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Burt Township Schools 2006 Homecoming King & Queen

Seniors Kevin Brekke and Ashlea Cook were elected King and Queen of Homecoming 2006

Jason Kinlaw Awarded Bronze Star



Jason shown in combat uniform while serving in Iraqi Freedom.

Sr. Airman Jason Kinlaw, a Grand Marais resident and 2001 graduate of Grand Marais High School was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for saving the life of a fellow airman after the vehicle he was in hit an IED. As a member of the 586th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron he was able to pull the injured airman from his vehicle when it caught fire after the explosion thereby saving him from sure death. Another member of the squad died as a result of the IED explosion. According to his mother, Lois, Jason had training as a medic and was a medic/gunner at the time. The incident occurred about a year ago during Jason's first assignment to Iraq. He is presently serving his second tour of duty there. When his mother told him how proud of him she was he replied, "just doing my job"! Although the duty is dangerous and exhausting, Jason says that seeing the joy on the faces of children and women when they receive the basics that we take for granted is very gratifying. Good Job and Thank You Jason and all our Armed Forces!

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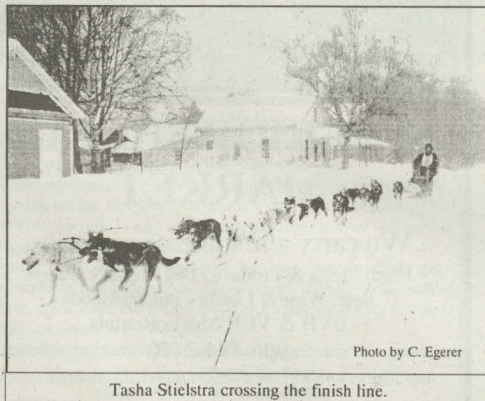
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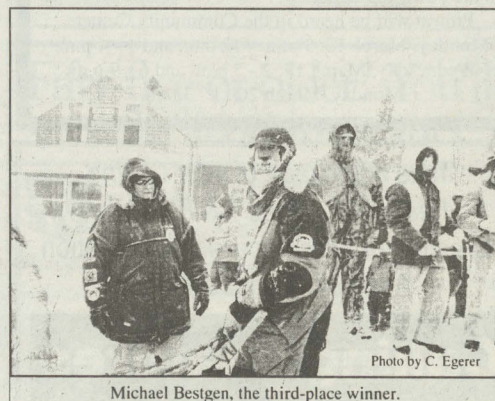
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Tasha Stielstra crossing the finish line.

UP 200 IN GRAND MARAIS



Michael Bestgen, the third-place winner.

The 2006 UP 200 Sled Dog Race was held February 17-19. The race started in Marquette about 7:00 p.m on February 17 and was scheduled to end there after a rest at Grand Marais on February 18. Due to severe weather conditions that made the visibility factor ZERO, the wind chill factor in the minus 20s and drifting snow making the trail all but impassable the race officials stopped all teams in Wetmore until conditions improved late Saturday morning. The major reason was the safety the mushers and dogs.

The first sleds arrived in Grand Marais around 3:45 PM and the last one 7:30 PM. Because of the delay the race's officials ended the race in Grand Marais. There were

no doubt some disappointed spectators in Marquette and maybe a few mushers too but "The best laid plans of mice and men....." The mushers and handlers were very polite and appreciative of Grand Marais' volunteers. After finishing the race the team's human members were well fed by the Women's Club and the canine members also had some nourishment. Although most stayed in Grand Marais Saturday Night/Sunday morning, a few left for home Saturday. This was the fourth year that Grand Marais was involved in the race but the first for it being the finish. Grand Marais' "Big Dogs" did a wonderful job, especially handling the change.

Cummings Street: Summons and Complaint – Are you being sued?

By Lee G. Durrwachter
Burt Township Supervisor

Recently a number of property owners in the community received a Summons and Complaint from the Circuit Court notifying them of action taken by the Township of Burt to vacate portions of Cummings Street. Not knowing exactly how this "vacating" process works, we were all surprised to read in the summons the phrase, "you are being sued."

I thought I would explain what that phrase "you are being sued" means and forewarn you that other property owners will receive similar notices as the township prepares to ask the court to vacate two additional streets. The summons, containing the phrase "you are being sued," is the court's method to insure that property owners near the proposed vacated street have been notified of the township's action and to give you the opportunity to file an objection, if you choose.

Here is a brief outline of the vacating process as it applies to this action and to other actions that the township will take in the future.

Cause for Action:

On February 7, 2006, the Township of Burt petitioned the Circuit Court to vacate Cummings Street near the township's marina and amend its plat. The township took this action to acquire ownership of this street in order, to bring the storage tank facility located in that area into compliance with state regulations and to avoid a very expensive relocation. In addition, the township asked that another portion of Cummings Street between the EMS/Fire Department/DPW Building and the Township Water Pump House also be vacated. This request was included to allow for future expansion of the EMS/Fire Department facility.

The Process:

The township asks the court to take this action by filing a petition of complaint. By law the next step is for the court to notify the owners of property within a certain distance of the street in question of the township's action and to give those owners the opportunity to file an objection (an appeal) within 28 days.

The Questions:

I would suggest that if land owners have questions about the process they should call the Circuit Court at 906-387-3289.

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If you do not have
Internet access and would like the minutes mailed to your home
Call (906)494-2381.

BOARD OF REVIEW MARCH 2006 MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, March 7, 6-9 p.m. for organizational purposes
in the Township Offices.

Protest will be heard in the Community Center:

Monday, March 13, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15, 2 - 5 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m.

Monday, March 20, 1 - 3 p.m.

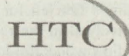
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FRIDAY March 3

Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes -

Harvard Beets - Plums

MONDAY March 6

Hamburger Vegetable Pie -

Cauliflower w/Parsley -

Peaches

WEDNESDAY March 8

Roast Turkey - Sweet Potatoes -

Rutabagas - Fruit Cocktail

FRIDAY March 10

Chicken Patty w/Bun - Oven

Browned Potatoes - Peas -

Mixed Fruit Sorbet

MONDAY March 13

Country Steak - Carrots -

Mashed Potatoes - Tropical

Fruit

WEDNESDAY March 15

Pasty Pie W/ Carrots, Potatoes,

Rutabagas - Stewed Tomatoes -

M'Orange

FRIDAY March 17

Baked Cod - Green Beans w/

Pimento - AuGratin Potatoes -

Banana

(Items subject to change.)

Senior Nutrition Program meals
are provided by Alger-Marquette
Community Action Board
(AMCAB) for persons 60 or older
& their spouses.

What a test

A juggler, driving to his next performance, is stopped by the police. "What are those machetes doing in your car?" asks the cop.

"I juggle them in my act."

"Oh, yeah?", says the doubtful cop. "Let's see you do it." The juggler gets out and starts tossing and catching the knives. Another man driving by slows down to watch.

"Wow," says the passer-by. "I'm glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they're giving now!"

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The women wrote: "Woman: Without her, man is nothing."

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Alger County MSU Extension Office Moves to Mather School Building

The Alger County MSU Extension office has relocated to new space in the Mather School Building, 413 Elm Avenue in Munising. The move is an effort to use local funds more efficiently and expand extension programming opportunities for Alger County residents. The new space includes two former classrooms on the first floor of Mather School. The larger room contains workspace for the 5 full- and part-time MSU Extension staff and a "mini conference room". The other classroom is used for 4-H club meetings, educational programs and larger committee work. The addition of this extension conference room provides a new and valuable community asset.

"The move was a purely economic decision", said Jim Isleib, County Extension Director. "We were able to move from 912 square feet of courthouse basement space into 1455 square feet of sunny, first floor space right next door and pay significantly less total rent", Isleib continued. Extension's local funding is generated by a 0.25 mill, voter-approved millage, which is up for renewal this fall. According to Isleib, the move to Mather demonstrates Extension's determination to make the best use possible of the funds entrusted to them by Alger County voters. The move was accomplished with help from the Alger County Sheriff Department community service work program, Rod DesJardins and a work crew from Pathways to Healthy Living, Christian Kapp from the MSU Experiment Station in Chatham, John Rasmussen from the Munising Housing Commission, and volunteers Woody Boydell, Darlene Myjak and Greg Pond. An open house at the new MSU Extension office is planned for March 29, 2-6 pm.

Programs offered by MSU Extension in Alger County include the 4-H Youth Program, Family Nutrition Program, Life of Lake Superior Summer Youth Program, Master Gardener, Citizen Planner, parenting and family financial management programs, Better Kid Care training for child care providers, Forestry Programs, Michigan Sea Grant, Pesticide Applicator Training, soil testing services and educational programs for commercial and hobby farmers. Michigan State University Extension has been serving Michigan citizens through a wide variety of educational programs since 1914.

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Further, the views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents are welcome additions to the forum. They reflect, however, opinions of the writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette.

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ONLY IN THE U.P.

A group of U.P. friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck. "Where's Aino?" the others asked.

"Aino had a stroke or something. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied.

"You left Aino laying out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired.

"A tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured ain't nobody gonna steal Aino!"

The young Yooper came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Toivo, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Toivo replied, "Did you see who it was?"

The Yooper answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

NEWS FLASH! - Munising Michigan's worst air disaster occurred when a small two-seater Cessna 150 plane, piloted by two Michigan Tech University students,

crashed into a cemetery earlier today in Munising.

Munising search and rescue workers have recovered 300 bodies so far and expect the number to climb as digging continues into the evening. The pilot and copilot survived and are helping in the recovery efforts.

A Michigan State trooper pulled over a pickup on Michigan HWY-28.

The trooper asked, "Got any ID?"

The driver replied, " 'Bout what?"



WEATHER SUMMARY

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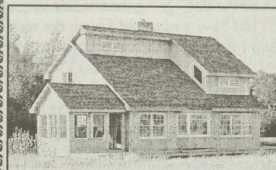
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Karla

We have had 108.0 inches of snow reported in town so far this year. We have 30 inches of snow on the ground at this time. We have received 35.5 inches in of snow the last fourteen days.

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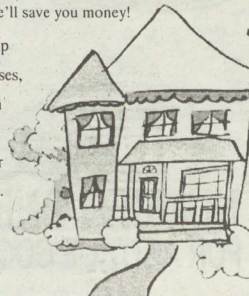
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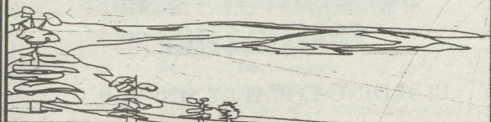
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AROUND THE BAY:
BY EVELYN MORRISON



Thanks to Kay for keeping "Around the Bay" going the last few issues for me. She did so well she might just have a new job! I have not seen much of winter this year, but when I got back into it I realized I could get use to being one of those snowbirds!

I did make it back in town to see the tail end of Homecoming. The Polar Bears tried hard but just could not pull it off. Beaver Island is a tough team. Hopefully next time we will see our team out in the lead.

Al Young was in town staying at his cabin on Webb Road. He was enjoying the winter wonderland with his son Nolan.

The groomers have had a heck of a time getting the trails groomed with the 12 foot drifts on some parts of the trail. But not to fear they are doing a fine job out there. Busy busy.

Sportsman's Restaurant now has their liquor license and are open for breakfast lunch and dinner for your convenience.

Make sure you hit the Curiosity Corner for Mary's cinnamon rolls and sticky buns. Plus check out the rest of her menù. Of course we have our other fine dining at West Bay Diner, North Shore Lodge, and LSBC.

Bill Bailey just returned from Florida. He flew down to Deltona to bring back Tutie and Al Tornovish. I talked with Al; he wishes he was back in Florida! I can't agree more. I was gone for almost 3 weeks and I certainly didn't complain about the warm sunshiny days.

In for a long weekend were Sara (Morrison) and Ray Scaife from Michigan Center, along with son Reid, dogs Sosa and Pork Chop. Warren Scaife was able to take a few days off work and ride along too. We enjoyed our visit with grandson Reid. He is getting to be lots of fun. They did have a chance to do some ice skating and sledding down the sand hill with Grandpa Scaife.

Also visiting us for the weekend were Wendy (Morrison) and Steven Sohl from Hazel Park and their sons Johnny and Evan. Steven's friend Mark came up too so he could enjoy riding snowmobiles. Little did he know the ride out to camp meant he had to help shovel 4 to 5 feet of snow off the roof of the cabin. Do you think he will come back next year? We will see. The boys really enjoyed the sled ride down the sand hill and the big hill papa made in the back yard. Steve also celebrated his birthday while he was here.

Happy birthday to Tony Block, Ray Gage, Clayton Lowes, Lou Lundquist and Mike and Michele Bailey.

Happy Anniversary to Dick and Sherry Houlden and Steven and Wendy Sohl.

If you have any news for Around the Bay let us know. See you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling.... Evie morriso3@jamadots.com

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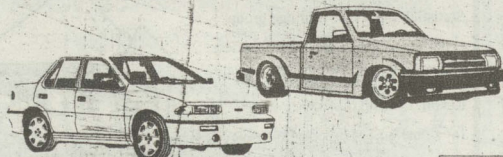
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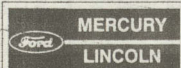


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THANK YOU

The Andy Bailey family would like to thank everyone that called, sent emails, mailed cards of well wishes to Andy during his short illness. Andy enjoyed hearing from everyone. It was truly appreciated. We would also like to thank our friends in Grand Marais for the beautiful flowers, thanks to everyone for all the phone calls and condolences cards. Your kind words were uplifting to the family.

Thank you the Harold (Andy) Bailey family.

THANKS TO ALL

Update on Cabin Fever Saturday. First of all I want to Thank everyone who participated. Next I want to Thank everyone who helped out and to everyone who donated things. We had a real good turnout this year. The kids all had fun and Jeremy Reeves won the sled building contest. Greg Overland won the 50/50 and Dave Van Suse won the Snowmobile Poker Run.

Until next year.
Lois

Watch Out for Students



OBITUARY

Harold (Andy) Lawrence Bailey



Englewood, FL.-- Harold (Andy) Lawrence Bailey 81, died February 10, 2006 following a courageous battle with leukemia.

Harold was born February 16, 1924 in Nahma, MI., the son of Harry Asil and Mary Louise Bailey.

His family moved to Grand Marais when he was just a

small child. Harold worked in the CCC Camp in the 40's and served in the Army during WWII. On November 16, 1948 he was united in marriage to Geraldine Hughes in Detroit, MI. In 1951 Harold and Gerrie moved to Ithaca MI. They raised five children together. He was very proud of his family. Harold worked for Wolverine World Wide as personal manager. While living in Ithaca he was a member of St. Paul's Apostle Catholic Church and a member of the American Legion. He served on the city council for many years and also worked part time filing saws. He and his wife returned to his home town of Grand Marais after retiring in 1986. He was a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Harold always took part in the Memorial Day services. He felt very strongly that it was his duty as a former soldier. During his retirement he enjoyed fishing, collecting die cast automobiles and miniature light houses. He also enjoyed talking to people, visiting with old friends, spending time going to the marina and checking out the boats that arrived daily. During the winter months he and his wife enjoyed the warmth of Florida.

He is survived by wife Gerrie Bailey, 3 sons and two daughters, George H. (Suzanne) of Ithaca, MI; Bruce C. (Carlene) of Alma, MI; James R. of Loveland, CO; 2 daughters Margaret E. Smith (Gregory) of Ithaca, MI; Evelyn L. Morrison, (John) of Grand Marais, MI. He also leaves sixteen grandchildren and thirteen grand grandchildren. Brothers Yale (Laura) of Highland IN; David (Pat) of Hammond, IN; William of Grand Marais, MI; David (Helen) of Grand Marais, MI; sister Millie LaFraniere of Ithaca, MI; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Mary Louise Bailey and two sisters, Leone Thomas and Norma St. Martin.

Memorial Service will be held in the spring at the St. Paul's Apostle Catholic Church, Ithaca, MI. Date is pending.

Memorial Services are pending this summer at Holy Rosary Church Catholic Church in Grand Marais, MI. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Grand Marais.

Harold was proud of his service to his country and because of that, donations in memory of him, can be given to any family member and will be directed to the Michigan D.A.V. Chapter.

OUR BEST FRIEND

(Della and Pickle Meldrum)

When Andy and Gerrie came to say "good-bye" to us when leaving for their winter stay in Florida last November, with usual hugs and statement's that we would see them in the spring, we knew he was ill, but with his usual, always cheerful manner, and great smile, he never gave a hint that, maybe he would not make it until spring.

Our close friendship goes back many years. First when we were just kids. The Bailey family lived right across the street from the Senecal's, and we always kind of looked to Harry, Andy's father as a kind of stand-in-father. With his great nature, his constant jokes, and even the tricks he played on us kids, he was loved by all. He loved to get my mother going, knowing her temperament, but she knew, and appreciated all the kind things he did. Serving as our Constable for some time, there was never anything that, just by his personality alone, he couldn't take care of. They tell us now that having just a Constable to provide law enforcement does not work. I challenge anyone to ask those of us "old-timers" still living in regard to that.

Andy inherited many of his Father's ways. Harry was a great ball player, and Andy followed in his footsteps. That's not to say his mother, Louise wasn't also a great comfort and help to others. I know we were enriched by having them as neighbors for those years, as we have also been by having such wonderful friends as Andy and Gerrie.

Andy and Gerrie, and Pickle and I were married within the same week in November of 1947. Because Andy, Pickle and I had served in the military, we were eligible and received our 52/20-rewards, so had a lot of time to truly enjoy life. We did spend a great deal of time together during that winter especially, and even when our children began to appear. Unfortunately, they moved to Ithaca, as finding a job here to support a family was not possible, so only during the summertime were we able to continue with such a close relationship. But through these 58 years, we have remained "best friends" and losing him has left a big emptiness.

Those wonderful memories though, of our life together through all those years, will be with us until it's our time to say good-bye. I know he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Announces New Community Partner Program

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Superintendent Jim Northup announced today a new Community Partner Program for the park.

In announcing the program, Northup explained, "With over 425,000 people coming every year to enjoy America's first national lakeshore, we recognize that there are many businesses and organizations in our gateway communities that are instrumental in providing knowledge and information about the park to visitors."

"While we encourage all park visitors to visit our website in advance of our visit, to visit the Interagency Visitor Center in Munising or talk to their staff at our three other Visitor Centers or in the field. We also recognize that many visitors get their information from a wide variety of local sources. We want to work more closely with, provide better information to, and acknowledge the efforts of these partner locations," Northup added.

In the coming weeks park staff will visit with many local motels, restaurants and other business locations in communities adjacent to the park to discuss the Community Partner Program. Business locations interested in participating will be provided a comprehensive reference package of information about the park, a counter-top display and window-display placard identifying that location as a Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Community Partner.

"Through this program we believe that we can do an even better job of making visitors aware of all the wonderful things there are to do and see in the national lakeshore, Northup said, and strengthen our communications and relationships with our neighbors."

For more information about the Community Partner Program, please contact Northup or Gregg Bruff, Chief of Heritage Education, at 387-2607.

ANNOUNCING A NEW BOOK !

Local photographers, Autumn Jauck and Laura Pederson, have published the first photo souvenir guide book of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. As residents of Munising and Chatham, towns just slightly west of the Lakeshore, Jauck and Pederson spent two years roaming the Lakeshore photographing in all seasons.

"This is one of the more photogenic areas I have ever seen," Jauck states, "I couldn't believe that no one had published a photo book exclusively on the park.."

There are many current photography books about Lake Superior and the Upper Peninsula. There is also a small color booklet sold by Pictured Rocks Cruises that highlights the National Lakeshore from the water. However, prior to this release, the only guidebook available about Pictured Rocks was published in 1988 by

PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE

Exploring by Trail and Shoreline

Autumn Jauck and Laura Pederson

Olive M Anderson. This small black and white book is a useful trail guide but does not capture the beauty and majesty of the park the way a full color book can.

This full color photo book will be the perfect keepsake for anyone who visits the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Capturing the many moods of the Lakeshore, these photographers have recorded stunning images of the most scenic areas. This book will also be a valuable tool for anyone planning a trip to Pictured Rocks. By land and by water, the authors take you on a personal tour of the Lakeshore, highlighting special features and must see attractions. Whether you plan to hike the trail, drive to the scenic overlooks, or cruise along the shoreline, let this guide help you plan your vacation.

Copies of this book are currently available at the Falling Rock Café and Bookstore, the Hiawatha National Forest/Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Visitor Center, The Alger County Heritage Center, and Putvins. You can also order by contacting Autumn Jauck 906-387-2512 or Partners Distributing at 1-800-336-3137.

There will be a book signing with one of the authors, Autumn Jauck, on March 11 from 12-2 pm. at the Falling Rock Café and Bookstore.

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YOU DON'T SAY: Two barbershops were in red-hot competition. One put up a sign advertising haircuts for 7-dollars. His competitor put up one that read, "We repair 7-dollars hair cuts."

"When all else fails, read the instructions." AGNES ALLEN

STUPAK REMINDS 1ST DISTRICT STUDENTS TO SUBMIT WORKS FOR ANNUAL ART COMPETITION

WASHINGTON - Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) again urged students and art teachers in high schools across the First Congressional District to develop art pieces for this year's Annual Congressional High School Arts Competition. The winner of the upcoming competition will represent northern Michigan in a corridor leading into the U.S. Capitol for a full year.

"Earlier this year I encouraged students from across northern Michigan to begin the initial steps in preparing art for the spring competition," Stupak said. "I'm eager to see this year's creative works. I've never been disappointed because each year northern Michigan's talented students have a spectacular showing that makes me proud to have them represent us in Washington."

Any art work created this school year by a high school student who either resides in or attends school in the First District is eligible to be entered in the contest. Entries are limited to original concepts done as drawings, collages, paintings, prints, computer graphics or photography. Entries reproduced from an existing photo, painting or any other work will not be accepted.

The William Bonifas Fine Arts Center will again coordinate the First District competition. All entries must be received between **Wednesday, March 23rd, 2006 and Saturday, April 1st**. These entries will be displayed at Bonifas from April 6th to April 20th. The Center will send the "Best of Show" entry to Washington D.C. to be displayed.

Information on specific rules for preparing and submitting pieces of art should be available in local high school art departments. Information can also be obtained from the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center by calling (906) 786-3833 or by calling Kristen Mizzi in Stupak's D.C. office at (202) 225-4735.

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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

In case you haven't heard, Jason Kinlaw was awarded the Bronze Star for saving the life of a fellow airman. Congratulations to him, I am sure that he earned it. I am disturbed by the importance that the Marquette Mining Journal chose to give the story. It was on page eight of the February 23rd issue and even then given a less than deserved space on that page. I am sure that this newspaper as well as most other media outlets profess the rhetoric of "Support our Troops", being grateful to them etc. The problem comes when it is time to put those policies into action. Page one that day had a mundane story about the Olympics that belonged in the sports section, the headline story about trout, the sentencing of a man convicted of assault with the intent to murder, a blip about Condosleezy Rice and the only story worthy of the front page, a story about some people that saved the life of an accident victim. I find it offensive that the only semi-local daily newspaper, one to which many Grand Marais residents subscribe, would do something like this and I have let them know my feelings. I'll bet my letter doesn't make the editorial page or for that matter any page!

I was concerned that I was hearing things when I was watching the news one day and heard Rumdum say that "we" are not interested in "Nation Building" in Iraq. That has got to be the lie of the year, so far. Let's see; we destroy a nation in order to remove its government from power, killing thousands of innocent civilian and two thousand plus of our troops. We then force an interim government into power with the intent of building the final government in the image that the warmongers want it to be. We try to rebuild the infrastructure, with little success, and train their police and military to do as "we" would have them do. If that isn't nation building, ice isn't cold. I know Georgie Boy promised during his campaigns that he would not involve this country in Nation Building, but he broke every other promise except that he took care of his "people". How in the Hell can a supposed intelligent being make such a stupid statement. It really should be taken as an affront to the citizens of this country because he really believes that we will accept that lie as fact.

The big story now is the United Arab Emirate Company that this administration wants to give a lot of control over some of our larger ports. The contract is obviously a payback for something this company's big shots have done or will do for Georgie Boy and/or others in his administration. I think Georgie Boy profits personally due to the way he is defending the contract, even threatening a veto if Congress writes a law to stop it. Many of the elephants, some of whom are strong supporters of Georgie Boy question the intelligence of this decision; but as usual Georgie Boy is infallible (in his own mind). I really don't see much difference between this and much of our immigration policies; which brings up, how many Americans will lose their jobs and what about the people that the UAE bring in? The deal to save face for Georgie Boy and the elephant senators and congressmen sickens me. We certainly can't expect these politicians to think as much about the citizens of this nation as they do about their ego.

The Iraq fiasco looks to be getting worse daily. The insurgents have gotten more active and the death toll continues to rise. Why the knuckleheads in Washington DC can't learn from history is beyond me. No war between religious sects has ever been stopped by changing governments. The only way it has ever stopped is by both sides agreeing to disagree. Of course we shouldn't call this unrest a civil war or

even a sign of a future civil war. Why? Because the big elephant will lose face.

A new twist has been added to the funerals of some of our troops killed in action. Some cruds are protesting and shouting that the death of these soldiers is the act of God punishing us for allowing gays to live and to have some rights. They are doing this to the families of men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country, in the name of the religion of these cruds. If they think that Christ supports this kind of evil they either need a psychiatrist or a new religion. If these mean, senseless, stupid people had pulled this crap at my brother's funeral 38 years ago March 8th I would probably still be in jail for murder.

I think some of the unrest in Burt Township was put to bed by reasonable discussions at the last board meeting. There is obviously a problem with informing the citizenry of what is going on in the township but as of yet no solution to the problem. I and I think the rest of the board, will listen to any practicable method of better communication. Hopefully more people will become active in their government by attending meetings, asking questions and giving suggestions. If you have an idea give it to a board member or present it at a meeting. Remember there are no psychics on the board, if you don't give us your opinions, suggestions and complaints we can't act on them. I understand that the meeting to discuss fighting the teenage drinking problem was sparsely attended but very informative. Due to my lousy memory I forgot all about it. Teen drinking and drugging is a problem and I hope it can be reduced drastically and kept at a minimum level.

And finally, I destroyed my Menards' Credit Card and informed Menards what I thought of their choice of credit card handler, HSBC. I have been spending several thousand dollars per year for tools, electrical material and personal things but no more; at least as long as HSBC is their credit card handler. Last month I received my monthly invoice from them; I had let the fifty-dollar bill from the previous month ride because it wasn't large enough to worry about. I knew there would be an interest charge but even at 2% (what I thought was usury) it would be \$1.00. When I opened the envelope I discovered that they had charged me 10% interest (equivalent to 120% plus per year). That in itself angered me but they also charged me a 60% penalty; that was the last straw. A check of the Internet revealed that HSBC has a terrible reputation mainly for this type of activity. If Menards wants to use this rip off company, that is their decision; but they'll do it without my business. If you charge things at Menards, beware; a sleazy company handles your account.

Stayed a night with Lizzard and Doc, Pug and Sandy last Wednesday. The girls along with Dizzy are into basketball and so far Lizzard's team is undefeated with some of the final scores pretty lopsided. Doc and Dizzy are on different teams and one night they played each other. Dizzy somehow twisted her coach's arm and got her wish, to guard Doc. According to Pug the result was comparative to Spud Web guarding Kareem Abdul Jabaar. I think Doc grows an inch every other week. Haven't seen the grandsons for a while, but I am sure they are keeping active, that is if Too can stop eating long enough. The girls are playing in a tournament in the Soo this weekend, no info yet on their performance. They play next weekend in one in Marquette; Sherri and I will probably go to Marquette to see some of the games.

And finally, finally. Don't forget that Jason Kinlaw is back in Iraq and therefore in harms way. Josh Hicks, thank God made it back to the USA safely and Jeff Kinlaw hasn't had the pleasure of a highly visible combat assignment, yet! There are nuts all over and these guys and their comrades are prime targets for the nuts. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Till next issue.
Hungry Jim

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Letters to the Editor

Your letters are welcomed. The views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents reflect the opinions of those writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette.

Dear Editor:
Ernie and I had the pleasure of having Musher Tom Bensen and his handler Yukki from Ely, MN spend Saturday night with us after the race. They were 2 really nice young guys. They were happy to answer all of our questions (no matter how dumb they were).

Tom is a carpenter and Yukki works for Outward Bound. They had 18 dogs with them and that was their first concern. When we got home that night the dogs were being fed and watered and when I woke them up at 7 on Sunday morning, the first thing they did was go out and take care of the dogs. **EVEN BEFORE COFFEE!!!**

We really enjoyed having them and kind of hope the race ends here next year too so that they can stay with us again. These mushers etc. are the kind of people we like to see visit our town.

Sal Brooks

Editor:

A few weeks ago Mr. Bush told us we should control our driving habits to save gasoline, little did we know he wanted it so he can jump in Air Force 1 and enjoy riding around the country to promote his political ambitions. How many gallons of gas is that costing us? What happened to the White House?

Wally Parish

To the Grand Marais Community Center and the whole community of Grand Marais:

Thank you all for your hospitality to all of us mushers & our dogs. We really appreciate it. The food was unbelievable. This was our first time to Grand Marais, Michigan and the people here are just as friendly as they are in Grand Marais, Minnesota.

Thank you again - what a wonderful checkpoint (finish). Maybe we should have this the finish again next year!!

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Birthday Surprise !!

If anyone heard I was going to see my grand-daughter in a play in the Church basement, that is what I was told, which of course when I opened the door to the basement met with "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" I was to discover that my daughter-in-law Michelle started planning this surprise right after their Christmas visit and that the whole family was in on it.

As my birthday approached this year I was feeling kind of sorry for myself because I had wanted to go see my grand-daughter Shauna play basketball at school and no one would take me. Everyone had excuses why they couldn't go. The real reason, I found out later, was that some of the family would be at the game and I didn't know they were all here. Because of the bad weather I had called them all and told them not to come home. I didn't want anyone driving on the terrible roads.

I just can't believe I was so in the dark with all of these birthday party plans going on around me!! So, after talking to the kids, my good friends the Rockwells and other family members about NOT traveling in the bad weather for a birthday visit, you can imagine my total surprise on the day of my birthday.

So...let me take this time to thank everyone that worked on the surprise party and all the family and friends who attended. It was a wonderful surprise and I love you all !!

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Dec. 23 Happy 58 to Don Jorge and 2 to Reid Scaife. We bought Don Jorge a breakfast of eggs and gallo pinto at a tiny restaurant in the front of a private home, where he gave us two masks, a snorkel, and the keys to his cabin. He then took us to a car rental near the glorified landing strip of an international airport in Liberia, where we rented a diesel Toyota Land Cruiser and bid him hasta luego. We now had our own wheels,



Don Jorge Madrigal and the Scaife girls.

so we cruised back to Playa Ocotal, where Don Jorge had shown the Spanish Club to a skin diving spot last spring. The black volcanic sand was superheated, but the water was nice, the fish fantastic, and over in the rocks were the tidal pools with their own little microenvironments. After lunch at a beachside restaurant, we drove north to Playa Coco, but when we got there, the waters were calm. Instead of spending another night at Don Jorge's cabin, we opted to drive down to Guehinder's place in Guaitil, a rural village east of Santa Cruz, thereby fulfilling the promise I had made to him last spring. His brother Gerardo and wife and kids were in the yard when we rolled in, and he told us to take his driveway to Guehinder's place in back. The nice, new, small country home with tile floors, a dining room/living room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bath, and an outdoor laundry area on the wraparound porch re-



Tom and Guehinder reunited for Christmas '05

places the original home still standing out front: a one room boarded structure with a dirt floor. Guehinder has come a long way. He teaches English at the small elementary in Guaitil. His son Wender is a cute little guy with some smooth soccer moves. We three boys made a grocery run into Santa Cruz after the tour of the house. After dinner the tired beachgoers went to their rooms. Helen and I declined the offer of the use of the toledo, or mosquito net, thinking that there was only the one over Wender, and we later had reason to regret our decision, one because there was another toledo, and two because, well... you guessed it.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve day dawned like the rest of our mornings down here, with roosters crowing long before light and dogs calling to each other all across the countryside. We had planned another beach day trip, but Guehinder and his family, including his brothers and parents, were spending time preparing traditional holiday fare together, including tamales boiled in banana leaves (muy rico), so I took my crew and we drove to Playa Grande, about 50 k away. The condition of the segment of road paralleling the Pacific was incredibly bad, an asphalt nightmare with patches, trenches, and holes that were just a shade short of being ravines. We meandered along, dodging, slowing, twisting, and jouncing all the way to the beach, an enormous expanse along the ocean with no shade at the high side and walls of waves tumbling to the shore. This beach is also a nesting site for sea turtles, which we someday would like to see in the act of laying their eggs. I was unsure about Elizabeth negotiating the sizable surf, but in her water-loving way she took to it like a fish, diving under the big breakers and riding on the swells. We spent the better part of two hours goofing and body surfing before we wore ourselves out. On the return trip we took the back route to Santa Cruz, figuring (correctly, as it turned out) that nothing could be as bad as the way we came in. Guehinder had asked that we be home about 4:00 so we could go to the "corrida", or bullfight, but when we got to his house, no one was there, so we went to his folks' house, and that's where everyone was. We greeted Mom and Dad, and Guehinder took Elizabeth for a ride on Dad's horse. Two young roosters now became the center of attention, because they were to be the main course for Christmas dinner. We chased them around with sticks trying to put the whack on them, but they eluded us so well that Guehinder finally got the .22 and nailed one with a head shot. His Dad intended to pull the other one off the roost

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BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Thursday, March 2

Subs - Chips - Fruit

Friday, March 3

Burgers - French Fries - Fruit

Monday, March 6

Hamburger Gravy - Mashed Potatoes - Fruit & Veggies

Tuesday, March 7

Chicken Nuggets - Veggies - Fruit

Wednesday, March 8

Ham - Potatoes - Fruit & Veggies

Thursday, March 9

Chicken Parm. - Rice - Fruit & Veggies

Friday, March 10

Nachos - Fruit

Monday, March 13

Spag. w/Meat Sauce - Fruit - Rolls

Tuesday, March 14

Hot Dogs - Baked Beans - Fruit

Wednesday, March 15

Chicken Parm.-Rolls - Fruit & Veggies

Thursday, March 16

Ham - Veggies & Fruit - Potatoes

Friday, March 17

Pizza - Veggies - Fruit

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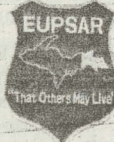
The wonderful English language

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth?

One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend. If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them; what do you call it? Is it an odd, or an end?

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Varsity Basketball Team 2005/06



Back row: Coach Rick Capogrossa, Stephen Simpson Middle: Devlin Tapert, Andy Bauknecht, Ali Saheb, Hunter Capogrossa, Mike Bell, Dan Norris Front: Eric Blume, Brad Bauknecht, Layla Saheb, Nathair Purple



BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Varsity Basketball Coach: Rick Capogrossa
Copper Country @ Grand Marais 6:30PM/9:00AM
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ Rapid River

3/3-4
3/6

Volleyball Team 2005/06



Standing: Coach Stacey Stachnik, Andrea Stachnik, Cassandra Purple, Jessica Reeves, Charlotte Bodak, Ashlea Cook, Abby Cook, Kristin Blume Kneeling: Layla Saheb Sitting: Jenica Hassenzahl, Rachael Winnie



BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL POLAR BEARS 2005-6 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Volleyball Coach: Stacey Stachnik
Copper Country @ Grand Marais 6:30PM
District Tournament @ Engadine

3/3
3/4

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COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME ON TWO 100 FOOT LOTS:

This manufactured home is located on a year round road about three miles from town. It has three bedrooms and two baths. There is a new roof, furnace, water heater, floors and walls, and a new fireplace. It looks "brand new". This is priced for a quick sale as the owners are moving. It would make a great weekly rental when you are not here. (R-167) \$68,500.

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: This is a ten acre parcel located in Superior Dunes Development east of Grand Marais. It has 225 feet of beachfront. \$170,000 (VW-146)

TWO 40 ACRE PARCELS WITH MARKETABLE TIMBER: These parcels are located on highway H-58, 11 miles west of Grand Marais in the National Park Buffer Zone. The road is seasonal, with no electricity. There is a substantial amount of marketable timber that has been appraised by a timber cruiser. \$65,000 each (VL-144)

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: This parcel, located in Superior Dunes Development just 9 miles east of Grand Marais, has 210 feet of beach frontage. It is a ten acre parcel. \$155,000 (VW-145)

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 3.79 acres with 273 feet of beautiful sand beach in Superior Dunes Development, about 9 miles east of Grand Marais. \$155,000. (VW-143)

SMALL HOME ONE MILE SOUTH OF GRAND MARAIS: This house sits on a parcel that is 300 feet on a year round road, and is 216 feet deep. The house has had a lot of work done lately such as: new electric service and wiring, new plumbing with new washer and dryer. The foundation appears to be in good condition. The home still needs a roof and some additional maintenance work. \$74,500. (R-165)

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 323 feet of beautiful beach with no bluff. This 3.79 acre parcel is high and dry and located on a year round road. Priced at only \$165,000. (VW-140)

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 210 feet of nice beach with no large bluff. This ten acre parcel is located in Superior Dunes Development 9 miles East of town. \$150,000.00. (VW-141)

VIEW PARCEL: This is located along the ridge overlooking Lake Superior one mile East of Grand Marais. This heavily wooded site has acreage and a lot of privacy with access at the top of the hill off Webb Rd. the width of this parcel is 150 feet. It is priced at \$60,000.00. (VL-137)

MAGNIFICENT VIEW PARCEL OVERLOOKING THE GRAND MARAIS HARBOR: This is unbelievable. The land is very deep and heavily wooded. It's 200 feet in width and the driveway is already in. Standing where a building site could be you can see downtown Grand Marais and the breakwall. It looks like it could be on a post card. \$149,500.00 (VL-130)

200 FEET OF SEASONAL VIEW PROPERTY: Located one mile from town this parcel has lots of Pine trees and a great view of Lake Superior. \$89,900.00. (VL-135)

VIEW PARCEL: This parcel is 100 feet wide and heavily wooded. It is located along the ridge about one mile east of downtown Grand Marais. \$60,000.00 (VL-140)

VACANT PARCEL WITH WELL AND SEPTIC IN GRAND MARAIS: This parcel has 150 feet on a year round road and is 290 feet deep. It is high and dry and located 4 blocks from downtown Grand Marais; it has a Board of Health approved well and septic already in place and a temporary electric pole with service connected to the electric company. A completed foundation for a garage and a small home has been finished. The property is ready to build on. Remember, living in an RV is limited to 15 days per year in Burt Township. \$52,500. (VL-142)

SECLUDED BUILDING LOT IN GRAND MARAIS: Located four blocks from the downtown area and public beach, this property features nice hardwood trees which are high and dry. The parcel is 150 feet by 250 feet and fronts on a year round road with electric and cable. In the winter views of Lake Superior can be seen. \$39,500.00 (VL-141)

VIEW PARCEL: This 100 foot parcel is heavily wooded and overlooks Grand Marais Bay. \$60,000.00. (VL-136)

WOODED THREE ACRE PARCEL WITH SMALL CREEK: Located three miles from Grand Marais on a year round road this property is very secluded. It is high and dry with beautiful hardwood trees. \$120,000. (VL-143)

100 FEET OF VACANT SANDY WATERFRONT BEACH ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This is located right in town and would allow an owner to walk to all stores and restaurants. Grandchildren can walk to the ice cream store! \$119,500.00 VW-144

LARGE RESTORED HOME IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: This famous home was built back in the late 1800's and has been remodeled with new plumbing, roof, kitchen, bath, electrical, and much more. Located on a corner lot in the quiet area of town this is a real show place. \$189,000.00 (R-153)

NEWER HOME ON TWO ACRE WITH VIEW OF GRAND MARAIS BAY: This cute chalet has a one car attached garage on a year round road. Located four blocks from downtown. This home was just completed two years ago and is on a very nicely wooded and peaceful parcel of land. \$149,500. (R-160)

TOTALLY RESTORED LOG CABIN ON SMALL CREEK: Located only 1 1/2 miles from downtown Grand Marais this is a lovely beautiful. \$129,000.00 (R-158)

LOWER LEVEL CONDO ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This unit is on ground floor and allows one to walk out to the condo beach without using the stairway. \$120,000. (R-166)

UPPER LEVEL CONDO WITH TWO BEDROOMS AND TWO BATHS: The views are spectacular of the Bay and Grand Marais. \$150,000. (R-167)

10 ACRES WITH LOG HOME AND LOG SIDED GARAGE: This has to be one of the nicer wooded parcels in the area. It is high and dry with mature maple and beech trees; located at the end of a year round road. Lots of garden space and room to roam. \$150,000.00 (RR-148)

FORTY WOODED ACRES WITH A YEAR ROUND HOME AND GARAGE: This parcel is high and dry and located on a year round road 13 miles south of Grand Marais. With 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hot water, heat, and a steel roof, this would make a great snowmobile or hunting retreat. \$142,500. (R-164)

UNIQUE TWO STORY HOME ABOVE LARGE GARAGE IN GRAND MARAIS: This home has had extensive remodeling and has beautiful views of Lake Superior and Grand Marais Bay. Located on a year round road one block from downtown. \$158,000 (R-163)

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Tom Scaife's 2005 Costa Rica Trip

that night. We, the beach people went back and rinsed off our salty and sandy selves, then Guehinder and son escorted us to the neighboring pueblo of La Florida, where the corrida was being held. As in the American West, cows and horses and cowboys and ranching are big in Guanacaste, and many of the local fairs feature bull riding and fancy horsemanship and ropework. A clapboard bullring and grandstand were lit up in warm darkness, and we paid and enter the fairgrounds near several refreshment tents. An emcee was addressing the crowd over loudspeakers blaring salsa music, mini storms of flying insects were whirling in the glows of the light fixtures around the ring, and a number of young males waited outside the bullpen ready to taunt and flee. The bull riding was about to begin. Here came the first rider atop the bucking bull, waving his free hand wildly until he was flung to the ground and the kids took over, trying to get the bull to give chase as he circled the boarded ring menacingly, passing us closely enough that we could appreciate his bulk from our refuge inches away on the other side of the fence. We moved up to the grandstand for a better view of the rest of the rides, two of which resulted in injuries to the riders. One kid was slammed against the wall while on the bull's back, and he dropped like a rock to the ground, where the bull approached, hooking his horn under the boards and popping one clean off the fence, easy as you please, before he was enticed away and the rider was dragged to safety. After each ride was over and the young men had tested their machismo with the bull, a couple riders would come out and show off their horses and abilities with the rope, riding by the bull and roping it around the head at a gallop, sometimes with a behind the back toss, and finally leading it out of the ring. Since it was getting late, we pounded the dusty country road back to Guaitil with Guehinder hooting at his son the whole way so he wouldn't fall asleep before we got home, where we had dinner and gratefully accepted the toledo to ensure a "good winter's nap". After the girls went to sleep, Helen got out Elizabeth's stocking and stuffed it, being sure to include a note in Spanish from Santa Claus (Hortensia) saying that he had one heckuva time finding her in Costa Rica.

Dec. 25 Feliz Navidad! When all of your previous fifty some Christmases have been spent in the wintry Midwest, waking up tropical in the 80 degree range is a funny sensation, but we had a fun morning, opening the few presents, drinking coffee, eating tamales, and playing porch soccer with a balloon. Today's plan was to go over to the Tempisque River, where the Scaifes and Sinai and Wender would take a cruise while Guehinder and his brother and some nephews did some fishing from the banks for shrimp, pargo, and catfish. We took both vehicles, because this trip would take us north on the Nicoya peninsula, closer to our return trip by bus to San Jose the next day. After touring the river, we would part ways. It was a pleasant drive through the country, past sugar cane fields and through small pueblos until we reached a forest conservation zone along the muddy estuary, a decent sized river. We waited by the fence near the ranger station before we could be let in, and wandering along the two-track outside, we were startled by a large iguana lurking by a fencepost. There were several others lounging in nearby trees. The iguana is an impressive reptile when fully grown, having a striking green (female) or orange (male) color. Eventually, we were let in, we drove to the river and waited for the one boat that was running to come pick us up. Meanwhile, the fishermen hiked downstream. It was a hot midday, tolerable in the shade, but the prospects for seeing any wildlife along the river at this hour seemed slim. Boy, was I wrong. We saw the usual water birds, iguanas, howler monkeys, white-faced monkeys that came right up to the boat, and, most impressive, crocodiles, which either slowly submerged as we neared them or slithered down the muddy banks and into the murky water if our observing or approaching them made them skittish. The fishermen had some success, evidence of which was in a yellow, five-gallon pale, and we celebrated the catch by consuming a watermelon together before departure. Guehinder led us to an intersection a few miles away and pointed us toward Filadelfia. We said our goodbyes, promising once more to get together as soon as time and money allowed. Now we made our way back to Playa Coco, and this time we were not disappointed. At the far end of the beach, the surf was rolling in, a single, supersized breaker forming near the beach with the arrival of each wave. While we were swimming, the breakers grew to such a size, towering over us, that body surfing some of them would have been suicide, so we would allow these to loom threateningly above us before we dove under and through the thunderous break, all in all having another riot at the beach. We still had the keys to Don Jorge's cabin, one of our housing options, but Elizabeth and Rachel wanted to stay at a hotel, so Helen and I went along with that, finding a room at the second one we tried, the Coco Palms. We showered and went out for dinner, completing a long and exotic Christmas Day.



Guehinder and his brother Gerardo net minnows for the fishing expedition.

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The Old Man and the Sea

A seaman meets a pirate in a bar, and they take turns to tell their adventures on the seas. The seaman notes that the pirate has a peg leg, hook, and an eye patch. Curious, the seaman asks "So, how did you end up with the peg-leg?"

The pirate replies "I was swept overboard into a school of sharks. Just as my men were pulling me out, a shark bit my leg off."

"Wow!" said the seaman. "What about the hook?"

"Well...", replied the pirate. "We were boarding an enemy ship and were battling the other sailors with swords. One of the enemy cut my hand clean off."

"Incredible!" remarked the seaman. "How did you get the eye patch?"

"A seagull dropping fell into my eye", replied the pirate.

"You lost your eye to a seagull dropping?" the sailor asked.

"Well..." said the pirate, "That was my first day with the hook."

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Spouse's Hospitalization Increases Partner's Risk of Death, New Study of a Half-Million Couples Shows

National Institute on Aging (NIA) NEWS - Most people have heard stories about an older person who "dies of a broken heart" shortly after their partner's death. A new study finds that hospitalization of a spouse for a serious illness also increases their partner's risk of death. Further, the risk is greater with certain diagnoses, such as dementia, stroke and hip fracture. The study was sponsored by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The report, by Nicholas A. Christakis, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., of Harvard Medical School, and Paul D. Allison, Ph.D., of the University of Pennsylvania, is the first to measure a link between a spouse's hospitalization and increased mortality of their partner across a comprehensive range of spousal diseases. The findings, says Christakis, were striking. "When a spouse is hospitalized, the partner's risk of death increases significantly and remains elevated for up to two years," he notes. The study is published in the Feb. 16, 2006, issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

"This highly innovative study - in an enormous sample of older people - demonstrates yet another important connection between social networks and health," says Richard M. Suzman, Ph.D., Associate Director of the NIA for Behavioral and Social Research. "We don't yet know the full extent to which social networks affect health. We need to explore the mechanisms behind the stresses associated with these hospitalizations as we look for ways to protect people when their central relationships are disrupted."

Christakis and colleagues studied more than half a million couples over 65 years old who were enrolled in Medicare from 1993 through 2001. Over that period, the study found that, overall, having a sick spouse is about one fourth as bad for a partner's health as having a spouse actually die. Some spousal diseases, such as hip fracture or psychiatric conditions, were nearly as bad for partners as it would be if the spouse actually died. The period of greatest risk is over the short run, within 30 days of a spouse's hospitalization or death, the researchers noted, when the risk of death upon a spouse's hospitalization is almost as great as that when a spouse dies. The mortality risk increased with age and, for women of a hospitalized husband, with poverty.

The illness responsible for the spouse's hospitalization also matters. For example, among men with hospitalized wives, if their wife is hospitalized with colon cancer, there is almost no effect on the husband's subsequent mortality. But if the wife is hospitalized with heart disease, the risk of death for a husband is 12 percent higher compared to the wife not being sick at all. If one's wife is hospitalized with psychiatric disease, a partner's risk of death is 19 percent higher. And if one's wife is hospitalized with the principal diagnosis of dementia, mortality risk for the husband is 22 percent higher. Similar effects are seen in women whose husbands are hospitalized.

The more a disease that causes a hospitalization interferes with the patient's physical or mental ability, regardless of the extent to which it is deadly, the more of an impact it may have for the partner of the ill person, the researchers suggest. "The study suggests that diseases that are more disabling are more likely to result in disease and death in the caregiving spouse," Christakis says. Spousal illness might also deprive the partner of emotional, economic or other practical support, or might impose stress on the caregiver which may contribute to their risk of death, the investigators theorize.

Christakis and his colleagues are interested in the health consequences of social networks. The impact of the death of one spouse on the mortality of the other is one well-known example. The impact of illness is a further example. "People's health is interconnected," Christakis says. "When we take care of people when they're sick, we're also taking care of the patients' spouses. So helping one person might help others. Such benefits should be included in any cost-benefit analyses of interventions."

The NIA leads the federal effort supporting and conducting research on aging and the medical, social and behavioral issues of older people. A substantial part of NIA's research involves ways to prevent frailty and reduce disability with age. For more information, call 1-800-222-2225 or go to the NIA website at www.nia.nih.gov.

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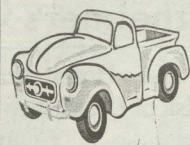
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- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow..
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail
- 18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- 19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests
- 21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

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