

## 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, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

● **Bea's Comedy Kitchen**  
Alura Shelton, Reubin, Reubin and Downtowna Toy Brown will perform Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2551.

● **Chaplain's East**  
Rich Jeal will perform along with Paul DeGullo and Tommy Chunn Wednesday-Saturday, March 16-17, at Chaplain's East, 3424 Grosbeck, Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 792-1902.

● **Chaplain's West**  
Scott Novaty, along with Dave Klein and Steve Ellis, will perform Tuesday-Saturday, March 13-17, at Chaplain's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 523-8666.

● **Chaplain's Plymouth**  
Daney Stortz will perform Wednesday through Saturday, March 14-17, at the Plymouth Radisson, 14707 Northville, Plymouth. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 454-4680.

● **Comedy Castle**  
Gary Hardwick will perform Tuesday through Thursday, March 13-15, and Dennis Wolfberg performs Friday and Saturday, March 16-17, at the Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. For reservations, call 542-9900.

● **Duffy's**  
Bob French Comedy Show will take place 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at Duffy's, 8635 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake. Admission is \$7. For information, call 363-9469.

● **Mainstreet**  
Wayne Cotter will perform Friday and Saturday, March 16-17, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcases, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30

and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 996-9080.

● **Joey's Livonia**  
Lowell Sanders will perform Thursday-Saturday, March 14-17, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth, east of Levan, Livonia. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-0555.

● **Joey's Allen Park**  
Billy Garan will perform Wednesday-Saturday, March 14-17, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports Emporium, Southfield Road, Allen Park. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 393-7041.

● **Holly Hotel**  
Zeke Robinson and Gary Thison will perform Thursday through Saturday, March 15-17, at Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. Pat Paulsen will do a special show on Saturday, March 17. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 634-1891.

● **Miss Kitty's**  
Jef Brannan and Franke will perform Thursday-Saturday, March 15-17, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restaurant, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 628-6500.

● **Looney Bin**  
Tim Butterfield will perform with special guests Dan Logan and Gilda Hauser Thursday-Saturday, March 15-17, at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Restaurant and Comedy Club, 1655 Glenary, Walled Lake. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 669-9374.

● **Looney Bin Too**  
Joe Dunkel will perform on Friday and Saturday, March 16-17, at The Roxy Looney Bin Too, 11175 Haggerty, Belleville. For reservations, call 699-1829.

● **Sam Kinison**  
Sam Kinison will perform 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 16-17, at Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$20. For information, call 567-6900.



Pat Paulsen, who has been a presidential candidate in elections since 1968, is gearing up for the next election. His slogan: "Pat Can Do in '92."

# Pat Paulsen 'one lines' it to presidency ... he hopes

By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

Want one liners? Comedian Pat Paulsen rolls them off like bocci balls down a slanted table.

"Hey, I was through Livonia once. I went to the library and borrowed their book."

"People criticize me running for political office. They say I'm unqualified. I resent that. I'm as crooked as the next guy."

Hey, and this guy wants to be president? Such material might not fly in the Oval Office. Ask Dan Quayle.

But the routine tickles them in comedy clubs around the country. Paulsen's comedy platform is simple: Let's not get too cerebral. Let's not get too raunchy. Just make them laugh.

Reviewers have said Paulsen's stage show of silly one liners and corny folk songs is quite underrated.

That can be a testament to Paulsen's comedic ability, or speaks to an oversaturated medium where pure funny men are becoming harder to come by. Take your pick.

Paulsen's humor is timeless. So is his political platform. On crime: "We need to stop crime." On war: "War is bad. We shouldn't have wars." On the deficit: "The deficit should be brought down."

Paulsen has been a presidential candidate in elections since 1968 (no mention of the 1976 election), running on both the Democratic and Republican tickets at various times.

ALREADY, Paulsen is gearing up for the next election. His slogan: "Pat Can Do in '92." He'll run as a Democrat because "there's already a lot of comedians running... I figure why not one more?"

His aspirations for the highest office are quite clear.

"I like the idea of being president because if I mess around with another man's wife, and he comes looking

for me, the Secret Service would shoot him."

Some would believe his comedic career started on the first run of "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour." The hit show of the late '60s is where he first announced his candidacy for President. Not so.

Actually, Paulsen used to perform as a folk singer in San Francisco. He worked in the same clubs (Ann's 44, Jack's Waterfront Hangout and the Purple Onion) as Lenny Bruce.

The cops used to wait in the back of the room," Paulsen said. "If he would say one word, just one word, they would come up and grab him and throw him in jail. Now Andrew Dice Clay sells out Madison Square Garden with words."

Unlike some comedic moralists, Paulsen doesn't begrudge Clay and partner in profanity Sam Kinison. He believes their success is well-earned, although he wouldn't use the same type of humor.

"I watch Andrew Dice Clay and Sam Kinison and laugh my ass off," Paulsen said. "Then I put it back on and leave."

LAUGHS ARE ONLY PART of the Pat persona. He's a successful wine maker with Pat Paulsen Vineyards, which produces 30,000 cases of premium wine a year.

He's also a producer. He co-owns 700-seat Cherry County Playhouse in Traverse City where Don Knotts, John Forsythe, Vicki Lawrence, William Shatner and Phyllis Diller have all performed.

Business brings him to the state often, including a regular tour of the club circuit. His latest stop will be Saturday, March 17, at the Holly Hotel.

"I'm going to be looking for Michael Moore, too," said Paulsen, speaking about the well-known Flint filmmaker. "I keep up on these things. I'm going to find out what he's done with all of the money he's made from that movie."

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