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UAMS



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**Two Magic Events at the Beginning of February!**  
Mark your calendars for the February 5<sup>th</sup> Joshua Jay lecture and February 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting  
Mystery Bag Night.

### ♣ *Calendar:*

**February 5<sup>th</sup>** – Joshua Jay Lecture

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Mystery Bag Meeting

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** - Auction

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## **February Meeting**

February 7<sup>th</sup> is our regular meeting. The theme is Mystery Bag Night which is always an entertaining evening of performances. It will be at 6:45pm at UAMS Reynolds Center. No need to bring any magic. Just come and be prepared to perform whatever you pull out of a sack!

## **Annual Auction**

February always seems to be a crazy weather month for us here in Arkansas. So the annual auction will be moved to March to avoid possible postponements due to bad weather (like last year). The auction will now take place at the March meeting. So dust off your old magic boxes and get your magic ready to auction on Thursday, March 6.

## Lecture

The Joshua Jay lecture will be Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at UAMS Reynolds Center. Cost is \$10 for I.B.M. Members and \$15 for non-members. See the section in this newsletter on Joshua Jay. It will be a lecture you do not want to miss.

### February 5<sup>th</sup> Lecture:

The lecture will teach effects using borrowed bills, a remote control, pocket change, cards, coins, and other objects. There will be close-up magic, stand-up magic, and even a mentalism effect. Several items will be work-shopped during the lecture, and everyone will be encouraged to fold bills or learn card sleights along with Joshua. The majority of items will be within the range of the beginner. Joshua is also very happy to take questions regarding any topics or tricks discussed in the lecture, his books, or his monthly column. Even if you have seen or read Joshua Jay's published material before, you've never seen a majority of his brand new effects.

### More on Joshua Jay:

Specializing in sleight-of-hand magic which is done close up and with ordinary props, Joshua's unique style has earned him the critical acclaim necessary to maintain an international performing schedule. Using just a pack of cards, coins, and a few other objects, Joshua wields miracles of animation, transposition, and penetration with the audience only inches away from his hands.

Joshua Jay has been performing magic professionally since he was 10 years old. At just 23, Joshua has already accomplished more than most magicians will in their entire lives. Having won [several major awards](#), he is also a headlining lecturer. A respected author on magic, Joshua is a monthly columnist for [MAGIC Magazine](#), has written two best-

selling [magic books](#), his first published in four languages. He has also been published in every major magic periodical. A performer for distinguished politicians and major celebrities by night, Joshua is a full-time Ohio State University Honors student by day. Juggling his frenetic schedule is one of his greatest tricks!

The future looks bright for Joshua Jay. Whether he is on another world tour, performing his one-man show, or working on a degree in International Business, it is clear that Joshua's presence in magic is real. The future of magic is in his hands.

## David Copperfield

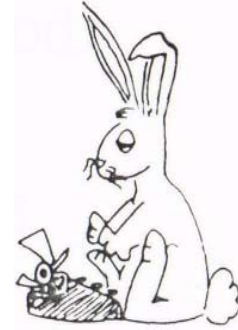
David Copperfield is coming to Memphis and Fort Smith! Copperfield will be performing at the Orpheum Theater in Memphis on February 24 at 5:30pm and 8:30pm and will be at the Fort Smith Convention Center on February 25 at 5:30pm and 8:30pm. You can get tickets to see the show in Fort Smith at \$63.00 each. Call Jim at Mr. Magic 455-6242 if you are planning to go and there may be a caravan to Fort Smith.

## Junior Magicians

Come out to the magic shop and support Little Rock's Junior Magic Club on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The Junior Magicians will appreciate your attendance.



## ♠ *Blast from the Past:*



*Elwood Rabbit Rites* ©

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There's got to be some way a Majician can combine Gene Anderson's TORN NEWSPAPER with the VANISHING BIRD CAGE ... but I haven't spotted it yet.

The SQUEAKING WHEEL gets the grease . . . except in some LEVITATION tricks I've seen.

There was once a majician who was

the world champion at Russian Roulette . . . with five hundred WINS and one LOSS!

VAN CLEVE did his annual paying Majic show last week. He is getting better. This year he only had to pay them ten dollars!

You cannot do the Multiplying Walnuts Trick without a SHELL.

HARRY ANDERSON does a trick called "VERTIGO." He makes his Majic Rabbit disappear and everybody says, "VERTIGO? VERTIGO?"

RIDDLE ANSER: Zig Zag Can

RIDDLE: What do you call a bathroom after an earthquake?

*Your Friend  
Elwood*

## Magic Matters

♠ Michael Wilkinson- I just wanted to let everybody know that the movie Birthrite is now

available on DVD. It was my first role in a theatrical movie. I am in several scenes with several lines. I don't play a magician in the movie; I'm just a boyfriend of a woman that gets abducted. The movie is rated PG-13. If you decide to get the movie be sure that you are ordering the right one. There was a movie by the same name that was released in 2003. You can get the correct movie at

<https://www.createspace.com/243078> You can still visit the main web site of the movie to learn more about it at [www.birthritemovie.com](http://www.birthritemovie.com) If you get a chance to see the movie, email me to let me know what you think- Michael [www.wilkinsonmagic.com](http://www.wilkinsonmagic.com)

◆ The Magic of Larry Bean and Company performed at Magic-Palooza on January 26 at the Paris Middle School Auditorium.

♣ Dan Hecke has a new website and said he would appreciate people visiting it and sending any feed back his way. Check out his website at: [www.magiciandan.com](http://www.magiciandan.com)



## Trick Time

### WILLARD THE TRAINED ROPE Donnie Marchi

An addition to an old trick is always fun especially when it causes the audience to perk up and participate.

A commercial item, I don't recall the trick's name, someone from the audience selects a card (forced, of course), the professor takes the deck, spectator inserts his card anywhere, and the spectator whispers the card's name to a piece of rope (right- end of course). I call my rope, Willard, and he is trained to sniff out and find lost cards. A fake knot is tied in Willard; you mention that he doesn't like this part. The rope is lowered into a grocery sack and presto the rope has tied itself around the chosen card and is raised out of the sack, a very cute effect.

Well, I've made a grocery sack with a store's name — let's say "Foodway" on one side and on the other side is a store's name, "Safeway." When the audience is faced with the Foodway side of the sack, you mention that you will use a Safeway grocery sack; I've always had the kids come unglued yelling, "You're wrong; it's a Foodway sack!" You go back and forth milking the gag a bit, then when you're ready you say, "You're right; it's a Foodway sack" while you display the Safeway side to them.

I hope it's obvious to you that the sack is made from two different chain grocery stores sack, preferably from your home vicinity. Cut the store name side from one store and glue this side to the blank side from a competing chain store's sack (on the blank side, of course).

I've had good luck getting the audience perked up a bit with this double grocery sack bit. Give it a try; it's cheap to construct.

Comment: Since the rope item in question is a, commercial item, I have not described it here (Gene Gordon put out a trick years ago called *Hindu Hangman* by Harvey van Buskirk. Edwin of Supreme offers an effect called *Snaky Rope* in his June *Magigram*).

However, serendipitously, I received a Parade contribution in February for a no-gimmick version produced when Baltimore's Jim Schuyler jokingly promised to do a "rope trick with cards" at the next Ring meeting. Since it is clearly different than either marketed method of which I am aware, I see no reason not to print it here. I'm sure Ring 90 members won't be displeased, since it fits so well with Donnie Marchi's bag idea (and his original routine).  
—PRW



## President's Corner

A huge thanks goes to the performers at the Christmas Party for doing an outstanding job. Some of you may have seen Larry Bean do his own singing rendition of Jumbo Find the Queen at the December Holiday party. As Master of Ceremonies at the Christmas party, we were privileged to see it a second time along with many creative M.C. routines. Scott Davis, Don Baer, Michael Wilkinson, and Randall Eller entertained us the first half with money in a potato, prediction tricks, Three Little Pig Balloons Story, a Sword Stab and much more. The Hensini Sisters began the second half... with me being one half of the Hensini sisters, I must apologize to those

present who were forced to see my father, Jim Henson, in Queen Latifa pantyhose, high heels, a dress, wig, and make-up. I have to say I have never shared lipstick with my father before that evening and hope to never do so again. After the disappearance of the Hensini sisters, Dan Hecke, Sean Westbrook, and Jon Bucher closed the show with storytelling, Linking Rings, and all kinds of funny business with shooting balloons. Check out the *Linking Ring* for a detailed account of the evening's performance. We have an extremely talented group of magicians in Ring 29. We are also blessed to have so many great supporters who come to meetings, parties, and lectures. Questions/ comments/ suggestions? Contact Christy Henson [cih0914@aol.com](mailto:cih0914@aol.com)



## Ring Ramblings

♥ Reminders and information about meetings and lectures are sent out through email several times a month via the Ring 29 email address. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact **James Kinsey** so he can add you. [Jamesk39@swbell.net](mailto:Jamesk39@swbell.net)

♣ International Brotherhood of Magicians applications can be picked up at the magic shop, or ask an officer at a ring meeting. All members who belong to Ring 29 must be an International Brotherhood of Magicians member. If you are an I.B.M. member, you should be receiving the *Linking Ring* every month, and you should have an I.B.M. number.

### ♠ *Ring 29 Magic Meeting Themes for 2008- 2009:*

**February** – Mystery Bag Night  
**March** – Annual Ring 29 Auction  
**April** - Close-Up Competition  
**May** – Bizarre Magic  
**June** – Stage Competition

#### ♠ *Advertisements:*

\* **Book:** Revolutionary Card Techniques by Ed Marlo is back in print after many years. Cost is \$67.50

\* **Book:** "Beyond Deceptions" The theory and Technique of Creating Original Magic \$31.50

\* **DVD:** Bill Malone "Here I Go Again" Volumes #1-3 are back in stock. Cost is \$31.50 each. See January Magic Magazine for a review

\* **Trick:** "Coin Bender" is back in stock. Bend a signed, borrowed quarter under the nose of the spectator and give them their coin back \$27.00

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