

**Raider royalty**



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**NFHS celebration: North Farmington Homecoming Queen Danielle Goodman and King Scott Bernstein were crowned during a ceremony at the school Saturday afternoon. The day's activities included a parade and football game.**

**City approves transports**

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Farmington Hills residents will get better emergency medical service and the city will earn more money from EMS runs, when the Fire Department takes over transporting patients to hospitals next year.

That's the assessment of Fire Chief Rick Marinucci and department staff, who presented the changes to the city council Oct. 8.

Council voted 7-0 to accept the plan, to be implemented Jan. 2.

The key change involves the fire department transporting EMS patients to hospitals. Currently, a private ambulance firm, Community EMS, does the transporting.

ally to \$76,079 in 2006. The projected revenue decline is due to projected step increases in firefighters' pay.

Depending on the region of the city and the availability of hospitals, Farmington Hills EMS staff transport to Botsford Hospital, Providence Hospital in Southfield and Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

No significant equipment purchases will be required.

Of the more than 7,000 emergency calls made in 2000, nearly 4,000 were injury accidents requiring EMS treatment and 66 percent needed advanced life support treatment.

The city continues to work with Community EMS on a month-by-month contract.

"The fire department paramedic accompanies the patient and fire department vehicles follow the ambulance to retrieve personnel and equipment," Marinucci said.

That qualifies hospitals, and not Farmington Hills, for insurance company reimbursements on behalf of transported patients.

"When we become the transporting agent we can invoice insurance companies," Marinucci told council.

"We feel we can be more efficient and we propose to provide a higher level of service to the citizen," said Councilman Jerry Ellis.

**Four new firefighters**

Under the plan, the fire department will add four full-time firefighters, to bring the city's number of full-time firefighters to 40.

The staff additions will boost the number of units able to respond to EMS calls from five to six between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and from one to two units between 6 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Money gained through insurance reimbursements will cover the cost for added staff, according to projections.

Marinucci presented a chart that showed the department would make \$165,631 from EMS transport to hospitals next year, after expenses. The department will make an estimated \$160,000 from such activity this year.

Revenue over expenses is projected to drop in following years; to \$135,622 in 2003, and eventu-

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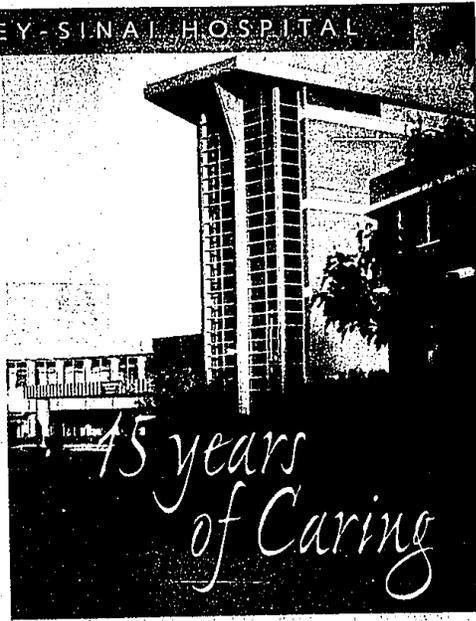
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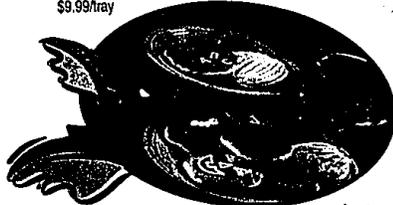
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