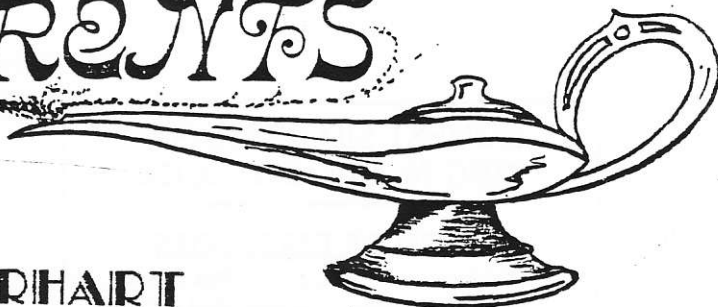


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MEMBERSHIP CARDS

New Ones for the 1990-1991 Membership Year, are now available - **IF YOU'VE PAID YOUR DUES**. Second Vice President, **Bob INGALLS**, has had a new card created with a greatly improved, *FLASHY*, new look, and is ready to pass them out at the June meeting on the Eighteenth. See him before the seven thirty business meeting, or during the break to pick up your new card.

Dues payments have slowed to a trickle and we **NEED MORE - LOTS MORE!!** Ring Membership is now at an all time high of one hundred and thirty seven, but only eighty three of you have paid those 1990/1991 dues - and that's only sixty per cent. Come ON GANG - do it right now cause you'll forget by the June Meeting. Take a minute to make a check out for twelve dollars to "IBM Ring 76", and send it to **Frank SYREN** at 4041 Ibis St. #207, San Diego, CA.. 92103. Remember this is your next to last *MAGICURRENTS*. Next month we will clean up the Membership Roster and send it out with the newsletter - so you got about thirty days to PAY. (I'm beginning to sound like a collection agency - but it's a worthy cause!)

Many thanks to those of you who filled out those PCAM Convention Surveys in last month's *MAGICURRENTS*.

and especially to **John DAHMS**, **Ed FORSYTHE**, **Mike LOWE**, **Brien TEMPLETON**, **Ray KOSBY**, and **Sigrid O'BRIEN** for mailing them back to me; sure helps the paper work load. I could use a few more, so will hold off mailing them to the PCAM Committee until after the June Meeting. Now how about the rest of you taking another minute to fill out the survey and getting it to me one way or another. This is a rare opportunity to make your feelings known and to help set the tone for future PCAM Conventions.

See ya on June Eighteenth.



Prez's Mezzage

So, you're out to dinner with some new friends, or at a party, and the subject somehow gets around to magic and the fact that you are a magician. "How about a couple of tricks?" you're asked. What do you do? Do little beads of perspiration appear on your brow?" Do your hands start to shake -- just a little? Do you say, "I just happen to have here..." I hope none of the preceding. I hope you pick up something that's nearby and perform a near miracle with it. An ashtray, a napkin, a saltshaker, something borrowed from a spectator. I hope that each and every one of you are enough of a magician to have in your library, or at least have read some of the best resource books on "Impromptu magic". Books like Martin Gardner's "Encyclopedia of Impromptu Magic", Eugene Burger's classics "Secrets and Mysteries for the Close-up Entertainer" and "Intimate Power". Something from these, and any other tid bits that you may have gleaned through the years, are what should be in your impromptu magic arsenal. We all know that if one is a magician, one is always a magician, Twenty Four Hours a Day. See you at the Meeting.

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MAY MEETING

... or what you missed.

Attendance picked up at our May meeting with fifty two members, two guests and two "Juniors" who followed last month's debut with more great "break" refreshments - (Super Fudge). **Dave SMITH** conducted a very detailed close-up work shop as the pre-meeting event with good "tips" for all. President **Dick DALE** introduced the guests, presented a Membership Kit to **Brian BERG** and introduced newest members, **Caroline BAUER** and **Tony ISAACS**. **Jim WHITING**, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommended slate of candidates for our June elec-

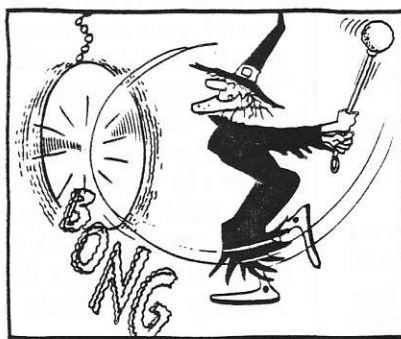
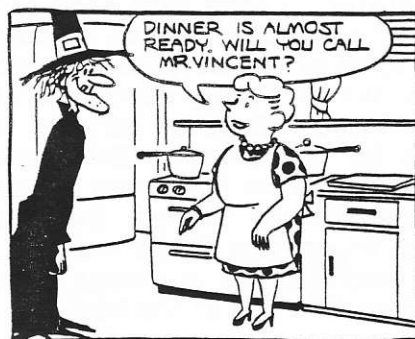
tions and opened the meeting to nominations from the floor. **Don HALBACH** outlined an enthusiastic and well conceived plan for a Ring Seventy Six Public Show on October Twenty Seventh during National Magic Week and "tasked" the membership with future ticket sales. Lotsa great stuff for our monthly drawing with about twenty items going out - even the guests won.

President **Dick DALE** started the "Tricks That Fool Magicians" program with a request for help in improving his top card, air-pressure, turnover revelation. Several Members bit and, after many unsuccessful attempts, discovered that the top card was a "double-backer". The real entertainment started **Don HALBACH** doing a nice mystery with a small walnut box containing three wood tiles and a great story about the Pharaoh's personal Ankh and the curse to the "opener" of the box. The Ankh symbol vanished, leaving a hole in the center tile, and reappeared back in the box. **Jack MARKLEY** gave us an improved version of the *SILK-TO-EGG* trick by doing a *SILK-TO-LEMON* complete with a pseudo explanation and the cutting in half of the real lemon in the end - great, but messy! **Cal MAYERS** doing a novel rope effect with **Jan EASTMAN** and **Gary SCWARTZWALD** holding the ends, which had been knotted around a long cardboard tube. **Cal** passed the rope end through the tube and vanished the knot as the tube was pulled free. **Bob ALLEN** dropped a large die

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VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



onto a small tray and then passed out the resulting explosion of candy kisses while the die went into thin air.

Frank HERMAN demonstrated his "Holyman Wand" which he used to guide *JAKE THE SNAKE* thru his paces - a beautiful series of Rope-(or Silk)-thru-Stick penetrations, with a pink feather "boa" named "JAKE". Guest **Jessie JUDGE**, making his semi-annual appearance, with a nice series of knots on and off a length of rope which changed into a continuous loop, then into two continuous loops, with and without knots, and back to one long length. **Dave (CALIGARTI) NELSON** did a smooth eight minute routine starting with a snappy silk onto rope production, several "snap-on" knots, a "blow-on" knot creation, a silk thru rope penetration, and finished with his classic cut and restored ribbon folded lengthwise in a Jumbo Playing Card.

New member, **Ray KOSBY**, showed us his ambitious card routine and finished with a kicker revelation with a chosen card stuck to his thumb as the deck dropped away. **Jack EVANS** gave us a treat with a Jumbo Three Card Monte. The Jumbo Queen vanished, reappeared back in the carrying envelope and changed into a jumbo die - (that's where **Bob ALLEN'S** went). **Joe FLORIAN** tossed a paper airplane (his stooge seeking missile) into the crowd which brought up **Peg MARCUS** to help him with an incredible card prediction. **Peg** chose five cards, mentally selected one, spelled down to it in the deck and found her mental selection which also matched the contents of a sealed envelope. THEN, she spelled down again in a second deck and found it again - good stuff! **Mark (COSMAR) DIMENSTAIN** performed a nice cut and restored borrowed bill effect with the bill folded lengthwise in a piece of paper and cut with a knife.

Jim (Grand Old Man) SWOGER did a skillful continuous production routine a la cigars or bananas, but produced an endless supply of thirty caliber bullets - (where was he twenty five years ago when I really needed

'em?). Second VP. **Bob INGALLS**, opened with a vanishing silk into his green thumbtip to prove a point and followed with a clever production of three half dollars from a folded one dollar bill (a la **ANDRUS**) and capped it nicely by changing the one into a one hundred.

Lastly, newest member, **Caroline BAUER**, gave us a cute rendition of "*THE HIGH COST OF CAT FOOD*", a short mystery story by **Charlotte McCULLOUGH**, with great finesse. A very nice finish to a very full evening. We will have our annual Installation Banquet in July, a new slate of officers in place for August and get-ready-for-Halloween magic in September. JOIN US! WE HAVE FUN.

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on June Fourth with host **Bob INGALLS**, **Sherry LUFT**, **J.P. JACKSON**, **Dick & Julie DALE**, **Ed RAYMOND**, **Brad BURT**, **Don HALBACH**, **Mike KLIGMAN**, and **Jeff MARCUS**. Ring memberships were approved for **Caroline BAUER** and **Roger CRENSHAW** and ballot procedures for the June elections were discussed. **Jeff MARCUS** reported on possible designs and costs of plaques for outgoing Ring Officers and will continue researching their purchase. The Board agreed that a total of up to Fifteen Dollars for each of the three plaques was well within the parameters set in August 1989.

Plans and specific task assignments for the Ring 76 sponsored Public Show (announced at the May Meeting) were discussed at length. The show will be a benefit for CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL and the Ring, and is set for October Twenty Seventh 1990. **Don HALBACH** provided a thorough overview of the show concept, complete with an analysis of costs, staging, promotion and potential profits. After several specific questions were answered and discussed the Board gave full approval for the project. Next Board Meeting will be at **Sherry LUFT's** on Monday, July Second.

JUNE MEETING

or what's coming

ELECTION TIME - Bring your writing instruments and be prepared to **VOTE** at our annual elections at the regular meeting on Monday, July eighteenth. Two separate Ballots will be available at the door when you arrive - one for Ring Officers and the other for Member-of-the-Year. Pick up one of each; write in a candidate, if you desire, and circle your choice. Ballots will be collected before the business meeting and during the break, counted and the results announced at the end of the program.

Two more IBM Membership Kits to be passed

out at the June Meeting. Also IBM Central is currently processing another for **Gary SCHWARTZWALD**.

Brad BURT will lead off with a "New Products Dealer Demo" about Six Forty Five PM or so, followed by the business meeting promptly at Seven Thirty PM. Ballot collecting and/or counting during the break, the monthly Raffle and then our program: *TRICKS FROM TAR-BELL* and you must cite chapter and verse for whatever you plan to present. So - dig out your set of this classic Course-in-Magic and find a treasure to share. And, don't forget, bring a complete trick for the raffle and get five free tickets for the drawing.

SLEIGHTLY NEWS

'ROUND TOWN

☆ Delightful note to ALL OF US from **Jane THURSTON SHEPARD**. It came just in time for this month's *MAGICURRENTS* and I've included it (with her permission) for all to see. So glad you're back and "better", Jane. Hope you'll join us soon for a meeting or two.

☆ Great Ring 76 support for **Sherry LUFT's MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS BRUNCH SOCIETY's "WINGS OVER SAN DIEGO"** fund raiser on Saturday, June Second at the Balboa Park Aero Space Museum. **Jack MARKLEY, Jessie JUDGE, and Larry FRANKEL** all pitched in to help promote this very worthwhile and successful, semi-annual event.



To The Gang!

June 7/90

Dear J.P.!!!

Dick and I want to say hello, been a bit of a tough winter, but things are coming up roses now!! and I thank the Magic Maker for this. Had a triple bypass end of February and it sort of dampened my spirits awhile, but can't keep a bad magician down! so saying Hi to you and our friends. Any advice? Ofcourse! stay outta hospitals! they are bad for your health! that doesn't really sound right, does it! Anyway, to you and our friends, HIIIIII!!! and we love ya!

Stay magical!

Jan

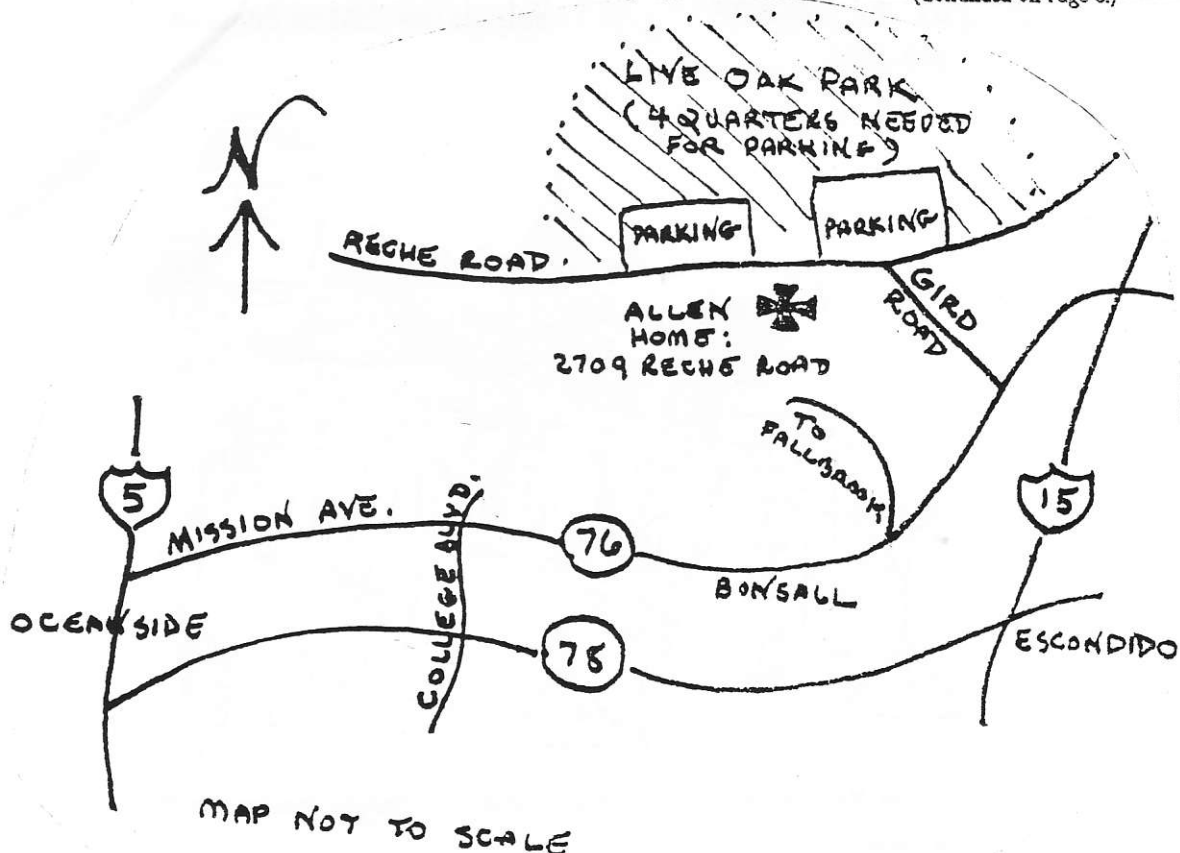
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CROSS TALK

- ☆ Thanks to **Stan ALLEN's INSIDE MAGIC**: If you missed "*SEA WORLD SUMMER NIGHT MAGIC*" last Sunday on ABC with **Franz HARARY** doing illusions in Orlando, FL, you can catch it again at noon on Sunday, June 23rd. (Noon ??)
- ☆ And again from **Stan's** great newsletter: The "*NINTENDO POWERFEST 1990*" is a touring promotional show aimed at Nintendo fanatics. It features a "Super Stage Show" with Nintendo Counselors and a Magic Show with Rock Magician **Jarrett PARKER** doing a box appearance, *MISMADE GIRL*, *SWORD CABINET*, a "spike" box, and *LINKING RINGS*. The tentative schedule includes Long Beach on July Twentieth thru Twenty Second and San Diego on July Twenty Seventh thru Twenty Ninth.

- **MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** announces its annual picnic at Fallbrook's *LIVE OAK PARK* on Sunday, July First. It's a Pot-Luck affair starting around Two P.M., so if you plan to attend, take something edible to share and call new President, **Paul BARTON**, at 268-3911 to get on the Sign-Up List. Ex-MGSC'er, **Oscar MUNOZ**, who is now working with *VIKING HAENCHEN MAGIC* in Texas, will be there with a load of new V/H stuff. Take four quarters for the parking meters and follow the map (below) for a fun outing.
- Don't forget the **ORANGE COUNTY MAGIC CLUB's FLEA MARKET** in Garden Grove, CA on Tuesday, June Nineteenth, the night

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after our meeting. (See Flyer in last month's *MAGICURRENTS*.)

- *MGSC* will also have their regular meeting on Tuesday, July Third, at the *Carlsbad Lutheran Health Facility*. **Arnold FURST** is bringing "**HIRATA**" down for a special evening. **HIRATA** is over from Japan for the start of a lecture tour.
- And **Stan ALLEN**'s *INSIDE MAGIC* has announced the exact dates for the 1991 *PCAM* Convention. It's set for Concord, CA on June Nineteenth thru the Twenty Second, 1991. (See Flyer in your April *MAGICURRENTS*.) Then, the *SAM* Convention for 1991 will be right after on July Third thru Sixth, 1991, at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas.

J. P. Jackson

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Courtesy Jim Riley

The June, 1970 issue of *THE SEER OF SAN DIEGO* announced the slate of new officers for 1970/1971. Included were **George EDWARDS** as President and **John (alias J.C.) WAGNER** as Treasurer.

George EDWARD'S handswere recently featured in a television commercial for Ed Miller for D. A. **George** ran the three shell game under the caption "*Don't Take Chances.*"

John WAGNER ran the pre-meeting workshop session on Card Magic.

THE SEER announced that the club would be honored at the July Third Installation meeting by the visit of IBM International President **William G. STICKLAND** from England. This is the same **Bill STICKLAND** that sponsored **George EDWARDS** for Membership in the IBM in England.



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