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Susan Marka does makeup for singer-actress Sheri Nichols during her "day of beauty" at the Michel Kazan Hair Salon at Bonwit Teller.

Singing star gets new look

By Ethel Simmons
staff writer

SINGER-ACTRESS Sheri Nichols came away from her "day of beauty" at the Michel Kazan Hair Salon quite pleased with the changes that had been made in her appearance.

The sensational singing star, who will appear Monday in a benefit concert for Detroit's Orchestra Hall, was the first celebrity to receive a complimentary day of beauty offered by the Kazan Salon at Bonwit Teller in Troy's Somerset Mall.

Both metropolitan-Detroit stars and visiting celebrities from out of town have been invited by the salon to participate in the makeovers that include a facial, hair styling, cut and color and makeup.

Nichols, who had her session in August, said by phone last week that she looks about the same today as when photos were taken of her at the beauty salon. The only difference is, "I have lost about 10 pounds since then."

REASON FOR the weight loss? "It was just time," said the attractive, personable performer, who doesn't go on a crash diet whenever she needs to lose pounds. Instead, "I increase my exercise program. I jog about three miles every other day in my neighborhood — the Boston-Edison District" (in Detroit).

Nichols also follows a 20-minute regime of stretching, sit-ups, tumbling and leg exercise on the floor.

Of her day at the Kazan salon, she said, "It was a treat for me. Everybody likes to be pampered." Her hair was permed and colored, with highlights added. Nichols said seeing the results of the color work



Nichols is happy with results of makeover.

made her a little more brave about the use of color next time.

As for the makeup, "People in the theater do our own makeup all the time. There were some things she did for my face I was able to use. She did some sculpting of my eyes, coloring the eyes. I never really look at my eyes. She used different colors to sculpt shapes, to make them look more dramatic."

Some of the techniques will be picked up for Nichols' stage makeup but not all of them. "You learn to discard things that don't work for you," Nichols explained.

BECAUSE she wears so much makeup at night for her stage appearances, she goes to the opposite extreme for daytime. "I don't wear

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Non-stop movies Film buff screens flicks for friends

By Robin Gaines
special writer

MOVIE MARATHON 1986. It's not at your local theater but at the home of West Bloomfield residents Dr. and Mrs. John Alter. For 24 hours, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, the Alters will be showing films non-stop to 20 of their die-hard movie-buff friends.

"It's for the purpose of watching some films and enjoying the experience together and maybe having a discussion about the films," said Alter, a plastic surgeon. His wife, Denise, said they got the idea for the marathon from a friend who is a movie fan.

The movies will be shown on four television sets located throughout the home and a 6-foot Advent screen in the den. Everything is wired to a Sony Detamex system so the same movie can be seen on all screens simultaneously, according to Dr. Alter.

And for those guests who get tired of watching movies, the Silver Screen edition of Trivial Pursuit will be set up in the dining room, said Mrs. Alter.

ALONG WITH their scratch 'n' sniff hot-buttered-popcorn strikers, the invitations to Movie Marathon 1986 asked guests for movie requests.

"Someone requested 'FX' and someone requested no scary movies," said Mrs. Alter.

"We've had some requests for some of the older films like 'Casablanca,'" added Dr. Alter.

Dr. Alter, who has "just under 1,000" videotapes in his library, has always loved movies.

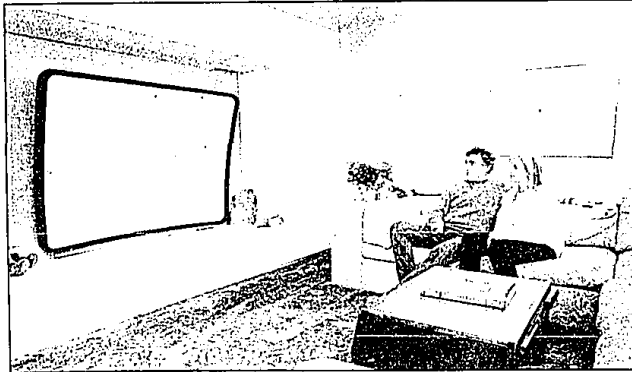
"When I was younger, it was an avenue of escape, to travel through films to experience other things that your family couldn't afford to do," he said. "It was always a dream to have a little projection theater at home. Then with the advent of videotaping, it became very simple."

Starting with an old videotape machine about seven or eight years ago, Dr. Alter has been updating his equipment ever since. At first, he said, "I was like a child in a toy store."

Dr. Alter said he studies the faces of the actors and actresses on his 6-foot screen to help him in his work.

"WHEN YOU see Kirk Douglas and Burt Lancaster (both in the new movie 'Tough Guys'), marvelous actors who have been around for a long time. It's very obvious they have had facial surgery done," said Dr. Alter.

Although the Alters can name their favorite actors (Woody Allen, Paul Newman and Clint Eastwood) and directors (John Huston and Mar-



Dr. and Mrs. John Alter of West Bloomfield watch movies on six-foot screen in their den. Come Saturday, they'll have guests in for a

Movie Marathon, with viewing on four TV sets as well as the giant screen.

'It was always a dream to have a little projection theater at home.'

— Dr. John Alter

tin Scorsese), they have a hard time coming up with one favorite movie.

"It's very difficult to name one specific film. It's nice to have a variety of films to look at whatever the mood is," said Dr. Alter.

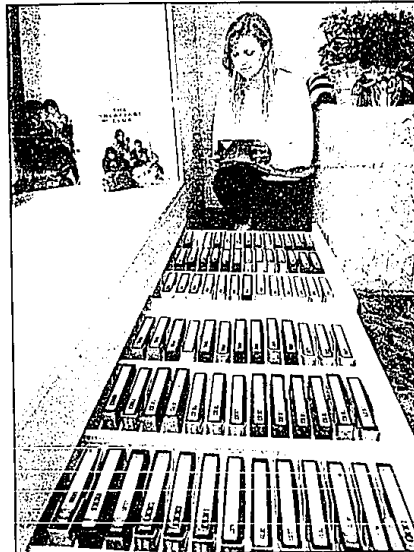
The videos the Alters own range from current releases to films from the late 1920s, and these are all numbered and listed in alphabetical order in a leather-bound film-library book. The book was a Christmas gift to Dr. Alter from his office staff last year.

The Alters watch approximately four movies a week, but in the summer less. "During the baseball season, we really slow down," said Dr. Alter. "We're real Tiger fans. We watch a lot of baseball and go to a lot of Tiger games."

MARRIED FOR 4½ years, Mrs. Alter says her husband has always been a movie buff. "He calls it a hobby because it justifies the craziness of it," she said.

Will the Movie Marathon become an annual event?

"We're leaving the option open," said Dr. Alter. "It's called Movie Marathon 1986 so we can have a sequel if there's interest."



Denise Alter selects a videotape from her husband's collection of nearly 1,000 movies.

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