

Features

Teenagers prefer nightclub to 'hanging out at the mall'

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With a name like Kelly's Out of Control, the latest hot spot for 14- to 17-year-old teens to hang out in suburban Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, might understandably worry parents.

On the whole, however, reaction has been guardedly favorable.

From the outside, Kelly's doesn't offer much to see: just some neatly varicolored miniblinds and a hand-lettered sign that proclaims "open." Inside the spacious interior, the color scheme is a modern mix of black and white set off by aqua tables and peach accents.

Spotlights ring the tiled dance floor, plus a few mirrors and the requisite mirrored ball. A big curved bar takes up one end. On the opposite wall are video games and a jukebox and a big glass box that offers the chance to win a stuffed animal.

On the second level overlooking the dance floor is a pool table and a shoot-the-hoop setup.

But the first thing you spot when you come in is the sign: "Appropriate behavior and attire. No sunglasses. No hats. No underwear. \$4 a person."

Owners Kelly Faber and Jerry Lane get a lot of questions about prohibiting underwear, but it's the fad these days for girls to wear men's boxer shorts for jams and for boys to wear undershirts for shirts.

The only other restriction is no letter jackets.

"It just gives them something to fight about," Lane said. "Same with the hats and sunglasses. Someone's always knocking them off and you've got the beginnings of an argument."

"My parents trust me to go there," said Kelly Krivanek, a 14-year-old student at Lake Catholic High School in Mentor. "People are allowed to smoke, but my mom knows me and trusts me not to."

Kelly goes on. "I like it because you can dance and all my friends and I go together. I can make new friends there from other schools too. It's better than hanging out at the mall."

Coming of Age

Bethany Hayes, another student at Lake Catholic, was equally enthusiastic.

"It's a great place to go — no drugs, no drinking, no fights. They have a DJ there most Friday and Saturday nights and you can request a song or ask them to mention somebody's birthday."

Parents of teenagers themselves, the owners admit the only negative reaction has been on the issue of smoking.

"But the atmosphere here isn't going to make a kid smoke," insists Lane. "If a kid smokes, he's going to smoke anyway."

Recently the owners experimented with a non-smoking section, Lane said, and it was surprisingly successful.

Some parents worry about their daughters or sons meeting older teens in an unsupervised environment.

"I don't want my 14-year-old daughter getting involved with a boy who's 19," said a mother. "There's a big difference between a 14-year-old and a 19-year-old."

The owners don't follow an official ID policy, but "keeping the older ones out is easy," said Lane. "You develop an eye."

And for security, there's a uniformed police officer on duty every night, plus six to eight adult chaperones.

"We've had hundreds of parents come in just to see what it's like," said Lane.

"We just wanted to supply a business that gives kids something to do, a place of their own where they can have fun and stay out of trouble," he added.

Bethany and Lane agree. "If your parents won't let you go to a teen nightclub, they should check it out before they make a final decision."

"It's very tiring," Lane said of his new business, "but what a great group of kids."



Thanks to a re-release by Disney, Bambi, Thumper and their forest friends will enchant a new generation of children this summer.

DiNiro, Grodin star in buddy film; 'Bambi' returns to delight families

By Judith Trojan

New York (NC) — You won't see death-defying stunts, newfangled weaponry or blood and guts in "Midnight Run" (Universal), the latest buddy movie to hit summer screens. Director Martin Brest has more interest in characters than climaxes and, as a result, has fashioned an entertaining film about the male bonding of two oddballs on the lam from the cops and the crooks.

When accountant Jonathan Mardukas (Charles Grodin) embezzles some large change from the mob to give to charity, he finds himself targeted by a bloodthirsty mob boss (Dennis Farina), a bulldog FBI agent (Yaphet Kotto) and a Los Angeles bail bondsman (Joe Pantoliano). Nicknamed "The Duke" on the crime circuit, Mardukas is nabbed while hiding out in New York by bounty hunter Jack Walsh (Robert De Niro), who's out to cop \$100,000 of his own if he delivers his bail jumper alive to L.A.

Of course when their simple five-hour plane flight from New York to Los Angeles is grounded and then exchanged for a five-day trek across country by rail, bus, truck and foot — with the mob, the Feds and a rival bounty hunter in hot pursuit — Jack and the Duke are stuck with each other for the duration. What begins as a testy test of wills between the shrewdly sentimental Duke and the slovenly softy Walsh turns into a friendship of sorts that sees two good guys banding together to outsmart a battalion of baddies.

Grodin is perfectly cast as the whiny, compulsive Duke, who found out too late that his employer fronted for the mob. His constant, good-natured nagging of Walsh about the health risks of smoking, his high-cholesterol intake and his neglect of his daughter and ex-wife (Wendy Phillips) inspire some wonderfully human banter between the two men, touching both the funny

bone and the heart.

As bounty hunter Walsh, an ex-Chicago cop who lost his job and his wife because he wouldn't cooperate with the mob, De Niro is low-key and ultimately endearing. Haggard and unkempt, his face and clothes look like they survived the hooves of a herd of heifers. He and Grodin are quite simply a road version of "The Odd Couple."

Due to an overabundance of profanity and some shoot-'em-up violence, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

Walt Disney's 1942 classic "Bambi" has returned to delight a new generation of kids and their parents. Disney's animators took five years to complete their vision of Felix Salten's book about life in the forest, and the effort shows. No animation produced today, even the marvelous wizardry of "Roger Rabbit," can compare with the exquisite artistry of the Disney team in their heyday.

The story of "Bambi" unfolds gently and effortlessly like the seasons that take the young prince of the forest from newborn to fatherhood.

The classic film also offers sad and intense moments, as Bambi loses his mother and almost his own life to the folly of men who invade the forest bent on destroying it for their own pleasure. These tragic moments are not cloying or overplayed, however as they are balanced equally light and giddy sequences.

"Bambi" is a magical, breathtaking film that will remind those who somehow forgot that Walt Disney was a genius with no equal. The U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.

Auditions for Youthatre scheduled for late August

Auditions are now being scheduled for actors interested in performing in the 1988-89 season of Youthatre at Nazareth College. Auditions will take place August 22, 23 and 24, from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Nazareth College Arts Center. "Call backs" will be scheduled for Thursday, August 25, at 4 p.m. for children and at 6 p.m. for adults.

Entrance exam planned for Cardinal Mooney

Cardinal-Mooney High School, 800 Maiden Lane, Greece, will hold an entrance exam on Tuesday, August 16, at 10 a.m. for all interested ninth, 10th and 11th graders.

Those students wishing to take the exam should call the school office between 8:30 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday to register. Students should bring their June report card to the exam. Call (716)865-1000 for information.

Roles are available for males and females of all ages, ranging from six years and up. Actors must prepare a three-to-four-minute monologue from a play. Memorization is encouraged.

"Diary of Anne Frank," "His Lord Fauntleroy," "Ransom of Red Chief," and "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" are scheduled performances.

Call (716)586-2483, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., for information.

Square dance to benefit MDA

The Swinging Singles Squaredance Club is sponsoring a "superdance" Saturday, August 6, to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The event, which will run from noon to midnight, will be held at the New Covenant Church, 2070 Five Mile Line Road.

For a fund-raising packet, contact the MDA at (716)424-6560, or Robin Riani after 6 p.m. at 586-4807.

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A:

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