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Photo by Jimmi Harris

Entertainment beneath the big top returns

One of the favorite attractions of a turn of the century circus was the elephant-assisted tent raising. Crowds of youngsters came to gawk at 8,000-pound pachyderms straining to erect the huge canvas tent. Circus Vargas has retained this old-fashioned tradition and mixed it with a touch of the present. Clowns, acrobats, exotic animals, aerialists and trapeze artists will perform under a truly old-fashioned canvas big top that seats 5,000. The whole package of entertainment is in Eugene at the Valley River Center.

Anti-draft bill moves to house floor

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SALEM — The Legislature's memorial against bringing back the draft has but one more victory to win. Wednesday, the House Rules Committee approved the legislation, Senate Joint Memorial 8 (SJM8), and sent it to the floor with a do-pass recommendation.

The measure passed the Senate Saturday and if approved by the House, will be forwarded to Congress. The memorial asks that registration, classification or actual induction not occur until there is a declaration of war or national emergency.

Sen. Jan Wyers, D-Portland, main sponsor of the bill, told the committee that the memorial is a message to Congress.

"We want to let them know that we don't favor resumption of the draft given the present situation, that there needs to be a more immediate showing of an emergency before the system is brought back."

Lonn Fendell, of Sen. Mark Hatfield's office, acknowledged that many memorials sent to Congress lack impact as they often deal with abstract issues.

"But this one is extremely timely. The Senate is expected to take action soon and the House to vote momentarily. Consequently, expressions from state legislatures such as this would be helpful as they would indicate a broad sentiment from more than specific sectors of the population."

Most of the discussion at Wednesday's 8 a.m. meeting centered on the ability of the military to respond quickly if there isn't at least a registration in place.

Wyers labeled talk of bringing back registration as tantamount to calling for resumption of the draft.

"If you have registration, you're almost all the way to the draft right there. The only thing you haven't done is call the people in."

That the session is nearing the end was clear throughout the meeting. The sentiments of Rep. Gary Wilhelms, R-Klamath Falls, were representative.

"I'm not going to support it, I don't care what you do to it," said Wilhelms about attempts to make the bill acceptable to him and Rep. Bill Rogers, R-Vida. "But if you've got the votes to pass that, let's get it out of here and get the show on the road. If you don't, then let's end this meeting."

But the five votes needed to move the bill out weren't there. Rep. Dave Frohn-

mayer, R-Eugene, was in the meeting earlier but was absent when there was a call for the vote. Finally, a fifth member was recruited.

The legislation is expected to pass the full House, and Sen. Debs Potts, D-Grants Pass, who carried the bill in the Senate, says America doesn't need a draft.

"We are a great nation," boasts the white-haired dean of the legislature, "and we should have enough love of country that we don't need a draft."

On the Senate side, the legislation went to Potts' State and Federal Affairs Committee. Potts, who served 28 years in the navy, talked personally with many of the supporters of the resolution.

"I was convinced that if this United States got in trouble tomorrow morning, they would be willing to protect this country."

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Despite protest and disappointment voiced by students and community rock fans, the University has decided not to appeal a county commissioners' denial of the permit for a would-be Chicago concert in Autzen Stadium. See Page 3.

Sexual harassment is a very real, but an often hidden, problem in University classrooms and offices, according to Norma McFadden, University affirmative action officer. See Page 4.

A new neighborhood crime prevention program is about to go into effect in several Eugene areas. Community involvement is the key to stopping the growth of crime according to program administrators. See Page 5.

Food, festivities and fun will highlight the 10th Annual Oregon Country Fair this weekend. For a partial listing of what's in store and directions for getting there, turn to Page 6.