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I know it's time for the November communication, but I'm not done with October yet. Last month, I mis-wrote. Oh, by the way since you are reading this in January, I hope everyone out there had a wonderful holiday season and that your new year is off to a happy healthy start. I'm sorry, my mind wanders sometimes. As I said, I mis-wrote in October. Kevin Rhodehouse has actually performed on four continents, not three. I had to get that out of my system and give Kevin proper credit.

New paragraph. We had a lecture in November and it was presented by Joshua Jay. Let me tell you, Joshua is truly one of the really nice guys in magic. He came by three hours early and held a private workshop attended by about ten members. He presented material that was different from that in his lecture and the guys had one-to-one instruction from Joshua himself.

When the lecture started, there had to be 50-60 people in the peanut gallery. I say that because many of the 26 members of our junior ring stayed after their meeting to learn from Joshua. He started off using a tape measure to predict a spectator's height. When the tape measure was stretched out, there was an "X" covering a randomly chosen spectator's height in inches. Next was Charming Chinese Coins where three coins penetrate off of a ribbon. Next, he demonstrated one of his signature pieces - Ambitious Card to TV Remote. Then he performed his unique version of the Six Card Repeat followed by his version of selected card found inside an Ace bandage wrapped around his thumb. "His version" suggests that there is more than one version of Card-In-Ace-Bandage-Wrapped-Around-Thumb. I don't think there is. Do you? He then closed the first half with an item called Split Decision. It's a really nice card effect that

Joshua actually uses to close his set when doing strolling magic. After earning enough money to cover a month's rent for his newly acquired digs in Manhattan (that's the City to us Long Islanders) the second half started with Joshua's take on the any card at any number plot. In Joshua's version, the selected card shows up inside a book and the selected page number. By the way, rent is not cheap in the City. Next cleanly vanished three coins, one at a time, using a flipper coin and a shell. The vanish of the last coin was so simple but so nice. To wrap things up, he then spent time discussing and demonstrating the Overlap gimmick. He performed an assembly with regular cards and a nice parlor routine using jumbo cards. He would have done more, but we had to exit the room.

Joshua said he does not lecture much so, if the opportunity ever arises to line him up for a lecture, jump on it. You will not, I say will not be disappointed. By the way, Joshua, since you are now a "local", I know of a really nice magic club out on Long Island.

Bill Krupskas, O.M.