Underachiever? Intelligent guy who acts stupid?

Jeff Simms: Working his magic with humor and slight of hand

What does the guy want? Some quarters so he can play some video games and by a Big Gulp?
Decked out in torn blue jeans and one those black Tshirts to set strobe light, on fire, his strawberry blooks like the quinessential subrham underactions. Jeff Simms looks like the quinessential subrham underactions of the set of the subrham underactions. The substantial subrham underactions are substantially substant

Simms, 28, can also be quite the curious observationalist.

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Simms can also dazzle the eye with some unbellevable card tricks as Simbo the Magic Dude. He is a graduate of the Chaver College of Manual Dexterity and Prestidigitation. In other words, he went to magic school.

ic school.

In fact, Simms spent 20 weeks in Colon, Mich., attending class with eight other hopeful magicians. He camped outside the entire time, catching catfish and trading it in for wood.

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After graduating, Simms worked the comedy circuit for a while. He returned to school and became in-

returned to school and became involved in theater.

At Henry Ford College's Adray
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Auditarium, Simms has performed
the role of Corin in "As You Like It,"
the dentiat, Orin, in "Little Shop of
Horrors" and as the teacher, James
Leeds, in "Children of a Lesser God."
Simms spent seven months learning sign language in preparation for
the role in "Children of a Lesser
God."

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During the day, Simms uses his sleight of hand skills to "unlock the magic in Oreo" as part of a Nabisco promotional campaign. He appears with the Oreo Cookle Man ("He's a trip") at area stores.

Using sign language, though, Simms was able to perform for a group by people who are deaf at a Meijler's outlet in Filin.

This summer, Simms decided to re-enter the comedy club circuit. He simply went to an open-mike night at Joey's.

HE'S APPEARED at Joey's of Livonia and will be perform Friday and Saturday, July 26-27, at Joey's in Believille and Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 7-10, at Joey's in Al-len Park.

"I got tired of being a starving artist," he said. "I need money now. It's a great tool. I get to stand up there and talk to people."

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In the process, Simms likes to make them think a little bit. He discusses such topical things as \$600 tollet seats purchased by the government and lending \$500 million in grain to Saddam Hussein's country right before the Guil War — "Do you have to the saddam the series of the saddam the sadd



Jeff Simms describes himself as an intelligent kind of guy who just acts stupid, but that doesn't quite describe comedic sense of

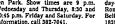
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COMEDY CASTLE
 Peter Berman will appear with
Breat Cushman Tuesday-Saturday,
June 11-15, at the Comedy Castle,
269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. Show time

. JOEY'S ALLEN PARK

Darwis Allen PARK
Darwis Illees will perform
Wednesday-Saturday, June 12-15, at
Joey's Comedy Club and Sports Emporium, 15246 Southfield Road, Alien Park, Show times are 9 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 and
10:45 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For
information, call 382-7041.



● JOEY'S LIVONIA
Mike Orenatein will perform
Wednesday-Saturday, June 12-15, at
Joey's Comedy Club, Stoyan's
Seafood & Steakhouse, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. For information
or reservations, call 261-0555.

JOEY'S AT THE ROXY
 Janine Gardner will perform Friday-Saturday, June 14-15, at The Roxy, Haggerty Road, near 1-94, Belleville. For information, call 699-

HOLLY HOTEL
 Lowell Sanders will perform with
 Don Borns and Tom Franck Thursday-Saturday, June 13-15, at the Holity Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly,
 Show times are 8:30 pm. Thursday,
 2:30 and 10:30 pm. Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call 6341891.

MISS KITTY'S
 Lou Warren will perform with Pe-

ter Schwaba Friday-Saturday, June 14-15, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. For information, call 628-

MAINSTREET

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Taylor Mason will appear FridaySaturday, June 14-15, at MainStreet
Cornedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty,
Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30 and
11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m.
Saturday. For information, call 996980

BEA'S COMEDY CLUB
 Skeeter Murry and Downtown
 Tony Brown will perform Friday Saturday, June 14-15, at Bea's Comedy Club, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show
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