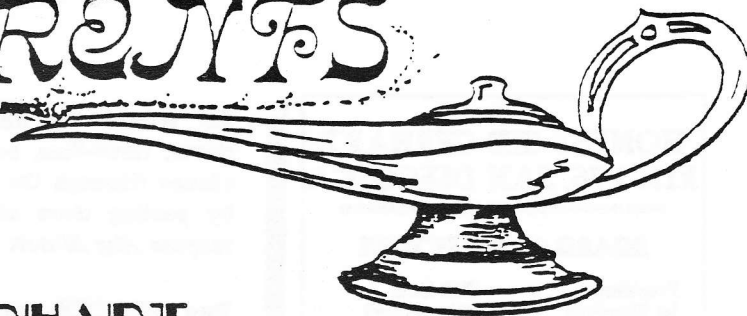


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RING 76, SAN DIEGO, CA

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## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

THE MAGIC CAULDRON IS REALLY BOILING IN SAN DIEGO - Busy, busy magic month of September with the Ring 76/Ring 96 annual Exchange Banquet and Show on the tenth and a fantastic regular meeting on the nineteenth.

Forty members and about twenty two guests enjoyed "MYSTERY BAG NITE", and a surprise birthday party by Donna STILWELL for husband Mike, our vice president. Six new members joined during the Birthday Break, and four previous Ring 76'ers renewed their memberships - so by entertainment time we had fifty members present! NOT BAD, MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RITE! Total Ring membership is up to seventy two and renewals keep coming in at the rate of about two per month. We are shooting for one hundred members by next July when we hope you will join us for the BIGGEST and BEST Magic CONVENTION Ever!

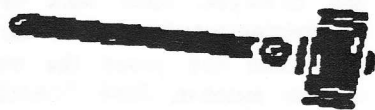
**REMINDER:** The Boston IBM Convention sold out three months prior to the event and, as of October first, the OMNI HOTEL is twenty percent booked for the convention! Send a sixty dollar check NOW, to: IBM Convention 89, P.O. Box 89, Bluffton, OH 45817, before you get all caught up in the Holidays.

Hey, Jennie FINE, THANKS for

renewing your membership - NOW start coming to the meetings again. THANKS too, Forrest WOOD, you are paid up to April 1990! (Now there's a man who knows a good newsletter when he sees one. Just kidding.) Stan GERSON, you are paid up to 1990 too! THANKS, FOLKS, we need and appreciate your support. Still looking for Harry ENG, Al PEARSON, and Ray BOND. You three would take us up to an even seventy five.

Note that this issue of the NEWSLETTER contains your brand-new, up-to-date Membership Roster; as accurate as we can get it. Need your help to keep it that way, so check it over for your entry: name spelling, zip codes, phone numbers, etc., and send corrections to J. P. JACKSON; 5746 Tortuga Road; San Diego, CA 92124. Or bring it to the next meeting on October seventeenth.

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### Prez's Mezzage

Take note! The 1989 I.B.M. Convention will be a sell-out. Don't be a miss-out! Register now! If you have ever been to a major convention then you, probably, have already registered because you know what a great time is had by all. If you have never been to one, they are a real experience. They are fun, informative, and will enhance and rekindle your interest in all the facets of magic - from books to video, to collecting, to lectures, to close-up, to mentalism, to stage, and more. You'll suffer from information overload, whether you are a hobbyist or a full time professional.

The Omni, headquarters hotel, is already over twenty percent filled, and has termed the 1989 I.B.M. Convention the fastest moving convention they are handling. In fact, they are already overbooked for Sunday, June ninth!

#### Nuff Said?

If you're not attending Ring Seventy Six meetings on a regular basis you're missing out on a lot of magic, a lot of fun, and a lot of magic camaraderie. Just ask any of the sixty three folk who attended the September meeting.

See you at the October seventeenth meeting.

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TWENTY YEARS ago **Sid GERHART** of **SAN DIEGO** Ring Seventy Six and **Martin RIFERT** of **LONG BEACH** Ring Ninety Six (for whom the rings are named) pioneered an exchange banquet/dinner show concept which has continued annually to this date. This year, fourteen members of Ring Seventy Six traveled north to perform and/or just enjoy a sumptuous Roast Turkey dinner, courtesy of our Ring Ninety Six hosts, at the **GOLD STAR RESTAURANT** in Whittier, California. After a magnificent feast with all the trimmings, **Bill McHILANY**, president of Ring Ninety Six, gave a nice welcome and introduced **Dick DALE**, president of Ring Seventy Six and **J. P. JACKSON**, Secretary of Ring Seventy Six, who then presented Plaques to the Ring Ninety Six members who had performed the previous year in San Diego - another nice thank-you tradition. Ring Seventy Six member, **Joe MYSTIC**, was introduced as the MC for the evening and proceeded to lead a very professional and powerful show for the rest of the evening.

Joe started the magic with a very clever, three-time, bare hand silk color change (through the fist), and finished by putting them all together with a surprise *Flag Blends*.

**Dan FRECKS** led off with classic magic which included a torch-to-cane opener, dove production, bare-hand flower productions, a very nice double dove production from a scarf, and closed with an instantaneous *Tear-Apart* vanish and reproduction via a *Hong Kong* frame.

**Jim RILEY**, the Ring Seventy Six longest term active member, did a classic *Die Bar* routine using one of **John DAHM's** creations (the Cadillac of die boxes), and an extremely funny *Pass-Pass/Multiplying Bottle* routine.

**Joelle JUDGE** followed with a jumbo Spot card, his very funny chosen card-on-forehead, and a torn tissue to paper hat which he presented to his cute little assistant.

**Joe MYSTIC** came back with an entertaining interlude called the *BOO BOO Bar*, and paved the way for old/new member, **Jack MARKLEY**, (an IBM Ring Seventy Sixer in 1971, and just reactivated in time to perform). Jack did his very original routine with *GRANDMA'S THIMBLE* as his magic wand to show us his three short ropes to one with vanishing knots, his multi-changing Wands, and finished with a very funny *PLUNGER CARD* routine, using a Plumber's Helper to locate a chosen card.

**Joe MYSTIC** again, in true MC Style, with a beautiful *CLIPPO* routine which proved again that **NO** magic effect is too OLD. It was great, and I can attest to the fact that laymen loved it, (my guests).

**Jim BEAMON**, our affiliate member from Bullhead City, Arizona, came all the way to appear as "DIAMOND JACK", with a traditional *Cape and Hat to Table* (not often seen anymore,

but still good), a vanishing hank, a four-bills-on-pia routine which left him with the **BIG BILL**, and closed with a very funny borrowed/burned bill and reproduction in a chosen orange and walnut - another great classic.

**Ex-LOVE BOAT** magician, **Jack EVANS**, one of our newest members and president of The Magician's Guild of Southern California, stole the show and had us all in stitches with his delightfully "campy" bits and gags while doing a silk production into a *QUAD BLEND*, a *Vanishing Cate Bottle* late streamer with a **Merv TAYLOR** Birdcage kicker (yeah, I noticed), then slowed down with a very serious *Abducting Queen* (a Milson Worth piece seldom seen), and closed with his "Alice Through The Looking Glass", a penetrating mirror mini-illusion. Very, very nice, and very professional.

**Wayne ALBERT** came on with the *Houdini Mail Bag Escape*, normally a stage illusion, which he does so well close-up.

**Joe MYSTIC** came back with his very showy fire-eating act, a nice change-up, and then introduced Ring Seventy Six President **Dick DALE** and **Joelle** with the closing act. Dick opened with a stylish bare-hand Flash dove production from candle flame, a second dove from a coil of ribbon, and passed them to Joelle who placed them into a glass front cage. Dick did his original *Cut and Restored Rope* routine with several variations which led into the *Professor's Nightmare*. Then, slowing to a calm pace, he gestured toward the caged doves, and they visibly dimmed, faded, became transparent, and totally vanished! After a pause for some strong audience reaction, Dick came back in a lighter vein with his *Professor Chet's Comedy Rope* routine. **WHAT** a close to a **GREAT SHOW** and an exceptional evening! Now it's your turn Ring Ninety Six!

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING ...what you also missed

Our regular September meeting on the nineteenth packed 'em in again and started us in thinking about the possible need for a bigger meeting place after only two meetings. WHAT A CROWD turned out for "MYSTERY BAG NITE" - talk about a full house - it was GREAT!

The short business meeting covered formal thanks to the Ring 74/96 Exchange Banquet performers; presentation of a Plaque to Ex-President, Mark DIMENSTAIN, and the introduction of some twenty two guests - WHEW! We were especially pleased to have Joel and Arlene MOSKOWITZ from Woodland Hills able to stay over for our meeting. The Board Meeting report summarized potential interest in an advisory committee for an associated magic youth group; a MAGICAL committee in support of the coming IBM CONVENTION in July 1989, and a Mayoral Press Release for Magic West in October. A quick poll of the membership supported plans for a MAGIC SWAP MEET at the November meeting, and a charity Xmas Magic Show in December.

Announcements included the Magic Circle Swap Meet on October-eighth, a planned "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" package bus tour for the opening next June in Los Angeles sponsored by Paul and Sharon BARTON, and the news that a local production of "CATS" will feature member Lach CRANE as the magical "Mr. Mestaffilee".

AND THEN IT WAS BIRTHDAY PARTY break time and Donna STILWELL produced from nowhere, a stupendous, build-your-own, ice cream Sundae feast in honor of her husband's thirty-fifth, the same as our meeting date. WHAT A NEAT TRICK FROM A NEAT LADY! Our monthly raffle gave away over a dozen choice prizes from BUMPER & CO. and this time I

did get the very collectable, guest-type bottle prize - Champagne this time.

MYSTERY BAG NITE started with a very precise explanation of the rules and regulations by Veep Mike STILWELL, none of which were followed when the action started. Over twenty three Mystery Bags were aligned on the front table and chosen by the designated volunteer performers who were off and running with five minutes to prepare to perform with whatever they found in the bag. Even the dramatic count-down to show-time failed to impede the mad scramble for answers, help in identification and clues for a suitable routine (or any routine). Comments like - "What in the hell is this?" were heard often, or "How do I do five minutes with a red thimble?" and "C'mon guys - I've never seen anything like this in my LIFE, and I own EVERYTHING." and, lastly, "HEY - this isn't a prop; it's somebody's lunch!" It was hysterical, and the resulting show was a tremendous success! Folks who hadn't performed in ages got up, bit the bullet, and did some fantastic entertaining with no rehearsal, five minutes of preparation, and unknown props. It really cannot be described, but highlights include:

Ex-President Fred ROHRER with a four-half coin stand which vanished all four coins instantly when he bumped the table reaching for them.

Bob INGALLS waiting to do a rising card from goblet while four folks looked for and tried to thread the gimmick.

Dave LAMBERT doing a hilarious ten minutes with a Flager Chopper and a pickle; and later, 2nd VP Ed FORTSYTHE doing a scary ten minutes with another Flager Chopper - this one with a stuck blade! - and an unknowing guest assistant. All went well, with Ed being the old pro that he is, but you could hear the exhaled breaths around the room when he, finally, got it unstuck.

"Campy Jack" EVANS had us in the usual stitches with four cups and four quarters, and a tube penetration that

made absolutely no sense whatsoever, but was nicely done (I think).

Lach CRANE did a funny silk Murder Bar and something with a rubber band.

Jessie JUDGE created a nice patter story about Diamond Jim and Jack Ruby using Gem Primitives.

Mike STILWELL divined the color of a behind-the-back chosen crayon and floored the donor, who had forgotten to provide the gimmick.

With great enjoyment we watched Cal MAYERS do an unfamiliar color-changinging Rue-Rabbit-Rue, Wayne ALBERT with somebody's Clothes Pin Box, Mark WADE's Jumbo Card Prediction, Jeff MARCUS magically remove a ping-pong ball from a glass, Dick BUSH's Turn/Restored Five Dollar Bill, and President Dick DALE, Treasurer Ed RAYMOND, visitor, Ken AYERS (Ex-President of The Magicians' Guild of Southern California), junior member, Danny THOMPSON, putting a Ring as a Card the hard way, Jack MARKLEY, Jim ALBURGER, etc. etc. and on and on and on... Dan THOMAS and Vic WINTER of THE GATHERING restaurant did a credible job with an appealing and dancing cane, and a magically strung chosen set of loose beads which Vic knew absolutely NOTHING about - but it looked good. And, lastly - Dorothy HATCHETTE (SUNNY THE CLOWN) with an incredible, lang. funny, original (It had to be), very clever patter story about a GREEN MONSTER and a prop which cannot be described here. YOU HADDA BE THERE - it was a hoot!

Mystery Bag Nite was a smash success and one of our best meetings yet. It probably will become an annual event from now on.

Now are you ready for BACKWARD TRICK NIGHT? Keep posted with MAGICURRENTS for future announcements.

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## BOARD MEETING

The Board met on Monday, October third at Ed FORSYTHE's home with Dick DALE, J.P. JACKSON, Ruth PEARSON, Harry HARTMAN, Ed RAYMOND and we were most pleased to have Ex-President Fred ROHRER join us. **REMEMBER, ANYONE** can come to a board meeting (First Monday of each month), and we encourage you to do so. We need and appreciate fresh brains with inputs and ideas, new or old.

Plans for the Magic SWAP MEET at our regular meeting in November were finalized, and ideas for a Ring Xmas Dinner vice the regular December meeting (which falls on the nineteenth) were discussed. A poll of the membership regarding this issue will be taken at the October meeting on the seventeenth.

The Board resolved that, as of October fifteenth, dues for NEW members will be pre-rated at six dollars for the remaining half year. Old members still in arrears, who renew this late for the 22/79 year, will be required to pay the full annual fee of eleven dollars.

A proposal to assign each member a "Performer's Number" or "Entertainer's Number" was discussed at length. This concept is used by the *MAGIC CIRCLE* of London to ensure a ready pool of performers at any time. Don't panic - it's not as scary as it sounds. It will be more fully explained at the October meeting. Next Board Meeting is at Ed FORSYTHE's house on Monday, November seventh.

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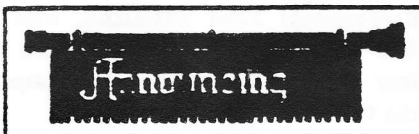
## OCTOBER MEETING ...what's coming

We are happy to announce that Mr. Jack WHITE, our own Channel Ten Newsmen, will be the featured guest at our regular October meeting on the seventeenth. Jack has always maintained his interest and skills as a magician and was an active member in the seventies and President in 1972.

Jack will provide our entertainment for the evening, in the form of Magic MOVIES. We will be treated to movies of John SCARNE, BLACKSTONE SENIOR, BLACKSTONE JUNIOR and RICHARDT from Jack's own personal collection. **WELCOME JACK!**

Anyone wishing to follow that with a live item or two is welcome - if we have time. Let Mike STILWELL know if you can do a "filler" or two, time permitting.

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## FUTURE EVENTS

- The November meeting on the twenty first is set for our first annual *MAGIC SWAP MEET*. Sellers will pay five dollars per table for the privilege of offering their old magic for sale or trade. **REMEMBER** - the long established annual magic auction will be held at the regular February meeting on the twentieth. There **IS A DIFFERENCE**. The *SWAP MEET* is intended to clear out your really small or incomplete (read junky) stuff; so that your nicer items can

be auctioned more appropriately and more effectively in February - and keep the auction from lasting too long. So start digging around in those little used drawers and boxes, and start loading a trunk or two for the *SWAP MEET* in November. If you only have one item or two, find somebody to share a table with - or just walk around and offer trades. What ever. **PLAN TO HAVE SOME FUN**, and maybe you'll even find the "Ball" from your old *BALL AND VASE* that's been missing all these years.

- **AND HERE'S MORE** - the *MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* (North County Group) will hold their annual *MAGIC AUCTION* at their regular meeting on December sixth. Mark your calendar **NOW** so that the money you make at our November *SWAP MEET* can be spent at their Auction. **AND THEN**, by logical extension, what you buy at their Auction in December can be sold in *OUR* Auction in February! (Well that's what's gonna happen anyway - **RIGHT?**)
- The Ring will sponsor an *XMAS MAGIC SHOW* in December at the American Legion Hall, date and time to be determined and announced soon. Meanwhile, Mike STILWELL is collecting a list of potential performers for this event; so if you're up to paying your dues in the **BIG** way, call Mike and tell him you're in.
- In January 1989 the *MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* will have *Member's Magic Night* as their regular meeting on the third. The membership of Ring Seventy Six has been invited as Guests. **WHAT A NICE IDEA!** More on this soon.

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# SLEIGHTLY NEWS 'ROUND TOWN

☆ Nice call recently from magician Mark CHASE, way out Lafayette, Indiana way. He called to let me know he is coming to San Diego to work the Harbor Drive *HOLIDAY INN* Lounge on October nineteenth and twentieth. He also plans to join us at our October meeting on the seventeenth and, maybe, show us a slice of Indiana magic. Mark said to be sure to invite Ring 76 members to visit him at the *HOLIDAY INN*.

☆ Donna LYNN and Joe MYSTIC are now performing Friday nights through October at *VICS RESTAURANT* in La Jolla.

☆ Jack MARKLEY, a new "old member" (1971) and treasurer of the North County group, starts his third year with *MAMA AND PAPA PIZZA GROTTO* (affiliated with *FILLIPS PIZZA*) in Vista, table hopping and balloon work. Friday nights from six thirty to eight thirty. Also at *GARCIA'S RESTAURANT* in Carlsbad on Saturday nights at the same time. Most of Jack's close-up, that he manufactures himself, is available at *BRAD BURT'S* of San Diego, *FRANK HERMAN'S MAGIC SHOP* in Oceanside, or direct from Jack himself.

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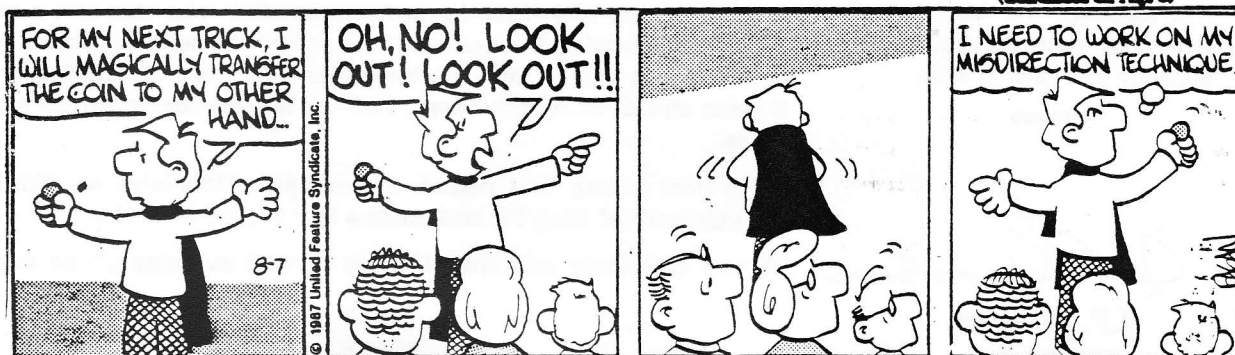


● Gary VESS, who recently closed his *SEAPORT VILLAGE MAGIC STORE* has opened a second shop in Palm Springs called "*WHO-NOZE*". His first shop, "*YNOT*", still exists and features up-scale gifts, cards, a very nice line of "fun" items, and general party supplies. "*WHO-NOZE*" is now dedicated to Halloween but will become Magic and Novelties after the Halloween rush. **NOW GET THIS:** Gary has also struck a neat magical COUP by contracting with the Navy Exchange Resale System to open Magic Boutiques within the local Navy Base Exchanges. Active Duty and Retired Military folk with ACCESS can now purchase Gary's line of basic, introductory magic; some of the better Royal Magic Line, Johnson and Sterling Coin Magic, and Juggle Bug equipment at the local base Exchanges. The Exchange at the Naval Training Center (Rosetrans) is already stocked as is the Thirty second Street Navy Exchange Annex. Soon to come: the Main Exchange at Thirty Second Street, NAS Miramar, the Exchange at Imperial Beach and, possibly, the Exchanges at Long Beach, Fallbrook, and China Lake in the future. Nice Goin' Gary.

● Another fun *MAGIC CASTLE*

*SWAP MEET* last Saturday with lotsa Ring 76 folk in attendance: Ben DRUCKERMAN, Jacks EVANS and MARKLEY, Mark DIMENSTAIN, Sherry LUFT, soon-to-be member Marty BRENNER, Ken AYERS (buying everything in sight), Dick DALE, Marcus DAY and yours truly manned a Seller's Table as did Frank HERMAN. The *MAGIC CASTLE SWAP MEET* is usually held twice a year (April and October or November), starting at eight AM and lasting to noon or so. You get about four or five hours of "table browsing" for bargains in new magic, old magic, used magic, collectables and just plain junkie. Plenty of other magic folk around too: Peter PITT, Norm NEILSON, Stan ALLEN (*INSIDE MAGIC*), Tim LENERT, and Head Man Bill LARSON. Also Jack SUTHERLAND (*SUN MAGIC* in Phoenix), and Chuck KIRSHNER (*MAGIC CITY*) at the bar. And floating around were DARYLL, Johnny GAUGHN, Gene NEILSON, Bob JANDINE, SUDS and MARY, Billy McCOMB, Michael WEBBER, Dr. John BOOTH, John KENNEDY and PETRICK and MIA. Great way to spend a Saturday morning and well worth the drive up.

● Talk about advance planning - (as mentioned in the meeting report) Paul and Sheron BARTON are



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- sponsoring a Bus Tour to see the opening of *PHANTOM OF THE OPERA* at the *AHMANSON THEATRE* in Los Angeles for next year. Eighty five dollars gets you a bus trip to and from, with stops along the way, time for a no-host lunch before the show, and great seats for a Sunday Matinee on June fourth 1989. Call Paul or Sharon (after ten AM) at (619) 268-3911 to get on the list, which is filling up fast. This is a great way to get an advance ticket for what will be a **SOLD-OUT** run. General Purchase tickets (those left after tours and regular theatre subscribers) won't go on sale until late December or early January in Los Angeles, and will be darn hard to get.

- From Stan ALLEN's *INSIDE MAGIC*, Dick CLARK has been featuring live Magicians on the *LIVE DICK CLARK PRESENTS* show on Wednesday nights at eight PM. Seen recently were CARLTON and Johnny 'Ace' PALMER on October twelveth and Larry WILSON on October nineteenth.

- The *MAGIC GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* (North County Group) has announced a lecture by Arnold FURST at the regular meeting on November first, followed by a pot-luck dinner. Non-members will be charged a five dollar guest fee. The pot-luck dinner is for members only.

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## Personality of the Month



Jim Riley, Julian's only five foot eighteen inch magician, is also Ring 76's longest tenured member. Not a very novel distinction, certainly, but a significant one in the history of this Ring. Jim is far from being our senior member. Chronologically speaking, he is somewhere in the middle. There are many younger, and older members. But there are few who have served the Ring more faithfully. He has been president at least twice, in his memory, not to mention the many other offices he has held. He has written this Newsletter for many of our past presidents; and, of course, contributed in a thousand ways to the health of this Ring.

He is not a Charter Member. There are only a few of those left, but he remembers the charter members, something few of us are able to do. Even more interestingly, he has maintained a rather complete file of back-copies of this newsletter. He has even agreed to compile some notes supporting a history of the Ring. Therein lies a future project for the staff of the news letter.

Jim has another distinction not many of us share. He was born right here in San Diego. The year was 1939, and the community was Mission Beach, where he continued to live through his school years. He was graduated from Mission Bay High School in the Class of 1957. When asked if he participated in any sports, he dryly replied, "...as few as possible."

When he was eight or nine he saw a pitchman demonstrating a Svengali deck at the Del Mar Fair. The man was a clever magician and could, apparently, do anything with that deck. Immediately, the lad was hooked. Here was *real* magic that the man said *he* could do - for a modest investment. Naturally he bought one.

At the time, Jim knew no magicians and progressed little beyond the Svengali. However, in the sixth grade in San Diego public schools there is camper program in which children attend Camp Cuyamaca. Jim was one of these campers, and there he met a counsellor who was also a magician, a man named Gordon Plummer. By the end of the session Gordon had agreed to teach Jim magic, and the beginning of a long association was begun. Gordon also lived in San Diego, and the lessons continued for a number of years.

Some time during that period, or perhaps a little later on, Jim learned of the existence of Ring 76, and made a few tentative visits.

"I was extremely nervous at being around magicians," he says. "I was

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doing little shows around, but I didn't consider myself qualified to perform before magicians, and I wasn't." Actually, he was in college before he felt ready to join the Ring.

"I think Art Hannum was president at the time of those first visits. And of course Sid Gerhart was around. He was the one who held the club together. It met at his home, and later he found other places for it to meet. He was a fine person for helping young people into magic - and generally getting magicians together. I guess that's why the Ring was named after him."

Asked when he did his first show, he said, "I guess in the usual way - family and friends. I guess the first real shows were at Camp Cayamaca. They would have, say, one hundred and fifty youngsters up there, and they would have a talent night. You only go one year as a camper, but then I started in the summer program. They have two programs: the school program that the children go to in the sixth grade, and the summer program. I worked in the summer program for years and, in fact, finally became director of it. As a consequence I would do a show a week during the summer."

Wonderful magic experience for a young boy.

After high school Jim attended San Diego State, graduating in 1961 with a teaching degree. During college he worked at *THE FUN SHOP*, a magic and novelty shop, at Third and C.

"I liked selling the magic," he says, "but Peg Harbin, the owner, was always shooing me out of the magic area to get me to the stuff that sold

better. Tommy Woo, an old-time San Diego magician, was actually the original owner of the business."

In 1961 Jim began his teaching career at the Jones Elementary School in Serra Mesa. He remained there thirteen years. It was there that he organized the Jones Magic Club, a club that became known all over the county for presenting illusion shows. He had a student teacher who was an excellent craftsman and built most of the illusions. The children were paid for the shows they did, and many came back from the higher grades - and even high school to participate. "The kids came out of the walls when money was concerned," Jim says. "We did the Spirit Cabinet, the Dagger Box, a Swoopy Production Box, even sawed a woman in half."

Jim is now teaching a special Fifth and Sixth Grade class at Hawthorne Elementary in Clairmont. His class is composed of eighteen exceptionally gifted youngsters who come from all over the county. The class is restricted to that number so that each may receive the special attention he or she requires. Parents vie for places for their children and there is a waiting list. The children are very advanced and, in effect, Jim is teaching seventh and eighth material. For some, who can handle it, he teaches first year Algebra.

"Teaching is my life," he says simply - and eloquently. It is easy to see that, with such a commitment and eighteen knowledge hungry youngsters to greet him every morning, even magic must take second place.

He has organized a magic club at Hawthorne, but the circumstances are different than at Jones. Few of his students walk to school, and transportation is a problem after

school. He has students from as far away as Paway, La Jolla, El Cajon and Mission Beach so most can't participate in after school activities.

One of his former students has two patents for inventions of biomedical apparatus. Another, who is going to Yale this year, won the Young Playwrights Award twice this past year.

"She came back to talk to my students. She had video tapes of a play of hers that was produced, which she showed to the class. Then she talked to them about acting - and about how life develops as opposed to art - how you present life as art - and how you have to snip things out and rearrange to produce a work of art."

Almost makes you wish you were young again - and brilliant - so you could be in that class.



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AS I LOOK! - I'M STANDING  
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