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San Diego Ring 76

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President's Message

Happy New Year to all members of Ring 76

Here is hoping that your holiday season was a grand one and that you had all the wishes of hearth and heart fulfilled.

The new calendar year is upon us and we can say that we are in the Roaring 20s now. Your Board of Directors has some great plans for Ring members and we hope you enjoy them.

First off is the January meeting which will be featuring a guest lecture from Danny Ray on January 13th. This lecture is free to all Ring 76 members but there is a nominal fee for guests and non-member magicians. See the story in this newsletter.

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Danny Ray Lecture at January Meeting

We have a magic lecture by Danny Ray to look forward to at our January meeting on the 13th! After seeing his terrific performance at the Close-Up Gallery at the Magic Castle, I contacted him about the possibility of his lecturing for us. I was surprised to find out he lived in San Diego, was a member of Ring 76 and he performed at the Gathering when he was in high school. Feel free to invite others who may be interested. **The lecture is free to Ring 76 members; non-members can get in for \$20.**

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Our regular monthly meetings are at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of the month.

Senior Center in Clairemont
4425 Bannock Ave.
San Diego, CA 92117

Ring 76 2019-20 Calendar

Jan 13	Danny Ray Lecture
Feb 10	Close-up Contest*
Mar 9	Panel Discussion
Apr 13	Teach-a-Trick
May 11	TBA
Jun 8	Election, Dues, and Money Magic*
Jul 12	Installation Banquet
Aug 10	Kid's magic / TBA*

*Opportunity for Members to Perform

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to **V.P. of Entertainment Greg Wauson**, entertainment@ring76.com

Need a ride or have room for a passenger to an out of town event such as the Magic Castle?

Have a special skill or service another member might use? Need a temporary assistant?



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In February will be our annual Close-up Competition. See our webpage for the rules and if you plan on entering please contact Greg Wauson as soon as possible as we have to limit the number of contestants.

March will be featuring one of our acclaimed panel discussions. Professional Magicians will sit with us and talk about not only magic tricks, but what it takes to make money in magic and secure both jobs and reputations. More on this later, but come prepared to ask questions about what you want to know about.

We hope you like what you see in our upcoming meetings and if you have any suggestions about what YOU want to do please contact any Board member. This is your Ring and we want to make sure we are meeting your desires in legerdemain.

Happy New Year and we will see you on January 13th for the next meeting and lecture.

Richard Ustick
President
IBM Ring 76

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Danny has performed 3000 plus shows in the last 17 years in all 50 states and 20+ countries.

He is a favorite in the Close-Up Gallery at the Magic Castle. Danny has a unique expertise in that he does an entire close up act on stage for 300-10,000 people at a time. Here is the fun part... Danny was

a member of Ring 76 from 1989-1992. In high school, he performed weekly at the Gathering and will be

doing his first lecture EVER with us.

Danny will teach some of his trade secrets.

MILLION PIECES - A unique spin on the ACAAN plot

WORD TWIST - A fascinating prediction of three words with a surprise twist.

COKE SURPRISE - His most requested trick.

THE INSANE SMASH & STAB - It's not what you think. It's worse.

OMEGA HITCHCOCK - This is Danny's finale card trick.

10 CARD LOCATION - It's nonstop action with this piece. This is a HUGE highlight in the show.

INVISIBLE BOOK - A thought of card appears at a random page number chosen by a spectator.

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February Close-Up Competition

Fellow magicians, it is time once again to give you an opportunity to earn fame and riches! That's right, the Ring 76 February meeting will be our annual close-up contest. Those bold enough to take on this challenge will each dazzle the crowd for up to ten minutes with their magical skills. The rules are as follows:

Contest Format: Each contestant will perform his or her act just once, for the entire audience. The order of contestants will be randomly determined.

Time Limit: Ten minutes with a one-minute warning. Any contestant who continues to perform after "Time!" has been called will be disqualified.

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Here are some enthusiastic comments which show he brings the Wow! factor when he performs:

"DANNY IS HIGHLY ORIGINAL. HE IS ONE OF THE BEST MAGICIANS IN THE WORLD"
-**THE MAGIC CASTLE**

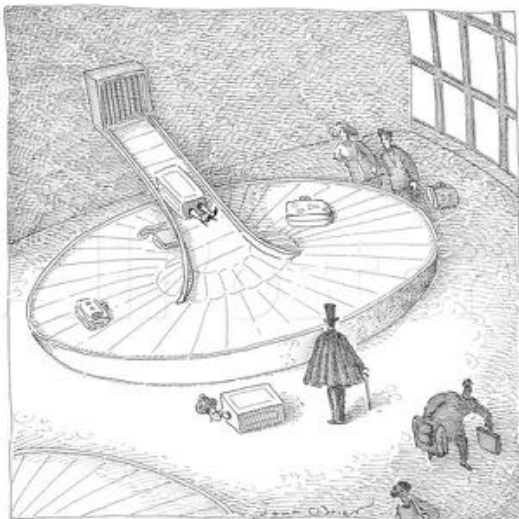
"WHAT. JUST. HAPPENED!?! DANNY RAY, THAT'S WHAT!" -**SHANNON C. (CONFERENCE LEADER)**

"WHAT AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE" -
LIONSGATE

This is Danny's A-list material that has been performed live for millions of people. From start to finish, this will be a night full of surprises. He will also share his theories on getting the BEST REACTIONS, how to ROUTINE an entire show, CREATING the right TEMPO, and his secrets for making a great trick SUPER MEMORABLE.

To find out more about Danny Ray check out his website www.NoWayDannyRay.com

Greg Wauson
First V.P. (entertainment)
IBM Ring 76



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Scoring: Only Ring 76 members present will be able to vote and each will be given one vote to cast. The score of each contestant will be determined solely by the number of votes received.

Prizes: First, second and third prizes will be awarded. In addition to a medal, the top three winners will each receive a cash prize: \$50 to first place, \$25 to second place and \$15 to third place.

To sign up, contact Greg Wauson at entertainment@ring76.com

Greg Wauson
First V.P. (entertainment)
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday December 9, 2019

North Clairemont Recreation Center

This month's meeting was our December Holiday Potluck Banquet, and the food was plentiful and delicious (some favorites include **Terry Lunceford's** roast beef, **Mark Booth's** chili, **Miguel Garcia's** BBQ'd tri-tip steak, and **Ricardo Silva's** tamales). Pre-meeting, the food serving stations were set up, tickets were sold for an opportunity drawing, and members and their guests socialized.

President **Richard Ustick** called the meeting to order at 7pm with a few announcements, including about the evening's food and entertainment, and he noted that the January 13, 2020 meeting theme of "food magic" will be replaced with a lecture by Danny Ray.

ENTERTAINMENT PERFORMANCES

Vice President for Entertainment **Greg Wauson** was the master-of -ceremonies for the entertainment, starting at 7:45. He explained the "You Fooled Us" concept of the night's performances, and noted the several crucial differences distinguishing ours from a certain show on TV. **Terry Lunceford** and **Robert Vinson** were our judges, and **Jeff Marcus** was the arbiter who would decide if partial solutions were sufficient. Fooling performances would earn a beautiful plaque, that will be hand-crafted by Librarian **Gary Salisbury**. The plaques will be presented at the January 13, 2020 ring meeting.

The first performance was by **Malcolm Campbell**, who Greg noted had as a child seen Harry Blackstone Sr. perform, including his famed illusion of sawing a woman in half. Malcolm was assisted by **Eli Sanchez**, who was asked to inspect a small lock and try to open it with a random 4 digit number. Eli confirmed that it did not open for the random number, or for a second random one. When set to the month and day of Eli's birthday, however, the lock opened! The judges offered a partial solution, but Jeff deemed it to be insufficient. Congratulations, Malcolm - this was a fooler!

Next was **Charlie Gott** who performs Gospel Magic. Charlie did a coin routine, with the coin representing a lost soul. It's good to see you performing again, Charlie. Terry provided a detailed explanation, so this was not a fooler.

Next was **Mark Booth** (who is Ring 76's Committee Chair for Social Media Communication). Mark was assisted by **Marieke Thayer** and **Ian Gibbons**. The effect used cards that each had three digit numbers on them, which were first dealt into five piles, each of which had six cards. Marieke was asked to shuffle each pile, and then turn over the top card. Mark immediately announced the sum of the five three-digit numbers, and had Ian verify using a calculator that Mark got the total correct. Next Marieke was asked to pick one card from each pile, and Mark again immediately announced the correct total. Next, cards were removed and then Mark knew the number of remaining cards, and he called the number on each of the remaining cards, as well as their total. The judges revealed enough to determine that this was

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not a fooler (though Mark noted that the correct explanation was perhaps easier than the judges made it seem, and Jeff Marcus agreed with a humorous line).

The next performance was by Board Member-at-Large **Rich Robertson**. Rich also demonstrated lightning-fast addition, with the assistance of Secretary **Ken Intriligator** and **Gary Dismukes** checking with some jumbo calculators that Rich provided. Audience members were asked to provide three-digit numbers, which Rich instantly added. Then the numbers were used to compute a total, which was then demonstrated to have been already written on a piece of paper in a sealed envelope. Congratulations, Rich - this was a fooler!

The next performance was by **Bob Meigs**, with judges Robert and Terry, and MC Greg, as assistants. The four of them each took four cards, which were torn in half. The 8 pieces were permuted, with one half-card stepped on and others gradually discarded. At the end of the instructions, it was found that the remaining, non-discarded card matched the one that had been stepped on. It was not a fooler, and Bob explained afterwards to all the details of how it works.

The next performance was by Newsletter editor **Winton Gibbons**, assisted by **Miguel Garcia** and **Rich Robertson**. The performance was a tale of time and space, with a handkerchief representing the fabric of space-time, and a large blanket pin was inserted to represent singularities (black holes, big bang, etc.). The assistants verified that everything looked legit, and then Winton poked the pin through the hank and pulled it through several times, and to a general location, and the fabric of space-time hank was completely unharmed. It was a great performance, Winton, and I liked the science theme! The judges gave a hint of the explanation, and it was deemed to be not a fooler.

The next performance was by **Eli Sanchez**, who was assisted by **Raul**, the son of **Mago Ruly**. A selection of movie DVD cases was shown to Raul, and a blank DVD was put into a blank DVD case. Raul was asked to select one of the film DVD cases by saying stop. Then the blank DVD case was opened and the previously blank DVD now matched the selected film. It was a great performance, Eli! The judges gave a hint of the explanation, and it was not a fooler.

The final performance was by **Mago Ruly**, assisted by his son **Raul** and **Ian Gibbons**. Raul noted that Mago was practicing the effect on their recent trip from Cancun to Tijuana. The effect was with cards, taking off small packets, and the Ace of Spades ended up on top. The judges hinted at the explanation - it was not a fooler.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Ken Intriligator
Secretary
IBM Ring 76





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FOOL US CONTEST



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Arcanum!

Arcanum is Ring76's private website. To access it, you must be a member in good standing of Ring 76.

At this juncture, the website contains:

- The Ring 76 membership list
- Ring 76 related documents -- our Constitution and Bylaws, for instance
- The Ring 76 Library catalog -- all of the books and DVDs that you can check out plus a collection of magic PDF files that you can download (there's a lot of good material here...)

So hopefully, by now, you are asking yourself, "How do I get access to this?" (This will only work if you are a member of Ring 76.)

1. Go to <https://arcanum.ring76.com>
2. Click on "Forgot your username?"
3. Enter the e-mail address at which you received MagiCurrents. You'll get an e-mail message with your username. (In most cases, your username will be your first initial and last name.)
4. Click on "Forget your password?"
5. Again, enter same e-mail address. You'll get an e-mail message with instructions on how to reset your password. Follow this procedure to create a new password.
6. Login using your username and new password.

If you have any suggestions for how to improve Arcanum or additional content that we could add, please let us know.





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Ring 76 Membership List

Remember the old days when organizations such as ours would send out a printed membership list? It was a very handy when trying to reach out to another member of the group. The problem was that, as we moved away from printed materials, we did not have a way to keep this information private and restricted to only the membership of Ring 76.

Well, I am happy to announce that with the introduction of a private, password protected website, we again have the ability of offering a membership list to the members of Ring 76. You can find this list at Ring 76's private website, Arcanum (<https://arcanum.ring76.com>).

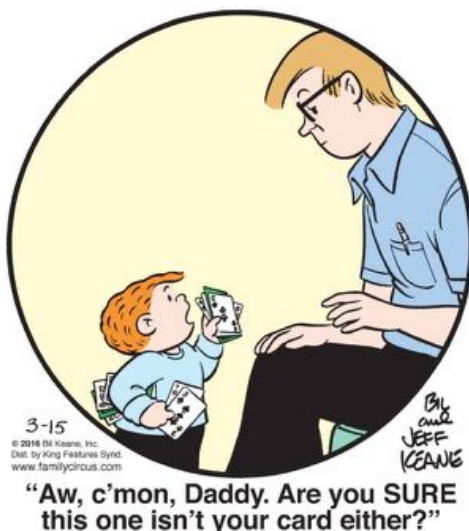
First things first, we will not publish your e-mail address or your phone number without your permission. **So this is where we need your help.**

If you do not wish to have either your e-mail address or your phone published in the membership list, you need not do anything. Your name will appear, but no contact information will be shown.

If you want either your e-mail address or your phone published in the membership list, please send James Thayer <jt4@ring76.com> an e-mail with the e-mail address and/or the phone number that you would like to be used to contact you.

If you would like to be contactable but don't want to publish your personal e-mail address, there is a solution for this. I can create a _____@ring76.com e-mail alias for you. You can include this alias as your contact e-mail address and any mail sent to that address will be forwarded to your personal e-mail address. If you want to take advantage of this option, please send me your preferred _____@ring76.com alias name (yes, you get to choose!) and the e-mail address that you would like e-mail to be forwarded to. (All aliases are available but they are first come, first served and we reserve the right to reject anything that is inappropriate. Please stay away from anything that you would not use in polite company.)

If, at anytime in the future, you change your mind about your contact information, please send me an e-mail and I will make the requested changes.





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Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Welcome to Ex Libris, my monthly newsletter article about the IBM Ring 76 Library in San Diego, CA.

'Ex Libris' (Eh-cks LEE-breese), means 'From the Book'. Generally you will see this term used on bookplates to denote that it came from the library of its owner, "Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury."

This is where we talk about your library and do book & video reviews. Yes, your library! If you are a Ring 76 member in good standing, then this is your library! So keep in good standing by paying your dues on time.

OBJECTIVES OF THE LIBRARY

The library's primary objective is to support the art of magic by providing the best reference library in the entire IBM organization for members to learn from. It is here for you so please use it!

We will make it the best by:

- Increasing quantity and quality of materials available to members through donations and acquisitions.
- Implementing easier methods to check materials out.
- Improving communications to members about library issues.
- Implementing record-keeping and other methods to minimize loss.
- Developing a standardized set of policies & procedures on how the library will operate.

DONATIONS WANTED

- Still looking for Tarbell #2 Hardback Book. Donation or purchase? Looking for two copies. It is for a good cause.
- We are still looking for a VHS/DVD recorder to replace the club's broken unit. Currently we are borrowing Robert Vinson's unit but should not take advantage of his generosity.
- We need more books and videos to build the library. Those have to come from donations because there are no funds earmarked for library acquisitions this year.
- Currently we need money to buy the software for the Magic Video Streaming Server project. Again, I ask if you could help out by donating something for this? Anything at all will help.



DECEMBER DONATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of a few, we have a few more items that we can all share. Thanks again for your generosity and setting an example for others to (hopefully) follow.

Thank you, Gracias, Grazie, Merci, Danke, Arigato, 谢谢, 감사합니다, спасибо!

Gary Salisbury – Two Audio Books:

- The Bullet Catch, a magic novel by John Gaspard
- The Miser's Dream, a magic novel by John Gaspard



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WHAT'S NEW?

- **ARCANUM:**

Have you checked out the new ARCANUM section of the web site? There is lots of great stuff there for members.

- **Magic Video Streaming Project:**

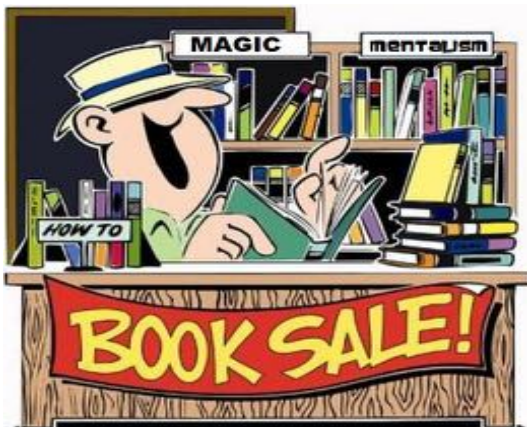
The Magic Video Streaming project is one where we will have all the magic videos we legally own available to members for streaming via a PLEX media server.

I have personally donated a server, David Chiu has donated a 4TB disk drive, and Robert Vinson has donated an 8TB back-up drive. Also, David Chiu, Josh Sherwin, and I have each donated \$20 toward the purchase of PLEX software. The server is currently running Windows 7 which is being discontinued 1/20/2020 so we need to upgrade to Windows 10 Pro which will cost us \$185.

If you could reach into your pockets and donate some money so we could get this project running, it would benefit you, the club, and be appreciated by all.

- **Library Sale:**

There was no library sale at last month's Pot-Luck but I am planning on doing one at the next January Ring meeting. There will be lots of new items. Here are a few:



Like New **List Price - \$85.99**
50% off - \$43.00

ORIGINAL CARD THRU WINDOW

Learn how to throw objects through closed windows without breaking either... Join world champion magician Peter Marvey on the streets and on TV to study every aspect of this mind blowing miracle. Witness the first and original Card Thru Window that inspired countless others straight from the inventor's mind.



Objects visibly jump through any window or simply appear outside, tightly taped to the glass.

A random spectator selects an object which is then marked so as to make sure no switches take place.

The object then visibly jumps through the glass of a closed window and is found to be safely taped to the outside! Another spectator opens the window, peels the object off, and inspects the mark -all without the magician's ado.

Works with photos, post cards, predictions, envelopes, business cards, rings, coins, bills, CDs etc. If can be taped to a window it can jump through it. The limit is your imagination...and the presence of a window...

All proceeds go to the library.
Thank you for your support!

Like New **Suggested List - \$175**
Asking Only - \$50

Docc Hilford's RAVEN'S SLATES

THE BLURB:

Almost every magician of any standing has demonstrated his ability to receive spirit messages. These astral communications nearly always appear silently and in secret.

Not Anymore!

Now, the audience can actually HEAR the chalk write the complete message, and they can SEE the writing slowly come into focus.

Effect:

Two pieces of black slate board are freely shown blank on both sides. Each side is wiped clean with a wet cloth. The slates are set on edge and leaned against a glass. A single piece of chalk is placed between the two boards. When the mage extends his finger toward the slates and makes the slightest contact, THE CHALK BEGINS TO WRITE! The audience hears each letter being formed between the slates. They hear the looping of the letters, the crossing of "T"s and the dotting of "I"s. The mage doesn't move at all during the process; not even his finger! The sound of the writing comes from the slates and the actual chalk between them. The outside slate is removed and written in chalk on the second slate is a lengthy message.

There's more! The mage cleans the first slate board again, showing both sides shiny black and free of any writing. He leans the single board against another glass. Slowly and silently another message appears before the eyes of the audience! It looks like a ghostly special effect from a movie. Without exaggeration, men have wept witnessing these demonstrations in actual seances.

In a special living and dead test, you can allow a spectator to write the names of several people on one slate, wash them clean, and the only dead name will reappear on the slate five times larger than originally written! You can cause any messages to appear and the slates can be used over and over. This is a hand-made apparatus that requires over 200 man-hours to produce.



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NEW **List Price - \$46.00**
50% off - \$23.00

DEAD of NIGHT



★★★★★ (1 customer review)

Dead of Night by Andy Nymen
© 2002, Magic & Mystery Entertainment

Effect: One of 1000 covers compete with 100 associates in a performance that runs for minutes.

The most amazing of a great card reader and his partner. Simple and easy to do. A genuine 1000 cover trick that includes a technology that separates it from all other.

Kit package includes:

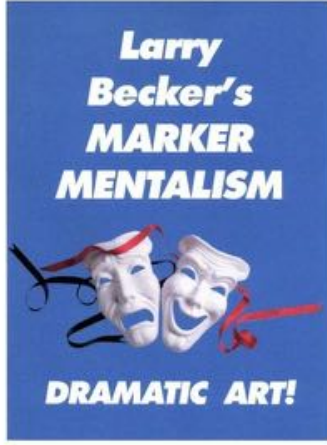
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Approx. Price: \$46.00 (2006) ***

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Like New **List Price - \$90.00**
50% off - \$45.00

A fantastic trick from Larry Becker!



Larry Becker's MARKER MENTALISM

DRAMATIC ART!

All proceeds go to the library. Thank you for your support!


Like New **List Price - \$230.30**
50% off - \$115.00

FINAL EXAM BOOK TEST

Final Exam Book Test
Harvey Berg

Mark: Library Services Inc.
Model: FINAL EXAM
Beschreibung: Levertbaar

€ 209,00



The Ultimate Book Test

Two books are selected from a small group of well-known classics, and given to freely selected members of the audience. The spectators select any page number they wish in each book and silently read to themselves from the page. Without the performer even being near them or even touching the books, he then describes in considerable detail what the spectators have just read!

The effect may be repeated (more than once, if desired) with different disciplines of the readings given each time!

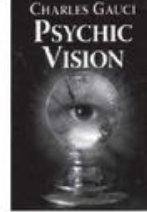
- No additional props involved, the books are the only objects used
- No accomplices, assistants or pre-arrangements
- No electronics of any kind
- No sleight-of-hand required
- Books remain in the hands of the audience
- No "fishing" or equivocal

All proceeds go to the library. Thank you for your support!

Like New **List Price - \$125.00**
50% off - \$62.50

PSYCHIC VISION by Charles Gauci

Charles Gauci Presents... **SMILE!**



Psychic Vision

For Workers ONLY! This product is marketed specifically for professionals.

Sensational, genuinely strong psychic ability! Not only will your audience believe it, buyers will too! Internationally respected mentalist Charles Gauci has trained the world performing and teaching **Psychic Vision** for many years. Finally, he's making it available commercially, exclusively through **Santa Magi Entertainment**.

Simple Truth—This is the clearest demonstration of mindreading you will ever perform. It is important to note that **Psychic Vision** is trained for corporate, retail or entertainment for 30-50 people! **This is NOT a stage effect.** This is created for working professionals only!

Psychic Vision has 50 photo cards on display, each one containing an image and text of an international destination, such as New Orleans, Germany, Florida, France, South Africa etc. The deck is handed out to the 15 to 30 audience members who are instructed to shuffle it. Next they are instructed to take any image and they wish and pass the rest of the deck to the person next to them, who also takes a random card and passes it down the line to the next person and so on.

Fact: The performer will immediately know the information you need to know! How you choose to reveal it—that's the fun part, because with **Psychic Vision** you will be able to focus 100% on presentation. In addition to the success Charles has performing for dignitaries and laymen—he graduated in a highly successful acting career because he holds fast to making sure his signature effects are easy to perform—**Psychic Vision** satisfies that requirement.

It delivers the information... Without prompting, lifting or any passing sequences. The performer has no control as to who selects the photo. No staged skill application. No marked cards. Each recipient can shuffle all the photos prior to selection. No duplicate photos. No forcing of any kind. All photos distributed by the audience (not the performer). No prearranged sequences. The performer instructs all the recipients to keep a "poker face" until the entire reading is finished. The performer proceeds to each recipient and begins the reading!

Contents: Photos laminated on thick card stock. Two sets of photo cards per packet. Instructions are included with the set. Purchase includes television rights.

Limited Inventory Remains! **1/25**

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NEW List Price - \$39.95
50% off - \$20.00

DEEP CLEAR

Paul Harris Presents Deep Clear \$39.95

Only 3 left in stock

Description Product Enquiry

Product Description

The brilliant evolution of Deep Ascendment – Their favorite word is retrieved from your clear wallet! Paul Harris' Clearest Deeper Ascendment is a tablet-sized Memorizer. A wireless, E-read, VISIBLY holding a small packet of cards is placed on the table. Anyone FREELY pulls out a short, favorite word as name. Let's see it's ZING. She sees her magic word ZING for a fast, fun Card Mystery. But that's just the Deep Clear warm-up...

Your empty hands pick up the clear wallet and slowly slide out the cards that have never left her sight. 2 ones on each card is a single large hand letter. The letters spell out a single word... Z. I. N. G. Her favorite word has been inside your clear wallet the ENTIRE TIME! The redigee popped - Shaved Silence - Deep Ascendment Paul Harris' Deep Clear is the continuation of Over 20 years of experience with his original Deep Ascendment concept.

Deep Clear has a dramatic new gimmick and new structure. Everything about Deep Clear is faster - Easier - More convenient... and more open (your spectator can even shuffle her cards). Deep Clear is an authentic, pre-emptive magician's deep card to be your transcendent last-gasp show-stopper.

- The New sleeker Deep Clear Wallet is a joy to use.
- One touch and it's done. Easily fits in your shirt pocket.
- Predictor cards have a DIFFERENT COLOR BACK than deck.
- The force, use any short word with different letters.
- No padding. Very easy to do.
- No card cards or memory work.
- No secret setting.
- Adapt to your favorite deck backs.
- Clear your own prediction letters in any style or colors you'll like.
- Works in ANY language!
- Comes complete with ready-to-use gimmicks and USPS deck of cards.

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Thank you for your support!**

Like New List Price - \$359.95
50% off - \$180.00

Matthew Johnson's ALONE

by Taylor Imaginerring

ALONE w/ Expansion \$359.95

From the creative mind of Matthew Johnson and the genius of Christopher Taylor comes a device so devious that it will change the way you do mentalism forever.

Do power is in its simplicity. The device is right there in front of the spectator but it looks so ordinary that they will never suspect a thing.

Here are just a few of the things you can do with ALONE:

- Regretfully locate a hidden object in a spectator's hands while wearing short sleeves!
- Find a hidden object anywhere in a room without the use of a confederate!
- Name a playing card that a spectator simply thinks of!
- Psychically solve a crime with weapons, victims and locations that the spectator has in their mind!
- Be able to tell how many times a borrowed coin is tossed on heads or tails and predict the dots on the coin before it was ever borrowed!

ALONE is an incredible electronic device and comes with a fully comprehensive instructional DVD, the device, batteries and everything you need to get started right out of the box.

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Like New List Price - \$49.99
50% off - \$25.00

AI Research Artificial Intelligence Spoken Word Analysis

Software Beta-Testing
543 Park Avenue
San Jose, CA 95110-2721

1-800-675-1496

Participant ID# _____

Visualize any playing card (except a Joker) as you give INSTANT answers to the three questions our computer will ask regarding the pictures below. One reply (out of three) must be a lie, otherwise you are free to lie or not.

You are encouraged to provide system vocal input at your convenience but please limit dialup testing samples to no more than one series per day.

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Like New List Price - \$30.00
50% off - \$15.00

KENTON'S KALENDAR

Kenton Knepper

CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A TRUE MIRACLE!

- Eugene Burger

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AUDIO BOOK REVIEWS

-AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LIBRARY-



The Bullet Catch:
by John Gaspard
(Eli Marks Mystery Book #2)

WONDERFULLY ENGAGING,
"This is an instant classic, in a league with Raymond

Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and Arthur Conan Doyle." – John Lehman, Rosebud Book Reviews

Newly-single magician Eli Marks reluctantly attends his high school reunion against his better judgment, only to become entangled in two deadly encounters with his former classmates. The first is the fatal mugging of an old crush's husband, followed by the suspicious deaths of the victim's business associates.

At the same time, Eli also comes to the aid of a classmate-turned-movie-star who fears that attempting *The Bullet Catch* in an upcoming movie may be his last performance. As the bodies begin to pile up, Eli comes to the realization that juggling these murderous situations -- while saving his own neck -- may be the greatest trick he's ever performed.

Praise for *THE BULLET CATCH*:
"The Bullet Catch is a wonderfully engaging, delightfully tricky bit of mystery. Fans of magic will delight in John Gaspard's artful use of the world of magicians, onstage and offstage. It's a great story and great fun!" – Jim Steinmeyer, Author of *Hiding the Elephant: How Magicians Invented the Impossible and Learned to Disappear*

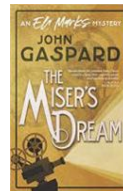
"Gaspard's latest Eli Marks mystery, *The Bullet Catch*, has as many tricks up its sleeve as its likeable magician-hero. As the body count rises, so does the reading pleasure." – Dennis Palumbo, Author of the Daniel Rinaldi Mystery Series and Co-Writer of *My Favorite Year*

"The Bullet Catch is a real winner of magical proportions. Filled with snappy, delightful dialogue and plenty of sleight-of-hand humor, Gaspard's latest mystery in the Eli Marks series does not disappoint. Head to the bookstore and get yourself a copy now!" – Jessie Chandler, Author of the Award-Winning Shay O'Hanlon Series

"The author does a fantastic job juggling the separate plots and keeping readers' minds thoroughly engaged...The relationships between Eli and his remarried ex are interesting, to say the least, and the pure entertainment of the industry will leave all readers hoping that there will be a 'number three' very soon." – Suspense Magazine

"The Bullet Catch has a quick pace and dialogue that engages the reader from the first page...Gaspard has written a great character into an original storyline...I will definitely be seeing/reading more of Eli as Gaspard expands this promising mystery series." – Examiner.com

"Readers, get ready for your mind to expand as Eli Marks returns and uses his powers of prestidigitation, intuition and deduction to solve another mystery. If David Copperfield and Sherlock Holmes had a child, it would be Eli Marks." – Scott Wells, The Magic Word Podcast



The Miser's Dream:
by John Gaspard
(Eli Marks Mystery Book #3)

"An intriguing cross between noir and cozy, with fascinating details about magic tricks and plenty of quirky characters. An easy, enjoyable read for mystery buffs seeking a bit of an escape from the usual crime fiction fare." – *Library Journal*

"A finely-tuned, diabolical, sneaky, smart, stylish mix of magic and mayhem that plunges our hero Eli through a tangled web of danger and deceit that'll keep you



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guessing.” – *Steve Spill, Magician and Author of I Lie For Money*

“With twists and turns, flurries of romance, and a cast of characters that seem to be the unholy spawn of The Maltese Falcon and The Third Man, The Miser’s Dream keeps the pages turning and the reader delighted from start to finish.” – *Jeffrey Hatcher, Screenwriter, Mr. Holmes*

“This book reminded me of the Nick and Nora Charles adventures—slightly noir and slightly zany. An enjoyable read.” – *Victoria Kemp, Librarian at Flower Mound Public Library*

“Hands-down the funniest thing I have read in a long time, expertly paced and hilariously detailed.” – *Seattle Book Mama*

“I loved this book. From beginning to end I was hooked. The story is fantastic and the cast leaves you wanting to know more. I can't wait to read the next book in the series.” – *Bookschellves*

“It’s full of magic, mystery, danger and misdirection, as a good magic trick should be. I love this cozy mystery series, a thoroughly delightful read.” – *Sweet Mystery Books*

A casual glance out his apartment window turns Magician Eli Marks’ life upside down. After spotting a dead body in the projection booth of the movie theater next door, Eli is pulled into the hunt for the killer. As he attempts to puzzle out a solution to this classic locked room mystery, he must deal with a crisis of a more personal nature: the appearance of a rival magician who threatens not only Eli’s faith in himself as a performer, but his relationship with his girlfriend.

But the killer won’t wait and starts taking homicidal steps to bring Eli’s investigation to a quick and decisive end. Things get even worse when his magician rival offers his own plausible solution to the mystery. With all the oddball suspects gathered together, Eli must unveil the secrets to

this movie-geek whodunit or find himself at the wrong end of the trick.

VIDEO REVIEWS

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VISIONS OF WONDER

by Tommy Wonder (3 DVD Set)

Tommy Wonder is a living legend in magic. The routines, philosophy, creative process, and thinking detailed on “Visions of Wonder” are why he is hailed by his peers as one of the top performers and thinkers in magic and why many consider him one of the most important magicians of our time.

These videos demonstrate a master at work, a performer who so thoroughly understands magic and his audiences that he has people question whether they’ve seen the “real thing.” You will learn how to apply these lessons to your magic and thus make you a better magician. You will see how an audience can be devastated and deeply touched by a magic performance and you’ll be inspired to bring your magic to a whole new level.

If you have not seen Tommy Wonder, you are in for a treat and experience like you’ve never had before. Even if you have seen Tommy Wonder, you are in for a treat. You will see new items never before taught, you will see the incredible routines you have only read about, and you will see and learn how to make audiences believe they have seen real magic.



Volume One
(123 minutes)

The Ring, the Watch, and the Wallet —Tommy relates how he was recently robbed.

He takes off his ring, takes the money from his wallet, and takes the watch off his wrist. He then very cleanly puts the items in an envelope and openly tears the envelope to shreds. Tommy instantly holds up his hand and there is the ring



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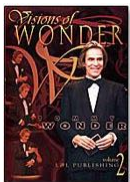
back on his finger and the watch on his wrist. He opens up his wallet and there is the money back inside. Truly stunning.

Magic Ranch —Tommy Wonder's take on a Don Alan classic. A plastic egg suddenly appears on the table in front of the spectator and well away from Tommy. A card is selected and lost in the deck of cards. The plastic egg is opened to reveal a miniature duplicate of the selected card. The audience is further stunned when the deck is shown to contain all duplicates of a different card from that which was selected.

Through the Eye of The Needle —A needle and length of thread are shown. The thread is rolled into a big clump and placed on top of the needle. The thread is then miraculously pulled through the eye of the needle again and again until the entire clump is neatly threaded and snipped off at the top. You're left with a needle tightly threaded with 20 separate strands and an audience in disbelief!

The Tamed Card —Tommy Wonder's unbelievable take on the Peter Kane/Frank Garcia Wild Card plot. Tommy has added a fantastic presentation, turning this into an entertaining piece of theater. It requires no table, it resets easily, has magnificent card changes, is extremely practical, and is designed to fool even those who see it over and over again.

Two Cup Routine —Tommy Wonder's claim to fame, the Cups and Balls routine, has fooled some of the best minds in magic. It's practical, does not require loading from the pocket, and will amaze your audiences over and over.



Volume Two (123 Minutes)

Elizabeth IV —The performer removes a clear envelope with a wager and a prediction. Any card is named and contents of the clear envelope are openly removed. The prediction matches

the freely named card.

Rubik's Card —Tommy shows a small box filled with blocks that have card pips on some of their sides. A card is selected and the lid is removed from the box to show that the blocks have somehow arranged themselves to form an image of the selected card.

Deja Reverse —Two cards are selected and the first selection magically turns face up. It is turned face down and a magical gesture is made again with the intention of the second selection turning face up. However, when the cards are spread, it is the first selection once again. The first card almost takes on a life of its own, repeating its antics, and in a final act of desperation, Tommy rips up the first selection and tosses it aside. The deck is spread and there, restored face up in the center, is the first card once again. The torn pieces are turned over to reveal the second selection.

Socketed Coins —This routine has never been explained and has been a closely guarded secret that Tommy Wonder has kept for himself. It's one of the finest coin routines ever created. In a lesson on how to lose money, coins penetrate a spectator's hand in an increasingly impossible manner. It resets, can be done without a table, and is incredibly strong.

Tommy goes on to explain his workings on Cough DROP, vanishing bird cage, the boomerang card, the Zombie Ball, and his wonderful ring and rope routine.



Volume Three (146 minutes)

Nest of Boxes —Tommy discusses in tremendous detail three unbelievable versions of the Borrowed Watch to Nest of Boxes. You will shake your head in disbelief and be absolutely dumbfounded.

Coins Across —A combination of the



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Coins Across plot, a coin box routine, and a wonderful Coin in Eye routine to close. This gets the same strong reaction of the Card On Forehead but with coins. Practical and incredibly strong.

Ambitious Card Plus Ring Box —See why a card trick gets standing ovations time after time. Tommy slowly builds and builds the impossibility of the classic Ambitious Card effect and ends with one of the best versions of the signed card to box plot in existence.

Tommy also demonstrates his fabulous handlings for two classic effects—Card Through Handkerchief and Everywhere and Nowhere.

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San Diego or San Diego Magician Magic Events

Submit magic events to Michael Johnson at hellomichaelj@gmail.com.

First Thursday of every month, the **North County Magic Club** meets on the at the CoCos in Vista, and all are welcome to attend. It's more of a meet-up of both magicians (including some youngsters) and those who come to watch the magic.

Mondays are **Open Mic Night** for ages 21 and up at **Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill**, 136 Encinitas Blvd. in Encinitas; sign-up at 7:00 p.m. with the show starting at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays are **Open Mic Night** for ages 21 and up at **710 Beach Club**, 710 Garnet Ave. in San Diego, Pacific Beach area; starts at 9:00 p.m. with 15-minute slots available.

Thursdays are **Open Mic Night** at 7:00 p.m. at **Navajo Live**, 8515 Navajo Rd. in San Diego, San Carlos area; and at 7:30 p.m. at Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego, 2955 Jamacha Rd. in El Cajon.

January 25, 2020, Joel Ward performs at Milt and Arlene's Larsen's place, the Magic Castle Cabaret in Santa Barbara, on Saturday at 8:00 and 9:30 p.m.; info www.magiccastlecabaret.com.

January 30 - February 11, 2020, Joel Ward performs at The Loft at Heavenly Village at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in South Lake Tahoe. Info <https://thelofttahoe.com>

February 21, 2020, the Magic City Hippies perform at 8:00 p.m. at the Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Ave., Solana Beach. Info www.bellup.com.

February 28 and March 1, 2020, The Illusionists bring their show to the San Diego Civic Theatre. Info www.sandiegotheatres.org.

March 8, 2020, Shin Lim performs at 7:00 p.m. at the San Diego Civic Theatre. Info www.shinlimmagic.com.

March 13, 2020, a play "The Aging Magician" is scheduled at the Balboa Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

March 25 - 29, 2020, Joe Ward performs at Marvyn's Magic Theater in La Quinta; show times are Wednesday-Thursday 6:00 p.m., Friday - Saturday 6:00 and 8:30 p.m., and Sunday 3:00 p.m.. Tickets available on-line. Info <https://www.marvynsmagictheater.com/index.html>.

June 27, 2020, Anthony the Magic presents "Welk Illusions 2020" at 7:00 p.m. at the Welk Theatre in Escondido; shows will be every Saturday through August 22. Tickets are now selling online at \$37 plus fees. This is his fifteenth year performing at the Welk Resort. Info www.anthonymagic.com.

Charlie Gott lives on Delfern street about one mile east of Kaiser hospital on Mission Gorge Road in Allied Gardens. Charlie is unable to drive at night and would appreciate rides to clubs. His phone number is 619 -583-7941.



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*Fridays and Saturdays in December, **Illusions Theatre and Bar** offers their magic dinner show at 6:00 p.m. in the Gaslamp, at 827 Fourth Avenue, Diego. Tickets are \$119 or \$150 (VIP). The location is unique--a speakeasy hidden behind a magic shop. Book on-line at www.illusionstheatre.com.*

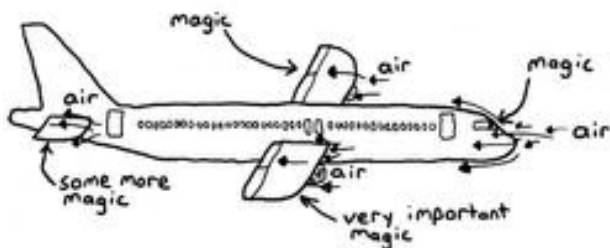


If you are a fan of Penn & Teller's 'Fool Us' television show on The CW network, here's a way to watch past episodes... Download The CW app to your favorite streaming device. Every episode of 'Fool Us' from season 2 through season 6 is available for streaming. The app is free and there is no subscription fee. You don't even have to create an account. Just download The CW app and enjoy (you do have to watch commercials, however). The app is available for Roku, Apple TV, iOS, Android and other streaming devices. Details can be found here: <https://www.cwtv.com/the-cw/the-cw-app/>

Season 1 of 'Fool Us' is not included. Season 1 was an ITV production, not The CW.

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Reminder: New IBM Ring 76 Members Only Facebook Group

Please join!!

Late last year, **Mark Booth** started a new Facebook Group for Ring 76 members. It is a members only group online for members to share their passion for the art of magic with their fellow Ring 76 members. Photos, videos, articles about magic, upcoming magic events and performances, articles and stories regarding the art of magic, various IBM/Ring 76 discussions.

The Group is hidden and private so it cannot be found using search on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account and you'd like to be a member of the IBM Ring 76 Members Only Facebook Group, please send an email to Mark at **markbooth@cox.net**, and he will invite you to join the group.

The Facebook Group is open to all Ring 76 members that are in good standing (current with their dues). The Group is private, so only members of the Group can read posts and who is in the Group.



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