A trip down Laugh Avenue

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Mike Veneman may be the star of
the show at Joey's Comedy Club
Wednesday through Saturday, Oct.
25-28, but it's business as usual for
the comedian whose life has taken a

the comedian whose life has taken a long and funny road.
It originates from his Ohio base criss-crossing the country spreading his own brand of humor. He's al-ready put 76,000 miles on his less than two-year-old car and that doesn't include the miles traveled in stralages.

than two-year-old car and that doesn't include the miles traveled in airplanes.

But driving is better than flying for the man who once described an airport as "Mardi Gras gone mad."

Veneman has performed in Destrict twice since he became a full-time stand-up councidan three years and the stand-up councidant three years to happins. East. Show-gener who missed those shows might have seen in the property of the standard of the

Hillarities Comedy Club in Clewcland. The club's booking agent asked him to work professionally in the club and he's been working steadily as a comedian ever since.

At the time Veneman won the amateur night contest, he was a programs counselor at Kent State University.

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Comedian Mike Veneman has already put 76,000 miles on his car of two years.

"THAT MEANS I guided students in the school of physical education, recreation and dance," he said. At the same time he was pursuing a doctorate in education administration.

On down days, he sometimes wonders if he could still get his quickly with "Im only loking." Veneman was the class clown in high school and has enjoyed making his friends laugh for as long as he can remember. His humor is observational comer. His humor is observational comercials, people's actions and see some of them as ridiculous," he said.

sald.
As for the "Watch for Ice on the

As for the "Watch for see on the Bridge" sign, Veneman responds, "Now what do I do?"

As for a sign he saw in a funeral home parking lot that read "Parking for customers only" he muses if parking there means automatic

denth.
"Have we got drive up and die funeral homes now?" he asked.
While observational comedy was the mainstay of his act for a long white that is changing, changing, they've got to keep changing," because of his recent marriage to Cris.
"She is a very funny person with an incredible sense of humor and is doing a lot of my writing now." Veneman said. "We both can see the humor in everyday man-woman re-

doing a lot of my writing now,"
Veneman said. "We both can see the humor in everyday man-woman rehationships. We look for the humor in our relationship to one another and how we relate to everybody and they relate to us.

"So the routine is taking a whole new turn these days. But It's still about all of the funny and absurd things all around us."

JOE BIELASKA, owner and operator of Joey's, met Veneman in Las Vegas during a Comedy and Club Owners Convention. The sole purpose of the convention is to showcase comedians. — 40 of them a day from some convention in the convention.

"It was the first time Veneman performed at the convention.
"It was the first time Veneman performed on stage with the audience illed with writers, producers, agents — but also a real honor to be allowed to perform there," he said.

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Mike Veneman will perform a Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 25-27, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28.

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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, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

 BEA'S COMEDY KITCHEN
 Downtown Tony Brown will perform with Tim Betterfield and Rick
 Schultz Friday-Saturday, Oct. 27-28,
 at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541
 Larned, Detroit, Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

CHAPLIN'S EAST
 Roste O'Donnell will perform
 Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 25-26, at
 Chaplin's East, 34244 Groesbeck,
 Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m.
 Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30
 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and 8:30
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 For information, call 792-1902.

CHAPLIN'S PLYMOUTH
 Randy Montgomery will perform
 Wednesday Saturday, Oct. 25-28, at
 Chaplin's Plymouth in the Plymouth
 Radisson, 14707 Northville Road,
 Plymouth, For information, call 454680.

• CHAPLIN'S WEST

Brian Regan will perform Tues-day-Saturday, Oct. 24-28, at Chap-lin's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

HOLLY HOTEL

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 Jason Stuart will perform along with Don Borta and Karl Anthony
 Thursday-Schurday, Oct. 26-28, at Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly
 Show times are 6:30 p.m. with additional 19:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday. For information, call 634-1891.

• JOEY'S LIVONIA

Mike Veneman will perform
Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 26-28, at
Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Piymouth Road, Livonia. Show times are
9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30
and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-0555.

© LOONEY BIN
Skeeter Murray will perform
Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 26-28, at
the Wolverine Lounge and Looney
Bin Comedy Club, 1655 Glengary,
Walled Lake, Show times are 9 p.m.
Friday and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Satur-

day. For information, call 569-9374.

Count Jonathon will perform on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, at the Looney Bin Too at the Roxy, 1-94 and Haggarty, Belleville. For reser-vations, call 599-1829.

MISS KITTY'S
Michael Casper will perform
Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-28, at
Miss Kitty's Comedy Clob, Long
Branch Restaurant, 595 N. Laper
Road, Oxford. Show times are 8 p.m.
Thursday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday
and Saturday, For information, call
628-6500.

• MAINSTREET

MAINS I REF Rita Rudner will perform Wednes-day-Thursday, Oct. 25-26, and John Riggi will perform Friday-Saturday, Oct. 27-28, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Ar-bor. For information, call 996-9080.

SECOND CITY
Second City Touring Company will
perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4,
at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Libcrty, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$12.50
and \$15. For information, call 99MUSIC.

Comedy show to benefit MDA

WJBK-TV Channel 2, in conjunction with Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, will present "Stand Up and Laugh" 8 pm. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Hollday Inn-Livonia West.

The comedy extravaganza will feature Ray Combs of the television game show "Family Feed." Proceeds from the event will benefit the

Muscular Dystropay Association.
Tickets are \$15 and are available through Ticketmaster Ticket Centers. To charge tickets by phone, call 645-666. People must be 21 and old-er to attend.
Appearing along with Combs will be local comedians Norm Stultz, Norma Zager and Eric Champnella.

Special guests scheduled to appear will be Mark Ridley, MDA Telethon co-host Bruck Kirk of WJBK-TV, feature reporter Pierre Kimsey and MDA State Poster Children Tania and Shannon Rice. For Information, call 476-2920 be-tween 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Priday.



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