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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



Great history lecture April 1; special lecture April 12.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Thursday, April 1
History of Magic presentation
- Monday, April 12
Sammy Smith Lecture

Bits & Pieces

✓ **LAST MONTH:** The Ring raised over \$250, thanks to **Damon** and his great March Madness Magical Murder Mystery. We had 53 people participate in the fun evening and we give deep bows and thanks to Damon, to the suspects and to all the participants. A special thanks to **Lisa** for killing the Masked Magician! Let's do it again, sometime.

✓ **CHRISTY KINSEY** has taken on the responsibility of chairing the "Good & Welfare" Committee. If you know of a member or a member of the family, who is sick or in need in some way, call Christy.

✓ **THANKS, BILL FULTON,** for all your work on the Ring Quality Report. The final board review was completed March 17 and the report has been turned in.

✓ **DO YOU HAVE A WEB PAGE?** We would like to compile a complete list of web pages of club members. If you have one, please send it to Jim at Mr. Magic, or fax it to Dennis at (501) 374-7509. It would be very helpful to have a club directory.

✓ **BRETT'S SHOW IS GREAT:** **Jim and Brenda Henson** went to Tunica recently to see **Brett Daniel's** new show, which opened Feb. 20. They came back raving about it and highly recommend going. It has nearly three-quarters new illusions. On Saturday nights he does the Houdini Torture Cell. Paul Harris is there some of the time and is great to visit with after the show. Be sure and identify yourself as a Central Arkansas magician.

✓ **DON THOMPSON** has been working hard to keep our Ring 29 membership list updated. Please call him whenever you

No foolin', the regular Ring 29 meeting for April will be something very special -- a **History of Magic** presentation.

The program will begin at our regular time, **7 pm**, at our regular location, Baptist Medical Center, Room 10 on, you guessed it -- **April Fool's Day, April 1**. But **come 30 minutes earlier -- at 6:30** -- for a business meeting. We want to give maximum time for the program.

But this won't be just any lecture. **Bill Pitts**, past international IBM president, from Fort Smith, will be the expert presenter. He gave the same program to the Searcy club recently, and they're still talking about it. They said it was fantastic. In fact, we under-

Special Smith lecture on April 12

On **Monday, April 13**, our ring will be privileged to have as a special guest lecturer, **Samuel Patrick Smith**, the magician who was in Little Rock last year as part of the **Komedy Kid-Show Klinik** tour. He will bring two hours of magic, humor and instruction which you won't want to miss. We'll be at our regular meeting place, **Baptist Medical Center**, at **7 pm**. The lecture is for both adult and children shows. There'll be something for everyone. He specializes in easy effects which have strong impact. The cost will be only \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. **Don't miss this one!**

have any changes, including mailing address and telephone number.

✓ **DAMON and MIKE** are putting on their magic show at Lake Hamilton High School on April 23rd. Cost is \$4 and \$6 at the door. Please attend and support them if you can.

✓ **THE JUNIOR PROGRAM** is getting fired up again with **Mike Funtenatto**, chairman, looking for help. Call him or Jim for more information. This is an important program for the growth and future success of Ring 29. We heed all members to help recruit youth members, and to help when asked.

✓ **MAXWELL BLADE'S** Theater of Magic will reopen soon for their 1999 season. Watch this space for more information.

stand some people may even come to our meeting to see and hear the program again.

Bill will talk to us about the history of magic, with a special emphasis on the history of Arkansas and Ring 29 magic.

Don't miss this!

Convention News:

As we get closer to the big IBM convention in Little Rock in July, news is coming faster and faster. Here is a round-up:

● **HELP WITH KIDS:** The board asks your help in finding non-members to assist with the youth programs at the IBM convention, July 1-3. Please contact Randall if you know of anyone who would be willing to volunteer to help.

● **ADS AND MONEY NEEDED:** Ads for the convention program are now due, along with the money for them. Camera-ready ads should be sent to **Dan** immediately to ensure they make the printing. Thanks to Dan and his team for all their hard work into the ad campaign. Great job!

● **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** **Randall** is putting together the volunteer list for the convention. Please call him to put your name on the list, or the name of a family member, friend, etc. who can help.

● **REGISTRATIONS UP:** **Bob Esher**, IBM convention registration chairman, was in town March 15 and said he had just received 25 applications from China, with many others coming in every day. Registration is ahead of last year!

● **YOU HAVE REGISTERED** for the convention already, haven't you? As we told you months ago, the best reserved seats are assigned on a first-come basis, so the sooner you register the better your seats. There is a registration form in every issue of *The Linking Ring*. Call Jim if you can't find one.

● **RING 29** will host a Hospitality Room at the IBM Convention. Details are being worked out at this time. The club has raised enough money from the Mystery Theater and the Wizard Mickey raffle, to cover the basic costs. If you would be willing to help in the Hospitality Room, contact Jim or any Board member for more details.

GOT MAGIC NEWS? Call **JIM** at
455-6242 OR **DENNIS** at (374-1500).

MORE BITS AND PIECES

✓ **MAGIC DISPLAY:** Ring 29 will sponsor a display of magic at the Museum of Discovery all during June, the month before the IBM convention. If anyone has any piece of magic, a prop, a book or magazine or whatever which would be good to display, please call Jim and let him know. All items will be handled carefully, will be secured and will be returned in as good shape as they are received.

✓ **CELEBRITY PERFORMANCE:** In March, while vacationing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, **Derrick Rose** had the opportunity to perform close-up magic at a private party held by actress Connie Stevens. The party was taped by a film crew for the nationally-syndicated television show "Access Hollywood." Derrick expects to be featured, doing magic.

Also while in Jackson Hole, Derrick was booked to perform magic at the Wort Hotel's Silver Dollar Bar and Restaurant. If anyone has access to PrimeStar and knows when "Access Hollywood" comes on, please let us know so we can watch for Derrick.

RING PROFILE OF THE MONTH: GREG GILLIS

Greg Gillis is a graduate of Hendrix College. Currently he is Director of Admissions at Hendrix.

He started doing magic while in Benton High School 10 years ago. He is single and performs at River Rock Brewery from 6-9 pm on Friday nights. Currently he is researching Ph.D. programs in early church origins.

Greg performs for adults at parties and business functions. His magic idols are Penn & Teller, Doc Eason and Brian Gillis (no relation, but he has to uphold the family name).

His hobbies include horticulture, home brewing and visiting topless bars. Greg is looking for a lady who has the same interests as he does. Greg is one of our Ring's representatives for the IBM convention "Night Before Party."

Thanks for being an active member of our club, Greg. It's nice to know you a little better.

Check out this website:

magic@trendy.org

It has all sorts of neat stuff, including an on-line magic trick, links to fun sites, a calander of magic on TV and schedules for magicians, etc.

Know of any other neat websites on magic? Give us a call so we can pass them on. Thanks.

MAGIC ON TELEVISION

If you had checked your television guide last Sunday (or even the daily TC log), you would have noticed that the Family Channel has featured two hours of magic every night this week. Sure they were all reruns, but some may have been new to some of you, and it's always fun to see a show again, especially if it was several years ago.

Here were shows run during March 22-26:

Monday: Two Lance Burton specials

Tuesday: World's Greatest Magic I

Wednesday: Hidden Secrets of Magic and Houdini: Unlocking His Secrets

Thursday: World's Greatest Magic II

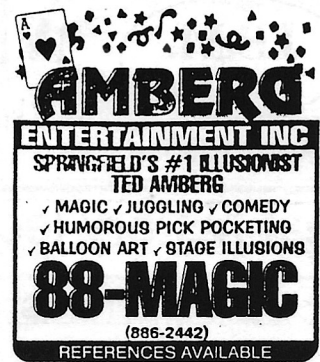
Friday: World's Greatest Magic III

Let's pay attention out there.

• Speaking of paying attention, here are some coming magic shows as found on the Trendy Magic website given above:

✓ **PENN & TELLER** continue with their Sin City Spectacular series on the FX

A GOOD YELLOW PAGES AD:



Network. The bad news is we don't receive that channel.

✓ **DAVID BLAINE** is supposed to have a new show Wed., April 14 on ABC at 9 pm. The working title is "Black Magic."

✓ **ASPEN COMEDY FESTIVAL** has a series of shows scheduled in mid-April, with Penn & Teller featured. The first one is set for the 15th on Comedy Central.

✓ **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** reruns also will feature Penn & Teller during several shows on Comedy Central. They are set for at least the 16th, 19th and 21st at 2 pm.

✓ **THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS MAGIC** may be aired in May. Featured will be Tony Clark, Gary Kurtz and Dean Gunnarson (who will attempt an escape over a pit of alligators).

✓ **DAVID COPPERFIELD** has not had a television special since 1995 (has it been THAT long?), so his fans are anticipating his new special this Spring.

IBM Little Rock Convention program continues to get better and better. Plan now to be there!

The talent keeps pouring in for the IBM international convention in Little Rock the first four days of July. Here are some of the acts already signed up. Register right now!

STAGE: Gene Anderson, Skip Banks, Stephen Bargatze, Zaney Blaney, Rich Bloch, Invisible Inc., Michael Close, Abb Dickson, Arden James, Sergy Krutikov, Nick Lewin, Jay Marshall, Amos Levkovitch, Kenrick McDonald, Rousseau, Terry Seabrooke, Shankar Family, Mahka Tendo, and Eugeny and Svetlana (a real

coups).

CLOSE-UP: Stephen Bargatze, Doc Dixon, Josh Jay, MarcoM, Daryl, Terry Seabrooke

LECTURES: Daryl, Tom Ogden, Terry Seabrooke, Doc Dixon, Abb Dickson, Gene Anderson, Ice McDonald

CABARET: Duane Laflin, Bob Bloenk, Adam Williams, Tom Ogden

BIG 3 LECTURE: Michael Bailey

WOW! Circle the dates on your calendar, take three vacation days and **BE THERE!**