

# Sports stars in grand show parade

THIS year's Rand Easter Show at Nasrec will be launched on Saturday, March 30, featuring athletes and sports people who will represent South Africa at both the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in Atlanta later this year.

Following the parade, Tokyo Sexwale, the premier of Gauteng, will officially open the show in the main arena at about 12.30 by releasing thou-

sands of balloons.

"With just three-and-a-half months to go before our SA Olympic athletes take on the world at the Atlanta Olympic Games, we and many others want to visibly demonstrate Gauteng's support of both the Olympic and Paralympic athletes," says Anton Post, managing director of the Rand Easter Show.

The parade and festivities during the opening ceremony are being made possible by Nedbank, in

its capacity as an official sponsor of both the SA Olympic and Paralympic teams, and are endorsed by the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA) and the National Paralympic Committee of South Africa (NAPCOSA).

The parade will be led into the showgrounds by javelin star Philip Spies, who will fulfil the role of the traditional flame runner. He will be followed by 20 members of the SA Hockey team, 20 contenders for the National Paralympic team and a number of athletes participating in NOCSA's Operation Excellence Programme.

A procession of 40 magnificent vintage vehicles, driven by members of the Vintage and Veteran Association, will form the bulk of the cavalcade, along with horses and riders from the Soweto Equestrian Association and the Transvaal Horse Society.

The Johannesburg Orpheus Choral Society and the Copper Band Minstrels will add a festive touch of joyful song and dance to the parade.

## Daily action at centre esplanade

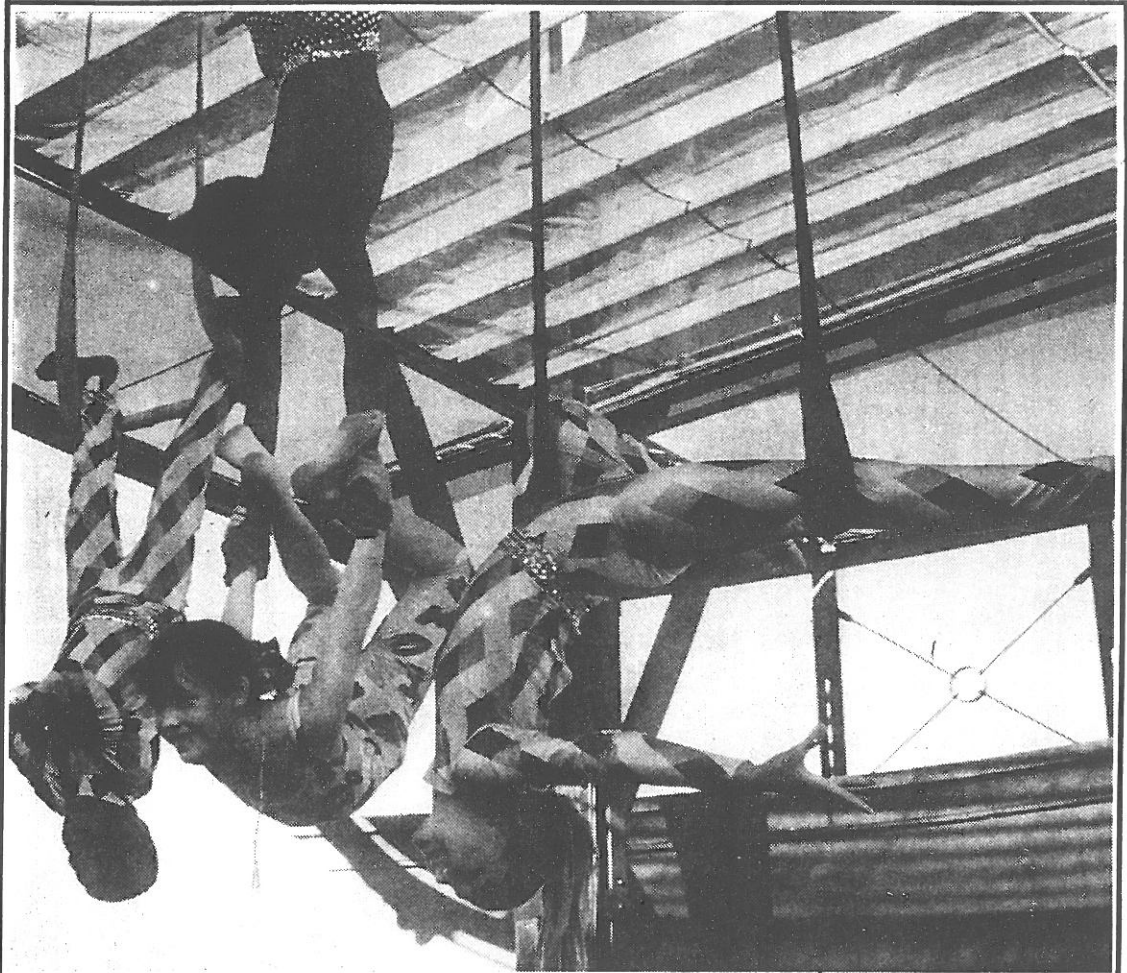
HEAD for the centre esplanade at the National Exhibition Centre during the Rand Easter Show for daily action in which you can participate.

There's the **Rand Show Adventure Centre**, which offers excitement aplenty for adrenaline junkies: Try your nerves at bungee jumping, the King Swing, the bungee shoots and the Tandem King Swing.

And with basketball the game for the new gen-

eration, the **Schwepes Basketball Clinic Tournament** takes place between 10h00 and 18h00 daily. The Soweto Basketball League has declared 1996/97 the year of intensive basketball development and progress.

For the second consecutive year, show-goers can join the hype and heave-ho of this exciting game - and see the pro's in action and learn from them.



## That Zip Zappers magic

SHEER circus magic comes to the 1996 Rand Easter Show with keen youngsters from the townships, the Patrick's House for street children and Cape Town's middle-class suburbs who've come a long way from the day of practising in back-

yards and deserted warehouses.

Thanks to the excellent guidance and tutoring of Brent van Rensburg and Laurence Esteve over the past four years, these children have performed for two consecutive years at the Grahamstown Festival to rave reviews.

However, they are just ordinary kids aged between 10 and 17 doing extraordinary things like performing breathtaking feats while balancing on a tight-rope, swinging through the air on a single trapeze and mastering the complex art of clowning.

Now the **Zip Zappers**

have put together an all new act, especially for the Rand Easter Show: there'll be juggling as you've never seen it before; over-the-top acrobatics and a Finale filled with wonder and that special touch of magic which makes this circus one of those never-to-be-forgotten experiences.