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EDITOR'S ABJECT APOLOGY

I'm late this month, and I'm very sorry. Also, I am going to be out of town the whole first week of June so next issue will be out the second week of June. Please send submissions in by June 8 for inclusion. Also, I can't attend the Jamy Ian Swiss lecture. If someone could write an account of that, that would be great. Again, I apologize for the delay in getting this letter out.

SAM CONVENTION IN DALLAS

At the moment, there are about 100 attendees registered for the Dallas S.A.M. Convention from the Texas area.

I don't have the exact number from our club, but I want you to take advantage of this opportunity if you haven't already done so.

The National SAM will have to begin releasing unused

hotel rooms back to management next week, which will greatly reduce the amount of available rooms at the \$95 Convention rate! The time to register for the hotel is **NOW** to take advantage of the room discount!

Make your hotel reservations directly with the:
ADAMS MARK HOTEL, 400 N. OLIVE ST., DALLAS
TX 75201

OR

BY CALLING 214-922-8000 OR 800-444-2326.

YOU CAN REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION 3
WAYS:

BY MAIL - VIRGINIA & JOHN APPERSON

281 IDAHO

GRANITE CITY, IL 62040

618-451-9749

BY EMAIL - SAM@APPSMAGIC.COM

ONLINE - WWW.MAGICCSAM.COM

GREAT LINE UP OF TALENT:::

GEORGE SCHINDLER ... BOB WHITE ... BOB KING ...

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... THE GLEASONS ... CHIP ROMERO ... CHRIS

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SHOWS, CLOSE UPS, CONTESTS, FIREWORKS AND

MUCH, MUCH MORE.

S.A.M. NATIONAL CONVENTION - JULY 4-7 -

DALLAS TEXAS – Jim Gentile

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING

Did you miss April's meeting? I know I did because I was in Beijing. But you can relive the meeting along with me by seeing the photo gallery on the web site:

http://austinmagic.org/sam/news.html#Photo_Galleries

While you're at it you can view some of the other galleries from previous events.

Thanks to Millie Seaton for providing the pictures. –
Chris Walden

MAVERICK MAGIC KITS

Several people have asked me where they could get a John Maverick Magic Kit for themselves. At this point the only place you can pick one up is at

www.John-Maverick.com/store.html. If you want one, let me know and I will

get one to you, that way you won't have to pay shipping.

BTW, T-Shirts are

coming soon! – John Maverick

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

And you thought that BERTI FREDSTROM was just another magician! Berti speaks five languages, English, Swedish, German, Danish, and Norweigen. He is also the current President of the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce.

TIM DIETZ is currently performing at three different

gentleman's clubs in the Austin area. We understand that Tim's dental floss through neck is a killer. It has to be good when the audience is watching Tim with two near naked women standing by his side.

RON CARTRIDGE & RAMÓN GALINDO are in Chicago this week to attend the annual Magic Collectors' Association meeting and the Jay Marshall auction.

MICHAEL AMMAR has just been informed that he has completed twenty-five years of membership in the Society of American Magicians. Michael also maintains his membership in Assembly 206.

HULL YOUNGBLOOD has just returned from the FFFF convention on the east coast. As a rookie, Hull was required to perform and we understand that he did a commendable job representing not only himself, but Assembly 206 and Austin, Texas. By the way, DOUG GORHAM, PAUL MIMS, and DR. MICHAEL TALLON were also at that convention. Also, Hull got rear ended in a recent hit and run accident. If you ever catch them Hull, sue the pants off them. Nasty dent!

You are in for a treat if you were one of the lucky ones that got a ticket to the annual competition.

From all reports that we've received the event which is "free" sold out quickly. This event will take place during our regular meeting night on May 21st. Hosting the event will be several of our members who live in Onion Creek. These fine folks are GLENDA VENABLE, STAN & MILLIE SEATON, PATRICK & ALICE O'SHEA, and the GAYER'S who will be hosting the dinner.

BOB CARROLL has taken on a new job with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department. For those of you that don't know where Caldwell County is, think Lockhart and Luling.

KENT CUMMINS has just finished up his successful magic and juggling classes at the University of Texas. If you missed out on these, wait a few months and look for the fall class schedule at U.T. Incidentally, new member, THOMAS WILLIAMS, joined the Assembly at the last meeting and became a member as a direct result of Kent's class.

ARSENE DUPIN stepped back into Austin for the recent Assembly meeting, but will be back on the road soon doing his magic.

Spotted at a recent showing of the Broadway musical Mama Mia were CY ALBERTSON & DIANE KLINETOB. Both had seats on the fourth row and according to Cy, their magic schools have supported the

Austin Sympany for a number of years. Both Cy and Diane are owners of Texas Magic Supply. – Ron Cartlidge

RAY BROWN SUMMER THEATER IN BLANCO

Greetings SAM Members,

I wanted to invite everyone to my show in Blanco this summer. I have rented a theater and I will be putting on a 60-minute show that includes the premier of two new illusions. Also, Ian Varella is my special guest performer in the show. He will present a ten-minute act in the middle of my show. The show is on Sunday, June 10th at 5:00 PM. At The Blanco Community Learning Center Auditorium, 814 Eleventh Street, Blanco, TX. Below is a full description of the show:

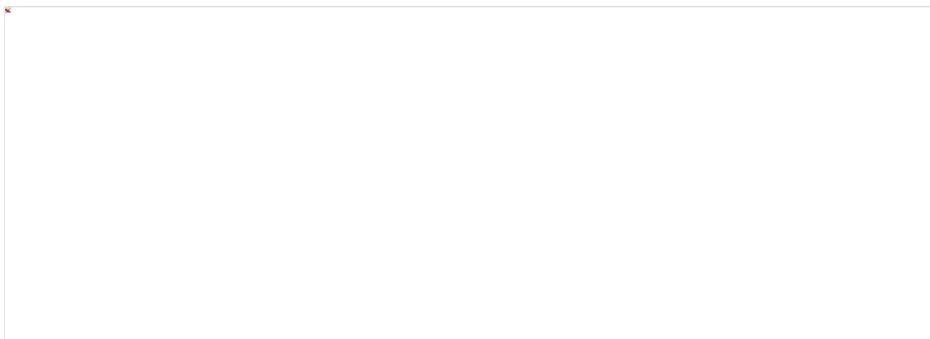
The Magic of Ray Brown: An Evening of Mystery Wonder, and Illusion

“An Evening of Mystery, Wonder, and Illusion,” is a new production that features everything from full-scale illusions, to award winning magic, and a little dog named Watson the Magical Dachshund. This high-end production is not only an amazing performance, but also an unforgettable journey that the audience will not soon forget.

Ray Brown, formerly known as The Amazing Ray, is an award-winning magician who has appeared across Texas, Georgia, and even in Las Vegas. After many long months of planning, choreography, and staging,

Ray's new show, "An Evening of Mystery, Wonder, and Illusion," is finally ready to hit the stage.

The audience will embark on a mysterious jaw-dropping journey that is true to its title. The Magic of Ray Brown really is "An Evening of Mystery, Wonder, and Illusion." The audience will also experience a special guest performance starring Ian Varella, as seen on Comedy Central and HBO, with his award winning ventriloquist act. Be prepared to



experience a one-of-a-kind performance of a lifetime. Tickets for this unforgettable performance are now on sale at The Ray Brown Magic Box Office! This information and more is online at www.RayBrownMagic.com/tour.htm.

Tickets are now available online at www.RayBrownMagic.com/tour.htm. Please help me spread the word about my show, I'll look forward to having YOU at the show, and please let me know if you have any questions! Thanks! -Ray Brown

SCALES OF JUSTICE

A man was sentenced to 30 years in prison for murdering longtime Esther Follies juggler Warren Ryder Schwartz, known on stage as

Red Ryder.

Jacob Zeke Rubio, 24, made a plea bargain, said prosecutor Judy Shipway.

Police said Rubio killed Schwartz after Rubio realized Schwartz had seen him burglarizing an apartment in the Travis Park Apartments on East Oltorf Street.

The apartment belonged to a drug dealer, an affidavit said.

Rubio broke in to steal the dealer's crack while Schwartz was waiting there to meet

a friend so they could buy crack, according to the affidavit.

Schwartz's body was found on May 28, 2006, with multiple stab wounds. For 20 years, Schwartz was the opening act of the

magic/vaudeville/improv show at Esther's Follies on East Sixth Street.

He toured the world, performing in places such as Germany, Japan and Monte Carlo. He had graduated from the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College, the Mecca of American clowning. You can see him at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raVp6lqBDqk> – Opie

Houston