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The "Reverend" Bob Levy — a frequent guest on "The Howard Stern Show" — brings his battle of the sexes act to Circles Comedy Club this weekend. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRIS MCLELLY PUBLICITY

## 'Killers of Comedy' keep it crude

'Howard Stern' regulars bring their proudly tasteless act to Circles in Travis

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If misery really loves company, then she's in hot-and-sloppy mode with the "Reverend" Bob Levy and Sal ("The Stockbroker") Governale.

Frequent guests of "The Howard Stern Show," the radio personalities have crafted careers out of sharing their woes — in the crudest possible way — with men and women just as troubled as them.

This weekend, Levy and Governale shoot for good grief at Circles Comedy Club, 300 W. Service Rd., Travis, via stand-up comedy. The "Killers of Comedy" take aim at sexless marriages, overbearing mother-in-laws and spineless men tonight and tomorrow at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for the show with \$35 and \$45 dinner packages. 718-983-6333.

Levy, 43, said misery sells for a simple reason: "People want to feel like they're not alone."

The former Great Kills resident gained fame in 2002 by winning the Stern Show's "World's Meanest Listener Contest." Today, between on-air appearances with the King



GOVERNALE: Better-known as The Stockbroker.

of All Media and stand-up gigs, he co-hosts "Miserable Men," a Sirius Satellite Radio program that profiles the best horror stories of men's relationships with significant others.

"This show is like an outlet for them to get it off their chest," said Levy, now of Westville, N.J. "Miserable" airs at 7 p.m. every other Monday on Howard 101.

One memorable call came from a man whose girlfriend cheated on him. So before breaking up with her, he masturbated into her shampoo bottle.

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even mayonnaise," said Levy, a Wagner High School dropout, who mowed lawns before getting his funny on at open mics at Rascals in West Orange, N.J.

By contrast, Governale, 36, spent most of his 20s on Wall Street, working as a stockbroker, but always harbored a desire to do comedy for a living. A pro at making prank phone calls since age 8, Governale put his dubious childhood skills to work in 1996 when he relentlessly dialed Stern's Producer Gary "Baba Booney" Dell'Abate.

Stern was so impressed with Governale's torture abilities he made him a writer on his show. The former stockbroker, who has electrocuted his testicles with a dog collar on-air, taps into his experiences on the Stern show for stand-up material.

"I talk about my favorite characters on the show — the wack packers, retards, the really unique people with a physical or mental handicap like Beetlejuice, the three-and-a-half-foot black midget with a buck tooth."

His wife of 10 years is also fair game.

"I voice my frustrations," said Governale, a Massapequa, L.I. resident. "It's amazing how much oral sex changes once you get married."

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