

## Earth Angels

### Teens rock around the clock

**T**hey "Rock Around the Clock," "Think," and like "Dancing in the Streets." The Earth Angels, a group of 22 youngsters ages 9-18, performed Tuesday night at the final summer Teen Night at the Bailey Center.

The kids do choreographed routines and pantomime to hit songs from the '50s and '60s and perform year-round at shows mostly in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. They recently returned from a performance at Disney World in Florida, according to Debbie Lindquist, pool supervisor at the Bailey pool. Lindquist's daughter, Jessica Berner, 13, of Westland has been performing with the Earth Angels for four years.

Tuesday's performance at the Bailey Center drew about 160 people and is the culmination of a summer-long program for middle schoolers and teens.

After a slow start the program

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proved to be popular this summer, Lindquist said. Part of it was the rapport the lifeguards had with the kids, including participating in the dancing, she said.

Some kids asked to have it expanded to other nights as well, she said.

Plans are to bring the program back next summer with some additions such as arcade games and theme nights, Lindquist said.

The Earth Angels will be seeking three new members in September. Contact director/manager Lisa Campos at (734) 326-7586 or (734) 747-7579.



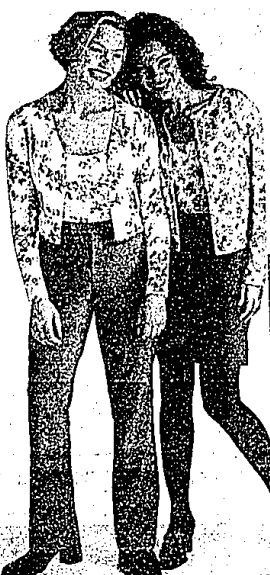
**Cool, man:** Carl Saenz of Farmington Hills of the Earth Angels lip synchs to the medley "Swing the Mood."



**Dance duo:** Cari Murphy (left) and Evan Berman, both of Farmington Hills, dance and lip synch with the Earth Angels to the medley "Swing the Mood" at a teen night at the Bailey Center in Westland.



**Leader of Pack:** Patrick Lynn of Farmington Hills (left) and Kristen Kwiatkowski of Livonia and other Earth Angels performers dance and lip synch to "Leader of the Pack."



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## Holdup suspects headed for trial

BY TIM SMITH  
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Testimony about the Aug. 3 armed robbery of the Farmington Hills Denny's Restaurant and subsequent police chase convinced 47th District Judge Marla Parker to bind three suspects over to Oakland County Circuit Court for trial.

Parker ordered defendants Vernon Jemael Adams, 20, of Southfield, Darrell Holland Carter, 20, of Lathrup Village, and Kedar Abdullar York, 21, of Detroit to stand trial on three counts each of armed robbery, which carry potential penalties of up to life imprisonment.

The judge also denied requests from defense attorneys for Carter and York to reduce bond, because of their relatively free prior criminal records. Because of the seriousness of the charges, bond for each of the defendants was continued at \$500,000.

Defense attorney Gerald Evelyn, who represents Carter, told Parker that "three defendants are in three different situations. My client has a pristine record up to this point ... and the bonds are identical."

Michael McCarthy, the attorney for Adams, identified during the exam as the getaway driver, did not make such a request.

Parker said the testimony heard during the preliminary examination, primarily from a Denny's employee and a Farmington Hills police officer, was enough to help her decide a serious crime was committed and to send the case to circuit court.

According to testimony from a Denny's employee, he saw three mask-wearing men climb into a Volkswagen Jetta in the restaurant parking lot. He contacted police on his cellular telephone and followed the car at a safe distance, alerting police about a vanity license plate number.

The witness continued to testify that he stayed in telephone contact with the dispatcher while following the suspects' car to eastbound I-696 near Middlebelt.

There, he saw the driver pull over to the side. After carefully pulling over on the other side of the freeway, the witness saw the men get out of the car and walk up the hill, carrying what looked to be a duffel bag.

When they returned, the bag

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apparently was gone. The Volkswagen proceeded on eastbound I-696 at about 85-90 miles-per-hour, on the shoulder.

Farmington Hills Police Officer Mark Rash was next up on the stand. He testified that he began following the Volkswagen at I-696 and Inkster Road, after receiving a dispatcher's call.

Rash detailed a wild chase from I-696 to southbound U.S. 10. He told the judge that the car he was following, at one point, drove 40 feet up on a freeway embankment to avoid a construction sign.

Several times, the Volkswagen attempted to elude Farmington Hills and Southfield police, by pretending to be getting onto exit ramps only to quickly return to the freeway.

"They would do that at each exit," Rash said.

Finally, at U.S. 10 and Evergreen Road, two police cars boxed in the Volkswagen. Rash testified that three men exited the car, and that \$910 in cash — including between \$40-\$100 in \$1 bills — was confiscated from the pants pockets of the driver.

Another "couple hundred" was found in the passenger side door, while police also recovered a gun, bandannas and gloves.

Earlier during the preliminary examination, witnesses detailed the events of that morning.

The armed robbery began about 6:25 a.m. Aug. 3 at the 10 Mile-Grand River Denny's, when three men entered wearing bandannas on their faces. They announced a holdup to employees and five customers and displayed a weapon inside a duffel bag.

Employees and customers were bound with duct tape and ordered to lay on the floor in the women's bathroom for 10 minutes. No one was injured.

Defense attorney Otis Culpepper, who represents York, asked Parker to consider reducing bond for his client because of the fact "no one was hurt, no one was roughed up."

The three defendants are suspects in similar recent incidents in other communities, including Southfield, Lathrup Village and Livonia.

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