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Farmington Focus

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UP, up and away!
Youngsters from 10 Oakland County school districts will release thousands of multi-colored, helium-filled balloons Thursday and Friday, Nov. 7-8, in celebration of Head Start's 20th anniversary.

MEET the area's other business people.
The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will hold its first luncheon after-noon mixer of the fall 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the Holiday Inn, 53123 10 Mile.

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City pursues concern over spa activities

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer
They share concern with the "Citizens for a Decent Community," about suspected prostitution in the city.

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Historic house to be saved

By Casey Hans staff writer
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The more-than-100-year-old house and adjoining barn will be moved in the next two weeks, said an employee of G.D. Foster House Movers of Westland.

The 17 arrested in the raids, 14 are U.S. citizens and the other two are U.S. citizens. The suspects were released by late Oct. 8 after posting bonds ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,250.

The Farmington Hills City Council Monday night approved a needed conveyance agreement, allowing the house to be moved at no expense to the current owner, Crystal Centre Associates.

Throughout discussion, council members and Bibeau insisted they could not talk about health spa incidents in detail because of pending court hearings.

The Johnsons bought the Gravin house through the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission.

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Nominator Jonathan Grant (right) said of Citizen of the Year Jean Fox: "We are truly fortunate to have this fine lady as a member of our community for 25 years."

Dusty chore She helps to chronicle history

By Lisa Simon staff writer
Sitting in her English Cotswold home, nestled in a wooded area off Farmington Road, Jean Fox's illustrations of her life mesh well with the historic surroundings.

people
Born in Norwood, Ohio, just outside Cincinnati, Fox moved to Old Redford in Detroit with her family in 1929.

worked for newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst and reported World War I news back to the states. His writing included coverage of the Versailles Peace Treaty.

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IT WAS McGriff who started what became the International News Service in New York City, one of the first United States wire services that covered international news, according to Fox.

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quickly to the podium and accepted her award from nominator Jonathan Grant, member of the chamber's Board of Directors.

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It was supposed to be a surprise. But the guest of honor was out of town.

Oakland County-based attorney, Doe was released on personal bond.

place Judge George LaForte sentenced Doe to five years' probation and six months in jail.

Something had to be done. A desperate phone call was made. The guest of honor was told she was going to be honored Tuesday evening by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

PHOTOGRAPHY by Martin Bredinger. Bredinger (who served as interim judge until Lippett was appointed to re-

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