

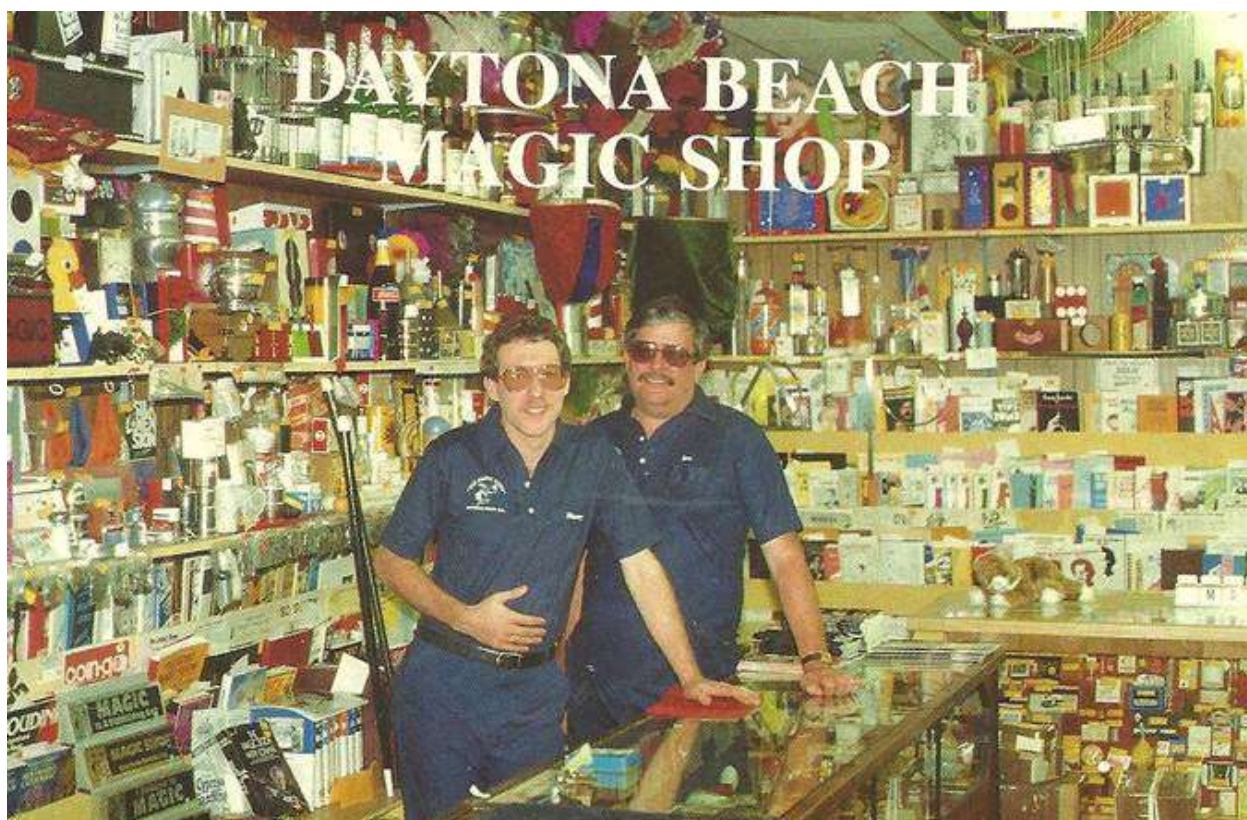


Dennis Deliberations ... Ring # 170, Assembly #99

“The Bev and Alouise Bergeron Ring”

Harry Allen and the late Irv Cook for many years ago.

Their historic location has closed and they moved to Ormond Beach.



For all you card guys, here is a program and commentary by the master thinking, the late David Berglas.

At 24 minutes in you can see his classic ACAAN effect. Watch the whole show!

<https://www.youtube.com/live/PNbmGOzUmkk>





Jesse Don Knotts

Jesse was born in Morgantown, West Virginia, when his mother was 40 years old. He had a tough childhood. His father had mental health problems and was often violent toward Jesse. When Jesse was 13, his father passed away, and his mom had to raise him and his brothers alone. Life was hard back then, and Jesse didn't think he had much of a future.

But even with all the hard times, Jesse had dreams. He wanted to be a ventriloquist. He found some books about it, practiced using sock puppets, and saved up until he could buy a real ventriloquist dummy.

When he got older, Jesse joined the military. His talent was quickly noticed, and he was placed in the entertainment division. He toured islands in the western Pacific during World War II, making fellow soldiers laugh as part of a G.I. comedy group called “Stars and Gripes.”

Jesse finished his service in 1946 with the rank of Technician Grade 5, which is like a Corporal. He earned several medals during his time, including the World War II Victory Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four bronze stars, the Army Good Conduct Medal, a Marksman Badge for the M1 Carbine, and an Honorable Service pin.

Through the military, Jesse found his confidence and learned how much people enjoyed his humor. Despite his rough start in life, he went on to become one of the most loved actors in TV history.

Because it was Jesse — Jesse Don Knotts — who gave us the unforgettable Barney Fife.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iD2yobrUbic>

Classic stage magic



<https://www.facebook.com/reel/850445547219110>

I always liked this rope tie and did it many times years ago...



This video is filled with many great gags...He has spliced the funniest parts of several volunteers to make the complete video routine.

He does it with two ropes and sets them up as a Grandma's Neckless for a great ending. Clever addition...!

You can see that is why he does not have to step out of the loop.

Watch to the very end of the routine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20CgQHR-YuI>

One of my old bits in my touring family illusion show was that I had the audience collectively-randomly move around the board to squares of their choice and they all ended on the same square (the center white square on the right side that I marked you see marked)

I did this to force their only town as their favorite town. The other surrounding towns or competing football teams were in the other squares.

This used to get a great response. The working is mathematical, just follow the directions.

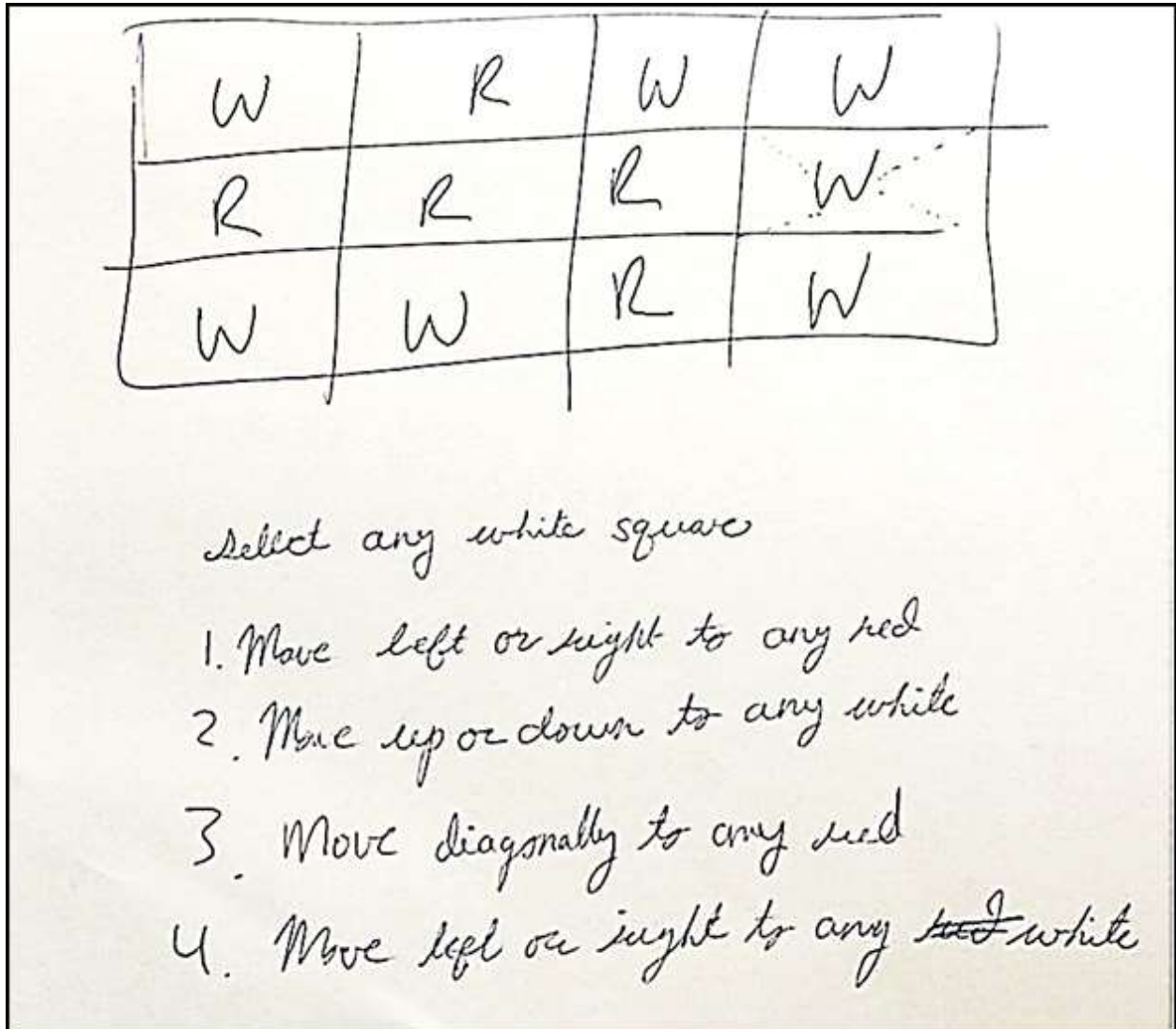
I used to have 3 feet by 4 feet Masonite board with these 21 squares (each square is one foot by one foot)

I painted each square to the specified color (White or Red) and then clear Urethane painted over it so you could write on it with a dry erase marker.

This way you could change the towns for every show.

The application can be used to almost any theme! I could see it used at a Ren Faire using it to correctly figure out who is the "witch".

Or at a trade show to see that brand is the best.



https://www.cnn.com/2025/04/21/entertainment/video/entertainment-showbiz-hollywood-magic-castle-junior-society-academy-magical-arts-teenagers-training-corcoran-nepo-pienaar?cid=ios_app

A mature Diana Zimmerman....



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Magic's next generation learns the art at The Magic Castle



David Daniel and photojournalist Tom Larson take you inside Hollywood's fabled Magic Castle to meet young magicians from the Academy of Magical Arts' Junior Society.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCOJ1GVvQUc>

This is a reel with many contemporary mentalists on current TV shows!
Load of methods revealed.



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