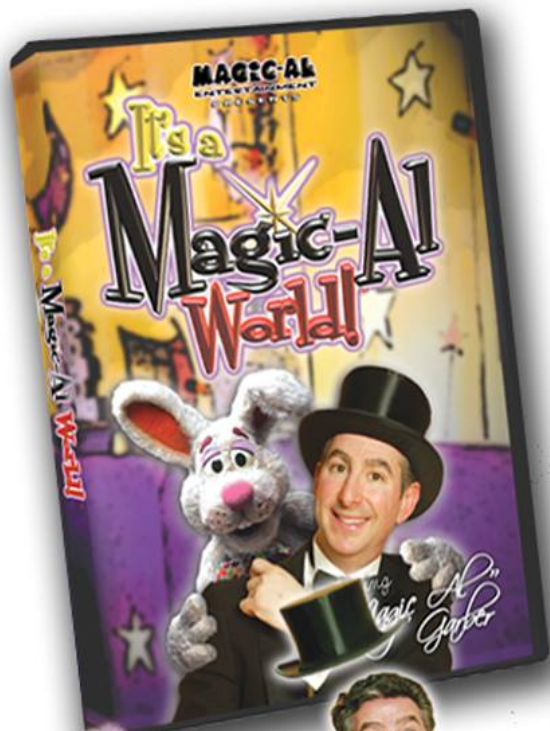


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GREAT IDEAS FOR YOUR NEXT 48 HOURS

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## 2 MOVIE

**V FOR VENDETTA** (Warner Bros.; R) Can Natalie Portman save England from tyranny and oppression? In this powerful futuristic thriller from the masterminds behind the *Matrix* trilogy, anything's possible.

## 3 BOOK

**PRETTY LITTLE DIRTY, BY AMANDA BOYDEN** (Vintage Books; \$14) Boyden's gripping debut novel follows childhood pals from their first game of truth or dare down the rabbit hole of sex, drugs, and rock and roll. A brutally real reminder of the awesome power, and responsibility, of being a best friend.

## 4 WEB

**WWW.FAMILYTRAVELNETWORK.COM** It's never too early to plan that summer getaway. Includes destination reviews as well as tips to ensure your travels are fun for all.

## 5 DVD

**GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK** (Warner

# Greatest magicians heading for resort

Showtime by  
**Ron Ellis**



HUNDREDS of performers from around the world are heading to Southport for the Annual International Brotherhood of Magicians, British Ring Convention.

For four days, behind closed doors, there will be shows, lectures, competitions, and workshops.

For the public there will be an amazing Children's Show and Street Magic at the Southport Arts Centre Theatre on Saturday September 15 at 2.30pm. Tickets £7.50 (concessions £6). Topping an all-star bill is, direct from New York, Magic Al and Yikes the bunny.

The climax of the week's activities is the International Stars of Magic Show at the Southport Theatre on Saturday September 15 at 8pm.

Tickets are just £20 and available from the Box Office, 01704 500036.

Produced by Formby impresario, Paul Stone, for one night only, this will be a fantastic Magic Show with a touch of variety for good



**Magic Al, with Yikes the Bunny**

measure featuring several of the world's greatest magicians and comedy entertainers including: Vik & Fabrini, direct from a record-breaking 17-year run at the Crazy Horse Nightclub in Paris; The great Thomsoni & Co, headliners at Las Vegas; Murray Hatfield & Teresa, Canada's premier Illusionists; Paul Zenon, the UK's top TV magician; the hilarious Les Bubb; football juggler Erik Borgman; 'Stringfever', the sensational electric string quartet.

The show is hosted by Hollywood's Robert Baxt, and music is from the Ian Mac Band.

Many of these top acts are kindly staying on to appear in 'WOW', a Charity Show in aid of Claire House Children's Hospice which is being staged at The Arts Centre the following night, Sunday September 16, at 7pm. Also on the bill will be The Mazeppa Cossack Dancers and Dan Dunn's incredible 'Paint Jam'.

Tickets for WOW are £15 (Concessions £12.50) and are selling fast but are still available from the Arts Centre Box Office, 01704 540011 or 0151 934 2141. Or book online at [www.seftonarts.co.uk](http://www.seftonarts.co.uk)