Allen taps life in B'ham for laughs

Tim Allen is a First Amendment comic, supporting the right to deliv-er any kind of material the perform-er feels comfortable with — blue or

er any kind of material uso performer feels confortable with — blue or otherwise.

"I have defended the right to do blue material because I've always include the material because I've always include homeomer comic making it on the national scene. "I never hough Bill (Soaby was that funny, When I first saw George Carlin, I was amazed, Richard Pryor absolutely made me howl. I still like to do it (blue material) now and then."

When asked why such material is a palatable option for younger, less experienced comics, Allen offered an analogy. "If a rock band's music is lousy, they just turn up the amps louder when they play. In the same way, comics overcome a lousy act

with volume or blue material. I used it when I needed it. Back then, I didn't have much else."

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"I'm a homebody," said Allen, a 1971 graduate of Birmingham Scablom High School. "I've parlayed that into material about suburban males being pigs. The only thing were good for is lawn care and vehicle maintenance."

Allen's handliness around the house is unquestioned. He considers going to the Sears Craftsman tool depart-ment a major rite of manhood. When his vaccum wasn't working, he in-stalled a Buick V6 engine to get it going again. He uses his McCullough leaf blower for dusting.

langal in the following better, in said.

Saying he never did what he want-ed to after getting a degree in communications from Western Michigan University, Allen was prompted by a writer friend to try a local open mike night about 10 years ago. He spent time in his basement coming up with 30 minutes of material for that first night, which resulted in his becoming a regular at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle.

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By 1985, he had beadlined for the first time — at the Punchline in Atlanta. He opened for bands like Kool & The Gang and The Spianers. Finally, he got some television credits, appearing on Showtime's Comedy Club Hetwork, the Showtime Comedy All-Stars and a recent Rodney Danger-field special on HBO.

HIs earlier image may have been

a reason why Allen was also included in a motion picture called "Comedy's Dirtlest Dozen," a film that is completed, but having trouble geting released.

"Some of the comics are stepping on some very line lines," Allen said.
"I think some people are reluctant to distribute It."

Allen hopes the future keeps him and Laura, his wife of five years, in the Detroit area. He hopes to bal-ance his show business star, which is still climbing, with the hometown he loves.

ics that are from Detroit," Allen said. "I just wish I was one of them."

Tim Allen will appear Tuesday, June 27, through Friday, July 1, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 2593 Woodward, Berkley. For res-ervations, call 542-9900.



Comedian Tim Allen is at home with things like a power drill. He considers going to the Sears Craftsman tool department a major rite of manhood.

COMEDY CLUBS

Here are some listings of comedy clubs in our area. To let us know who is appearing at your club, send the information to: Comedy Listings, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

● BEA'S KITCHEN
Downtown Tany Brown will perform along with Steeter Murray and
Carls Franklin on Friday and Saturday, June 30 and July 1, at Bea's
Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit, Showtimes are 9 pm. and 11:15
p.m. For Information, call 961-2581.

• CHAPLIN'S EAST
Randy Montgomery will appear
Wednesday-Saturday, June 28 to
July 1, at Chaplin's East, 3424
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Dave Dugan will appear Thursday-Saturday, June 29 to July 1, at
Chaplin's Plymouth in the Plymouth
Hilton, 1470? Northville Road,
Plymouth. For information, call 4544680.

CHAPLIN'S WEST

Tom Anzalone will appear Tues-day-Saturday, June 27 to July 1, at Chaplin's West, 18890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For infor-

mation, call 533-8866.

● COMEDY SPORTZ
Comedy Sportz at the Heldelburg
with have improvisational comedy at
8:39 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday and
Saturday, The club is at 215 N. Main,
Ann Arbor. Showtimes are 8:30 p.m.
and 11 p.m. For reservations, call
975-8888.

HOLLY HOTEL

HOLLY HOTEL
 Pat Paulsen will perform Thursday, June 30, through Saturday, July
 1, at Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley,
 Holly. Show times are 8:30 p.m. with additional 10:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday. For information,

call 634-1819.

LOONEY BIN II
 Leo DuFour will perform Friday-Saturday, June 30 and July 1, at Toe Looney Bin at The Rozy, 1-94 and Haggerty. Showtimes are 9 p.m. Friday and 8 and 10 p.m. Saturday. There's a 5 cover charge. For infor-mation, call 699-1829.

· MAINSTREET

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RIE Schrader will perform Friday
through Sunday, June 30, July 1-2, at
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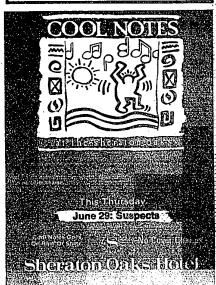


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