Exam adjourned for suit involving library

A pretrial hearing in a sexual harassment and discrimination suit brought by a former librarian against the Farmington Community Library and former library director Gordon Lewis has been adjourned again.

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The pretrial scheduled for Nov. 14
bofore Oakland Circuit Judge Eu-

gene Schnelz was rescheduled to Dec. 10, at the attorneys' request. This is the second adjournment since the complaint against the library was filled in June, said Schnelz's

cierk.

In the five-count complaint, for-mer children's librarian Jill Locke claims she was "constructively dis-

Grant plan is approved

L'There was no opposition at a pub-lic hearing Monday to the proposed use of Farmington's 1987-88 Com-munity Development Block Grant

"City officials plan to use \$26,300 of the estimated \$41,300 for central business district Improvements as part of the current push to revitalize the downtown area. Specific CDBG project goals include:

supporting the operations of the downtown development organiza-

downtown deveropment organiza-tion,

"o employing professional con-sultants as needed in engineering,
marketing or design,
providing parking and environ-mental improvements as needed,
and

and
... assisting property owners and
merchants with improvements

which conform to the development plan.

THE REMAINDER of the money will be used for barrier-free Improvements to city facilities. The Miner Home Repair Program will continue using funds carried over from last year's COBG money.

Farmington has participated in the CDBG program for the past it years, which has brought more than half a million dollars in improvements to the city, according to City Manager Robert Deadman. This is the last year of a 3-year program will be proposed if the CDBG gram continues, he added.

CDBG money is funded through Oakland Count by the Dead Colland County by the Dead County, with L. in urn, directs it to local communities.

charged" — transferred from a supervisory to non-supervisory position — for refusing and rejecting Lewis' alleged requests for sexual favors.

Originally, the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills were included in the suit. But in September, an order was entered for voluntary dismissal of the complaint against the cities, said Schnelt' clerk.

The cities were dismissed because the state public act under which district libraries are formed, the library is a separate and autonomous authority, Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees Presiden) Jonathan Grant said in October.

"They (the cities) are simply our unding agencies. We're a separate authority, and they are not responsible," Grant said.

LOCKE, WHO has requested a jury trial, is seeking in excess of \$10,000 on each of the counts. A trial date has not yet been scheduled be-fore Schnetz, who may ask that the complaint be mediated, Schnetz's clerk said in October.

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A 13-year veteran of the Farming-ton Community Library staff, Locke resigned in February 1985, about one month after she was transferred to a

month after she was transferred to a non-supervisory position as coordi-nator of community services. Locke previously had worked in the supervisory positions of branch head for the Farmington Hills li-brary and as children's coordinator for both Farmington and Farming-ton Hills branches. The complaint alleges Locke was constructively discharged for refus-ing to work for less-qualified em-ployees who "were engaging in sexu-al relationships with defendant Lew-is."

In the complaint, Locke alleges she was "constantly and continuous-ly subjected to sexual discrimination

she was "constantly and committed by subjected to excual discrimination in the form of sexual harassment by her superior and direct supervisor Gordon Lewis."

The sexual harassment by Lewis, Locke alleges, was comprised of unwelcome sexual advances, and promoting other women with whom he had a sexual relationship, while demoting 'Plantiff' (Locke), with

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whom he did not have a sexual rela-

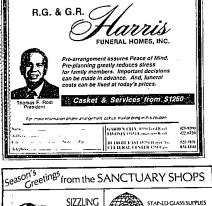
LOCKE ALSO alleges that she was forced to "work for one of the was forced to "work for one of the was forced to "work for one of the was a such that when he (Lewis) was heaven and the sea qualified" professionally than Locke.

The former liberains' resignation last year touched off a flurry of protests, including a financial audit that later led to Lewis' resignation as ilbrary director.

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Lewis Oct. 11, 1985, following an investigation that stemmed from findings released in the financial audit of library linances by Plante & Moran CPAs of South Hard. Lewis pleaded pilty in 47th District Court to a charge of purchase by a public official upon public credit for private use — a misdemeanor. Lewis was sentenced to one-year probation and \$105 in costs, according to Judge Margarte Schneifer of Farnington. Schaeffer allowed Lewis to leave the state for employment.





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