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Ingrid Racka is the short-haired member of the group. Stylist Backy Velez cut full bangs for the 13-year-old from Farmington Hills, then pulled her crown hair up and across the top of her head and twisted a ribbon into the topknot.



Nine year old Jennifer Frazer, from Farmington, got her new hair style from Celia Gerchak. Hair was pulled back from a center part and braided with a velvet ribbon across the top. Back hair was pulled up into a topknot and wrapped with more velvet ribbon.



Kristen LaFountain, of Farmington Hills, is a true blond. Stylist Linda LaClair twisted the 10-year-old's long hair and rolled the ropes of hair into a bun on one side, giving her the fashionable asymmetrical look. A velvet ribbon adds the finishing touch.



Katy Finn's hair is almost waist length. Stylist Karen DeCarlo braided the 13-year-old Franklin resident's hair into four long braids in front, and two more in back. Braids were looped and secured at the back to keep her cool as well as attractive. When the thick mass of braids is twisted and pinned into a cluster (at right) she could add a spray of flowers for a festive, party look.



Lisa Khderie's shoulder length straight hair took on its new look from stylist Diane Lambert. The 12-year-old gymnast from Farmington had her hair french braided from a lightly off center part, tied and tasselled. Soft wisps frame her face for a smart, fashionable and neat look.

### Farmington Gym J's

## Balancing on the parallel bars — with every hair in place

By LORRAINE McCLISH

When the young gymnasts who represented the Farmington YMCA went through their spinning, swinging, tumbling, leaping, and vaulting paces in the Mid-American Beach Meet, they landed on their feet and with every hair in place.

Better than that, four of the members of the Farmington Gym J's placed in five events.

In preparation for the competition, the fashion-minded young ladies all wanted to keep their flowing Farrah Fawcett hairstyles. But they still wanted their hair neat and out of their eyes while they were balancing on bars and competing in the pole vault and vigorous floor exercises.

They took their problem to Grace Scallia Healine stylists who designed styles for the long tresses that will serve not only on the parallel bars, but for the beach and active summer sports as well.

Since Mrs. Scallia's daughter, 14-year-old Anna Maria, is a gymnast student with her eye on a spot in the Gym J team next year, she knew exactly what the young athletes needed.

**SMOOTH PARTS**, French braids tied with bright ribbons and cords, tassels of hair, topknots and bangs all delighted the young feminine hearts, while the styles still kept hair neat, attractive and in place during the intensity of a practice or a meet.

Yet, when the young gymnast dons her party dress for a summer gala, she can let her hair flow in the latest teen style.

The Mid-American meet, out on an open beach in Ludington late in June met the ultimate test of the new hairdos.

The spring meet is but one of year around competitions held on local, state, regional and national levels, under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Association of Gymnastics, a branch of the U.S. Federation of Gymnastics.

Twelve girls from the Farmington Gym J's represented the 35 member team, made up of 5-15 year olds who are coached by Kim Riley.

**NINE YEAR OLD** Anne Marie Jacobsen placed ninth on uneven bars and ninth in the floor exercise competition.

Nine year old Jennifer Frazer placed sixth in the uneven bar competition and 10 year old Kristin LaFountain placed sixth in the floor exercises.



Anna Maria Scallia, a 14 year old from Birmingham, with hopes for slot on the Farmington Gym J's next season, had her hair styled by Sue Brien. In classes now in preparation for the tryouts, the young miss's hairstyle begins with a center part. Hair that comes to her shoulders is braided, crossed over and tied with a decorative cord.

## Dogs of all breeds may enter obedience training classes

Members of Metropolitan Dog Obedience Training School will bring its dog obedience training classes into Farmington for a 13-week session beginning Thursday, July 5.

Classes will be given starting at 7 p.m. each Thursday in the American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River.

All breeds of dogs are welcome for the sessions which will cover lead training, heel, sit, stay, down and come.

The class is called "Beginner Novice Training," for inexperienced dogs and owners to learn the fundamentals of obedience training and to understand their dogs properly.

Valerie M. Sprader, speaking for the school, said, "We are in hopes of getting the attention of more pet owners to teach them the fundamentals of obedience training, to help them understand their dogs and make better citizens of the canine community."

She continued, "Maybe then we would have better educated people on how to handle their dogs. And we would have less need for dog shelters and pounds and less biting incidents."

Trainers at the school have been teaching in the Farmington and West Bloomfield area for about 18 years.

"We are also recommended by veterinarians," she said.

Trophies, ribbons and diplomas are awarded upon completion of the class.

Requirements for registration are that the dog must be at least four months old, and health certificates are required to show proof of distemper vaccination.

Registration and inquiries will be taken by Ms. Sprader by calling her at 551-5088.

They can win college scholarships for their abilities, or they can be invited to try out for the Olympics.

The stylists who won the honors for the girls comfortable and smart hairdos work out of Grace Scallia Healine Salons, at 1077 W. Worth, Birmingham, and 4082 W. Maple, Bloomfield.

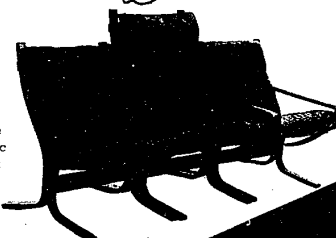
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