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Stutz has the best of performing in the best come-dy clubs and dy clubs and having a family life.

Perfect fit

Norm Stulz blends comedy and family life

Michigan born and bred, Norm Stulz says being a professional co-median is the best of two worlds. "I can really write my own life," said the father of three teenagers. "If I was going to have to miss the birthday party or the Halloween play, it didn't matter if I was two miles away or in Los Angeles — or if I was working as a pharmacist or on stage.

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Two working as a full time comedian I have turned down shows to talk to the kids' drama class and I have been able to book shows at times and places to dowelall into our family iffe.

His folks live in Traverse City mous, so six months ago Stub booked himself a stint in Traverse City Cernedy Cub over the Thanksjiving, holiday weekend. A sister in Farmigton IIIIs, a sister in Plymouth a sister in Traverse City and bis own family from Holly all were able to celebrate the holiday together and he didn't have to take the weekend off.

Florida has been planned around the kids' vacations, so they can enjoy the beach," said Stult, who comes to Chaplins' West for five days of humorous storytelling Tuesday through Saturday, Dec. 12-16. Showtime 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"He won in the contest sponsored by Johnny Walker last year and he's been moving through the ranks at a pretty fast pace ever since," said Bob Hargus of Chaplin's West.

OF THAT Stulz said, "I am just now becoming recognized on a na-tional scale. I am an overnight suc-cess that started in 'al." The success has come with his being a storyteller.

"I take you out of your world and bring you into mine, so of course, there is a lot about my family and my teenagers in the material," he said. "There are no one liners and no put downs.

"I have a one hour show — stan-dard is 45 minutes — and the mate-

rial doesn't change so much as it just keeps growing. The material is prov-en and the show consistently gets a great resource."

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Stulz' penchant for cornedy started when he was in the second grade in Lodge Elementary School in De-

in Lodge Elementary School in De-troit.

That was when he wrote his first comedy skit and that was when "I fell in love with the laughter."

"My first skit was a success," he said.

In the fifth grade he adopted Dick-ens "Christmas Carol" into a comedy and the faculty liked it so much, it was incorporated into the school's holiday program that season.

"I was never the class clown—
the class clown interrupts the class."
he said. "I was the class comedian. I
embelished whatever it was with
laughter, and I was always liked by
the teachers."
His love for entertaining, comedy,
music, playing the guitar, never
stopped.

In the eighth grade, at Murphy Junior High School, he started going steady with Sharon. And after gradu-

married his childhood sweetheart.

IT WAS AT that time, Stulr entered Wayne State University's College of Pharmacy, a profession he has never entirely given up.

"I still have a good working relation to the same of the sam

During the transition period from full-time pharmacist to full-time co-median, there was "a lot of moon-lighting and a lot of 15-minute shows for \$20," he said.

Now he is booked solid into July 1990 and consistently plays the A clubs — Dangerfield's in New York, A Comedy Store in Los Angeles, Punchline in New Orleans and Chap-lain's in Detroit.

COMEDY CLUBS

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 BEA'S COMEDY KITCHEN
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Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned,
Detroit. Show times are \$30 and 11
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O CHAPLAIN'S EAST T.C. Hatter will perform along with Tim Pryur and Jim Villanucci Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 13-16, at Chaplain'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 Saturday, For information, call 792-1992.

O CHAPLAIN'S WEST

Norm Stult will perform with Randy O'Brien Tuesday through Sat-urday, Dec. 12-16, at Chaplain's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 529, 1866. 533-8866.

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 Hymouth, east of Levan, Livonia. Show times are 9 pm. Thursday and Friday and 8-30 and 10-30 pm. Saturday. For reservations, call 281-0555.

© HOLLY HOTEL
Shella Kaye will perform with
Jeff Heffron and Harry Artin Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 14-16, at
Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly,
Show times are 8:30 pm. Thursday
and 8:30 and 10:30 pm. Friday and
Saturday. For Information, call 6341891







Marriott,

14-16, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restaurant, 595 N. La-peer Road, Oxford. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday; 8 and 10:30 p.m. Fri-day and Saturday. For Information, call 628-6500.

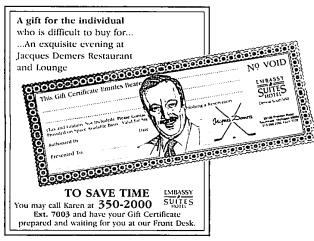
o LOONEY BIN

Kirk Noland with special guests Ken Brown and Karl Anthony will perform Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 14-16, at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Retuarnat and Comedy Club, 1655 Glengary, Walted Lake, Show times are 9 p.m. Friday and Satur-day and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call 669-9374.

● LOONEY BIN TOO

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