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NEW SHOW ON HORIZON

It has been reported by generally reliable news sources that Arthur M. Wirtz & Associates are seriously planning to frame a major under canvas circus which will tour in 1980. The show will reportedly travel on rails and will be equipped to play buildings and arenas as well as under canvas engagements.

Wirtz is the owner of Ice Follies and the Holiday On Ice units. It was he and Jack Tavlin who purchased the Cole Bros. Circus in 1948 and revamped it to play major indoor arenas, ball parks and canvas dates. Wirtz and Tavlin are credited with having attracted the largest audiences ever for their show's engagement at the Chicago Stadium (which Wirtz owns along with the Chicago Blackhawks), and at New York's Yankee Stadium, where one performance drew over 37,000 paying patrons.

Wirtz reportedly has never forgotten the huge potential for a major circus, and on rails, framed both both indoor and outdoor dates - with the show train carrying equipment for either set-up. Additional news reports about the coming show and its plans are expected within the next several months.

It has also been reported that this new show will star a top name film or TV star. The Wirtz-Tavlin Cole Bros. Circus of 1950 featured Wm. Boyd "Hopalong Cassidy" who was riding the crest of a popularity wave with the rerunning of his Hoppy series on TV.

Circus veteran Jack Tavlin lives in Central Park West in New York City where he has amassed a fortune in recent years with his signboard displays. Many circus people have been employed by him and at one time he produced the Ringling-Barnum programs.

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Show Date

CIRCUS VARGAS

by Jim Swafford

Circus Vargas opened in the pouring rain at San Diego, Calif. on Jan. 5th and had rain throughout the engagement.

The program here featured: Harry Thomas, tigers; Jim Park, clown tiger chase; The Rolls Duo, cradle; The Burketts, hanging perch; Clowns in "Pumping Iron" with Mark Anthony, Jim Parker, Billy McCabe and a midget; Antonio, one finger stand; Mary Ruth and John Herriott, dressage horses; Miss Lydia, trapeze, Robin Madena, roman rings, Loreli, trapeze; Clowns with Snake Charming; The 8 Tangiers, tumblers; Horace & Moe, comedy gorilla; The Flying Lantonys; Miss Janet and her Samoyed Dogs; Mark Anthony and his tiny car; Mary Ruth and John Herriott, liberty horses; Sr. Antonio, head balancing trapeze; Los Gauchos, novelty act; The Albulet Bros. on high wire; Rex and Eva Williams, elephants.



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EUGENE A. NOCK, Jr., of the Nerveless Nocks, won second place at a recent "Mr. Teenage America" contest in Florida.

THE GREAT SEBASTIAN, human target who catches bullets in his teeth, was featured on the program at the Greater Tampa Showman's Assoc. New Year's Eve celebration.

JIM and MYRNA REGGIES worked concessions at the Sha Na Na Show at Sarasota's Roberts Arena on Jan. 24th.

LOS ARGENTINES, Gaucho Trio; DIETER TASSO, juggler; WES HARRISON, novelty act and SYD MOORE's "Mess O' Mutts" were featured at the big Sports Show in Anaheim, Calif., on Jan. 6-14.

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PEOPLE

LIPKO'S COMEDY CHIMPS are currently playing a series of Skating Arenas. Jerry reports he recently purchased a baby chimp from the Primate Center in Norman, Okla.

TAMARA GELTMAKER, of Tampa, Fla., and a bartender at the Victoria Station, has joined the Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit as a show dancer.

TOM PARISH, unicycle riding clown from Neodesha (Kans) has reportedly joined the Ringling Blue Unit for the 1979 season.

SPARKY (Donald Washburn) and **PHILLIPE** (Phil Shear) clowns, sold balloons at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., on New Years Day. Sparky will be touring with an illusion show this season.

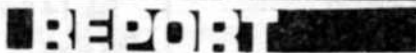
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Following the conclusion of the tour, which runs through next month, Bill Brickle, plus both Jack and Wilma Rench will jump into the southwest to join a west coast circus for the summer season.



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 23 Summerton
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 25 Tuberville
 26 Summerville
 27 Hanleyville
 29 Walterboro
 30 Kingtree
 31 Bowman
 Feb. 1 Holly Hill
 2 Summator
 3 Ehrhardt

Circus Atayde

to Feb. 6 Mexico City, Mex

Cole All Star TV Circus

Jan. 29 Towanda, Pa.
 30 Newark Valley, NY
 Feb. 1 Chenano Forks
 3 Conklin

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Jan. 30-31 Ft. Myers, Fla.
 Feb. 2-4 Lakeland

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Jan 31-Feb 4 Jacksonville,
 Fla.

Circus Vargas

Jan 26-29 W. Covina, Cal.
 30-Feb. 1 Pasadena
 Feb 2-6 Commerce

Blackstone Magic Show

Jan. 29 Charleston, S.C.
 30 Asheville, N.C.
 31 Greensboro
 Feb. 1 Johnson City, Tenn.
 2-3 Atlanta, Ga.

Bugs Bunny Follies

Feb. 1-4 Oakland, Calif.

Dog Show

Feb. 3-4 San Francisco, Cal.

Globetrotters

Jan. 30-31 Anaheim, Calif.

Holiday On Ice - Int'l

Jan 30-Feb 4 Greenville, SC

Holiday On Ice - Nat'l

Jan 25-Feb 4 Milwaukee, Wsc

Ice Capades - Cont'l

Jan 31-Feb 4 Johnstown, Pa

Ice Capades - Eastern

to Feb. 4 New York, NY

Ice Capades - Western

Jan 30-Feb 4 St. Paul, Minn

Ice Follies

Jan 30-Feb 5 Montreal, Can

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Feb. 1 Tacoma, Wash.
 4 Olympia

Lipko's Comedy Chimps

Feb. 1-3 Harrisburg, Pa.
 4 Crofton, Md.

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VICTOR JULIAN, who lost his dog costumes to fire (over \$6,000 worth) has had fabulous new, heavily rhinestoned dog-dresses made by IRIS KEPPO plus two new ballerina costumes made by the ELKINS SISTERS. The costumes are the most lavish Victor has ever used. Victor says he ran into problems trying to get the new wardrobe insured. In the future, however, wardrobe will be secured behind locked doors and a clause inserted in all contracts calls for the protection of an adequate dressing room to be furnished. I don't blame him. Fire officials in Fort Worth claim a cigarette tossed carelessly over the dressing room partition ignited the costumes; alleged to have happened fifteen minutes before show time, and not when the building was deserted. Neither Victor or others believe this theory. Thus the fire remains a mystery but deliberate arson is suspected.

CLIFF VARGAS flew to Venice to catch Ringling Red and praised the clown numbers in this year's show. As for Circus Vargas the entire show has been renovated with new seating and a new sound system. Wardrobe for the long awaited new tournament has been finished and is now in use. New acts other than those I've named in previous columns, include the LOS ARGENTINE GAUCHOS, the TANGIERS, an 8 person Arabian tumbling troupe, a Gorilla Parody and the MERRITT's cradle working in tandem with the BUR-KETTS.

SNAPSHOTS: The VASHEK DUO is Kenneywood Park's season curtain-raiser (set by BAUER-HALL, booking all acts at the park this year). . . CRAWFORD & GLORIA is an illusion novelty with unusual warmth and humor, performing tongue-in-cheek routines which impart a charming touch to their magic act. . . AERIAL ETTA bowed with new entrance wardrobe in Saginaw and has had an aluminum outdoor rigging built by WIRENGARD. . . Elephant acts and Flying acts at a premium this year, so look for a number of dates to lack one or the other, or both. . . One of my spies reports seeing MISS LONI in the Disney Holiday Parade in Orlando. . . Producers of CIRCUS AMERICA took the entire cast on a sight-seeing tour of Washington during their four day hiatus. . . The elephant "Reed" used by REX WILLIAMS has been castrated. . . Dame KATE HANNEFORD has been under the weather but is feeling better. . . LILLI-ANA to make the Kentucky Shrine dates for HUBLER. . . VASQUEZ FLYERS into Buffalo in April for the same show. . . KNOPS perch (outstanding) to make the HAMID-MORTON tour. . . FLYING LANES into St. Paul for that show. . . It looks favorable for a return of CIRCUS AMERICA to the Capitol Centre this Xmas. The new show, a one-ring format, was a success. How nice to report that a non-sponsored quality circus made it work. . . TOMMY

HANNEFORD riding act will this year feature 10 persons and are using new Russian-styled wardrobe. . . LOU ANN JACOBS terribly disheartened by not winning an award at Monte Carlo. Don't be, Lou Ann, appearing in that prestigious affair is honor enough. . . TOMMY BENTLEY and CHUCK CLANCY hosted a gala New Year's Eve party to which CLIFF VARGAS showed up as a surprise guest. . . The London Championships will be TV'd in March and "Side Show" the TV movie featuring Circus Vargas airs in early March.

For once editor Don Marcks must submerge his inherent modesty when it's revealed that HELEN WALLELLENDIA mailed a check for some advertising last year thanking people for donations for the KARL WALLELLENDIA room to be added to Showfolks. Don returned the check and ran the ad free, Helen donated the money to the Fund in Don's name and has asked me to publicly thank him for his kindness to her. Evidently there are delays with the new room and one hopes the room will be finished soon, since nobody worked harder for Showfolks than did the late KARL WALLELLENDIA. Incidentally, the new high wire act featuring RIETTA is closing with the chair pyramid using two bikes, more difficult than when the boys walk to carry shoulder bars. RICKEY WALLELLENDIA and PHILIP GIKAS are the understanders.

CAPSULE CINEMA: Fly to see SUPERMAN, better than "Star Wars" with incredible breath-taking special effects, marvelous photography and standout performances by America's new superman sex symbol CHRISTOPHER REEVES and MARGOT KIDDER as "Lois Lane". Kidder is a too-long neglected actress who finally comes into her own. The sequel "Superman II" has already been half-filmed.

ELIZABETH BAUER still talking about the surprise vacation husband JOE arranged last winter when he rented a charming Swiss Chalet in Switzerland next to ELIZABETH TAYLOR's magnificent Swiss retreat. Down the mountain from them were estates belonging to WILLIAM HOLDEN and the late CHARLES CHAPLIN. Elizabeth said they slept under thick eiderdown quilts and opened the windows to breathe pristine air. Upon awakening they felt and looked ten years younger (let's ALL head for Switzerland!).

The Venice premiere engagement of Ringling Red was a sellout; ditto the St. Petersburg engagement. NAGHTIN's BEARS have garnered heavy publicity with a major front page story in the Sarasota Herald raving about the beat act which makes its entrance in spotlights when Wally marches ELEVEN bears up the track. Act also received a color spread in the St. Petersburg press. The CANISTRELLIS are stopping the show with their fantastic trampoline act.

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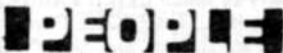
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JOHANN PETURSSON, retired circus giant (8'4") played the part of Santa Claus for a Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Greater Tampa Showman's Association.

CLARENCE "Hap" McGARTH, a circus drummer for 55 years now lives in Des Moines, Iowa. He worked for **RUSS DARR**, the Hubert Castle Circus, Circus Vargas and many other shows.

ADEN LOWRY, World's Tambourine Wizard, from Kansas, and a member of the Kansas Klowen Club, has just completed a "showman's vest" with 218 buttons. Lowry who has one of the largest button collections in the country plans to show off the vest at the National Clowns Convention in April. The back of the vest shows a tambourine, complete with the jingles.

MICKEY HADES, well-known publisher and dealer in magic, took time off for a three week tour of the Middle East over the Christmas holidays. He was featured with the Canadian All Star Revue which played in Germany, Cyprus, Israel and Egypt. The show carried 29 people, left Edmonton, Alberta., on Dec. 11th and returned on Jan. 5th.

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by **RICK O'HARA**

Having completed a 9½ month season on Dec. 24th, the Mother Goose Storybook Menagerie (Petting Zoo) had what was termed by owner Tom Wilds "a fantastic season." He went on to say, "we had little problem with help and weather hurt us on only two separate weekends."

Billed as America's most unique Petting Zoo, the Menagerie appears at major shopping centers and malls, both indoors and out, and a few selected fairs on the west coast.

"During the season," Wilds commented, "we experimented with an additional unit - a more conventional type petting zoo for strip centers and fairs." This unit was much more of a success than Wilds had anticipated. Appearing with this unit were the Bones Craig Performing Elephants and Elephant Rides - additional publicity and higher grosses resulted. The Craig Elephants, known on the West Coast as "Pachyderm Power" will be seen on both units in '79.

Improvements are being made on both petting zoo units at winterquarters in Jacksonville, Oregon. In addition, a third unit is being framed for some limited '79 appearances. Animal Actors Review, featuring movie and TV animal stars, and presented as a free show in a circus type format will make its debut in Sacramento (Calif) in May. The Craig elephants will compliment the show.

In conclusion, Wilds stated "we haven't closed the '78 books yet, but I can say that the past season much surpassed our best hopes." The '79 season, which opens in Medford (Ore) in April, is completely booked except for two weeks in the late fall. Two-thirds of the dates are repeats.



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by JACK NIBLETT

The British Circus season for 1978, lasting longer than usual with at least two tenting shows still out in early December, was a very mixed one. Business was "spotty" for the most part. But all our established circuses managed to make the grade. There was one casualty, Davey's International, a new circus which plagued by troubles had a season of three weeks only. However, the owner of this show has announced that, profiting by his mistakes he will definitely be back on the road in 1979.

Two circuses, Hoffman's and Gerry Cottle's Red Unit probably had the most successful season, playing mostly in the North and in Scotland. Cottle's Circus made history by showing in the Orkney Islands, a venue never before visited by a major circus. Gerry Cottle also had circus units visiting Iceland and Iran for short stands.

The Blackpool Tower Circus was a strong bill had a very successful season, as did Britain's only other permanent circus building, the Great Yarmouth Hippodrome. At the end of the season the Hippodrome was sold, and there were grave fears that this charming old building would never be used again as a circus. However, fortunately, the new owner has expressed

his every intention to carry-on the fine old circus tradition; a decision hailed with joy by artists and fans.

A new show, Sally Chipperfield's, an off-shoot of the parent Chipperfield Circus, with a modest but entertaining, program made a very successful debut in '78, and has plans for further developments in 1979.

A large and costly circus, held in the enormous Conference Hall, the Brighton Centre, for six weeks, promoted by Madison Square Garden Productions, Inc., and Cyril Bertram Mills, failed to draw the crowds and while the program was praised the show was a disastrous flop. The Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show from the U.S.A., visited London for a two week season, but this show too did not draw the crowds as hoped for.

The Circus World Championships held in London under canvas during December was a great success and seems to have consolidated its position as a major international event. Competing artists came from the U.S.A., Mexico, Germany, South Africa, France and other countries, and the rivalries though friendly enough, generated terrific enthusiasm among the huge audiences.

There are more Christmas circuses in Britain this year than ever before. Most of them are staged in buildings but two are risking the English winter under canvas — Hoffman's at Birmingham, and Gerry Cottle's at the Alexandra Palace Gardens, London.

Incurable optimists that they are, our British shows are all promising to be out again in 1979. At least one big new show with a well-known English circus family name is announced; and there will also be a big welcome from the Fans for the Billy Smart Circus who plan a three month stand under their massive big top in Battersea Park, London, after an absence of seven years from the travelling circus scene.

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PEOPLE

EDDIE HOWE, former Ringling and Cole Bros. press agent, has been on the road doing advance work for the Columbia picture "Midnight Express" which Eddie says is "a winner and sure to win several Academy Awards this year." Due to his work Eddie had to cancel plans to visit his brother who is a Marine Col. at the base in Rota, Spain.

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The show will close its 127 city tour on March 25th at Santa Barbara, Calif. Then will reopen 8 weeks later with an all new program.

Bookings are now set through 1981, with a scheduled run on Broadway at the Winter Garden's Theatre, a tour of Europe and several TV specials for Home Box Office showings.



BILL KORMPATES set the following acts for the New Year's Eve program at the St. Petersburg, Fla., Coliseum. The CYCLING BERTINIS, ERIK ADAMS with dogs/chimps; DON GIAVANNI (Tino Zoppe Wallenda) high lamp post and the CAVANAUGH DUO (Paul and Barbara MacCausland) aerialists.

MERLE EVANS was honored at a reception held at the Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota on Jan. 21. Merle was named a "Sarasota Circus Celebrity."

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ACTS

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IN MEMORIAM

EMMA CRISTIANI (92), known as "Mama" died at Sarasota, Fla., early this month. She was born into a circus family in Modena, Italy, where her father operated the Nottari Circus. Her husband, Ernesto, who died five years ago, was also an Italian circus performer.

During her performing years she appeared as an aerialist, but the family was best known for its riding act. Members of the family participated in a variety of circus acts.

The Cristianis came to the U. S. in the mid-1930's to join Ringling-Barnum and in 1949 formed their own circus which was on the road for 18 years. John Ringling North was a personal friend and frequently dined with them after their performances.

Survivors include several children, plus 27 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren, many of whom are circus performers.

THE FLYING PADILLAS are expected to join Circus Vargas for the 1979 tour, as are the CARLOS TWINS and three HERRIOTT GIRLS along with 10 horses.

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CIRCUS VARGAS

by Donald Young (Poco)

It was the first day of Southern California's annual rainy season - but more importantly Jan. 5th marked the opening of the 1979 tented circus season in this part of the country. Circus Vargas, in true circus style, opened its season with an exceptional show, over coming an array of problems. Of all the problems confronting a center's opening day, only one could have been discernable to the audience - the protruding of nine full size trees within the big top.

As always, Circus Vargas presented a fine performance. Cliff Vargas was visibly on hand throughout the performance helping in every detail from opening ceremonies to setting props.

Also, in true circus tradition, I noted both Tommy Bentley and Chuck Clancy, of Bentley Bros. Circus, were there helping with props and rigging, gladly lending a hand where ever they could. Other visitors included Bob Dunham, Ralph Horton, Harry Jenkins, Slim Lewis, Gene McDonald, Jo McMillan, Bill Rice, Jim Swafford, Wally Ross and Sandy Strong.

Mr. Vargas has always done much to elevate the quality and reputation of the American circus and I, for one, sincerely wish him another fine season as one of this country's outstanding showmen.

Talent

An advance report on the program for the upcoming Hamid-Morton Circus tour indicates the following acts have been set: the Hawthorn tigers; Phillips Canine Revue; Don Anderson's Horses; Mr. Ron, juggling; The Knops, double perch; Joe Horworth, chimp act; Miss Sophia, web; Joe Phillips and the dancing horse 'Golden Mist'; Les Maerk Flyers; the Cuneo Elephant and tiger; Rianos Duo, wire; Eugene and Aurelia; the Jabcyinski Troupe, teeterboard; the Cuneo elephants; Nerveless Nocks, sway poles, plus several clowns. Earl Michels will be the show's announcer/ringmaster, and the Sensational Leighs will join the show for its dates at Oklahoma City and St. Paul.

PEOPLE

THE CAVANAUGH DUO, aerialists, were featured at the Greater Tampa Showman's Club's "Night At the Dog Track" on Dec. 12th.

PATRICK O'BRIEN, known as "Captain Dynamite" has been signed for appearances at five Major and Minor league baseball games this year. He will be presenting his "Coffin of Death" act

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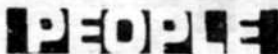
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THE KLEMENTIS, bicycle act; **ELEK SEBESTIAN** and his Poodles, plus **DIETO**, juggler are featured in a revue at the Hotel Jaragua in Santo Domingo. The show's finale has 52 people on stage.

HAPPY and **KARIN DAVIS**, and **MARGARET STEWART** visited the Ringling Red Unit and the **CANISTRELLI** Family at St. Petersburg, Fla.

FRANCARRO & ESTRELETA, aerialists, were among those appearing in the Shrine Circus at Saginaw, Mich.

MATHEW and **MICHAEL HOUBRICK**, of Spokane, Wash., are the only twins to have ever been enrolled in the Ringling Clown College.

KEN "Turtle" BENSON, who is currently with the Zoo at Monroe, La., will tour with Circus Genoa this season. In addition to handling several acts he will be the show's equestrian director.

F. BEVERLY KELLEY, former Ringling-Barnum Press and Publicity Director, now lives in St. Louis and will soon be out in front of a major Broadway touring show.

GENE LYNCH, who had the Yellow Ticket Wagon on RBBB for many years and later handled novelties on that show now lives in Sarasota with his wife,

DESPI. Gene is the bartender at the Sarasota Elks Club.

JAMES "Jim" RISON, a veteran circus promoter now lives in Clearwater, Fla., with his wife **CLEO**. They have a new home and Jim continues to keep active handling promotion for a variety of Shrine Circus dates.

JOHN HERRIOTT and family have been getting plenty of good press reports for their outstanding acts now with Circus Vargas.

GEORGE "Red" WHITE, former RBBB side show manager, and his wife **BARBARA**, a former circus girl, have moved from Las Vegas to Reseda, Calif.

ROMAN SCHMITT has completed training two Asian and one African elephant for his new act. He plans to add more elephants in the future. This season he will be working dates for Bill Kay, Hubert Castle and George Hubler.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

KENNETH AND IRVIN FELD bought out the Venice Theatre premiere of **SUPERMAN** as a Christmas present for the entire cast of Ringling Red. They wish to thank the gentlemen via this column - T's done!
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In Memoriam

ROBERT C. KING (71), of Richmond, Ind., died suddenly on Dec. 27th. He was a 25 year member of the Showman's League of America and also belonged to the CMB and CFA. He was a charter member of the Cheerful Gardner Tent No. 107, Indianapolis and the Bob and Mary Jo Couls Tent No. 123, as well as Historical Lecturer for the Harold Barnes Tent No. 110, of Springfield, Ohio.

Bob was a retired printer and used to print material for both circuses and carnivals. At one time he served as a billposter for several shows.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes, a daughter, Ann Fox and two grandchildren.

IOLIA WATERBURY, mother of Paul V. Kaye and a friend of many circus people, died in Hollywood, Calif., on Jan. 15th. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hollywood Hills, Calif.

SPECIAL

Annual Memorial Services will be held for the Greater Tampa Showman's Club on Feb. 11th. Bill Kormpates, the club's Chaplain will give the Eulogy. Others taking part in the service will be: Monsignor McCarthy, with the Invocation, Ronald A. Turton, from Virginia, will give the sermon, while Dr. Rev. Milt F. Kaufman (Goodings Million Dollar Midway) will offer the Benediction.

Miscellaneous

A phone call from the Gatti Show office says "no one using the name Ian MacIntyre ever worked for this circus."

The elephant Cora, a female at the Acton (Calif) wild animal ranch operated by Tippi and Noel Marshall, was badly beaten by her mate, Timbo. Sixty men using pulleys managed to get her back to her feet and quick aid by a vet will save the animal.

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by MIKE NAUGHTON

Illusionist Dorian Blake is sporting a new 28 foot Fleetwood trailer . . . This summer Al and Joyce Vidbel will return to the Catskill Game Farm in upstate New York with their elephant and pony acts . . . Pat Bissonette's CB handle is 'SnowScout,' since he moved to sunny Minnesota.

Juggling dynamo Lottie Brunn will spot date in '79 . . . Clown Middy Streeter returned as Santa to Macy's Herald Square . . . Balancing sensation Bob Good is slated to work Eastern spot dates this summer . . . Frank Hannon, The Maine Clown, has rebuilt his 'Ha-Mony Piano,' which will be featured on fair dates this season.

Mike Naughton remodeled some headdresses for Janice Blake, when the Blakes visited the Naughtons in the Catskill Mountains . . . Tiny Phillips reports the Felix Adler Tent CFA held its Christmas Party at Al and Maxine House's home in early December. Some 30 members attended the affair . . . Linda Chandler was so overwhelmed with the Treasures of King Tut exhibit in New York City, that she is considering revising the Egyptian theme for her trapeze display, that she featured a few years ago . . . Ringling-Barnum will be the first event of the new Glens Falls (NY) civic center when it opens in late May.

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Show people attending Christmas dinner at the home of Jim and Kathleen Davis and Clara Stevens, were Ralph and Naomi Carpenter, John and Janet Howard, Wes Barton, Neil Franzen, Gary Hern and Jimmy Kernan.

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The final line-up of North American acts participating in the upcoming Australian tour of the Evel Knievel Thrill Spectacular has been confirmed. Jim Lawrence, vice president of Amusement Enterprises of Houston, Texas, producer of the program said that 13 Americans have been contracted and 10 from Mexico City to complement the 12 Australian and one act from Denmark.

The 42 city tour of Australia headlined by stuntman Evel Knievel opens Feb. 21st in Orange, NSW, 100 miles west of Sydney. Lawrence revealed that several American acts previously announced had been cancelled. "We were unable to clear Dave Merrifield's Helicopter Trapeze act with the Australian authorities," Lawrence said. "And Bob Atterbury's 'Rocket Car' and Rex Young's Comedy Car both dropped out because of what they felt was too rigorous a schedule of one-nighters." Signed to replace them were "The Los Hunos" precision and acrobatic motorcycle team from Mexico City. It features five men and five women from the Mexico City police and transit departments performing acrobatic stunts on moving motorcycles. Happy and Karen Davis have been signed to handle the clown work for the 9 week tour.

Lawrence also announced that the "Loop of Death" that has been developed by his associate, Bill Siros of Houston, completed a successful test run with rider Charles Queen of Sterling, Ill. "We perfected it one day before we put it on a boat for Australia," said Lawrence.

Mailroom

The mailman brought mail addressed to the following people this past week. The Post Office says they are unable to deliver it as addressed:

Tom Hamil	Donald R. Strong
James Lester	Frank E. Powell
Joseph Paonessa	Terry Kirwald Russell
Philip H. Estes	

In Memoriam

PETER D. ROBERTS (89) a retired circus clown and member of AGVA, died Jan. 6th at Tampa, Fla. Survivors include his wife, Frances, and sons, David and John of Tampa, and Frank and Joseph of Brooklyn, NY.

MAIL BAG

I would like to advise all animal acts that they must have a permit to travel through the state of Georgia, as well as New Jersey. Also a \$50 license is required to play in Georgia and I have been told there are no exceptions by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The fee is \$100 for a full year.

Also in Florida they require a license which costs \$5.00, or \$10.00 for a full year.

Col. Jerry Lipko

Can any of your readers provide me with the answer to two questions I have?

1 - What became of the movie "Ring of Fear" which featured Clyde Beatty? It seems to have just disappeared after being around in the 1960's.

2 - Whatever happened to the Chewing Gum Miniature Circus units that were around in the 1930's? They were mounted on a glass enclosed truck and were mechanically operated.

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HAL HAVILAND writes that he would like to see some scientist harness the bureaucratic hot air coming from Washington as a means of ending the current energy shortages.

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