

# Summer fun

## Teen event draws huge crowd

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The first Sum-Fun Round-up was "totally awesome" for Farmington-Farmington Hills teens.

Held Monday, it included a picnic at Farmington Hills Heritage Park and a concert under the stars at the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills.

More than 200 teens gathered in the park at 5 p.m. for free pizza, hot dogs and hamburgers. Events included hayrides, volleyball games and a dunk tank.

"We played a little volleyball and went on a hayride to back trails and over to the community center. It was fun," said Scott Mackey, 14, a Redford Catholic Central student.

Teens took the hayride or walked to the Community Center amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. to enjoy the music and light show of DJ, Galaxy of Lights. From rap to rock and roll, teens roared in the warm weather as they danced on the packed floor of the amphitheater. The concert ended at 9 p.m.

"This is cool," said Chris Vanderveen, 14, of Farmington High student. "The concert was great. We had a ball."

THE CITIES of Farmington-Farmington Hills, the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills, the Farmington Area YMCA and Oakland Community College are set on keeping teens active in the summer with Sum-Fun programs, which began last month.

Farmington Hills has budgeted \$5,000 toward a summer teens program. The city has been concerned about what 12- to 15-year-olds do to stay busy in the summer, Mayor Terry Sever said.

Sum-Fun programs give teens a chance meet students from other schools in the area. They also promote communication between city officials and local teens.

"I see a lot of kids using all the facilities," Sever said. "This is a good way for them to experience the Community Center and the park and to make use of these facilities for themselves."

The Farmington Hills Recreation Department and the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills organized the event. It was originally scheduled for July 19 but was postponed because of rain.

"THE TURNOUT is better than expected," said Jeff Middleton, Farmington Hills recreation pro-

grammer. "I saw the lineup at the dunk tank and I was really surprised. They are really having a good time."

Teens seemed thankful for the event, which interrupted their "dull summer routines."

"It's pretty boring during the summer," said Amy Donohue, 15, a student at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. "I'll be going to Boston for vacation next month, but other than that, there is really nothing to do."

"It's nice to have this," said Andrea Newman, 13, a student at Power Junior High in Farmington Hills. "I haven't done anything this summer really."

Mackey and Bryce Lahiff, 15, both Catholic Central students, said they spend most of their summer working at Farmer Jack and would like to see more skateboarding activities in the community.

Chris Vanderveen said he would like to participate in more activities but he is uninformed about what's scheduled. "I think they need to advertise more," he said. "I would have gone to Cedar Point, but I didn't know about it."

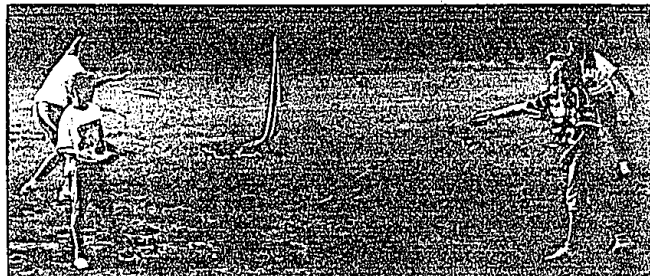
The next Sum-Fun event, for 13- to 15-year-olds, is Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Farmington Area YMCA.



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The amphitheater at the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills was open for dancing in the evening. The city of Farmington

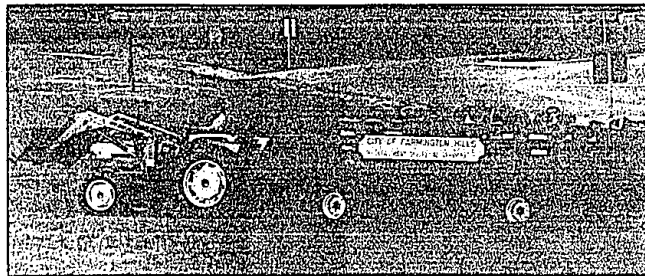
Hills provided a disc jockey to play records for the dance.



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Jodie Barringer (left, foreground) and Laurah Klopinger play a game of Scoop while Jodie Whitehead and Julie Heist toss a Frisbee in the background. Barringer is 12, lives in Farming-

ton Hills and attends East Middle School, Klopinger is 13, lives in Farmington Hills and attends O.E. Dunckel Middle School.



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A hay ride around Heritage Park was part of the fun at the Sum-Fun Teen Party.

## Testimony continues this week

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single counts of armed robbery and felonious assault and four counts of possessing a firearm while committing a felony.

Parks stood mute to one count of armed robbery, an innocent plea was entered in his behalf.

Only Shavers, being held on \$500,000 bond, faces a preliminary exam. Parks, being held on \$200,000 bond, waived his right to a preliminary exam and awaits trial in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Steve Wilson, 18, of Farmington Hills, suspected of hiding some of the stolen money, pleaded innocent to one count of accessory after the fact to a felony and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100. He also waived his right to a preliminary exam. Free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond, he awaits trial in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Robert Wilson — a resident of Leaside, which borders McDonald's — testified that he noticed a "suspicious red car," with stripes and

"Road Hawk" printed on both sides, driving slowly down the street at 10:30 a.m. July 10, "as if they were casing the area."

The car's description matched the red 1977 Plymouth Duster owned by Parks, Farmington Hills police said.

THE DAY of the robbery, John Patrick Peligrino (now a McDonald's employee) said he was working outside near the trash compactor when a man wearing a mask and an Army jacket appeared with a gun.

Peligrino said he assumed the man was a prankster holding a toy gun. He tried to grab the gun but the assailant jerked away and ordered him to kneel and face the compactor until he retreated.

Lisa Davis, a McDonald's manager on duty during the robbery, said the gunman, wearing an "old man's" mask and Army jacket, came in the side door and pointed a gun toward where she was standing with the Guardian Armored Security courier, Eric Anderson, and another restaurant manager, Peggy Richards.

Davis said she turned to Anderson and Richards and said, "What the heck is this guy doing?" She then heard a gunshot and the gunman retreated with the courier's canvas money bag and gun. The spent slug, which narrowly missed the day manager, dented the steel counter.

Richards, the day manager whom police believe the gunman deliberately fired at, was not available to testify Tuesday. She's expected to do so when Shavers' preliminary exam resumes this week, Sgt. Charles Nebus said.

ROBERT WILSON, no relation to Steve Wilson, said he saw a news broadcast describing the getaway car the day after the robbery. His tip led police to the homes of Parks and Shavers, arrested July 11-12. Steve Wilson was arrested July 13.

Shavers was arrested outside his northwest Detroit home at 5:30 a.m. July 13 as he was about to leave for work. The day of the robbery was a scheduled day off.

## Hills rezoning plan protested

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The proposed \$7 million project would be developed by property owner and developer Melvin Kaftan. According to city planner Ed Gardner, Kaftan owns Fox Pointe townhouses, Halsted near 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Leonard Siegel of Siegel, Tuomala & Associates, Southfield, represented Kaftan Monday. "We would certainly share their (residents') concern about toxic chemicals and toxic wastes if that were indeed the case," he said.

"There's been a departure of what is the real facts. There is a spectre of all these toxic wastes leaking into the streams and rivers, and billowing clouds of toxic fumes — certainly not the circumstances here."

SIEGEL SAID there are restrictions as to specific materials that can be used in an IRO district and he didn't think toxic chemicals or toxic waste are among them. He said the city can enforce performance controls.

Gardner said design and engineering are typical uses in an IRO zone.

"We're talking about small modules, 1,320 square feet," said Siegel. "That's not exactly what Dow Chemical is looking for. We're talking about something a little bit less than 120,000 square feet."

"How sure are we — regardless of EPA regulations, regardless of city

and state regulations — we can guarantee 100 percent the safety of our environment, especially so close to our homes?" asked Chuck Leonard of Rutledge Crossing in Independence Hills, north of the Kaftan site.

In an agreement with the Hillside Estates Condominium Association, Kaftan apparently promised to build less than 128,000 square feet of one-story buildings, with doorways away from the condominiums. The 18-foot buildings will be air-conditioned so doors will not be open to bother residents with noise, for example. A berm on Kaftan's property that buffers the condominiums will be maintained.

Anywhere from 80 to 100 businesses could be within the new complex. Siegel also "greater concern for the fact that residents expect us to represent them."

Councilman Philip Arnold said the city may have to revisit the definition of toxicity and may have to impose better controls "to make sure we're not introducing IRO into areas of the city we don't want."

Councilman Paul Sowerby pointed out that government regulates toxic products and that an office building "could be just as devastating" on the neighborhood. He said he wants to tighten IRO ordinance language and wants assurances city planners share the council's concern about

"I'm not naive to believe that every one of those 100 units would be closely monitored," said Sue Leon-

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