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## SHOW DATES SET

A contract to produce the 1978 edition of San Francisco's annual PAL Circus was awarded last week to Charles Germaine, show producer and promoter. He has produced the PAL Circus at various times in the past and once brought his Miller-Johnson Circus into the Cow Palace for the PAL.

Germaine is credited with being the only circus producer to jam-pack the huge Cow Palace for a circus performance. That event drew SRO crowds, and many people were turned away at the door, unable to get into the big building.

He produced the circus two years ago, bringing in the Cuneo animal acts, plus a wide variety

### A New Show

A new show — The Tomi Liebel Family Circus — bowed this past May and has been actively playing small towns, schools and malls since. The show is currently at the Chesterfield Mall in Richmond, N.C., thru Oct. 14th.

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of other features. Last year the show was produced by Circus Carol.

The 1978 circus will be held on Dec. 16-17, offering two performances each day at 2 and 6 p.m. The circus will be presented, this year, in the city's downtown Civic Auditorium.

of publicity prior to show time.

The show program features: Introduction of the Liebel Family, with a one man band, followed by a juggling act; Csopi Liebel, magic;

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**PEOPLE**

**PERCY and JOY TURNER** recently returned to their home in San Diego, Calif., after a trip to No. Dakota, Minn., and Wisc., as well as Ind. They were guests of **PAUL and ETHEL LUCKEY** at the Circus World Museum.

**HARLON HARRIS** plays the steam calliope at the Circus World Museum, while **ETHEL LUCKEY** plays the show calliope along with the band.

**STEVE BAKER**, escape artist, was featured on the Dick Clark TV Show on Sept. 27th, where he escaped from a water torture chest.

**TOM UPTON**, circus photographer, is enjoying several days visiting at the fair in Fresno, Calif., this week.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BRET MORRISON** (66) whose voice thrilled millions of radio listeners as "The Shadow", died in Hollywood, Calif., on Sept. 25th. Morrison's radio career reached its peak when he played Lamont Cranston, a wealthy man who as The Shadow righted wrongs, championed the innocent and punished the guilty.

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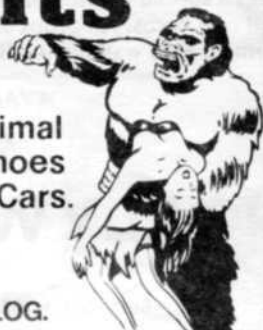
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(Penn Square)

## Dr. Pepper Circus

to Oct. 22 Dallas, Texas

## Hoxie Bros. Circus

Oct. 9 Lafayette, Ind.  
10 New Iberia  
11 Morgan City  
12 Donaldsonville  
13-15 New Orleans, La.

## Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus

Oct. 15 Kent, Ohio

## Kool Ai Circus

Oct. 13-21 Columbia, S.C.

## Tomi Liebel Family Circus

to Oct. 14 Richmond, N.C.

## Lin-Rich Animal Circus

Oct. 9-14 Columbus, Ga.

## Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

to Oct. 15 Denver, Colo.

## Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

to Oct. 15 Detroit, Mich.

## Royal Lichtenstein Circus

Oct. 9-10 Kansas City, Mo.  
11 Edwardsville, Ill.  
12 Cahokia  
13-17 St. Louis, Mo.

## Shrine Circuses

to Oct. 15 Houston, Texas  
Oct. 11-15 Kansas City, Mo.

## ---- OTHER DATES ----

Al's Lemon-Zeen comedy car  
Oct. 13-21 Columbia, S.C.

Barton-Jennier Fair Unit  
Oct. 9-14 Orangeburg, S.C.

## Blackstone, Jr. - Magic Show

Oct. 10 Lafayette, Ind.  
12 Champagne, Ill.  
13 Bloomington, Ind.  
14 Columbus, Ohio  
15 Dayton

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit  
Oct. 9-14 Robertsedale, Ala.

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit  
Oct. 9-15 Meridian, Miss.

Chinese Acrobats  
Oct. 14-15 San Jose, Calif.

James H. Drew Expo Shows  
Oct. 9-14 Monroe, Ga.

Gutis Family Jungle Parody  
to Oct. 22 Dallas, Texas

Ice Capades - Eastern Unit  
Oct. 10-15 Springfield, Mass

Ice Capades - Western Unit  
Oct. 12-15 Ft. Worth, Texas

Los Latinos - wire act  
to Oct. 15 Houston, Texas

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Oct. 8 Brighton, Colo.  
13 Colorado Springs

Royal American Shows  
Oct. 10-17 Jackson, Miss.

The Sikorskys - Juggling Act  
Oct. 13-15 Topsfield, Mass.



## RESTORATION WORK SET

Approximately \$50,000 is to be spent during 1979 on improvements for restoration of the Pawnee Bill Museum in Pawnee, Okla. Work will include rehabilitation of the roof, the structure itself and the foundations.

Gordon Lillie and his wife, May, completed the mansion in 1910. Lillie was named Pawnee Bill by the Pawnee Indians after they made him their white chief.

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ALLAN HILL has bought the DUBSKY-JORDAN Circus and will tour a new show in '79. At least 67 days in Penna. and New Jersey have already been set. Sources who spoke with Hill reveal the show will not carry animal acts of its own. JOANNE and PEE WEE PINSON have been approached about appearing with the show next season.

I spoke with RON KELROY recently who informed me that he and DOROTHY WYNN will continue with the L. N. FLECKLES Circus, fulfilling all existing contracts, meanwhile broadening plans to keep the show and its route intact. The late L. N. Fleckles was buried at Showman's League in Chicago. Ron, incidentally, is making a very slow recovery from his leg injury, the result of a tiger attack.

BILL HILL, for the past two years manager of Hoxie's Great American Circus, who retired from that post due to heart problems, is feeling like new since he was fitted with a Pace-maker. Corporation shows' chief FRANK McCLOSKEY, who has suffered ill health for several years is currently in the Bahamas where the ailing showman finds more comfort and ease. We wish him well.

The MORGAN ASHTON FAMILY are reunited and back in the business with three acts - risley, comedy knockabout and MIKE ASHTON's foot juggling turn on a high pedestal. The troupe consists of Mike, Golda (now divorced), Jackie, Morgan, Baby Dumplin' and the well-known Harold Simmons. Family Matriarch Mrs. Ashton is on the road with the family.

CLOSE UPS: CONNIE WELDE was injured in a fall in her home. . . JOE SMILEY, (brother of BOB-BY KAYE) is one of the country's unsung illusionists, Joe executes the unusual and has some historic illusions which belonged to the Great Houdini. . .

GOLDIE ASHTON is the drummer for that hot Gospel Group, the THRASHER BROS. now on the fair circuit. . . SAM T. POLACK has signed the date at Shreveport with the Shrine for early June. . . The FLYING RAY-LUNAS signed with Castle for '79. . . GARRAY and TOMIO, famed life-sized puppet act, has bought the COOKE & ROSE Theatrical Agency in Lancaster (Pa). . . WES and FLORINE OLER are proud grandparents (again). . . Daughter VICKI gave birth to a baby girl, JAMIE RENEE Aug. 27th. . .

PANCHO MAGANA is doing a rope spinning/whip cracking act. . . DIANE WILSON has her new bird act together. . . ANGELA WILNOW reports a good season of fairs in Canada with Gastoni. . . FRANK and ESTRELETA to the Sam T. Polack dates next season. . . The JAMES ZOPPE RESINBACK RIDERS set for Sandy Dobritch dates next year. . . BOB Coto, mgr., of KOCHMAN's Hell Drivers reports a lucrative season, but sez the jumps were horrendous!

Bandleader RUSS DARR making fair dates for and with Bandleader KEITH KILLINGER. . . Royal Hanneford to do an Alice in Wonderland Spec next year featuring NELLIE HANNEFORD. . . West Coast Organist VIRGINIA LEE FENTON finally invaded the East Coast, hitting the sawdust trail with Bentley Br., and Emmett Kelly, Jr. . . INGA SMAHA wants everyone to know how much she enjoyed playing the Bentley/Clancey dates. . . JOYCE and AL VIDBEL broke an axle on their trailer jumping to the Bentley show but made the opening show on time. . . MAYA ZERBINI arrived on the same date with a badly sprained ankle, unable to do traps or work in the riding act. . . GEORGI SMILEY collecting antique dolls worth a small fortune. . . JENNY POLACK's sister passed away July 27th. . . Ex-Beatty-Coler KENNY McCONNELL has a grab joint on fairs.

Sultry LOU ANN JACOBS, whose lovely aerial act is becoming widely known, deserves such recognition. I know for a fact how hard the gal has worked to get there! What is really commendable is she is doing her "own thing", copying no one, to evolve an act that is original combined with outstanding costuming and elegant presentation. Lou Ann, who goes to the Monte Carlo Circusfest this fall (and is certain to be a major winner), has been offered the Monte Carlo Circus tour of 40 weeks in the USA, plus the 1980 tour in foreign ports including Australia. I hope she accepts, she couldn't have a finer showcase.

BOUQUETS: to the delightful and irrepressible GEORGI SMILEY, 70 yrs young, who grew up with the handicap of only one arm and never let it affect her life, physically or mentally. Georgi's sense of humor and love of life is so infectious it is absolutely impossible to feel down-in-the-mouth around her. Maybe I'm prejudiced but I nominate Georgi to join the ranks of the All Time Great ladies of show business and toss this bouquet with love.

PAULA ADRIANI is touring her newly revamped Musical-Magic Revue (Alexandra The Great & Co.) in night clubs, recently played the Red Carpet Inn in Sarasota. She is carrying a 4 piece band, has engaged a choreographer who, she says, has made 'John Travolta's' out of her two handsome leading men. Husband SEBASTIAN ADRIANI, who catches a bullet in his teeth, was injured during the club run and had to bow out. He is okay now.

LIGHTING UP THE MARQUEES: Bill Garden's Showtime Follies featured Don Phillips & Co., The Rolling Diamonds, Miss Diana, Sharon Vidbel, The Torreanis, Jim Green & Co., and Florine and Phil Oler. Unit closes Dec. 4th, reopens March 19th.

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by Charley Van Buskirk

On Wednesday, Sept. 13th, the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass., opened its gates for a 12 day run. At the time of this writing, fair officials were optimistic that attendance figures will, for the first time, exceed the one billion mark. Billed as the 8th largest fair in the country, the Eastern States utilizes numerous and varied attractions to draw and entertain fair-goers.

Dan Fleenor's Hurricane Hell Drivers deliver from one to three shows daily at the Outdoor Arena. The Bandshell features top musical groups, with MC Billy Kelly with up to five shows daily. At the Dreikorn's Children's Theatre, Cimse's Russian Wolfhounds and Pomeranians alternate with John Shirley's puppets and balloon magic for six daily performances, while the Mitchell Showboat Marionettes are featured on the Coca Cola Stage.

However, the Big E's all-time best drawing card is the Royal International Circus, produced by Wayne McCary, which played in the Coliseum, for its 7th year, presenting 12 performances with three days of turnaway crowds during its run which included the first 5 days of the fair.

## PEOPLE

ERIK ADAMS underwent surgery near his home in Florida on Sept. 19th. and is reported to be improving rapidly.

This year the circus was credited as a major factor in drawing an all-time record crowd of 153,036 through the gates on Sunday, Sept. 17th.

Wayne McCary, executive assistant on the Big E administrative staff, custom-tailors this unit of his Royal International Circus especially for the Exposition and this year the performance ran just over an hour.

William "Boom Boom" Browning was the musical director with a superb band of 12 pieces. Roland Cote was in charge of props and rigging, and Ken Matoon handled lighting for the show. Lew Bianco headed-up the audio crew, and Charley Van Buskirk served as announcer and performance director for the 5th consecutive year.

The program ran as follows: "Boom Boom" Browning and Band with the National Anthem and overture; Juan, Felipe and Venicio (Vasquez), balancing trapeze; Jorge Barreda, lions; The Reynoso Bros., aerial anchor act; the Willy Lenz Chimps; the Zerbini Riding Act; The Flying Vasquez; The Junior Hortabagyis; teeterboard and Vidbel's elephants.



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# HELLA TEMPLE SHRINE CIRCUS

by Jim Swafford

The program for the Hella Temple Shrine Circus at Dallas, Texas, featured the following acts:

The Shrine Band; Dime and Connie Wilson and Fred Levine, balloons; Ringmaster Ernie McLean and the circus band, directed by Al Vernon; "Your Circus on Parade" with the entire show personnel, plus above the west stage the Fossett girl in the moon, and on the east stage Espana's contortion and Ferגיעa's balance (all at the same time); Ruth Hill, the sponge plunge; Wade Burck and the Hawthorn tiger act; the Great Coronas, aerial motorcycles (2); The Clowns with Batman and Robin; Fornasari, foot juggling; Mills, low wire; Aguilar, risley; Los Latinos, low wire; Fornasari, foot juggler; The Fossetts, sway poles (4); The Elkins Sisters, acro; The Fornasari's musical clowns; Production number with ten girls on ladders and 3 girls in aerial carousel over each stage; The Living Statues (all painted silver); Herbie Weber in slide for life; The Franconi Duo; The Dolly Sisters; Miss Ruth; Bonnie Bale (aerialists); Wade Burck, tiger riding elephant; The Four Flying Espanas; Clowns and Annie Okie of the West; Victor Julian and his Little Stars; Boxcar DeYoung's bath

# ACTS SET

Acts who have been signed to appear with the Emmett Kelly, Jr. Circus at Baton Rouge, La., on Oct. 19th include:

Hunkie Johnson's Bears; Carmen del Molino, trap-eze; Miss Lisa, cloud swing; Willy Lenz, chimps; The Gutis Family, Jungle parody; Peitro & Joyce, unsupported ladder balance; the Canestrelli Family, teeterboard and the Ricardo Troupe, low wire.

tub on track; The Fossetts, bicycles; Fornasaris on trampoline; The Navarros, unicycles; The Bale Sisters in a Russian Horse Fantasy; The Coronas on the high wire; Clowns and Army and cannon gag; Cristiani's elephants (Carin and Larry French), the Hawthorn elephants (Wade Burck), Carden-Johnson elephants (Carole and Bill Golden); Oscar Garza in the Rocket Car; Grand Finale with all performers.

Clown Alley consisted of: Dime and Connie Wilson, John MacKay, Freddie Lavine, Chris Bricker and Joe Sherman, producing.

Ladies of the ballet were: Bonnie and Nita Bale, Stevie Coronas, Glaydes Espanas, Carin French, Ferria Delgado, Maria Ferria, Ruth Hill, Fretzi Huber, Peggy Mills, Lorraine MacKay, Cheryl Toca Reede, the Navarros girls and the Wickinas.

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by William Rodgers

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All owners of property wishing to have the Show Business/Residential Zoning put on their property at the time of the zoning must make application for the zoning promptly.

There will be a public meeting in Gibsonton on Oct. 24th. At that time Eugenie Fellows, of the Hillborough County Planning Commission, will go over the parcels of land to determine the type of zoning that owners want. If land owners are unable to attend this meeting they should contact her, providing a legal description of the property, describing what it is used for. Contact her at: 700 Twiggs St., Suite 800, Tampa, Fla. 33602. Phone: 813-272-5940.

Otherwise the property may be zoned only Residential, especially if the neighbors are such. It will cost \$400 to have it changed at a later date and will require a hearing and could be a problem to obtain.

If you'd like to call me, do so after Oct. 15th - Call: 813-677-1137.

## Show Report

by George DaDeppo

The Hubert Castle Int'l Circus played to audiences that filled the grandstand and track at the Western Fair, in London, Ontario, Canada, from Sept. 8 to 10. With a one hour performance; three times a day, Castle was able to split up his troupe into three different shows per day.

The Castle array of steller attractions was extremely well received by London audiences.

The show was produced by Hubert Castle; ringmaster was Col. Luckey Larraby; musical director was Clement Toca; prop boss was Pablo Martinez and producing clown was Gene Randow.

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## IN MEMORIAM

ARNOLD MALEY (80) died at a hospital in Memphis on Sept. 15th. Burial was at his home town of Corrington, Tenn. For many years Maley was a partner with the late Floyd King, with King Bros. Circus and in later years he worked in the office of the Beatty-Cole Circus.

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# PEOPLE

**JACK KING**, who was bandmaster with Carden-Johnson Circus, is now working in the front office of the Atlantic Southern Productions for **RAY WINDER**, as phone room manager. He and **MIKE MARTIN** appear in productions as a comedy team and often back up the show as his musicians.

W. E. "Shotgun" **PAGE** visited the Great American Circus at his home town of Russellville, Ky., on Sep. 23rd, where he visited with **JIM SILVERLAKE**. He reports the show looks good and everything is well painted. They still have several weeks left before the season ends, he adds.

**BUCKY STEELE** reportedly joined the Texas dates at Houston, adding to the huge elephant review the show offers.

**JOSIP MARCAN** recently joined the American Continental Circus where he is featured at the opening act with his 12 male African lions.

**REGGIE ARMOR** is recuperating slowly at the J. F. Kennedy Hospital in Edison, N. J. It has been reported that he faces additional surgery as a result of his fall on June 10th.

# REVIEW

## EMMETT KELLY, Jr., CIRCUS

When the Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus played Greenville, S.C. on Sept. 15-16 they offered the following program:

Overture; Introduction of ringmistress Nancy Kelly; Introduction of Emmett Kelly, Jr.; the Young Troupe, teeterboard; Emmett and rope walk; The Beren's, trapeze; Michelle & Rene, slide for life; the Olmedas, Spanish horse fantasy; The Juggling Jewels followed by intermission.

Moore's Mad Cap Dogs; Emmett and standing on his hands; The Antonios, unicycles; Emmett and magic; Aeri's Bears; Emmett and the hankie; Teresa and Teddy, acro; the LeMoyné Troupe, motorcycle on wire; Emmett and Nancy say Goodbye.

Virginia Lee Fenton directed the show music, with props being handled by Ronnie McGuire and Judy Satterwhite.

## Miscellaneous

The Big John Strong Circus and members of its personnel were featured on the front page of the East Oregonian (Pendleton, Oregon) on Aug. 31st.

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# Circus

The program offered by the American Continental Circus during its engagement at Las Vegas, Nevada, featured:

Josip Marcan's African Lions; the Young Duo, aerial cradle; Clown Boxing Match (Zapata, Brisco, Baker and Del Moral); The Lemke Chimps; Hargita, juggling and ladders; The Coconuts, comedy; The Sisters Chorus Line, comedy; Myoshy Amotto, hair hang; Miss Martha and Miss Muffet, contortion; The Christinaos Duo, balance; Ed Drake, Jr., African elephant and chimp; the Guerros, high wire; Bill Brickle's Poodles; Clown horse act; Aerial Ballet with Kathy English and Miss Young.

After intermission come: The Knops, perch; Flying Wilastons; The Suarez Riding Act; the Clowns in The Washer Woman; the Charles Troupe and Jurandos, teeterboard; Johnson's elephants; and the Drake elephant.

Visitors at Vegas included: Feller Boys and Dodo; Antonio; Raul Parada; Daniel Acosta; Farfans; Andrea Toth and Pauline; Waltens Fercos; Smaha; Gaylord Maynard; Jackie Bostock and family; Ferges; Eric Braun and wife; the Chinese Acrobats; Lubin Stoyanoff; Peggy Williams; Anita Vargas and her



## KOOL AID CIRCUS

When the Kool Aid Circus played at the Colorado State Fair (Aug. 26-Sept. 4) they offered the following program:

Spec with the Kool Aid Man and entire circus personnel; Miss Maya; Erik Adams, dogs; Clowns with 'Tide'; the Lucky Bros., comedy; the Flying Vasquez Troupe; Ben DeWayne with the Kaye Hollywood Elephants; Clowns and the Telephone; Erik Acadis, one finger stand; the Zerbini Riding Act, and the Great Bruno, sway pole.

Clowns appearing in the show were: John "Yoho" MacKay, Les Schmitt and Lorraine "Cookie" Mac Kay.

The band was directed by Russ Darr and Gary Strong served as ringmaster. Bela Zacchini was both the show manager and prop boss.

family; Johnny Luxem; Roxanne and Ron Whitfield; Bob Yerkes; Phil and Francine and Baby Don-di and many, many others.

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One of the regulations calls for a readily read address with zip code. Incidentally, before too long a time extra numbers will be added to the zip code, as an attempt is made to speed up service.

It is uncertain at this time if the Circus Report format meets the specifications. If not it will have to be changed, and soon, too.

One move in the right direction is our new addressing unit which we'll start using sometime this month, as soon as the factory representative can get it to working correctly. It should provide better addressing and also help to speed up the process of publishing CR.

Regular CR mailings may also be handled differently which we hope will be able to maintain the regular good service we've been having. The idea should be good, will save some expense and will probably eliminate the stamp, which I am sure everyone, including me will miss.

But things have to change and we have to keep up with the rules, so the best we can do right now is to cross our fingers and hope for good things to come. Thanks, and see you next week.

## PEOPLE

**COL. JERRY LIPKO** (Lipko's Comedy Chimps) has a new phone number: Call toll free 800-824-7880, Ext. A-263. In California call: 800-852-772 Ex. A-263.

**HARRY JENKINS, Jr.** and his wife **JACKIE** are the proud parents of a son born on Sept. 13th, at Dallas (Texas). The new arrival was named "Jon Christopher Jenkins". The parents are former pro clowns who now work within the Dallas area.

**JOSEPH STEINMETZ**, circus photographer, will be exhibiting his circus photos at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Fla., Nov. 1-26. A special preview and reception will be held on Oct. 31st.

Lt. Col. **HARRY J. JENKINS**, retired circus organist, will play a concert on a Theatre Pipe Organ at Joe Koons Motorcycle Shop in Long Beach, Calif., on Oct. 29th. The concert is a fund raising event in memory of the late Mr. Koons.



## GREAT AMERICAN CIRCUS

by Don Sandman

The Great American Circus played Falmouth, Ky. on Sept. 16th, presenting two shows - 2 and 6 pm. Sponsored by the Pendleton County Jaycees the circus was set up on Highway US 27 at the Southern Elementary School.

The crowds were good on a day that was cloudy and in the morning it rained. By afternoon things had dried and the performances were well attended.

The front lot had the ticket wagon, souvenir stand, concessions, Himalayan Monster show and elephant rides.

The big top was a one ring tent with no reserved seating. All trucks were well painted and in fact are in the process of receiving new painting and lettering since Dave Knoderer joined the show.

The show is owned by Hoxie Tucker and managed by Jim Silverlake. Music is provided by the excellent team of Dave Miller, organist and Bob Gardner on drums. Billy Martin does the announcing.

The program included: Circusland on Parade Spec; Billy Martin & Co., rola bola; Don Jose, cloud swing; Buck Nolan (clown) and firecracker; Coloring Book Pitch; The Lang Family, acrobatics; Kohl's Dogs and pony; Clowns in See the Stars; Bongo & Co., man or ape; Miss Margo, one finger stand; Joe Silverlake and Miss Victoria, aerial; Intermission; Miss Jacolyn, bounding rope; Balloon Pitch; Kohl's animals; Bobby-Jane Duo, juggling; Miss Lynn, web; Monkey and Pony revue; Princess Yoshi Numa, hair hang; Clown magician; Jim Silverlake, circus elephants (2).

Bob Hannigan is the office manager and Josphine Silverlake has the souvenirs.

The show uses a two pole big top, orange and blue, and travels on 6 trucks, plus the personal trailers of performers. A third elephant is used for the elephant ride.

## COMING SOON

Stars appearing in the upcoming CBS-TV special of "Circus of the Stars" will be:

Gary Collins, Lee Meriwether, Tony LoBianco, Foster Brooks, Betty White, Suzy Chaffee, Bob Seagren, Cathy Lee Crosby, Ken Norton, Martin Sheen, Janet Leigh, Marilyn Katleman, Niki Dantine, Mary Ann Mobley, Jamie Lee Curtis, Jamie Farr, Michael Farrell, Altovese Davis, Eddie Mekka, David Nelson, Marty Allan, Lyle Waggoner, Deborah Raffin, Leif Garrett, Charo, Valerie Perrine, Michelle Phillip and Charlie Callas.

The show was filmed at the Sports Pavilion at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada.

## SPECIAL

Clowning around in mid-air is not for most performers, but then the Flying Dell-Steeles are not like most performers. These aerialists capture the attention of their audiences daily at Circus Circus Hotel/Casino in Reno.

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The Flying Dell-Steeles may be seen daily from 11 a.m. to midnight under the Big Top in downtown Reno.

(From the "Showtime" weekly of Sept. 28, 1979).

## Mailroom

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# SHOW FOLKS

by Clayton Wood

In the May 15th issue of CR we made a prediction about 11 year old Dino Menendez, low wire performer. A recent phone call from Quebec, where he and his sister Anita are appearing with Cirque Gattini, seems to indicate the young man is on the road to stardom. Rafael Menendez, Dino's dad, said he is in constant demand to appear on the various TV stations in Quebec. Dino's considerable exposure on TV has prompted viewers to form a "Dino Fan Club" Rafael said when they walk down the street you can hear people say "there goes Dino." Lets hope in the face of this notoriety Dino remains the same unaffected boy he was when he left Old Chicago in the Spring. He is a fine young man and we wish him much success.

The late summer meeting of the Charlie Smith Tent No. 131 CFA was held at the Kenneth Fishleigh estate in Wheaton, Ill. Smith, trainmaster with Ringling Red, attended with his wife Kitty, as the Ringling Red Unit was playing Milwaukee, less than 100 miles from Wheaton.

The Smiths came down a day ahead of the picnic meeting and visited D. R. (Dorey) Miller, owner of Carson & Barnes Circus, that was playing nearby. Charlie and Dorey met almost 40 years ago on a circus lot and their paths have crossed many times over the years. They really cut up some fancy Jack Pots; Charlie stayed on to watch the teardown.

There were about 35 members and guests at the meeting and the Fishleighs laid out a buffet lunch beyond description. Tent President, Don Sexton, said Johnnie and Mrs. Marietta, of Pittsburg, Kans., traveled the furthest to attend the meeting. Many of those attending had visited Carson & Barnes No. 1 unit that was playing in the area. Rosalie Hoffman of Chicago and a well-known circus photographer, was among the charter members in attendance.



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The Circus World Championships will be held in London on Dec. 12-17. Those attending the Circus Festival in Monaco could make it, missing only one days events.



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**SPECIAL**

Richard "Dick" Robinson, an Oakley, Utah, animal exhibitor has been ordered to stop business operations for a period of 21 days under a summary suspension issued by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. He has been charged with neglecting animals housed at his facility.

Robinson, in business as Adanac Film Productions, Ltd., is licensed by the department under the Animal Welfare Act. During a recent inspection of Robinson's facilities, a veterinary medical officer with the department found that bears, deer and a bison were not provided with shelter that would protect them from the sun and weather. One large brown bear was housed in a permanent traveling cage that lacked sufficient space.

Because these violations could cause physical harm to the animals involved, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service officials ordered an immediate 21 day suspension of the exhibitor's license. The suspension began on Sept. 21st.

Robinson will remain under surveillance during this period. Unless he takes immediate steps to correct the deficiencies, the department plans to take additional legal action.

**Billy Barton (Continued)**

HARRY (Eddie) BECK, Jr.'s Circorama opened on Sept. 21st at Sweetwater (Tenn) for a 7 week run in the Carolinas, Ala., Ga. and Miss. Cast includes JOE and GEORGI SMILEY, RIETTA WALLEND & Co., ROGER DuBOIS, The GREAT OSCAR and ROBERT and INGE WILLIAMS.

WES OLER says he has booked "everything" with the engagement of a "belly daneer" for the Buford (SC) fair. (Look out, Wes, next it'll be half and halfs and drags!) and finally, the KLEMENTIS, who managed to fulfill all contracts, despite Egan's back injury and the loss of their Avion, went into the La Grange (Texas) Fair immediately following their accidents because the committee insisted they appear, even if they only came on stage and smiled. Enroute EGAN put his hand to his mouth, turned to ELFIE in shock and said "My God, look!" . . . and there in the palm of his hand was his front tooth. "OH, Egan," wailed Elfie, "Now . . . we can't even smile!"

See you down the road, luvv.

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## SAWDUST TRAIL

by M. L. DUPONT

The year 1978 continues to take its toll of circuses, the latest being King Bros. which quietly folded its tents on Sept. 8th and went back to Florida. It looks more and more like the 1938 season all over again.

This writer wants to congratulate Eddie Howe on an excellent Circus Vargas article which appeared in the Sept. 23rd issue of AB. He lauds Jimmy Plunkett, who bills himself as Christopher James, and does an excellent wire act. The writer reported back in June 1977, when I worked with James on the Eddie Zacchini Shrine Circus at Shreveport, that watching James perform was the "shades of Hubert Castle." To quote Howe: "his wire work, both comedy and straight is an exact duplicate of his reported to be trainer - Hubert Castle." Now we hear that James will appear in Prince Ranier's Circus Monaco Show.

This reporter understands that Wimpey, the International Clown (Bertam Hiles) is writing a book on clowning, one, he notes, "that will contain the secrets of how to build props." How many clowns of today know what the "spat" is or the "108"? How many of them know how to fix a trick box in the girders which will open by the simple pulling of a string and down will come whatever it is loaded with. Go to it Wimpey, and put me down for the

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first copy. That's why clowning has faded because no one wanted to pass along some secrets.

My personal congratulations to Salvatore "Sal" Conditto of the RBBB Red Unit for receiving the heroism award from the CFA. I've met Sal many times and he always asks about the local fans, especially our ex-president Jack Painter, of Ruston. It is nice to have friends like Sal. A Big Hand also to 'Big Red' Gardiner who also received a similar award.

This reporter watched a performance of Joseph Gilbride, at Pntrain Beach (he dives as a "Human Torch" and presents a thrilling act. He was banned in Philly when the fire commission said his act would get kids to trying the same idea. This diver is a No. 1 performer - the best I have seen.

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## SPECIAL



After a year and a half of research, promotion and planning, showman James A. Bailey will be honored with a special tribute at Cobo Hall, Detroit, Mich.,

The program, held on Oct. 6th, was planned by co-chairman Jerry Roe of the Michigan Historical Com-

mission and George DaDeppo, designer and publicist.

The special events taking place as part of the tribute included:

Those attending the Bailey tribute, attended the Ringling-Barnum Circus (Red Unit) as a group, as the circus played in Cobo Hall.

Following the performance the group moved to the center ring for a cocktail party with management and performers of the circus.

The group then attended the dedication and unveiling of a Historical Site Marker at the site of James A. Bailey's birth, on July 4, 1847.

The final event was a \$30.00 a plate banquet with Governor William Milliken, of Michigan, and Irvin Feld, president of Ringling-Barnum Circus, as the guest speakers.

Those attending the event were presented with a certificate of membership, a commemorative coin, and other mementos of the event.



The Dobritch Int'l Circus, sponsored by the Wayne County Deputy Sheriffs, at Wayne, Mich. (Sept. 16-18) featured: Lilli-Ana's leopards; the Pablo Rodriguez Troupe, aerial bars/hair hangs/rolling globes; the Vashek Duo, aerial motorcycle; Kim Kristensen, long-reined dressage; Great Dante, one finger stand; Myimba's Baboons; Norbu, gorilla parody; the Great Vashek, wire walk; Professor Shappi, comedy piano; the Kaye Hollywood Elephants presented by Ben De Wayne.

Clowns were: Whizzer Bridwell and partner with Vern Woerner producing.

Equipment was furnished by Circus Creations, with Jimmy Douglass, ringmaster and Stanley Friedberg musical director. Sandy Dobritch was the executive director and the big top was provided by Florida Tent Rental, handled by Walt Davis.



## HOLIDAY HIPPODROME

by Ron Sanford

Both the writer and Bill Green enjoyed the 7 p.m. performance of Holiday Hippodrome, presented at Beatrice, Nebr., on Sept. 20th. The local engagement was sponsored by the Optimist Club.

The show's program featured: Sampion, juggler; The Bradburys, magic; Marco Polo, balancing; the Keppo Duo, rolling globe; Marie France, dogs and The Bradburys with balloon animals.

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