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Brave high flyer

List of injuries fails to deter girl on trapeze

CIRCUS trapeze artist Sue Brent has stunned doctors by refusing to quit her daredevil act — despite a catalogue of horrific injuries.

The performer with wacky French circus Archaos has ignored repeated warnings from medical men to give up her dangerous career.

But Sue (33) — who strips during the show — has defied their advice and is determined to carry on wowing audiences.

Her alarming list of accidents include:

- A fall which shattered her coccyx — vital to her balance. It was so badly damaged that surgeons were forced to remove it altogether.

- Suffering broken ribs, fingers, wrists and displaced vertebrae in numerous falls.

- Crashing head-first to the dance floor of a London nightclub while performing an aerial act.

- Discovering a cancerous growth on her foot, removed in an emergency operation.

- Tearing her Achilles tendon and badly ripping a calf muscle. Doctors put her leg in a plaster which she hacked off herself with a saw so that she could return to the Big Top.

Londoner Sue said today: "Last year was the most depressing year of my life because I had so many injuries that I could only do a handful of shows."

by **BARBIE DUTTER**

"The doctors keep telling me to stop, and my GP is absolutely amazed that I carry on despite all the accidents, but I love what I do and I wouldn't give it up for the world."

Sue — who flies through the air from a trapeze attached to a fork-lift truck — performs nightly with Archaos at Leith Links until September 1.

■ Pyrotechnics king Peter Mountain plans to turn his wedding into an explosive occasion...

For the Archaos showman has designed a special dress for his bride which bursts into FLAMES during the ceremony.

Peter — nicknamed "Bomb Bomb" — is desperate to tie the knot with his Bristol sweetheart in the Archaos tent before the troupe sets off on a tour of America after the Festival.

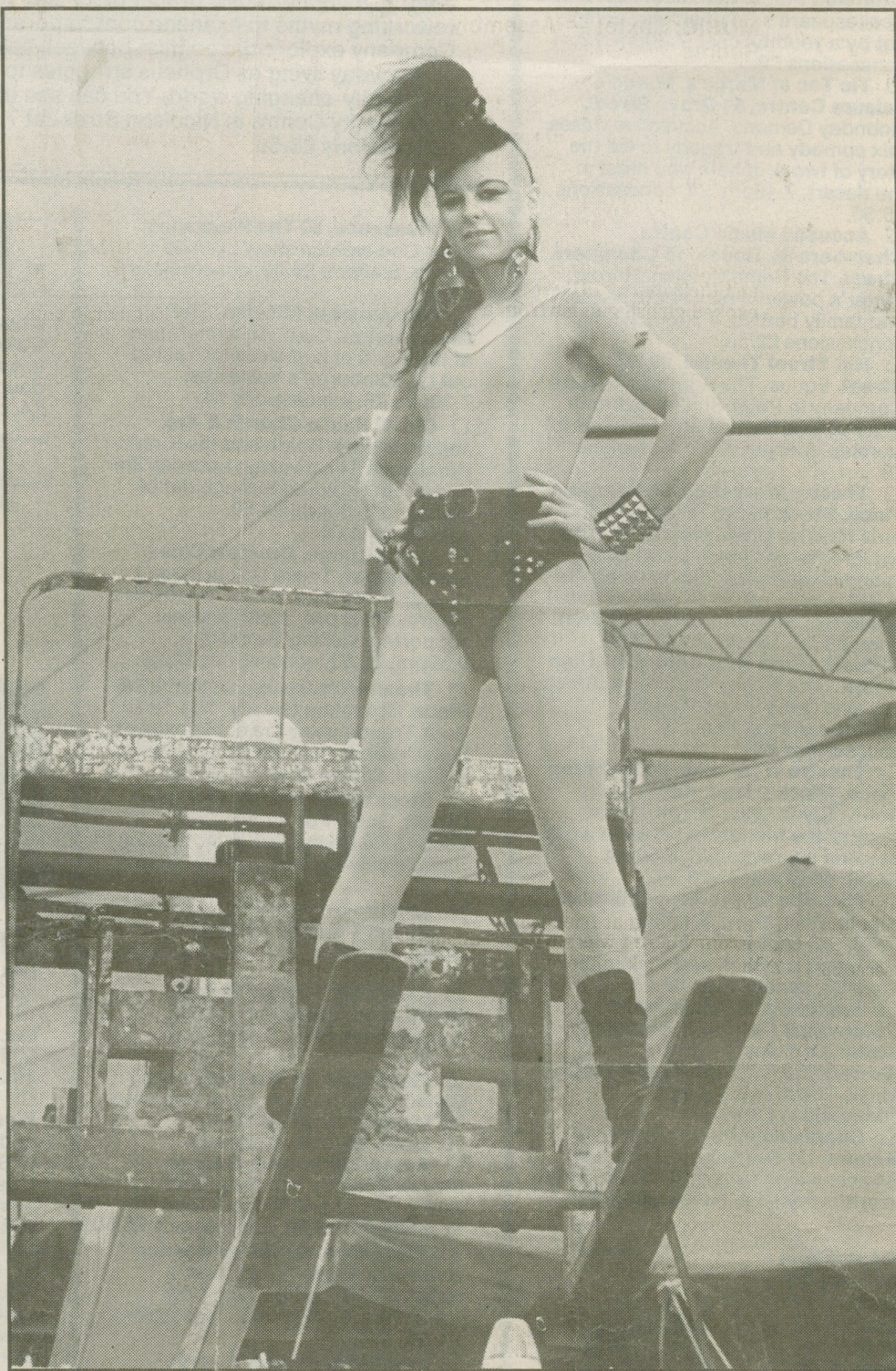
Urgent

But the bizarre marriage is missing one key member — a minister.

A spokesman for the circus said: "Everyone may think this is a stunt, but it isn't — Peter wants to marry Antonia and take her to America with him."

"He's been hunting high and low for a man of the cloth to marry them."

"It's urgent because in Scotland you have to give 14 days notice before getting married — so if there's a minister out there who isn't too straight, we would urge him to get in touch."



STAR ATTRACTION: Sue Brent who defies doctors' advice and carries on wowing audiences at the wacky French circus Archaos who play at Leith Links.