



7th Year

January 30, 1978

Number 5

Roof Falls In

Three years ago a sell-out crowd of 10,507 jammed into the Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center to celebrate the opening of this new show place arena. On Jan. 18th sports fans were lucky not to be inside when winter storms devastated the huge building.

Just five hours after a crowd of 5,000 people left the building, after attending a College basketball double-header, the roof collapsed. Tons of snow, steel and concrete fell in on the seating area and arena floor.

Ironically, Jeanne Dixon, a regular headliner in the National Enquirer, reportedly predicted that the opening night hockey game at the arena would become a mass funeral when the roof caved in. Fortunately, her prediction was a little off, timing wise.

During the past three years patrons at the arena, viewing its modern styling, have often wondered what held up the roof. One of the building's attractions was its amazing ceiling.

The accident has left the New England Whalers, hockey team, without a home rink. They are expected to move into the slightly smaller arena at nearby Springfield, Mass.

"We absolutely will not move out," says hockey club official Howard Baldwin.

Local officials viewing the rubble said it will be about two years before the arena is rebuilt and ready for use once again.

Show's Broke

A plea for involuntary dissolution was filed late last month by the North American Operating Co., of East Berlin, Pa., in an Adams County bankruptcy court. Judge John A. Mac Phail appointed Attorney G. Henry Seaks as receiver for the corporation.

According to the petition, the corporation which operates the student-staffed Circus Kirk "is insolvent . . . and because of deterioration of equipment and facilities, it is no longer capable of accomplishing the objects of the corporation."

The petition further states that the continued "operation of the corporation and use of corporate assets will result in waste and be adverse to the interest of the corporation, its stockholders and the creditors of the corporation."

Assets of the North American Operating Co., are listed at approximately \$10,000, while debts are estimated to exceed \$100,000.

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A REVIEW

by Tony Conway

In "Logistics of the American Circus" author Joe McKennon covers the working end of the circus. Told in a matter-of-fact way, the book neither glosses over the difficulties of circus life nor over-emphasizes any of those areas that some authors dwell on to attain a best-seller.

After some valuable historical information, the author presents a detailed table of organization starting with the owner and, including such duties as banner tacker, bug man, inside lecturer, connection ticket seller, doniker man, skinner, bull hand, on down to dog boy.

McKennon deals basically with a composite of the outfits with which he trouped. His credits include Sells Floto, Hagenbeck-Wallace, John Robinson, Al G. Barnes, Col. Tim McCoy's Real Wild West and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey. However, the 30 car circus remains, in his view, as the most typical and he describes it with real affection.

This fine volume is illustrated with approximately 90 photographs from the files of major collectors and such outstanding institutions as the Ringling Museum of the Circus, Sarasota, Florida.

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31 Smethport

Feb. 1 Franklinville, N.Y.

2 Portville

3 Friendship

4 Olean

5 Richburg

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---- OTHER DATES ----

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IT'S RUMOR TIME again for RB BB and its proposed 3rd unit. Since I got caught in the crossfire of the rumor war two years ago, I won't venture beyond this point. At any rate, virtually everyone I encountered in Florida told me there would be (and soon) a **THIRD UNIT**, so make of it what you will!

The Super-sensation of Ringling Blue are **BARBARA WOODCOCK** and **BENNY WILLIAMS**! **ELVIN BALE** debuted his new rocket-cannon act and, word has it, that this year's Spec is the best ever.

SNAPSHOTS: **ALICE** and **LAURA WALKER** catered a Christmas Eve Big Top Buffet for "all hands" on the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus in Ft. Lauderdale... **TIMMY BICKMORE** has a new Dodge Mini-Motor Home and **LARRY JOYNER** recently purchased a new Diesel Tractor for his lion rig... **KATHY FLETCHER** is doing a 2 and a half in the **PAT LANE** flying act, now with Vargas... **CARLA WALLEND** and **MIKE MORGAN** (Organist with the Dubsy-Jordan Circus) are a "hot item"... **ERNIE** and **MARAN BURCH** bought a home in Sarasota... **VICKY OLER** is secretary to her dad, both busy at Fair Conventions... **RIETTA WALLEND** and **MIKE ASHTON** announced their engagement... **JENNY WALLEND** is hosting the newly inaugurated Sat. Nite Dances at Showfols... **BILL KAY** will produce the Showfols Circus this fall... **BILL BRICKLE** is on the road with his School Unit... **ELFIE KLEMENTI** writes they really enjoyed their European vacation after three seasons working non-stop with Circus Vargas. The **KLEMENTI's** will spot date the U.S. this season... **DON BRIDWELL** says his Canadian tour of 1977 was "rough", which seems to be the same story I am getting

from everyone who was in Canada... **SANDRA WYNDLAND** missed a mount during the CV elephant display in Tampa and fractured her heel - she is now on crutches... **WALLY NAGHTIN** bought 8½ acres in Gibsonton, right across the street from where **BILLY RODGERS** is building his new shop. Billy was instrumental in arranging purchase of the property which will be co-owned by Wally and Cemon... Living legend **ETHEL JENNIE** was Honorary Flagbearer during the National Anthem at Circus Vargas' glittering Tampa (Fla) opening night... **TED BOWMAN** will handle the Carson & Barnes office out of Hugo and will not tour with the show... **SID KELLNER**, according to rumor, will helm the new **DOREY MILLER** produced circus, utilizing Sid's equipment, when it opens in March in California.

EVERYONE IS RAVING about the Wonderful World of Circus, the new Dubsy-Jordan produced show being featured at the Circus Hall of Fame, and the raves are deserved. Good acts, great wardrobe, terrific special effects and fine music, capped by an outstanding overall presentation. Good luck, kids, you've earbed it. The **CANISTRELLI's** trampoline act, one of the best, won the Award in Monte Carlo... **PAM (Rosaire)** **ZOPPE's** dog trailer (a house trailer) burned behind **JOE ZOPPE's** barn. Pam lost mementos and scrapbooks and the barn nearly caught fire. Nobody was hurt, but what a way to bring in New Year's Day... The **JAMES ZOPPE** riding act, newly framed, will be with the **STEBBING** Circus... The **EMMETT KELLY, JR.** Circus will appear at the **DOROTHY CHANDLER** Pavillion in Los Angeles in May... **PAM** and **MERLE COOK** adopted a Vietnamese or-

phan girl. The Cooks will spot date this season... The **CORONA** produced West Orange (NJ) Circus Date has been extended to 10 days... The **FLYING LANES** bought the rigging formerly used by **PHIL & FRANCINE**... **WIRENGARD** built **GARY THORNTON's** new dog act props and is also making new props for **REX WILLIAMS**. Rex, by the way, **WILL** honor his contract at Baraboo, running 16 weeks, but then returns post-haste to Vargas where **WALLY ROSS** will sub in his absence.

LILLI-ANA and **KIM KRISTENSEN** to make the **BILL KAY** dates... The **NAVARROS** introduce their 3 girl cradle act in Rochester for Chuck and Grace... **JAN (Nicole, Alexandria, Suzette)** **JOYNER** sez she is retiring her trap act... **CLIFF VARGAS** reluctantly sold his prized two-headed cow, Princess, to **AL MOODY**. It became too difficult to care for the animal and she got a good home... **HELEN AMANDIS** is the guiding light of the Amandis Entertainment Agency and no doubt about it!... Working from morn 'til night and hardly every getting out of the house... **GEORGE DaDEPPO** is Director of Public Relations of t the forth-coming CFA Convention... **WALT KING** advises that **HARRIETT BEATTY** and **EDDIE SAY** are devoting themselves to promotional business now that they've sold their cat act to King. **AERIALETTA** guest-starred on Circus Vargas in Tampa, received accolades, a bouquet of carnations, plus a kiss from Cliff Vargas!... The **FLYING PADILLAS** who will be with Beatty-Cole, are now playing early dates for **TOMMY HANNEFORD**... **GEE GEE ENGESSER**, with a new face and loss of weight, sets all the talent with the Gatini Circus, this year

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In Memoriam

ERNIE HELDMAN, a full-time professional magician and operator of a magic shop in New Orleans, died in that city on Nov. 8th. He was a builder of magic and sold money gift plans to banks. Survivors include his former wife, two daughters and a son.

VICTOR TRASK, an employee of the State of California hospitals, he was an avid magician and magic fan. At one time he and his late wife, Caroline, did an act together for hospitals. He died at Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles on Nov. 25th, a victim of cancer.



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Featured on the program were: Harry (Rick Legg), the clown, Come-in; the 'old' peanut pitch; Miss Diana Yoxall, web; Harry with the soda pop balance gag; Jerry and Shirley Conklin, illusions; Danny Daniels, juggling/comedy; Intermission; Miss Diana, ladder; Harry, in the artist's sketch; Balloon Pitch; The Amazing Conklins, magic/illusions; and Yoxall's Merry Menagerie.

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Flash!

The following press release was received on Saturday, Jan. 21st.

Frank Wells, President of Warner Bros., and Academy Award winning producer, Irwin Allen, have signed a contract with Irvin Feld's and Kenneth Feld's Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus for the filming of Allen's upcoming super-spectacular motion picture, "Circus, Circus, Circus."

The giant star-studded film set for a spring release in 1979 will be budgeted at \$15 million and is based on a screenplay by Academy Award Winner Edward Anhalt.

In making the joint announcement with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Producer and President Irvin Feld, Co-producer Kenneth Feld, Warner Bros., President Frank Wells and Allen said the legendary 108 year old circus, its headline acts, and its Blue and Red Units would be utilized for the three hour "movie-movie" which begins pre-production in Hollywood this week.

Feld, commenting on the new contract with Warner Bros., said of Allen, "It's been twenty-

PEOPLE

ROY KABAT and DON McLENNON are busy these days working with Dogs For The Deaf, training the animals in Oregon.

HARRY BLACKSTONE, Jr., is featured on the cover of the Jan. 1978 issue of "Tops" magazine.

SAL ROSAL, a former Ringling-Barnum employee who goes back to the undercanvass days, is currently president of the Friendship Horizon Club in Sarasota, Fla.

nine years since DeMille made "The Greatest Show on Earth". We've been waiting for another C. B. to come along!" The Felds will act as technical consultants.

Wells reported casting on the motion picture will consist of no less than six stars and two superstar names.

Allen, who will produce and direct, described the film as a super-action adventure epic which will bring to the screen all the glamour, color, and spectacle of "The Greatest Show on Earth."

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Miscellaneous

Canadian residents made many protests over the use of bears in the Moscow Circus, which played there late last year. They charged the bears were taught to do tricks by cruel and inhumane methods. One "do-gooder" even suggested that the bears wouldn't have to wear muzzles if they were treated with kindness and patience.

Garden Bros. Circus is set to open its 1978 season at Allentown, Pa., on March 5th.

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BOBBY GIBBS will be touring with the D. R. MILLER's second show unit this year.

DON PHILIPS will play the Louisville, Ky., Sports Show the last ten days of this month. He will be assisted by CAROL during the date.

BOB and ROSA GIBBS, plus GLEN, ETHEL and SHIRLEY HENRY were guests of the Fuentes Family for the premiere of their Circo Union show in Mexico City (Dec. 31).

R. P. GRAY, president of International Entertainment, is the proud father of a baby girl (Brandy Alectra Gray) born on Dec. 14, 1977.

MICHON, the wild animal trainer who has been working

for JOHN CUNEO left for Holland on Jan. 8th.


JOE LOUIS, former world's heavyweight boxing champ, is reported in good condition at Methodist Hospital in Houston (Texas) where he has been confined since Nov. 3rd for surgery due to a ballooned blood vessel.

THE CANNESTRELLIS and HALLS are set to work several Sport Shows after their date with the Shrine Circus in Madison, Wis.

AL VIDBEL and his elephants will be a part of the program for the Albany, N. Y. shrine circus, set for early March.

TEX HARRISON is doing some advance work for the Globetrotters. He says that next year the group might just go visit Red China.

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Winners, presented with trophies by the judges were: Golden Clown to the Knie Family for its work with animal acts; Silver Clown to the Cannestrelli Family, trampoline; Silver Clown to The Antares, aerial act; Silver Clown to the Cristoffs, balancing, and the Silagis Troupe, teeterboard.

Special awards were presented to Dolly Jacobs, Roman rings; Lou Jacobs, clown and the Carrillo Bros., high wire act.

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Show Set

The month of January finds many show folks wintering in the great state of Texas.

Don Washburn (Sparky) and Phil Shear (Phillipe), clowns, are staying in Fort Worth after working the Christmas holidays as Santa Claus at a local mall.

Steve Baker (Checkers) and Gary Ray (Patches), clowns, are spending the winter in Arlington, playing spot dates and awaiting their Spring opening at Six Flags Over Texas amusement Park.

Joe Schmitt, Jr. (Skippy), clown, is at home in Eules after a busy Christmas season building new props and getting ready for 1978.

Julie and Eddie Ventura (Ventura Duo) have their rigging up at the Schmitt's residence, practicing new routines for their aerial perch act which returns to Carden-Johnson/Clyde Bros. for the 1978 season.

It seems that the Dallas/Fort Worth area will soon become the new "Sarasota" for shows and performers.

... Joe Schmitt, Jr.

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MIKHAIL BARYSHNIKOV, a former Soviet ballet star who defected in June 1974 and has since been with the American Ballet Theatre, is being given serious consideration for the part of Tarzan in an upcoming film.

TONYA YOXALL, two year old daughter of LES and BARB made her debut in the air at the Voorheis Bros. Circus dates in Michigan, as sister DIANA turned her ladder into a cradle, and Toni did the ins and outs.

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LIFE'S LITTLE LESSONS: Debonair JOHNNY WALKER, Jr., essayed a night on the town with the boys during the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus date at Ft. Lauderdale, only to discover, upon his return, that wife LAURA had very sweetly locked him out - and OUT he stayed... ALL NIGHT... and boy! was it COLD!

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January 11, 1978

Dear Mr. Marcks:

I want this letter published in your next issue as my answer to the very libelous ad appearing in your Circus Report and paid for by one Lawrence Foerder, alias, Larry Jeffries.

Although another name also appears in the ad, a Mr. Willis E. Lawson, I talked with Mr. Lawson today and he said he had no idea that such wording would be a part of the ad and was angered that Foerder had put his name on the ad. The Lipizzan Stallions in question belong to Mr. Lawson and I entered into a lease purchase arrangement with Mr. Lawson. Mr. Foerder put money down on two of the horses but until the total price is paid, he has no jurisdiction as to the use of, or the whereabouts of the horses. Beyond this, I own a home in Florida and Mr. Foerder has my permanent address. Mail is forwarded to me on a weekly basis from this permanent address, even when I'm out of the country, as it happened that I was several times this year.

I have no idea what the \$6,000 figure in the ad is suppose to represent. As to the "bad check" mentioned in the ad, I think this refers to a check that I refused to make good on for the following reasons; one, Larry Foerder and his wife came into Laredo, Texas, to work a two day show for me. I paid their plane fare from California and back. I also gave them some money in cash and a check to cover some inflated expenses, including their Hotel bill which they said they would then pay. As it happened, Mr. Foerder, alias, Larry Jeffries, skipped out of town still owing the Sheraton Hotel in Laredo. They approached me on the bill because I owned the show. It would have been bad enough if he had left only the room rent, but he had also charged to the room more than \$48 in long distance phone calls and nearly \$70 in bar and food bills. I refused to honor the check because the check represented these expenses.

Two, more than a year and a half ago, I sold Mr. Foerder two costumes for \$200. He paid me with a personal check which was refused payment at his bank both times it was presented. He has yet to make good on this bad check.

Because Larry Foerder (Jeffries) is a johnny-come-lately, a total rank amateur in the busi-

Show Set

Comedians Bob Sarlatte and Lorenzo Matawaran; juggler Mike Davis and singer Lance Sandvik are featured in the first of a series of variety shows scheduled at the Willows Theatre in Walnut Creek. The programs, which started on Jan. 24th, are presented by Greg McKeag.

Miscellaneous

The circus took honors at the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 2nd when the first number played by the Irish Notre Dame band during half-time was Karl King's "Barnum & Bailey March".

In Memoriam

KENNETH P. SCHADECK (26) died early this month as a result of injuries suffered in a car accident. He was an apprentice butcher, and a member of the Metropolitan Clown Guild of Chicago and the Naromie Clown Troupe of Palos Heights. He was known as "Zap, the Clown". Survivors include his parents, two brothers and a grandmother.

ness, I can understand his actions in placing the ad but what I cannot understand is how a responsible individual in charge of a publication could accept such an ad without checking the other party for his side. Surely you must realize that there are two sides to every story. Do you really need \$15 that badly? I am sending copies of the ads to my attorney in Tampa to see if we have grounds for a defamation of character claim.

Again, if anyone wants to contact me it is as simple as writing to the permanent address on my letterhead. (401 Domino Dr., N., P. O. Box 1246, Ruskin, Fla. 33570).

The ad was not only a gross insult to me, personally and professionally, but was entirely unnecessary. Also since I'm not a subscriber to your sheet, if a friend had not shown it to me the ad could have run indefinitely and I would not have seen it.

Again, I request that you run this letter in your next issue as my answer to the false charges in your publication.

Yours sincerely,
Don Woods.

YEARS AGO

Downie Bros. Circus
Pittsfield, Mass. - June 23, 1933

The show's cookhouse department arrived in Pittsfield about 10 p.m. on June 22nd, traveling on three trucks — water truck, a truck and trailer and a single truck. The cook tent was set up, using four center poles and has 20 dining tables. The kitchen top also has four center poles.

Twenty-five big trucks and trailers arrived at about 5 a.m. in the morning, with the other equipment coming in by twos and threes all the way up to noon.

Set up on the Deming Playgrounds, the show has a four pole big top; four pole menagerie; three pole side show; two candy stands; a lunch stand and six small stands. They have five elephants, four camels, 13 ring horses and 12 ponies.

The parade started at noon and featured: 22 wagons, a leader, five ladies on horseback, a clown cart, two ladies, two horses, two chariots, eight ponies, a Funny Ford, 5 elephants, 4 camels.

The trucks, amounting to 60, include: elephants, ring horses, Hanneford horses, stake and chain, electric plant, big top canvas (used for band stand in big show), props, poles (all big top poles), stringers, chairs, side show, 8 cage trucks, menagerie, lunch stand, ticket office, two chariots, clown cart, small cart,

two stake pullers. All trucks are painted red and most of them are Chevrolet units.

In the big top blue seats are on the end with the grandstand on the long side (11 sections), on the short side there are six sections, eight high and with a total of some 952 chairs.

The menagerie, uses 4 center poles and 12 quarter poles. In addition to the elephants and camels there are 5 lions, a tiger, monkeys, a baboon, bear, leopard, lion cubs and a candy stand.

The side show has 8 banners, 2 double banners and a stage, 2 ticket boxes, 3 center poles, 6 quarter poles, a band stand. Mitzi, mentalist; Musical Act; Sword Swallower; Rag Pictures; Sword Box; Knife Thrower; Hawaiian dancers; Magic, Bag Puncher; Cockatoos and Punch and Judy show.

The dressing tent and ring stock tent are combined with dressing rooms on each end. However, most of the performers use their own trailers.

Jack Hoxie has a special tent and six riders in his show. The Hanneford Troupe has four horses.

The afternoon show drew a full house with some people having to sit on the straw. That night two shows had to be given.

The cookhouse left about 6 p.m. and the big trucks left about 1:30 a.m., with the horse trucks and house cars leaving about daybreak.



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Who's Who

The roster of visitors to Circus Vargas during its brief swing through Florida reads like a virtual Who's Who of Show Business. Most of the visitors showed up in Tampa where Cliff Vargas had a glittering gala opening night which would give competition to any Hollywood Premiere.

The following list is by no means complete, as it was an impossibility to keep track of everyone during the four day engagement.

The cast of Ringling Blue, including Kenny Feld, Barbara Woodcock, Elvin and Jeanette Bale, Trolle Rodin; Mr. & Mrs. Franc Tihany, with Mr & Mrs. Vasquet; Pam and Merle Cook; Mr. & Mrs. James Fossett; the Corona Family; Emmett Kelly, Jr. and wife, Nancy; Frank Ball; Jimbo and wife; Dorey Miller; Johnny and Betty

Zoppe; Victor Gaona; The Flying Gaonas; Mr. & Mrs. Joe King; Bill Ballantine; Aurelia Hall; Del Morales; Estrades; Fred Logan and family; Armond Duo; Gee Gee Engesser and her son Billy Powell; Bobby Hocum; Mr. & Mrs. John Iacullo; Bonnie Bonta; the Don Phillips family; John Hurdle; Alex Sebastian; Gil Miller; Hoxie Tucker; Gunnar Amandis; John Lewis; Albert and Anita Vonderheid; Eugene Lambert; Ron Dyer; Joanne and Pee Wee Pinson; Lilli, Svend and Kim Kristensen; Angel Noel; Kay Rosaire; Johnny Canole; Linda Hermann; Dave and Lois Hoover; Harold Barnes; Walt King; Joe Mc Mahon; Doris Barnes; Mr. & Mrs. John Pugh; Keith and Kathy Killinger; Miss Aerialetta; Ruth and John Owen; Art Branning; Billy Rodgers; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Seli; Doug Lyon; the Young Troupe; Adele and Gory; the Charles Troupe; the Barredas; George and Kathy Scott; Christine Fossett; Charles Bertini; Kay Pittinger; Jonsey; the Herriott Family; the Manuel Navarro Family; Billy Barton; George Hubler; James M. Cole; Walt King; John Hall; Jerry Beeman; Arturo Trostl; Larry Kent; Jim Douglass; Vern Woerner; the Welde Family; Dime and Connie Wilson; Lil Wilson; the Drouettes; Fred Canistrellis; Sa Sa Armor; Maria Arnosi Theron; Eddie Zacchini; Wes and Florine Oler and family; Corrine Dearo; La Norma and Andre Fox.

Other visitors included: the Fornarsaries; Erik Adams, Sr. and Jr.; Petey Kinosh; Carolyn Hodgson; Lilly and Bill Stebbings; Carol Stebbings; Ursula Botcher; the Lodi Duo; Prince Bogino; John Stebbings; Marion and Oscar cristiani; the Argentinos; Louis Nagi; Ray Dirgo; Dennis Stevens; Kenny Dodd; Bill Brickle; John Meyers; Jackie LeClaire; Aureila and Eigen and Little John Nock; Robertos; Larry and Jennifer Gill; Lola Dobritch; Phil Miranda; Billy McCabe; Ward Hall; Ethel Jennier; Lu Ann Jacobs; Horst Geyer; Pancho Magana; Vashek and Kathy; Dolly Jacobs; Ron Bacon; the Eastwood Family; the La Forms; Billy Griffin; Buzz Barton; Mr. & Mrs. Unus.

Teddy and Lisa Stewart; Tom Inabinette; the Hernandez Troupe; Bill Kormpates; the Stevensons; Belinda Amandis; Gilbert Fox; Billy Cox; Benny Williams; Rita; Donna and Debbie Paul; Bunny Pratt and family; Ken McConnell and family; Jan Plunkett; Chris Holt; Patti Couls; Mari-Jo

Couls; Jim Nordmark; Hines Rucker; Hope Ray and Mrs. Ray; David and Majorie Hackett; Angelo Bisbini; Mr. & Mrs. Wirengard; the Geraldos; Cheryl and Toby Reed; Bernard Berwin; Ken Brewster; Pat Anthony; Harry and Rowena Thomas; Milt Robbins; Mel Silverlake; Jorge Russell; the Hodgins; Mafalda; Bobby Davis; Roger Regor; Buster Haig; Dam Bros.; Bob Porter; Boyd and Linda Kimes; the Rodriquez Troupe; Danny Chapman; Joe Bauer; Don Ketter; Francis Durand; Andy Driskie; Harold Spohn; Johnny Walker, Jr.; Laura; Benny White; Lucy Herrington; Mike Sheckler; Billy Harris; Frank Bun; Andy Roberts; Dean Potter; Jimmy Harrington; the Wilson Storey family; Bob Gray; Tim Stinson; Chappie Fox; Daviso Cristiani; Bob MacDougal; Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Antalk; Whitey Black; Lona Antalek; June Russell; Dr. Schoeber; of Busch Gardens; the Commedys; Axel and Donna, and many, many others.

• THE CHRIS ALBERTI'S

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Elephants



ELEPHANT CENSUS

The Elephant Census has been compiled by Ray "Sabu" Moreau and Bobby Gibbs, with the help of William "Buckles" Woodcock and many other elephant trainers and men throughout the country who keep Ray informed on changes.

Ringling-Barnum - Circus World

Anna May	Carmen
George	Peggy
Mudu	Rebecca
Gilda	Hugo
Marcella (dead)	Zina
Vance	Sidney
Ty	Minyak
Mala	Barbara
Josky	Bonnie
Juno	Louie
Major	Sophie
Charlie	

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Puppe	Nellie
Tichi	Mary
Assam	Banana
Sara	Baby
Kongo	Cita
Rani	May
Suzie	Jenny
Eva	Toby
Pinky	

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Icky	Siam
India	Calcutta
Jewel	Lucy
Betty	Rani
Suzanne	Jenny
Targa	Roma
Putsie	John
Kernaudi	Cora
Karen	

Circus Vargas

Minnie	Colonel
Lottie	Shirley
Juicy	Hattie
Trixie	Koora
Dutchess	Sita
Muna	Dinnu
Jack	

King Bros. Circus

Konti	Ola
Jackie (Sold to zoo in New York)	

Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus

Pete	Sue
Helen	Maude
Freida	Jewel
Debby	Missy
Omni	

Sells & Gray Circus

Bessie	Topsy
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Carson & Barnes Circus

Kay	Barabara
Nellie	Suzie
Connie	Obert
Kelly	Tracy
Rosie	Lisa
Alta	Viola
Margaret	Lilly
Bunni	Sis
Libby	Isla
Betty	Gus
Mona	Isa
Amy	Opal
Paula	Ruby
Hugo	Kenny
Donya	Brenda
Geneva	Bombay
Remo	

Bobby Gibbs (Miller Owned)

Marie	Lydia
Minnie	

Oklahoma City Zoo (Miller owned)

Mary

Fisher Bros. Circus (Miller Owned)

Ellie	Tela
Shirley (to Monroe, La. Zoo)	

Tommy Hanneford

Chandre	Ina
Tina	Trumpet

George Hanneford

Delki	Carol
Patty	Liz

Remo Cristiani

Sheba	Shaunzi
Ramoni	Soma

ELEPHANT CENSUS (Continued)

Cheryl Shawver			
Ivory			
Roman Schmitt			
Birka			
John Strong Circus			
Neena			
De Wayne Bros. Circus			
Bimbo			
Royal Ranch Show			
Tidy			
Robert "Smokey" Jones			
Tika			
Mike Rice			
Rajah			
Franzen Bros. Circus			
Okha			
Neil Franzen			
Butch			
Schmitt Bros.			
Alita	Tanyak (Sold)		
Stebbing's Circus			
Lou			
Jenda Smaha			
Tanya III			
Hunt Bros. Circus			
Dolly			
Oscar Cristiani			
Carrie	Babe		
Shirley	Emma		
Mac MacDonald			
Toto	Mac		
Nuggett Casino			
Bertha	Tina		
D. Cristiani			
Babe	Suwan		
Bill Morris			
Jewel	Cora		
Big Top Circus (Davenport)			
Tommy	Suzie Q		
Polack Bros. Circus			
Opal	Kae		
Louie	Mike		
Mel Silverlake			
Big Jenny (sold to Davenport)			
Ivan Henry			
Shorty			
Mike La Torres			
Stoney			
Roy Lunsford			
Baby Boo (sold to Davenport)			
Phil Schacht			
Dondi			
Pete Luvass			
Kenya			
Paul Kelly			
Mary	Packy		
Judy	Suky		
Walt King			
Tulsa	Wanda		
Queenie			
Clyde Bros. No. 1			
Mary	Sue		
Margie			
Clyde Bros. No. 2			
Judy	Vickie		
Jenny			
Al Vidbel			
Daffodil	Daisy		
Dandelion			
Gee Gee Engesser			
Gee Gee	Roxy		
Schell			
Murray Hill			
Onyx	Tory		
Dutchess			
Rex Williams			
Reed No. 2	Gardner		
Name not known	Ava		
Bronx Zoo			
Gyp (sold to Circus Vargas)			
Kate	Betty		
Gary Johnson			
Bamboo	Bimble		
Casey			

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ELEPHANT CENSUS (Continued)

Commerford & Shea

Julie (sold to Davenport)
 Beulah (sold to Davenport)
 Nellie
 Minnie

Enchanted Village

Lisa Mitzie
 Taj Gabriel

Paul V. Kaye

Dolly Dumbo
 Peggy Baby Judy

Bones Craig

Jackpot

E. Berchtold/M. Berry

Saheib Shambi
 Oala Durga
 Teak Buddah
 Raunchi Tunga

Carol Buckley

Tarra

Hoxie Bros. Circus

Sue (died) Bonnie
 Hazel Janet
 Kelly Stacy
 Hoxie Irene

Hoxie's Mid America Circus

Myrtle Jessie
 Betty

John Cuneo

Bombay Delhi
 Tessie Joyce
 Billie Tina
 Siam Rani

Tony Diano

Tommy Mysore
 Calcutta Dolly
 Minnie Tony

Hubert Castle Circus

Zetta Peggy
 Jan Marie
 Bunny

Steele - Rice elephants

Zola Buckalee
 Wimpy Chang
 Name not known

Elephant Dies

An internal infection has been blamed for the death of "Kimi" an elephant at the Oakland (Calif.) Zoo. The 13 year old animal died on Jan. 18th after failing to respond to treatment. She had been ill for about ten days.

Kimi was donated to the zoo by World Airways who flew her in from Bangkok in 1964. She then became the subject of a contest as a means of selecting a name for her. The winner was Michael Jung who suggested the name Kimi.

A highly intelligent animal, Kimi was a popular attraction at the zoo. Her trainer and zoo foreman Val DeLeon had taught her some 65 commands and tricks.

The zoo still has a 5 year old African elephant named Smokey. It is about 6 feet tall at the shoulder and weighs 3,000 lbs.

NOTICE

This week's Elephant Census is correct as of September 1, 1977.



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