

# 'Greatest Show' Due Here for Two Weeks

There's a group of canine stars at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus who don't know that they are dogs as they ride motorcycles, take a ride on a pony and fly high on a trapeze, at the gigantic show coming to the air-conditioned Los Angeles Sports Arena on July 19 through Aug. 1.

Anyone who's ever tried to get the family Rover to sit up will be amazed, amused, and astonished by the aplomb of these veteran performers who not only do intricate tricks but act as if they thoroughly enjoy doing them.

Zooming around one of the traditional three rings will be one of the Nagana's poodles riding his motor scooter with the skill of a driver in the Indianapolis 500. In another ring, the Stephenson's dogs will let their Irish sense of humor show through as they push one another off the back of a galloping pony.

AND IN the third ring will be the exciting dogs of Mogyrosi's troop, who act as a "daring young man on the flying trapeze" as they swing by their front paws high atop a tall pole held by their master.

## Field Trip To Knotts Farm Set

Knotts Berry Farm will be the target for the first summer field trip sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department tomorrow from 1 to 5 p.m.

Children 7 years and older are eligible for the trip. Cost is \$1.25 which includes bus transportation and insurance.

Pick-up points for the bus will be at Victor Park, La Romeria Park, Entradero Park, Paradise Park, and the Pueblo Community Center.

These are just three of the animal acts provided in this 97th edition presented by circus president, John Ringling North, who this year has 25 acts from abroad who are making their American debut with the Greatest Show on Earth.

Some 400 performers and 160 animals combine their talents and skills to make this a tremendous show that features the super spectacle, "Alice in Topsy Turvy Land," a circus mad mod version of the children's classic, and "Viva Mexico," where our neighbors to the South are saluted with song, dance, prancing Liberty Horses and charros.

SOME OF THE new acts this year are the Petrows the Dobritsches and the Marinikas, perch performers; The Swinging Zdravoks, who perform mid-air somersaults after being hurled from a high-flying swing; Jacques Rhodin's balancing chimps; Van Donwen's Seals; Bojilov, the juggler on the slack wire, and many, many more.

Because of their popularity, some favorites are again in the star line-up this year: Charly Baumann and his magnificently trained tigers; Adela Smieja, the lady of the lions; Konyot's Chimps; Franz Althoff's disciplined horse which lets a huge tiger go for a piggy-back ride; and, of course, the famed Ringling clowns, led by Lou Jacobs.

Rounding out the extravaganza will be the loudest and most famous circus band in the land led by Merle Evans, with Harold Ronk, the world's only singing ringmaster, as master of ceremonies.

## Gardena Valley Art Show At Great Western Savings

The Gardena Valley Art Association is holding its sixth annual Summer Art Exhibit at Great Western Savings' Gardena office, 2501 W. Rosecrans Blvd. The show will continue through July 14.

The annual exhibit will include nearly 100 individual works, representing the mediums of oil, water color, pastel, and sufil. Approximately 40 different artists have made contributions to the exhibit.

There is no admission charge to the display. All adults visiting the exhibit during its first week will be able to register for a \$50 cash award toward purchase of one of the paintings on display.

Visitors also will vote for the most popular painting of the exhibit. The votes will be tallied on July 14, and the winning painting will remain on display for an additional week.

The Gardena Valley Art Association, with about 80 members, meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Rowley Memorial Park, 13220 Van Ness Ave. Guests are invited to attend.

**ELECT DIRECTOR**  
Gordon M. Metcalf, chairman of the board of Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, has been elected to the board of directors of United States Steel Corp.

# Spoo Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

## Stoddard Still Holds 'Em

Even after this long booking she's fulfilling at The Tea House, Gale Stoddard can still hold the interest of the many patrons at this popular Torrance spot.

Gale plays just about anything (music-wise, that is, friend!) you could think up to request. If you feel like singing... she let's you. If you want her to give out with a rendition, for this, too, she's accommodating.

A very talented little miss is this "Manila Bombshell" and you can catch her any night Tuesday through Saturday.

While we're on the subject of girls, (and what better subject, please?) Daytime Ron and Nitetime Ron have their hands full (and their minds!) lately with the new girl they're breaking in at The Tea House. She's long-blonded Gwen Allish who was acquired from the Phoenix area and all we can say is that Arizona's loss is our gain.

Of course Ron and Ron are used to handling all this pluckitude, what with Connie, and the Connie before her, etc. but with this Gwen job they're completely confused. Don't give up, tho. They'll get with it eventually.

A week from tomorrow marks the bow-in time for Shakespeare, in a way, at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.

It's the sophisticated comedy that enjoyed 3,000 consecutive performances on Broadway, "Kiss Me Kate," which, as you already know, is a musical version of "Taming of the Shrew" and marks the 101st production of the Long Beach Civic Light Opera Co.

Had a Porterhouse Steak one day recently at The Red Balloon on Hawthorne in Torrance, served with potatoes, salad, roll and butter plus a cup of coffee and it only set us back \$1.99. Splurged that day.

There are other times when the bankroll's a bit slimmer, so we go for one of the other specials they have over there. "All You Can Eat" spaghetti with that oh-so-special sauce, along with salad, Italian dressing and garlic bread... and all for 99 cents. You must pick and choose for this deal, however, it's a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday special.

One other goodie that's reached great popularity at The Red Balloon is the Southern Fried Chicken bit for



CUTIE... She's the Cutie Pie at the Tea House, Gale Stoddard, nitely for your entertainment at the piano bar.



TAMING KATY... Jim Boyde administers lesson one "where it'll do the most good" to Laura Killingsworth in "Kiss Me Kate," opening July 13 at Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.

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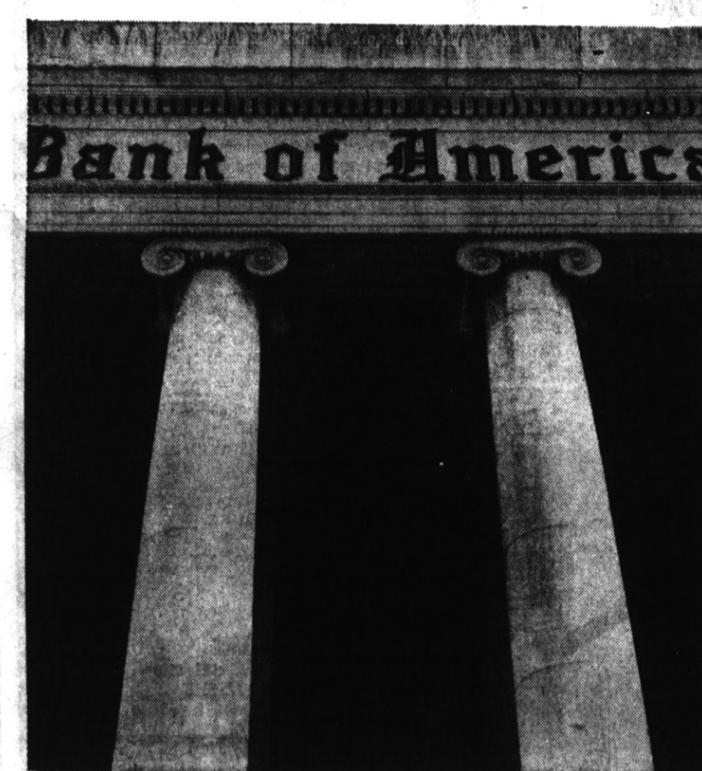
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