

ON THE  
MARQUEE

Avon Players

**T**he Avon Players announce auditions for "Me and My Girl." The musical comedy has a very large cast. The search is on for 20 to 30 singers and dancers. There are eight major and five minor roles. Auditions are 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday Aug. 9 and 7 p.m. until complete, Monday, Aug. 10 at the Avon Players Playhouse on Tenken Road at Runyon Road in Rochester Hills. The show opens the first week in October and plays for three weekends. For more information, call the director, Kimberley Britt, 280-0206.

Shain Park concert

**F**uturist Amy Riding, and Patrick Scianelli, Tulsist perform. Mark Hinds sings "Kenny Rogers" in a "Double Play" at Shain Park in downtown Birmingham 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. "Shindig" presents music of the 1950s on Aug. 13. There is no charge for these concerts. The public is invited.

Livonia Symphony

**T**he Livonia Symphony Orchestra will perform 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, in Civic Center Park, next to Livonia City Hall at Five Mile and Farmington roads. The concert will feature Fat Bob Taylor, a well-known area singer. In the event of rain, the concert will be in the Activities Building on the campus of Madonna University at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. There is no charge for this concert, and the public is invited. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Youth Philharmonic

**A**uditions for the Livonia Youth Philharmonic will be 4-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 and Thursday, Aug. 27 at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. Young instrumentalists from the Detroit metropolitan area are invited to audition. The four orchestras of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic provide an opportunity for young instrumentalists ages 8 to 22 to gain training in orchestral repertoire and technique. Rehearsals are held Saturday mornings and will begin on Sept. 12. Auditions are by appointment only. Call 261-3754.

Heritage band

**H**eritage Concert Band performs an outdoor concert at the historical museum in Troy, 60 West Wattle Road, 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

Broadway melodies

**H**ear your favorite Broadway Melodies downstairs at Puchinello's, 184 Pierce St., Birmingham, 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 29. Call 644-5277 for reservations.

Mexican Fiesta

**E**njoy a Mexican Fiesta at the Lark restaurant, 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 24 and 25. A small Mexican group will entertain with festive as well as romantic Latin music. And, of course, there will be a pinata stuffed with treasure to be attacked and broken open. The price is \$67.50 per person and does not include alcoholic beverages, tax or gratuity. A Spanish wine bouquet will be available at modest cost. The last date for cancellation without charge is Aug. 15. For reservations, call 661-4466. The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, north of Maple Road in West Bloomfield.

Lunches served at  
Meadow Brook Hall



fruits and vegetables of summer. You can't wait until they arrive, and are sorry to see them go.

Hurry, time is running out. The tea room will close September 4. It's a great place to meet a friend and "catch-up."

The tea room's menu has changed quite a bit since Cregar Enterprises Executive Gourmet, Inc. won the Meadow Brook account for catering. Chef Steven Machlay cooks up an ever changing menu of creative soups, sandwiches, salads and entrees sure to please every palate.

"This is an elegant house. It deserves food that reflects the surroundings," said Machlay, a graduate of Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills, who planned to be an actor and studied at Wayne State University. He worked in restaurants to pay his expenses, and decided to switch careers.

"I like the business. I get to be creative and expressive. I enjoy working with my hands," he said.

Machlay's father and stepfather are both in the restaurant business. His father, Jim Machlay, in his family-style restaurant in California, and is now in the pizza business. His stepfather, Richard, owns Cregar Enterprises, and his brother Michael is a vice president in the company. But, like a lot of people who become chefs, Machlay started out as dishwasher.

With plans to be an actor, he moved to California and worked with his father Jim Machlay in his family-style restaurant. While in California he completed a three year culinary program, and later attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

Summer Tea Room

Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (313) 370-3140

Hours: Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. through September 4.

Menu: Soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta, variety of entrees. No alcohol.

Pricing: Salads \$2 to \$7.95, sandwiches, \$4.95 to \$5.50, entrees \$5.95 to \$10.95

Credit cards: Not accepted

Reservations: Not accepted

He stayed in New York for a year and worked at a number of restaurants before moving back to the Detroit area. Machlay worked at the Money Tree restaurant in Detroit and was a sous-chef at the Whitney in Detroit before he joined Cregar Enterprises.

"Originally they served hamburgers, sandwiches and salads in the tea room," said Machlay who is working to upscale the menu a little. "A lot of families and kids come here, so I didn't want the prices to be too high," he said.

The menu is constantly changing. Usually there (are) two cold entree salads, a burger, a couple of sandwiches, a pasta, fish and meat dish.

"My main emphasis is fresh," said Machlay who enjoys being a chef and takes pride in his work. "I like to educate people about food." For example, he put some enoki-dake mushrooms in the vegetarian sandwich. "It wasn't on the menu, people ask 'what is that?' they learn something new about food."

Machlay's enthusiasm and sense of adventure with food shows in his menu. Cranberries were added to a chilled Borscht (beet soup) to add a festive, summery flavor. The angel hair pasta with broccoli, cauliflower, red pepper, Bermuda onion, sun-dried tomatoes and rosemary cream has pistachio nuts in it.

A grilled strip steak is served with



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**Fabulous lunch: Chef Steven Machlay serves poached shrimp with Dijon spinach salad, angel hair pasta, vegetable pita and elegant desserts in the Summer Tea Room at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall.**

three peppercorn sauce. His pork tenderloin stir-fry — carrots, pea pods, bean sprouts, bok-choy, broccoli and asparagus seeds is served over coconut rice.

Many of the dishes are garnished

with herbs and flowers he grows in his garden just outside the kitchen door.

The desserts which include homemade cheesecake, tarts and fruit flans are heavenly. Be sure you leave room.

Zonjic and Friends thrill capacity crowd



AVIDDOR ZARDOP

flutist, is the director of this series. As can be expected, much of the material is centered around the flute. The latest event at the Birmingham Community House, was a diversion from the traditional classical format. It featured Alexander Zonjic and Friends with a program of jazz selections.

Zonjic is a celebrated flutist from this area who straddles both sides of the musical fence. He is thoroughly trained in both classical and jazz repertoire, appealing to listeners of a variety of tastes

and backgrounds. This latest occasion drew a capacity crowd. While most were not among the regular classical listeners, there were quite a few familiar faces from the other side of the fence.

While this summer has been generously cool, the crowded event with no air conditioning caused a certain degree of discomfort especially to the energetic performers who were in constant motion, a fact that was mentioned in some of Zonjic's remarks. This, however, was only a minor obstacle to the general high spirit.

In an event of this nature, the human artistic energy is augmented by the state-of-the-art technology of sound equipment and amplifiers. The control panel, with its many lights and levers, could have been used as a setting for a Star Trek episode.

This, however, did not diminish the fervent activity of the performers, consisting of keyboard players Michael

Babus and Ian Smith, percussionist Lorenzo Brown, bass player Nathan Brown and drummer Danny Cox together with Zonjic.

They performed selections from Zonjic's many LP's — "Elegant Evening," "Romance With You," "When is it Real," and "Neon."

There were impressive combinations of skill and showmanship in this performance.

Watching Danny Cox tossing around and switching between percussions of different variety and sizes was like watching a circus acrobat with music talent to boot.

Percussionist Lorenzo Brown pushed his percussion battery to the limit by providing complex rhythmic sound combinations which came across as music, rather than a mere pounding noise.

The flute is considered to be among the gentlest wind instruments. Zonjic, however, needed strong lungs in work-

ing order to perform his breathtaking feats. This aspect didn't diminish his subtle, but thorough control of his instrument.

The classical format of this series will resume 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9 at the Birmingham Community House, 382 South Bates Street across from the Baldwin Library.

The concert will feature Detroit Symphony musicians, Donald Baker, oboe, and Mary Chanteaux, cello with Johanna Beth Bowers, flute and Pauline Martin, piano. Program highlights include the Barber Cello Sonata, Telemann Oboe Concerto in F minor, a duo for flute and oboe by Dutch composer, Andreessen, Three Pieces for flute, oboe and cello by American composer, Foote and the Trio for flute, cello and piano by Martinu.

An afterglow will follow the concert. General admission is \$11 and \$9 for students and seniors. For information, call 855-9299 or 855-0458.

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