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FOR ALL MAGICIANS EVERYWHERE...

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last month I told you about the president's party being open to everyone and being a superhero and villains themed event. I have received many comments from attendees who are excited about this. So, start planning your costume for this party that you don't want to miss.

I was hoping to be able to announce several performers that we will have at our convention at this time however we are still working on contracts and scheduling for some incredible performers. I am currently attending **mindvention** in Las Vegas so that is a little hint that we will have a mentalist or two.

Our plan is to have something for everyone. Don't forget that the earlier you [register](#) the better your seats for the evening shows will be. Also please take advantage of the incredible room rate at the [Hilton Americas](#) we have negotiated for you and make your reservations now.

Got to run guys. I literally am speaking to someone now about coming to our convention that you will certainly love!



Jamie Salinas, 2018 TAOM President

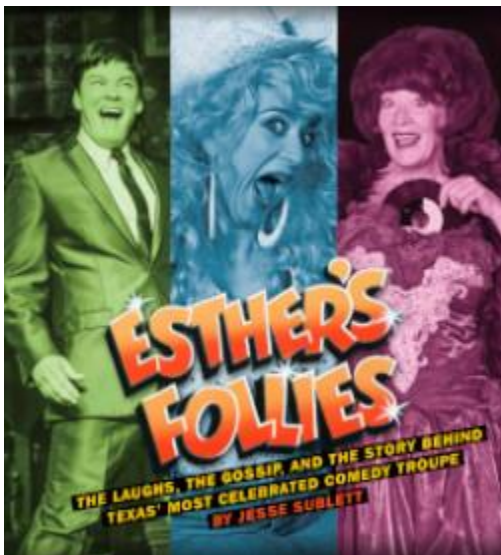


FRANKEL'S IS CLOSING

Yep, after 67 years, Frankel's costume and magic store is closing. Lonnie Frankel's father began the business as Morty's Magic Mart in 1950 and Lonnie and Terrie took over in 1978. They have provided magic props, tricks, and supplies, along with thousands of costumes to Houston area customers ever since.

Now they are retiring to "relax and enjoy life", even though they will miss the many friends and customers they met along the way.

All magic merchandise is being sold at a 50% discount. Stop by the store at 1801 Polk Street in downtown Houston to wish them *bon voyage* and pick up some real magic bargains.



ESTHER'S FOLLIES HISTORY

At forty years young, Esther's Follies, Austin's beloved comedy troupe, has hit icon status. In the trademark aquamarine building on Sixth and Red River, magic happens five times a week. Local author, Jesse Sublett knew that with a history that spans four decades of political change and Austin's own development, there had to be a good story within its walls.

The end result is a gorgeous 200 page coffee-table book, "The laughs, the gossip and the story behind Texas' most celebrated comedy troupe" which is rife with photographs, backstage stories and memorabilia — the book was designed by the talented team at EmDash.

For the newcomer, tourist or long-time Austinite, Esther's is a must-see experience. The show pokes fun at both sides of the political divide and always includes sketches of particular delight to Texans, old and new. As the city has grown and changed, so too has Esther's which has always served as a reflection of the city.

Long-time TAOM member Ray Anderson is the star of the show with cutting-edge magic. He will be happy to sign your copy of this fascinating book. [Click here](#) to order your copy.

S.A.M. MEETING ONLINE

Society of American Magicians members are invited to join virtual Assembly v1.1 and it meets online the third Sunday of every month with a guest magician at 6:00pm Central Time. It's free for any S.A.M Member. Two Texas Magicians are officers in this Assembly. Ken Dickensheets from Austin (SAM/206) is the Assembly Technical Director and runs the on-line meeting. Matthew Crabtree from Kingwood is the US Marketing Coordinator and gets the word out to everyone. The next meeting is November 19th with guest magician Chris Randall. Visit the S.A.M. website Members Area for more information and to view past meetings.





Hilton San Antonio Airport
611 NW Loop 410
San Antonio, TX 78216

Hilton Garden Inn Willowbrook
7979 Willow Chase Blvd
Houston, TX 77070

The Live Magic Expo is a one-day event for magicians attended by THOUSANDS of magicians every year... Learn amazing new magic tricks, make new friends, and catch up with old ones.

UPDATE: Bill Abbott is giving a private magic workshop at 2:30pm! If you've never seen Bill Abbott live, you're in for a treat. He's among the most highly sought after magic lecturers in the WORLD. In short, do NOT miss this guy teach magic.

PLUS SPECIAL BONUS: Get a free "X Deck" (a premium deck of cards so rare, it's ONLY available at the Live Magic Expo) in your goodie bag when you register today!

Featuring Bill Abbott, Paul Richards, Brent Braun, Nick Locapo, Magick Balay and more!

Every hour you'll get a mini-lecture from a different world-class magician. Get 1-on-1 hands-on help as each one teaches you his favorite tricks. The value of this experience is truly immeasurable.

Starting at 10am until 4pm you'll get to learn, discover and buy INCREDIBLE magic you won't find anywhere (not even online) directly from the brilliant magicians who invented them.

Register online and you'll get a \$10 voucher to spend inside the expo and a goodie bag with TONS of great magic PLUS a rare "2017 X Deck" only available at the Live Magic Expo. <http://penguinmagic.com/p/7862>



RUDY COBY LECTURES

Dallas - Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m.
at 8330 LBJ Freeway, 8th Floor, Room B 838.

Houston - Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00
p.m. at the IATSE Hall, 3030 North Freeway
"How to be a World Famous Magician"
You do NOT want to miss this one!

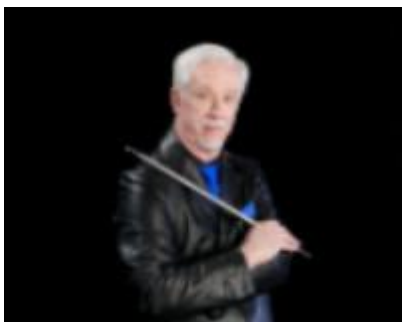
"Rudy Coby: Coolest Magician on Planet Earth" has starred in TV specials and appeared in over 100 countries. He will demonstrate how to create an original act that you can use to travel the world -- as well as how to make your character different than anybody else so you can stand out from the crowd. His lecture is a multimedia experience that will make YOU a better performer no matter what style of magic you do.

PENN AND TELLER

This world-famous duo is appearing at the Winstar Casino's Global Event Center in Thackerville, Oklahoma, (just an hour north of Dallas) on November 15 at 11:37 p.m.



BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF



DARYL HOWARD AT CONFETTI EDDIE'S MAGIC PARLOR

Come join the fun! Daryl Howard will join Confetti Eddie on November 25 at the Magic Parlor, 823 Exposition Avenue in Dallas. Shows start at 8 and 11 p.m. with close-up magic next door after the last show.

Mike Squires will open for The Polyphonic Spree 15th Annual Holiday Extravaganza at the Majestic Theater at 7:00 p.m. on December 9.

Trigg Watson entertains at Checkered Past Winery, 1409 South Lamar Street, Suite 008, in Dallas, from 9:30 to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17.



IMPROV

In **Houston** - Ted Schwank and Carter Blackburn take you on a high-energy adventure in magic, illusion, and comedy. For dates and times, go to <http://improv.com/>

In **Addison** EVERY SATURDAY at 2:00 p.m.

In **Arlington** EVERY SUNDAY at 2:00 p.m. The December 3 show will feature Mike Squires and Dal Sanders. Then on December 10, Dal and Cinde Sanders will debut some very cool, original holiday magic in "Pure Magic & Mistletoe (The Elf) Save Christmas".

John Magic's Theater and Museum

Elaborate stage shows start at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday night with family-friendly magic entertainment. Friday evenings feature close-up magic by John Magic and Chris English. Private close-up shows are available Monday through Thursday by appointment.



The theater is located at 13419 Fitzhugh Road off 290 past Oak Hill west of Austin. Buy your ticket at the door or make reservations at <http://www.magicstheater.com>



Second Saturday Magic Sale

Magic, Etc., Fort Worth's premier magic shop hosts a Second Saturday Sale every month where magicians can score good savings on props and supplies. Magicians get "special" treatment and special prices. Magic, Etc. is located on Forest Park Boulevard at I-30 in Fort Worth.

Thrifty Third Thursday

Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume started a new monthly gathering of magicians from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. You are invited to wheel and deal for the best buys ever only at Fort Worth's own Magic, Etc. and Fort Worth Costume.

HUMPERDINKS

Restaurant & Brewpub

Monday Night Magic in Arlington

All magic aficionados are invited to attend informal gatherings at Humperdink's Restaurant at LaQuinta Inn, #6 North Six Flags Drive in Arlington every Monday night. Bring your cards and props to practice your "chops" in the back room.

But wait...there's more! Second Tuesday TOO! This special interest group, the Mid-Cities Magic Circle, focuses on performance. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9:30 at Humperdink's.



The purpose of the Mid-Cities Magic Circle is to provide a venue for Dallas/Fort Worth performing magicians to study their art and improve as public performers. Each meeting focuses on a single theme -- development of performance skills, routines, and other elements important to the public performance of magic.

There is no formal membership, no officers, no notes or minutes. For more information -- forget it! There is simply no one in charge to respond. Just show up on the second Tuesday of the month at Humperdink's and join the fun and magic!



**Shane Wilson and Chris Alonzo at
Sakura in Houston**

Pearland's superb hibachi restaurant, Sakura, is proud to present the magic talents of **Chris Alonzo** every Friday and **Shane Wilson** every Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Cards in South Austin

The **South Austin Card Group** meets on the last Saturday of each month. Get in touch with Lou Hornung at lhornung@sbcglobal.net for details and to be added to the meeting notice distribution list. *Reservations required.*



**Magic on the Grill at Tokyohana
3239 Southwest Freeway in Houston**

David Rangel coordinates a covey of local area magicians who perform close-up magic every Thursday and Saturday night at Tokyohana Grill and Sushi Bar, 3239 Southwest Freeway, in Houston. Enjoy excellent Oriental cuisine or sit at the sushi bar with top talent magic on the side. Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

ONE LAST THING

The times, they are a-changin'. Most magic is still performed the same way it has been for the last hundred years, but the growth of the internet has changed the way we buy our props and supplies. The closing of two of the few remaining magic shops in Texas (Frankel's in Houston and Main Street Magic & Fun Company in McKinney) leaves precious few brick and mortar stores where a magician can physically hold a prop before he buys it.



I'm not saying that's a good thing or a bad thing. Magicians have access to thousands more items than a single store can carry and online retailers do not have the expense of a building and all that entails, so prices are lower. But... the loss of one-on-one interaction with (most likely) a magician is to be mourned. If there is a magic shop in your area, [support it.](#)

This is just one more GOOD reason to attend the upcoming TAOM convention in Houston. There will be lots of real, live magic dealers to show their wares. You don't have to wonder if the gizmo fits your hand or if the thingy really flips. Dealers at TAOM conventions always have great bargains for conventioners and are happy to talk at length about the pros and cons of various pieces. [Register now!](#)

Judy Hollingsworth
TAOM Club Coordinator