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Zoo Probes Cause of Attack

Officials at Pawtucket (R.I.) admit they may never know just how or why Slater Park Zoo night watchman Vincent Dolan was killed, but they hope there'll be an answer sometime soon. An autopsy report confirms the rumors that Dolan died of "multiple internal injuries consistent with a stomping death."

A watchman coming on duty for the late shift, the night of Feb. 7th, found Dolan's body sprawled on the floor and a camel running loose.

It has been denied that the animal was in a state of rage, although it was admitted the 5 year old African dromedary (it weighed about 1500 lbs) was foaming at the mouth. This may, according to animal men, be the result of the animal chewing its cud, being excited or even could have been caused from tranquilizers used to quiet the animal.

The camel was destroyed when zoo keepers were unable to

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Good Prospects

In an interview last week at his offices in Sarasota (Fla) Charles Moyer reported that bookings and promotion for his Charles Bros. Circus are well ahead of last year. He anticipates the 1975 season will keep the circus busy playing dates along the Atlantic Seaboard, in much the same area as was played during 1974.

In addition to planning an expanded tour for 1975, the circus program will be enlarged to feature more animal acts and skilled performers. It will be a program that will please every patron, he added.

ATTENTION!

We want to take this occasion to thank all those who helped make our 1974 season such a successful tour.

With the bustle of the recently past season, and our feverish activities at winter quarters, we may have missed contacting you personally, but please know by this, we wish you a "Happy New Year."

We would also like to take this opportunity to let you, our friends, know that we plan for a bigger and better season than in the past.

We look forward to renewing our old friendships and to making many, many more friends. Here's wishing everyone "Blue Skies and Green Lots."

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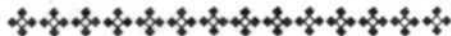
Ridgeway Bros. Circus, of New Zealand, reports that they have had a very good 1974 year.

Carson & Barnes Circus has reportedly acquired a herd of 32 elephants, with 20 little ones ready for the performance.

The current Listerine TV commercials with a disc jockey, has an old Ken Maynard Wild West show litho on the back wall.

The oldest gorilla in captivity, at the Philadelphia, Pa. zoo, recently celebrated its 44th birthday.

On Feb. 20th RBBB's Circus World Park, in Florida, celebrated its first year of operation.

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PEOPLE

THE WAL-TIMS are currently touring with the Int'l Unit of The Globetrotters.

THE FABULOUS LAMBERTI, Jr. (juggler and equilibrist) worked with the M&M Circus at Rochester, N.Y. and will also appear with the upcoming Des Moines Shrine Circus.

JIMMY ILLE will be directing the band of the Beatty-Cole Circus this season.

GEORGE SCOTT will reportedly tour with Rudy Bros. Circus during the 1975 season.

JOHN HERRIOTT and family will have their animal acts on Hoxie Bros. Circus this summer.

STEVE McPEAN and CELESTE (high wire stars) are currently with a circus in Colombia.

JOHN MOLINARI, circus band leader, is touring with a unit of the "Fiddler on the Roof" show.

HOXIE TUCKER recently purchased a new Yellowstone house trailer for his upcoming tour.

KATHY MARTINEZ, daughter of aerial star DON MARTINEZ, was caught by an AP camera as she watched her father practicing with the Ringling-Barnum show.

CLIFF VARGAS, owner of the Circus Vargas, was the subject

NYC marriage

Two members of the Royal Lippizan Stallion Show were married at New York City's Felt Forum on Jan. 11th by show announcer, Austin Miles. The well-known show announcer is an ordained minister of The Assembly of God Church and also serves as the show chaplain.

Wendy Walters, a
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of a special article in the Jan. 24, 1975, issue of the Daily Review of Hayward, Calif.

ATOS ZAMPERLA does a full twisting back somersault from one horse to another on the Polack Bros. Circus.

HARRY CHIPMAN, HUBERT CASTLE and BERT NELSON were once known as the "Original Unholy Three" and were always dressed in white suits, white shoes and white hats, with a red necktie.



ROUTES

- Hubert Castle Circus
 Feb. 25 Las Cruces, N.M.
 27-Mar 8 Minneapolis, Minn
- Circo Pan Americano
 to Mar. 9 San Juan, P. R.
- Circus Vargas
 Feb. 25-25 Savannah, Ga.
 27-Mar 1 Orlando, Fla.
 Mar. 2 Miami Beach
- Cole All Star TV Circus
 Feb. 24 Pavilion, N. Y.
 25 Shortsville
 26 Le Roy
 27 Bloomfield
 28 Williamson
 Mar. 1 Baldwinsville
- Clyde Bros. Circus
 Feb. 18-23 Milwaukee, Wisc.
- Hamid-Morton Circus
 Feb 28-Mar 2 Topeka, Kans.
- Hubler's Int'l Circus
 Mar. 1-2 Decatur, Ill.
- Polack Bros. Circus
 Mar. 1-2 Allentown, Penna.
- Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
 Feb 25-Mar 2 Charlotte, N.C.
- Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
 Feb 25-Mar 2 Raleigh, N.C.
- Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show
 to Mar. 2 Santo Domingo, P.R.
- OTHER ROUTES
- Ice Capades
 Feb. 25-Mar 2 Indianapolis, In



The above picture was taken on the Johnny J. Jones Shows, at Tampa (Fla.) the winter of 1926-27. On the right is circus writer Starr De Belle. The two men are The Aerial Zeneros.

Ice Follies
 to Mar. 9 Cleveland, Ohio

Holiday on Ice
 Feb. 18-23 Louisville, Ky.

NYC MARRIAGE (Continued)

member of the show's support crew and rider Bobby Wilson were married on horseback.

Col. E. Trevor Bale served as the best man, while Yvonne Fornasari was the bridesmaid.

Texas Show Opens '78 Tour

The Fisher Bros. Circus, whose winter home is in Donna, Texas, opened its 1975 tour at Alamo (Texas) on Feb. 13th. The circus is moving on 6 show trucks and 5 trailers and uses a 70 ft. round end big top with two 40 ft. middle sections.

In addition to a complete line of concessions the midway features a zoo. This includes the show's elephant, llamas, hippo, goats, donkey, a five legged cow and several other freak animals.

More Acts

In addition to the acts listed as appearing with the Hanneford Circus on recent dates (see Circus Report for Feb. 3, 1975 - Page 3) the following acts have also been working for the show at various spots:

The Verdus - rolling globes
 The Keppos - two acts
 The Bertinis - bicycle/wire
 The Fossetts - sway poles
 Baron Von Frost - illusions
 Cookie, Hugo, Jim Stutz - clowns

on the road

The Stebbing's Royal European Circus, which played North Port (Fla.) on Feb. 8th is all real circus - clean and neat. They have lights strung between the king poles and even a fence around the show, just as they do in Europe.

Inside the tent a bar is hanging between the king poles on which the special lights are suspended. It makes an ideal set up and certainly provides excellent lighting for matinees and

The big show program features: elephants, dogs, monkeys, horses, ponies, llamas, aerial web, single trapeze, swinging ladder, anchor perch and juggling. Music for the performance is provided by Peggy Null at the organ, with her son on drums.

The 1975 staff includes:-
 Mel and B.K. Silverlake - owners
 James A. Davis - manager
 Kathleen Davis - office manager
 Raymond Duke, Torchy Wilson and Myrna Ratcliff - agents
 Alfonso Loyal - concessions
 Ted Wilson - side show manager
 Peggy Null - organist
 Ken "Turtle" Benson - promotions

.....Bill Green

evening programs.

The show here featured: a clown; charivari; juggling and baton; clown act; Linares dogs; The Ashton Family; Scott's Unrideable mule; slack wire; Stebbing's elephant; Scott's football playing dogs; Princess Tiona, trapeze; and the Ashton Family risley act.

.....Hugo Marquardt

Strong P. R. Show Program

The Gran Circo Americano, currently being presented in San Juan, P.R., (Feb. 14-Mar. 9) as always features a strong program of acts. Many of the performers come directly to Puerto Rico from Europe for this show, while others come from the U. S.

The show's program is a colorful four page sheet, done in red, white and blue. It carries advertising from such firms as Cracker Jack, Oscar Mayer and Burger King. Included is an advertisement for Safari Park, the famous animal park of that area.



Listed as the show staff are:
 Octavio Pedrero, Jr. - MC/direct.
 Wilson Storey - Agent represent
 Ramiro Martinez - Public relat.
 Mac McClosky - calliope player
 Roberto Germain - Europe Repr.
 Jorge de la Rosa - Expos. Mgmt.
 Keith Killinger - band leader

This year's program features:
 Eloise Berchtold - mixed animal
 Great Huberto - slide for life
 Srta. Luisa, Sr. Dobicky, Sr.

Robert - equilibrists
 Bob Top and Edna
 Jocko and Little Billy
 Bob Gibbs - dog act (5)
 Los Ferges and Mario & Roberto
 - acrobats

Special Honor

Sarasotans paid special honor to Emmett Kelly through the Sarasota Concert Band's "Tribute to Emmett Kelly" at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall.

Kelly performed, including his sketching, and Merle Evans took over the band for a program of circus and concert music.

Karl Wallenda did a bit of wire walking and Dottie Williams sang.

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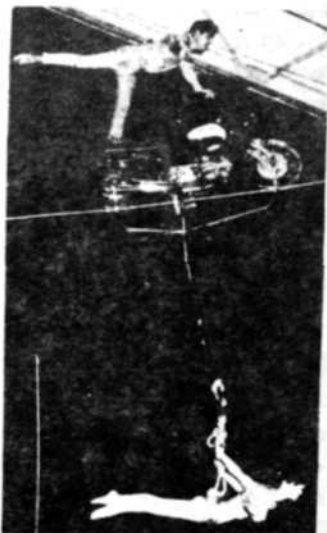
Srta. Rosa, Maryse Begary, Srta
 Maya - trapeze
 Johnny Luxem - sky wheel
 -- Intermission --

The Lopez Troupe
 Los Latinos, Don Mario - wire
 The Clowns
 Los Decoradores - comedian
 Rosa Gibbs, Bob Gibbs - ponies
 Srta. Andrea, Lottie Brunn, Sr.
 Oresto - juggling
 Duo Rummels, Rodoge Troupe, Her
 manos Zerbini -
 Bob Gibbs - baby elephants (3)

show sets new records!

Even though the Louisville (Kty) area has been suffering from unemployment and an outbreak of flu, Polack Bros. Circus played to capacity business for all 12 performances here on Feb. 5-10. The show had some of the best publicity this town's media has given a circus in a long time. This included a special tabloid section, with a four color (two page) picture of a lunging tiger. Photos and stories filled this special section, plus other daily issues.

The band was that of the Kosair Shrine Club, with Wilma Wrench directing from the organ. The prop crew is in charge of Robert Hynds, while clown numbers are produced by Lazlo Donnert. Don Northdorft handles the announcing chores.



The program here featured:

Clown come-in
 Jericos - Johnny's leap over the elephants (3)
 Guy Gossing's tigers (13)
 The Apollos - aerial cradle
 Miss Francesca - single trapeze
 The Clowns - A clown car
 Bill Brickle's Poodle Fantasy

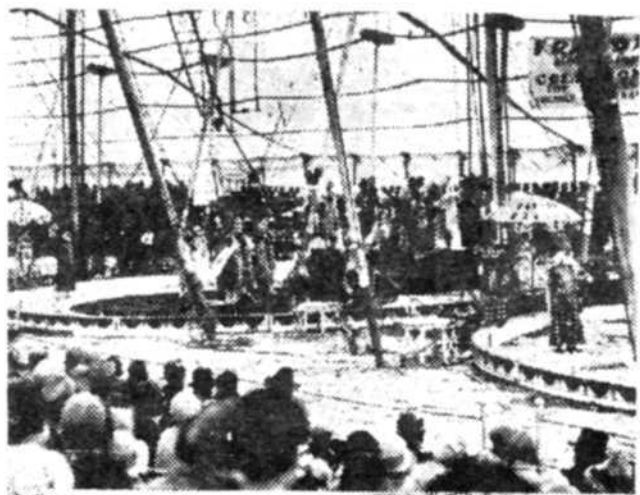
He's Released

High wire artist Philippe Petit was released from a St. Petersburg (Fla) hospital on Feb 8th, after he fell some 25 feet during a rehearsal on Feb. 8th.

Petit, who suffered a broken wrist and several broken ribs, will be recuperating for several weeks

Kaylena and her doves
 Pom Pom Donoho and "Baby Mike"
 The Atos Troupe - trampoline
 Geronimo - High dive
 -- Intermission --
 La Mafalda - sword balancing
 The Flying Dells
 The Clown Band
 The De Milles - low wire
 The Jordanas - upside down cycle
 Napoleon's bareback riding act
 A clown and his dog
 The Donohos - elephants (3)
 Guzman & Monique - sky cycle

.....Sally Payne



The photos on this page were once standard publicity items for the big Ringling-Barnum Circus. They've also been used by many other shows.

Canada Foreign Entertainer Tax Goes Under Review

OTTAWA (AP) — Revenue Minister Ron Basford is reviewing a decision to apply a 15 per cent withholding tax on the income of foreign entertainers visiting Canada, an aide said.

The new rule, made effective Jan. 1, has been heavily criticized by foreign show producers and by impresarios in Canada for severely limiting the Canadian theater market.

Before Jan. 1, income tax was charged on the profits earned by foreign shows after their box office receipts paid for the expenses of the theaters and performers.

The Revenue Department said the rule was changed because the department uncovered cases of touring companies not reporting their full incomes from playing in several Canadian cities.

Under the new rule, the government decided to withhold a 15 per cent tax on total income, allowing the foreign companies to apply for a rebate at the end of the tax year if the amount paid was in excess of normal income tax.

This was interpreted by some foreign show producers as taxing gross box office revenues at the 15 per cent rate. Producers in London and New York said they would not send shows to Canada at this rate, since it would be more than the shows normally would expect to make.

A week ago, the Canadian

government also announced plans to eliminate a tax break for companies that place advertisements in U.S. media aimed directly at the Canadian

market.

Hugh Faulkner, the registrar general, said the government would seek to amend the Income Tax Act.

Italian Lions?

Plans for the sale of Lion Country Safari parks at Atlanta (Ga.) and Grand Prairie (Texas) have been completed, according to Lion Country president Harry Shuster. The two facilities have suffered losses of more than \$2 million since 1972, and are being sold for cash and considerations amounting to \$5.25 million.

Ownership of the two parks will be transferred to Parchi Naturali, SPA, of Italy, who will put a considerable amount of money into renovation work. The parks are expected to continue operating under their current names.

Letters

Reading Circus Report each week is like traveling with a circus. It's the best publication that show folks have.

.....Anthony Olobri

We'd be lost without Circus Report on Mondays for it is the only publication that tells us what is going on in the circus world. Keep up the good work.

.....Carl Leach

CLYDE BEATTY (Continued)



DURING THE NIGHT ON THE TRIP FROM BUFFALO TO CLEVELAND, CLYDE'S ASSISTANT, RED JACKSON, WHO ALWAYS TRAVELS WITH THE ANIMALS, NOTICES ONE OF THE TIGERS BEING RESTLESS



SNIP, A SAVAGE MAN-HATING BENGAL TIGER, HAS BEEN PACING HIS CAGE ALL NIGHT, WHICH IS A BAD SIGN. . .



THIS CAT IS A NATURAL-BORN TROUBLE MAKER, AND HAS ATTACKED CLYDE SEVERAL TIMES. . .

CLYDE, YOU BETTER WATCH SNIP TODAY, I FEAR HE IS OUT FOR TROUBLE

I NOTICED HIM ACTING UP AT THE LAST PERFORMANCE

NEXT MORNING. . .

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CAMEL ATTACK PROBE (Continued)

get it back into its cage. Later an autopsy ruled out the possibility of rabies as a cause of the attack. Further studies are currently underway to see if the animal may have been poisoned.

It was at first thought the camel forced its way out of the cage area, but that was discounted when the door was found to be unlocked and the chain was off. A caretaker reported he checked the cages in the early evening and everything was safely locked and chained.

No one's making any official statements, but it is possible that the victim opened the door to feed the camel and was attacked as a result. It is known that Dolan frequently violated the rules and feed the animals, and there were pieces of apple inside the camel's cage.

SPECIAL HONOR (Continued)

A plaque was presented to Kelly for his 50 years as a circus clown, while Evans was given an award as an honorary guest conductor of the band.

.....Murray Powers

HISTORICAL FACT

In 1900 Gentry's Dog and Pony Show was carrying a total of 150 dogs, ponies, monkeys and baby elephants.