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RING #29

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MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29
 8912 Stagecoach Road, #7, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209 • (501) 455-6242
 Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



Jan. 10 is Christmas Party at Otter Creek Center

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Saturday, January 10**
Annual Christmas party
 Otter Creek Community Center

Last month...

J. Scott Berry returned for his second lecture within only a few weeks, and his reputation preceeded him. This time 49 people came, many who were at his first lecture. The rave reviews from his first appearance were echoed following the second. Anyone for a third?

Bits & Pieces

✓ **Brian Staron** will be lecturing to our Ring either the end of January or in February. Stay alert in case we have short notice. We'll try to get a phone-tree system working if we have to.

✓ **FOR SALE:** wireless and standing mike. Call Fred Hartman at (501) 623-6340. Such a deal!

✓ **Mr. Magic** had a booming business before and after Christmas. Jim says they sold a ton of gift certificates before Christmas and it seemed everyone brought them back at once. Jim thanks everyone for all their support.

✓ **Randal Eller** performed at the Wynne Baptist Church December 12 as part of the church's Friday Night Crash series.

✓ **Grant Ludder** performed as Magic by Golly at a special event at the Mountain Pine Head Start School Oct. 27. It was part of the Kiwanis Club-sponsored Reading is Fundamental (RIF) book distribution.

✓ An ad the end of November in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* was for the new **Gold Strike** casino in Tunica. It told of a special show, "**Magic & Beyond**," starring **Brett Daniels**. Has anyone been over there to see the show yet? Call me and give us a review. They tell us the show will be there for several months, so go see it.

✓ As always, we need your news in order to make our ring newsletter as newsy and interesting as possible. Call Jim Henson or Dennis Schick.

Yes, we know Christmas was a couple of weeks ago now, but we're still going ahead and having our annual **Christmas Party & Show**. This year it is **Saturday, January 10**. Here are the details: It starts at 6 pm with dinner. Then, from 7 to 9:30 or so, we'll have some great magic.

It will be at the **Otter Creek Community Center**, which is about a mile west of the Mr. Magic store, on Stagecoach Road. There is a **map on the back of this page**.

Cost will be **\$3 per person over 16**, to help pay for the rental of the center.

The club will furnish the meat tray. Everything else will be brought by the people who attend. **Find out what you are to bring** when

you **call Mr. Magic to make reservations:** (501) 455-6242. You must call!

For the **two-hour magic show we need performers**. When you call to say you are coming, please volunteer to perform, telling the names of the trick(s) you will be doing and the approximate time you'll need.

Remember, this party is a family affair. **Bring family, friends and especially one or more potential members**. There will be lots of good fun, food, fellowship and -- of course -- **MAGIC!**. Don't miss this one!

Sam Boyce had surgery but is at home and recovering

Newport attorney and magician **Sam Boyce** had carotid artery surgery Dec. 18 at Baptist Medical Center. He got to go home by Christmas and is recovering nicely. Keep him in your prayers.

More Bits & Pieces

• **Mary Ann Campbell** continues to have a Money Magic segment on the Saturday morning show on KATV, Channel 7. She's on just after 8 a.m.

Now she'd like some **input and feedback**, as well as **new ideas** involving money tricks. **All magicians** are invited to a special meeting at **6 pm, Wednesday, January 7 at the Mr. Magic store**. Bring your money-related tricks and ideas, and how they might relate to consumer financial advice and tips.

• **Visit Randal Eller** on the Internet. Yes, we know there's no sex or violence, but you should look into his site anyway:

www.randaleller.com

• **Bill Fulton** is still looking for help for performers at the Arkansas Children's Hospital. Please consider doing this as a way our ring can serve the community, as well as to get some good exposure. Call him.

• Recently there were several great TV specials which featured the **history of magic**. You will appreciate magic more if you take time to see them. I assume several Ring members taped them, including Jim Henson. Search out a copy. You'll be glad you did. Other recent television shows on magic show the current popularity of our hobby.

Ring meetings return to Baptist in 1998

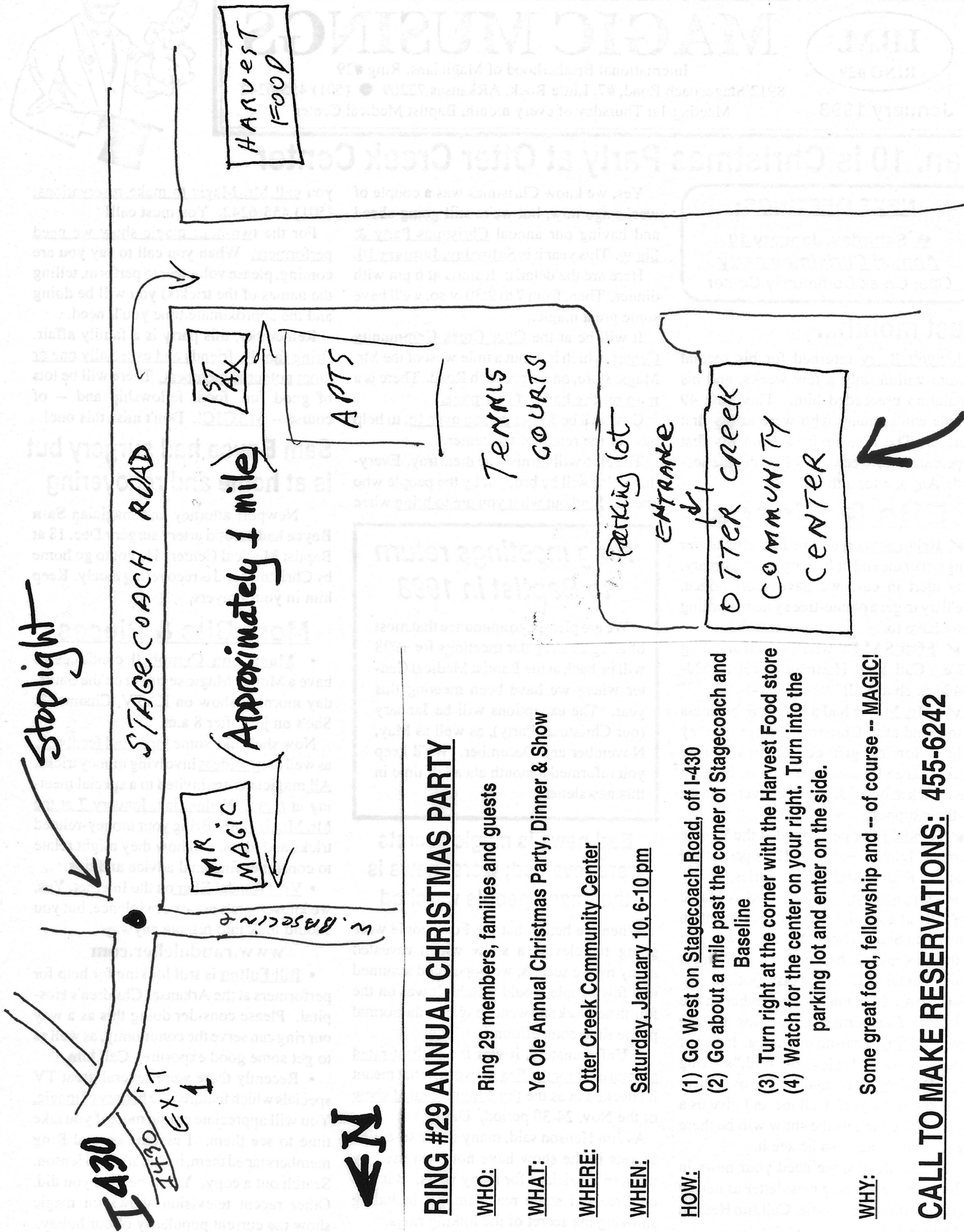
We are pleased to announce that most of Ring 29's regular meetings for 1998 will be back at the Baptist Medical Center where we have been meeting this year. The exceptions will be January (our Christmas Party), as well as May, November and December. We'll keep you informed a month ahead of time in this newsletter.

Bad news is magic secrets were revealed; worst news is that many people watched

When we heard that the Fox people were going to televise a show which revealed many magic secrets, we hoped and assumed that few people would watch. It was on the fourth network and went up against the normal prime time competition.

Unfortunately, it was the **highest-rated special ever for the Fox network**. That meant it checked in as the **third-highest rated show** of the Nov. 24-30 period. Darn!

As Jim Henson said, many of the so-called secrets in the show have not been used by modern magicians for many years. But two or three did some real damage, including showing the secret of the linking rings.



RING #29 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

- WHO:** Ring 29 members, families and guests
- WHAT:** Ye Ole Annual Christmas Party, Dinner & Show
- WHERE:** Otter Creek Community Center
- WHEN:** Saturday, January 10, 6-10 pm
- HOW:**
- (1) Go West on Stagecoach Road, off I-430
 - (2) Go about a mile past the corner of Stagecoach and Baseline
 - (3) Turn right at the corner with the Harvest Food store
 - (4) Watch for the center on your right. Turn into the parking lot and enter on the side.
- WHY:** Some great food, fellowship and -- of course -- MAGIC!

CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: 455-6242