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One thing about stand up comics — if you wait long enough they'll all turn up again.

Being in all those cities, all those comedy houses is what it's all about for Brad Garrett, who figures he does 30 weeks a year on the road.

"I love being in all those different cities and meeting new people," he said, "but the travel is torment. It's not always first class, you know."

A NATIVE Californian, Garrett always believed he was destined to be a comedian.

"It was just part of me. But other people had different opinions about what I was all about. I was always big, really big, but never into athletics."

"Even now, some of the guys I went to school with come to my show, and we both have an instant recall about the times they used to beat me up routinely."

In school Garrett liked the cut-ups, the guys with a good story, and would hang out with them, he said. Academically, he never set any worlds afire, but he was a serious, if not dedicated, student and was granted a degree upon graduation.

"I actually made it to UCLA and spent five weeks in classes. I couldn't figure out why I needed to be there since all I wanted was comedy and show business, so I dropped out."

GARRETT, WHO was born Brad Gerstenfeld, would still be a Gerstenfeld if he had it to do again, he said.

"I thought I was cool, so I took a cool name, but I don't think I would do that today."

Fortunately, his parents forgave him the name change as well as his short college career and speedy dropout record.

"In our house, there was always an appreciation of humor. I think maybe my parents knew somehow that they were raising a comedian. Anyway, they have been very supportive."

"Young and eager, I wanted to do it all but couldn't even get into the comedy clubs because of my age. I was young, but big. So I would sneak in, and in the order of things, it was always after 1 a.m. before I could get on."

Eventually, his mother even forgave him for that.

GARRETT, WHO admits he will turn 30, alone and unmarried very soon, has been in show business professionally for nine years.

"Every year gets better, there's a steady escalation."

At this time, his career has escalated him to the point of being an "opener" for show business luminaries like Frank Sinatra and Liza Minnelli, among others.

GARRETT DOES all of his own writing, which he refers to as the tough part of the job. He does improvisations, character pieces, impressions and "a lot of size jokes."

"I was hired as a six-week replacement on 'First Impressions,' a TV sitcom, and we filmed for 10 weeks. I was in heaven, but the writer's strike kiboshed it."

"I'm really into what I do. I have to push all the time."

Garrett lives in Marina Del Rey, a beach community he said is "nice to come home to."

ALTHOUGH HE sees films, plays and anything theatrical all the time, he has no plans for relationships or marriage, saying he doesn't have the time.

"People ask me all the time, if God looked down and pointed out a certain woman who would be perfect for me, what would I do? First of all,



Brad Garrett doesn't mind a comedy schedule that calls for 30 weeks a year on the road. He says he enjoys meeting new people.

I want to know the exact date."

This may be the only thing his mother won't forgive.

Brad Garrett will bring his improvisations, character pieces, impressions and more to at

Chaplin's East, 34244 Groesbeck, Fraser, Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 10-13. Showtimes are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call 792-1902.

COMEDY CLUBS

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

● CHAPLIN'S EAST

Brad Garrett will perform with Moe Betterman and Steve Bills Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 10-13, at Chaplin's East, 34244 Groesbeck, Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 792-1902.

● CHAPLIN'S WEST

Tom Anselone will perform with Emery Emery and Elliott Branch Tuesday-Saturday, Oct. 9-13, 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 information, call 533-8856.

● CHAPLIN'S PLYMOUTH

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● MAINSTREET

Wayne Cotter will perform Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12-13, at Main-Street Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11

p.m. Saturday. For information, call 996-9080.

● BEA'S COMEDY KITCHEN

Tony Hayes will perform along with Danny Gray and Skeeter Mar- ray Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12-13, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

● COMEDY CASTLE

Norma Zager will perform with Tim Lilly Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 9-10, and Roger Bear will perform Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 11-13, at the Comedy Castle, 269 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 542-9900.

● JOEY'S LIVONIA

Kirk Nolan will perform along with Steve Billetter Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 10-13, at Joey's Comedy Club, Plymouth Road, between Wayne and Levan roads, Livonia. Show times are 9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 261-0555.

● JOEY'S ALLEN PARK

David Klane and Ted Norkey will perform Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 10-13, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports Emporium, Southfield Road, Allen Park. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 382-7041.

● JOEY'S AT THE ROXY

Brent Cushman will perform

Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 11-13, 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

Chris Jakeway will perform with Tim Costello and Nixster Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 11-13, at 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 KITTYS

Kay Francis will perform along with Tommy Nolen Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 11-13, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restaurant, 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.

● LOONEY BIN

S.R.O. Mike Green will perform with Keith Ruff and Derek Turner Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 11-13, at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Restaurant and Comedy Club, 1655 Gilegway, Walled Lake. Show times are 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Wednesday and Thursday shows are free. For more information, call 669-9374.

● 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. Admission is \$7. For information, call 363-9469.



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