Helping out Hillside

Well framed: Rodney Thomas, left, fram

Thomas, left, fram-ing manager, and Preston Burke of Pre-ston Burke Gallery in Farmington Hills donated 20 pieces of artwork to Hillside Elementary School for its annual dinner dance and silent auc-tion, at 7 p.m. Satur-day, March 15, at the Novi Hilton. Last

year's proceeds helped the school fin-ish a new play-ground. For more information on the event, call 489-8785.



OBITUARIES Arthritis Foundation, 17117 W. field 48075 or The Capuchins, Nine Mile Road, Ste 950, South- 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit.

NINA HOUSTON BAILEY
Nina Houston Bailey, 94, of
Farmington died Feb. 23 in
White Lake Township.
Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa,
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Survivors include her sons, Frederick and James Pogue; brother, Alvin Houston; seven grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren.

A memorial service was held Feb. 25 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Janet Noble of St. Timethy Presbyterian Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Timethy Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

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ELVIRA COMEL
Elvira Comel, 93, of Farmington Hills died Feb. 23 in Novi.
Born in Herminie, Penn., Mrs.
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Comel was retired from the hotel industry.

She is survived by her daughter, Diana Pipal and one grandchild.

Mass was celebrated Feb. 26 Mass was celebrated reb. 20 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Msgr. Walter Hurley officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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idea about the interest at the end of the weeks will cover staffing, which includes a teacher and a paraprofessional in the morning and community in the committee comprised of principals, teachers and paraprofessional in the morning and community in the accommittee comprised of principals, teachers and paraprofessional in the afternoon.

A committee comprised of principals, teachers and parents visited nine districts offering extended kindergarten programs. Tuition rates ranged from \$1,800 to \$3,200 with an average of \$2,500 per child.

Day care in the private sector runs \$2,500 to \$3,600, a committee member said.

The \$1,700 figure will make the Farmington program self-supportive, Somerville said. The program is not about accelerating children eacdemically, said another committee member. Full-day immorsion.

another committee member. Full-day immersion, though,

"helps close the gops for kids who might be having a little difficulty," said Jan Colliton, principal at Hillside Elementary.

Trustee Bobbie Feldman is concerned the program still creates a number of changes in a childs day. Some kids would be going from the Frime Time program to kindergaten and then the offernoon enrichment and possibly back to the Prime Time after-school program.

A child will not have the same toachers in the morning and afternoon programs.

"I was hoping we would've come up with a program that would give children a consistent teacher slash caregiver throughout the day, said Feldman, who supports the program.

York has no fault with the program, but had reservations about mixing day care with education.

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"I have a question for the board: Is this a business we ought to be getting into?" York

said. "Are we in the education business or the Educare busi-

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"I have a lot of reservations when public policy and government takes the place of parents to bring up children," York said. 'I have a lot of reservations that we are adding another deck to the ship."

One Farmington parent—whose child is in the second grade—used to 'burn some serious Michelin' from her job in Royal Oak Township, to make sure she picked up her son after morning kindergarten. She likes the concept.

"That would be a huge advantage to parents," said Trudi Daniels, who is a morning newscaster at WRIF-FM. "Then they don't have to be involved in shifting them around. They don't have the pict on one bus to go to another day care place.

"They're roted and they feel secure while we continue to grind away at work."

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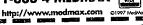
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