



April Jones (left), a Harrison High senior, receives help on a brass rubbing project from teacher Laura Sparrow. Harrison senior Bethany Broadwell (above) displays a brass rubbing done in her Humanities class.



DANIEL LIPPITT/staff photographer



Steve Bruni, a junior, works on his brass rubbing project at Harrison, as his humanities class studies the 300-year-old European craft.

Brass rubbing art form revived at Harrison

A GROUP of Harrison High School students has returned to another time, another place, as part of their humanities studies. Laura Sparrow's class recreated designs from brass rubbings of the Middle Ages — one of the many hands-on projects being done in the three Farmington public high schools as part of the district's revamped humanities program.

Students work on a number of class projects related to their period of study, take architectural field trips and prepare food feasts from various time periods. Using replicas of brass originals from the Middle Ages, Harrison students designed a variety of works. The use of brass rubbings is a European craft which has been practiced for at least 300 years, and since World War II has gained popularity as a hobby.



SHARON LeMIEUX/staff photographer

Some 20 public safety officers and reserves from Farmington, with a back-up from Farmington Hills firefighters, responded to a dumpster fire in a building at the Farmington Oaks Apartments shortly after noon on Christmas Eve. A total of \$500 in damage was reported

because of the fire, believed to have been caused by hot materials being sent down a garbage chute into a central dumpster area. Here, firefighters Mark Kramer (left) and Ron Meyers work at the scene.

police/fire calls

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

HOUSE DAMAGED
A model house in Oxford Estates at 27943 Greenwich Circle was damaged Dec. 23 when oil was sprayed on the brick and wood siding of the Farmington Hills house. Damage was estimated at \$2,000. Police reports indicate there were some labor problems on site before the incident occurred.

THEFTS REPORTED
Drills and other tools valued at

1975 were reported stolen from a van parked at Eight Mile and Brentwood in Farmington Hills.

A five-shot automatic gun, cordless telephone, camera, two video recorders, two televisions, and compact disc player, all valued at \$2,725 were reported stolen from Polo Club Apartments on Nine Mile in Farmington Hills during a break-in Dec. 22.

Several Christmas gifts, including a ladies watch, tape deck and two gold bracelets all valued at \$1,130 were reported stolen from a car parked on Polk in Farmington Hills Dec. 22.

A residential break-in in the 32000 block of 10 Mile in Farmington Hills Dec. 24 netted thieves more than \$1,000 in stolen items and caused \$100 in damage to the house. Stolen were a compact disc player, rolls of coins, gold jewelry and a speaker phone.

DAMAGE REPORTED
Vandalism done to three vehicles at Hub Sellers Pontiac caused more than \$900 in damage Dec. 23. The cars, all Pontiac Grand Prix models, were parked in the northwest corner lot of the dealership lot and had windows broken out and back seats damaged.

Man dies from accident complications

An 81-year-old resident of Detroit Baptist Manor died Christmas Eve night of complications from a traffic accident which occurred six days earlier.

Andrew Joseph Schneider of Farmington Hills died at 8:36 p.m. on Dec. 24 at Botsford General Hospital. The Oakland County Medical

Examiner's office listed the cause of death as acute coronary thrombosis, aggravated by the accident at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, said Farmington Hills traffic officer Don Frandette.

"He had some problems and the accident just aggravated everything," he said.

According to police accounts, the victim was northbound on Orchard Lake Road at 13 Mile, when he made an improper left turn in front of a southbound car which had the right of way. He was taken to Botsford General Hospital by CEMS.

The accident occurred at about 10:10 a.m. on Dec. 18.

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