

# Farmington planned for phone changes

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hand, has a larger, more complicated telephone system and larger, more complicated communications needs. But city officials have time on their side.

The city's current lease for its Dimension 400 system, which costs \$3,500 a month including maintenance,

doesn't expire until October, so it's impractical to make a change right now, the spokeswoman said.

"So far we have no definite plans," she said.

But city officials will have had help when they make their decision later this year.

Last week, Michigan Bell personnel

conducted an in-depth telephone needs analysis for the city hall.

THE STUDY'S goal, the spokeswoman said, was to determine whether buying or leasing will help the city cut communications costs. When completed, the study should also show whether the city needs a different system.

Telephone personnel, she said, talked with just about all the city departments

to see what employees liked and disliked about the Dimension system, as well as what they would like in a telephone system.

The study's results should show just what the city should do about its telephone system, the spokeswoman said.

"This is all with the purpose of cutting costs and providing better service," she said.

man, assistant city assessor.

Taxpayers will receive their bills in July and must pay them by March. This year's tax rate, however, is still undetermined.

The City Council is required to set the tax rate by the end of June when the new fiscal year starts.

# Taxpayers fight property levies

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board of not listening to his annual plea for an assessment reduction.

"Every time I come here you people don't listen," he said. "Do you think I can sell my house for \$111,000?"

BOARD MEMBERS Beauchamp, Harlan Morris and Joan Lennis will continue hearing appeals by appointment through March 29.

Property owners who appealed their assessments can expect a response within 3-4 weeks.

But if a property owner does not agree with the board's decision, assessments can be further appealed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Assessments reduced by the board of review are pending only for the year they are given, according to Ted Hind-

# Business school starts April 2

Pontiac Business Institute (PBI) in Farmington begins its spring term for new students April 2.

PBI offers day and evening classes training in the areas of accounting, data processing, executive, legal, and medical secretarial, and word processing.

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ciation of Independent Colleges and Schools, offers free lifetime placement assistance to each graduate. Financial aid is also available to qualified students.

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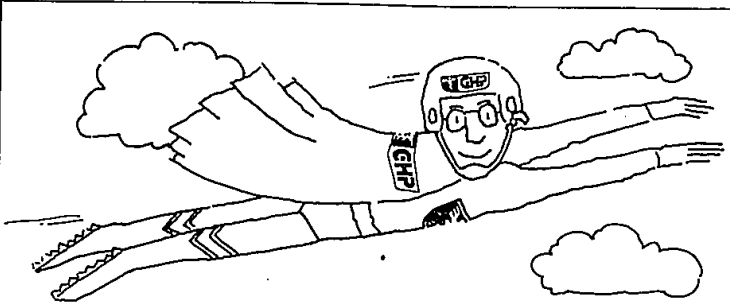
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