

December means our annual Holiday Show. And we had a good one. Mike Goldman was MC for the evening and he started out with a card on forehead routine. Bob Dorian then introduced the world famous escape artist, Paulini. You couldn't fool me though. I knew that it was really Nick Paul. He claimed he could break Houdini's record for the straight jacket escape. He went behind a curtain and the clock started. Two minutes later, he was still struggling so Mike introduced the next act, Ziggy, who performed two dove productions including balloon to dove. We checked and Paulini was still struggling. So new member Harry Mandel performed his Kitchen Magician routine that, to us magicians, is the hand chopper. We checked and Paulini was still struggling. Mike Goldman returned with another card interlude. We checked and Paulini was still struggling. Junior member TJ Tana followed with dollar bill to pineapple and juggled three, then four, then five balls followed by three knives. We checked and Paulini was still struggling. Bob Dorian was back with little 12 years old Nicole Homburger who drew a picture of a freely selected card and then, while blindfolded, drew another picture of a freely selected Disney character. Art and magic, this kid is good! Mike was back with the Bullet Trick. We checked and Paulini was still struggling. Bob Weinowitz sucked the air out of two balloons and his stomach grew to twice its size. He then expelled all that air and his stomach returned to its normal size. A pretty freaky effect. Kevin Rhodehouse followed with Daryl's Rope Routine. And he did the whole thing. Then his son assisted in his performance of the Banana/Bandana Trick. We checked and Paulini was still struggling. Wayne Haarhaus was next up and did this thing with arrows pointed all over the place to help find Santa Claus in a department store. He followed that with a jumbo bill counting effect that Mike Close calls A Visit from Rocco. Only thing, Wayne made the patter much more topical. He talked about automakers and banks looking for Christmas presents called bailouts. It was really good. Mike Goldman followed with a

different version of Card to Forehead and Bill White and his dog Magic closed the show with really nice turn. And oh yes, we opened the curtain and Paulini was sleeping. Later.

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