

Providence plans birthing clinic

Providence Hospital in Southfield has received approval from the state health director to go ahead with the Family Birthing Center, a home-like setting for uncomplicated pregnancies.

At an estimated cost of \$40,000, the project will be operated by Providence Hospital with the support of the Quadrangle—a group of area hospitals which work together to avoid duplicating services—and its resources.

The Family Birthing Center will be located in Providence Hospital's renovated Fisher Center, and will be completed in December.

Women who wish to use the Family Birthing Center must be receiving prenatal care from a physician with obstetrical privileges at Providence. Women will be evaluated, according to medical and social criteria, to determine whether or not they seem likely to have normal deliveries.

Parents will be required to attend a series of educational classes related to

pregnancy, labor, delivery and post-partum and infant care.

If complications occur during delivery, the mother and child can be transferred rapidly to more comprehensive obstetrical services at Providence or the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital.

Following a normal birth, the family unit will remain together to allow for proper bonding. The infant will be examined by a pediatrician, and a Family Birthing Center nurse-educator will review post-partum and infant care. The patient will be discharged within 12-24 hours after delivery. Approximately three days later, a nurse-educator will visit the home.

At the end of the year, Providence Hospital must prepare a report to be presented to the Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan, which approved the state health director's decision.



Laura entertains

Laura Thompson will continue to be the featured entertainer at the Meeting Place, Orchard Lake at Pontiac Trail through July. She will be appearing Wednesdays through Saturdays at 9 p.m. An interpretive vocalist and pianist, she delivers contemporary rock, folk and jazz music. She has appeared recently at the Detroit Plaza Hotel, the Midtown Cafe, Peabody's and the Meeting Place's Down Under Lounge.

Seaholm '73 reunion set

A five-year reunion of Seaholm High School graduates in the class of 1973 will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Camp Dearborn, Milford.

Theme of the event will be "Celebrate Again," based on the class swingout theme of

"Celebrate." More than 300 members of the class, or about half, have made reservations for the event.

Class members wishing to attend who have not made advance reservations should contact

Susan Novak of Troy at 613-0475 or Jack Butler of Ann Arbor at 1-994-4993.

Butler urged those interested to make advance reservations because of security regulations about admittance at Camp Dearborn.

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