

Houdini II makes math magical at camp

By John Minter
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The 90 kids at a math camp sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' Minority Achievement Program were treated to a visit by Houdini II, an African American magician.

The camp was held in July at Central Piedmont Community College and designed to introduce rising 6th graders and rising 7th

graders to pre-algebra and algebra skills. It included field trips, motivation and career speakers and, of course, Houdini II's magic act.

Students were selected from 44 elementary and middle schools from across the school system. Each earned a certificate for attending.

Houdini II, Modie Risher of Columbia, S.C., interweaves math and other academic skills into his act, in which he performs various escapes and

other tricks.

His appearances include a positive message for children and delighted the children at the math camp, said Nay Howell, the Minority Achievement coordinator who organized the camp.

Risher is a graduate of Benedict College with a

degree in therapeutic recreation. He has performed such feats as freeing himself from chains after being put in wooden box and thrown in a swimming pool.

He has also escaped from chains while dangling hundreds of feet in the air from a crane.

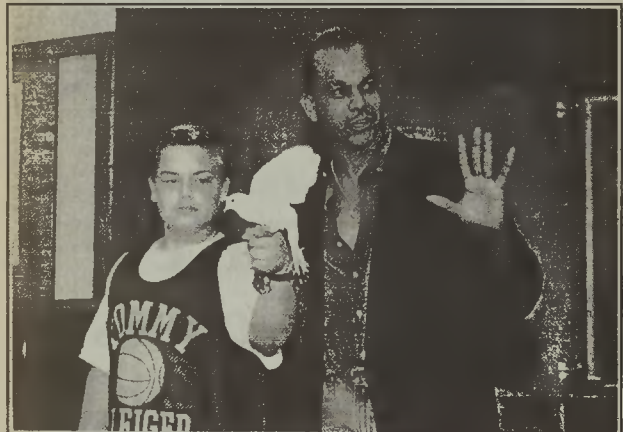


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Magician Modie Risher of Columbia, S.C. wows youngster at summer math camp at Central Piedmont Community College. Risher, known as Houdini II, performed last month at camp organized by minority achievement program.

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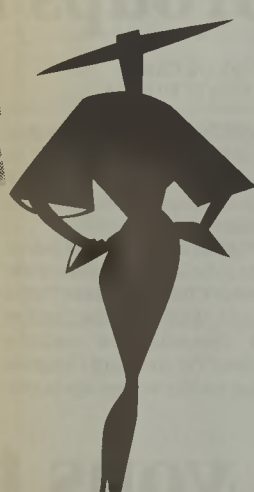
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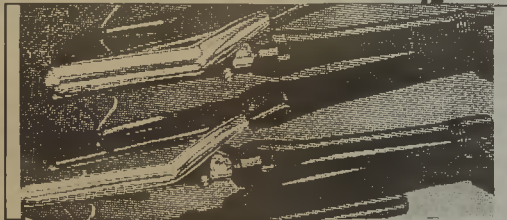
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