



SHARON LeMIEUX/staff photographer

Hillside students gather around as an informally dressed Barry Rudner sits on a beach chair and tips through a manuscript.

# Author gives students hard work message

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"Hard work is the key to dreams coming true," he said. "Hard work is made less hard by learning how to think. And learning how to think is made less hard by educating yourself."

Everything changes when you have to make a living, Rudner said. "It's much more fun when you become free thinkers, and it must start now," he said. "The thing that got me here was not any talent or genius. My education got me here."

"Your education is like a bicycle: You can either park it in a bike rack, find some reason to take it apart. Or, you can get on it and go somewhere. I would get on it and go..." he said.

RUDNER TOLD the children how difficult it was for him to get published.

"It took 10 years," he said. "I

was rejected by 28 publishers. You can't wait around until someone praises you and you can't stop because someone criticizes you."

Rudner has also published "The Littlest Tail Fellow," "The Bumblebee and the Ram," "Nonsense," and "The Handstand." These books all focus on self-esteem.

It takes six to seven months for Rudner to write a book. "There was only one time that I couldn't finish a book," he said. "The book that I stopped was called 'The Bigotry.' I've never been able to finish it because it's such a touchy subject. I don't know how to deal with it. But, one of these days when I mature, I will."

If his books make children think, "then that's the highest compliment," he said. Rudner said that he depends on a Roget's Thesaurus to create titles for his books. "I write my title first

and then I work the story around the title."

He writes four titles and two books a year.

"And, that's moving," Rudner said. Rudner calls writer's block, "authoritis."

"Writers only have two excuses: One, we don't know what to write; Two, we know what we want to write, but we just can't write it. Every day, I suffer from authoritis."

Rudner is writing his eighth book. He constantly re-edits.

PAM O'MALLEY, assistant to the Farmington superintendent, who was his eighth grade grammar teacher, often proofreads his manuscripts, he said.

"She makes it better, not different," Rudner said. "There are times that I don't know what to do

with a story."

O'Malley said Rudner was in her advanced English class. "I'm pleased that he has a message behind each story," she said.

And then, the inevitable question, asked by a third grader, "How old are you?"

"I'm 36," answered Rudner. "Ohhhhhhhhh," the crowd of children remarked.

"I don't know what it is with you kids, you think if a guy makes it to 30, something drops off," Rudner joked.

Rudner left two years of graduate work in medical studies at Michigan State University. He moved back to the Detroit area in 1979 when his father took ill. Rudner went into the family sales business. He has been at Great Lakes Printing ever since, never straying from his writing or a library.

# Killers sentenced, but grief remains

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Teachers at Dunckel were unaware of the sentences when contacted Friday afternoon. They were still mourning the loss of their friend, however.

"When you lose a teacher, you affect everybody," said McConaghe. "The people who had him are at a loss, and the people who could have had him are also at a loss."

"He was there for the kids after school. He was the first one to say, 'Can I help.'"

IN HIS DETROIT neighborhood, Poux was considered a Detroit booster who was the first to welcome people who moved in.

Judge Talbot also sentenced the men in connection with a Nov. 21 incident in which a Detroit woman was raped during a break-in and robbery in her Detroit house on Seaburn.

Baker made note of this case during the Poux murder trial. Police linked the two cases because a flashlight taken in the earlier robbery was found in the Poux home.

In that case, Talbot sentenced

Johnson to 10-15 years for breaking and entering, 30-60 years for two counts of armed robbery, 60-120 years for CSCI and two years for felony firearm. Posey was sentenced likewise, but did not have a CSC charge and did not have a gun.

Prosecutors said that Posey and Johnson broke into the Poux house on Shafter, where Sally and Andre, their daughter, Katie and her college roommate were sleeping to steal items from the house.

They committed the murder when they were interrupted by Poux who confronted them downstairs.

Poux was shot with a .38 caliber handgun, later found in the front yard of the Poux house.

The bullet which penetrated his chest was found in a sofa behind the crime scene. Baker said the two panicked, left the scene, then tried to return to get the gun and a flashlight also left behind.

But they could not get near the house because there were many people milling around.

The convicted murderers will be held in the Wayne County Jail before being taken by bus to the state penitentiary in Jackson.

# Gun buff free on bail

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High School honor graduate and goldsmith. "Several federal indictments will be handed down," Dwyer said.

"We still feel, in our opinion, he is a potential threat to society based on what we seized from his house," Dwyer said.

Meanwhile, Lang is free on bail — reduced from an original \$1 million to \$500,000 and finally 10 percent of \$100,000. He is also free on personal bond on the federal weapons registration charge.

POSNER TOOK his quest for a reduced bond to Oakland Circuit Judge Rudy Nichols little more than a week ago. "He (Nichols) heard the motion and he agreed it was too much. I think \$100,000 is too much."

When Lang stood mute on the re-

ceiving and concealing charge, 47th District Judge Fred Harris set a \$1 million bond. At Lang's preliminary examination Feb. 15, 47th District Judge Margaret Schaeffer reduced the bond to \$500,000, which, Posner said, was still too much to allow his client out of the Oakland County Jail.

"I know the family. I've known the kid for three years. I know he's no danger to anyone. The war games and gun collection, that's his schtick," said Posner, who maintains that Lang is only a gun collector a war game buff.

Concerned for his safety, Posner said he called Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols and had Lang segregated from other prisoners who Posner described as "guys who have been in and out of jail" and might harm him.

"He's a survivor," Posner added.

# obituaries

BUDDY L. BRINKLEY

Mr. Brinkley, 67, of Farmington Hills died March 11 in Bostford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Brinkley was self-employed as a food facilities consultant. He was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills and was a Mason. He was one of the first food facilities consultants in Michigan.

Mr. Brinkley was a World War II veteran and an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Thel-

ma; daughter, Candace Brinkley; son, John, two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 24, at 1 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The Rev. David C. Noble will officiate.

Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

HAZEL CRAIN

Mrs. Crain, 89, of Farmington,

died March 15 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Traverse City, Mrs. Crain was a homemaker. She was a member of Rice Memorial United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son, Roy; daughter, Betty Crisp; two grand-children and three great-grandchildren.

Services were March 18 at the

Tsayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Robert Duggan of Rice Memorial United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery, Novi.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan, Oakland Co. Region, P.O. Box 721129, Detroit 48072.

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Second, people with arthritis vary widely in their response to medication. No test exists to allow physicians to tailor their choice of medicine and its dose to the individual. For example, doctors need good fortune in their pick of therapy when gold, methotrexate, azathioprine or penicillamine are under consideration in rheumatoid arthritis.

Third, the patient's sense of improvement is, in part, related to the person's attitude. Some people accept a small improvement in their joint condition as a wonderful change. Others are never content unless restored to their former state of health.

Thus, much of the benefit from treatment results from features beyond the control and even understanding of the doctor. The experience of rheumatologists gives them an understanding of Pare's words that: "We treat. God heals."