

Orange juice video has national ap(peel)

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Some Farmington area high school students couldn't do a remake of "A Clockwork Orange." Instead, they worked around the clock to make a three-minute video on oranges. The squeeze was on, but the group churned out a first-place effort, winning the high tech division in the National High School Nutrition Music Video Contest.

Six students and their advisors will enjoy a slice of life in Orlando, Fla., for three days as part of the grand prize. "The Power of C" video, produced by students in Dean Cobb's TV 10 Intern class at North Farmington High, was selected as the best from more than 230 entries nationwide.

"What they do in here is very visible from a commercial standpoint," said Dean Cobb. "They actually took it to a pro level."

The video proclaims the virtues of vitamin C, combining a witty rap melody, swift dance moves and compelling imagery.

North Farmington senior Kevin Sawicke conceived the idea for the video and wrote the lyrics for "The Power of C." Ice-T couldn't argue with the results.

Sings Sawicke, "The suggested intake of vitamin C is 60 milligrams a day/Which you could get from a single orange or half a cup of O.J."

Sawicke said he thought up the rhymes while at home. The extensive rap tune is the first he's written.

"I'm not really a rap artist," said Sawicke, who plans to major in computer aided design at Oakland Community College. "Originally, I wanted to write a dance number. I thought a rap number would be the best because you can get a lot of words into a short amount of time." Sawicke succeeded. The

project was a group effort, though, involving students from all three high schools.

North Farmington student Jennifer Kahn did the choreography. Mike Tueros and Matt Papper operated cameras while Keith Yanachik and Michael Cyrulnik worked on the high tech end.

Techniques such as chrome key and post-synchronization were used in the shoot. The hard part, though, was editing the piece into a finished project.

Judging criteria included having a strong nutritional message, incorporating Florida citrus, quality of original music, the use of techniques and the amount of work involved.

"I thought it was just terrific," said Jodi Paradise, spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Citrus in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "These kids really have talent. I was in awe thinking back to when I was in high school, I don't think I would have been able to do something like that."

The three-minute video consumed more than 100 hours of work starting in January. The video was shot at several locations, including in front of the hallway TV monitors at Farmington High and Sawicke's kitchen where they cut and squashed countless oranges.

Though it was a class effort, only five students can go. The grand prize allowed for five students and one advisor. However, prize money of \$1,500 will be used to send a sixth student, according to production assistant Sue Cobb.

Classmates voted on which six students will travel to Florida May 22-24.

"Our school district is looking at outcomes based education," Sue Cobb said. "This is a first."

Apparently, right down to the last pulp.



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Oh say can you 'C': The North Farmington High School video champs are (clockwise from right) Melanie Downie, Cindi Seamons, Stephanie Myre, Jennie N. Kahn, Kim Neeley, Randy Topper, Euanna Stefanakis, Mike Tueros, Keith Yanachik, Michael Cyrulnik, Marsha Harris, Marty Brown, Kevin Sawicke, Tim Kemp, Jason Shane, Chris Lichtenberger.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

FIRE

A dryer caught fire in the laundry room of a wood frame house on Wheeler in Farmington Hills at about 10:40 a.m. May 6. Firefighters from station 3 put out the fire, which resulted when lint caught fire. Property damage was estimated at \$2,000 to the structure and \$2,000 to contents.

A fire that started in the engine of a 1983 Oldsmobile parked at Tandem Computers on Haggerty fully engulfed the car at about 12:30 p.m. May 10. The car, valued at \$350, was a total loss.

A 1986 Dodge Daytona parked at the Independence Green Apartments on Jefferson Court in Farmington Hills caught fire at about 10:30 p.m. May 12 causing \$2,000 in damage.

THEFTS

An envelope with \$180 in cash was stolen from the East Middle School on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills between March 5-8. The cash was in a desk in an office and was for the school's social fund. A similar theft also took place in November of 1992 in which \$90 was stolen.

A Carrier central air conditioning unit worth \$1,200 was stolen from a residence at the Crosswinds Condos on Country Circle in Farmington Hills between May 10-11. Metal shears were used in the theft.

Two baseball gloves worth \$200, two pair of batting gloves worth \$25 and a bat bag worth \$25 were stolen from a locker at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills between May 6-7 causing \$10 in damage to the lock.

A patio table worth \$200 was stolen from a residence at the Pine Knoll Condos on Venice Court in Farmington Hills between May 9-13.

A car phone worth \$1,000 was stolen from a garage on Arden Park in Farmington Hills May 13. A blower worth \$400 and hand tools worth \$100 were stolen from a residence on Fox Glen in Farm-

ington Hills between April 1-31. A cordless phone worth \$189 was stolen from the Travel Bazaar on Northwestern in Farmington Hills between May 11-12.

A \$250 cassette player valued at \$250 was stolen from a Chevy Cavalier in the parking lot of K mart May 10.

AUTO THEFT

A black 1989 Nissan 240SX worth \$10,000 was stolen from a location on Middlebelt between May 10-11.

A 1992 dark green GMC Jimmy worth \$24,000 was stolen from the parking lot of the Comfort Inn on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills between May 11-12.

The lock was punched on a red 1992 GMC Jimmy parked at the Comfort Inn on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills May 11 causing \$500 in damage in an attempted auto theft.

A woman told Farmington Hills someone drove off her \$24,000 1992 Oldsmobile from Bob Saks on Grand River May 13.

CAR BREAK-IN

An in-dash stereo cassette radio worth \$400 was stolen from a 1991 beige Ford Taurus parked at Botsford Hospital on Grand River May 10. The front passenger door lock was popped causing \$50 in damage.

ASSAULT

Farmington Hills Police arrested a 19-year-old Farmington Hills man for assault and battery May 11 after the man was stopped while driving north on Middlebelt. The man and his 19-year-old former girlfriend had argued in front of Andy's Market on Middlebelt when the alleged incident took place. The woman had a chipped front tooth and black eye.

VANDALISM

A motorcycle that was lent by a resident on Cadillac in Farmington Hills to a friend between June of 1992 and May 12 sustained \$500 in damage, including broken mirrors and a broken clutch cable.

The front bumper and sides of a 1990 white Ford Probe parked at the Windmere Apartments on Jefferson Court in Farmington Hills were scratched and dented between May 7-8 causing \$400 in damage.

The front lawn of a residence on Derby Lane in Farmington hills was damaged by a vehicle that ran over it, leaving tracks and causing \$200 in damage May 11.

A 6-by-4-foot glass window at the Roman Terrace II on 12 Mile was shot out with a BB gun between May 7-8 causing \$400 in damage.

EMBEZZLEMENT

Stocks worth \$27,000 and bonds worth \$7,000 were embezzled from a family trust of a man who lives on Farmington in Farmington Hills between May 24 of 1990 and May 12.

ASSAULT

A 14-year-old Farmington Hills boy was charged with felonious assault for an incident on May 12 on Kenwood in Farmington Hills. Four juveniles were involved in an argument that turned into a fight. Damage to the residence from a knife was \$250.

ROBBERY

A black man, 5-foot-10, 175 pounds, wearing blue jeans, a dark shirt and a blue ski mask held up the Mountain Jacks on Grand River in Farmington Hills May 13 using a chrome-plated semi-automatic pistol. The robbery took place at 1:45 a.m. The man forced four employees into an office and drove off in a gray Ford Escort heading east on M-102, getting away with about \$500 in cash.

STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED

An Observer newspaper box was found in the backseat of a vehicle during a random police stop May 11 in Farmington. The driver, a Warren man, said he found the box in field near Seven Mile and Farmington roads.

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