

# STREET CRACKS

## Sharp: Coming 'home'

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The Comedy Castle has set up shop in six different locations in the metro area and Tim Sharp has appeared in five of them.

He'll be back for the last show and grand finale at the Berkley location before Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle moves on to yet another spot.

Sharp, who got his start as a comedian in the Detroit area with the Dick Purtan Show on WXYZ radio, is expecting to see some of the old faithfuls in the audience during his homecoming.

He has been living in California for about 12 years and is working with Linda Blair in the movie "Repossession".

"Repossession by the devil, that is," Sharp said. "Believe it or not it's a comedy and a funny one. We're a happy nuclear family with two kids I play the husband — who get caught up in this occult craziness."

"It's a satire on 'The Exorcist' of course. But she does finally get unpossessed and we have a happy-ever-after ending."

Sharp has had parts in a few other movies, "but nothing like this." "This is far and away the largest role I've ever had," he said. His and Blair's costars are Leslie Nielsen and Ned Beatty.

Sharp also has had roles in four different television series, none long-lasting, but he's never been idle and he's never been surly he made the switch from ad man to comedian.

SHARP LIVED in West Dearborn and worked his 9-to-5 job at W.B. Doner's advertising agency when he started to appear on the Dick Purtan Show "every couple of weeks and just for the heck of it and hopefully



Thom Sharp hasn't forgotten his roots. The comedian, who got his comedic start by doing spots on the Dick Purtan Show on WXYZ-radio, will be back in Detroit this week for a stint at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Berkley.

to be funny," he said.

Apparently, he was. Sharp gained a following early on, the same following he expects to see in his audience this week. Showgoers were well aware of his name by the time he was doing stand-up comedy in the local clubs.

The move to California was a move into another 9-to-5 job at a Los Angeles advertising agency and more moonlighting in night clubs.

Making the complete translation to full-time comedian was a scary one.

"It was scary the first day I went off on my own and sometimes it is still scary," he said. "But I've never had down periods. I have never sat around waiting for the phone to ring. I have always been busy with something."

Show time at Comedy Castle is 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday

and 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"If there is nothing good on TV those nights, come and see the show," Sharp said. "If you have no plans for the weekend, come and see the show. If you are in the area and the car breaks down, come in and see the show while you are waiting for AAA to show up."

Thom Sharp will perform at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 2593 Woodward Ave., Berkley, Tuesday through Saturday, Sept. 12-16. For reservations, call 542-8900.

## 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**  
Tony Hayes will perform with Downtown Tony Brown and Dan Logan Friday-Saturday, Sept. 15-16, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 9 and 11:15 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

● **CHAPLIN'S EAST**  
Larry Miller will perform Wednesday-Saturday, Sept. 13-16, at Chaplin's East, 3424 Groesbeck, 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.

● **CHAPLIN'S PLYMOUTH**  
Craig McCart will perform Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 13-16, at Chaplin's Plymouth in the Plymouth Radisson, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth. For information, call 454-4680.

● **CHAPLIN'S WEST**  
Jack Coce will perform Tuesday-Saturday, Sept. 12-16, at Chaplin's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

● **HOLLY HOTEL**  
Lowell Sanders will perform along with Danny Gray and Steve Bills Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 14-16, 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 634-1891.

● **JOEY'S LIVONIA**  
Kirk Noland will perform along with Brent Cushman and Steve Bills Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 14-16, at Joey's Comedy Club, 58071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-6555.

● **LOONEY BIN**  
Mark Still will perform along with Jim McLean and Steve Billalizer

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● **LOONEY BIN TOO**  
Chris Jacway will perform Friday-Saturday, Sept. 15-16, at the Looney Bin at the Roxy, 194 and Haggerty. Show times are 9 p.m. Friday and 8 and 10 p.m. Saturday. There's a \$5 cover charge. For information, call 699-1829.

● **MISS KITTY'S**  
Ally Ball will perform along with Jim Barrows Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 14-16, 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.

● **RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
Thom Sharp will perform Tuesday-Saturday, Sept. 12-16, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 2593 Woodward, Berkley. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call 542-8900.

Also, there will be a benefit show, featuring Dennis Wolfberg, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Comedy Castle. Proceeds from the show will benefit Kadima, the Jewish organization for retarded adults. For ticket information, call 559-8255.



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