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## President's Message

It's hard to believe that my first year as Ring 76 President is coming to a close and even harder to believe that I am doing one more year. A large Thank You to all the current board members and the membership for their support, humor and especially the magic. Another thank you to the board members that are willing to continue. I look forward to a fun and magic filled year. The contests were great and all the participants did an excellent job. You might as well start practicing for the contests next year.

I hope you will attend the Installation Banquet at Jack White's Magic Museum. The Museum has gotten better each time I've seen it. It has a magic collection, big

screen television, home-made bar, trains, toys and great posters. Get there early and be sure to thank Jack White for the use of his great facility. Bring friends and family to see who really did win those contests.

Thank you all again especially the current board. They each did an outstanding job. Please let me know what we can do to make it a better magic ring for you.

*Gary S*

This month's meeting will be held at Jack White's Magic Place, 4275 University Ave. The fun starts at 6:15 with a reception followed by dinner, the awards ceremonies and officer installation, and then the magical entertainment.

You won't want to miss this exciting evening. Tickets are \$20 at the door and parking is limited so carpooling is recommended.

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# Ring 76 June Meeting

*By Don Soul, secretary*

After welcoming our many guests, the June meeting started off with a presentation by the nominating committee of candidates for the election of officers. Nominated were **Gary Schwartzwald** for president, **Dick Dale** for vice president of entertainment, **Tom La Chance** for vice president of membership, **Don Soul** for secretary, **Julie Dale** for treasurer, **Ralph Mauzy** for sergeant-at-arms and **Paul Thomey** for member-at-large. With no one else being nominated from the floor and nominees running unopposed, a motion from the floor was made to conduct the election without ballot slips and the motion was seconded. The election concluded with a unanimous verbal show of support by the attending members for the new officers.

Brief announcements were made then the long-awaited Stand-Up Performer of the Year contest began. Leading off was **Bill Monroe** who opened by producing a deck of cased cards. After removing them, the case disappeared then reappeared with only one card in the case. An audience member was

asked to name any card and, wouldn't you know, that card was pictured on the face (along with 51 others). Next Bill brought out a prediction in an envelope. Dribbling the deck, a spectator was instructed to yell "stop." Bill removed three cards at that point and repeated the process with two more spectators. He then placed the cards into three cups and, through the process of elimination by the audience, arrived at only one remaining card. The envelope was opened and the prediction matched the card selected. It was now time for Bill to borrow a five dollar bill from the audience. He tore a portion of the bill containing the serial number and gave it to a spectator to hold then placed the remainder into an envelope. Next, he performed "the vanishing, jumping flame" using a butane lighter which vanished. He followed this with the vanishing burnt cigarette. After all this, he truly vanished the five dollar bill by setting fire to the envelope! A spectator was asked if he had a pack of cigarettes. He opened them and inside was Bill's vanished lighter. Inside the lighter was the cigarette which had disappeared and inside that

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## Ring 76 June Board Meeting

*by Don Soul, secretary*

Meeting at Jack White's Magic Place, the board met at 7 pm on June 22nd to go over final preparations for the banquet. Attending were **Gary Schwartzwald**, **Dick Dale**, **Tom La Chance**, **Don Soul**, **Tom Kasner**, **Ralph Mauzy** and **Greg Wauson**. Julie stated that 32 people have reserved seating for the dinner and show. Gary announced that if 75 people pay to attend, the Ring stands to break even. Tom Kasner offered to print the program, fetch the performing platform from storage and donate use of a sound system for the evening. Don and Donna Soul will set up the area on Sunday, June 12th, along with

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## About Ring 76...

- Members must be at least 12 years old
- Non-members may attend three Ring 76 meetings at no charge (except for special events)
- Local dues are \$20 per year (under 18 years is \$10)
- Membership in the IBM international organization is required. IBM dues are \$40 the first year. You will then receive "The Linking Ring" magazine, one of magic's best publications.
- Prospective members are required to perform a five-minute magic audition at a Ring 76 meeting.
- Ring 76 members receive the monthly MagiCurrents newsletter and may attend all monthly meetings at no charge.

# July 13th, 6:15 pm

# Ring 76 Installation Banquet

You won't want to miss this month's meeting - our annual officers installation banquet to be held at Jack White's Magic Place, 4275 University Avenue, and featuring the magical talents of...

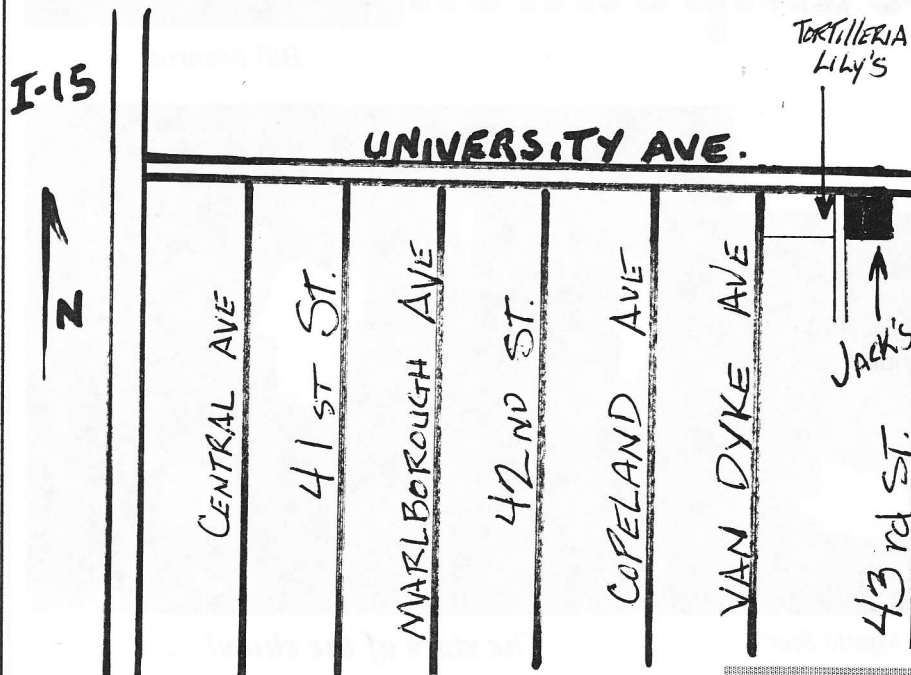
## MAX HOWARD

has appeared with leading American theatre companies in works ranging from Shaw, Shakespeare and O'Neill to the comedies of Kaufman and Hart and the musicals of Lerner and Lowe. Each year he produces entertainment events for such companies as Bell South, Swank, Inc., Hagar Apparel Company and Marriott Hotels.



With his wife, Diane Bray, he is co-creator of *The War Wizard*, a unique theatrical magical entertainment which has been presented at the Magic Castle, the prestigious Spoleto Festival, U.S.A., and in theatres, colleges and universities across America. He is the first American magician to win an Emmy as star and co-creator of the international award winning television series for young audiences, *Max B. Nimble*.

Don't miss the Max Howard lecture to be presented Tuesday, July 14th at 7 pm, also at Jack's Magic Place. If you are a member attending the banquet, it's FREE! For non - IBM members who attended the banquet, it'll cost you \$10 and for non-members who didn't make it to the banquet festivities, the price is \$15.

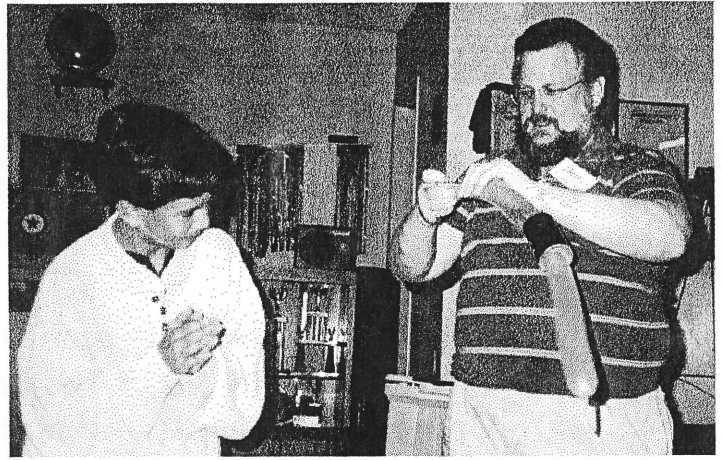


Since parking is limited, we suggest that you carpool with others. If space permits, we have permission from TORTILLERIA LILY'S to use their fenced lot at the corner of Van Dyke and University.





*Paul Thomey with Sherry Luft.*

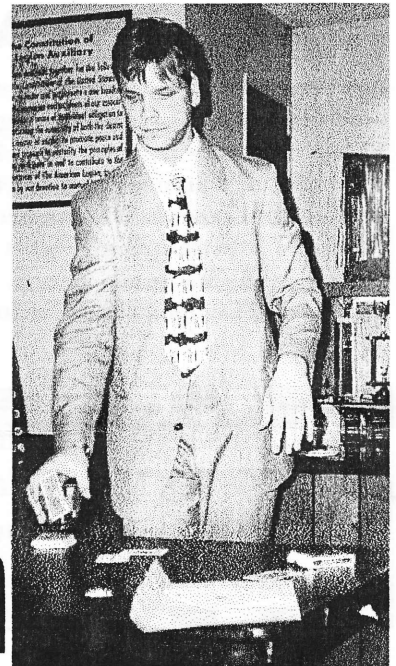


*Gabe Travers prays, Jeff Marcus helps.*



*Jeff Smith and assistant, Nina.*

# The June Stand-Up Competition



*Bill Monroe.*



*Don Soul as "The Amazing ShamanDon, Mystic Seer".*



*The stars of the show!*

## Ring 76 June Meeting

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was the original five dollar bill, proving it by reading the serial number which matched the mate.

Next up to entertain was **Gabe Travers**, toting along his famous treasure box of props. He offered some LifeSavers to the audience but only to someone who didn't like LifeSavers. The candy changed into gum. He followed by showing us Balloon in Tube but, unfortunately, the prop didn't work too well, even with the help of others from the audience. In spite of all his rehearsal, the darned thing refused to cooperate on stage. Needless to say, that item mostly likely will NOT return to his treasure box.

Our next performer was **Jeff Smith** and his lovely assistant, **Sandy**. Selecting nine-year-old visitor Nina from the audience, Jeff placed a catsup bottle into a bag and made it disappear then reappear. Next it was "you-do-as-I-do" with Jeff using the catsup bottle and Nina a root beer bottle with cover tubes. This was followed by borrowing a \$20 bill which he vanished then, handing the spectator a wallet with an envelope inside, had him open the envelope. He found 50 cents and I.O.U. Jeff borrowed a shiny ring from another person, made it disappear then gave her a small box. Inside was a quarter. She placed the coin into a prize-capsule machine which had been in sight the whole time then out came a capsule and inside was the first gentleman's \$20 bill. A second try at the machine produced a ring but it wasn't hers. One more quarter donated by Jeff allowed our guest to finally retrieve her ring from the prize machine.

The next performer was **Paul Thomey**. He took us on a magical trip to a wonderful dimension. What if all the generalities we've heard of about magicians were true; that we're all cheats? As a thief holding a gun, it would be easy to take your ring, your watch and your wallet. Paul said it's better for a magician to place all the valuables into an envelope, which he did by removing the items and placing them into a pay envelope. Set to music, he made the envelope disappear only to show us his ring, watch and money were all back where they belonged. For his next effect, a young guest was invited up to help Paul perform a "you-do-as-I-do" trick with

ropes. **Myron Joseph** helped Paul next. Joe selected a card while Paul's back was turned then buried it in the deck. Paul "blindfolded" the deck and, after having a bit of "trouble" locating the card, displayed a bottle of club soda. Joe was asked to name his card and Paul turned the bottle around showing the "8 of club soda", the very card selected.

Rounding out the evening was "The Amazing ShamanDon, Mystic Seer" (Don Soul) who entered wearing a bathrobe and glasses with fuzzy eyebrows, large nose and mustache. After taking a verbal jab at our newly-re-elected president, he summoned the spirits to assist him. With the help of **Gary Dismukes**, he produced a bottle of Jack Daniels and proceeded to "communicate" with the spirits. A dollar bill was then folded by Myron Joseph and the Amazing ShamanDon made it disappear, never to be seen on the face of the earth again. Finally, he asked **Sherry Luft** to assist as he presented her with a zippered wallet. She assured the audience there was no way to load the wallet. (By this time, of course, ShamanDon was fully-loaded). Next Gabe Travers was brought up to shuffle a deck of playing cards. Lastly, Paul Thomey was summoned to select a card from Gabe's deck. All three spectators acknowledged that none of them knew they were going to be selected to assist. After Paul signed his card, he showed it to the audience and to Sherry to identify later. He buried it in the pack and Gabe shuffled then placed the cards back into the case. ShamanDon pointed out that normally magicians first bring out the deck *then* the wallet but (since he isn't normal) he did it in reverse, all without touching the props once they were given to the assistants. With a wave of his wand over the tabled cards and the wallet Sherry was holding, he had her unzip the wallet. Inside was one card. "Is that Paul Thomey's card?" ShamanDon asked. "Yes." "And is Paul Thomey's name on that card?" "Yes," again. Utterly astounding! No one threatened to attack the Amazing ShamanDon when Sherry revealed to the audience Paul's business card!

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## Board Meeting

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other board volunteers. To comply with Bekker's catering requirements, a final head count must be submitted by July 3rd. Tom La Chance volunteered to distribute banquet/lecture flyers as well as Ring 76 promo flyers to Brad Burt's. Admission prices for Max Howard's lecture, scheduled for the evening after the banquet, was discussed next and the details to be published in the newsletter.

Gary then noted that no one other than Don has submitted material for a proposed Linking Ring Parade from Ring 76. Dick advised Don to contact **Jim Fry** re: "Mortimer's" tricks. Tom Kasner was consulted regarding an up-dateable web page to replace our current Websmart site. He will gather details and submit them.

With no other topics to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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## AT THE CASTLE

## What's Happening

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| July 13   | 6:15 pm Jack White's Magic Place<br>Annual officer installation banquet |
| July 14   | 7:00 pm Jack White's Magic Place<br>Max Howard lecture                  |
| July 27   | 7:00 pm Board meeting<br>Tom La Chance's home                           |
| August 10 | 6:30 pm American Legion Hall - La Mesa<br>theme: TBA                    |
| August 24 | 7:00 pm Board meeting<br>Dick and Julie Dale's home                     |

July 13 - 19

### CLOSE-UP GALLERY

Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30  
**Kirk Charles**  
Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30  
**Terry Lunceford**

### PARLOUR

Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30  
**Jonathan Neal**  
Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15  
**Rafael Benatar**

### PALACE of MYSTERY

8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15  
**T. C. Tahoe**  
**Andy Amyx**  
**Veronin**

### SUNDAY BRUNCH

**PARLOUR**  
Children's Shows  
12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15  
**Pete McLeod**

July 20 - 26

### CLOSE-UP GALLERY

Early - 7:30 - 8:30 - 9:30  
**Primo Blass-Tchang**  
Late - 10:30 - 11:30 - 12:30  
**Rafael Benatar**

### PARLOUR

Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30  
**Aldo Colombini**  
Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15  
**Jillian Gotlib**

### PALACE of MYSTERY

8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15  
**Larry Clark**  
**Ed Alonzo**

### SUNDAY BRUNCH

**PARLOUR**  
Children's Shows  
12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15  
**Dan Jordan**

July 27 - Aug 2

### JUNIORS WEEK CLOSE-UP GALLERY

7:30 - 8:30  
**Joseph Tran**  
9:30 - 10:30  
**Josh Sadowsky**  
11:30 - 12:10  
**Gavin Greer**

### PARLOUR

Early - 7:45 - 8:45 - 9:30  
**Susan & Megan Murphy**  
Late - 10:15 - 11:15 - 12:15  
**David Avadon**

### PALACE of MYSTERY

8:30 - 10:00 - 11:15  
**Bob Dorian - Raushan Hammond**  
**Bryan Stoops - James Holguin**  
**Danny Cole - Joel Broock**  
**Brian Dow - The Krzanowskis**

### SUNDAY BRUNCH

**PARLOUR**  
Children's Shows  
12:15 - 1:15 - 2:15  
**Billy McComb**