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RHONA BITNER, CRG, 535 West 22nd Street, (212) 229-2766 (through Feb. 2). Ms. Bitner resuscitates one of modern art's most hackneyed subjects: the circus. Shot from the stands, her small color photographs of clowns, trapeze artists and hoop dancers isolated in the spotlight have a jewel-like concentration and are oddly touching. They are like tiny personifications of our own selves working desperately to please an invisible audience (Johnson).