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## Twenty-two and holding

### Kerri Pomarolli comes home for August 30 show

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Though you wouldn't know it by looking at her, former Northville resident Kerri Pomarolli has managed to break the laws of physics.

How, you ask? It's simple - she stopped aging at 22 years old.

"The joke out here is how everyone seems alot younger than they really are, but that's the way it works in TV land," Pomarolli said about her home in Los Angeles area. "Basically, you're ageless outthere. Between 21 and 40, your age is just vague. People will say to me that I must be about 22 and I say 'Yes, I am.'"

Pomarolli who graduated from Northville High School and is now a successful stand-up comedian and actress, says that life in Los Angeles is a whole differnet world compared to that of Northville - especially from when sh was still living here.

"I just can't believe Northville has a starbucks," she said with a laugh. "We weren't even allowed to get fast food unless it was Hardee's"

Even growing up seemed so simple in this area.

"We were good kids," pomarolli said. "When we graduated from high school we had never been out drinking or anythnig. I didn't see any kind of drug. We weren't dorks or anything, we wre just good kids."

Pomarolli said that when she comes back to Northville now, it seems so much different. No longer are the kids sheltered or the community refusing to accept the changes of business and the challenges that come with it.

Pomarolli said coming back to Northville is not only a trip down memory lane and a good time, it gives her something to be impressed with too.

"The houses are so big," she said. "They just look enormous compared to Los Angeles. People have yards and actual grass. they can ride thier bikes around here."

But no matter how much the draw of the houses and family life may be in northville, Pomarolli is home in Los Angeles. out in Redondo Beach, a small community where Pomarolli calls home, she is realizing her dream.

"I am living near the beach and I am definitely living my dream," she said. I basically moved out here to be a beach chick, and that's what I am. I even have an ocean view if you stand on one leg and stretch.

But, it's nice to visit Northville and the surrounding areas once in a while.

"Los Angeles is really, crazy," Pomarolli noted. "It's a fast paced lifestyle and every now and then you just have to leave to detox. That's why it's nice to come back."

And coming back is exactly what she's about to do. An actor and a stand-up comedian. Pomarolli is making the trip to Michigan to showcase her comic talents at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase August 30 with two shows. The first is at 8 pm and the second is slated for 10:30.

"This is basically a trail run," she said. "I would love to travel more and want to eventually be a comedian that goes out on the road. When it comes time to leave, I'd like to come back and do some shows in Michigan. Hop-efully, people will harass the owners of the club enough that they'll want me back."

Pomarolli jokingly said that even if the crowd doesn't get into her act, she may still find the support she needs to be asked back for future dates.



**Northville graduate Kerry Pomarolli is a stand-up comedian and actress in Los Angeles. She will be returning home in a one-night performance August 30 at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.**

"Even if I'm not funny, I'm sure my parents invited enough people to help me out," she said. "They are probably going 'Kerri needs to make something for herself, so come support the cause.'"

Pomarolli act consists of things that happened in her life or people she knows - and according to her that's the way it should be.

"I talked about my mother a lot and her obsession with me getting married," Pomarolli said. "I talk about growing up in the midwest and I even talk about Coey Feldman, my childhood crush."

And there's a variety of other subjects too - including a conversation she had with a girlfriend of hers who stated that she had just seen the "hottest homeless guy."

"I can't believe she said that to me," Pomarolli said. I told her right away that I'd be using it and she didn't care."

Pomarolli is also an actress who has made over 25 appearances on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno" in a three-year span playing such roles as Jenna Bush. She also had a recurring role in the day-time soap opera "Port charles" as a nurse named Kathy.

"I called her Kathy the mute nurse because they were always cutting my lines," Pomarolli said with a laugh.

She also had a role on the game show "The Price Is Right" as well as in "Shop Till You Drop" - both times as a contestant.

"I won on the Price Is Right but not big," she siad and then added it wasn't rare for her to be caught at a game show. "I was always dragging my boyfriends on the shows or dragging my friends on TV."

She even found herself starting to be recognized now and again. In fact, she even recieved a phone call from an ex-boyfriend one night who saw her on TV.

"I was a blue alien in the movie Deadlock," Pomarolli said. My whole body was painted blue because I didn't want to do a nude scene. One night, an ex-boyfriend calls me up and says that he was watching me on Show-time. That was an interesteing experience.

Pomarolli said that being single has been an interesting life for her, but that it's pretty much the norm in Los Angeles. "Everyone is single out here," she said. "when I come

back to Northville to visit, it seems that all my friends are married, driving a Beemer, living in a nice house and own a dog. My mom is always talking about how I should get married and when she comes out to visit she's always suggesting where I could meet guys."

Pomarolli credits God for being a major reason she's had the succes she has in her career of choice.

"There were many times I wanted to walk away and just leave it all behind," she said. "But God opened doors for me. Stand-up was one of those doors. I really think it was the Lord giving me another opportunity."

Being a comic was never something Pomarolli thought she'd be doing - especially in her time at Northville High School. If it wreen't for her drama teacher, Mr. Kurt Kinde, she would never have even known it was a possibility.

"You had to do some stand-up in his class in order to pass," Pomarolli said. "For some reason, he passed me even though I knew I would rather kill myself with a plastic fork than go up there for two seconds. He always supported me and always made me feel like I was the best one."

"Northville was a really cliquy high school and the girls in high school aren't the nicest in the world," she siad. "They would make fun of people and just laugh at you. I guess my girlfriends laughing at me made me tougher."

Pomarolli's time at Northville High was spent as a member of the pm pn team and always trying to be in the right place at the right time.

"It was a miserable experience like so many things in high school," she said. "I always thought I had to sit at the right lunch table."

"I'm at the right table now, and it just took me a while to realize the right table is where you want it to be," Pomarolli said. "God is a big part of that and so much of where I am today. Everthing I do stems from that. It's all about me and my relationship with God."

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