

the *last* place that they should take their children is the circus. For more information and to view the videos, please visit www.RinglingBeatsAnimals.com

*Curtis Taylor
Eugene*

LAME PROPAGANDA

PT Barnum's famous quote, "There's a sucker born every minute," certainly applies to the circus that bears his name. Eugeneans came early for the pre-show of Ringling's Barnum and Bailey Circus. Here the circus-goers get to see the animals up close and personal, get fed the lame propaganda that Ringling has been using for years, "We have a vested interest in the animals, we treat them like family."

Tell that to the 8,000 pound elephant

that was crammed into a tractor trailer with three others, chained by her leg, not able to lie down or sit or turn around for four days. I stood in one spot, outside Matthew Knight arena, in the sun for 1-1/2 hours. It was exhausting. What must it be like for elephants doing it 340 days a year? Most of them have foot problems and some finally get so bad that they have to be euthanized.

Catherine Cardin, the elephant trainer, said the elephants enjoy the circus and like to look out the window when they travel. I saw the trucks the elephants arrived in. They had no windows and no climate control.

Hundreds of people protested the treatment of the circus animals this last weekend. Hundreds more walked by ignoring the signs, videos and proof that

what the signs said was true. And to the dismay of the hundreds of circus animals pacing back and forth in cages and rocking back and forth on chains going crazy, it's true, there's a sucker born every minute.

*Molly Sargent
Pleasant Hill*

TRUE BARBERS

What a fine write-up from Rick Levin about my barber, Larry Owens (cover story, 9/1). For many years I lived in a small-town enclave right in the middle of Hollywood, near Sunset and Highland avenues, shopping at a mom and pop grocery store and getting my hair cut at a long-time old-school barbershop. When I had to relocate to Oregon, where could I find a barbershop like that one?

No luck. Oh, I found a good haircutter

in Salem, who shared all his personal problems and complaints about how parents today don't wallop their kids as they should, not like the fine thrashings of his own childhood. I tried to joke with him one day, said, "Hey, bartenders and barbers are supposed to listen to the *customer's* problems!" I could feel the chill.

Then a move to Eugene, where I found Larry, and home again! Sometimes Larry, sometimes Jolan, both top of the line. I miss Larry's brother, Gary, evidently now retired, also a crackerjack barber who pinch-hit at times and was a lot of fun to chat with.

*Jim Wood
Eugene*

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