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# MICHIGAN GETS TOUGH

The Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act signed into law on July 20, 1975, by Michigan's governor will go into effect on Oct. 15th. The rules and provisions of the new law are to be enforced by the state's Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and his staff.

Previously exempt organizations must now adhere to the new law. Anyone who is or plans to conduct fund raising drives within the State of Michigan must obtain a license and post a bond.

The new law requires that financial disclosures be made known before a license is issued. Not more than 30% of the funds received can be retained for the promotional activities. The remaining 70% must go to the charitable institution, to be used by them entirely for the purpose for which the funds were raised.

The new law will also govern the solicitation of funds from

any roadway or public highway.

Under the law all professional fund raisers and/or solicitors whom they engage must first identify themselves to the potential buyer, then the solicitor is required to give his license number, tell who they are working for and what the percentages are. They must also give the organizations license number prior to make their sales pitch.

## HAMID QUILTS PIER

Early this month Geroge A. Hamid, Jr. relinquished his job as manager of Atlantic City's Steel Pier, bringing to a close his 31 years association as the manager and owner of the pier. His family started booking acts for the pier in 1928, and in 1945 his late father bought the entertainment complex.

Hamid sold the pier to the proprietors of the Million Dollar Pier and the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge for \$1 million in 1973. Under terms of that lease Hamid is still manager of the Steel Pier until Oct. 1st.

Hamid will continue to operate his Center and Hollywood Theatres in Atlantic City and plans to maintain his circus offices there. He will continue to run the New Jersey State Fair at Trenton, of which he is president; the Trenton Int'l Speedway and the Greensboro(NC) Agricultural Fair, which his father started in 1934.

## PEOPLE

DICK CROSS, organist, joined the Happytime Circus for its Sept. 20-21 date at Newark, Cal.

JAY TROY, son of JIMMY TROY (aerialist) is in charge of student recruitment at the College of Idaho.

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## SHOWMAN DIES

A report received at press time indicates that Mrs. Emma Duke and her neice Jane R. Ratcliff were shot and killed by a 32 year old circus employee at the Fisher Bros. quarters in Donna, Texas, on Sept. 10th.

Emma's husband, Raymond, works advance for the circus.

No additional details are immediately available.

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# Season's Tour Was OK

In a recent AB report it was noted that attendance at Garden Bros. Circus in Regina was slim, but show manager Ray Foley called it a financially sound date. "Our expenses were paid before we came in," he said, "and the Kiwanis Club and the circus will both make money."

The show was the third circus to play Regina this year and gave two performances on Aug. 28th. The advance sale of tickets was said to be ahead of last year with family tickets, for five, priced at \$9.90. Admission prices at the door were \$2.00 for the children and \$4.00 for adults.

According to Foley the season had been an up and down one, but good overall. High gas prices, he noted, had an adverse effect on profits. The show averaged five dates a week for its 1975 tour and was signing repeat engagements all along the route.

On the whole, Foley, reported, business was up slightly from that of last year, particularly in Western Canada. However it was often evident that people were no longer free with their spending.

The program which ran just over two hours was well staged and fast moving. Musical numbers were provided by Leo Mascitto on a Cordovox and Michael Derval on drums. Clowns included Roger Prystanski and Robert Giordano.

The program featured:-

Tajana - lions and tigers  
Winn Bros. - inclined wire walk  
The Clowns - cannon number  
Irisa - juggling/acrobat  
The Four Jewels - juggling

Tommy's Basketball Dogs  
The Clowns - At the dentist  
Aerial Ballet display  
Satani Demon - fire/sword act  
Hanneford Family Riding Act  
-- Intermission --  
The Martel Trio - un-sup.ladders  
The Keppos - unsupported ladders  
Clowns - The Sharpshooter  
The Young Troupe - teeterboard  
Miss Carlotta - slide for life  
Marinka Redalescu - high trapeze  
Remo Cristiani's elephants  
Tommy Hanneford - elephants  
The Astros - Aerial motorcycle

The show staff includes:

Ian M. Garden - pres./producer  
B. Elliott Abells - gen. mgr.  
Paul Dempster - contracting mgr  
Treva Bachand - contracting agt  
Shirley McMullen - office manage  
Myra Thomson - executive sect.  
Ray Foley - circus manager  
Nick Makos - ring master  
Leo Mascitto - musical director  
Frank Dailey - superintendent  
Ron Morris - concessions mgr  
Jackie Burke - electrician  
Francoise Jules - wardrobe

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# ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo  
Oct. 1-15 Anaheim, Calif.

Al Sihah Shrine Circus  
Oct. 3-5 Macon, Ga.

Arabia Shrine Circus  
Sep. 30-Oct 12 Houston, Tx

Beatty-Cole Circus  
Sep. 29 Albany, Ga.  
30 Valdosta  
Oct. 1 Gainesville, Fla  
2 Tallahassee  
3-4 Pensacola  
5 Minette, Ala.

Circus Vargas  
Sep 30-Oct 2 N.Haven, Conn  
Oct. 3-4 Wilmington, Del

Diamond S. Rodeo  
Sep. 29 Monticello, Ky.

Dr. Pepper Circus  
Oct. 3-18 Dallas, Texas

El Maida Shrine Circus  
Sep. 30 El Paso, Texas

Hanneford Family Circus  
Sep. 30 Batesville, Miss.  
Oct. 2 McGehee, Ark.  
4-5 Bastrop, La.

Happytime Circus  
to Oct. 4 Bakersfield, Ca

Hoxie Bros. Circus  
Sep 29-30 Rockville, Md.  
Oct. 1 Manassas, Va.  
2 Harrisburg  
3 Clifton Forge  
4 Bedford

Wm. Kay Circus  
Oct. 3-5 Orlando, Fla.

King Bros. Circus  
Sep. 30 Waynesville, N.C.  
31 Sylva  
Oct. 1 Bryson City  
2 Clayton, Ga.  
4 Forest Park  
5 Newman

La Torre's Animals  
Sep 30-Oct 5 Waco, Texas

Lewis Bros. Circus  
Sep 29 Aston Twp. Pa.  
Oct. 2 Front Royal, Va.  
3 Marshall  
4 Luray  
-- End of Tour --

Panamerican Circus  
Sep 26-Oct 5 New York, NY

Polack Bros. Circus  
Oct. 4-5 Camp Lejeune, NC

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit  
to Oct. 5 Detroit, Mich

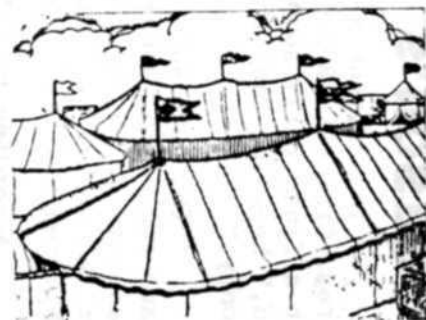
Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit  
Oct 1-27 Chicago, Ill.

Royal Bros. Circus  
Sep 29 Consert, Alta  
30 Corenation  
-- End of Tour --

Royal Palace Circus  
Sep 30-Oct 3 Mesquite, Tx

John Strong Circus  
Sep 30 Lakeport, Calif.  
Oct 1 Ukiah  
2 Willits  
4 Napa  
5-6 Santa Clara

Wallace & Rogers Circus  
Oct 4-5 Milpitas, Calif.



## PEOPLE

THE TABAKS, rotating perch act and sword balance, is touring on the Texas Shrine dates.

FRED PFENING, Jr., is looking for information about Igor Romero who presented the Capt. Sputnik cannon act with the Hamid-Morton Circus in 1960. Write him at: 2515 Dorset Road, Columbus, Ohio - 43221.

COL. SEABRIGHT, swaypole act, will be at the Oct. 7-12 Fresno (Calif.) Fair.

THE GUTIS FAMILY will be appearing with the Dr. Pepper Circus at the Dallas (Tex.) Fair

PABLO NOEL, lion trainer, is currently touring with Circus Americano in Italy. He was with Ringling-Barnum in 1973.

SIEGFRID & ROY, illusionists, were featured on HOWARD COSELL's TV Variety Show on Saturday, Sept. 20th.

JOHN CUNEO plans to take his animals to Mexico City over

## ROUTES

American Freedom Train

Sep. 30 Casper, Wyoming

Oct. 3 Billings, Montana

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit

Sep 29-Oct 4 Warner Robins, Ga

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit

Sep 29-Oct 4 Laurel, Miss

James H. Drew Shows

Sep 29-Oct 4 Cartersville, Ga

Foley & Burk Shows

to Oct 4 Bakersfield, Calif.

Ice Capades

to Sep 30 Bakersfield, Calif

to Oct 5 Richfield, Ohio

Rose City Rides

Sep 29-Oct 4 Bernie, Mo.

Southeastern Fair

Sep 30-Oct 5 Atlanta, Ga.

the Christmas holidays for the Circo Atayde performances.

JOSEPH BAUER produced his own circus for the Michigan State Fair (Aug. 22-Sept. 1)

# STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

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# G-M Plays Ohio Dates

For the fourth consecutive year the George-Matthews Circus came into Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (Sept. 11) and played on the same concrete parking lot of a local shopping center. The circus arrived here after a layoff, which some said was the result of the show having caught up with its contracting agents.

Despite some rain and unseasonal chill the show did good business and looked good on the lot. This was the first tented circus to play the general Akron area this year and they set a record with ten performances. Both newspaper and TV were used to let people know the circus was in town.

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## SAWDUST TRAIL

Do-Do, the Clown, will do advance work for the Hanneford Family Circus in Arkansas and Louisiana.

Tito Gaona, of RBBB's Blue Unit, fell during the Sept. 14th

The performance was a bit slim, but the acts were excellent and well costumed, as was the red-blazered band. Impeccably dressed Ed Russell continues as the show's ringmaster.

Appearing in the program were Senor Pauncho and his wife Cindy with lions and elephants; the Fullbrights, horses and ponies; Ivan Henry, chimps; Herbie Weber, slide for life and tight wire; Maurice Basco, juggler and Prince Navjez on the could swing.

Visiting here on the show were Bert and Marie Pettus, well known elephant trainers, who had dropped by to take their grandchildren (Fulbright) back to school. The Fulbrights will take their horse acts to the Polack Circus at the conclusion of the G-M tour.

..... Murray Powers

matinee show and bounced out of the net onto the concrete floor. He was rushed to a hospital and no immediate report concerning his injuries was available.

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# "Well Worth Seeing"

.... by PAUL HORSMAN

Everyone doubles and works together nicely, thus making the Int'l All Star Circus a smooth operation and a show that is "well worth seeing." When we visited the show it was at Auburn, NY (Sept. 8) where the show was presented in a high school gym, using seats on one end.



They put up an attractive gold backdrop curtain which runs across the width of the gym. In the center is a red entrance curtain and all acts and props stay behind the huge backdrop until it is their time to enter the performing area. They use a lot of props and all props and equipment looks neat and clean.

Tapes of old-time circus music are played as the au-

dience is being seated. They also carry a three piece band to provide music throughout the actual performance.

The unit is managed by Hines Rucker who also works his leopard, presents the magical portion of the show and handles the announcing chores. In addition to helping in the magical illusions, Patti Rucker also does a foot juggling act and handles the novelty stand.

Other acts include Terry O'Brien, slack wire and juggling Randy's dogs; Randon's chimps; Mike Rice's elephant; the clowns Popcorn and Butter, plus a single and double trapeze act, tumbling number, and stilt walker (Craig Carlson).

This is certainly a well organized show traveling on about eight vehicles, one of which is

## Fair Date

A total of 20 performances was presented at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis (Tenn.) by the Olympic Int'l Circus on Sept. 19-27. The annual date was again sponsored by Coca Cola and Mc Donalds.

Featured in the program at the fair were:-

The Lucky Bros. - knockabout  
Rucker's Canine Review  
Gala Shawn - single trapeze  
Carden-Johnson's elephants  
The Great Santos - wire act  
The Flying Larrays - flying act  
Amandis Troupe - teeterboard  
Great Parker - breakaway pole  
Lucky Larabee - ringmaster

Clowns included: Tom Phelps  
Jerry Walter and Ronald McDonald

show-owned and carries all the equipment.

This is the same show that played at Circus Towne, in Twin Mountain, N.H. in 1973 and 1974.

## Show Acts

Acts appearing at the "Old Chicago Mall" between Sept. 8th and Sept. 26th were:

Saul Shafton, The Kelly's, The Crazy Sailors, Mr. Bell, Loreli, The Walters, Joyce Rice Burkett Silver Satalite, Rosell Troupe, Mario Alberti, Antonnucci's chimps, Bobby-Jane Duo, Ms April, Venio Venito, The Lang Family and Arturo Segura.

Others appearing at the mall were: Stagg McMann, Ernie Johnson, Pearl, Cleo, Tony & Chris, Ken Benge, Arwood's dogs and Sally Rand.

## FALSE ARREST

An office worker has filed a \$2 million damage suit in a false arrest case at Colorado Springs (Colo.). Mrs. Lucille Moore charges she suffered humiliation and emotional trauma when she was arrested and charged with false advertising charges.

The arrest occurred on Apr. 5, 1974, when the District Attorney's Consumer Affairs Unit raided a telephone fund raising operation in that city. Mrs. Moore, who worked in a nearby office, was arrested, booked and charged.

In her suit Mrs. Moore says her initial attempt to clear her name were of no avail. When it was discovered that she was not

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a part of the phone operation the charges were dropped. Last October the District Attorney made a public statement in the local paper admitting the arrest was a mistake.



The above picture was taken in Denver, Colo., in August of 1925 when the Sells Floto Circus was playing in that city.



*GENERAL PARK A. FINDLEY, who was with Tom Mix in Spanish-American War and also associated with him on 101 Ranch Wild West; Mix, star of Sells-Floto; Jacob A. Wagner, past president of Circus Fans' Association, and Dr. Charles Ryan, chairman of Iowa Ringling Top No. 1, snapped at Des Moines, Ia., when Sells-Floto played there.*

# Liger Cubs Die

The last of three "liger" cubs born at Osaka, Japan (Tennoji Zoo) died last week after living for a week. All three cubs were born prematurely and weighed just over 1 lb each.

The cubs were born to the tigress "Tama" and the lion "Takeo" who have shared the same cage almost from the time they were born in hopes they would raise a litter of ligers.

Three world zoos had ligers before World War II and the Salt Lake City zoo produced a liger in 1948 that lived for 24 years.

Three leopons - a cross between a lion and leopard - are currently a feature attraction at the Hanshin Zoo in Nishinomiya, Japan, about six miles from Osaka. One of the animals is 16 years old.

## In Memoriam

LYMAN SHELDON a show business graphic artist and ardent circus fan and collector, died Aug. 28 at Los Angeles, Calif., after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Lucille.

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## PEOPLE

GAYLORD MAYNARD and booker JIMMY HETZER are planning to put out the "Tex Maynard, Jr., Wild West Show."

TONY STEELE (flyer) is expected to return to the U.S. when he winds up his tour with the Blackpool Tower Circus on Oct. 11th.

HARRY REICHENBACH, press agent with the old Barnum & Bailey Circus is credited with being the first full-time publicity man working for the movies.

## Miscellaneous

The El Zaribah Shrine Circus at Phoenix, Ariz., held a parade in that city on Sep. 25.

Blue Ribbon Circus, of Mexico, was drenched by 5" of rain in one hour on Sunday, Sep. 14th as the result of a cloudburst.

Ringling-Barnum's Blue Unit had to buy some 1,000 additional feet of cable, etc., to rig the show for its date at the Super Dome in New Orleans.



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# RINGLING BROS. - BARNUM & BAILEY

After a 995 mile jump from Fresno, the RBBB Red Unit arrived in Seattle at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 9th. This year the train is painted silver and has plastic lettering calling attention to the special bicentennial edition.

The show train includes 7 flat cars (#20-24 and 28-29); one bi-level car (25); two tunnel cars (26-27); four stock cars (30-33) with car #59 in this group; plus 21 coaches (40-59).

At Anaheim a NYC pullman (#500) was added to the train. Painted silver it has the show's name, painted with black stencil work on both ends.

New this year is a snack stand wagon (49) which serves show personnel. The Blue unit has a similar wagon. The show's meat wagon is now #8, while the two concession wagons, added last year, are #47 and 48. The show's bus continues to travel aboard the train.

The 26 former UP cars added in 1973 are now in their 3rd year and include ten former baggage cars and are numbered 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 45, 46, 54 and 59. Car #45 is now the pie car, while cars 46 and 54 carry the air-conditioning system for the train. Car #30 carries the air-conditing units for the stock car units. Cars 45, 46 and 54 have been remodeled and it takes a close examination to reveal that they were formerly baggage cars.

This was the 7th year the circus was sponsored by the Nile

Shrine Temple and they get almost no credit in the advertising. The Seattle Post Intelligencer sponsored the opening night performance, and used several display ads. Except for about a dozen billboards and a few litho displays at ticket outlets the show did not advertise their Seattle engagement.

On Sept. 12th, Gunther Gebel-Williams celebrated his 40th birthday and was presented with a 566 lb cake in the shape of a tiger. This event was well covered by the local press and TV.

Several performers did not work during the Seattle engagement. Wire walker Philippe Petit was in New Orleans, with the Blue Unit. Other performers not seen in the program were the Dimitrovs, the Petrovs and the Lillianas. Aerialist Victoria Unus worked her "La Toria" act, but did not appear elsewhere in the show.

..... Mike Sporrer

# Circus Fan Honored

Circus fans Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen were honored by the Hanneford Family Circus when the show played New Madrid (Mo.) on Sept. 18th.

Just immediately before the performance started ringmaster Al Dawley introduced the special guests and then called them down into the circus ring. There Mrs. Allen was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Earl was presented with a certificate, signed by George and Vickie Hanneford, proclaiming him "Honorary Ringmaster" for the day.

The circus, reports Allen, makes a good appearance on the lot with its blue and white top (80 with two 40's). Only one of the center sections were used at this stand, but in large cities both middles are used.

Ring curbs are nicely painted and a red carpet covers the ring area. To sum it all up, Allen said, "it is a delightful and entertaining performance." They have some good clown numbers and ringmaster Al Dawley keeps everything running smoothly and fast.

Among the acts on the show are: "Cinderella on Horseback", Catherine Hanneford; Joe Casstevens & Co., trampoline; Princess Morning Star, trapeze; Scott's Unrideable Mule; George Hanneford elephants; Windsor, the Educated pony; Johnny Medro, juggling; Scott's Boxer Dogs; and the Hanneford Riding Act of six people including 6 yr. old George Hanneford III.

## PEOPLE

ROBIN MARIE HORTON, daughter of RALPH and DORIS HORTON, of San Diego, and MIGUEL MORAZ were married in the tent of the Ribbon Star Circus in Mexico on Sept. 27th. He is a catcher in the flying act and she does a cloud swing number.

COUNT VICTOR SANGER, of Australia, is planning to add animal and other acts to his 1976 Circus Sanger program.

HARRY JENKINS, JR. and Miss JACKIE MITCHELL (clowns) recently announced their engagement. No wedding date has been set.

LOU JACOBS will go to the Clown College as a teacher after RBBB's Red Unit date in Chicago (Oct. 1-27).

STEVE FANNING former elephant man on several shows now operates a pony ride on the big Strates Show.

TERRY SQUIRES, organist on Royal Wild West Circus, visited the Int'l All Star Circus at Auburn, N.Y. on Sept. 8th.



## Fraud Charges Filed

A suit recently filed in Superior Court at Tucson (Ariz.) charges a local organization and a California promoter used "the vast majority" of proceeds from a fund raising drive for promotion and production costs rather than for charity.

The suit charges that a circus produced in Tucson was falsely called a charitable enterprise. It also charges that the promotion claimed it's operation had the approval of the Tucson Fund Raising Review Board, when no such approval was given.

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### ATTENTION

The Circus Memories Museum will discontinue their operation in Fryeburg, Maine, at the end of the year, when they will move into the Auburn, N.Y. area. Property has already been purchased and an announcement regarding future operations will be made in Circus Report at a later date

In the meantime the Museum will continue to be in full operation at Fryeburg until the end of 1975, and all circus enthusiasts and showfolks are welcome to visit during that time.

The suit, filed by the County Attorney, stated that a total of \$22,600 was raised as a result of the promotion, but only \$1,290 went to the local charitable organization.

The promotion was sponsored by a Masonic Grotto, a group said to be a fellowship organization that raises funds for various charitable groups.

The suit states that 85% of the gross receipts went for promotion activities. The Fund Raising Review Board sets a limit of 15% for promotional costs of charitable drives that it recommends.

The suit asks \$5,000 in civil penalties for each violation of the consumer fraud act, and a permanent injunction against engaging in "false, misleading and deceptive practices."

#### GARDEN BROS. (Continued)

Jack Molinary - prop supt.  
William Smith - rigger  
Remo Cristiani - animal supt.  
Jack Morris - transportation  
Doe Doe the Magic Clown - advan.