

Paula packs political punch

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Special writer

"In what will probably be the most bizarre comedy double bill of the summer, Paula Poundstone comes to Pine Knob this week as an opener for Alan King. Well, he's a funny guy and all, but we're talking two different audiences here — "thirtysomething" vs. "thirtysomething." "Well, I've thought of the same thing," Poundstone said with a laugh during an interview last week from her house in Los Angeles. "It might be a problem, but I hope not. I try to think of every possible disaster that can cross my mind." She had absolutely no idea how the pairing was arranged, she said. It's only a two-night deal, with the Pine Knob show being repeated the next day in Chicago. It could be an interesting couple of days for Poundstone. But if anybody can handle it, she can.

COMEDY CLUBS

Here are listings of some comedy clubs in the area. To let us know who is appearing at your club, send the information to: Comedy Listings, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36291 Woodward, Livonia 48150.

● CHAPLIN'S EAST

Barry Martin will appear with Al Ruggas and Gilda Hauser Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 6-10, at Chaplin's East, 34244 Grobeck, Fraser. For information, call 792-1907.

● CHAPLIN'S WEST

Ken Sifara will appear Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 6-10, at Chaplin's West, 16890 Telegraph Road, one block south of Six Mile, Detroit. Admission is \$12. For information, call 533-8886.

● COMEDY CASTLE

"Downtown" Tony Brown will appear Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 6-7, and Bruce Baum Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 8-10, at the Comedy Castle, 209 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. Show time is 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Her ability to adapt to audiences and perform a different show each night has earned her respect and accolades from her peers, critics and audiences alike. Poundstone was the 1989 American Comedy Award winner for Best Female Stand-Up and has made countless network and cable television appearances.

"I'VE BEEN at this quite a while, and I have a lot of material. It's not like I never repeat anything. It has a lot to do with the audience on a given night. Just out of sheer boredom, you have to rotate your material, you know."

Poundstone also had some opinions about playing a larger outdoor venue, vs. the more intimate comedy club.

"I think everybody's act works better (in a small club). If you could see Bruce Springsteen in a small place, I'm sure you'd do it. But I just did an outdoor thing in Cincinnati last week. It can be done."



Paula Poundstone

HER ACT can be straight observational quips about life in the '90s, or sometimes she can go completely warped.

Body language is a key element in Poundstone's delivery. She has been known to perform her material draped over stools, wrapped in the microphone cord or just plain flat on her back.

The news is always ripe pickings for material, and Poundstone likes to inject her opinions into what's happening.

"I feel that when you have someone's attention, it's probably a good idea to say something somewhat worthwhile."

George Bush is one of her favorite topics lately, and she is definitely not among his fans. Poundstone jokingly alluded to thinking about running for president next year, since none of the Democrats seem to be mounting a significant challenge.

"PAT PAULSEN (the comedian who has run a mock presidential campaign in according to the last dozen leap years) and I were thinking about running together."

Talk about an illiterate ticket. Poundstone thinks she has figured out what prompts the American public to vote the way it has for the last three elections (she's not much of a Reagan fan, either).

"People think that someone who is not devious cannot deal in world politics. I think people are comforted by the fact that they lie."

DESPITE HER disdain for Bush, she did conclude her political musings on a more hopeful note.

"Now that Poo-wee Herman is a threat to every man, woman and child in America, the heck with Bush — it's this guy we have to worry about now."

Paula Poundstone performs with Alan King 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston. Tickets are available at the Pine Knob and Palace box offices, all Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at 645-6666.

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