



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

### **“The Bev and Alouise Bergeron Ring”**

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How many different shuffle arrangements can you get in a deck of cards?

This idea is a great introduction to any card trick in front of a math literate audience!  
You could probably just flash a single poster with  $52!$  (52 Factorial) and then show the  
incredibly large number with the exponent.

You don't have to spend a lot of time on the underlying math.

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**It really is the end of a magic era, the classic style traveling illusion show on a yearly route.**

The end was brought about by several factors:

- \*The Internet and instant ubiquitous secrets, as well as unlimited handheld amusement and shorter attention spans.
- \*The Mega destination resort where the audience moves and the complex show stays. These killed the smaller amusement attractions.

- \*The economic and social collapse of small towns and rural areas along with the dissolution of “community” which destroyed the marketing base.
- \*Competitive Capitalism without regard for local culture and art. Also seen in the end of local non-news TV programming and local radio.
- \*Complex Theatrical technology which makes everything else obsolete and mundane.
- \*The only economically viable magic market: Walk around and street magic.

I watched most of this happen during the 1980s to 2000.

In my regular show markets, as local factories closed in small towns, the economic base evaporated, downtowns died and only the regional Walmart survived.

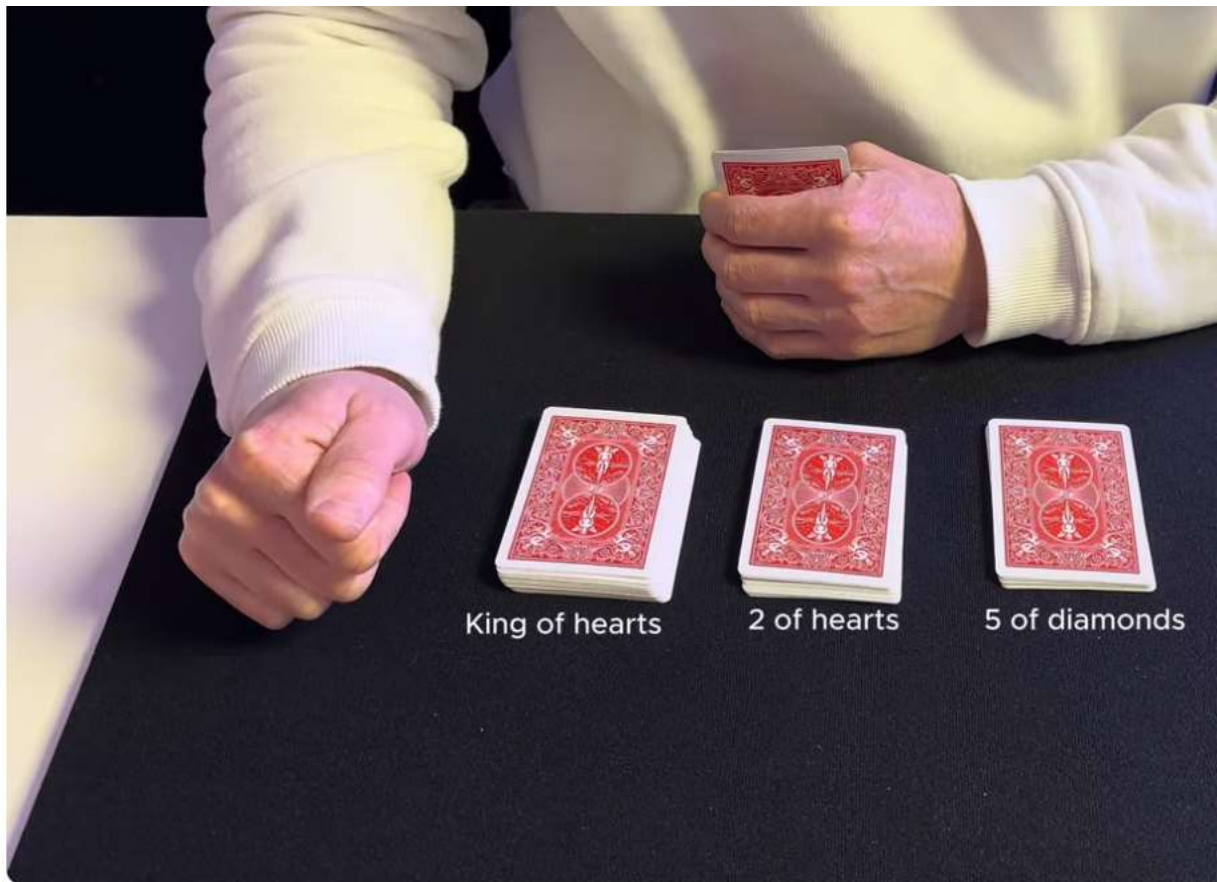
The pace quickened with the 2008 Great Recession and Malls began to die. Middle class and small-town America has not reverse the downward trend since Reaganomics.

In the meantime, more jobs are headed offshore, more social division, more Malls and stores close, less stage magic shows....

Sadly, for magicians, *America may never have great traveling stage magic illusion shows again.*

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I do not think that this works out overall for musicians or musicians.

The “pass the hat” crowd usually means less than your gas money.



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The classic Vanishing Bird Cage

Sadly it is exposed on line.

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**BIRD CAGE**



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