

Redistricting not a part of school plan

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Trustee Janice Rolnick, a proponent of gifted education, was pleased with the concept and the special attention that will be given to students. "We, I think, are trying to meet the needs of the students who don't fit in," she said. "And give them the education they deserve."

"There are gifted children in this district who are afraid to ask a ques-

clarification

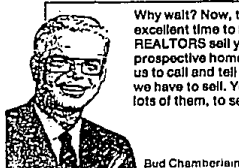
Highlights of an Oakland County murder/arson trial on Page 1 of the Observer Feb. 29 should have said that the trial of James Arnold Edwards was held before Oakland County Circuit Judge Francis X. O'Brien, not Steven Andrews. O'Brien also was scheduled to sentence Edwards.

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tion" because they don't fit in, she added.

DETAILS ABOUT the Highmeadow "common campus" program, as it is being called, will be presented at the March 15 school board meeting, said Mary Lou Ankole, assistant superintendent for special services.

She said a parent survey would be done to determine the degree of interest in the district. In addition, discussions with the Farmington Education Association will help determine staffing at the school. Curriculum considerations will also be discussed on the 15th.

The Farmington school board voted unanimously Tuesday to accept the new school program at Highmeadow.

And although they voiced support

several weeks ago for other, related measures, they officially approved Tuesday.

- a new elementary school for the west side of the district, which could open as early as 1990,
- no boundary changes for the coming school year, at any grade level,

- a Central Kindergarten program at the district's two early childhood centers be continued as a permanent option for parents and students. The program was offered as a pilot this year.

using Shawwassee Center for educational programs this fall. This option is dependent on negotiations to move the current alternative education program for residents of Boys Republic, which Lewis said are continuing.

ALTHOUGH VOTING in favor of

all the measures, trustee James Abernethy raised concerns about continued long bus rides for elementary youngsters. Sections 3 and 8 use during the fall and winter months. Trustee Jack Cotton lauded the work and the "numerous hours spent by these friends of education."

"The process was fair and the results made with objectivity," he added. "It was not an exercise in futility. It provoked public debate; I thought this was healthy."

Highmeadow School is north of 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and

Middlebelt roads. Community and adult education programs are currently housed there.

Highmeadow was used first as an elementary then as a private high school until last year.

Descriptions same of possibly armed Hills hotel robber

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field Township was robbed of \$570 Monday afternoon by a man who said he had a gun.

He first asked for a room. But before the clerk could respond, he demanded money, keeping his hand in his jacket pocket as if he had a gun. After she complied, he told her to lie on the floor, which she did until another employee came in, Bloomfield Township police said.

Southfield police report three hotel robberies or attempts, one Saturday and two Tuesday.

At 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, a man walked up to the desk clerk at the Michigan Inn on Nine Mile near Northwestern Highway after loitering in the area. He then demanded money, threatening to shoot the employee if she didn't comply. The clerk told police she saw a gray

handgun in the man's pocket. When the employee told the man she had no money, he ran off.

TEN MINUTES later, a man implying he was armed walked up to the desk clerk at the Radisson Town Hotel on Northwestern Highway near Evergreen. Holding his hand in his pocket, he threatened to shoot the clerk if she didn't hand over the money. The employee gave the man \$22 and traveler's checks and he ran off.

The Skylight Inn on Northwestern Highway near I-96 was held up at 2:50 p.m. Saturday by a man who walked up to the desk clerk and asked her about a fictitious hotel guest. He held his hand in his jacket as though armed, demanded money and threatened to shoot the clerk if she didn't comply. She handed over \$32.

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B'Nai David in Southfield have also been paired with Kosharovsky, Spectre said.

Synagogues, such as Adat Shalom, have been sponsoring refugees until that person is allowed to leave the Soviet Union.

"We were the first congregation in the Detroit area to take one of the refugees as our person that we sponsored," Spectre said.

Sponsoring means that when a boy celebrates his Bar Mitzvah or, for a girl, her Bat Mitzvah, the youth begins wearing a bracelet bearing a refugee's name. The bracelet is worn until the refugee is freed.

Until former refugee Natan Sharansky was freed last year, the boys were given bracelets with his name. The girls were given bracelets bearing the name of Ida Nudel, known as "The Angel" for her work with other refugees in the Soviet Union. Nudel also has been freed.

The boys and girls also may

choose a person of their own choice, generally a son or daughter of an adult refugee.

"THE KIDS have written letters and arranged calls," Spectre said. "Sometimes, we have gotten through; more often, we haven't. Many of the letters never found their way to the refugee. But they did get into the Russian post office."

But no one gives up the attempt. "In that way, these people (refugees) couldn't disappear into a cell block and never be heard from again," Spectre said.

Over the years, a communications network has been established between supporters in the United States and refugees in the Soviet Union, Spectre said.

"In the early years, it was easier," Spectre said. "People going back and forth have sent messages. When Sharansky and Nudel were freed, we got a new name — Yuli's."

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