

Local Teen, Matt Schick, Appears on WZBN TV's Mercer County Close-up

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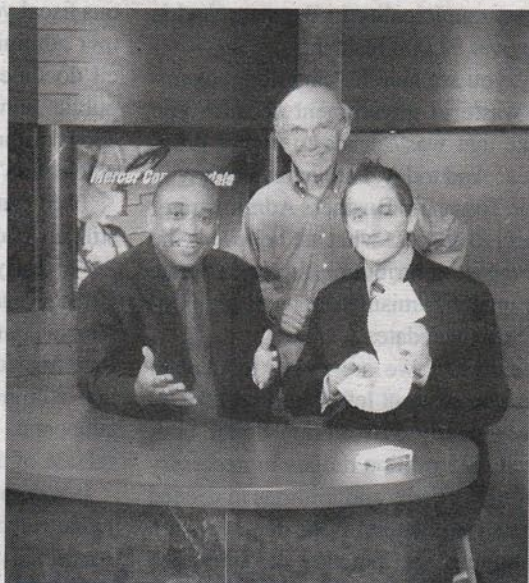
Robbinsville High School Senior Matt Schick spends much, if not most of his time, performing magic. Just last January, Matt hosted Beyond Belief, a benefit performance featuring renowned Guinness World Record Holder John Cassidy, Nick Lange, Chad Juros, and parts of his own act, to benefit the Spread the Magic Foundation and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This year, he is planning to do it all over again; only this time, he's hitting the boob tube.

Seventeen year old Matt Schick appeared on the WZBN TV 25's Mercer County Close-Up segment that spotlights area figures from mayoral candidates to local festival organizers to... now...you guessed it...magicians.

Schick, interviewed at the Trenton studios on September 28th, spoke of his passion for learning and fascination with the art of magic. "For eight years I have lived a life filled with magic and magicians, and I can't think of a day without it."

Anchor Tony Cornish Jr., who conducted the interview, spoke of his impressions of the young magician, "We loved having him in studio. Matt is an extraordinary man. I am so impressed by his poise. He is going to be one of the world's leading magicians. When I am around this man, I feel such promise."

Matt has traveled to Las Vegas to study with Lance Burton and Jeff McBride and has brushed elbows with the likes of David Copperfield and Criss Angel. Just last



Wednesday Matt appeared on Travel Channel's hit TV show Extreme Conventions. Even so, landing an interview with WZBN was a thrill, "I really enjoyed the interview and was honored that they contacted me for an interview. I love doing what I can for the community."

And community was what anchor Tony Cornish Jr. deemed key for Schick's future success, "The whole Robbinsville community should get behind this man."

And community can, in fact, get behind Matt and join him for Beyond Belief II, again at the Robbinsville High School Auditorium on January 30, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased on www.magicof-matt.com beginning toward the end of October.

The episode of Mercer County Close-Up premiered Thursday September 31st on WZBN TV 25. ♦