

Upcoming courses a labor of love for city man

Classes simply magic

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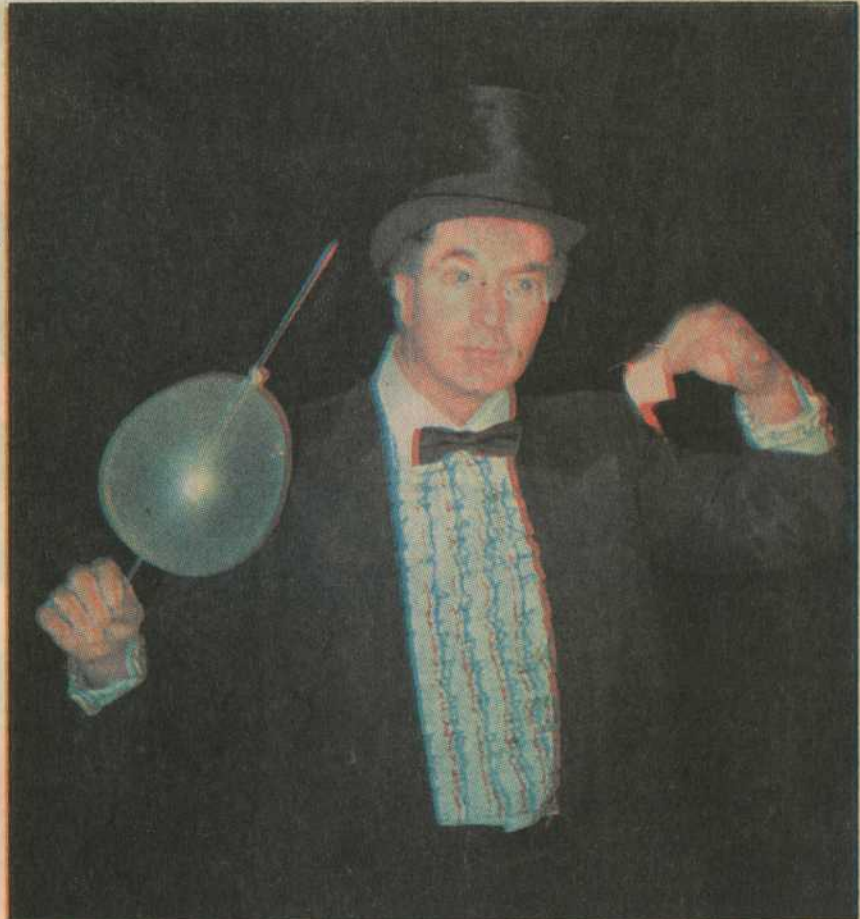
Magician Daniel Mullen is holding workshops next month to teach the tricks of his trade to other lovers of magic.

"My interest in magic started when I was nine and right up to this time I'm still performing and getting a great deal of pleasure from it," says the Rossmore resident.

Mullen, who is perhaps better known by his second persona of Wild Joker, will offering magician workshops for teens and young adults, beginning April 1.

He has performed professionally on a part-time basis for the past 13 years and says he derives a lot of pleasure from his viewers' expressions. He's bewildered spectators at Christmas and birthday parties, conventions, bars and restaurants during that time, and now wants to "give something back" to his craft.

"A lot of the emphasis is going to be placed on presentation — putting magic over in an entertaining way. So they'll learn it's not so much what you do, but how you do it," he says. "It's a great thing at a party. It's good,



Magician Daniel Mullen hopes to pass on his display of dazzling tricks to young people.

clean fun. It's a wholesome thing."

Mullen is also considering offering adult workshops in the future.

He's has worked in sales and says a magic trick is "a great ice-breaker." The tricks can also be related to a client's service or product. For example, he gave a performance for bank employees

and used money in the show.

The workshops for teenagers will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., one night a week, for five weeks. Cost is \$75 and there will be a limit of five or six students. At the end of the workshops, the students will put on a performance for their friends and family, says Mullen. To register, call Mullen at 968-3172.

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