



During his magic shows, Jacobson is assisted by his girlfriend, Jenny Greenebaum of Birmingham, a student at Kingswood Cranbrook

in Bloomfield Hills. He used to use his mother in the act, but now Greenebaum is the one who gets sawed apart.

# Teen-age magician is an 8-year veteran

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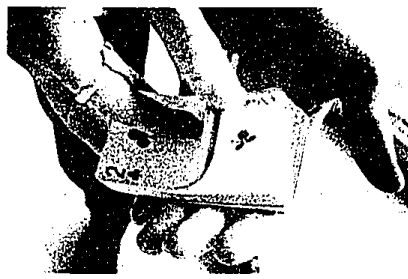
IT WOULD SEEM Jacobson's path was pre-ordained. He was born on the birthday of Harry Blackstone Sr., in the same hospital Harry Houdini died.

"I was seven years old when my grandma took me to Tel-Twelve mall and they had a magic club called the Mystics that put on shows. I got interested when I saw how much fun it was. My dad used to get mad when I went to meetings. Then we dragged him to a meeting and he got into it."

Mike Jacobson, Matt's father and manager, laughs ruefully. "I saw that this was really very marketable: somebody young entertaining the family crowd."

Young Matt's first trick was called the "stratosphere," involving multi-colored balls, and his first professional show was a birthday party. "I did hundreds of birthday parties."

A stint at the Colon (Mich.) Magic Convention led to friendship with noted illusionist Harry Blackstone Sr. ("Harry taught me to be more spontaneous on stage") and national exposure. "Entertainment Tonight" was filming at the August convention, and they put me on. He also has appeared on "P.M.



Jacobson has the magic touch with a deck of cards.

Magazine," as well as in local shows.

WITH THAT KIND of background, you'd expect to find a hardened Hollywood show-biz brat. Not at all. Jacobson is actually an open, charming, likeable, gum-chewing high schooler with a messy room, who can also wriggle out of a straitjacket. His concerns are typically adolescent.

"I want to have fun, enjoy what I'm doing. I enjoy making people happy and seeing the looks on people's faces." Despite being hooked on applause, Jacobson has sidelin-

ed his entertainment career for education. "I've cut way back on bookings because school leaves me little time," said the Andover High School junior. Instead of working last summer, he studied abroad.

Tickets to "Matt's Family Magic Show" are available at the Community House, 380 S. Bates. Tickets are \$2. The show includes two Harry Houdini effects and major Las-Vegas-style illusions. For more information call the Program Department at the Community House, 644-5832.

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