

## recreation news

Each week, the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column.

For further information regarding programs, please call the recreation office at 473-9570. Pre-registration is required for most activities.

For matters regarding city council agenda items, call the city's Newsline at 476-3838.

### HALLOWEEN HAUNTED WALK

The Recreation Division will be hosting its fourth annual Halloween Haunted Walk, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 25-26, at Heritage Park. We are looking for groups, organizations or individuals who would be interested in creating a station on the trails to provide the chilling effect of the spirit of Halloween. If you or your group/organization are interested, contact Dave Justus at 473-9580.

### PUNT, PASS, & KICK

Children 8-13 years of age can compete in the Farmington Hills Punt, Pass & Kick Saturday, Sept. 21, at Heritage Park. Competition for the divisions will be as scheduled: 8- and 9-year-olds at 9 a.m., 10- and 11-year-olds at 9:30 a.m., and 12- and 13-year-olds at 10 a.m. First place finishes in each age division will advance to the metro area competition. There is no fee for this event, but pre-registration is required.

### AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION

Registration for this 10-week program is now being accepted at the Recreation Office. Classes begin the week of Sept. 23. The fall/winter schedule will include dance, gymnastics, art and karate classes. Classes begin after the conclusion of school at the following sites: Eagle, Forest, Gill, Larkshire, Woodcreek and Wooddale elementary schools and Oakland Community College. Class fee is \$16 per person, per class. Pre-registration is required.

### SWIMMING

Swimming instructions for beginners to advanced skill levels are offered at Harrison High School. The program meets on Saturdays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 21. Lessons are 10-10:50 a.m. for levels 1-5, and 11-11:50 a.m. for levels 6-10. Fee is \$28 per person. Pre-registration is required. Children must be 38 inches at their chin height.

### RUN THROUGH THE HILLS

Join fellow runners for the 10K and 1.5K Fun Run that will be Sunday, Oct. 6, from Heritage Park. The Fun Run is open to all ages, while the 10K Run will have men and women divisions of 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50 and over. Entry fees until Oct. 4 are \$6 for Fun Run and 18 and under division and \$10 for 10K Run. After Oct. 4, an additional \$2 should be included in entry fee. Pre-registration is required and entry fee includes race T-shirt.

### FALL HAYRIDES

Enjoy taking a hayride through Heritage Park. Rides will be at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays beginning Sept. 20 to Oct. 11. The ride concludes with a warm campfire, elder and roasting marshmallows. Pre-registration fee of \$3 per person is required. Hayrides will be offered Saturday, Oct. 5, on the half hour beginning at 4 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. Tickets are to be bought on site. The \$2 per person fee includes hayride only.

### TENNIS LESSONS

Conclude the outdoor season on a good note as you improve your tennis skills in this four-week program. Instructions will be offered on forehand, backhand, serve and volley. Classes will meet Saturdays for four weeks beginning Sept. 28. Lessons for adults will be 9-9:50 a.m. and lessons for children ages 8-12 will be 10-10:50 a.m. Classes will be at North Farmington High School. Pre-registration fee of \$22 is required.

# 2-year-old girl 'fair' after crash

By Greg Kowalski  
staff writer

Two-year-old Danielle Blum, injured when a car careened into a crowd of parade-watchers Monday in Franklin, was upgraded to fair condition and taken out of intensive care Wednesday at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday afternoon.

The girl, daughter of Steven and Andrea Blum of West Bloomfield, suffered a fractured skull and was the most badly hurt among eight people hit when the car swerved off the parade route on Franklin Road south of 14 Mile Road.

Police-hired experts examined the car, a classic 1960 Ford Thunderbird, and re-enacted the accident three times on Franklin Road Tuesday.

"We were able to stop the car all three times," said Franklin Police Chief Edward Glomb after the test drive. "There is excessive play in the brakes, but the car did stop three times."

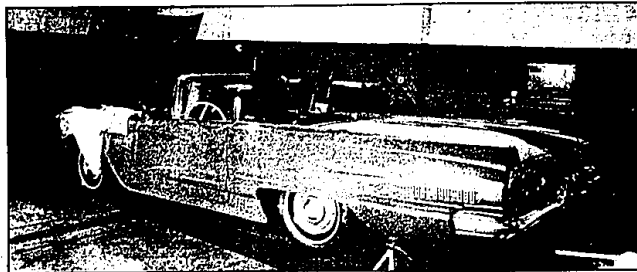
THE THUNDERBIRD was driven by Amy Selk, 20, of Bloomfield Hills. It belongs to her mother and stepfather who also own two other classic Thunderbirds, including 1955 and 1956 models, which also were in the parade.

Although the official police report wasn't complete, Glomb said he didn't anticipate any criminal charges against Selk.

Glomb noted that the brakes weren't adjusted properly on the nearly two-ton car. "It was a combination of the driver not being familiar with the car and too much play in the brake pedal and the driver panicking a little bit," Glomb said.

Before the test results Tuesday, Selk's mother, Suretta Must, said, "There was something very wrong with the car."

Must strongly denied reports that the car sent people scrambling for safety.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

A certified mechanic and an engineer working for Franklin police department examined brakes, fluids and other parts of this classic 1960 Thunderbird Tuesday in a Birmingham

garage. The car ran into spectators during Franklin's Labor Day parade, injuring eight people.

"Nobody was jumping on the hood, nobody was 'flying through the air,'" she said. The car rolled to a stop and was held back by some bystanders "using their hands," indicating it was slowing to a stop, said Must.

"MY DAUGHTER has an excellent driving record," Must said. According to the Michigan Secretary of State office in Lansing, Selk has two points on her driving record, after being ticketed for making a prohibited turn in East Lansing on Feb. 27, 1990.

The accident occurred right in front of the police station and Glomb noted that three police officers helped stop the car.

The parade is part of the annual Franklin Roundup, a fund-raiser for the Franklin Community Association.

"The parade's been going on for 25 years and there's never been an incident," Glomb said.

As for whether he would urge the

council cancel the parade next year, Glomb said, "I couldn't go that far and say that. I'm sure that we'll talk about it."

Officials from the Franklin Community Association did not return several phone calls Tuesday and

Wednesday.

Glomb said the car will remain in police custody at least until the final report of the accident is completed.

Staff writers Helen Niemiec and Dave Varga contributed to this report.



Starting Sept. 11 - Wed. is Opera Night

COUPON  
BUY 1 DINNER AT REGULAR  
PRICE AND GET 1 DINNER  
(of equal value) AT 1/2 PRICE  
Limit 1 to Coupon - Good Mon. thru Sat.  
Expires Sept. 12, 1991

32030 Plymouth Rd. • Livonia

Call For Reservations 422-0770



FRANZEN BROS.  
CIRCUS

All Under the Big Top  
with Elephants, Lions,  
Tigers, Horses, Camels,  
and Much, Much More!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6  
5:30 & 8:00 PM

NOVI TOWN CENTER  
South of I-96 on Novi Rd.

Great family Entertainment  
sponsored by the  
Novi Jaycees

Featuring 8 performing Lions &  
Tigers!!! Tons of Educated  
Elephants!! Clowns!

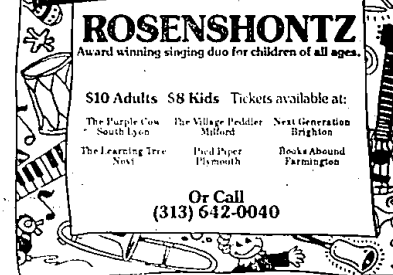
Advance tickets Available at: Kids Club in  
Novi Town Center, Novi Parks &  
Recreation, Novi Civic Center, or call the  
Novi Jaycees at 348-NOVI.



Small in size,  
big in reach.  
O & E CLASSIFIEDS



Jr. Jams  
CONCERT  
SERIES  
Sunday, Sept 22  
1:00 pm  
Novi High School  
Tall Rd. at 10 Mile  
(near Novi exit off I-96)



ROSENHONTZ  
Award winning singing duo for children of all ages.  
\$10 Adults \$8 Kids Tickets available at:  
The Purple Cow The Village Peddler Next Generation  
South Lyon Milford Brighton  
The Learning Tree Ford Paper Books Abound  
Novi Plymouth Farmington  
Or Call  
(313) 642-0040

**Kevin's**  
25234 GREENFIELD (South of I-696)  
OAK PARK 967-2033  
OPEN DAILY 11 A.M.  
FINE DINING • COCKTAILS • CARRY-OUT • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
Still Serving Our Famous  
**20 oz. New York Strip Steak \$9.95**  
Includes: Soup, salad, potato or rice.

**Bullwinkle's**  
LUNCH DINNER  
26721 W. Seven Mile, Redford 592-4520  
Carry-Out  
Now Open Sundays at 1:00 pm  
For All Football Games  
Hot Dogs..... 50¢  
1/4 Lb. Burger..... 95¢  
French Fries..... 50¢  
Chili..... 75¢  
Offer Good Every Sunday 1:00 pm till 6:00 pm

Daylily Promotions  
presents  
**AUTUMN ARTS & CRAFTS**  
SEPTEMBER 7 & 8  
Sat. 9am - 5pm  
Sun. 11am - 5pm  
at DOMINOS FARMS EXHIBITION HALL  
\$1 admission \* under 12 free  
US 23 to exit 41. Exit on  
Plymouth Rd. to North end  
Farmington Rd. for more  
information call 971-7424

**HALLOWEEN IN SEPTEMBER**  
Friday The 13th!  
**Costume Party**  
Prizes For 1st, 2nd and 3rd  
Beer Specials • Hourly Drink Specials • Shot Specials  
Live Entertainment • Hors d'Oeuvres  
Games and Prizes ALL NIGHT  
7:00 PM - ???  
27160 Grand River Ave., Redford  
537-6610  
**T.S. MARTIN'S**  
Restaurant & Tavern

**ANY TIME ANY DAY...**  
It's as easy as 591-0500  
Delivering YOUR Observer Newspaper is important to us. Whether you need to start, stop or change your subscription, we've made it easier for YOU. We've installed a 24 HOUR TELEPHONE LINE to take your call after regular business hours. All you need is a touch-tone telephone and our circulation department telephone number:  
**591-0500**  
Our new automated system will quickly and easily guide you and enable you to call us when it's most convenient for you. We know that in order to serve our customers better, we need to be there for them...24 hours a day.  
THE  
**Observer & Eccentric**  
NEWSPAPERS

**SUNDAY BUFFET**  
ALL YOU CAN EAT  
BRUNCH  
**\$7.95**  
9:30-4:00  
BANQUET FACILITIES  
and CATERING SERVICE  
AVAILABLE!  
**Leather Bottle Inn**  
20300  
Farmington Road  
(Just S of I-696)  
576-8180

**Mr. Z's STEAK HOUSE**  
27331 Five Mile Rd. (Corner of Inland)  
**\$5.95 SPECIALS**  
Sunday-Thursday  
• 1/2 B.B.Q. or Baked Chicken  
• Broiled Orange Roughy  
• Broiled Pork Chop with our Special Dressing  
• Beef Tips with Mushroom over Rice Pilaf  
• Chicken Parmesan with side order of Spaghetti  
• Homemade Meatloaf with Mushroom Gravy  
**537-5600**  
OPEN SUNDAYS  
**KARAOKE**  
Sing-A-Long  
Tues., Wed., & Thurs.  
**THE SWITCH**  
Friday & Saturday

**Mama Mia**  
DINNER FOR 2  
Choice of  
Tenderloin Steak\*  
Broiled Boston Scrod  
Veal Parmesan  
Chicken Gnocchi or Fettuccine  
**\$10.99**  
\*Not available on each menu. See us for complete menu. Taxes and gratuity extra.  
With Coupon \* Sept. 30, 1991  
Banquet Facilities Available  
27170 Plymouth  
Just S of I-696  
LIVONIA 427-1000 REDFORD 537-0740