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RING #29

# MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, CARTI, St. Vincent's Hospital



## Stella Stout to make debut November 3

### NOVEMBER RING #29 MEETING:

**Thursday, November 3**

✓ 7:30 ✓ Carti

✓ **Stella Stout performance**

### MAGIC BRIEFS

● Magicians are popping up all over. **We're glad to see our members are adding to the magician population:**

● **Stan and Barbara Tarnowsky's** daughter Tina and her husband Todd had a baby October 18. Congrats, grandparents.

● And we understand **Michael and Debbie Strobel** are expecting a new magician in the family. Good luck to all.

● **Dennis and Jan Schick** ate at Mexico Chiquito last Friday night, and there performing during the evening was **David Duggie, making balloon animals.**

● **Randall Eller** performed at a "Back to School Youth Extravaganza" August 27 in Pine Bluff.

● Christian illusionist **Lou Leventhal**, husband of former Benton resident Martha Felts Leventhal, performed his "Illusions and Reality" show at Benton High School July 8.

✓ **Regular monthly meeting**

✓ **More magic book show and tell**

IBM Ring #29 members will have the privilege of watching Stella Stout perform her acceptance show at the regular November meeting. Come give her support.

It will be held in the CARTI auditorium, at the northeast side of the St. Vincent's Infirmary Medical Center complex, Markham & University in Little Rock.

The evening will start at 7:30 with a short business meeting. Preliminary plans will be made for the annual Christmas Party and Show, in January.

### October meeting review

**Mark Haggard** gave his club acceptance performance at the regular October meeting of Ring #29, and shortly thereafter was officially voted into membership.

He focused on a variety of card tricks, but added a touch of humor. For instance, after holding up an "applause" sign, he later held up a variation -- "applesauce" -- and the audience still applauded. Does this say something about the audience, the performer, or both?

A sign on his stand identified Mark and his act as "The mysterious and marvelous and mostly magical maneuvers of Mr. Mark, the mildly amusing."

As always, we invite all members to bring any new magic tricks they have learned, to try out on the group. Also, if any performing magicians are having trouble with a trick or want some constructive feedback, let us help you.

Dennis "The Book Guy" Schick says he'll bring more of the magic books he has bought recently, if anyone is interested in a magic literature show and tell.

We've been missing some of you recently (others we don't care if you come or not -- you know who you are). Why not make a special effort to come share magic with fellow hobbyists?

### COMING MAGIC EVENTS

✓ IBM Ring #308 will hold its **Second Annual Halloween Magic Show**, Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Auditorium on the Harding University campus in Searcy. All Ring #29 members are invited to come and bring guests. For more information, call Jim Henson.

✓ The Northeast Arkansas Magic Club will meet for its regular monthly meeting, Sunday, October 30 at 2 pm in Newport. Call Jim for more details.

✓ There will be another **Children's Home Show**, October 28-30. Mr. Magic will have one of the 60 booths. There will be clowns and lots of other entertainment. Get your discount admission tickets from Jim.

✓ The decision and arrangements to bring back **Dr. Bob to lecture** to the club are about complete. We suspect it will be Friday night, November 18, so mark your calendars now. He received raves from the last time he lectured to our Ring. Now he has an all-new lecture. Maybe someone can tape it for those of us who cannot attend. Any volunteers?

### Mr. Magic to move to new location with much more space

The "Mr. Magic" store will move next weekend, and will **reopen November 1** in a location with nearly four times the space of the current store.

"We're excited about the new location," said owner Jim Henson. "Not only is it closer to more of our best customers, but it is easier to get to, easier to park, and will allow us to display much more magic and many stage pieces, including those we manufacture."

The new location is 8912 Stagecoach Road, Suite 7. It's in Stagecoach Plaza, which is on the west side of I-430, at the intersection of I-430 and Stagecoach.

The **Grand Opening** for the store will be Sunday afternoon, **November 6**, from

1-4 pm. There will be refreshments, magic being performed and even some door prizes.

"We have already purchased over 300 new magic items," said Jim, "and more are coming in every day."

Moving everything in one weekend and getting it set up the way he wants it will not be an easy task. But eventually Jim intends to group magic items by type (cards, coins, rope, etc.) to make it easier for both him and his customers to find.

The new store is near the Otter Creek Subdivision, and is the first exit off I-430 going north off I-30.

Good luck on the move and the Grand Opening, Jim and family.

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● **Hey! If you're not a Ring**  
● **member, you should be**  
● .....

● We're mailing this newsletter to a larger  
● list than usual, so if you are not a member  
● you should join, share with fellow  
● magicians and receive it, too.  
● .....

## MORE MAGICAL BITS

● On Saturday, September 24 the new Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas in Pine Bluff had its Grand Opening. Among the performing acts was "Magicians Impossible," featuring Rob and Jazmin. The description of their act was: "A combination of magic, music and fun that will amaze audience members of all ages."

● A large postcard came in the mail recently to the Arkansas Press Association. Since APA conducts meetings and conventions for its members, it is on numerous mailing lists for speakers, entertainers, etc.

Anyway, the postcard came from Karges Productions in Wheeling, West Virginia. Craig Karges is billed as a mentalist, entertainer and motivator. The card suggests that meeting planners book his presentation for "total audience participation," and also to add his Mind Games Workshop.

● Another mailing recently was for "The Motivation Show," a large trade show in Chicago September 26-29, for suppliers of incentive travel and merchandise. I always flip through such programs, mostly to get new ideas. So I noticed that **Harry Blackstone** was scheduled to open the seminar with a program: "The Magic of Incentives."

● "The Magic of Sebastian" was presented in Booneville in July by that city's Lion's Club.

● "Make the Magic Happen" was the theme of a children's magic show performed by **Clayton Cavaness** August 2.

## Illusionist Heads Back to School Program

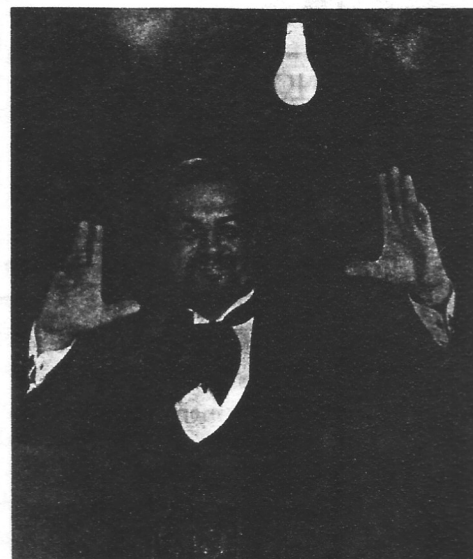
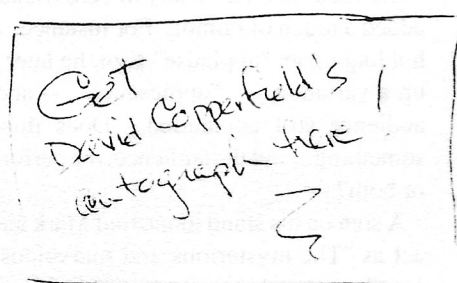
An illusionist and a former professional football player will headline a "Back to School Youth Extravaganza" from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 27 at Pine Bluff High School Little Theater.

The program is sponsored by South Side Baptist Church. Children from seventh to 12th grade are invited to attend the event which will consist of music videos shown on a giant screen, door prizes and dramatic skits, according to Kasper Hines, a church

spokesman.

Randall Eller, an illusionist who was reportedly rated the number one magician in the United States in 1991, will "make someone appear" on stage. Hines said.

● Included in a recent mail order catalog of "The best catalogs in the world," was a listing for one from the "Abracadabra Magic Shop." I've seen ads for it in the classified section of Popular Science before.



## The Magic Of Incentives

Harry Blackstone, one of the most famous magicians in the world, will open the seminar by presenting a review of the "Magic of Incentives" with seminar director Jim Feldman. The keynote presentation will focus on how incentives produce magical results for companies—both as tools to motivate consumers, salespeople, and employees—and as a market opportunity for manufacturers.

## Children's magic show coming

"Make the Magic Happen!," a children's magic show, is coming to Carroll County on August 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Pioneer Room at the Carroll Electric Co-op Building in Berryville. Clayton Cavaness will perform his spectacular large-scale illusion show for all of the children of Carroll County.

The show is sponsored by the Friends of the Berryville, Eureka Springs and Green Forest Public Libraries. "Make the Magic Happen!" is a touring motivational program designed to entertain as it informs with its simple message — "It's Your Choice!"

According to Clayton, reality seems impossible to understand or control, like an illusion or a dream. But when you have confidence in yourself, you can understand and control the decisions you make. Clayton encourages students to live drug-free and violence-free by concentrating on self-esteem and choosing to make their own dreams into realities.

Clayton's program is one of the most elaborate Abuse-Awareness presentations found anywhere. Besides Clayton and his stage assistant, there is a technical crew and three tons of illusions, props, sound and lighting equipment, sets, back drops, costumes, and

special effects. This is not an ordinary magic show, this is a full scale production.

Clayton has presented workshops at the 1992 and 1993 World PRIDE conferences. His abuse-awareness presentation "Make the Magic Happen!" has also been presented at several state wide conferences. He has been a professional illusionist/magician for the past eight years, performing for schools in 15 different states. This performance is free and open to the public.