Garbage-hauling costs increase 47 percent

Farmington Hills taxpayers will spend an etilmated \$330,000 more this year to dump their garbage. The cities, such as nicipalories of the cities, such as nicipalories parmington, that they have no control lover the escal

crease earlier this month. "There is a monopoly on this situa-tion. There's no control over it," Cos-tick said.

FARMINGTON HILLS speat: \$44,000 for garbage disposal last year, and had budgeted \$750,000 for the current year. For the current year early larger and had budgeted \$750,000 for the current year. For the current year early had year at BPI, is one of the largest garbage haulers in the country and owns the closest landfill for years ago, frowing Ferris has refused to sign over the landfill four years ago, frowing Ferris has refused to sign contracts with local cities, which allows the company to increase fees at will, usually twice per year.

The city of Farmington announced

earlier this mouth it would dip into its reserves to pay an additional \$33,000 because of the increase. The recent increase will cut heavily into the \$200,000 Farmington Hills re-

the \$200,000 Farmington Hills reserve account.
Since 1979, cittes have watched dumping fees increase 1,416 percent, according to figures from both Farmington and the Hills.
"I do not expect to see any relief from these annual Increases, as the landfill owners and operators fully understand that they are managing a limited resource which is in heavy demand." Farmington city manager Robert Deadman said.
"I am sure any protest . . . to the landfill operators would probably only receive a polite ear without any change in their polity."

AS NEARBY communities are advised of these dumping increases, they continue to struggle to find effective alternative ways of dispessing of their garbage, including recycling and composting programs.

The six-city Southwest Oakland Solid Waste Consortium, which includes both Farmington and Farmington Hills, formed an authority in 1987 and is continuing to work toward solving the issue. But Costick said even when an Oakland County is also addressing the issue. But Costick said even when an Oakland County-owned landfill site is approved and ready for use, costs are expected to at least doubter. Bills councilman Philip Arrold called the recent BFI action "highway robbery" and suggested the cit-

les put pressure on the state with relation to the company's permits.

BUT IIILIS councilwoman Jody
Soronen said the problem "is not
unique to us. I suspect it (inking to
the state) won't get us very far."
"This 'in unconsclonable, what
they're trying to do," added councilman Aldo Vagnozzi. "They're a monopoly shaking down the cities. This
is only the beginning."
Vagnozzi said perhaps the state
should consider re-classifying garbage disposal as a utility and imposing the restrictions that apply to util;
ities.

"This is sort of a government-created problem," she said. "Maybe ori-

ides. Bired and paid for their own bage disposal as a utility and imposing the restrictions that apply to utilities.

THOMAS BIASELL, Farmington Hills director of public services, said Michigan was experiencing some of

To fax or not to fax is the question for schools

By Noroan Flack staff writer

This Farmington school board's technology advisory committee has revolumented that Farmington Public Schools make waves in high technology and become far-compatible with other public places, like libraries and businesses. But some achool board members say students are more interested in faring for fur rather than learning about technology.

about recunousy.

It cannot justify it," said Jack Inch, school board treasurer. "The fight time someone comes in here and says someone is ordering lunch from a restaurant to the school, I what has researce reprimanded.

from a restaurant to the school, I want that person reprimanded. Fin educational tool is an educational tool is an educational tool. It's not n way of saying help to somebody in another building. Inch said.

FIE PURCHASE of a facsimile chilne for educational instruction old be a new application for a lood district, according to Judith bite, assistant superintendent

staff/curriculum development.
Last week, the school board de-layed approving \$83,963 from the general fund to buy 23 Fujitsu fac-simile machines, including a three-year maintenance contract for each school model conte

school media center.

The board asked district staff to submit more information on instructional uses of the machines before the recommendation can be voted

on.

THE FAX machines will allow students to share hard-copy resources with other institutions, such as libraries, hospitals, businesses and other schools, said Peggy Schmidt, Farmigston Public Schools media services director.

"This is an opportunity to put faxes in the media centers and begin to get staff members and students to use the machines and see the ways they can be used as part of the high-technology that they are involved in every day." White said.

Each school will be responsible there are no guarantees the machines, but there are no guarantees the machines will not be misused, said higher the school will be responsible to the said of the said.

ent.

But a code lock can be programmed in each fax machine that would only allow staff members to

permit student use.

Trustee James Abernethy also was concerned only two bids were submitted for the recommended purchase of the machines.

Farmington Hills-based Stockton Office Systems was low bidder of \$63,963 over the Troy-based Fujitsu Imaging bld of \$68,580.

"JUST BECAUSE Farmington has "JUST BELLAUSE Farmingon un-the money and just because they are looking to be a leader in technology doesn't mean we have to rush into something like this, just to be the

"I think you'll find the machine is going to sit there most of the time being of no value to anybody and on very occasional times, they will be used for educational purposes."

"I use a fax machine daily and I am unclear of the educational val-

ifrst kid on the block to have it," said Lorne Leon, a Farmington Hills resident. "It hink you'll find the machine is going to alt there most of the time being of no value to anybody and on very occasional times, they will used for educational purposes."

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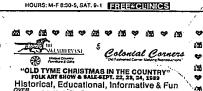


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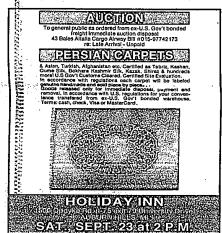
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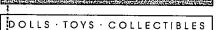


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