

# West Side Story



THE SHARKS

Tom Takai kicks high as one of the Sharks.



THE JETS

"Action" (Tim Doot) ends the prologue dance.

## ...at North Farmington

"West Side Story" the musical, modern adaption of "Romeo and Juliet" will play at 8 p.m. May 10, 11, 17 and 18 in the North Farmington High auditorium.

The school's major production for the year, the story is of the conflict between two New York street gangs and the love of two teenagers caught in the middle.

"Against a background of garbage, poverty and tenement houses, two youngsters meet and fall in love," says Director Michael Rasmussen. "Surrounded by violence and death, they dream of a somewhere, of a someplace, where they may live at peace with each other."

"The hatred which envelopes them, however, is more powerful than the force which binds them. Their dream is destroyed."

The musical numbers include "Maria", "Some-

where" and "Tonight." The play includes several numbers choreographed by Linda Pulgini. Musical director is George T. Sull.

Leads are played by Karen Ziemba, as Maria, Bob Reed, as Tony, Steve Combes, as Riff, Tina Pulgini as Anita, and Mark Garcia as Bernardo.

Other cast members include: Tim Doot, Steve Conn; David Kaye, Dan Ahearn, Jeff Lemberg, Mark Babcock, Dwight Peterson, Mark Ziemba, Randy Niven, Tom Takai, John Kirkland, Mike Roehrig, Steve Lange, Chris Moore, Jim Otton, Paul Hebeier, David Alati, Pat McCourt and John Welch.

Lisa Mather, Natalie Headlee, Jan Schriber, Gail Gilbert, Mary Ann Daly, Michelle Flood, Mary Jo Larson, Caren Collins, Lisa Scowcroft, Cindy Leistikow, Mary Brineat, Nancy Vlamming, Cindy Haight, Arlene Stoler, Barb White, Dennis McCrary, Gary VandenBelt, Charlie Tighe and Mike Priestap.

## Farmington council cool to consolidated police

By DAN McCOSH

FARMINGTON -- Should two police departments become one?

The idea of combining Farmington and Farmington Hills public safety departments, tossed out by Hills Councilman Earl Oppertbauer recently, has generated mixed reaction. "I wouldn't want anyone to get the idea we are as crazy about it as he is," said Farmington Mayor Ralph Yoder recently.

John Allen, councilman, was more direct. "I am totally opposed to the idea," he said.

THEIR COMMENTS came prior to a meeting expected soon between the two councils, to discuss several problems of mutual concern.

The professionals involved are non-committal.

Ronald Holko, Hills public safety director, said, "It's for the council to decide."

"There would be problems of administration, organization, who would run the department."

"Frankly, if I was a resident of the City of Farmington, I don't know if I would like the idea."

THE TWO TOWNS have entirely different organizations for police and fire protection.

Farmington has a combined police-fire department, with the fire trucks manned by on-duty police officers.

The Hills currently relies on a volunteer department operating out of

four fire barns, with a full-time police department.

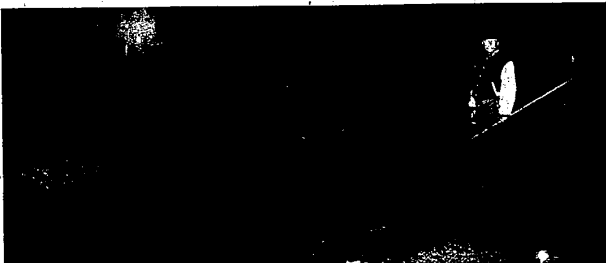
Farmington is currently patrolled in as many as three districts by local police. The larger area of the Hills dictates a single patrol district is actually larger than the whole City of Farmington, according to Holko.

Capt. Dan Byrnes, currently acting head of the Farmington police-fire department (City Manager Robert Deadman is chief), was noncommittal.

"There would be a lot of things to be worked out," he said.

"The organizations are so different, particularly with our fire department, it would mean a total reorganization."

"I'm not sure what would be gained."



### Lonely job . . .

William E. Montgomery took on the lonely job of helping clean up after the floods following last week's torrential rains in Farmington Hills.

## Hills police report on council agenda

FARMINGTON HILLS -- A report on the recent embezzlement within the Farmington Hills Police Department is expected to be given at the council meeting Monday April 22.

According to city clerk Floyd Cairns, the report will be given by the Appeals Board and the Police Committee.

The report is expected to deal with the reinstatement of police Lt. William Kelly.

Kelly was suspended by Public Safety Director Ronald Holko because of certain actions taken during the investigation. A police appeals board reinstated him April 16.



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