While the Motor City is quite familiar to comedian Steve Billinitzer, he lives in Toledo because he believes it puts him in a better geographic position to make some of his Midwestern

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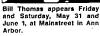
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Glass City cynic turns into cut-up

May 20, Steve Bilinitzer competed, along with 24 other cordies, for the right to open up at the Dave Coulier/Dennis Miller show at Pine Knob the following day.

Though Jim McLean took the prize, the regular open mike night crowd at Mark Riddey's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak received a special treat.

Castle in Royal Oak received a special reat.
Originally from Toledo, Bilinitzer spent his childhood shuffling back and forth between the Motor and Glass citles. Upon graduating from a Toledo suburban high school, he attend the University of Milehigan.
After working in advertising in Detroit for a number of yedrs, the cynical Bilinitzer now does stand-up full-time and has moved back to—you guessed it — Toledo.
"It's the center of the universe, as we all know," said Bilinitzer, who actually started performing comedy on stage in 1986. "People stop here from all over the galaxy for spiritual and intellectual fulfillment... or

'It's (Toledo) the center of the universe, as we all know. People stop here from all over the galaxy for spiritual and intellectual fulfillment . . . or just to change a tire on the way to Cleveland."

-- Steve Billnitzer comedian

just to change a tire on the way to Cleveland." He actually believes living in To-ledo puts him in a better geographic position to make some of his Mid-western gigs. Plus, they have "the best hot dogs in the world at Tony Packo's," Billnitzer said.

WHEN ASKED to describe him-self and his brand of humor, that cynical edge resurfaced. First, he described himself.

"Police would describe me as a six-foot caucasian, 180 pounds, last seen wearing a blue blazer and driv-ing a black Hyundai 85 miles an hour

ing a black Hyundai 85 miles an hour down 1-75.

Then, he got to the heart of the matter.

"Yeah, I'm cynical." Billinitzer said. "It's a pre-requisite in this business. I like to tell jokes because like jokes what I don't like of the humor by identification that you see everywhere today. There's no joke

there. There's no insight. There's nothing."

Billinitaer grew up admiring the humor of The Three Stooges, the Marx Bruthers, Jack Benny and others of that bygone era.

"I remember watching Red Skelino and thinking what a great thing that would be to do," he said.

While he currently is content with performing his comedy on stage, he eventually sees himself moving behind the scenes. He thinks his future is in comedy writing—for either television or movies. He already has some screenplays in progress and readily admists an interest in some-away writing for siteome in the mold of "Married. With Children" or "Dear John.

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"Dear John"
"I consider myself to be a good come but a great writer." Billatter added, "That's what I've been working for."
Steve Billinities appears along with Jim Mellson and Tom Frank Friday and Staterday May 31 and June 1, or The Looney Bin, 1655 Glengary, Walled Lake, For information, call 669 9.774



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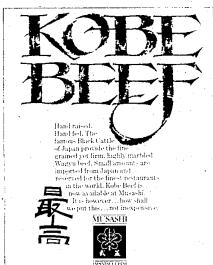
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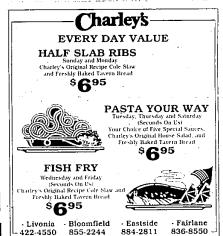
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