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The President's Report

I hope everyone is gearing up for TAOM. Soon, we will update all of the information about the convention and the talent that we have lined up for you! Register now and get better seating for the evening shows!

In addition to the great standup and stage acts that we have announced so far, we will have some amazing close-up artists as well. Just added to our lineup is none other than **Kiko Pastur.**



Here are a few of his endorsements from some giants in the art of close-up magic:

"Kiko is for me the essence of poetic sensitivity in magic. And the originality in their tricks, acts and magical-poetic-musical shows." Juan Tamariz

"When wit, talent, creativity, sensitivity and experience is mixed, we can not expect any other result than that offered by this little genius Kiko. We're in luck!" Dani DaOrtiz

"If the challenge is the driving force of art, Kiko defies cardmagic. It is very difficult to see, such as pure and organic, a magic that only the timeless quality and risk can achieve." Miguel Angel Gea

As if this were not enough already, here is another close-up performer that will blow you away, **Pipo Villanueva!**

Pipo is one of the finest magicians from Spain, and we are excited that he will be joining us at this year's TAOM. Pipo has elevated classics of close-up magic into modern miracles. He has received rave reviews for all of his releases to the magic community and we are excited that he will not only perform at our convention but also lecture on his techniques and routines.



Finally for this issue, I want to announce that we have secured one of my favorite mentalists, **Docc Hilford!** That's right! Docc will perform and lecture as well! Docc is one of the most charismatic people that I have ever met and it amazes me how skilled of a mentalist he truly is. If you have never seen Docc in person, you are in for a real treat! If you have met him or seen him perform, you already know how great he is!

Look for our website to be updated soon with all of the talent that we have secured. I am really excited to see you in Houston, so register now at www.taom.org

Jamie Salinas
2018 TAOM President

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Workshop Clinic - Brent Braun's Torched and Restored

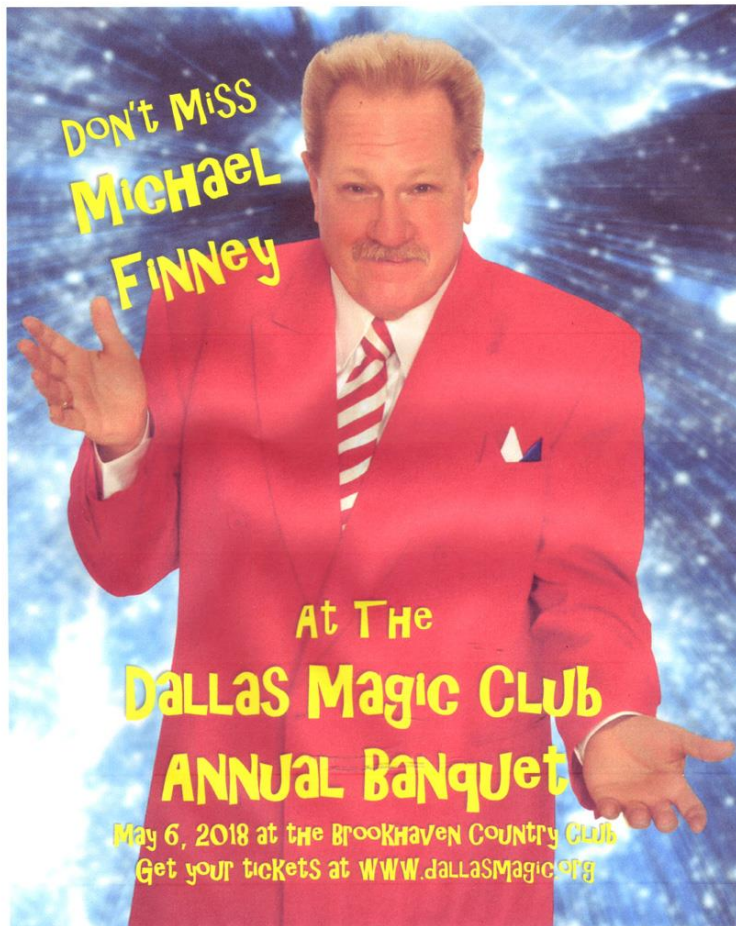
IBM Ring 60 has received permission from Brent Braun to hold a clinic on Torched and Restored, his signature torn and restored card effect.

When: Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Heroes Night Out, 1150 S. Bell Boulevard in Cedar Park

Cost: Free to Ring 60 members; \$5.00 for non-members

Roger Gorss and Carlos Santillan will lead the clinic on this great effect. You must contact Roger at rogergorss@gmail.com for details and to register for this event. Space is limited.



Michael Finney Is Coming To Dallas

You will not want to miss the Dallas Magic Clubs' banquet on May 6. It will be, "An Evening with Michael Finney" at the Brookhaven Country Club. The entertainment for this year's banquet will be Michael Finney, who, at that time, will be only a couple months away from being sworn in as the President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians! You all know Michael from his work with Masters of Illusion on television. Others have seen him in person, either on cruise ships or with the Masters of Illusion tour.

Michael is known as a comedian, magician, philanthropist, corporate spokesman, and a motivational speaker. Some of our own club members have attended and played at Michael's annual charity golf event, the Dry Heat Classic in Phoenix. Each year, Michael flies to the Middle East and performs for our troops. The evening promises to be one of the most entertaining evenings you will ever have.

So, make your plans now to attend. Tickets will be available online for the banquet, so keep watching for it. Be sure to bring your significant other, and to invite your friends and family.

BITS AND PIECES OF INTERESTING STUFF

Mid-Cities Magic Circle...

Meeting the second Tuesday of every month at Humperdink's in Arlington at 7 for dinner. Magic gets underway about 8 p.m. The topic is "Your Favorite Trick". Bring any trick and perform. Check out Mid-Cities Magic Circle on Facebook for more details!



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!



In **Houston** - Ted Schwank and Carter Blackburn take you on a high-energy adventure in magic, illusion, and comedy.

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

In **Arlington** EVERY SUNDAY at 2:00 p.m.

For dates and times, go to <http://improv.com/>

John Magic's Theater and Museum in Austin

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.



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.

In Memoriam



Harry Anderson, the actor, comedian and magician best known for playing Judge Harry Stone on the sitcom *Night Court*, died Monday at his home in Asheville, North Carolina. He was 65.

Harry attended and performed at several TAOM conventions and made his home in Austin in the 1970's. His sardonic wit and quirky take on magic cons will be missed around the world.

ONE LAST THING

Everyone has poignant stories about Harry, so I'll share my own. The first time I met Harry was in the late 1970's when my late husband Fred "The Great Scott" Donaldson and I operated the Scott Magic company in our living room in north Austin. Harry came by one day dressed in a long red velvet robe carrying a beat up leather valise with his magic. He traded a set of linking rings for some flash paper and a few other props. He was performing street magic on "The Drag", an area on Guadalupe Street by the University of Texas Campus.



These two pictures were taken 19 years apart -- both at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio during a TAOM Convention. The first was in 1979 and the second in 1998. Harry lived in Austin for the first and was already a star in Hollywood for the other. Ralph Metzler lived in Austin in 1979 and flew back from Virginia in 1998 to help recreate the photo of his hand. Late-night room parties like this at TAOM are one of the convention highlights in my memory bank during my 40-plus years of TAOM.

We'll miss ya, Harry.

Judy Hollingsworth
TAOM Club Coordinator