

Mock trial: Chrissy Jacobs (left), the "defense attorney," looks over Michelle Wilder, Carrie Wolocko and Penelope Appel.

Learning

Trial isn't Greek to students

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North Farmington High School seniors mixed
medern with ancient last week, when they conducted a mock trial based on the characters and
story line of Homer's Greek epit the "Odyssey."
Prosecution witnesses included everyone from
Zeus and Penelope to Dr. Doogie Howser and Miss
Manners, whose character called the abuse of hosepitality against Odyssews, "wife Penelope "abnomments and said she "believes the rules of good
manners ent timeless."
The students first studied Homer's second epic
work in their Advanced Placement English class
with teacher Barb Rebbeck, who then helped them
side — mock trial which was her way of enriching the cuarse. She said each AP class selected a
side— more current of the side of the consolution of the control of the consolution of defense — then prepared
spantaneously by students.

The Odyssey adventure recounts the wanderings
of Odysseus after the fall of Troy, and his return
norm.

of Onyseus after the fail of the freek un-home.

The three judges of Hades from the Greek un-derworld — all sons of Zeus — presided over the student trial, offering occusional humor as they ruled on various aspects of the "law" which includ-ed the ancient but also had modern twists.

Assistant North Farmington principal Rick

Jones played chief judge Minos who judged diffi-cult cases, counselor Jeannie Walkowicz played Acacus who judged the Europeans; and media spe-cialist Armando Delicato played Rhadamanthus who judged the Asiatics.

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Penelope, Jahyed by Lisa Appel, told the court of her wors at having been left done for 20 years while husband Odyssecus went off to fight the Trojan War. She claimed defendants Eurymachus, Mclanthius and Antinoos and their friends came into her home, eating her food and making themselves at home without her permission.

"They came — I couldn't stop them," she said.
"They were relentless. They drained my whole estate. I was a young mother with my child to think of, I just obeyed the laws of hospitality.

Plaintiffs in the case included Penelope, Odysseus and their son Telemachus. They charged the defendants with abuse of the laws of hospitality, sexual hurassment of Penelope in attempting to force her into marriage against her will and the attempted murder of Telemachus. The judges found them guilty on all counts.

Another modern twist to the ancient trial: cameras were allowed into this courtroom. Students from TV-10 taped the event, which included student-made costumes and scenery.



Going Greek: North Farmington's Chad Abel is Zeus in a moch trial based on the

Safety precautions make Halloween more enjoyable

Ghosts and goblins can make Halloween a scary, fan night for trick-or-treaters. But parents and children can help make Halloween safer for everyone by following a few safety tips.

Here are safety tips.

Keep children's costumes short so they won't trip. Avoid long, flowing costumes.

Use only flame-proof fabric for costumes

■ Use only tame-proof nate for costumes.

■ Make costumes in bright or light colors so children can be seen in the dark and/or apply reflective tape or luminous paint to the costume's front and back

the costume's front and back sides.

Make sure children's shoes are comfortable and fit properly to avoid falling.

Use makeup to paint faces. Masks obscure vision.

Do not allow children to carry knives or sharp objects. Toy weapons can be made of card-board or foam rubber.

For very young children, plan a neighborhood party instead of trick-or-treating. This will help protect children from the dangers of traffic and the tempering of treats."

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Plan the "trick-or-treat"
route with your children ahead of
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Set a reasonable time for children to be home and insist that they keep the curfew. Have children start early, before dark.

Keep your own outside lights on so children can see where they net had fany obstructions.

Sprice slowly. Be especially careful on side streets.

Check all candy before allowing your children to eat any.

Throw away treats that are not wrapped. Cut fruit into small pieces before eating any. Contact the police department if you suspect that a treat has been tampered with. Some hospitals will cheek your children's bag of treats on Halloween evening. Call around to find if a hospital in your area is performing this service.

vice.

Here are a few tips for children:

Go out early, before it gets

■ Go out early, before it gets dark.
■ Stay only on the route you planned with your parents.
■ Use a flashlight with fresh batteries so drivers can see you.
■ Walk facing traffic if there is no sidewalk.
■ Cross streets only at corners after looking both ways.
■ Don't cross between parked

cars.

Stay away from strangers.

Stay away from houses that the house of the house

Employers receive kudos for hiring disabled workers

Eighteen Farmington area employers and businesses were hunord recently for hiring employees
with handicaps.
This is the third year in which
employers were honered under
the Handicapper Employer Program, sponsored by state Rep.
Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills.
As in past years, employers and
employees were invited to a special program Monday, Oct. 12, at
the Farmington Hills of the Julia.
The program's featured speaker
was Inspector Richard Niemisto
of the Farmington Hills Palice
Department.
This year's honorees include:

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Sharon Dees for Ekstrom In-

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dane Stacherski for Kmart.

Employees are John Mintline and
Marsha Scatt.

Durrell Turner for Kmart.

Employee is Sue Holevar.

Karen Voight and Mary Beth
Hetriek for YMCA First Step
Child Care. Employees are Amy
Wilson and Amy Scholtz.

Michael Clark for Source
One Mortgage Services Corporation. Employees are Donald Lipscomb, Lynn Allen, Chris Tweker,
Jeff Guthrie, James Roller, Mike
Clark, James Ris, Gary Belormier, Kevin Jackson and Diane
Gulledge.

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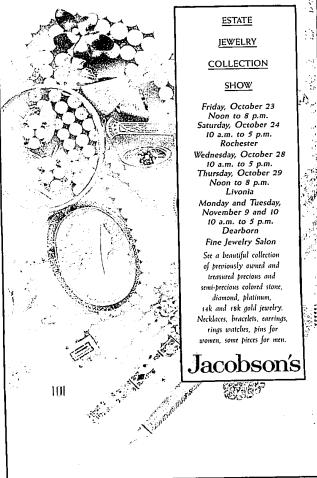
Jane M. Hardey for Commu-

nity Living Centers Group Homes.

Martine Leech for Farming-ton Community School Adult Ba-

monthly School Adult Basic Education.

Moretta Cenway for Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division
Employee is Russell FarmingEmployee is Russell FarmingOther recipients who were not
represented at the program included: Botsford Continuing
Health Center; Farmer Jack,
Farmington Road; Big Boy restaurant, Farmington Road; St.
Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center;
Panderosa restaurant; Arbor Cafe;
Panderosa restaurant;
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