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RING #29

MAY 1993

# MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29  
1917 N. Grant, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207 • (501) 666-8735  
Meeting 3rd Thursday of every month, CARTI, St. Vincent's Hospital



## Triple-header scheduled on one night -- May 6th

### MAY RING #29 MEETING:

✓ **Thursday, May 6th**  
7:30 pm -- CARTI

- (1) **Sean Westbrook:**  
Performance
- (2) **Lecture:** "What they don't  
tell you in lectures."
- (3) **Danny McDorman.**  
Comedy Routine lecture

### April meetings featured guests

Ring #29 had two formal meetings in April, both with special guests. Both were well attended, and brought in enough money to be self-supporting.

Frank Pember taught some classic moves, demonstrated his joke-telling patter and explained a dozen or more of his tricks (which he had for sale).

Dr. Bob Doggett concentrated on close-up magic, most using cards, and also had several effects to sell, including lecture notes.

### Make your news appear in this newsletter!

There's a certain amount of ego satisfaction in seeing your name in print. So all of you who read this should jump at the chance to tell what you've been up to by calling (or sending) in your news for our newsletter.

The enclosed personal data form will generate some news, which we'll use in coming issues. But we still need to get all ring members to start "thinking publicity" on a regular basis by calling the editor as soon as you book a performance, hear of a magic show scheduled, change jobs, accomplish something special, etc.

Call Dennis at 374-1500 or  
mail to: 1701 Broadway,  
Little Rock 72206

The regular monthly meeting of Ring #29 will take place at the regular time and place: the first Thursday of the month at the CARTI auditorium, at the east end of St. Vincent's Infirmary Medical Center.

That translates into 7:30 this coming Thursday night, May 6th.

### **Personal data form enclosed; to become basis for directory**

Enclosed is a personal data form which we need from every member in order to have ring files updated and complete. Please fill it out and mail it back immediately, or bring to the ring meeting Thursday.

The form will be kept in a binder and you are asked to keep it current whenever you move, change jobs, or other such information.

Newsletter editor Dennis Schick has volunteered to take the data and compile a Ring Directory for each member. That way we can get to know each other better, can communicate with each other easier, can form car pools, refer performance opportunities, etc.

Please fill out all sections on the form as completely as possible. From the information we'll feature one member each month in this newsletter in a special profile.

Also enclosed is a sample form (with some made-up information) to show how you should be as specific and complete as possible. We'd rather have too much information rather than too little. Thanks.

### COMING EVENTS:

**May 22nd.** Students of the Arkansas Magic Club (Mr. Magic) will perform at Baptist Hospital from 7-9 pm. Limited seating. RSVP to Jim at 666-8735.

**June 3** -- Next IBM meeting. Election of officers. Program to be announced.

**June 29** -- Regular July meeting. Jim is trying to arrange an appearance of a special guest from England. To be confirmed.

**July 1** -- Annual dues (\$10) are due.

**August 5** -- Regular meeting. (David Copperfield says he can't make it.)

● Kicking off the evening will be our own **Sean Westbrook**, who will perform his own original routine for our entertainment.

● Following his performance, he will continue by telling us "What they don't tell you in lectures."

● Wrapping up the evening will be another ring member, **Danny McDorman**, who will give one of his "Only from Danny" comedy routines, in the lecture style. (Does that mean he'll reveal secrets and have lecture notes? Come May 6 and see for yourself!)

### CARTI is good meeting place

We appreciate being able to meet in a small auditorium which helps give the feeling of performances to both our members and our guests.

Park in front of the CARTI wing, on the east end of the St. Vincent's complex, but walk around to the right outside the building until you come to a door propped open. That's where we'll be. Hope to see you there.

### PERFORMANCES

No one called in any scheduled performances, either past or future, but we know of several anyway, so here they are. We do think it would be nice for Ring members to know who is performing when and where in advance so they might attend and give helpful tips.

✓ **Randal Eller** and **Merritt Hendrix** performed full routines April 17 at the Arkansas Arts Center as part of their annual "Party in the Park." Randal performed on a stage in one of the art galleries, and Merritt performed outside -- in the wind. Both did great jobs and helped pass on the popularity of magic.

(How about if we had cards made for performers to give out telling about our ring and when it meets? Maybe performers could even tell their audiences to come forward and get a card if they are interested.)

✓ **Jon Bucher** and another magician conducted a magic show at the Heritage Auditorium on the campus of Arkansas College in Searcy April 24. It was a benefit for a local fraternity. No other details.

## WHO'S GOT MAGIC FOR SALE?

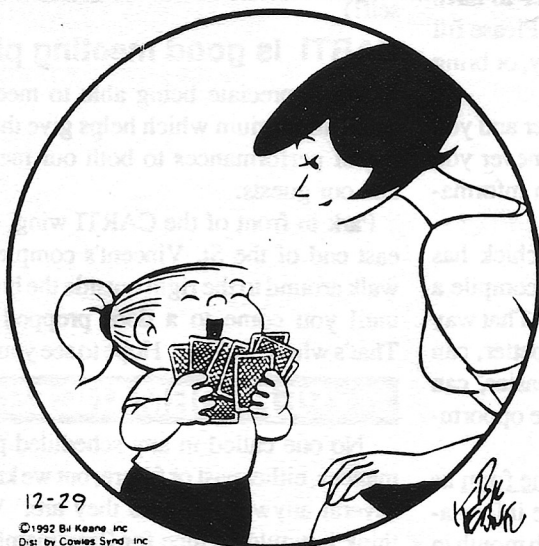
There isn't a magician anywhere who doesn't have one or more magic tricks which he or she bought with good intentions but which they have never used or don't use anymore.

How about selling it to some unsuspecting fellow magician who will think it is just as good an idea as you once did?

Who wants to have a **Magic Flea Market** some meeting? We all could bring all those tricks which we never use anymore, don't mind parting with and could use the money to buy some trick more suited to our current needs. Anyone interested?

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

Bil Keane



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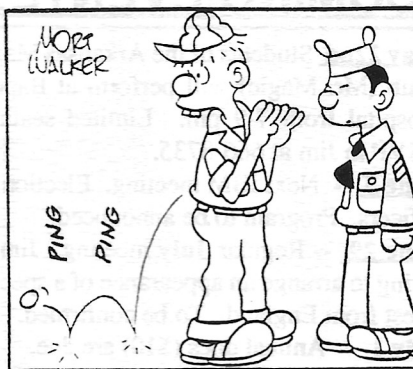
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"Close your mind and take a card."

## BEETLE BAILEY



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## New Children's Museum looking for performers; Take advantage of this good opportunity to promote magic (and yourself) to young people.

The new Children's Museum of Arkansas plans for regular live performances which should fit many of our Ring members. The following are highlights from two recent news releases which should be of interest to many of you. Who will respond?

"Do you have a unique art? Wouldn't it be wonderful to share your special talent with a child? The Children's Museum of Arkansas is looking for artists to demonstrate their "art" during the Visiting Artist Series.

The series will begin in November and will include visual and performing artists... Come and help educate our children. If you are interested in this series -- or for more information -- call 374-6655.

The Museum is also looking for talented, beginning-level performers to "show their stuff" at the Museum every Friday night beginning in November. Show times will be at 7 pm and 8 pm. Performers will receive the "gate" for their performances. So if you are a storyteller, actor, singer, puppeteer or any other type of performer and are interested in this wonderful opportunity, call 374-6655.

This new museum will offer all of the children of Arkansas a unique learning experience through a variety of exhibits and programs geared to them and their families. Children will be encouraged to learn by doing, by touching, by imagining and by creating. The museum's goal is to illuminate the young minds of our children and create a passion for learning. The museum will be housed in the historic Union Station in Little Rock.

The Museum's dedication to providing an enlightened learning experience for youngsters will act as a catalyst for independent thinking and foster an openness to new experiences. The Children's Museum of Arkansas will feature long-term and short-term exhibits. On-going special activities will be organized to enhance various exhibits.

## Mort Walker