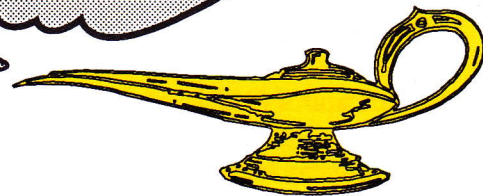


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## The City of San Diego Proclamation

### MAGIC WEEK

WHEREAS, the International Brotherhood of Magic was founded in 1922 and currently has an international membership of 14,000 magicians and magic enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Ring 76, the International Brotherhood of Magic's San Diego chapter, was founded by local magicians on May 10, 1949, and consists of magicians and sorcerers ranging in age and classification; and

WHEREAS, the art of magic has fascinated the hearts and minds of the young and aged, and brought about many hours of happiness, joy, and fascination; and

WHEREAS, members of Ring 76 have donated their time and mystical resources to assist the needy in our community, ranging from schools and hospitals, to homeless shelters and AIDS awareness programs; and

WHEREAS, Ring 76 and the San Diego Historical Society are working together to present Magic Heritage Day, featuring live performances at Villa Montezuma; and

WHEREAS, Magic Heritage Day will educate San Diegans in the rich heritage of the art of magic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSAN GOLDING, the Thirty-second Mayor of the City of San Diego, do hereby proclaim October 25-31, 1995, to be "MAGIC WEEK" in San Diego, and commend the members of Ring 76 for their contributions that continue to enrich the lives of San Diegans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND, THIS DAY  
AND HAVE CAUSED THE SEAL TO BE AFFIXED HERETO:

*Susan Golding*  
SUSAN GOLDING  
MAYOR

October 25, 1995

## Magic Heritage

The Magicians of San Diego showed their true colors for the people of America's Finest City. In an event long-planned, Ring 76 and the San Diego Historical Society put together one of the best free-to-the-public magical events in all of Southern California. Over twenty top San Diego professional and amateur magicians were at hand at the historic Villa Montezuma just off downtown.

It was the celebration of the tenth anniversary of Magic Heritage Week in San Diego. The setting could not have been better than Jesse Shepard's home, built in 1887 to celebrate the arts. Wonderful stain-glassed windows, vintage furniture and, of course, magic in all shapes and sizes.

There were magicians, magic memorabilia and magical moments in every room of the Villa Montezuma. YOU, the membership of Ring 76, may this event a reality (see **PRESIDENTAL PONDERINGS** on page 2 for some personal thank yous - Ed). The Mayor's Proclamation, to the left, really says it all: Magic "...continue(s) to enrich the lives of San Diegans."

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# PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

*By Rick Waterhouse*

Magic Heritage Day 1995 is behind us --it was a success. This was the biggest event that Ring 76 has been involved with since Mark and I joined the club some 4 years ago. From what I've heard, the public response was wonderful, a few referrals were made and some budding magicians were pointed in the right direction. Magic Heritage Day's success is still something of a mystery to me but I think that it had something to do with the many people below to who we owe a debt of gratitude. On behalf of the Honest Sid Gerhart Ring 76 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (and at great peril of forgetting someone important) in no particular order, I would like to thank:

Joe Mystic, Monte Stratton, Monte's wife, Loch David Crane, Michael David, Curtis Clark, Craig Stone, Magic Mike, Kalamar & Tony, Sebastian Figueroa, Diane Lane, Greg Wauson, Ken Dear, Jim Jolly and Jeff Marcus for stellar performances. Don Soul for his caricatures (which netted \$80.00 for the club & society). Sherry Luft, Jim Fry and Jim Jolly (again) for promotions which included three newspaper spots, radio spots, and countless flyers. Jack White for the Good Morning San Diego feature. KUSI for their Sunday location shoot. Brenda Wauson & Marcia Ferree for buying, preparing, and selling the concessions (which netted the club \$40.00 plus goodies for the holiday party). Sig for the cupcakes and chauffeur service. J.P. Jackson for trusting us with a wonderful portion of his extensive magic collection. Gary Salisbury for jumping in and making J.P.'s collection come to life for nearly 300 visitors. Loch (again), Brad Burt and Greg Bart for providing posters that turned a Victorian mansion into a "Magic Castle". Jim Fry for the perfect program. Sherry and Rich Robertson for stage managing right when things were starting to get crazy! The San Diego Historical Society and their volunteers for the place and the staff to keep it under control. Greg and Elena for helping to bring spirits back to the house. Ursula and Fred Rohrer and the staff at the Mayor's office for the beautiful but belated Mayoral proclamation. Fred for crafting the wand presented to Susan Golding. Los Angeles collector Bill McIllhaney for providing us with wonderful film clips that helped illustrate our magic heritage. Everyone who brought their video machines so that we could show them. Everyone who helped to set up and tear down. Jim Jolly for just jumping in whenever something needed doing. I would also like to thank your officers and board members for their vast energy and terrific leadership without which Magic Heritage Day would have been a farce. Greg, Jim, Jim, Dick, Sherry and Mark. From the Historical Society, I want to thank Lucinda Eddy, Sandra Watson and Shep Wickham for their incredible energy and persistence in so many things. And finally, each of those many Historical Society volunteers who showed our visitors the splendor of Villa Montezuma. Thank you one and all.

Magic Heritage Day managed to keep magic and magicians in front of San Diegans for almost a week. It gave many magic enthusiasts a chance to experience the past, present and future of magic. More importantly, it served as a reminder of why we are a magic club. It is our privilege to meet and enjoy each other's company, but it is our duty to do all in our power to advance the art of Magic.

I think I'll sign off now. If I have forgotten anybody who helped make this event a success, please let me know --I want to personally thank each of you. With all of the wonderful people who contributed so many varied and important things, I think you can see how I might have neglected to mention somebody. To all of Ring 76, the San Diego Historical Society and the wonderful people of the City of San Diego, Thank You.

*Richard A. Waterhouse*

*(And we, the Members of Ring 76 wish to thank you Rick for your tireless efforts and devotion in driving Magic Heritage Day and Magic Week. Your leadership and focus has been an inspiration for Ring 76 generations to come. May the future membership of Ring 76 keep the Magic alive for all of San Diego from the seeds planted this year.)*

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## Member Happenings

Tom Owen suffered a heart-attack on October 25. Tom is at Grossmont hospital and his condition is improving daily. If you would like to send Tom a card or a note his address is 1694 Via Elisa, El Cajon, CA 92021-3559. Or, drop him a line at Grossmont Hospital, Room 515, PO Box 158 La Mesa, Ca 91944. All of Ring 76 sends best wishes for a full and speedy recovery Tom.

Greg Wauson starts a new job with Comstream later this month. Brad Burt is rumored to be preparing for a new budding magician, due next year - congratulations to the happy parents.

## Kids KomedY Clinic

by Joe Mystic

Sunday, October 1st proved to be a funny and enlightening day for children's magical entertainers. From 1 PM to 9 PM Samuel Patrick Smith, David Ginn and Steve Taylor gave of their years of experience to about 30 willing to learn individuals.

The 8 hour Seminar was published by direct mail and the fee ranged from \$25 to \$35 depending on when you sent in your money. Each of the magicians lectured twice and the threesome ended with a panel question and answer period. The audience consisted of mostly clowns but magicians who perform for children at birthday parties or in the school or library venue would have benefited.

David and Samuel both had dealer tables open at the breaks with about 12 feet of counter space covered with new and standard children's magic. Steve only had his lecture notes and a couple of items for sale but his lecture was for me the most stimulating. Steve dealt with the creating and using a theme in your show. Steve claimed to have 9 different theme shows for schools and libraries. Themes like "Say No to Drugs", "Reading is Fun", and even a child abuse theme. David centered his lectures on the comedy he uses when performing and the importance of making the children laugh. Sammy's main theme was to perform magic that needs practice and expertise and not to always rely on the coloring book and self working magic. David and Sammy's lectures were a bit like a dealer show. The only magic they lectured on was also on their tables for sale.

All in all the Clinic was informative and for the price a great value and this entertainer left with about \$160 new equipment and a feeling of money well spent.

**Magic: A Vanishing Art**

## DISCOVER THE MAGIC

by Jim Jolly

Hidden below in the magician's top hat are 52 words or names closely tied to the art of magic. They are listed up, down, sideways, diagonally and forward or backward. Cross them off the master list when you find them. When you have found each word, the remaining letters will reveal a surprise message for all Ring 76 members.

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EACCORXDTINGTAMOOJURCDDO  
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RGOETHBEIRTHUMBETIPN  
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LAFENGDTINTLAHEPDTRN  
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Ace	Double Lift	Jean Hugard	Michael Close	Aldo Columbini
Ed Marlo	Jeff McBride	Misdirection	Brad Burt	Eddie Fechter
John Cornelis	Palming	Change Bag	Escape	Juan Tamariz
Patter	Coins Across	ESP	King	Paul Harris
Copperfield	Eugene Burger	Linking Ring	Production	Clubs
False Count	Magic	Queen	Cups and Balls	False Cut
Magician	Ring 76	Dai Vernon	Fred Braue	Matrix
Sleight of hand	Darwin Ortiz	Hearts	Meir Yedid	Spades
Daryl	Houdini	Mentalist	Steal	David Roth
IBM	Merlin	Thumbtip	Diamonds	Jack
Michael Ammar	Vanish			



## THE BEST OF PETRICK AND MIA

On Wednesday, November 22, 1995 - MAGIC ENCOUNTERS will be sponsoring a new *Show/Lecture* by Petrick and Mia. Petrick and Mia are international award winners with awards from:

CHAMPION MAGICIAN OF  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (3 years)  
MAGIC CASTLE VISITING MAGICIAN  
OF THE YEAR  
FIRST PLACE, GRAND PRIX OF  
GERMANY  
FIRST PLACE, GRAND PRIX OF  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
WORLD-WIDE F.I.S.M. SPECIAL  
AWARD - Originality and profes-  
sionalism - Paris, France  
DRAGON AWARD - International  
Team Award - New York

The *Show/Lecture* will begin with an exciting one hour show open to all magicians and non-magicians alike. This is **THE BEST MAGIC OF PETRICK AND MIA**. You will see Stage and Comedy Magic, Parlor and Close-Up. The lecture is open only to magicians and magic aficionados.

If you know your magic, you know this will be well worth coming to. Doubly, your friends and family can come for a great magic show.

Tickets for the show alone are \$6 and the show and lecture combination is only \$12 if paid in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations, advance payments or more information call Joe Mystic at 278-6557. Time (early evening) and location will be announced later.

### Board Report

The September Board meeting convened Monday, October 23 at 7 p.m. at Jim Fry's house. Present were Rick Waterhouse, Greg Wauson, Jim Jolly and Jim Fry. The Board agenda was set to be: *Magic Heritage Day*, Ring

meeting nights, lecturers and the *Ring* 76 Christmas Party.

The Christmas Party, AKA The Annual Potluck Dinner, was discussed by the Board for its content and venue. The Board agreed that the December get-together is more the annual potluck event than a Christmas show, though most performers follow the holiday theme. The general membership will be asked at the next meeting whether we should stay at the planned location or look for another site, please bring your thoughts to the next meeting.

The next agenda item was a discussion of lecturers for the upcoming and future Ring meetings. The Board voted to try to bring in TC Tahoe and to see if he would be available in November or December. This event will be free to Ring members and held on a non-meeting night, to be determined.



### At The Shops

**Brad Burt's**  
4690 Convoy  
San Diego, CA  
(619) 571-4749

Hours: M-T 10:00-6:00  
Friday 10:00-8:00  
Sat: 12-6 Sun 12-4

Brad asks that everyone buy as much as possible -- the new baby's on the way ("... or just send cash!"). "*Turning Japanese*" has been doing really well according to Brad. IF you are looking for a really professional, multi-level coin routine, this is it. Watch this space, a backroom sale is planned for next month and Brad says information will be in the next newsletter.

**The Magic Shop**  
849 W. Harbor Drive  
San Diego, CA  
(619) 236-1556  
Hours: Sun-Sat 10:00-10:00

Mary says to tell everyone to stop by and say hi -- they are still there doing the same things they always do. There is some exciting advertising expected for Christmas which will be appearing in the Union Tribune in the coming weeks -- watch for it.

### October's Meeting

The meeting in October fell on a Charger's Monday Night game but attendance was still good with eighteen members attending. The pre-meeting focused on the upcoming Magic Heritage Day to be held at the historic Villa Montezuma on the 29th. Jim Jolly has contacted the librarian for S.A.M. but had not yet received a return call. Rick Waterhouse has gotten permission to use the Tony Hassini tapes from I.M.S. There was a strong recommendation that the Ring run a concession at the event and we are seeking volunteers. The Magic Castle's librarian, Hal, will be contacted to see if there is anything available we can use.

The Ring recommended that we get the event announcement into the *Reader*, even paying for an ad if necessary. Rick will get marketing information from the Villa Montezuma. (San Diego recovers a fumble at the San Diego 19 yard line with 1:30 to go in the first half.)

There will be a photo shoot at the Villa Montezuma this weekend. Performing members were asked to come and pose for shots with this historic building as back-drop.

After the break, Harry Hirakawa did a good card packet effect. Harry started with eight blank cards whose faces changed to the Aces of Spades. Then, the eight changed back to blank faces. Harry separated the cards into two piles; one pile changed to all Ace of Spades while the other changed to a



good poker hand.

Tom Owen was next. Tom shared with the member present a magic kit he had at the Price Club. Tom then discussed the fields of training to make us better magicians.

Bill Monroe then did a nice card effect with four poker hands. He had members of the audience just think of one of the cards from each hand mentally and then magically determined the cards each was thinking of.

Michael-David Blaylock concluded the evening with a slick Michael Ammar trick showing a \$5 and \$1 bill. He had a member hold the bills and extracted the \$1 from their closed hand and then magically had the \$5 and \$1 switch places.

## At The Castle

*It's that time of the year, the Holidays. Here's the schedule at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles, so you can plan your trips carefully.*

(All shows subject to change. Information based on best available at press time. Call the Magic Castle for up to date information.)

### NOV 6 - 12

E. CLOSE-UP: John Fedko  
L. CLOSE-UP: Whit Haydn  
E. PARLOUR: Cheri Soleil  
L. PARLOUR: Alfonso  
PALACE: Terry Seabrooke  
Mystina  
Bob Borgia

### NOV 13 - 19

E. CLOSE-UP: David Yee  
L. CLOSE-UP: David Malek  
E. PARLOUR: James Hamilton  
L. PARLOUR: Chuck Fayne

### PALACE:

Jonathan Neal  
The Vetlugins  
Dan Birch

### NOV 20 - 26

E. CLOSE-UP: Bruce Cervon  
L. CLOSE-UP: Jim Starr  
E. PARLOUR: Ray Pierce  
L. PARLOUR: Howard Jay  
PALACE: Peter Pit  
Dana Daniels  
Amos Levkovitch

### NOV 27 - DEC 3

E. CLOSE-UP: Tony Giorgio  
L. CLOSE-UP: Jeff Davis  
E. PARLOUR: Lee Bayless  
L. PARLOUR: Steve Barnes  
PALACE: Bob Jardine  
Jerry Layne  
Loren Michaels

### DEC 4 - 10

E. CLOSE-UP: Fred Catiller  
L. CLOSE-UP: Jason Tong  
E. PARLOUR: Gary Frank  
L. PARLOUR: Michael Hack  
PALACE: Brad Cummings  
Jody Baran Show

### DEC 11 - 17

E. CLOSE-UP: Hiram Strait  
L. CLOSE-UP: Harry Monti  
E. PARLOUR: Earl Nelson  
L. PARLOUR: Jim Beniley  
PALACE: Tina Lenert  
Nicholas Night Show

### DEC 18 - 24

E. CLOSE-UP: Loren Michaels  
L. CLOSE-UP: Jim Patton  
E. PARLOUR: Art Benjamin  
L. PARLOUR: T.C. Tahoe  
PALACE: Billy McComb  
Danny Cole  
Victor & Diamond

### DEC 25 - 31

E. CLOSE-UP: Loren Michaels  
L. CLOSE-UP: Jim Patton  
E. PARLOUR: Jim Warren  
L. PARLOUR: T.C. Tahoe  
PALACE: Billy McComb  
Dale Hindman  
Victor & Diamond

(Our thanks to Mr. John Scalan of the Magic Castle for this up-to-date information.)



## November's Meeting

The topic for November's meeting is a review and recap of *Magic Heritage Day* at Villa Montezuma. The goal is to share the experiences of the day with the *Ring* and to discuss the pluses and minuses of the event.

After the Business Meeting we expect to have a new member audition for *Ring 76* Membership. The regular meeting is a *teach-in*. Bring your best moves, routines, patter and misdirection to share with fellow members. Jim Jolly and Greg Wauson have already signed up to share some of their best stuff. If you would like to be on the program please contact Greg before the meeting begins - this is your chance to shine.

We also hope to have permission to share with the members the videos that were being shown at Villa Montezuma. These tapes have some of the classics of magic and are quite exciting. For all members at the meeting who wish to stay after the regular meeting concludes, we should have between 45-75 minutes of videos.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November 1995</b>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	<b>13 - Meeting</b> Hungry Hunter 402 Flecter Parkway El Cajon, CA 442-0517	14	15	16	17	18
19		21	<b>22-Petrick &amp; MIA</b> Contact Joe Mystic - 278-6557 On  TV World's Greatest Magicians II	<b>23 - Thanksgiving</b>		 Christmas Shopping Season begins
26	<b>27 - Board Mtg</b> 7pm - Greg Wauson's - 566-5654 11007 Red Robin Place	28				
			<b>29 - Kalamar</b> 8pm - A Better World 4010 Goldfinch St. 260-8011			



*I.B.M. Ring 76*

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Contributions to *MagiCurrents* are encouraged and should pertain to: Magic in San Diego, the art of Magic, reviews of books, tapes or lectures, Ring 76 events or member announcements.

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