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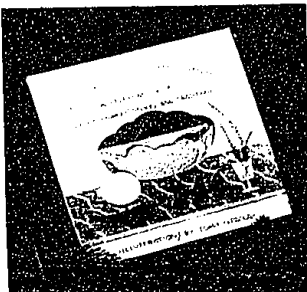
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# Hills woman relives night of terror



**Exam day:** Arthur Cayce, accused of criminal sexual conduct, sits in 47th District Court Friday during his exam with his attorney Gregory Wilkins and Bob Mitchell, a court officer.

A night of terror was described by a woman during a preliminary exam of the man charged with assaulting her. The same man is charged with murder in a fire that killed two of her friends.

By BILL COUTANT  
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A Farmington Hills woman trembled and nearly broke down as she relived the December night she thought would be her last.

As she described it in 47th District Court Friday, Arthur Hollingsworth Cayce forcefully abducted her, beat her, threatened her life and raped her before letting her go.

Cayce, 23, seemed little moved by her painful testimony of the night of Dec. 27 and early morning hours of Dec. 28. He was bound over on charges of kidnapping, first degree criminal sexual conduct and extortion.

Cayce of Farmington Hills and George Davis, 23, of Westland also face first degree murder and felony murder charges in the deadly arson that claimed the lives of Louise Bovair, 62, and her daughter Malissa, 21, on Dec. 19.

Cayce and Davis were arraigned on the murder charges Saturday. The woman Cayce is accused of abducting and raping was a close friend of Malissa Bovair — a fact that led Farmington Hills police to suspect Cayce was involved with that crime.

### Shackled hand and foot

After identifying Cayce, who sat in a T-shirt, handcuffed and shackled at the ankles, the woman described the night that began with a workout at the YMCA on Farmington Road.

She and Cayce dated for four and a half years before breaking up in May of 1995, she said.

The woman, 22, said their only conversation at the Y was about the fire that killed her friend.

"I asked if he knew anything about that fire death," she said. "He said no."

As she was walking out of the facility, Cayce grabbed her from behind in the parking lot, told her he had a gun and pulled her to his car. She reportedly handcuffed her and began a drive that would wind up at a Detroit motel on Telegraph and McNichols.

"I was afraid of what he was going to do," she said, adding that she

See TERROR, 2A

# New day dawns at Farmington High

By LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

Is it Farmington High or Farmington University? Only time will tell.

Farmington High officials have proposed restructuring the day for staff and students, who would have a college-like schedule and attend certain classes three times a week in 2 1/2-hour blocks and one 45-minute period on Friday.

Students would also have a study hall-type period twice a week called Student Managed Academic Resources Time (SMART).

Farmington Board of Education will consider approving the plan at its regular meeting Jan. 23. Trustees

■ 'Some other districts have played around with time.'

John Barrett  
assistant principal

gave a favorable review to a presentation made by Farmington High staff at a board study session Jan. 9.

Classload would increase from six to seven, allowing students to take more electives and advanced placement courses, school officials said.

Under the plan, students are scheduled in four, 84-minute class periods Monday through Thursday. Classes

would alternate each day. On Friday, they would attend all seven classes for 45-minutes each.

SMART would allow students to work on ancillary projects, take tests or make up missed work. A quarter credit will be given to those who spend 75 percent of the time working on class-related material.

"Some other districts have played

around with time," said John Barrett, an assistant principal. "Except in college, Tuesday and Thursday classes didn't start until 10 in the morning."

"That's when kids took off and got into trouble. That doesn't happen in a block time schedule. There is no down time."

Teachers and students would have more time to focus on concepts, especially in advanced placement classes.

Overall instruction time decreases slightly. With seven classes, students will have approximately one hour less instruction for each subject.

Whatever is lost in time will be

See FHS, 2A

# Molestation suspect's computer trail dead-ends

By LARRY O'CONNOR  
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He's been called a "cyberspace predator," but a Farmington Hills man's computer trail is turning cold.

Gregory Allen Gilbert, 30, faces a preliminary exam at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in 47th District Court on charges he molested an 11-year-old Bloomfield Hills boy.

Gilbert will likely be charged with an additional count of sexual assault involving the same boy, Hills detective Rose Mackie said. Police believe Gilbert contacted boys through the Internet, but no other victims have come forward.

"We haven't been able to identify anyone else who may have been sexually assaulted," Mackie said.

Gilbert had befriended the family of the victim through a mutual interest in computers, police said. However, a computer was not used to lure the boy.

A Novi mother contacted police after intercepting a phone call from Gilbert to her son. He also contacted the boy by computer, which led police to investigate in early December.

The initial contact with police may have led Gilbert to "clean" the hard drive on his home computer.

"The way the files were wiped out, it was such a clean job," Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer said. "It's unusual that he intentionally deleted all those files, perhaps knowing the possibility he would be confronted."

A lack of computer evidence isn't hindering the investigation, Dwyer said. Police confiscated more than 100 videos and pornographic photos from Gilbert's Farmington Hills apartment.

Michigan State Police continue to search floppy disks and other computer equipment, including items taken from the Wiscom company where he worked.

Gilbert testified he was on administrative leave from the company, though Mackie said he has since been fired.

A company spokesman declined to comment. "They didn't have a clue," Mackie said. "We're not sure he was involved from the work aspect of it."