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Bob Levy likens Killers of Comedy gigs to wrestling

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It's no surprise that the Reverend Bob Levy co-hosts "The Miserable Men" show on Sirius Satellite Radio with comic Jim Florentine. Much of Levy's comedy is inspired by tragedy, with divorce, alcoholism and cocaine abuse among the subjects in his act.

Levy doesn't have to exaggerate for humorous effect. After his wife filed for divorce, she and Levy continued to live under the same roof. The sad but amusing details have been detailed in Levy's act and on Howard Stern's radio show.

"It was crazy and sad," said Levy.

The good news for the South Jersey resident is that Levy and his wife have reunited. The bad news is that Levy, who is the father of a 7-year-old son, still is pretty miserable, which is fine for his fans.

"No matter what, men get screwed," Levy said. "When it

comes to who gets the raw end of the deal, it has nothing to do with race — it's men who get the raw deal. I don't care if you're white, black, Latino, Asian or whatever, that's just the way it is. You get a divorce, you don't see your kid for 12 out of 14 days. It's terrible.

"Relationships are crazy. I would marry my wife again, if she wants to, but I would never marry another girl again. In the beginning, they're wonderful, but at some point they turn psycho on you. The basic problem people don't talk about is that in relationships women change, but men remain the same."

Levy, who picked up the ironic nickname "the Reverend" due to his penchant for profanity, will work out all of his relationship issues out tonight from the Count Basie stage along with The Killers of Comedy, which includes

Florentine, Yucko the Clown, Shuli, Richard Christie and Sal "The Stockbroker" Governale.

They've all been regulars on the Stern show for years.

"We all owe Howard," Levy said. "We get great exposure and we get to do shows like the one in Red Bank. Our event is great for Stern fans since it's like a wrestling event. The fans come out with tons of energy and then they really go nuts. It gets us pumped up. When we all get together to do these shows, it becomes such a big event."

Aside from delivering personal material, Levy loves to get extemporaneous onstage.

"I do a lot of improv," he said. "I love to work the crowd. I like going with the flow onstage. It's especially fun at these type of shows since you never know what can happen."

THE KILLERS OF COMEDY

Featuring Bob Levy, Jim Florentine, Yucko the Clown, Shuli, Richard Christie and Sal "The Stockbroker" Governale

9 p.m. today

Count Basie Theatre

99 Monmouth St.

Red Bank \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$35

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