

I.B.M

RING #29

JUNE 1994

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29
 1917 N. Grant, Little Rock, ARKansas 72207 • (501) 666-8735
 Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, CARTI, St. Vincent's Hospital



June meeting to be pool party June 11

JUNE RING #29 MEETING:

Saturday, June 11

7 pm

Special Magic Pool Party
Must RSVP to Lisa Bolin
224-8856

32 people at May meeting

One of the largest turn-outs of the year -- 32 members and guests -- attended the May 5 regular meeting of the Ring to witness the "membership performance" of **Al Collier**. Performing as his character "Elbo the Clown," Al passed his "membership audition" with flying colors, according to first-hand reports.

Election of officers June 11

This is the official notice to members regarding the annual election of officers. It will take place at the June 11 meeting. The nominating committee will report at that time, with the election taking place immediately following. Nominations will be taken from the floor. If you are interested in serving, contact any current officer.

Installation of officers will take place at the July meeting

Annual dues are now due

July 1 is the date when the annual \$10 local dues must be paid to remain in good standing. Please mail your check to the address at the top, or bring it to the June meeting.

This modest sum helps to underwrite some of the costs of the club, including lecture fees, refreshments at some functions, postage for the newsletter, etc.

So what's with you?

We want your news!

If you have news, call Jim or Dennis and we'll include it in this newsletter.

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

- ✓ **At Lisa Bolin's parent's house**
- ✓ **A week later than regular meeting**

Presto change-o! Pay attention:

The regular June meeting of IBM Ring #29 will be on a different day, at a different time and a different place.

The first-ever Summer Magic Pool Party will be the June meeting, complete with magic, food and lots of fun and fellowship.

Reach for your calendars now: it will be **7 pm, Saturday, June 11, NOT** our normal first Thursday of the month.

Lisa Bolin has arranged the party to be at her parent's home. (She must have connections.) A map is enclosed.

This is a party only for members and their guests (including families) since space will be limited.

Searcy chartered as IBM #308. Let's go to the first meeting.

Searcy has been granted a charter for IBM Ring #308. Their first meeting will be Thursday, June 17 at 7:30 at the Searcy Methodist Church on Main Street.

Jim Henson is planning on taking a caravan of our Ring members to attend their first meeting. Call him if you want to go, to arrange a meeting place, time, etc.

Everyone who plans to attend **must call** Lisa -- 224-8856 -- to tell her you are coming, how many you are bringing, to get your instructions of what to bring, and if you will be performing.

Some other details about the meeting:

- ✓ Of course we'd like some magic to be performed, so tell Lisa if you have a trick or two you'd be willing to do;
- ✓ If you have a "water trick," what a perfect time to perform it (especially an escape from chains at the bottom of the pool);
- ✓ At this function we'll have a short, official membership meeting, primarily to announce the recommendations of the nominating committee and hold the annual election of officers.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- The July meeting will be held at the regular time and place, July 7 at CARTI. The program will be announced in the July newsletter.
- The August meeting also will be at the regular time and place, August 4. It will be an auction, with part of the proceeds to go to the club. So start digging through all your magic boxes, drawers and piles and get rid of those tricks you never use. Make some money for yourself and the club, and let someone else enjoy the tricks you don't use.

◆ So what's going on in the world of Arkansas magic? ◆

- **They're back!** **Randall Eller** and **Scott Davis** are back from their West Coast performing tour. We're anxious to hear about it. How about a report at the July meeting, guys?
- **Mary Ann Campbell** is featured in the May issue of Nation's Business, in the Business Development section. This national magazine is published by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
- If you haven't already, send back your ballot for the national IBM election of officers. It's important for members to have their voices heard.
- Did you see the magic performances at Riverfest? We understand George Sprague is from Dallas. I wonder why

they didn't use local magicians and save money? Anyone know why?

● How about the **David Copperfield TV Special**? It was fun to watch highlights of his 15 years of television specials. (Can it be that long?)

● **Don't forget:** **Jim Henson's magic students** will give their annual show June 3 at the Baptist Hospital. The two-hour show will begin at 7 pm in Conference Room 22 in the Gilbreath Center. The performance is free. Try to go.

● One of the Summer Workshops put on by The Children's Museum will be on magic. "**Magic Magic**" will be conducted over two days: July 6 & 7, and August 9 & 10. Call 374-6655 for more information.

MORE WHAT'S GOING ON:

● The Children's Museum, one of Little Rock's newest attractions, is first-rate, we're told. Not only are they offering two magic seminars this summer, they also are featuring magic during some of their Friday Night Performance Series.

On Friday night, June 24, Paul Carlon will present "Magic Fantastic" at both 7 pm and 8 pm. Admission to the museum is free on Friday nights, and the show only costs \$1.

● David Copperfield is everywhere (recently mostly with his cover girl friend Claudia Schiffer. They were on the cover of *People* magazine. He was on the cover of *USA Weekend* recently (with a nice story inside. I have extra copies).

A blurb in the February 27 issue of *Parade* said he recently bought the former Presidential 92-foot yacht, "Honey Fitz" for \$2 million and plans to go island-hopping with his new love. I wonder whether they'll practice any magic aboard it.

● Another clipping in February told a human side of Copperfield. Apparently one of his fans wanted to ask his girlfriend to marry him at one of his shows in Boston. Copperfield invited the man on stage, supposedly to help him with an illusion. Then he brought up the man's girlfriend. The man took the microphone, got down on one knee and asked the woman to marry him. The article said the crowd went wild.

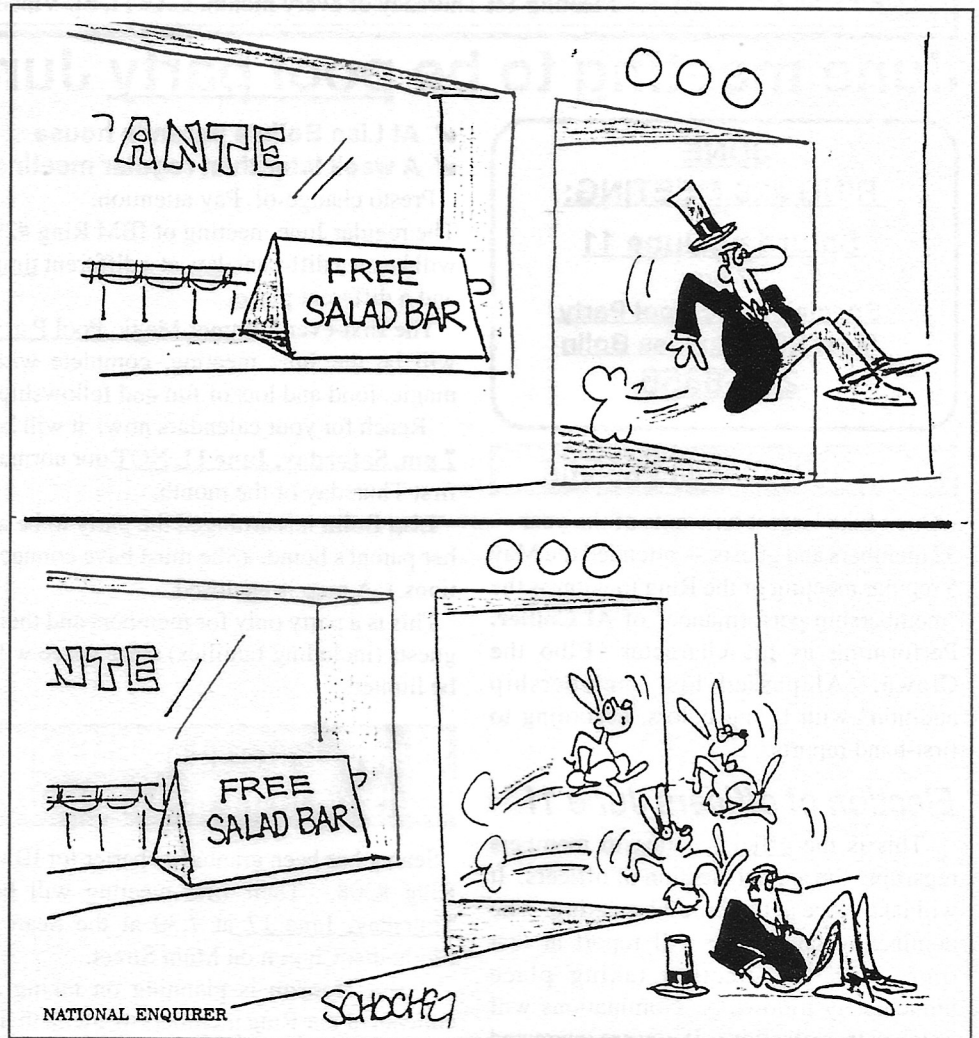
● The February 14 issue of *Time* magazine had a two-page article on Ricky Jay's new Broadway show. Thanks to Mary Ann

Campbell for sending it to me.

The article talks about his one-man show, entitled "Ricky Jay and His 52 Assistants," referring, of course, to a deck of cards. We understand it is the first-ever show built

entirely around card tricks. Sound impossible? We understand it is a big hit.

Jay was on Dick Cavett's talk show recently, and it was more talk than magic. But it still was interesting. Any others see it?



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

THE GREAT HOUDINI ALLOWS HIMSELF TO BE BOUND TIGHTLY WITH CHAINS AND ROPES.

KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS THE GREATEST LIVING ESCAPE ARTIST,

HE BEGINS SILENTLY TO FREE HIMSELF FROM HIS CONSTRAINTS.

USING SUPER-HUMAN CONTROL, HE SLIPS THE ROPES DOWN OVER HIS ARMS TO HIS CHEST.

WORKING FEVERISHLY, HE SLITHERS LIKE A REPTILE UNTIL THE ROPES ARE DOWN AROUND HIS HIPS.

SUDDENLY, IN THE DARKNESS, SOMEONE CALLS HIS NAME...

GRIMM, HOW DID YOU EVER GET YOUR COLLAR DOWN THERE?

HOUDINI NEVER TELLS,

