



## Words from the Secretary

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The newsletter needs you. I need articles and news events written by you. You do not have to be a member of the club to send articles to be published. Send me emails([accolombel@zipcon.com](mailto:accolombel@zipcon.com)) on what you would like to see in the newsletter and what you like or don't about the newsletter. Come to meetings and support your club.

***No Meeting this month because of Covid-19, We will hold an online meeting using Zoom***

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**Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.**

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**RING OF FIRE LIVE**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

Once again, we will hold the Ring of Fire Meeting on Zoom on November 12th (this Thursday) 7pm. We had a great time last time

Info to sign in

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/736296076?pwd=Sm4ybzA4SENCZnNZMk9odVN0QnF5Zz09>

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## Magic Review BY PAYNE

### Improved Deluxe Baby Gag

Devin Knight

A Comedy Classic Improved

\$29.95

Devin Knight

<http://www.murphymagic.com>

Reviewed by Payne

No, the deluxe baby gag is not an improved device for stifling the errant cries of an upset infant. Instead, Devin Knight has taken the old Baby Prediction Gag and expanded it into a commercial 3-minute routine suitable for nearly all stand up performance situations. It would make a great emcee bit or the perfect extra trick to have on hand when you need to fill an awkward pause caused by technical difficulties. It packs perfectly flat, but as they say, plays big. The 8 ½ X 11 pictures can be seen in the largest of theatres. They are also printed on a highly durable plastic material so they should last a lifetime or more.

For those of you who have been living their life in a cave somewhere in the hinterlands and are unfamiliar with this effect it goes like this. The magician asks a member of the audience to think of a famous celebrity, generally limited to an actor or a former president. It is a free choice and requires no force or preshow work. The spectator names one, say Tom Hanks.

The magician exclaims "That's incredible because only just this morning I put a picture of Tom Hanks in this envelope I've been holding". The magician then extracts from the envelope a picture of a baby which he tells the audience is a photo of Tom Hanks when he was 6 months old. But wait, "What if someone had named Morgan Freeman?" the magician asks rhetorically. "Well," he says, flipping the picture over to reveal a photo of a little black baby. "I had that covered".

Not only do you get the classic White\Black baby picture. But you also receive a second two-sided picture that allows you to do two more bad jokes, one of which isn't but still is along the lines of the old picture of my Pride and Joy gag. Also included is a groaner of a "Think of a number" prediction that I myself had never before seen but is definitely going into my repertoire.

What more can I say? You get everything you need to perform the trick. A manila envelope with a prediction printed on it, two sets of photos providing you with at least six jokes and a well written set of instructions complete with a working script with complete explanations of the correct verbiage to use and an explanation of why for those among us who might be comically impaired. So if you're a fan of this old canard of bad jokes and questionable puns. Or have been looking for a quality version of this prop to put into your act. Look no further. Your search is done.

## Novembers Meeting Report

Once again, we had our meeting via Zoom, "Ring of Fire LIVE"

Santiago Naranjo told us about John Ferrentino's "Intonation" a smart phone app to talk to spirits.

Payne was at the "Magic and Meaning" virtual convention. He felt it went well and enjoyed the convention but missed a lot of the in-person interactions. i.e., getting together with fellow conventioners for dinner or drinks and talk and share magic. He informed us that Ralph Huntzinger presented two 5 minuet pieces for the convention.

Payne then show us some of the props he has been making with his 3D printer. This included Production tubes, Pagoda Box tops, large checkers for "Rice, Orange and Checkers" trick.

Santiago Naranjo ask our opinions about the Brad Ross "It Factor" event. There was a brief discussion about the event and Brad Ross.

The meeting then went into a brief discussion about magic history and magic collections/collectors.

Santiago Naranjo gave us more information about his Séance show that he is developing. He went to the Camlin hotel, in Seattle, to find about venue space at the hotel to hold the Séance. Found a space for free at the hotel, for the cost of renting a room for a week. So, he now has a venue for his show for next October.

We went over the contest that Jeff Dial proposed in last months newsletter. It was a 1980 Magic ad for "Is This Psychokinesis?" (a cigar tube is placed in one's hand and one end rise without the use of magnets, loops, or threads.). We discussed some ideas and found out the secret. Then there was a discussion about the method.

Payne showed us a couple of items he has for review.

The first is a mentalis trick- a set of cards with ESP Zener symbols on each. They are laid out face up and the spectator picks the symbol predicted by the magician. Uses the hot rod force.

The other was forcing dice with a dice cup.

Jeff Dial showed the club his bookbinder and some of his props, tubes, vase and talked about a lotto bowl that will pour out the same amount each time.

Payne will be presenting the PCAM virtual convention and showed us the routine he will do. It will be his Pearl and Rice routine using the props made on his 3D printer.

Santiago got Eugene Burger's book "Spirt Theater" from the Seattle Library as an Inter Library loan. He talked about some ideas he has for effects for Seances.

Everyone had a good time.

Hope to see you soon.

See you next Thursday December 10th at 7pm on Zoom See [page 2](#) for info

**MANY THANKS TO SANTIAGO, FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!!**

Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and visit the clubs Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire-429616737105973/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire-429616737105973/posts/?ref=page_internal)

### **Magic Shops in the Area**

Below is a list of the Magic shops in the Area. None have paid for this listing and if anybody knows of others let me know and I will list them.

#### **Seattle's Market Magic Shop**

Pikes Place Market  
1501 Pike Place #427  
Seattle, WA 98101

[www.marketmagicshop.com](http://www.marketmagicshop.com)

(A store that many know about. In existence for 30 years)

#### **Lakewood Costumes**

5932 Lake Grove ST SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

<http://www.clownshop.com>

(Mainly Costumes and Clown items, they have a counter where they sell magic)

#### **Brian Cook's**

[WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM](http://WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM)

### **Magical happenings**

#### **Because of the restrictions for Covid-19 the below are both closed temporarily**

**Magic Monday!** Magic Monday is an hour of magic, conjuring, & prestidigitation which stars magicians from the Northwest region on the second Monday of each month. Location: Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle. 6504 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm Magic Monday is not only a great place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a great place for YOU to perform. It happens the second Monday of each month. If you are a local magician in the Puget Sound area and would like to perform at the venue, please contact Jim Earnshaw at [jim@earnshawmagic.com](mailto:jim@earnshawmagic.com). You can reserve a spot to perform months in advance and he would be happy to hear from you.

#### **"That's Impossible Presents" (Seattle's Best Magicians)**

That's Impossible Presents a Night of Magic, Mystery, and Comedy, with your host: Tim Flynn Magic.

2nd Saturday of Every Month. Hosted at Delancey's on 3rd in Renton. Doors open at 7:45, Stage Show begins at 9pm. Food & Drinks are available. Table-side magic before the show from real magicians!