

Zurnehly, 58, of 17080 Ohio 138, died about 10 a.m. when he was struck in the

Vibrations from the machinery apparently caused welding holding the pipe

in 1976. He was also chairman the past four years of the Central Committee for the

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Ware Funeral Home in Chillicothe.

## Elephant's early exit causes stir

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There's an old, old joke about how to stop a charging elephant — take away its credit card.

It wasn't that easy in the Chillicothe Mall Thursday evening.

Delreda, a 3,000-pound elephant, made an early exit from a circus act and later crashed through a plate glass window at the J.C. Penney Co. on North Bridge Street.

"She apparently decided she wanted to shop instead of working tonight's show," said Luciana Loyal, a performer with the Carson and Barnes Circus.

The elephant escaped during the final performance in front of a standing-room-only crowd, Ms. Loyal said, a 25-year circus veteran.

Harry Locker, who was working with five other elephants during the performance, said Delreda got away from her trainer and ran out of the tent.

Locker said there was no difficulty in finding her. "They can run but they can't hide."

Locker, who works for the Locker Performing Bears, said once Delreda calmed down she returned to the other elephants. But not before breaking a large window where a fall line of women's clothes was displayed.

Store manager William Reitz said he was contacted at home about the stampede. The window was replaced immediately. The circus paid for damages, he said.

None of the items was damaged, but a Chillicothe police officer guarded the display until the glass was replaced.

As for Delreda's escape, she joins the list of other friends who have tried similar capers, although never during an act, said Ms. Loyal.

"Barbara (another elephant) took a

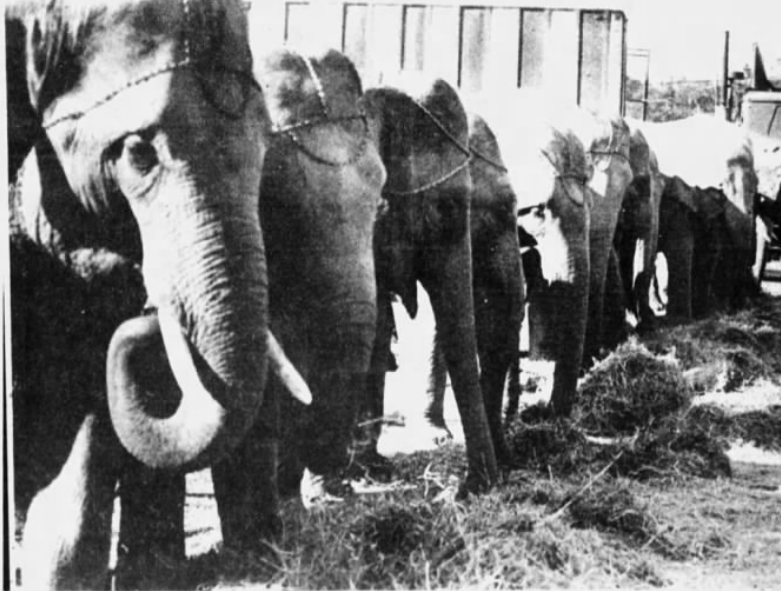
stroll through an old folks' home in Wisconsin."

Two other elephants, Isa and Lilly, were

lost in Oklahoma "for months," Ms. Loyal added.

Delreda's trainer was not available for

comment, but Locker said he "kind of doubted" the trainer would have anything to say after his "bad night."



(Gazette Photo by David Graves)

Nine elephants munch on their pre-show dinner at the Carson and Barnes Circus in Chillicothe Mall. During the performance, one elephant went out to lunch — er,

perhaps to shop. The elephant crashed through a plate glass window display of fall fashions at the J. C. Penney Co.