



Ms. Sandy Rogers' second and third grade class at William Grace Elementary School examine their papier-mache dinosaur. Absbad the Stegosaurus, which the students

recently completed after working more than two weeks molding old Observer & Eccentric newspapers into their four-meter-long classroom pet. (Staff photo by Grant Mauthe)

## Police arrest

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on began to fire at the escaping suspect.  
Newsom then notified Farmington Police about the stolen truck and his involvement in the incident.  
A short time later, Officer Frank Lashoff was patrolling eastbound on Grand River near K-Mart. He saw a truck that matched the stolen vehicle's description, pull out from a side street.  
Officers searched the Gulf and Cortland Roads area and found the suspect lying behind bushes near Gill Road.  
A preliminary hearing for Stark has been scheduled for Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m.

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## That's their motto

# Think before you buy

By KIM PUTNAM

Wise consumer habits are a topic of discussion in the Farmington School District. Harrison, in Farmington Hills is a major participant with a course entitled "Independent Living."

The course, taught by Kathy Blasko, involves realistic situations like apartment hunting, general shopping skills, avoiding deception and fraud, filling out income taxes and banking procedures.

The class is restricted to seniors and generally deals with the problems of living independently, a situation seniors will be facing beginning this June.

Mrs. Blasko attempts to run the class on the concept of realistic home life and em-

ployment. Each student is paid a fictitious 50 cents per minute of class. This is evaluated by the prompt arrival to class, attendance and overall attitudes toward the class. A student may earn bonuses by doing extra work and displaying good participation.

Each student is required to go to a store after preparing a budget, and to list what they would have to buy if this was a real situation.

The purpose of this is each student relates what he has found to the others in terms of price, quality and brand. The next step is to look for an apartment, compare rent and services," says Mrs. Blasko.

"This shows the student what to look out for," Mrs. Blasko carries out the reality by having students actually go to an apartment building, look at the rooms and ask about the monthly rent.

At the end of the school year, Mrs. Blasko turns a course development record into the state for evaluation. This course is a pilot program in which five Michigan districts are involved. The other schools are Portage in Houghton, Martin

Ypsilanti and Murray Wright in Detroit.  
"The success of the course is based on student opinion, overall success and the general knowledge acquired. If the course is successful, it will be taught in most of the high schools next year."

Student opinion seems to rate the class high so far. Student Wendy Carta said, "It is very realistic and definitely prepares the student for life on their own."

Examples pointed out by Mrs. Blasko were that many sales are not always good buys and that some of the stores may handle low quality sale merchandise.

Student Cindy Hendries said the "class really teaches you how you have to think before you buy so that you don't get ripped off or buy bad quality."

Mrs. Blasko hopes to have successfully instructed the students in the rules of wise purchasing.  
"If everyone knew how to buy only quality merchandise, the low quality stuff wouldn't sell and, all the stores would carry, would be that of high quality."

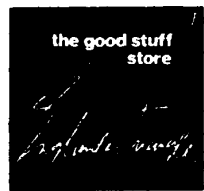
Her main rule is look before you buy. After all, you do get what you pay for.

## Merchants speak out

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when Northland opened. Business dropped 50 per cent. It took one to two months to recover," Leon Jagrowski, head of the Kendallwood Merchants Association says.  
The shops in the Kendallwood Center offers more personal service than in the large centers, according to Jagrowski.  
The stores won't be pushed out of the area if they can weather the time when shoppers are curious about the new center, he believes.  
"They'll have to withstand the time until the shoppers realize that they aren't get-

ting anything better," from Twelve Oaks," he says.

the good stuff store



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