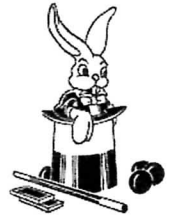




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Ring 76 Installs President, New Board and Hands Out Top Awards

Just two nights after the closing of the 74th Annual IBM Convention in San Diego, Ring 76 held its annual installation and awards ceremonies at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple on Kearney Mesa. Eighty-four members and their guests showed up for the dinner, ceremony, and show featuring the magic of Ice MacDonald.

The evening began with a social hour and no-host bar. Ranch Catering offered a special appetizer buffet with fresh fruit and cheeses. Then a sit-down dinner was served with salad, entrée of chicken and beef and dessert.

Guests for the evening included Immediate Past President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Dr. Robert Escher and his wife Sandy, the current Vice President of the IBM, Tony



IBM Vice President Tony Wilson, Ring 313 President Belinda Kaesler, Immediate Past President IBM Dr. Robert Escher.

Wilson and his wife Mary from New Zealand, and Belinda Kaesler, President of Ring 313 in Orange County.

Following dinner Ring 76 President Don Soul thanked individual members for their help during the recent IBM Convention. Then he called up each of the board members and presented them with a plaque and had special thanks to Sumit Dua, Tom McCarthy, and Roy Armstrong, who would be leaving the board.

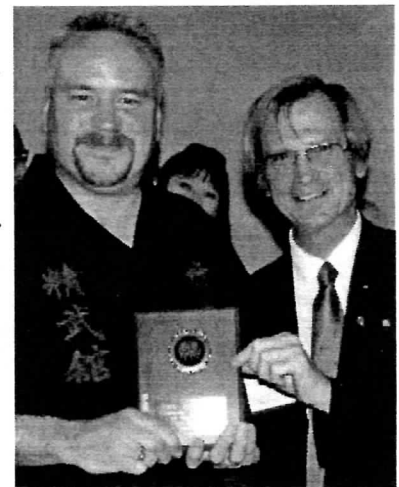
Territorial Vice President Dick Dale then introduced the incoming president and board and began the oath of office



President Don Soul and new board of directors. Not pictured-Robert Pozner, Member at Large:

ceremony. Don Soul returns for a second term as President of Ring 76, 1st Vice President in charge of entertainment is Bob Ingalls, returning for a second year and as 2nd Vice President in charge of membership is Diane Lane. Returning for a second term as Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Jack White. Moving from 1st Vice President to Treasurer is Richard Ustick. Sherry Luft begins her first term as Sgt at Arms. Bob Pozner assumes the position of Member at Large on the board. Bob Pozner was unable to attend the installation banquet.

Following the installation of officers Don Soul handed out certificates to all of the close up contestants and announced the winner of the contest Tom McCarthy, who received a plaque and a \$25.00 gift certificate.

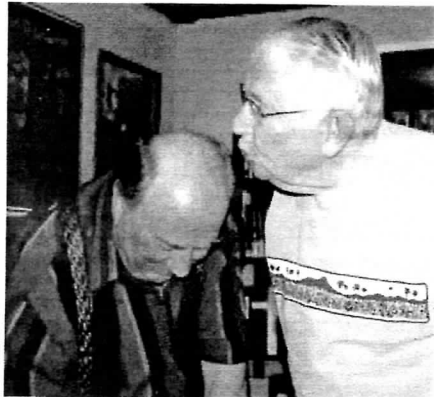


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Magic Notes from Jack White**The 74th Annual IBM Convention
in San Diego, in Words & Pictures**

The 74th Annual Convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego's Mission Valley is being hailed as a rousing success. Those who attended are calling it a "fun" convention and what more could anyone ask for than a comment like that. A portion of the convention's success was the effort by members of Ring 76. What follows is a series of photographs and notes made during the convention of Ring 76 members and others who took part in convention activities.

A pre-convention event was a lecture by master magician and longtime entertainer Bev Bergeron, who came to San Diego from Orlando Florida. As he was signing an autograph for Bob Ingalls, Bob leaned over and created this pose for the picture that set the tone for the rest of the week-laughter and magic.



Bev Bergeron gave a lot of good advice to some of our younger members that included Josh

London, Kenny Shelton, and the young at heart Bob Ingalls. Bev's production of a glass full of goldfish was a highlight of his lecture.

Gary Dismukes was an active volunteer and is seen here with a young man who



was part of the San Diego magic scene many years ago—Paul Harris. Paul has been consulting for a magic show in Branson, Missouri, for the past year and is now back in California to relaunch his own career.



In the dealers' room J.P. Jackson points out some vintage magic for Josh London and Kenny Shelton. J.P. Jackson was kept very busy with his booth in the dealers'

room making sure everything was going as planned in his museum room. Many visitors to the convention have noted that this was one of the best museum rooms in recent convention history. In addition to a vast array of vintage magic J.P. presented 82 years of magicians' tables, a rare exhibit.



Two hard working ring members were Rob and Donna Soul. Donna was at our ring table selling T-shirts from early in the morning until late at night. Her long

hours of volunteer work truly paid off for the Ring treasury.

Dick Dale has an encouraging word for Dale Salwalk, who lined up the talent for the evening shows at the Civic Theater.



With the chain mail of the IBM President on each other's shoulder, Mike Stratman, the incoming IBM President and Dr. Robert Escher outgoing President, take a moment for a



picture. Bob Escher proved to be the perfect man for the job and has brought many differing factions together within the IBM in the past year.



Jack White giving veteran magician, magic shop owner, and magic manufacturer/inventor Jim Swoger a plaque for his 70-plus years in magic. Jim, with his son in the background, was a regular, working a booth in the dealer's room with Jay Leslie.

J.P. Jackson in the museum room with Tom LaChance and Mrs. LaChance. J.P. was the perfect host, answering questions about the historic items in the cases and the magic tables that surrounded the room.



Brad Burt and David Eldridge had the perfect location for their booth and received a lot of attention. Brad was able to show

off his complete line of videotapes and also had a very nice line of new magic for sale.

Gary Salisbury purchased one of the most collectable and unique items at the convention-an automaton reported to be one of only two ever made by Gary Franks. Gary has promised to present this unique effect at a future Ring 76 meeting.



Jay Scott Berry, showing Fred Kaplan how to roll a silk and use it in a special hand gimmick that he sells.



Jay was kept very busy performing for television news crews and showing off the floating table.

Two smiling magicians-Larry Frankel at his booth for Bumper and Company, joined by Joe Mystic. There was a lot of story telling and



laughing at this booth throughout the convention.

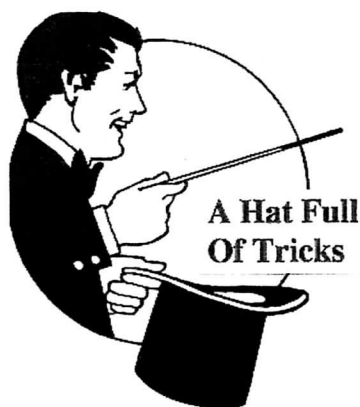
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By Josh London

Mashed

Effect: The performer shows a deck of cards (all the cards are different). Then the magician has a spectator select and remember a card of her choosing. The selected card is placed back into the deck, and the whole deck is given to the spectator to shuffle. The cards are then put into the card case.

The miracle worker then takes a marker or pen out of his pocket, taps the case three times and upon opening the case, a deck of cards wrapped in tinfoil falls out of the case. The performer gives the tinfoil-wrapped deck to the spectator to tear open. The spectator notices that all the cards have turned into the selected card.

Preparation: You need to wear a jacket (suit coat) to perform this little miracle. You also need a marker or pen, which is placed into your right upper/inner jacket pocket. You also need about a 6-inch square of tinfoil (or aluminum foil, it is the same thing). You need a One-Way-Force-Deck (we will call this OWFD), and a regular deck of cards. Make sure that both decks are the same color if you want this trick to be effective.

Now with the tinfoil, you wrap the OWFD in the tin foil. Make sure no part of the deck is showing, if there is a bit of the deck showing, use more tinfoil. Now place the tinfoil wrapped OWFD in your left outer jacket pocket. You are now ready to perform Mashed.

Performance: You carry on with your normal close-up magic, then, when you complete your last card effect (yes, please do a card effect before you perform this trick), you need to get ready, and the way to do this is to control the duplicate of the card that is the OWFD card in the normal deck to the top of the normal deck.

Example, if your OWFD is the 9 of spades, control the 9 of spades in the regular deck to the top. Now it is very simple for you to force the top card on anyone. If you have another method for forcing a card, by all means use it.

Once the card is forced, give the deck to the spectator and have her replace her card in the deck, then have her shuffle the deck. Then take the deck back and place the cards in the case, close the case, and hold the cards/case in your left hand. You are now going to remove the marker from your right inner jacket pocket, and while you do this you will perform a very basic deck switch (the normal deck is placed in your left hand). The way you do this is your right hand goes into your right outer jacket pocket to apparently "search" for the marker, as if you forgot where you placed it. While you do this your left hand opens the left flap part of your jacket, the deck (which should be in your left hand) and the left hand dive into your outer pocket, make the switch for the OWFD and get the heck out of there. You make a big deal about this. Finally "find" the pen.

Your situation is this: you have the tinfoil-wrapped OWFD in your left hand, the regular deck in your left outer jacket pocket, and that pesky pen in your right hand. I tap the deck three times with the pen. Right after I produce 7 golden geese.

When opening the case, you need to open it in such a way that you do not let the glimmer of the tin foil ruin the surprise. The way to do this is when you open the case open the flap so it opens toward the audience. If you are using a deck of Bicycle cards, have the big spade face the audience. Turn the deck so that the mouth (the part where the cards come out of) is facing towards the ground. To do this without letting the tinfoiled-deck fall to the ground, you need to squeeze the sides of the box, thus causing the tinfoiled deck to be pinned inside the box.

You will now throw the cards out with one quick motion like you are clapping your hands, but keep the card case in your right hand as the tinfoil wrapped OWFD falls into your left hand. Hand the deck over to the spectator and have her tear the tinfoil apart. She will discover that all the cards have turned into her selected card.

Afterthoughts: The biggest influence for this effect is Jay Sankey's Meltdown, from his book, Sankey Panky.

Sankey's idea of having a deck of cards wrapped in a

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Magic Pro-Tips

By Brad Burt

Get On The Show

Many years ago a wonderful magician, Ken Donnelly, wrote a splendid article for small local magic newsletter in Long Beach. That article and its reprints affected many magicians both young and old for years to come. I am sad to say that over the years I have lost my copy, but I remember vividly the gestalt of the article, and I would like to attempt to convey it here.

Our art attracts a vast array of folks that "do" magic for a variety of reasons. Many, many non-professionals never or almost never perform a trick for ANYONE. That's not a bad thing or a good thing as it goes. Personally I am one of those odd introverted magic types who can derive endless hours of satisfaction simply sitting and learning new material without any wish or desire to perform it!

But, in the end, those that truly take magic out to the rest of the world are those that perform for an audience. Paid or free, it does not matter. The real stuff, the real magic happens when others see the effect and are amazed, frightened, and hopefully entertained. So, GET ON THE SHOW!

Member of a local magic club? Get on the show every meeting. Get the club to sponsor a full stage show at least twice a year so you can get the experience of

being on a full stage. Where? Rent time or look for free time at a local junior high, etc. Find a stage. Promote the show. GET ON THE SHOW!

Magic goes no where if it is not being shown the world. The old myths die in a Naturalistic miasma of disbelief in anything that can not be touched, seen, smelled, or heard. Magic cuts across the given into the realm of the unknown, but only if it is experienced by the world at large. Only if YOU GET ON THE SHOW and perform your practiced amazements.

If you have been sitting on the side lines WANTING to perform, but have been too shy or scared, then get off the bench and GET ON THE SHOW. If you don't want to be a pro, there are a hundred organizations that have little or no money, but could use some entertainment for abused children or lonely seniors. It is not that hard to find a SHOW TO GET ON TO. Try it, you'll like it and I am pretty darn sure that your audience will like it also!

(Editors Note: A Ring 76 Meeting is a great place to "Get On The Show!")

Josh London, con't from page four:

piece of tin foil really inspired me. Jay used his idea of having a deck of cards wrapped in a piece of tinfoil as a framing piece of magic. I wanted to create a trick with the basic plot in mind. If you don't want to use a pen, you can use a magic wand or a giant Topsy Turvy Bottle, if you want.

If you are doing walk-around magic with cards, use this as a closing effect. You can also use this as a closing effect for your Ambitious Card effect. I am sure you have your own Ambitious Card routine, but if you don't you might want to look into Daryl's Ambitious Card video.



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Convention Story con't from page three:

IBM Executive Secretary Darleen Eads kept everyone in the loop on changes in things and here is keeping Donna

Soul up-to-date on some changes in registration.

Mindy Burden, the convention chairperson, smiles as Chuck Miracle, the convention marketing director, tells her that sales at the evening shows are climbing.



James Dimmare joins Mary Ellen Brown and Bob Ingalls the morning after Dimmare received a

standing ovation at Civic Theater for his sensational dove act. You will note that Bob is wearing his official IBM T-shirt.

Pat Hannum and Donna Soul selling Houdini Stamps at the Ring 76 table. The post office made the hotel an official post office station for this occasion they sold so many stamps they had to go back to the post office and get more.

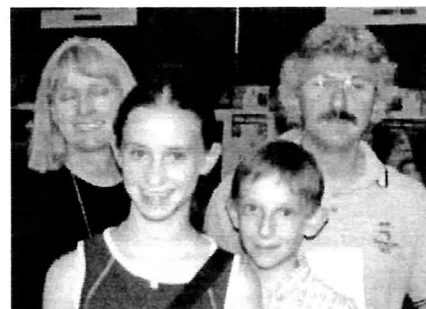


Two veterans of Ring 76 and IBM Conventions, Betty and Leroy Armstrong, in their volunteer shirts as usual helping out with whatever job had to be done. They spent a lot of time answering questions about sights to see in San Diego.



Roy & Betty were recently voted in as Honary Life-time members of Ring 76 for giving of their time and skill to make the Ring a successful part of the IBM. Both take part in all Ring activities.

Gary Schwartzwald and family were on hand as a group for the convention and the shows. This picture was snapped in the dealer's room as they looked at the latest in effects and



books.



Dr. Joel and Arlene Moskowitz were everywhere during the convention, wearing their wonderful smiles and helping out

wherever they were needed. Joel's line was there is so much to see and so little time to see it all was very accurate.

That grand old magician Lee Grable and his wife and assistant Helen were on hand, telling wonderful stories about



their long career in magic, were joined in this picture by IBM Past President Jack Greenberg, who was very instrumental in selecting San Diego as the sight for this convention.

Longtime supporters and members of Ring 76 Fred and Ursula Rohr were on hand everyday for the various lectures

and events at the convention. Here they pose beside the new Ring 76 banner that was presented by Tom McCarthy.



Four Ring 76 members Greg Wasson, Jim Riley, Gary Dismukes and Jim Thayer at

the Gaeton Bloom lecture. All seem to be having a good time.

Outdoors at the autograph session people line up to meet Chuck and Jan Jones, who presented their illusion show the first night of the convention and Rich Block who was an excellent master of ceremonies for the third evening show.



Robin Freeland took time out to entertain a group of non-magicians who were visiting the hotel and got caught up in the convention. They were quite amazed

by Robin's handling of a deck of cards. One of the most exciting parts of a magic convention is finding a lay audience and then showing them what you can do.



Terry Godfrey set up his case in front of Civic Theater before one of the evening shows and began doing his act. It drew a large crowd and lots of applause. Terry is used to working an outdoor venue at fairs and places like Seaport Village.

On the 4th of July Jack Browne, the legal advisor for the IBM, was dressed

in a red, white, and blue shirt and is joined by Jack White and Terry Lunceford. Terry Lunceford presented a

sensational pre-convention party at his house in La Mesa the night before the night before party at the convention.

It was truly six days of party and fun in San Diego at the 2002 IBM

Convention. Word has it they are planning to return to San Diego in five years. We will be ready!



Next year's convention is set for Kansas City, Mo.: in 2004 it is on to Cleveland, Ohio: in 2005 the IBM will return to the west and meet in Reno, Nevada: 2006 will be an east coast venue; and 2007, they hope to return to San Diego.

We also want to recognize Andrew Sabat, Loch David Crane and Joel Ward, who took part in the various contests at this convention. A big thank you to Michael E. Johnson, Mike Stilwell, Diane Lane, Darby Lee Darrow, Loch David Crane, and Charlie Gott, who all took part in the local hospital shows that were put together by Ron London. It was an impressive showing by Ring 76 members.

Terry Lunceford
Magician
Supports the IBM
and
Ring 76

Installation con't from page one:

Next, the contestants in the stand-up contest were introduced and given certificates. The winner of the stand up contest was Jack White, who also received a plaque and a \$25.00 gift certificate.



The Performer of the Year went to Bryan McDaniels who received a plaque and loving cup for his efforts as an outstanding performer in Ring 76. Bryan was unable to attend the banquet because of show commitments. His award will be presented to him in August at our regular meeting.



The coveted Member of the Year award went this year to Richard Ustick, who guided the Rings efforts to create and adopt a new Constitution and Bylaws and served as an outstanding entertainment chairman of the Ring programs. This was the second time in three years that Ustick has received the "Member of the Year" award for outstanding work within the Ring.

In a special ceremony Jack White presented a new honorary award. Art and Pat Hannum and Roy and Betty Armstrong, are Charter Members of Ring 76 and were presented a new Honorary Lifetime Membership in Ring 76.

In return, Art Hannum presented a suitcase filled with props used by the late Sid Gerhart and Sid's straw hat and magic wand to be displayed by the Ring in his memory as the namesake for Ring 76. These items have been stored away for 23 years.

Following the awards Bob Ingalls presented a paper tear routine to music and then introduced Ice McDonald and his magic show.

New Ring Archives Uncovered and Now Available

In April a Ring 76 member found three large file boxes full of Ring records that dated back to the 1960s in a garage. On the surface it was just a lot of paper. But upon closer examination there were treasurer's reports, minutes from board meetings, rosters of members, notes on meetings and, in some cases, old photographs and press clippings.

Richard Ustick, who is a historian at heart, began the laborious process of putting all of the material together in chronological order and then binding these records into books. He spent more than 40 hours on this labor of love and has created the most complete history Ring 76 has ever had. There are still some gaps during certain time periods, but we have a better understanding of what has gone before.

While this should not be considered leisure time reading material, it is important to our Ring's history. These records are in our permanent library and available to anyone wanting more on Ring 76's past. We are all indebted to Richard Ustick for his attention to detail in assembling these records of the past.

Ring 76-Sponsored Lecture Tuesday, August 13th' Free To All Ring Members:

Jeff Ezell is a clever youngman who operates the "Mind Over Magic"

shop in Burbank. A respected member of the Magic Castle and frequent performer there, Jeff will present a Ring-sponsored lecture on Tuesday, August 13th, the night following our regular meeting. That lecture is "Free" to all members. Guests pay \$10.00.



Jeff is best known for his close-up skills and his comedy presentation. He has lined up an interesting selection of tricks to present at this lecture. We are expecting a good turnout for this lecture so come early and get a good seat.

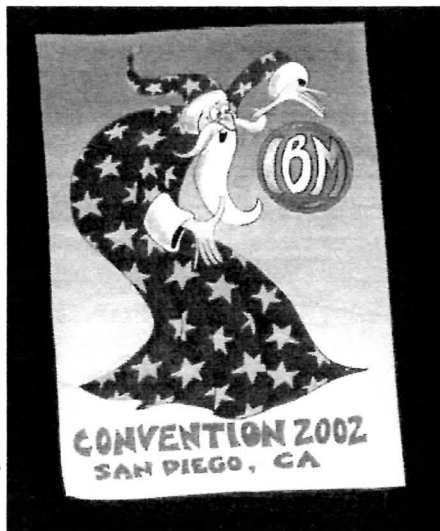
Jim Whiting's IBM T-shirt A Success at Convention

Cartoonist and radio personality Jim Whiting joined the IBM in 1957, when he was just a young man living in Watkins Glen, New York. For years he took part in IBM activities in the Finger Lakes Ring 140 in Ithaca, New York; then, in 1984, he and his wife Bernita moved to San Diego County.

In 1987, Jim, designed a tee shirt for the San Diego Blood Bank. About that time he also joined Ring 76 and took part in local Ring activities. His first shirt for the Blood Bank was so popular he designed a second shirt in 1991. The second shirt featured an old Wizard and proclaimed the "Miracle of Giving Blood."

When the Ring asked Whiting to come up with a design for the Ring 76-sponsored IBM, T-shirt for the convention, he revived his colorful old Wizard in a tall hat and flowing red robes. Next to the Wizard is a giant green floating ball with the letters "IBM."

It was decided a black shirt would be used with the colorful Wizard on the front. The only copy would read IBM-in the floating ball and "Convention 2002, San Diego, Ca."



Ring member Sumit Dua came up with the idea of printing a playing card on the shirttail. You can force a card, then have it appear on the back of the shirt. Don Soul determined the card would be the four of diamonds, because it shows up well on the black background.

We sold about 380 of the shirts at the convention. To get a good price, we had to have 500 made up. We will be selling the leftover shirts to Ring members at the next meeting for 10 dollars while the supply lasts, 12 dollars for XXL.

We will also be offering what ever is left over through the online Ring 2100 Market Place for \$17.50 post paid. If you are a Ring member, we are offering you a huge discount on this collectable shirt that will draw attention to you as a magi.

We want to thank Jim Whiting, Sumit Dua, Don Soul, and Donna Soul, who worked hard to sell these shirts at the IBM Convention. All proceeds go to the Ring 76 treasury. The few remaining shirts will be on sale at discount prices at the August meeting.

Ring Raffle to include a variety of expensive magic items

Ring 76 has recently aquired some very nice new magic props and effects to be raffled off to our members in the coming months. All of the proceeds from the monthly raffle go to the Ring treasury. The Ring's board of directors at their July meeting voted in a new price structure for raffle tickets. A ticket will cost one-dollar or six tickets for five-dollars. We have some very nice items to raffle off in the next few monthsz; a giant card castle priced at \$40.00, a set of English Cups & Balls valued at 80-dollars, a locked box effect, and much more.

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Message from the President

The start of a new term with a rejuvenated board is here again. With a successful convention behind us, it's time to look forward once more. Along the way last year I formed many new friendships and it's time to share them with the Ring.

Jay Leslie from Ring 313 helped us out with publicity during the convention, and he has vowed to return with a special Ring-sponsored lecture in January. You'll like it. Also contributing from Ring 313 the John Fedko Ring in Irvine, is their new president, Belinda Kaesler, with word that an exchange show between our two Rings is in the works. More details later.

And our friends up in Oceanside the Magic Guild with Jack Evans at the helm should be up for another exchange show early next year. I'll visit with Jack and set things up.

In August we present the first of our two Ring lectures. The Tuesday evening following our Monday night meeting will spotlight Jeff Ezell, popular Magic Castle magician and lecturer. We're lucky to have him, and this is one lecture that should please anyone attending. Don't miss it.

At our first board meeting things went so well that we now have the entire calendar of events planned. Look for a teach-in, contests, and other goodies, but be ready for pleasant surprises like the talk to be given by our special guest this month, Charles Ryan, A.K.A. Chuckles the Clown. What this man has to tell about the Gilbert Toy factory is not only a trip to nostalgial-

and but a flabbergasting look into the structure of big business and how much fun working in a toy factory could be. Chuckles will be starting the evening rather early, so you should plan to get to Jack's Magic Place as soon as you can.

On a personal note, I want to thank our Member-Of-The-Year, Richard Ustick, for all the hard work he has put in during the last 12 months, but particularly his organization of Ring 76 records. More on this at the meeting. See you there.

Don Soul President Ring 76



The above photograph from a North Carolina Newspaper shows Al Knox and his "talking dog Chico." Al is continuing to do shows for children and is doing a feature column in the paper twice a month. Our best wishes to a longtime Ring 76 member.

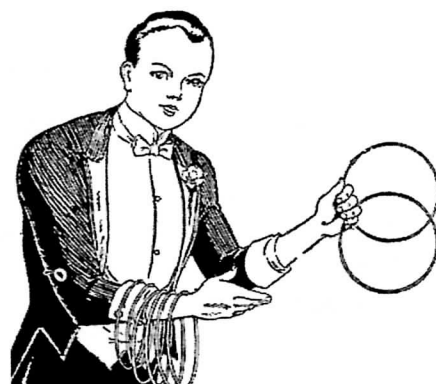
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News

Joel Ward and Kristi Toguchi are appearing the week of July 29th to August 4th in "**Future Stars of Magic Show**" at the **Magic Castle** in Hollywood. Joel and Kristi teamed up to present a new original illusion and act for the **IBM Stage Competition** in early July. When not attending college classes this couple is getting a lot of work.

Jeff Smith longtime **Ring 76** member is doing his magic at a new restaurant called "**Seven**" (formerly **Montana's**) at 1421 University Avenue in Hillcrest. Jeff works the restaurant on Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. This location has always been a popular spot for the San Diego dining crowd and continues to attract large groups of people.

Sumit Dua enjoying his summer vacation before returning to medical school next fall has completed his new magic videotape. He debuted the tape at the **IBM Convention** in July and is now talking with **Magic City** about distributing the video to magic shops around the country. The tape is titled: "**Figments of my Imagination**". If you can't find it at your favorite magic shop try **cardmagician.com** you can purchase it through that online site.

Ring 76 Lifetime member Art Hannum has his voice back! Art went into the hospital for surgery on his voice box on Tuesday July 2nd and was at the convention show on Thursday night July 4th. He says he can talk again and he feels great. **The Hannums** also helped put together the **Ring 76 Installation Banquet** at the **Al Bahr Shrine Temple**.

Lorin Stewart was seen at the **IBM Convention** at the Town ... Country Hotel. Lorin is the General Manager of the **Old Town Trolley in San Diego** and had a full-page ad in the **IBM Program**. He is a respected



magician in local circles and it is always good to see him out in the magic community again. Also seen at the convention was former **Ring 76** member **Chris Castillo** who lives in the North County. Chris is another fine magician that is always welcome at ring activities.

Josh London is spending part of his summer working the counter at the **Seaport Village Magic Shop**. Many top close-up magicians say they got their basic experience selling magic behind the counter of a magic shop. Nothing like being paid to learn and practice your magic skills.

Glen David Gold's novel "**Carter Beats the Devil**" is one step closer to being a movie. Paramount Pictures, Producer Robert Towne has hired screen writer Michael Arndt to write a screen treatment of the fictional story featuring 1920's Magician **Charles Carter**. For a review of the book see **Gary Schwartzwalds** comments in the November 2001 issue of **MagiCurrents**.

While the Society of American Magicians introduced the new **Houdini Postage Stamp** on July 4th 2002, at their convention in New York City, the Postal Service reintroduced the stamp here in San Diego on July 5th at the **IBM Convention**. The Post Office brought 8 thousand of the stamps to the Town ... Country Convention Center. They had to go and get another 3 thousand of the stamps at midday for fear of running out of

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them. **Ring 76** sold the stamp with an official Post Office cancellation on each envelope. The price was \$2.00: the **Ring** cleared more than a dollar and a half on each envelope sale. (See story and pictures elsewhere in this issue of **MagiCurrents**.)

Terry Lunceford is currently working on a series of new lectures to present at magic conventions and gatherings in the future. Favorite targets for this series are the **PCAM**, **Magi Fest**, and the **IBM Convention**. Terry raffled off one of his new "Wizard in the Box" magic effects at the **IBM Convention** with the proceeds going to the **Ring 76 Treasury**. **Many Thanks, Terry!** Retail price on that item is \$325.00.

Diane Lane has been very busy producing and appearing in a fund raiser show for the San Diego Chapter of the **American Cancer Society**. The original planners dropped the ball, and a week before the event found they had no entertainment for the day long program. With no budget and little support from the Cancer Society, Diane enlisted the help of fellow magicians and clown club members to save the day. That's what we call real **magic**.

We received word at press time that **Loch David Crane** has been in the hospital for treatment of high blood pressure. He is now out of the hospital but not out of the woods with health problems. A call or card would be welcomed. 3753-b Udal St. San Diego, CA. 92107.

Magic Mike Stilwell and **Monte Stratton** worked the opening day at the **Del Mar Race Track** in the posh **Turf Club** section for the **Southland Corporation** and their guests. Mike even predicted a few winners on the track.

Monday August 12th Meeting of Ring 76

Jack's Magic Place, 4275 University Avenue.

Pre-meeting with Bob Pozner performing at the bar. Mini lecture from Chuck Ryan who for many years helped to create the Mysto Magic Sets for A.C.Gilbert Company. Then our new members will present a program of auditions. This will be a full evening of magic!

Jeff Ezell in a "FREE" Ring sponsored lecture Tuesday August 13th.

Coming in September:

An opportunity to present a trick you learned or purchased at the IBM Convention. Polish up that effect you just had to have and present it at the September meeting.

Reminder: Next board meeting August 26th Jack's Magic Place

Please return Ring library books that are currently on loan. Check out our library for new additions.

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