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CHANGES are delayed. Because the city of Farmington faces a computer conversion, officials have agreed to wait until Oct. 1 to make changes in the water and sewer rate billing.

The city council voted July 7 to delay introduction of new rates for one billing period. To make the changes now would cost the city \$1,500 to \$2,000 in added expense, according to a city report.

The new rate structure will cost residents no additional money, and may save some for residents with low water use.

KEEPING those uniforms clean. Grimes Cleaners of Farmington Hills was awarded the low bid of \$4,157 for cleaning the Farmington Department of Public Safety uniforms for the coming year. They also had the city contract last year.

Three local vendors bid on the contract, awarded July 7 by the Farmington City Council.

SENIOR rights to be spotlighted. State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, is one of two members of the Senate minority caucus selected to participate in the Michigan Senior Citizens Legislative Intern Program, co-sponsored by the Joint Committee on Aging and the Office of Services to the Aging.

The program, scheduled for Sept. 22-26, is designed to allow seniors a closeup look at the legislative process. It includes workshops and attendance at legislative functions.

SHE'S a winner. Farmington Hills resident Jill Stoll received the Young Artist Award for outstanding achievement at Interlochen Arts Academy May 30.

The Interlochen senior won her award in the areas of design and production.

HE'S stepping down. Guy Morel, an English teacher for 40 years, including nine at Birmingham Brother Rice High School, has retired.

He's looking forward to pursuing his interests in painting, writing and photography.

He also plans to renew his ties with the Farmington Hills resident as Rice's assistant drama coach.

INTERVIEWS began Tuesday of 20 candidates for two open principalships in Farmington Public schools.

Forty-two candidates applied for the opening at Woodcreek Elementary. Thirty-one candidates applied for the opening at East Middle School.

Ten finalists for each position will be interviewed, reported assistant superintendent Lynn Nutter.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Beverly Papa has been appointed director of the Farmington Community Library. Papa's appointment was made at a meeting of the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees.

School staff will receive enrichment

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By Casey Hans staff writer

After promising to promote change in the areas of staff development and curriculum, the Farmington Board of Education voted Monday to hire a new assistant superintendent to oversee these functions.

And for the second time in a month, the board appointed a woman to a key post in the school district.



Judith White, 46, of Ypsilanti accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development effective Tuesday morning and was already busy at work interviewing applicants to fill recently vacated principals' positions at Woodcreek Elementary and East Middle School.

Most recently a director of curriculum and instruction for Ypsilanti Public Schools, White was one of 29 applicants for the position and one of four interviewed before being recommended by Superintendent Graham Lewis. The school board unanimously approved White's appointment.

She was offered a two-year contract at the beginning pay level for assistant superintendents, which ranges from \$56,876 to \$82,507 per year.

"A lot of it had to do with the recommendations presented by the task force committee in staff development," Lewis said about the creation of the new position. Task force reports in four areas, including staff development, were recently presented to the school board and are being used for future district planning.

ALTHOUGH THE exact lines of authority are not yet established, the new position will offer "districtwide coordination" of staff training for all employees and curriculum development at all grade levels, he said.

"We've done many, many things right — now we're taking them and putting them in order."

"The district has a lot of resources," White said, and "a lot of exceptional people doing exceptional jobs. I can pull them all together."

White's appointment, is the last major change in the district's administrative reorganization, according to Lewis, who has worked quickly to put his staff in order since being appointed to his post, effective July 1.

White joins newly appointed Assistant Superintendent Mary Lou Ankele, who will oversee special service programs for the district, Assistant Superintendent Lynn Nutter, who will oversee the district's physical resources including staff allocation, and recently appointed Deputy Superintendent Michael Flanagan — the first major appointment recommended by Lewis.

"WE NO longer have the secondary and elementary world" in the

Prutow to guide trustees

By Bob Sklar staff writer

Acclimating new superintendent Graham Lewis, his four-member cabinet and the many new support staff employees will be the top challenge of the Farmington Board of Education during the 1986-87 school year.

That's the assessment of Helen Prutow, a 10-year district trustee who was elected board president Monday night.

"It's so hard to know the challenges ahead. Some of the biggest challenges you don't know about until they develop. But making sure the superintendent and the support staff are acclimated to what they're supposed to do surely rates high," said Prutow, vice president under outgoing president Susan Rennels.

Jackson Schools assistant superintendent Helen Ditzbar, completing her first year as a trustee, was elected vice president.

Janice Rotnick and R. Jack Inch, both eight-year board veterans, were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. Other board members are James Abernethy and John Cotton.

DESPITE HER longevity on the school board, Prutow said she's still enthusiastic.

"You'd think I'd be tired. But education is taking a new turn," the Farmington Hills resident said.

"There are new exciting things are happening. There's a new em-

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Miss Farmington '86 Melanie Esther Churelia (foreground) is Miss Farmington for 1986. The crowned Miss was placed by Kathy Garver, Miss Farmington for 1985, who went on to capture the Miss Michigan title this spring. This year's Miss Farmington scholarship pageant was held Monday night at Waldimir's. The story and pictures of the pageant that officially opened the 22nd annual Farmington Founders Festival are on Page 1-2B.

Soliciting-related conviction to be appealed

By Bob Sklar staff writer

The attorney for a Korean-born woman appealing her conviction of soliciting at Kim's Spa, an Oriental health spa in Farmington Hills, says pre-trial publicity prevented his client from receiving a fair trial.

The Sun Matteson, 35, was among four women and one man convicted April 14 by a six-member jury in 47th District Court, Farmington. Jurors deliberated for 35 minutes.

Matteson was found guilty of one count of prostitution, two counts of loitering in a place of ill repute, two counts of engaging in an immoral or illicit occupation and two counts of aiding and abetting — all misdemeanors.

On June 2, District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington sentenced Matteson to 90 days in jail and \$500 in fines and court costs.

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Patrol Operational Team members raided five Oriental health spas Oct. 7-8 following a six-week investigation of residents' complaints that sex-related offenses were occurring at the storefront spas.

The raids led to the arrest of one Korean-born man, one Japanese-born woman and 15 Korean-born women on soliciting-related charges. All 17 either pleaded no contest or were convicted at jury trials, said Sgt. Al Havner, SPOT commander.

During the raids, police also ticketed seven men for loitering in a place of illegal occupation.

Farmington Hills Police continue

to cooperate with the Michigan State Police, the FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine if there's any connection between the local spas and an Asian-based international prostitution ring.

Police Chief William Dwyer said.

Pentz filed a notice of claim to appeal in Oakland County Circuit Court June 6. The case is assigned to Circuit Judge John O'Brien.

THE SENTENCE Schaeffer handed down has been stayed pending his client's appeal of her conviction.

Matteson — who is free on \$1,250 bond — continues to live in Oakland County, Pentz said.

Pentz said he has ordered a transcript of the five-day trial to review testimony and pinpoint technical grounds for appeal. "I've got some ideas for strong appeal issues," he said.

Pentz also maintains that the sentence, the maximum possible, was particularly harsh for a first-time conviction.

Specific grounds for appeal will be included in legal briefs he files in advance of oral arguments before Judge O'Brien, Pentz said.

EACH OF the five Oriental spas operating in Farmington Hills last

year was closed following either the October police raids or subsequent court proceedings.

One spa, Tokyo, reopened March 14 pending a hearing under the city's business licensing ordinance. The city refused to renew the spa's 1986

business license. On March 10, Farmington Hills' tough new massage regulation ordinance took effect. Violation is a misdemeanor that upon conviction carries a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

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