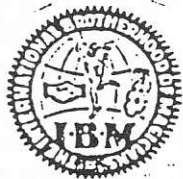
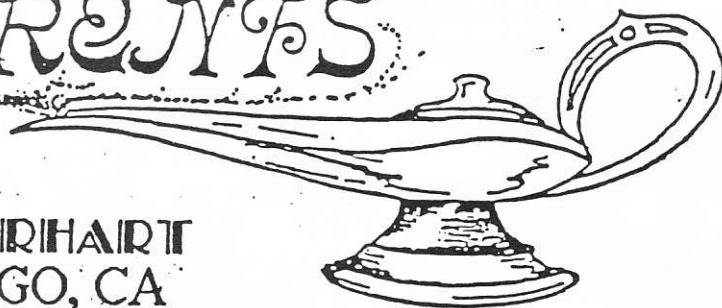


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## PREZ'S MESSAGE

I can't believe that it is time to write my monthly missive. Time seems to just fly lately!

**IMPORTANT:** The upcoming Exchange Banquet with Ring 96 of Long Beach is fast approaching. The very last day to confirm a reservation is the 25th of THIS month. Please confirm as soon as you can. **ALSO!!!** I will be acting as Master of Ceremonies...We also need 3 or 4 performers for our part of the show. If interested, please contact Jeff Marcus. This looks to be a good evening of fun, magic and fellowship!

Mike Caveney has a wonderful article about David Copperfield in the latest issue of Magic Magazine. The crux of the article concerns David's massive energy and enthusiasm for magic. It is literally what he eats, drinks and sleeps. It is a powerful piece of writing that reminded me at least of the major reason that I do what I do.....**SHEER UNADULTERATED LOVE OF MAGIC.** I LOVE it. I love teaching it and performing it and sitting and theorizing about it. I love to find quality magic and bring it to the magic community. Mike's description of Copperfield's all-night, all-the-time magic sessions; his description of the way in which David runs his shows is...well, **AWESOME!** This article is well worth the price of the magazine. The lesson, once again impressed, is that **ENTHUSIASM** and **FOCUS** are powerful forces that move one forward to **EXCELLENCE.** Break a leg my friends!

Note: There seems to be a "bunch" of magic going on in San Diego. If you, or anyone you know, are working in a restaurant, please let me know here at the shop. The best would be a written notice...less likely to get lost or put aside. We get requests all the time for info and it is really impossible to keep up on who is where! Get that info in here and we will see that it gets out.

Brad Burt, pres.

From the February 1992 *MAGIC* :

'Too many magicians define creativity as  
'stealing from more than one source' ". Max Maven.

## LAST MEETING

...or what you missed

by Sherry Luft

It was "Backwards Night" but our business meeting was conducted in a forward motion. Our Prez presented a membership kit to Mike Hoener. He also reminded us to RSVP for The Exchange Banquet at Pea Soup Andersen's on Friday, March 27.

Lots of lectures were announced:

Dick Zimmerman at Brad Burt's Magic Shop on March 9,

Terry Lunceford at The Magic Castle on April 12,

Lee Earle on May 14 at Brad Burt's on May 14.

We need volunteer performers on March 7 for strolling magic from 12-5 at the Imperial Beach Street Fair and on April 11 at the Miss Peñasquitos Pageant at Mount Carmel High School (stage show). You'll receive program credit for April 11 and a chance to pass out your business cards. Call Dick Dale at 562-7379 for further details.

So, "Backwards" we go. Brad Burt opened with a nice reverse "Ambitious Card" routine that kept on appearing in the middle of the deck. He was assisted by Greg Wauson and Victor. When it was restored it was then ripped to shreds. Next, Charlie Norris performed a paddle trick with orange arrows that he had designed. Tom Kasner did "Professor's Nightmare" working in the field of measurement. Dana Law mentally determined the last word on Eddie Rodriguez's freely chosen page of "The Richest Man in Babylon". Terry Runyon did "Hopping Half" (even stopping to answer his phone). First Jack Evans made a vanishing wand appear and then did dice inside boxes even taking some apart! Great effects! Terry Lunceford performed his beautiful "Linking Rings" routine set to music. Mike Hoener, who claims he is terrible in Math, did a great six-card repeat, addition style. Then Jeff Marcus showed us his "A Rope Restored and Cut". Backwards tricks and forwards tricks. We all had a great time!

## BOARD MEETING

by Sherry Luft

The Board Meeting was held at Sherry Luft's house. Jeff Marcus, Dick Dale, Brad Burt, and Sherry Luft were in attendance. We finalized details for The Exchange Banquet. Brad will emcee and Jeff will coordinate entertainment and attendees. It's important to RSVP and pay for your reservations no later than Wednesday, March 25. The next Board Meeting is at Sherry's on April 6.

### What's Coming Up

Terry Lunceford, one of San Diego's top professionals, is scheduled to lecture at The Magic Castle on Sunday, April 12 at 3:00pm. He will be covering subjects such as how to get the business, some more of his original close-up magic and platform effects, and his linking ring routine. He will also have a video tape available.

It would be a fine show of support for a fellow member of Ring 76 if we attended in force. All Magic Castle members are invited, and it is suspected that even a few non-members might be allowed in to this one. Right, Terry?

March 16 Ring 76 Meeting 7:30pm  
La Mesa American Legion  
Do Your Best Stuff  
6:30 Pre-meeting Video:  
"Classic Renditions" by  
Michael Ammar

March 23 Tim (Misled) Wenk Lecture  
"Stuff You'll Use!"  
7:00 American Legion Hall  
Doors open 6:30  
\$15 charge.

March 27 Ring 96 Exchange Banquet  
6:00 Pea Soup Andersen's  
RSVP to Peg Marcus, 562-3434  
by March 25.

April 6 Board Meeting  
7:00 at Sherry Luft's

April 20 7:30 Regular Meeting  
Swap Meet/Mini-Auction  
6:30 Pre-Meeting: TBD

## IN THE COMMUNITY

# La Mesan teaches unusual ways to make folks think

By Carla Edwards

Daily Californian correspondent

LA MESA — He showed bottles filled with tennis balls, baseballs and padlocks.

There was a "Don't Bottle" containing symbols of vice (a pack of cigarettes, a book of matches, a deck of cards and a bullet). A bottle "done this morning" contained a deck of cards with a bolt through it and more.

All of the objects were too large to pass through the openings and necks of the bottles.

Harry Eng of La Mesa dazzled and delighted members of La Mesa Kiwanis Club on Thursday at La Mesa Community Center with demonstrations and anecdotes designed to "make you think."

"The average person uses only one-seventh of his brain," Eng said. "I want to know what the other six-sevenths is used for."

After a lot of wrong guessing, club members learned that filling the bottles is not a trick.

Eng uses surgical tools, magnets, dexterity and a lot of patience to place the items in the bottles. After years of practice filling more than 600 bottles, he can do some of them in minutes. Each bottle contains a piece of

knotted rope.

"I put a knot in each bottle as my trademark because in Japan they began producing and selling them," he said, "which was not nice."

Eng, a consultant hired by

### ■ more community news/B6

school districts, says to be creative a person must find unusual ways of looking at things.

"I tell kids, 'You have to be different,'" he said.

"Six months ago I was on a planet on the other side of the sun," he told a puzzled audience. "Well, so were you. The Earth was on the other side of the sun six months ago."

"Count up to 10," he asked a club member who started with the one. "Sorry, you forgot the zero. Count from nine to one, backward," he asked another who started with nine. "Sorry, you should have started with one — I said backward. In other words, sorry, you're not thinking... You can toy with the mind."

Eng teaches mnemonics, which is the technique of memory improvement. He said he can teach third-graders to memorize 80 items in half an hour.



Carla Edwards/The Daily Californian

The "amazing" Harry Eng with some of the glass bottles into which he has placed objects larger than the opening. Eng spoke about creative thinking at the La Mesa Kiwanis club Thursday in La Mesa Community Center.

"It's possible to program your mind using numbers, names of presidents, states and colors," he said. "You can stack things in your mind if you know how to do it."

Eng says "there is order in chaos," and he likes to use a deck of cards as a "memory bank."

"With a deck of cards your brain is equivalent to one million computers," he said, demonstrating several card tricks using "perfect shuffles," memorization and men-

tal calculation.

At the end of the meeting, Club President Bruce Drake asked Eng to draw two numbered prize tickets from a tumbler, saying, "To see how good this guy is, will you please draw my ticket and somebody else's."

In front of astounded onlookers, Eng drew two tickets, the second being Drake's. When asked how he did it, Eng said with a subtle smile, "Things like that happen with me." (cre)

## VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by Jim Whiting



**IBM RINGS 76 & 96**  
International Brotherhood of Magicians  
**ANNUAL EXCHANGE BANQUET**

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH 1992

**PEA SOUP ANDERSEN'S in the JULIETTE ROOM**  
Best Western Hotel Complex  
Carlsbad, CA (Map →)

**No-Host Bar and Social Hour at Six**

Buffet Dinner at Seven P.M. includes:

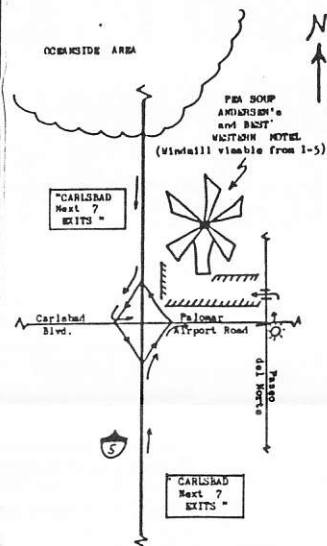
Crisp Green Salad with Dressings & ANDERSEN'S Famous Split Pea Soup, Domestic Cheeses - Vegetable & Relish Tray  
Other Salads include: Pasta Primavera- Waldorf-Potatoe-Macaroni & Cheese

ALSO: Choice of .....

ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF AU JUS  
or  
BREAST OF CHICKEN BAKED WITH SAGE IN WHITE CREAM SAUCE  
and  
RICE PILAF- MEDLEY OF VEGETABLES-WARM ROLLS & BUTTER  
and  
COFFEE, TEA and an ASSORTED DESSERT TABLE

All for only \$21.00 per person including Tax and Gratuity  
(Children 10 and under \$10.00 each)

**ENTERTAINMENT BY RINGS 76, SAN DIEGO  
AND 96, LONG BEACH!!!**



**FROM THE NORTH:**

Use I-5 south thru the Ocean-side area and watch for "Carlsbad Next 7 Exits" sign. A few exits past the sign use "Carlsbad Blvd./Palomar Airport Road" Exit - east. (right exit from I-5 then left at top of exit ramp at stop sign. Go about 2 blocks then left at the light onto "Paseo del Norte". Go 1/2 block and left into complex entrance. Park in front of or beside the Windmill.

**FROM THE SOUTH:**

Use I-5 north to Carlsbad. Take "Carlsbad Blvd./Palomar Airport Road" exit - east. (about 17 miles north of the I-5 and I-805 Junction) Right at top of exit ramp then left at the light onto "Paseo del Norte". Go 1/2 block then left into complex entrance. Park in front of or beside the Windmill.

**RSVP Please!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Amount ENCLOSED (@ 21.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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