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HELPING hand.

Farmington Hills City Council has directed city manager William Costick to try to work something out with the 47th District Court court recorder let go by new Judge Fred Hartz, who took the bench June 1.

Cindy Hage was two months shy of vesting in the Farmington Hills pension program when released. The council directed Costick to see what can be done to vest Hage.

NUMBER crunchers.

The Southfield accounting firm of Plante & Moran has been retained, as in past years, to conduct the annual audit of the Farmington Public Schools for the year ending June 30, 1989.

The district has budgeted \$24,620 for auditing expenses for the current year.

ON patrol.

Colleen Lane of Farmington graduated Wednesday from the Michigan State Police Recruit School in Lansing.

She joins the Rockford post on Monday.

QUOTE of the week

We could get down on our hands and knees, but then how in the heck could we get up again?

Sylvia Cantor, a resident at American House, pleading to the Farmington school board to reinstate academic classes on-site at local retirement homes. Story: 2A.

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School talks are at critical stage

By Susan Duck
staff writer

State mediator Ed Phillips, called in Tuesday, told teachers and district officials to continue negotiating in an effort to resolve differences before Farmington Public Schools classes resume next week.

"He said there were too many issues out there and we need to negotiate," said Zan Ailey, Farmington Education Association (FEA) president. "He indicated he would not be back until the issues were pared down."

Bargaining, which began in June, is expected to continue into the weekend.

So far, the district and the FEA have only

come to a tentative agreement calling for teachers to report for work on Tuesday, Aug. 29, the first day of class. They would also report the previous day to prepare for the start of the new academic year.

Farmington Public Schools is a "critical potential strike area," said Jacquell Johnson, public relations consultant for the Michigan Education Association (MEA)-Eastern Zone.

The area comprises Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Farmington is among a dozen districts so designated in the state's annual evaluation, said Larry Chumovich, MEA president.

AS OF Wednesday, a tentative agreement

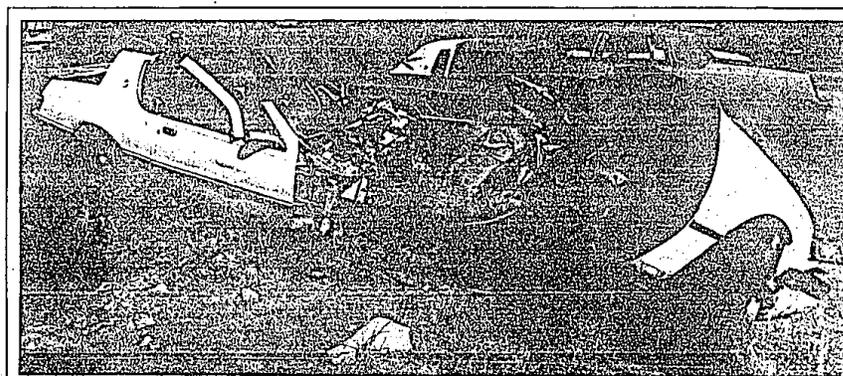
was nowhere in sight. But both sides took hope in the remaining bargaining days. "The weekend will be critical," Ailey said.

The three local unions still without contracts did not expect the "rollbacks" in working conditions presented by the school board. Salary and fringes also are a concern.

In addition to the 740-teacher FEA, whose contract expires Friday, the 300-member Farmington Educational Support Personnel (ESP) including secretaries and paraprofessionals, and the 215-member Custodial, Maintenance and Cafeteria (CMC) employees union also are negotiating contracts.

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Accident victim is on the mend

Detroit Tigers pitcher Charles Hudson, who broke his left leg and right ankle in a Farmington Hills traffic accident Saturday, is in good condition in a private room at Providence Hospital, Southfield. The 31-year-old West Bloomfield resident required orthopedic surgery after his car hit a utility pole and broke in half when he lost control after passing another car on southbound Northwestern Highway at 2:10 a.m. Saturday, Farmington Hills police said. Hudson was alone in a 1985 Mercury

Cougar. After hitting the pole, the car sheared half of the firewall, investigators said. The engine compartment was lodged against the pole. The passenger compartment came to a stop 10 feet away, against a tree. The car is now at Livonia Towing, Farmington Hills. Police are trying to pinpoint what caused Hudson to lose control of his car, said Farmington Hills Sgt. Ray Cranston. The Tigers put Hudson on the 60-day disabled list.

Crowded field

13 candidates vie for 5 Hills council seats

Four incumbents and 9 challengers will vie for Farmington Hills City Council seats this fall — the biggest field ever.

Five of the seven non-partisan council seats will be up for grabs this fall. Incumbent Jody Soronen is not seeking re-election.

In the race for three four-year terms are incumbents Ben Marks of Briarley, Aldo Vagnozzi of Kiltartan and Philip Arnold of Byerott.

Challengers there are planning commissioner Lawrence Lichtman of Kendallwood; former council candidate Vernon Kielpinski of Dundalk; chamber of commerce board chairman Jonathan Grant of Castlemeadow; Ron Oliverio of Liberty Lane; Betty Stynes of Bunker Hill; Al Rosen of Conaway Court; and George Sacklison of Minglewood Lane.

Paul Soverby, appointed in March to fill a vacancy, is seeking election to fill the remaining two years of former councilman Joe Alkateeb's four-year term. Herbert Liner of

Kingsgate Way will challenge him.

Nancy Bates of Red Clover Court filed for both the four-year and the two-year term. She must withdraw from one race by 4 p.m. Friday or her candidacy is voided.

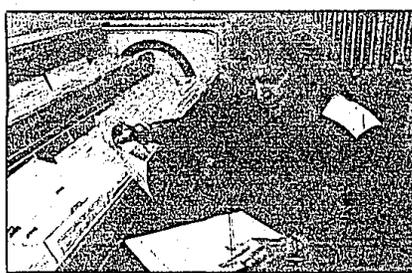
That deadline also is when candidates must withdraw by to have their name removed from the ballot, city clerk Kathy Dorman said.

COUNCIL CANDIDATES had to file petitions with between 93 and 188 valid signatures of registered city registered voters by 4 p.m. Tuesday.

In the regular four-seat race on Nov. 7, voters may vote for up to four candidates. The top three vote-getters will earn four-year terms; the fourth place finisher will serve a two-year term.

Marks was first elected to the city council in 1984. Vagnozzi was first elected in 1987. Arnold was appointed

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Farmington Hills city clerk Kathy Dorman checks signatures contained on a nominating petition against those contained on the city's master list of voter registration cards as part of the petition verification procedure. She's shown working at Farmington Hills City Hall.

Boys home sues Hills

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By Noreen Flack
staff writer

Boys Republic is suing Farmington Hills for \$3,700 each day renovation work is halted by the city council's Aug. 14 order to stop work until it can investigate the new assessment program on campus.

A complaint filed Tuesday in Oakland County Circuit Court claimed the stop-work order at Boys Republic, a temporary home for delinquent boys ages 12-17, violated the facility's rights, said city attorney Paul Bibeau. Boys Republic is on Nine Mile west of Inkster.

Boys Republic officials did not have the chance to address misconceptions about the new program at the Aug. 14 city council meeting, said Boys Republic attorney Karen Piper.

THE ASSESSMENT program houses boys sent by the state Department of Social Services to the medium-security facility for a four-week evaluation before placement in a long-term treatment program, said Phyllis Griffin, Boys Republic executive director.

Boys Republic claimed the city illegally took over campus property without offering compensation. It asked the court to end the stop-work order, Bibeau said.

Boys Republic, a private, non-profit social service agency, can't house boys from either the new short-term assessment program or the existing long-term treatment program in the second unit until renovations are complete, Piper said.

A petition for an order to show cause why the order shouldn't be lifted also was served on the city council. A hearing is set for Sept. 6 before Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper.

CITY OFFICIALS ordered Boys Republic to stop renovation of the

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Peace march in limbo

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By Susan Duck
and Bob Sklar
staff writers

Despite questions about his credentials and the need to post \$1 million in liability insurance, a black

resident in a biracial family victimized by racial slurs in their Farmington neighborhood is committed to marching for racial harmony and unity.

Farmington City Council Monday adopted a resolution that encourages the Michigan Department of Transportation to issue a street closing permit to Derwin Success' Love Force United, a newly formed community coalition, for a peace march this fall.

But the city did not agree to holding the state harmless from any liability that might arise from use of a state highway for the event.

The council also granted Love Force United permission to meet and assemble for a peaceful rally, in support of racial harmony, on the lawn and steps of the city hall after the march.

The march is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 15. It would start at Mooney and Grand River and head west

for more than a mile to the steps of the city hall at Liberty.

"I THINK love was exhibited by the council and I was surprised by the number of people who came out here tonight," said Success, accompanied to the council meeting by 15-20 Love Force United supporters. "Half of the people I didn't even know. People in Farmington really care."

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Derwin Success marching for peace

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