

Circus train derails in Florida

LAKELAND, Fla. — A Ringling Bros. circus train derailed Thursday with a full load of performers, equipment and animals, killing at least one person and injuring a dozen others, authorities said.

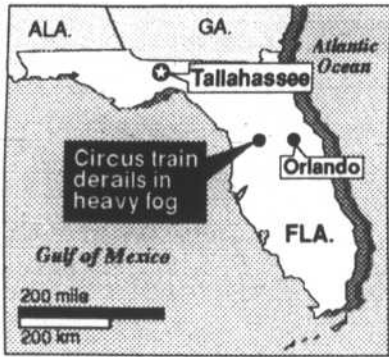
Nineteen cars of the 59-car Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey train derailed about 9:15 a.m., officials said.

"There were 200 people on board, one person killed, one missing and 12 to 15 with minor injuries," said Sonya Dodds, a spokeswoman for the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

"We went into an emergency stop procedure," said circus manager David Cohen, who was inside the train. "It was very bumpy."

Standing near the wreckage, he said: "The show always goes on. I suspect we will be late, but the show always goes on."

He said there were about 25 children on board, and none of them were injured.



The accident was followed by a second one: A WESH television news helicopter covering the story crashed in a school's ball field about a half-mile from the wreck site, injuring a photographer and the pilot. No one on the ground was hurt.

The train that derailed was traveling across the state's midsection from St. Petersburg to an engagement in Orlando.

Cars that jumped the tracks carried staff, performers and equipment, said Rodney Huey, vice president of public relations, from his office in Vienna, Va. There were 50 elephants, lions, bears and horses on board, none in the affected section of the train, he said.

The cause of the derailment, which occurred in heavy fog near a point where tracks come together, was not immediately known.

The circus has two units which travel the country by train making stops in cities along the way. The blue unit was involved in the accident.

Among the headliners are Romeo and Juliet, year-old Asian elephants too young to be performers but making their public debut for circus fans.

Besides clowns, performers include Chinese acrobats and gymnasts, high wire acts and a horse and bear act from the former Soviet Union, a three-ring dog act, and Graham Thomas Chipperfield from Great Britain who works with the animals.

Two men arrested in skater's attack

PORTLAND, Ore. — Arrest warrants were issued in the attack on Olympic figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, authorities said Thursday. ABC News reported that a second person confessed to the plot, said to involve rival Tonya Harding's ex-husband and bodyguard.

The FBI arrested a man at Portland Airport on a flight from Phoenix; Port of Portland spokesman Doug Roberts refused to give any details about him. ABC identified the man as Derrick Smith of Phoenix, and said he was involved in the alleged conspiracy to injure Kerrigan.

The network also described a Portland man, Shane Stant, as the alleged hit man who carried out the attack on Kerrigan at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit on Jan. 6.

The assailant escaped after breaking the glass out of a locked arena door.

In Detroit, deputy police chief Benny Napoleon said "warrants have been issued," but he did not specify the number of warrants or who had been named. Portland authorities refused to confirm that warrants had been issued but said they expected to make arrests Thursday on conspiracy charges.

Earlier Thursday, Boston TV station WCVB reported that warrants were issued in Portland for Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly; bodyguard Shawn Eric Eckardt; Smith; and Stant.

The station also reported Harding was named in the warrants, but authorities in Portland and Detroit denied that.

Eckardt told authorities that Gillooly asked him to arrange the attack. The Oregonian newspaper reported Thursday, citing unidentified law enforcement sources. Harding and Gillooly were divorced Aug. 28, but later reconciled and have lived together since October.

After Kerrigan was clubbed on the knee, she was forced to withdraw from the figure skating championships, raising doubts about her ability to compete in the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, Feb. 12-27.

The U.S. Figure Skating Association named Kerrigan to the Olympic team anyway, along with Harding, 23, who went on to win the championship. Kerrigan won a bronze medal at the 1992 Winter Games in Albertville, France.

The charge of conspiracy to commit assault is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine, Oregon officials said.

At the Detroit news conference Thursday, Napoleon said a woman from out-of-state called the police department Saturday and insisted on speaking with him.

"She indicated to me that she heard a conversation regarding the planned assault on Nancy Kerrigan" several months ago, Napoleon said. "She put it off as somebody talking. Once the assault occurred, she became frightened. She wanted to make sure the people responsible were apprehended."

Napoleon said the woman identified about four people, and he passed the names along to the FBI. The woman said she listened to a tape of the conversation a few months ago.

"I am not going to indicate who she implicated to me," Napoleon said. He said Harding was not implicated.

The plot allegedly involved Eckardt, Gillooly, an Eckardt acquaintance in Phoenix and a Portland man who hit Kerrigan for \$100,000, The Oregonian newspaper reported.

NBC News on Wednesday quoted sources as saying that after the men met in Portland, the hit man went to Boston, where Kerrigan lives and trains. It was there the investigators believe he planned to attack Kerrigan, but bad weather somehow fouled the attempt, NBC said.

Detroit police said Thursday they had recovered a collapsible metal baton, believed to be the weapon. A Detroit resident found it in a trash can behind the arena, police said.

Harding, Gillooly and Eckardt have dodged reporters all week, avoiding their homes where reporters have camped out.

Clinton, Yeltsin push ahead on reform

MOSCOW — President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin pledged Thursday to press ahead with reforms that will "make life better" for restive Russians. The two also were ready to stop aiming nuclear missiles at each other's countries.

In hours of Kremlin talk and over dinner at Yeltsin's country dacha, the two leaders agreed that Russia could not afford to backpedal on painful economic reforms despite mounting public dissatisfaction.

The crowds loved Clinton in Moscow, surging to get close enough for a glimpse or even a handshake, cheering when he waved his fur hat in the chilly air.

Yeltsin predicted the three-day summit would produce "profound," "practical" and "sweeping" results. Privately, he assured Clinton "there is no turning back" from the drive for free-market reforms, U.S. officials

reported.

During an impromptu side tour through downtown shops and kiosks, Clinton told Muscovites that he and Yeltsin were "talking about how we can work together to make life better for the working people of your country."

"The whole conversation was about how our work together can help change the lives of ordinary Russian people for the better," he said.

Clinton brought together influential Russians from a variety of fields and political backgrounds for an evening reception at the residence of the U.S. ambassador.

Deliberately omitted from the guest list was ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, a leader of Yeltsin's foes. The Liberal Democratic Party's strong showing in recent parliamentary elections was seen as a reflection of rising public dissatisfaction with Yeltsin's

reforms.

Clinton warned, "The oldest of society's demons plague us still, the hatreds of people for one another based on their race, their religion, their ethnic group, even the piece of ground they happen to have been born on."

Clinton and Yeltsin turned their attention to foreign policy in an evening session at the Russian leader's country home outside Moscow.

Administration officials said the two would sign an agreement Friday to stop targeting their nuclear missiles at each other. Some would be aimed at ocean waters; others would have no specific target.

The agreement was to be announced when Clinton and Yeltsin were joined on Friday by Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk. All three leaders will sign an accord to remove all long-range nuclear missiles from Ukrainian territory.

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Nation's blood supply lowest ever

WASHINGTON — The Red Cross says there is still a critical nationwide blood shortage even though more than 77,000 people have donated blood in the last four days.

"We are not out of the woods yet by any means," Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole said Wednesday. "We urgently need more blood."

The Red Cross and blood banks on Friday declared the nation's blood shortage the worst in Red Cross history. The agency's usual three-day supply of blood had dropped to one day's worth, and several hospitals told the American Association of Blood Banks they were postponing elective surgeries.

Officials blamed snowstorms in the East, the virulent Beijing flu that

has sickened people in at least 17 states, and the holiday season.

In response, 30,000 people donated blood to the Red Cross over the weekend, 23,000 on Monday and an additional 24,567 on Tuesday, the Red Cross said.

The Red Cross generally has 22,000 donations a day, but that number had dropped to about 14,000 a day last week.

Despite renewed donations, the agency's inventory still was just 39,734 units of blood, far below the normal level of 67,000.

It will take at least 23,000 donations a day for the rest of the week to return the supply to normal levels, said Red Cross spokeswoman Margaret McCarthy.

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