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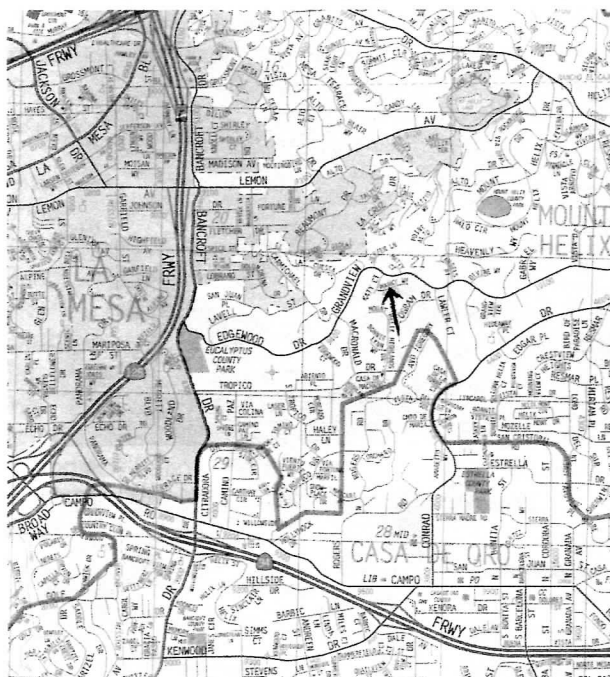
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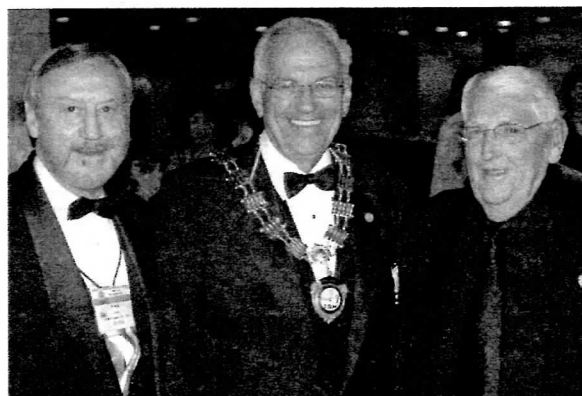
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June auction a huge success with 56 lots of magic on the selling block in largest-ever Ring 76 auction

The June meeting was a triple-header, with dues being paid by members, elections being completed for Ring officers and what can only be called the largest Ring 76 auction in history. Everything from close-up tricks to illusions was on the auction block, bringing in more than a thousand dollars. The auctioneers included Jack White and J.P. Jackson dressed in Hindu turbans and bathrobes; Terry Lunceford helped with auctioning and demonstrating effects. Richard Ustick, through some magical system, was able to keep up with the 50-plus lots of magic and have an accurate tabulation at the end of the evening. Ustick was assisted by Sherry Luft and Christina Ustick, who helped to make things go smoothly. Just over 60 people turned out for the auction and most took part in the very spirited bidding. Here is a look at some of the items auctioned and some of the auction action.



Richard Ustick hard at work taking Diane Lane's money.



Auction Swamis Jack White and J.P. Jackson with turbans



Craig Stone, you bought it. Says J.P. Jackson.

Above: anxious bidders waiting for the next item. Right: J.P. Jackson showing a prop.



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Following the installation ceremony, we will present awards to members to have taken part in both the close-up contest in February and the stage competition in May. We will also present awards to our new Lifetime Member of Ring 76, Jim Riley, then the magician of the year award will be presented.

After the awards portion of the program, the newly elected board members will offer the entertainment portion of the program. There will be time for close-up and fellowship following the program itself. It is expected that everything should be wrapped up by 5 that evening. This will be our regular Ring 76 monthly meeting for July.

The charge for this event is \$15. per person; that covers only a portion of the dinner; the ring is subsidizing the rest of the cost. We must give our caterer a head count, so please contact Bob Ingalls at 858-571-3340 or by e-mail at bailysgp@san.rr.com before Friday. It is very important that we know how many will attend this event.

We want to thank Terry and Lynn Lunceford for hosting this event and offering their beautiful home and backyard setting for our banquet. This has saved the Ring and its members a great deal of money and effort in planning. Parking is an issue, so we suggest that you ride with a friend if possible. Some may have to park a few houses away from Terry's front door. The Lunceford's have hosted these kinds of events in the past, and they are still being talked about at I.B.M. Conventions.

Exciting mental effect from a birthday gift

Recently, Don Soul celebrated a birthday and some family members sent him a gag type gift. After the initial funny reaction Don began looking the gift over and has turned it into a very clever mental effect. What follows is Don's e-mail to MagiCurrents.

Imagine you are the Wizard of Mind reading. You call on someone and state that you can read their mind if allowed to ask a few simple "yes/no/sometimes/I don't know" questions. The person can think of an animal, vegetable, mineral or any

object. After the interrogation, you tell them exactly what they were thinking of and it works every time!

For a birthday present I received a toy from a family member; it cost \$15.95 and is called "20Q" – short for Twenty Questions. This silly electronic toy fits in the palm of your hand or it could be concealed under the table and glance at it while you're "concentrating" With four main buttons as listed above it also has a back-lit liquid crystal screen that scrolls the questions at whatever speed you desire.

I have stumped it about three times out of 30 but that may be because I answered a question or two incorrectly. However, it is uncannily correct. If it guesses wrong after 20 questions, it'll ask five more and it usually hits. For instance, I thought of "beet" and after 20 questions the machine guessed "turnip." I answered "no" and five questions later it guessed "beet"! Look for it and work out your own routine with some other mental effects and you will impress your friends and audiences. This is a "neato" toy.

"MagiToon"

by Jim Whiting & Ellen Friedman



"And Valdaro, the Great Escape Artist will be a little late for his show. He's stuck in the elevator."



Message from the Ring 76 President

I have just returned from a very exciting I.B.M. Convention in Miami, Florida; it was a week of renewing old friendships and making new ones, as well as enjoying some great magic. I want to tell each of you how much fun it is to attend one of these events and take part in the many programs. Attending from San Diego were Diane Lane, who was put to work selling raffle tickets for charity, and, receiving his Order of Merlin Pin for 25 years in the I.B.M., was that wonderful close-up performer Bob Elliott.



Bob Elliott and his wife at the I.B.M. Convention

We must say congratulations to Jack White on being elected Vice President of the I.B.M. We at Ring 76 are proud of his work as an officer in the International. Next year we will be back in Reno, Nevada, and I urge you all to make an effort to attend that convention. If you do attend, you will come away with a better understanding of our art, and you will

have made many new friends in magic.

Terry Lunceford has assured me everything is in readiness for Sunday's big Installation and Awards Banquet; I look forward to seeing everyone at that event. We will have some big surprises in the awards department. Put a few tricks in your pocket, and let's all make it a magical afternoon.

Later this month, the new board of directors will be putting together our schedule of events for the year ahead. If you feel strongly about some of the programs we present, please let me know. We will be working on programs that will allow the membership to present and learn more magic at each of our meetings. If that is a direction you are happy with let me know. My e-mail address is bailysgp@san.rr.com. I will always take time to talk about ways to better our Ring programs.

Territorial Vice Presidents Jeff Marcus and Belinda Kaesler are hard at work putting together the August Picnic to be held in Temecula, which will include members from six different I.B.M. Rings in Southern California. If you have some magic you want to get rid of, bring it and a folding table, as there will be a swap meet with the picnic. This will be a summer to share the magic.

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For information on membership, or Ring events, contact Jack White, Ring 76 Secretary by e-mail prestoone@cox.net or by phone at 619-299-9037

News

While attending the I.B.M. Convention in Miami, Florida, June 27th to July 1st, Ring 76 President **Bob Ingalls** was made an honorary lifetime member of the Magic Castle in Hollywood. Bob was to be presented with the honor backstage at the Olympic Theater where the convention shows were held. But because of a mix-up in scheduling the honor was bestowed during a party in the lobby lounge of the Radisson Hotel. **Dale Hindman**, past president of the Magic Castle, and **Gay Blackstone**, the current president of the Castle, made the surprise presentation.

Ring 76 magician and juggler **Kenny Shelton** has been busy filling dates following his appearance on the A.B.C. Television network program "America Has Talent." The show featuring Kenny has been broadcast several times. On this program Kenny is showing off his juggling skills.

Past Ring 76 President and longtime member **Don Soul** is spending part of his summer doing caricatures of guests at the beautiful Hotel Del Coronado across the bay from downtown, San Diego. Don is working Wednesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays, on the main deck; drop by and say hello. He is there from 1 to 4 p.m.

June 29th Magician **Joel Ward** teamed up with world champion juggler **Scotty Cavanaugh** and the nation's leading hypnotist **Michael Swensen** for a huge variety show at the Murieta Valley High School. This is one of a number of special programs Joel Ward Productions has set for this

summer in Southern California. Joel is a busy and popular member of Ring 76.

The Inland Empire Ring 254 is doing a good job with their online newsletter. **Steve Micklas** is the Secretary/Editor of the publication. You can find it at sjmicklas@verizon.net. Check out the site.

Ring 76 Secretary **Jack White** was nominated and elected to the office of Vice President (elect) of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, at the annual convention in Miami, Florida. White has served on the I.B.M. Executive Committee for the past two years.

The latest word from **Dan Thomas**, owner of the Gathering Restaurant in Mission Hills and a gathering place for local magicians, is that the restaurant may not reopen for business until September. The Restaurant was closed because of a fire last May, that started in the kitchen and spread to the roof.

Working the County Fair at Del Mar were **Belinda Kaesler**, who was way out in right field with her booth; **Jeff Marcus** had to call her on his cell phone to find the booth. **Phil Tuttle**, from Oregon, was in and working a booth next to Bing Crosby Hall. Magic pitchman; **Jim Barnes** was on



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hand with his Magic Stand; **Eddy Lake** could be found hanging around watching Jim pitch his goods. Jim said he only had one day to tear down and move everything up the road to the Orange County Fair, which opened the 6th of July.

Between now and the end of the year four major motion pictures featuring magic will be released to theaters. The Illusionist is the first to be released and will be in theaters in August. This film is getting a lot of advance publicity and looks like it will be an important film for summer moviegoers. Local magicians should contact theater managers in their areas and see if they can promote a tie-in with the about to be released films. There could be some good work at the movie theaters this summer and fall for local conjurers.

Who is this magician?



The above magician is billed as the youngest professional magician in Seattle. When this picture was snapped he was 11 years old. Today he is a prominent member of Ring 76. Who is he?

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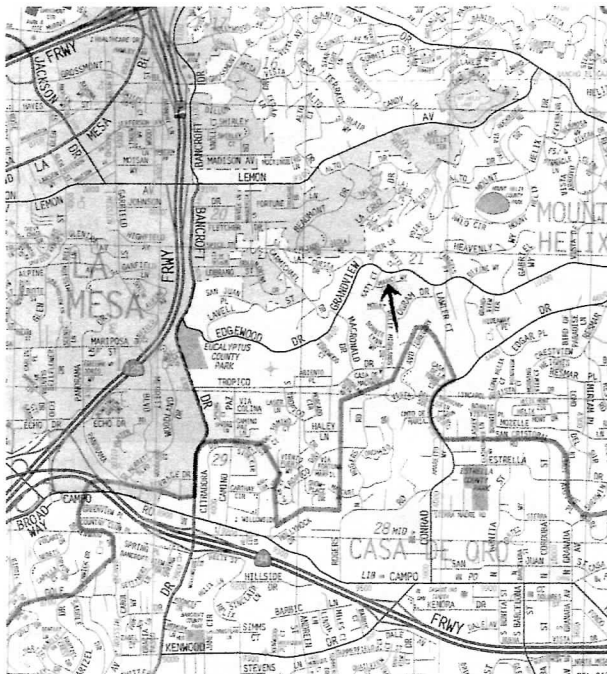
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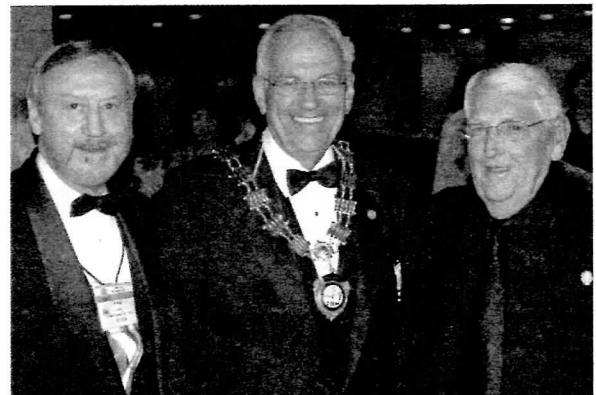
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