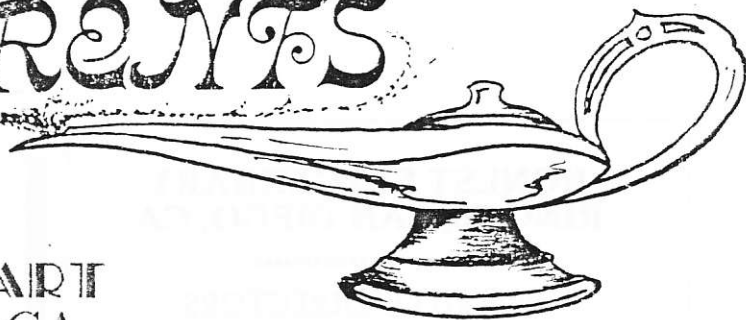


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ELECTION TIME

The annual election of new Ring Officers will take place at our June Meeting on the Seventeenth. Details are inside, but the proposed slate of candidates deserves the *front* page.

At the May Meeting **Roy ARMSTRONG** (Chairman of the Nominating Committee) presented the following candidates as recommended by the Board of Directors:

President	Brad BURT
1st Vice President	Jeff MARCUS
2nd Vice President	Don HALBACH
Secretary (Second Term)	Sherry LUFT
Treasurer (Second Term)	Peg MARCUS
Sgt-at-Arms	Dana LAW
Board of Directors	Dick DALE

Further nominations were solicited, but as of *MAGICURRENTS* publication we have none. Additional candidates can still be placed on the ballot by calling **Roy ARMSTRONG** at 469-4351, and there will be a provision for write-in candidates on the ballot.

Incoming mail this month includes a petition for signatures to place **Bev BERGERON's** name on the ballot for IBM International President for the 1992-1993 term. Anyone interested in supporting his nomination may sign the petition - see me at the June meeting. You must be an IBM Member in good standing in order to sign the petition and should include your IBM number.

This is the last *MAGICURRENTS* for non-subscribers. Annual Ring dues of twelve dollars have been payable since April, and

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Edz's Mezzage

I am pre-empting the PREZ's MEZZAGE this month in order to put a "cap" on this, my last *MAGICURRENTS*. (Yours too if you haven't paid your dues yet.) Prez will be back next month with his own farewell when you'll have the *first* issue by our new Co-editors, **Dick DALE** and **Frank SYREN** with **Dana LAW** handling the distribution effort.

My first Newsletter (in NAPA) lasted two years; this run - three years; and next time I'll try for four. But, meanwhile, it's time for a change, and I look forward to receiving and reading a *MAGICURRENTS* I didn't write.

A big, BIG THANK YOU to **Dick DALE** for taking over, and to **Frank SYREN** for continuing his great work. And another THANK YOU to all the contributors whose brains I've picked on a monthly basis for the past three years; especially **Stan ALLEN** for the use of material from his timely and topical *INSIDE MAGIC*, **Mike STILWELL** for always knowing who is working where, **Ed FORSYTHE** for his inputs, **Jim WHITING** for his *VINCENT* cartoons, and all the other Rings and Magic Groups who send me their newsletters. So, until the next editorial effort, THANKS, and Goodbye.

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exactly one hundred and five of you have responded. WELL DONE! The rest of you are reading your *last* issue and will *not* be on the membership roster which comes with the July issue. Nuff said!

WELCOME to our four newest members who joined at the May meeting: **Ed POPEVICH**, **Donald SHOULTS**, **Freddy SANCHEZ**, and **Scott KANE** whose IBM Membership is

already "in process" at IBM Central in Ohio. He'll appear in July *LINKING RING*.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. See ya the day after.

MARCH MEETING

-- or what you missed

Reported by Sherry Luft

It was "Members Only" night for the **John FEDKO** lecture at our May Meeting. Sixty Five Members to be exact. Our Pre-meeting event featured **Paul BARTON** in a mini-lecture he called *"TRICKS FROM YOUR TRASH"* workshop. Great Stuff!

At the business meeting it was determined that the Board would decide on the location for our July Installation Banquet. **Roy ARMSTRONG**, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the recommended slate of new Ring Officers, then solicited further nominations from the floor. They will take further nominations until the June Meeting.

Rick GORECKI talked about a new Christian TV Station, Ch. 53 in Hemet, CA that is looking for free guest appearances on Saturday Morning. **Don HALBACH**, the producer, announced that the next Public Show

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VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on Saturday, October Fifth at Eight P.M. and on Sunday, October Sixth at Two, Five, and Eight P.M., a two day, four performance show! The *SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK* will be the sponsor again this year. They're sending out 200,000 mailings advertising the event. There are performers already signed up - **Robert BAXT, Mitch WILLIAMS, & CAMERON & CO.** Twenty Five Hundred Programs will be printed for which the club will be selling ads. **Josel RENNLEITNER**, owner of *L'AFFAIRE* is giving a discount to the public on the tickets. **Don** is looking for volunteers for the show for jobs such as ticket takers, ushers, etc.

Before the lecture we had a good raffle with tricks from *BUMPER'S WORKSHOP*.

John FEDKO gave a good lecture followed by a Dealer Demo. He started with a rope trick for the stage, shooting knots off the rope then restoring the rope to one piece. Nice Effect! Next was a close-up card effect; a three card monte face up trick called "*TOPSY TURVY SMILING FACES*" which used no sleights. "*MARKED DECK*" was another card effect he performed. Another close-up effect he demonstrated was a penetration using a very beautifully made wooden block and ribbon.

There were lots of demos: *ULTRA CARD/COIN BOX, DELUXE TWIST AND TURN, BEADS OF PRUSSIA* with a champagne glass, *ULTRA DECK VANISH* with M&M's, *BLOCK OF FU MANCHU* - a block falls over from a glass, *TOPSY TURVY SIX CARD REPEAT* and many more. His final effect was wonderful - *MONSIEUR CASSETTE* using a tape with instructions for the spectator to predict a number.

John explained that he follows these simple philosophies. "Leave people with a smile not necessarily mystical" and "Don't pass up simple things."

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on June Third at **Bob INGALS'** with **Dick** and **Julie DALE, Sherry LUFT, J.P.JACKSON, Brad BURT, Jan EASTMAN, Paul BARTON, Peg** and **Jeff MARCUS, Don HALBACH** and **Josel RENNLEITNER**. The Board approved a donation of one hundred and twenty five dollars to the La Mesa American Legion for our yearly meeting and banquet room use. This will be an annual donation each July since the Legion can no longer afford to permit us the free use of its facilities.

Paul BARTON presented two possible locations and proposed menus for the July Installation Banquet. **Josel RENNLEITNER** presented a proposal for the banquet at his restaurant in Encinatas which was approved unanimously. **Josel** will close his restaurant to the public on Monday, July twenty second, and give us the use of the whole establishment for a private banquet, complete with a four course dinner and all the trimmings. Entertainment ideas and/or fancy door prizes are being considered. Details are forthcoming in a separate flyer.

Don HALBACH reported on the status of planning for the Public Show in October and announced that **Dick DALE** will be the show director. A possible lecture by **Shigeo FUTAGAWA** was discussed for September with a very positive consensus. Details will be pursued and reported on at the next Board Meeting at **J.P.JACKSON'S** on Monday, July First.

JUNE MEETING

Bring your writing tools and pick up **two** ballots at the door on Monday, June Seventeenth. The bigger ballot will list nominated

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candidates for Ring Office with a write-in space. The smaller ballot will be your write-in vote for Member-of-the-Year, someone who has contributed efforts or service to Ring Seventy Six that are more than most, or otherwise stands out in your mind.

Write-in a new Ring Officer candidate if you desire, circle your choice, and turn in the Ring Officer ballots to Secretary **Sherry LUFT**, and the Member-of-the-Year ballot to Vice President **Bob INGALLS** during the break. Ballots will be counted and newly elected officers announced after the program.

J.P.JACKSON will start things off at Seven P.M. with a short "*COLLECTOR'S CORNER*", featuring a few treasures he picked up at the recent Collector's Meeting in Chicago. Business Meeting at Seven Thirty, followed by a short break, ballot counting, and the raffle.

The evening's program starts at Eight P.M. sharp, and will be "*SILK MAGIC*". So unfold and unroll your "Rices" and your "Demons" and come prepared to show us some colorful, flashy magic with silks. Check out your copy of Rice's *ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF SILK MAGIC*, any of *TARBILLS*, or even the *MARK WILSON COURSE IN MAGIC* to find something new and different or, better yet, old and seldom seen.

SLEIGHTLY NEWS 'ROUND TOWN

✧ Last month at *FRANCIS PARKER SCHOOL*, **Bob INGALLS**, **Dick DALE**, **Don** and son, **Ryan HALBACH** and **Mike KLICMAN** all helped **Mary BROWN** commemorate the addition of the one millionth "pop-top" pull tab to her three year long collection effort: a long

lasting project to show her kids what one million "of something" looks like. **Bob INGALLS** was M/C and performed at the forty five minute show with **Don** and **Ryan HALBACH**, **Mike KLICMAN**, with **Dick (MERLIN) DALE** magically producing the final, one millionth addition to the huge four foot cubic container. Great TV News coverage by at least two channels which aired the same evening.

✧ **Sherry LUFT**, **Jessie JUDGE**, and **Tom CLAYTOR** did an extra turn at the Balboa Naval Hospital this month. They perform for the patients every month and, recently, did a special Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit reunion on June Eighth. If you ever want to join this great team at the hospital, on a *regular* basis, see **Sherry** at the meeting and VOLUNTEER.

✧ If you would like to help out at the Special Olympics Competition on June Fifteenth and Sixteenth, call **Donna CROSBY** at 670-3419. She needs volunteer Clowns and/or Magicians to entertain with walk-around/close-up from nine A.M. to four P.M. on both days at Sixth and Laurel Streets in Hillcrest.

✧ *INSIDE MAGIC* from **Stan ALLEN** tells us to watch "*SUNDAY COMICS*", a Fox TV Show on Sunday, June Twenty Third at ten P.M. for a segment with **Michael FINNEY**. That's Channel Six on Cox and Southwestern.

CROSS TALK

• Huge bunch of Seventy Sixers at the Magic Castle Swap Meet on June First. Lighter crowd than usual, but *we* sure helped fill up the place. Brisk sales at **Dick**, **Julie**, and **Erica DALE'S** table, and at **Mark (COSMAR) DIMENSTAIN'S** table.

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Sherry LUFT and Adrian DAY guarded JP's table while he and Marcus DAY looked in vain for something to buy, along with Jack EVANS, Bob ALLEN, Jim SWOGER, Brian TEMPLETON, Bob INGALLS, Chris CASTILLO, Logan HALE, Mike KLICMAN, Marty BRENNER, Scott FISHER, and Ken DeWOODY. Always a fun half day. Next one is tentatively set for November.

- Don't forget the PCAM Convention in Concord California, June Nineteenth thru Twenty Second. The advance schedule shows four very full days of contests, lectures, shows, an opening night party, a *MAGICGALS* Breakfast, Inside Magic Panel Discussion, and Eugene BURGER'S "SPIRIT THEATER". Headliner's include JADE, Mike WEBER, Stan ALLEN, Chuck JONES and Co., PETRICK & MIA, Tom OGDEN, Lee GRABEL, the WATSON FAMILY from New Zealand, and Kevin JAMES (Just Booked).

- Our IBM friends in Long Beach have moved to a new location for their regular Third Saturday of the Month Meeting. After many years at the IACOBONI LIBRARY in Lakewood they now meet at the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank Community Room in the Rossmore Shopping Center, just north of Rt. 405 at 12535 Seal Beach Blvd.
- And Joe SELPH, President of Ring Twenty One in Hollywood, reports that their "DAY OF MAGIC" in May was a big success. Just under two hundred registrants for the day, and over four hundred for the evening show. They will do it again next year and it's a gooder. Watch for it.

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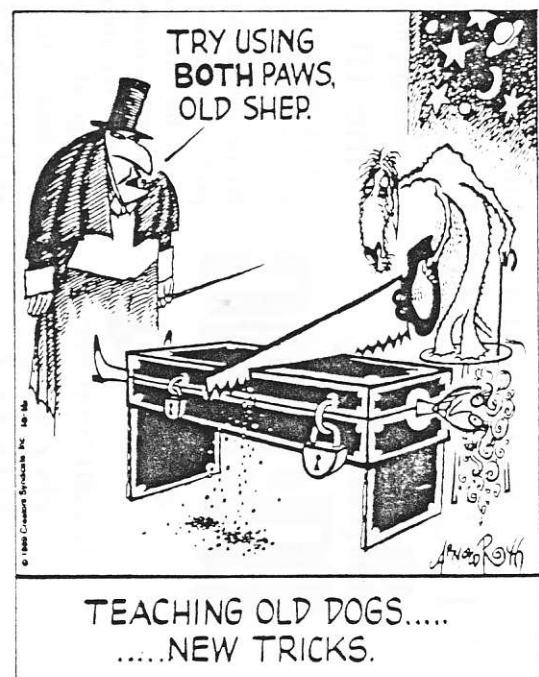


"Come here a minute, dear. Skeeter's learned a new trick."

POOR ARNOLD'S ALMANAC By Arnold Roth



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BAXT

A FUNNY GUY: THE BIOGRAPHY



Robert Baxt can best be characterized by the description: "If all the world's a stage, he wants better lighting!"

A ham since his birth in Brooklyn, New York; as a child Robert wanted to bring vaudeville back just so he could kill it all over again himself. Trying to make up for lost time in the womb, this young comedian was off and entertaining even as a kid with magic tricks, balloon twisting and ventriloquism.

His parents not being able to send him to driving school, let alone college, Robert worked his way through by performing at children's birthday parties, bar-mitzvahs, and weddings. Upon graduating as a theater major, he was presented with

the dual opportunities of being accepted to both Ringling Brothers Clown College and Law School. Without hesitation, our hero chose the one he felt would give him the better training for a life in comedy: Law School.

Attaining his juris doctorate degree in Law, Robert realized that no one ever applauded a lawyer after a hard day of cheating people. So forsaking a career in the hallowed halls of the judiciary, he turned to a full time career in show business.

Comedy clubs, casinos and college campuses not being enough; and speaking the international language of laughter, this gifted actor found himself making television appearances in Japan, Italy, South America, Canada, and Spain. Not to mention in "People" magazine, off-Broadway in New York City, and on NBC-TV'S "George Schlatter's FUNNY PEOPLE" show (Oops! We mentioned it).

With his unique sense of humor, Robert is always on the move. Whether it's on stage, on a cruise ship, on television; writing, or just using his distinctive delivery for voiceovers, be on the watch for a funny guy: ROBERT BAXT!

ROBERT BAXT

A FUNNY GUY

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 280

Hair: ~~Black~~ ^{Blonde!}

Eyes: Hazel

TELEVISION

* George Schlatter's FUNNY PEOPLE	NBC
* TODAY Show	NBC
* "Una Vez Mas"	Santiago, Chile
* KAO MEIJIN GEJIKO	Japan
* Live and Undressed	American Cable Systems
* "Variete"	Santiago, Chile
* "STARS OF FISM"	Madrid, Spain
* "NHK from the USA"	Japan
* 20/20	ABC

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Ship's Comic

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