Familiar face

'Seinfeld' look-a-like turns heads around town, at work

hen the big entertainment stars come to the area there's a good chance they'll stay at The Townsend Hotel in

Birmingham.

"Jerry Seinfeld," though, has been there most nights for the past two

People who spot him mutter things like, "Hey, look over there. Isn't that Seinfeld?" Occasionally they'll even ask if he'll pose with them for a photo.

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But the big white napkin draped over his arm usually tips people off that the guy in the tuxed in the corner of the banquet room isn't the Seinfeld who appears in a tux in American Express commercials and whose recently concluded 'Seinfeld' is among the most popular TV comedy shows of all time.

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Through no fault of his own, Chris Nolan is a faux version of the stand-up comedian of the landmark show noted for being "about nothing."

"I have five friends whose nick-name for me is "Seinfeld," said Nolan, a banquet waiter at The Townsend. He works at a lot of weddings there and "that's where I get most of my harassing" after guests 'shave had a few beers, he said, by phone on an off-day last week.
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"I just got it has night at a rehearant dinner," he said. They'll look at you a little bit and if they're going to say it. I'll make 'em say it. They say, 'Jerry? 'I'l turn around for that name because I've heard it so much. Then they'll say, 'Oops, he heard me."

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The 29-year-old Farmington Hills

resident, a graduate of North Farmington High School, said he doesn't have any friends who would be the equivalents of the show's

characters of George and Elaine, "but my friend's cousin is the spitting image of Kramer," he said, who once dressed like the screwy Seinfeld sidekick and wound up win-ning the prize for best costume at a Halloween party.

Nolan, who also works banquets part-time at Larro's in Troy, remembers one wedding in which most of the guests started chanting: "Jerry. Jerry. Jerry."

Double take

Erin Snyder, a Townsend waitress who said she has often worked with Nolan, said guests constantly ask him about his resemblance to Scin-feld.

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"His mannerisms are just like Jerry Seinfeld's," she said. "His laugh. His smile. When you call him Jerry he does this Jerry look thing."

When a photographer asked where he could find Chris Nolan one day last week, Townsend employees looked puzzled. When he meationed "Seinfeld," they knew right away who he was talking about.

The Seinfeld TV show din't get big ratings in its early days of the late '80s and Nolan hadn't seen the



"In remember it vividly," he said. "I was working room service at the Sheraton in Novi. The first guy who ever noticed me was the most excited. He followed me and said, This is uncanny, unbelievable."

Once Nolan entered a Seinfeld lookalike n newspaper, "but I didn't get called back," he said. "The picture in the paper of the winner didn't look anything like Seinfeld." contest sponsored by

Another time, when he was in Las Vegas, Nolan said was in a casino that featured celebrity lookalikes in its entertainment and a woman sugits entertainment and a woman sug-gested that he go see the manager. The man thought Nolan was a good Seinfeld clone, but without any apparent show business talent that could be exploited.

"So it hasn't gotten me anywhere," Nolan said. "It's a good ice brenker, though."

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The TV show, now in reruns, is his favorite, he said, and he wears black jenns and white tennis shoes a lot, like Seinfeld's TV character.

"People say I net like him," said Nolan. "I have hand gestures like him, but I'm not a comedian. If I just permed my hair a little I'd look more like him."



Farming-ton Hills. a banquet waiter at TheTownsend Hotel in Birmingham, is often mistaken for comedian Jerry Seinfeld. year-old says the likeness is more of an ice breaker than a booster.



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ing at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at the Farmington Library. She will discuss "Caregiving at Home." Needham, a teacher at Madon-na for 22 years, has studied the

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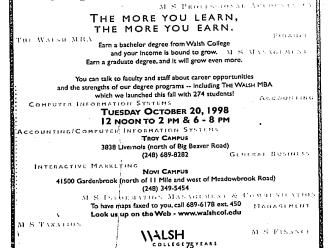
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