

**Julian Bond's**  
**“Home Video Prediction”**

**Effect:** Five randomly selected audience members provide five pieces of information, which are written on a board for the whole audience to see. The magician then plays one of his home videos, which shows him revealing the very same five pieces of information.

**What the audience sees:** On the stage stands a large writing board on a stand. The magician hands out an unopened pack of cards to the person on the end of the front row of the audience. He instructs them to open the pack and start shuffling, passing the cards along the front row for each person to shuffle.

The magician then randomly selects a person from the audience to come up to the stage. That person is given a large writing pad and a marker pen and asked to write down the name of any soft drink and hold the pad to himself so no one sees. The volunteer is handed a soft Frisbee, which he throws into the audience to select a second person.

The second person comes up to the stage. The magician produces a clear bag of multi-colored candy and the spectator is invited to take a handful and check that they are, in fact, all different colors. He is then asked to remove just one piece of candy at random. The color of this candy is written on the board. The first volunteer is asked to show what he wrote down (the soft drink). This is then written on the board, above the candy color.

The second person throws the Frisbee and a third volunteer is chosen to come up. He is given the writing pad and asked to write down the name of any cartoon character. Again the Frisbee is thrown and a fourth person comes up.

The pack of well-shuffled cards is retrieved from the front row and the fourth person selects one at random. The value and suit of the card are written on the board. The chosen cartoon character is revealed and is added to the board.

The magician addresses the fact that there may be some suspicious people in the audience who think that he is influencing the volunteers. So to disprove this, he invites the fourth person to throw out the Frisbee one last time. Whoever catches it is asked to stand up and call out the name of any day of the week. This is written on the board below the other four pieces of information.

The magician then plays a home video for the audience. It features himself, dressed in Hawaiian shirt and shorts, relaxing by a pool. He is drinking the drink as named by the first volunteer. The shirt is the color as named by the second spectator. He points out these two facts. As the camera backs away we see, sitting on a chair next to him, a large cuddly

stuffed version of the cartoon character as named by the third spectator. The character is also wearing a brightly colored shirt. The magician reaches into the top pocket of this shirt and pulls out a card. It matches the card chosen by the fourth person.

The magician is about to say goodbye and return to his delicious beverage, when he realizes that while the camera is still rolling, he just wants to make sure that this whole routine is going to be completely fair. He decides that he will get someone at random to call out a day of the week during the show. So he says, "...so in advance I just want to say 'thank you' to whoever in the audience called out \_\_\_day". The audience is stunned.

He returns to his drink and the video ends. He thanks the volunteers and they return to their seats to unprecedented levels of applause.

### **Notes about the illusion**

This is really a collection of five different predictions, each with its own method for success. Some are traditional; a couple of them are designs of my own. In any case, they weave together rather nicely into a 10-minute routine with potential for comedy, both spontaneous and scripted.

When I first performed this trick, I did not have the fifth prediction (day of the week) included. This came as a flash of inspiration several days after the show. I was kicking myself, as not only is it the most open and inexplicable prediction, but it is also one of the easiest to get right!

In this eBook, I will cover every aspect of preparing and performing this trick, including the filming of the video segment. There are a number of variations and alternatives to some of the features of the routine, and I cover them too.

A performance of this can be seen at [www.julianbondmusic.com/downloads.html](http://www.julianbondmusic.com/downloads.html) – it has been edited to save file size, but all the pertinent aspects of the trick are there.

A few things to remember...

- Each Frisbee is thrown by a volunteer and whoever catches it comes up.
- The video is played exactly as recorded – no camera tricks or editing.
- The color and card are the only limited choices. All others (the drink, the cartoon character and the day of the week) are completely free.

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