She trades books for the limelight

By Rebecca Haynes staff writer

Brett Butler unofficially began her comedy career at the age of 8, much to the chagrin of her Georgia elementary school teachers.

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"IT JUST seemed like the thing to do," she said. "It was a big adjust-ment, but the rewards have been

where I grew up."

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"BUT THE people at my shows usually take it ther liberalism) pretity well. I thin nowadays the only people who can afford to buy tickets are Republicans and as long as I have a punch line at the end they seem to forgive me."

Butler recently returned from a stint at the Edibobrough Arts Festival and will perform in London for

100-fold. There's an edge here that wasn't really indigenous to the area where I grew up.

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"And when I say societal quirts and comedy have the preformer mean things like our proceedual with how we look."

She also has some things to say

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Hollywood Squares.
"YES, THAT was an artistic pinnacle 1'd never hoped to reach," she said, laughing. "People on the New
York subways recognized me for a year after that."
Butler is also working on a con-current career as a short story au-thor, and admits that although she loves her work in comedy, she doesn't wish to travel from club to club for the rest of her life.
"Things have gotten much better from when I started," she said. "I think I did 500 shows the first year and 500 the second year I was in the business."

Her husband, a New York attor-ney, is very supportive, she said.

"He encourages my Jokes, and when I say Jokes I mean I talk about real relationship issues," she said. The things I say may not always put him in the bert light, but he says put him in the bert light, but he says lit's funny, use it.

"Generally speaking people don't lays to come to hear a funny woman, they come to hear someone funny, period," Butter said. "I do think audiences have more curbed expectations of what a woman comedian will be like.
"I think I'm unique. I don't think there's another woman headilizer who does political comedy. Einlan Boosler might disagree with me, but I don't know anybody out there's who's quite like me."

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Brett Butler will appear at the Mainstreet Comedy Showcase Roadshow at the Ramada Hericape Center, 17201 Northline Road, Southpate, at 8:30 pm. Thursday, Oct. 25. Tickets are \$8. Call 282-4400 for show information. On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28-27, she'll appear at Ann Arbor's Mainstreet Comedy Showcase. Friday shows are at \$30 and 11 pm. with Saturday performances schoduled for 7, 3 and 11 pm. Reservations can be made by calling 386-380. The club at the E. Eberty, underneath Seva Restaurant.



Brett Butler was doing comedy at the age of eight, but waited until her 20s to begin working the comedy circuit.

COMEDY CLUBS

Here are listings of some come-dy clubs in our area. To let us know who is appearing at your club, send information to: Come-dy Listings, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

CHAPLIN'S EAST

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Jimmy Tingle will perform with

Mark Lindays and Ken Brownry Fox

and Danny Grey Wednesday-Stund

day, Oct. 17-20, at Chaplin's East,

34244 Groesbeck, Fraser, Show

times are, 28-30 p.m. Wednesday and

Thursday, 8-30 and 10-30 p.m. Friday

and Saturday, For information, call

792-1992.

CHAPLIN'S WEST
 Van Gaster will perform with
Steve lott and Dan Davis TuesdaySaturday, Oct. 16-20, at Chaplin's
West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six
Mile, Detroit. Show times are 8-30
p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 8 and 10-30
p.m. Friday and Saturday. For infor-

mation, call 533-8666.

CHAPLIN'S PLYMOUTH
 Midwest Tool will perform with
 Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 24-27, at
 Chaplin's Plymouth, at the Radisson,
 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth,
 Show Limes are 3.0 p.m. Wednesday
 and Thursday, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call 454-4680.

● MAINSTREET
Brett Buller will perform Friday
and Saturday, Oct. 26-27, at MainStreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Libcity, Ann Arbor. Show times are 6:30
and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11
p.m. Saturday. For information, call
996-9080.

BEA'S COMEDY KITCHEN
Tim Butterfield will perform
along with Skeeter Murray and
Downtown Tony Brown Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27, at Bea's Comedy

Dennis Wolfberg will bring his brand of humor to the his brand of humor to the Comedy Castle in Royal Oak Tuesday through through Saturday, Oct. 23-27.

Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 9 and 11 p.m. For informa-tion, call 961-2581.

COMEDY CASTLE
 Dennis Wolfberg will perform with Mario Sciorino Tuesday through through through through through through Saturday, Oct. 23-27, at the Comedy Castle, 259 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. Show time is 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 8.30 and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call \$42.9900.

JOEY'S LIVONIA
 Brest Cashman will perform along with Seve Bills and Mark Hamilton Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 44:74, at Joey's Comedy Club, Plymouth Road, between Wayne and Levan roads, Livonia, Show times are 9 pm. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 pm. Saturday. For information, call 261-0555.

JOEY'S ALLEN PARK
Allen Stephan and Steve Bilnitzer
will perform Wednesday-Saturday,
Oct. 24-27, at Joey's Comedy Club
and Sports Emporium, 15246 South-

field Road, Allen Park. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thurs-day and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 382-7041.

JOEY'S AT THE ROXY
Kirk Noland will perform Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27, at Joey's
Comedy Club at the Roxy, 11175
Haggerty Road, Belleville. Show
times are 9 p.m. Thursday and 8:30
and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday. For
information, call 699-1829.

HOLLY HOTEL
 Shella Kaye will perform with
Mary Miller and Andy Jentren
Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27, at
the Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley,
Holly. Show times are 8:30 p.m.
Thursday and 8:30 (no smoking show
Friday only) and 10:30 p.m. Friday
and Saturday. For information, call
634-1891.

MISS KITTY'S
 Craig McCart will perform along

with Pat Duax Angelo Thursday-Sat-urday, Oct. 25-27, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restau-rant, 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.

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LOONEY BIN
Jeff Branoon will perform with
Jill Washburn and Elliott Brano
Thursday-Sturday, Oct. 25-27, at
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are 9 pm. Wednesday through Friday and 8 and 10.30 pm. Saturday,
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free, For more information, call 6699374.

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DUFFY'S

Bob Posch Comedy Show will perform at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at Duffy's, 8635 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake. Admis-



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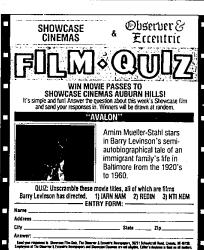
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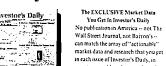
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