March and has been undergoing treatment at the VA Hospital in Los Angeles. He is, at this writing, improving rapidly, and his plans for the future are indefinite. He is expected to spend time recuperating in Hawaii as a guest of KENT GHIRARD.

CIRCUS IMPRESARIO CLIFFORD VARGAS reveals sensational new plans for his ever-successful tent. All new lighting is being created and, by June, an extra middle piece and center pole will be added giving the show an increase in seating capacity. By next season the top goes to six poles, three rings and two stages, plus seating for 7,000. In March, Cliff flew east to catch the Detroit and Chicago Shrine dates and the Monte Carlo Circus. Other news released by Vargas is that "Reed" the elephant that was castrated just before the season opened succumbed to heart failure during the second operation. Those long awaited three rings of liberty horses are now working and WALLY ROSS is breaking a second Samoyed dog act for the 1980 program which Cliff is now assembling and which he insists will be 90 per cent new each season from now on.

THE BLONDE Bombshell (Gee Gee) reports that JOSELITO's mishap during the Detroit Shrine Circus was not so serious as first reported, although it was serious enough! The fall occurred during the "walk up" and was broken by people under the wire, but that did not prevent Joselito from striking the concrete floor with his feet. The performer suffered a hairline fracture in one heel. He finished his performance that evening but was omitted from the program for the rest of the run.

DOWN RUMOR ROAD: The hottest rumor circulating in the dressing rooms is that TARZAN ZERBINI will take over the Castle Circus in 1980. I have been bombarded with questions. "Is it true?" they ask. At this point I don't honestly know and have had neither the time nor opportunity to contact Johnny to find out. So, Johnny, are you or are you not planning to be our next new Circus Producer?

THE BENTLEY/CLANCY producing-promotion combine informs me that the new edition of Bentley Bros. is set to tour. Three sets of ring curbs, painted red and white, with matching red and white ring carpets, are ready, and an opening number with maypoles, streamers and revolving mirror balls has been designed. The show will travel on several units. LAWRENCE GRANT's tigers and lions, THE LOS LATINOS, wire and VIRGINIA LEE FENTON, organist, will be with the spring

tour. Already set for the fall tour are MY-IMBA's BABOONS and the FLYING VASQUEZ troupe. An earlier report that I would make the spring tour with Tommy and Chuck was true, but dut due to extensive revisions on my novel I have had to bow out and will be at home from Mid-May to Mid-June getting the book ready. It takes 9 months for publication and this is the only time I have if I plan to get the book published before we are all too old to read it!

CLOSEUPS: Globe-trotting JOE BAUER is back from a quickie trip to Europe. LEIGH HEISINGER went with him. . .The FLYING VASQUEZ (a flying act with plenty of panache) heads west in June for a run with BILL KAY. . .SERGIO RAMOS takes his flying troupe to Europe this summer. . .It ain't true that clown DENNIS STEVENS is retired. . .FRANK CURRY (promotional wiz) surprised yrs. truly during the Buffalo date for HUBLER when he stopped over between plane connections to say "hello". . .The Busch Gardens show in Williamsburg (Va) is now playing weekends only until summer. Show is produced again by SANDY DOBRITCH, being managed for Sandy by RAY HARTZELL. . .ANDY ANDERSON (husband of JENNY WALLEDA) stricken suddenly on Apr. 7th and rushed to the hospital. No word at this writing about his condition. . .ELFIE KLEMENTI and the boys were shaken up by an earthquake in Santo Domingo (which they survived) and says she was pleasantly surprised by a call from FRANK and RUTHIE CLARK (Frank & Estreleta). . .WAZAN TROUPE stopped over in Tahiti enroute back from Australia. . .PAUL KAYE takes his circus into a new building in Wichita. . .MARCELLA, of the Los Latinos will answer to the name La Hot Tamale BUT . . . only to those she likes . . . anybody else, watch out!. . .ALBERT and JEANETTE RIX the VASQUEZ TROUPE, MISTER SENSATION signed for the first annual Shrine Circus in Hagerstown (Md) produced by GEORGE HUBLER.

EMMETT KELLY, Jr. recently filmed another "Beneficial" TV commercial with a circus background. . .SUSAN and DAVID ZOPPE's baby is due the first week in June. They will be with Cirque Gatini in Quebec at the time. . .T'is said that JOHNNY and BETTY ZOPPE will be with a Ringling Unit next season. They are now at Circus World. . .MY-IMBA's Baboons busy playing sport shows on the west coast. . .Performers at the Busch Gardens Circus in Williamsburg (Va) include: SY and BARBARA MOORE, STACEY and SYLVIA



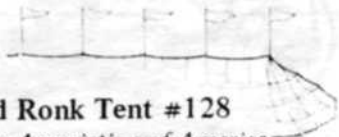
KARIN and HAP DAVIS, BOB PORTER (Retired bar performer), and his wife, GILBERT FOX, CATIA MELUZZI, GEORGE ROZELLE, HUGO and PAPPACACCHINI, BURNT WIRENGARD and family, KAY ROSAIRE and JIM, DELIAH ZOPPE and family were some of the visitors seen at the Carden-Johnson Circus when the show played at Tampa, Fla.

AXEL GAUTIER, RBBB elephant trainer, was attacked by the elephant "Big John" on March 28th at the Circus World Park. He was hospitalized with bruised ribs and shoulder.

VIRGINIA LEE FENTON, organist, reports the PAUL V. KAYE Circus, in Japan, is playing to packed houses. She and drummer CHUCK GOMES are working with a 14 piece band.

FRANCIS BRUNN, juggler, recently returned to his New Jersey home after working for Resorts International at Atlantic City.

BARBARA and SYLVESTER BRAUN, western act performers with the Big John Strong Circus, recently visited with CARMEL GOWAN and daughter KIM, internationally known rope spinners, at Cathedral City, Calif.



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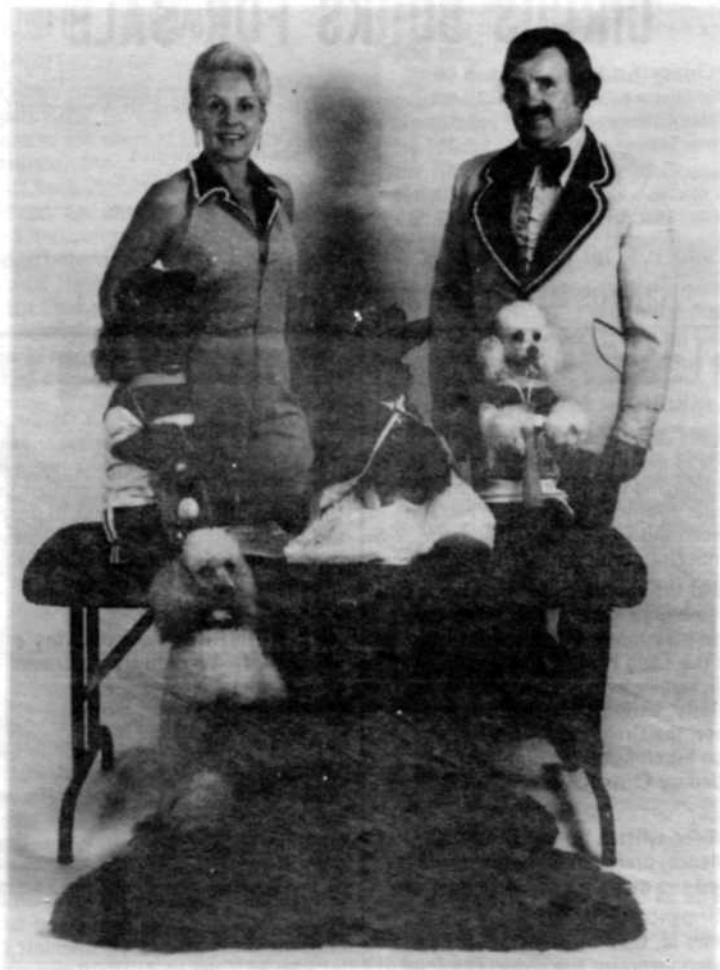
A special reception and dinner honoring Harold Ronk, "Singing Ringmaster" of the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus, will be held Monday evening, June 18 in Little Rock, Ark., sponsored by Harold Ronk Tent No. 128, CFA. The tent was chartered in 1975, with Ronk the guest of honor at the charter banquet.

The Ringling-Barnum Circus will open a three day engagement in Little Rock on June 19th.

Anyone interested in attending the reception and dinner should contact the Tent Secretary Charles Hemann, 6900 Flintrock Road, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116.

CSAPI and TOMI LIEBEL are the parents of a baby boy — Anthony Hugo Liebel — born on March 18th. The youngster weighed in at 8½ lbs.

JAY and FRANCES MARSHALL, of Magic, Inc., of Chicago, will be honored at Magicconn '89 which is to be held in Hartford, Conn., on July 11-14.



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COLE ALL STAR CIRCUS . . . by Harry J. Martin

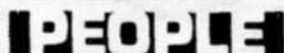
On Mar. 31st, the Cole All Star TV Circus played at Randolph School (NY) nearing the end of James M. Cole's 41st year of bringing his fine show through New York and Penna. Although attendance was not up to what it had been this fine showman and his circus put on a wonderful performance.

Dorian Blake handled the announcing, replacing the other performer who had to leave for his under canvas tour. Dorian also presented his many fine illusions and then there was the Lang Family, juggling and acrobatics, the Yoxall Family with their animal revue, and the Marcias Family, with Elizabeth doing foot balancing. Her father, the Great Oscar, did a one finger stand and also his cloud swing number. Concessions were handled by Chris Rawls, and his wife, Maria.

This fine show has been written up in CR several times but the excellence, precision and showmanship cannot be mentioned too many times.

After the first performance, which started at 2 p.m. members of the James M. Cole-Robert G. Earl Tent, CFA, gave a buffet luncheon for the show. The food was prepared by Mrs. Ann Martin, mother of Billy Martin, a performer. There were three kinds of salads, Italian dishes, coffee, punch and relish trays. A huge cake in the form of a big top was the dessert, along with trays of jello. The cake was of three flavors - Chocolate (Jimmy's favorite), Strawberry and Vanilla. Jimmy was handed one of Dorian's prop knives with which to cut the cake.

The eating area was cleared in time for the doors to open for the evening performance. Then just before



GERARD SOULES and his Poodle Revue is featured with the Ice Follies show now appearing at Harrah's Tahoe in Nevada. He reports that a new partnership was recently formed between Carl Conley, Gerard Soules and Steve Schumaker to operate Circus Girard for the summer season. All three people will be presenting their animal acts as part of the show's program.

THE GRIMALDIS are enjoying a busy season of spot dates and recently purchased a new 1979 Airstream trailer.

showtime, who should come in but Brad Bradbury and most of the Holiday Hippodrome show people, who had played at nearby Jamestown Community College in the afternoon. It was a wonderful surprise and they all stayed for the night show, which was a wonderful performance.

Mr. and Mrs. Erv Lang were also on the Cole Show visiting with their son Bobby and family. They were with the show three days, then left to join Stu Miller's Magic Time USA. While visiting with their son in the Olean, N.Y., area they brought along their movies which included a trip to Japan some 40 years ago, plus movies of Ringling-Barnum in the 40's.

The last engagement of the Cole All Star Circus was at Kane, Pa. on April 17th. This ended the 41st tour of the show, produced annually by James M. Cole. May God's speed be with this fine showman, who has brought nothing but Love and Happiness to many over all these years. Good Luck and Good Health to James M. Cole.

SAWDUST TRAIL

by M. L. DUPONT

The King of the Hobo clowns is dead. Weary Willie, created by Emmett Kelly, Sr. was one of the most well-known clowns of the century and will be sorely missed by everyone.

In my column of April 2nd, I mentioned Emmett and his 80th birthday and about the coming movie on his life. Before that column could appear Emmett had suffered a heart attack at his home (Mar. 28) and died at the Memorial Hospital in Sarasota.

My first visit with Emmett was as a youngster in the '30s when he toured with Cole Bros. I will never forget when in 1976 at the CFA Convention in Dallas, where I had a full page picture of all the performers on the show and "Weary Willie" was one of the clowns in the front row. How surprised he was to see that item. He also signed a photo for me and asked for a copy, which I later sent him.

During his declining years he still made appearances as Weary Willie and engaged in a row with his son, Emmett, Jr. It was irony that the picture carried above an AP story on his death was not that of him, but his son, Emmett, Jr.

Copy him they will, but there will only be one real

Willie and that was Emmett Kelly, Sr. Once Lou Jacobs was asked about Kelly's secret and the famous Ringling clown replied, "I don't know. He never told me."

While speaking of clowns, guess I should set the record straight. In '78 I did a review on the Red Unit clown alley headed up by Frosty Little. Inadvertently I listed Duane Thorpe among the clowns from the Ringling Clown College. Duane was clowning as early as 1955 and possibly before, long before Clown College was conceived. In fact Duane and Lou are the two oldest clowns in length of service on the Red Unit - I apologize.

An ex-Ringling clown who is becoming an artist of note is Jim Howle. I remember Jim very well from the year I was a guest clown on that show and he, along with the others showed me every courtesy. Jim is going to have another showing of his "Limited Edition Originals" at Alexandria, Va., this month.

DoDo and Little Doe performed for the West Monroe (La) Boys Club in March, before a huge crowd. The engagement was through the Junior Charity League and the program consisted of magic, comedy magic, clown skits and balloon animals. DoDo is the resident clown for the La. Purchase Gardens & Zoo when he isn't working malls, shopping centers or at the circus. This will be his 6th year at the zoo.

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HOTLINE

ELEPHANT STAMPEDE... by Allen Babcock

Things here at Decatur, Ill., have calmed down after our elephant stampede of March 31st. The teenager who allegedly caused the animals to run was arrested and charged with reckless conduct.

The circus is held in the gym, which has a double set of doors, about 8 feet apart. The outer doors had been blocked open several minutes before the elephants came in. Then when the clown number started the inner set of doors were blocked open so the elephants could come in as soon as their number was announced.

The elephants were standing in the hallway between the doors. There was a loud noise at the end of the clown number and I looked back (they were about 3 feet in back of me) to see if the noise bothered the elephants but they were standing still.

Then I stepped to one side as they started to announce the elephant act. It was at that time that the elephants started to panic. All three started to come through the doorway at the same time. A door was torn from its hinges.

I rushed out in front trying to block them, but seeing that it was impossible I started to move aside. I was then shoved by the elephants, but was not injured.

Dennis was pinned against the other door and his collarbone was broken. As a result his right arm was useless, but he used his left hand and kept going.

Rosie stopped in the center ring, the other two ran into the ring and right out and they all headed for the lobby and bolted out the front door.

Once outside they crossed the street and were running between houses. They knocked down a fence, headed down an alley and to a railroad embankment. Here they paused for a moment, then climbed the embankment and crossed the tracks, just seconds before a train passed by.

The police took us to where the elephants were and we were able to get Del Rita and Kay slowed down and stopped. We petted their trunks, fed them mints and talked with them. But they were restless and we were unable to hold them. They headed into a playground and were herded into a fenced corner where they were contained.

After several tries Dennis' son succeeded in putting a chain around a leg of each elephant, with the other end attached to a tree. The elephant truck was then brought in and the animals were safely loaded.

In the meantime, Margaret had taken off in a different direction. Police shot her with a tranquilized dart but she got into the business section, about a mile from the circus, before the tranquilizer took its effect. She was still out cold when we arrived. A chain

SPECIAL

Guts - that is what the public said Col. J. P. the Clown had and plenty of it. He entered the steel arena to work Frank Mogyorosi's tiger act, and had never been in with a big cat before.

Just an hour before show time, Frank's son received a small head injury from a fall on a ring curb, and was rushed to the Bradenton Memorial Hospital. Frank didn't get back in time to present his tiger act.

The manager of the Circus Hall of Fame and J. P. made the decision that J. P. would work the act. After a special announcement was made to the audience, informing them of the change, J. P. (in make-up and costume) rushed into the big cage and uncovered his talent.

was attached to her leg and then to a huge wrecker truck, which helped to guide her to the elephant truck. There was some trouble trying to load her, and it was a real relief when she was finally in the truck.

Jo Anne and Dennis Pinson, his son, Wayne Liikala Kay Baldrige and myself were among those who had gone after the elephants. The Saturday matinee was cancelled and the elephants did not perform for the rest of the shows. They had stampeded at 12:10 p.m. and were not back in the truck until 2:40 p.m.

Dennis had to be in a lot of pain, but he wouldn't let them take him to the hospital until the elephants had been rounded up and put back in the truck. During the rest of the performances he was right there helping his wife with their other animal acts.

The 1979 Zohak Grotto Circus program here at Decatur featured:

Clown come-in; Overture, National Anthem; Lilli-Ana's leopards; The Miona Sisters, disco acrobats; Jo Anne's dogs, pony, monkey; Clowns; The Skating Diamonds, roller skaters; Kay Baldrige and a Verdus sister, webs; Chase & Park, comedy trapeze; The Bertini Duo, aerial; Intermission; The Verdus Sisters on rolling globes; Clowns; Jo Anne, dressage horse; Miss Diana, foot juggler; The Bertini Chimps; Clowns; The Pinson's elephants. (Kay Baldrige was injured and the two Verdus sisters did web. Also the Verdus rolling globe act closed the show after the elephants were taken out of the program).

Some of the visitors seen at the circus were: Mrs. Mc Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. John Osborn, Eddie Backstein, Jim Moran, Norman Schuler, and Mike and Marilyn Sorrell.

Clown Alley included: Wayne Liikala, Steven Lucas and Bill Vaughn, plus several Grotto clowns.

SAWDUST TRAIL (Cont'd, Texas fans will be happy to know that Ringling Blue is to play in their state - Beaumont, June 22-24, Dallas July 3-10, Ft. Worth July 12-15, Houston July 17-19, San Antonio July 31-Aug 5, Midland Aug. 7-8 and Lubbock Aug. 10-12. The dates will be in CR, but this is an advance notice.

We are happy to once again see the title "Fisher Bros." is on the road. This show is operated by the Silverlakes. Watch for them, the lucky ones get to see this circus.

Elephants on loan from C&B include about 10 to Circus Genoa, 1 to Roberts Bros., 1 to Circus Girard. The three elephants - Lydia, Marie, Minnie - handled by Bobby Gibbs for several years are with Circus Genoa and worked by the son of Fred Logan.

In February this reporter visited the Ark-La-Miss Rodeo in Monroe, La. Several acts were with the show and an outstanding number was that of Frank Stout and his sheep dogs, plus a horse "Pardner". Frank who is from Weatherford, Texas, even had a monkey that rode one of the dogs.

Much to my surprise the Jungle Wonders Circus came through the western part of Louisiana, playing several dates before going into Arkansas. By the time I received the news it was too late and there was no way I could get out to catch the show.

Fans report it was a good show with 3 pit shows, a bubble bounce, child's ride, pony ride and ticket wagon on the midway. The show had a 7 piece band that was very good, they say.

Not much news coming in at the moment, so fans will have to keep their eyes open and be watching for shows. Right now it is difficult to tell which way a show is going to head.

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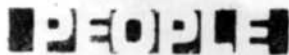
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ALBERT LUCAS is with a unit of the Ice Capades — TOMMY CURTAIN is doing dates with the Ron Urban Ice Show — DICK FRANCIS is touring with the Globe Trotters — former juggler LOU FOLDS now owns an ice rink in Florida — JOEY JORDAN is making dates with the Ice Sparkles and Ice Classics shows.

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Miscellaneous

Radio Shack is advertising a "Super-Long-Range Multiband Radar Detector" that sells for just \$199.95. It is a Micronta Road Patrol LR detector which can be installed on the dashboard or the windshield.



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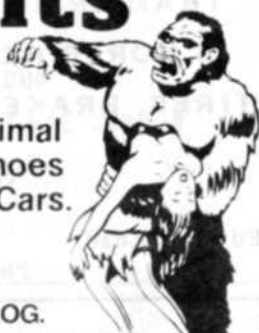


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Show Date

MONTE CARLO CIRCUS . . . by Sally Payne

Since there have been several reviews of the Monte Carlo in Circus Report already, I would just like to add a few observations of my own.

While they may have had some problems early in the tour, when the show played Louisville, Ky., they had colored lights, etc. as needed. And their slogan "The Best of the Best" is far from a misnomer, by anyone's view point. Certainly it stands for the top in performers and that's what they have here.

The Hungarian musical clown act, presented by the Gabor Eotvos Family, reminds one of the years when Clowns were the pegs that a circus was hung on. The act is old, but new and at last brings back the musical and singing clown to the American circus scene.

Irvin and Kenneth Feld made the perfect choice when they chose Mike Gorman as Performance Director and he keeps the show running smoothly. Sergio, the ringmaster is another excellent choice and he certainly provides the icing on the cake, for this fine show.

The program ran two hours here in spite of the fact that Elvin Bale's two acts had to be omitted since the ceiling of the local building is so low.

The haul from the runs to the building for the "Gil-

Features

The circus produced by Bob Snowden and presented at the Kennedy Coliseum in Manchester, N.H., April 5-8 featured:

Archie Chan, band leader; Dave Upton, announcer and Luis Munez, prop boss.

Acts were: Tina, loop walk; Diamond Duo, French Trapeze; Mike Monroe, trampoline; Marcelli & Janis, slack wire; Wayne Ragen, 3 tigers, 3 lions; Timothy O'Leary, comedy pony; The Bruski, unicycle and juggling; Dave Upton, uncaged cougar; Engesser's ponies; the Shrine Clowns; The Verdus, disco number and Robertson's, juggling; Navarro, traps; Princess Lorain, traps; The Verdus, rolling globes; Hal Haviland; Argentinos, high perch; Ms. Ivy, traps; Clowns; Andromeda, sword balance; Navarro sword balance; Reggies, rola bola; Mr. Tall Top, stilts; Marcelli, juggling; The Engesser elephants (Roxy, Gee Gee, Schell).

ly" bus and the lead stock was about 18 city blocks, and the weather was good. The On-the-Spot business manager, not listed in the program, was Mr. McGarity and his wife, who had their hands full handling the front-end details.



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KEN GRIFFIN SHOW by Don Patten

Just caught the Ken Griffin Show. Ken and Roberta spent the cold part of the winter on a Mediterranean cruise before opening their 1979 tour.

This year the show offers some of Ken's old stand-by tricks such as the buzz saw, which is one of the best presentations I have ever seen, and of course there is his famous levitation. Added this year is the beautiful Diana Dooley, who has a number of beauty contest titles, though this doesn't keep her from pushing crates and cases around, along with the rest of the crew.

Frank and Dorothy Richards have also joined the company. Dorothy is an escapeologist and does a fine straight jacket escape and a thumb tie. I must

IN MEMORIAM

FRANK "Chick" CHICKARELLA who spent most of his life in show business died in late February in Southern California. He toured with the Sells Floto Circus and Al G. Barnes Circus, and was with most of the Jimmy Wood Productions. He spent about 10 years with the SJM Shows before retiring in 1974.

say I like it better done by a leggy girl rather than the usual man.

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Don and Betty Strong were added to the first show with their rope spinning and juggling, which is good.

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PEOPLE

DOTTIE and **DOUG MORRIS** were among the many guests who attended the preview performance of the Big John Strong Circus at Yucaipa, Calif., last month.

SNOOKS PLUNKETT, retired show drummer, and **PEGGY** and **MAC MacDONALD**, elephant trainers, were among the visitors seen on the Carson & Barnes Circus lot at a recent Texas show date.

DARREL and **DONNA WALLEN** had their trick horse "Mr. Rythm" on a recent Bozo TV Show in Chicago, which was followed by a Sam T. Polack Circus date. They'll also appear at a horse show in Colorado and at the Kentucky Derby Festival.

LANI IRONBERG is staying on the west coast this season. She will spot-date with several shows as well as playing her own dates this year.

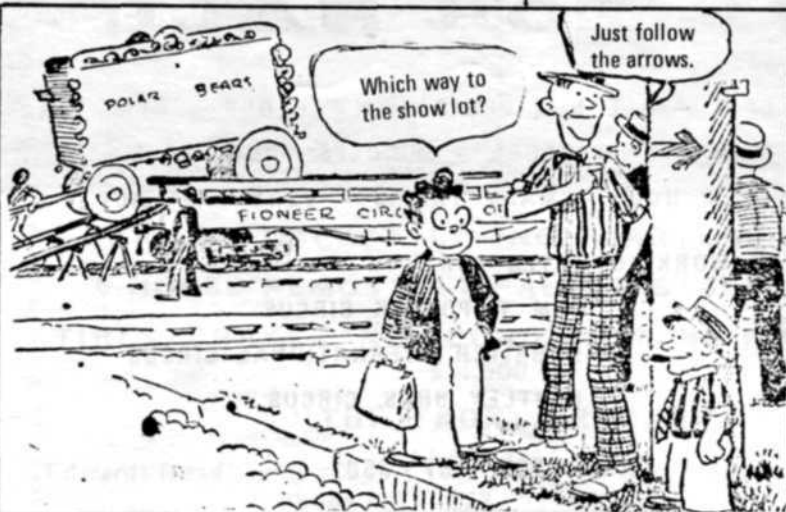
Billy Barton (Continued)

(comedy mule), **DE MILLE**, the **PIETRO CANE-STRELLI** Troupe and organist **RAY HARTZELL**. . . **PELUZA** has signed for a third season with Ice Capades (1980).

THE wiring to the water pump shorted and almost caused a tragic fire for **LILLI** and **SVEND KRISTENSEN**. The pump is under a false floor in the semi-trailer. Svend jumped out in his stocking feet (in the ice and snow and freezing temperature) and managed to extinguish the blaze in the nick of time. As Lilli says, "Had we been in town when the fire started we'd have lost the leopards, everything!"

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CHUCK and **ELAINE PIKAART** have joined Circus Vargas. Chuck is working with the horses for **JOHN HERRIOTT** and Elaine is helping **MILLIE WARD** in the wardrobe dept.



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COL. CHARLES E. STEVENSON directed a 32 piece band for Circus Genoa when the show played Fort Walton Beach, Fla., on March 26th.

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THE ROLLING DIAMONDS, skating act, and **DI-ANA**, foot juggler, were featured at the Sport Shows in Fargo, N.D. and Des Moines, Iowa. Diana was a guest on a Des Moines TV show.

BOB STIVERS, producer of the CBS-TV special 'Circus of the Stars' has appointed **GORDON SMITH** as producer in charge of early development of circus acts for the 1979 special. He will travel extensively to scout acts for use in the show.

WILD BILL HICKOK was married to **AGNES LAKE** a circus trapeze performer. She was in the east with a circus when he was killed in the Dakotas.

RUDY BUNDY, **FRANZ UNUS**, **MERLE EVENS**, **HELEN WALLEDA**, **JOE GIEGER**, **GUNTHER WALLEDA**, **BEVERLY KELLEY**, **COUNT NICOLAS**, **HARRY MILLES**, **BALIAKA**, **OSCAR** and **MARIAN CRISTIANI**, **LA NORMA** and **ANDRE FOX** were among the many show people seen at the funeral for **EMMETT KELLY, Sr.** on Mar. 31st.

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HOLIDAY HIPPODROME . . . by Bill Galloway

The 1979 edition of Holiday Hippodrome made a short loop through New York State during the last week of March. The route took them to Elmira, Utica, Watertown, Auburn and Jamestown, before they headed into Pennsylvania and Ohio. The show was visited in Auburn, at the High School, sponsored by Elks Lodge No. 474, on March 30th.

The show marked the debut of **Athena Noelle Phillips**, who is the 15 month old daughter of **Don** and **Carol Phillips**. They have the unicycle juggling and bicycle acts and Athena went "three high" on the bicycle with her parents during the **Van Noys** number. Their oldest daughter, **Diana**, continues to work in the acts.

The show line-up was: **Don Phillips & Co.** (Don and Carol), unicycle balancing on a table; **Bradbury & Co.**, magic (Umbrella, bag, girl box, pigeon net, bird box, saw table and zig zag); **The Keppo Duo** (Iris and Tony) rolling globes and juggling; the **Gunga Girls**, acrobatic balancing; **Cyclemania** with the **Van Noys** (Don, Carol, Diana, Athena Noelle Phillips); comedy bicycles; **Floyd Bradbury**, balloon sculpturing and balloon pitch; **Intermission**; **The Boothroyds** (Iris and Tony Keppo), comedy trunk; **Sharon's** comedy chimps (Sharon and Jackie Vidbel); **Trapeze balancing** (Oler) **Miss Christina**; **Glass balancing** by **Billy Gunga**.

The show's staff includes: **Floyd Bradbury**, manager, announcer, organist; **Phil Oler**, drummer and **Don Phillips**, properties and H.M.

FUEL CRISIS (Continued)

The plan would be implemented and administered by the Department of Energy, as would all the conservation plans. However, the Department would delegate many of the enforcement and administration functions to the States on a cost reimbursable basis.

Section 521 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6391), referring in part to the contingency plans, provides as follows:

"To the maximum extent practicable, any restriction . . . on the use of energy shall be designed to be carried out in such a manner so as to be fair and create a reasonable distribution without imposing an unreasonable disproportionate share of such burden on any specific class of industry, business, or commercial enterprise of any individual segment thereof."

Further in this area of Congressional intent in Senate Resolution 281 which in part states:

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PEOPLE

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A TV pilot film "Here Comes The Circus" will be presented to CBS-TV affiliates at their convention in Los Angeles next month. If accepted it may go into immediate scheduling.

Some new strict laws regarding the handling and ownership of animals in Florida has been approved and will become law by the time this appears in print. (Details in next week's issue of CR).

A film of a Russian Circus was presented as a special matinee feature at a theatre in San Francisco on Easter Sunday.

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