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semester, centers around the loss of quality instruction time and curricular variety – particu-larly for advanced placement students or those in the music

students or those in the music program.

Under the four-by-four, students attend four 90-minute diases overy day for a semester. They move to four other curses for the subsequent half year. The cheol year now primarily consists of six 55-minute classes.

This extra year of planning will help case a lot of tension for patients worried things are happenring too fast. Horn said. We've already seen. a sense of rollef from them. This gives us a chance to keep communication going.

going."

Answers to questions asked during the June informational session will be mailed to parents soon. At 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, the next such session will take place, again at the Harrison auditorium.

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Rande Horn -Harris

Horn said a \$14-\$16 million facelift, part of the second phase of bond issue construction, is slated to begin in March or April 1999. It likely will take about 18 months to complete. People will be displaced (from their regular classes) all over the building. Horn said. 'And they didn't want to start block scheduling at the same time.'

A renovated media center and new science wing are among highlights of the construction.

The four-by-four originally was scheduled to be implemented in fall 1999, following school board

approval. It is much different from the block scheduling program in place at Farmington High School.

School board President Cathy Webb said she didn't think the delay to go to block scheduling was tied to parents disdain over the plan. But she did note that she hopes the extra year "gives parents time to feel part of the process, because they really are."

Webb said the decision by Harrison faculty is an indication of the "thoughtful and purposeful way" the staff wants to continue with the issue.

"We're back to the drawing board," said Grossman, still committed to the pracess even though the delay means her teenage child, an advanced placement student, now won't be affected by the four-by-four.

"...Why not create semething that works for us? We'd like (to see) much less of a cookie-cutter plan."

### Wine from page A1

glad I got it. This will add beauty to the shopping center.

Soon, the work will begin on renovating the 1,100-aquare refoot storefront just south of the Cigar Emporium, which Petros pened in February 1997. It will cost about \$50,000 to turn the empty storefront into an attractive store that will feature to an extractive store that will feature to a second business of the state one in second business. ture fine, boutlque wine, imported beer and gourmet

That forced Petros to begin plans to open a second busi-ness next to the first one, com-

plete with two names and two addresses.

addresses.

Even though Petros will operate two stores, they will be linked by an indoor archway.

"I want to make things as

"I want to make things as convenient as possible for my customers," Petros said. He added that he doesn't want them walking outside during cold weather to go from one side to the other.

### Charged from page A1

ay a gambling debt of \$50,000, nd he was threatened by loan harks.

sharks.

During a preliminary exam in 47th District Court, the son testified his dad left him with pop and cupcakes while handcuffing him to the sink. With only a sheet to lay on, the 12-year-old boy remained in the locked hotel room overnight until the father

confessed the heax to police.
Coincidentally, two New York
police detectives familiar with
the Farmington Hills case heard
about the hostage situation on
the radio and went to the seens
Saturday.
While being held at gunpoint,
one of the children managed to
phone police. Iveic later told his
brother-in-law to go outside and

tell police that everything was all right and to leave. Police questioned the man while continuing to speak with Iveric inside.

Ivezic inside.

Ivezic has been charged with burglary, criminal possession of a firearm and endangering the welfare of a child. He is in a Bronx juil.

## Parks from page A1

dates and made the final cut from six finalists.
"David Boyer is the right person for the job at this time," said Dana Whinnery, Farmington Hills assistant city manager. "We're pleased we're able to attract someone of David's qualifications and background.
"We know he's going to do good job based on his background. I think the public and the employees are going to like David. He is a high-energy individual."
Boyer is also well-rounded in

vidual."
Boyer is also well-rounded in all facets of special services, Whinnery said. He has experience with facility operations ronging from day care to swimming pools - and ice arena management, senior and youth pro-

gramming, and budgeting in his 16 years in Southfield.

As assistant director, Boyer has overseen Southfield's 88.2 million parks and rec budget. He's also been involved with the expansion of municipally-owned Evergreen Golf Course and helped computerize the department's registration process.

Recently, he's been involved in negotiations with the Hony-baked firm that would privatize operations at Southfield Ice Arena, which the city is heavily subsidizing. Many facilities, like the ice arena, are 20 to 25 years old and need renovating, he said. Privatization will allow that to happen.

happen.
"I see that as a very positive thing," Boyer said.

In his new position, Boyer said he isn't about to make any immediate changes. He'll oversee a department with \$7.4 million operating budget (\$2.4 million of which comes from the general fund) and 35 full-time employees.

With part-time and seasonal help, the Special Services Department has a staff of nearly 300 people and several thousand more who participate in its widerange of programs. The biggest challenge is to stay current, he said.

"Recreation is such a fast-changing area," Boyer said.
"Fads come very quickly and they go very quickly."





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