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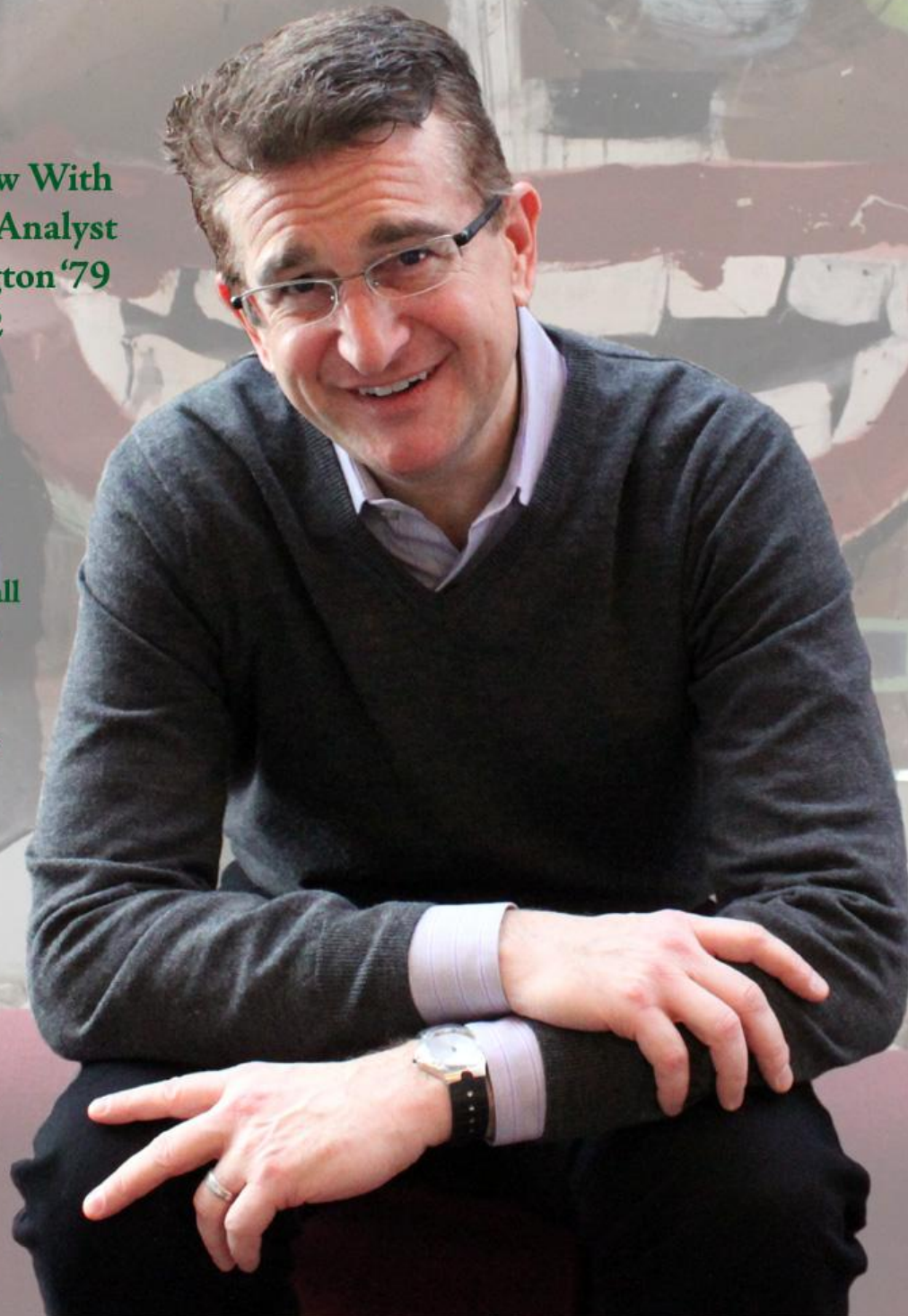
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Interview With Charlie Langton '79

You may recognize this man. You may see him often. He is Charlie Langton - Attorney and FOX 2 Legal Analyst. He is also a proud 1979 graduate of Notre Dame High School. During the Christmas season, Charlie sat down with the Friends of Notre Dame for a very open and candid discussion about his ND years, his career, and life in the Metro Detroit area.

FOND: Let's start with your early years. Did you go to a catholic grade school?

CL '79: I didn't. I grew up in Warren. I went to public schools in the Warren Consolidated district. I went to Beaver Elementary and then Carter Junior High up to 8th grade. I would have gone to Cousino High School.

FOND: How did you end up at Notre Dame?

CL '79: My parents suggested looking into the catholic schools for high school. We went around and visited Brother Rice and Bishop Foley and Notre Dame. I *liked* Notre Dame. I was really impressed with the school and their reputation. I really thought it would be better for me to attend a private school because I always knew I wanted to go to college.

FOND: The decision was yours to make?

CL '79: Yes, mostly. I think if I would have said I would have preferred to go to Cousino, I could have. And actually, I ran for Vice President of my class at Carter Junior High in 8th grade. I lost that election, but I think... had I won, I may not have gone to Notre Dame. I was sort of pushed into going to a Catholic school, but I wasn't resistant at all because I really wanted to go to a good school that would help me get to college.

FOND: How did you find the adjustment from public to Catholic school?

CL '79: There was a definite difference in the academics between Carter Junior High and Notre Dame. Even the student was different. There was a different, more focused and serious student at Notre Dame. The teachers were a little more "with it," I thought - Just my opinion. And I probably needed a little more discipline at the time, too. It was definitely a good move - to go to a school that was a little more structured, where the majority of the kids went on to college. That was important to me.

FOND: When I see you on TV, I see a man with a very colorful personality. I noticed the art you've chosen to decorate with matches that colorful personality. Can you talk about that for a minute?

CL '79: The art you saw in our waiting area comes from the Heidelberg Project in Detroit. The artist, Tyree Guyton, was a friend of mine. I met him through my interest in art. I collect art - mainly works by local Michigan and Detroit artists. So how I acquired those two pieces in the lobby... I met with Tyree and just asked him for a few pieces from the Heidelberg Project. The two pieces you see in my lobby are two of the original pieces that Tyree had to take down and hide when the city of Detroit came to demolish the place. Both of the pieces are really old and one of them was used as a post card that Tyree used to promote the project. I followed the case where he sued the city of Detroit. The city saw it as an eyesore.

FOND: What are your memories of your Notre Dame years?

CL '79: There is a lot of good history with Notre Dame. There is also an instant camaraderie when you meet a fellow ND guy.

I remember the teachers - Mr. Rice, Mr. Schram, Conrad Vachon, Mr. Schusterbauer, Mr. Welliver, Mr. Kelly, Fr. Desroisiers, Fr. Timmerman, Fr. Bryson. I remember them all very well. I remember the Close Up trip I took. I remember participating in debate and forensics. I really remember Mr. Schram's class and history with Mr. Rice. I also remember the French class I had with Fr. Desroisiers. I never thought I could learn it and then, all of a sudden, I was doing it and it was kind of fun. The best class I ever had was Mr. Kelly's Short Fiction. We read short stories and talked about them and I really liked that. I remember *Dave Coulier '77*. He was two years older than me, but I did have him in Mr. Stark's Accounting class. Coulier was a *VERY* funny guy! I'm sure I'll have more memories as we talk.

FOND: What was the Close Up trip?

CL '79: We took a trip to Washington D.C. with Mr. Schram in 1978 or 1979. We met our newly elected senator - Carl Levin. We went right into his office and talked to him. It left an impression on me. I was always interested in politics. I used to collect campaign buttons from the 1976 election. I always talked to Mr. Schram about politics.

FOND: What led you to chose law as a career?

CL '79: It stated with my father. He was a lawyer. I grew up with my father coming home and spreading all of his files out on the kitchen table and reviewing them. When I was in high school, I would often go to court with him and read the



FOX 2 Legal Analyst, Charlie Langton '79 posing with one of the pieces of art from the Heidelberg Project. Charlie proudly displays his collection of art created by Michigan artists in his office.

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depositions from the trial. So as a little, bratty teenager, I'd sit there and read that part of the trial and I loved it. From an early age I was in the court room, reading trials and analyzing them. This was all from my father's influence.

FOND: Where did you go to college?

CL '79: I went to Kalamazoo College. One of the priests at Notre Dame was really pushing students to go there. They were really pushing it in the 70's at Notre Dame. I really hadn't heard of it before, but it turned out to be a great school. They had a foreign study program, languages, and theater - which is what I majored in.

FOND: Why major in theater?

CL '79: I've always had the desire to perform. I love being in front of a group. It was performing, debate and forensics that I was interested in. Even in those days, I had thoughts of going into television someday. I knew back then that I wanted to be a lawyer, but television or acting of some kind was always in the back of my mind.

FOND: Was it this desire that led you to FOX 2?

CL '79: I paid my dues. It didn't just happen. I actually started by doing a radio show after I graduated from law school and met some people from the Macomb County Bar Association who had a cable television show. We went to the Utica adult education building on a Thursday. In those days, you just turned the camera on, counted a half-an-hour, and there was our show. I liked that; I was intrigued by this whole television thing. The show aired on cable. Then we moved to Sterling Heights and the local Sterling Heights city government had a little more sophisticated crew of young people who wanted to



Charlie Langton '79 In his law office In Sterling Heights.

get into television. I thought we should take the cameras on the road and do some interviews. We interviewed Rosa Parks, Charleton Heston, Dan Quayle, Cardinal Maida, and others for the show - Legally Speaking was the show. After 10 years of doing cable television and practicing law, I thought maybe I should go to Specs Howard School of Broadcasting.

FOND: How did you benefit from broadcasting school?

CL '79: After I graduated from Specs, I got a job at WYUR doing a radio talk show - Sunday mornings at 6am. Warren Pierce was at the same station doing the noon to 3pm show and he left. I took over doing noon to 1pm on WYUR, Monday through Friday. So I was in court every morning, I'd run off to the radio station, head back to the office thoroughly exhausted and get up and do it again the next day. The station went under and I moved to WXYT doing a show from 9 to 11 at night, Monday through Friday. They shared the same studio as WWJ so I met all of the WWJ guys. I talked about legal related

topics, current events, politics, art - whatever the subject matter was for the day. It was a long-form interview show and it was great fun. There were some times when we actually broke some stories. I did that show for about 2 years.

FOND: So did this get you noticed by FOX 2?

CL '79: Someone from FOX 2 heard the show and said "Who is this lawyer guy talking?" Because we broke stories, the WWJ people would pick up on it. So, I started calling them every now and then to tell them to roll tape on certain interviews because they were going to be good stories, and they did. Then I met someone named Pia from FOX 2; she was a producer. She hired me to start doing legal briefs at FOX 2. I would give a legal comment on a legal issue presented by Huel Perkins. That went on for a while and then the Steven Grant Case hit. This was the famous murder case from Macomb County where he strangled his wife and scattered her body parts all over Stoney Creek Park. I covered that case for FOX 2. I loved covering the trial and FOX 2 liked the work I was doing. Then, just as that trial was wrapping up, Kwame hit. When Kwame hit, so did my career.

FOND: So you may be one of the only people to actually get a legitimate career from Kwame Kilpatrick?

CL '79: (Laughing) I love Kwame! I mean I LOVE Kwame. I need to get a poster of Kwame and put it right on the wall in my office. I owe a lot to Kwame. Not the man, obviously, but the case involving him. The Kwame Kilpatrick case led to more live spots on the newscasts and that led to Let It Rip every Thursday night. That started off as kind of a vehicle to showcase the reporters and get them out of their element. But when Kwame hit, we started bringing in people like Monica Conyers and Sam Riddle and we'd go back and forth and create this chaos. Well, the ratings started going crazy! People really liked it. So, in this aspect, I kind of fell into it, but it wasn't without paying a lot of dues.

FOND: Do you think this region will ever see the end of the Kwame Kilpatrick saga?

CL '79: Never. At least for the next two years, we'll be talking about him because of the federal RICO charges he is now facing. Kwame has been a fascination for people, and I'm not saying in a good way. When we look back at the history of

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Detroit politics, clearly the Kilpatrick era will be remembered like Watergate. Everybody has an opinion about Kwame Kilpatrick. And I knew Kwame. I knew him when he was in the state legislature. He is VERY charismatic. The charisma of this guy, he is a physically big guy - built, not fat at all. He has a commanding voice with great eye contact; he's funny and charming. Because of all that, and because he is so good on television and likes to talk to the media, he made A LOT of friends. So when you've got the Mayor of the city of Detroit sexting and texting and beating up cops and violating campaign laws and being defiant until the very end... It was intriguing and it's still intriguing now.

FOND: How was Kwame Kilpatrick able to get into office and create this criminal empire?

CL '79: A lack of checks and balances. The buck stopped with Kwame. The mayor - one person has the power of appointment. So Kwame got to appoint his entire staff with absolutely no oversight. There was no city council oversight - nothing. Kwame and his people could pretty much do whatever they wanted. And if you didn't pay, you didn't play and that's just not right. Let's face it, Kwame is a smart guy, but in a criminal sense. And that's assuming all of the allegations are true. But some good things that will help the city of Detroit did come as a result of Kwame Kilpatrick.

FOND: Such as?

CL '79: The changes in the perjury law. In the past, you had to lie about a material aspect of the particular case in order for it to qualify as perjury. Now, if you lie under oath, no matter what you lie about, it's considered perjury. The new law that prevents felons from running for office - now, felons can't run for office in Michigan. City council is going to have more oversight in the future. Love him or hate him, I think Kwame really had a good vision for Detroit. He really wanted to make it back into a big city again. The riverfront, the Super Bowl, the All Star Game - that all came from Kwame's vision. He wanted Detroit to have a more prominent role nationally.



Charlie Langton '79 speaking to Simon Shaykhet of FOX 2 News regarding the Stephen Grant murder trial.



Charlie Langton '79 moderating a political debate about a public library millage in Troy.

FOND: Recently I've noticed an expanded role at FOX 2 for you. Talk about that.

CL '79: Yes, I'm doing something, it seems, everyday. On Friday mornings I do a show called The Verdict. That's at 9am. Jason Carr and I rehash the events of the week. Now I'm reporting on all sorts of legal issues. We're starting to do a segment of Let It Rip where we go out and interview the common person in the streets. What I've found is people want to talk and they are usually off beat and funny and a bit whacked out and that makes for good television. I'm not sure where this will go, but I really enjoyed it. It was really fun and the audience liked it. They've even let me do some reporting lately. A couple weeks ago I was out at 6am on the side of the road during the snow storm. I was really trying to make news out of nothing because there was no one out on the roads. So we decided to make a snowman and I interviewed the snowman. We rigged it so the voice of my camera man would come directly out of the snow man. That got a lot of attention and it was really funny! It's a bit of a long winded story as to how I got started, but I guess it's sort of a fluke, like anything, but paying my dues and working hard is what really led to the television career.

FOND: At this point in your life, what would you prefer to do - trials or television?

CL '79: After 25 years of practicing law, I'm ready to be on television full time. But, to be honest with you, I miss radio too. I'm always thinking about what I could be doing - what's the next step. I could move on to commenting on national issues, but I really love Detroit. I know the people. After spending over 20 years in the courts, I've gotten to know the people and I love it here. I have never done television full time, or radio, but I would really like to try that.

FOND: You've talked about law, radio, television... What else have you been involved with?

CL '79: Something I really like doing is moderating debates. I moderated the debate between Rocky Raczkowski and Gary Peters. It was really fun - a good congressional race, good candidates, swing district. People from the Oakland Press

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were the panelists and I moderated. We packed the place. I've also done a lot of local debates. The best one I ever did was when Mark Steenberg and Art Miller were battling it out for Mayor of Warren. Miller was a state senator and Steenberg was the head of the Macomb County Commission. We had a really good media panel and we filled Macomb Community College - half with Steenberg people and half with Miller people. Every time the Miller people would say something, the Steenberg people would go crazy and every time the Steenberg people would say something, the Miller people went crazy. It degenerated really quickly and the cops even had to be called in. It was really incredible - fascinating - and I'll never forget that one. I love doing debates.

FOND: You mentioned earlier that you participated in debate and forensics at Notre Dame. Is that where the love of debates developed?

CL '79: I think maybe it did - at Notre Dame. Actually, now that I think about it, it was clearly there.

FOND: How did you do?

CL '79: I'll tell you a story. I was in a category called Radio Broadcasting. In the previous years, I always came in third place. I could never beat these two people. Every tournament, they beat me. I just couldn't beat them. These were the regular tournaments. Then, at the end, we had the *Grand Tournament*. My Uncle was getting married that day. I was always finished early because I could never beat these two people, so I figured I'd easily make the wedding. Well, everything started to click for me that day. I didn't get knocked out in the 3rd round. I didn't get knocked out in the semi-finals. Then I went into the finals. I **finally** beat the guy and won the tournament!

FOND: What was the assignment?

CL '79: They gave us a whole bunch of sheets, scissors and tape. We got half-an-hour to put together a 2 minute newscast. I read all of the stories, decided on the good ones, cut them out and spliced them into a newscast. It had to be 2 minutes and you had to hit that on the head. You had to know how many stories you needed to fill the time and you had to practice reading it to get the timing down and the voice in the diction. I think that probably got me interested in media. This is one of my favorite memories of Notre Dame.

FOND: Any regrets about your time at ND?

CL '79: The only thing I really regret about my time at Notre Dame... I wish I would have participated in more sporting things - both playing and attending games. I didn't go to a lot of the games and I kind of regret that. I worked in high school, actually. I started working when I was 15, so I was busy. I also lived in Warren and the commute from Warren to Harper Woods was tough because my mother never drove and my dad always worked late. So, I needed a ride. When I participated in debate, Mr. Schram would drive me home. I'm not sure if this is a regret, but I miss having women in class too. I really liked it when we buddied up with Regina for debates and things. I understand the concept of all male school, but there are some negatives to it. When you are 15, 16, 17 years old, you are really growing up at that time. I think it would have been nice to interact with women in classes.

FOND: Anything you miss about your Notre Dame years?

CL '79: The debate and forensics days. I miss the acting and theater aspect of it. I would really love to act again. I'd love to get a script and do a movie someday. I miss the people, as well. I had really good friends at Notre Dame - Don Brosky, Bill Garn, John Walka, Tim Smith... I better stop naming names because I'm gonna miss some people. I haven't seen a lot of them in years. I miss the cafeteria and Fr. Bryson. Ya know what else I miss? I miss walking to Eastland Mall to go to Sander's Ice Cream.

FOND: I see some trophies on your shelf. Can you talk about the awards you've won?

CL '79: (Pointing) Excellence in Oratory in 1979 at Notre Dame. The Emmys are the big thing for me. They are regional Emmys. I have one at home and three here in the office. I'm also proud of the Michigan Association of Broadcasting awards that I've won. Those are a little bit older, radio awards. But, the Emmys are the big deal for me. I'm very proud of those. Then there is the Wade H. McCree Award for the Advancement of Justice. That is an award given to a journalist who does something for the advancement of law. I've won three of those - one in 2004, 2006, and 2007.

FOND: Can you tell us about a legal case you've had that was memorable for one reason or another?

CL '79: There have been a lot of them, but the case involving the snakes is the one that comes to mind right away. The Macomb County snake case. There was a guy who lived in Sterling Heights who had a whole bunch of **HUGE** snakes.



FOX 2 Legal Analyst, Charlie Langton '79 Interviewing a Woman in Greektown During His *Let It Rip: On The Road* in December.

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Three of the Four Emmy Awards Charlie Langton '79 Has Won Over His Career.



The Wade H. McCree Awards for the Advancement of Justice Won by Charlie Langton '79.

Some were as long as 15 feet and weighed well over 100 pounds. The city did not like that he had these snakes. They threatened to remove all of them, so I sued the city of Sterling Heights. We ended up having a three day trial just to define an ordinance regarding household pets. The ordinance said people could only own *common* household pets. But, the ordinance didn't define what a common household pet was. To this man, a snake was a *common* household pet. So I argued that the ordinance was too vague and should be voided. I had all the snake lovers of the world show up in the court room to support us - some really way out people. I thought... Wouldn't it be great to bring one of the snakes into the court room. So I did and every media outlet picked up on it. It was a whacky story to begin with and now they had great video to go with it.

FOND: What was the verdict in that case?

CL '79: We won. The judge threw the ordinance out because it was so vague. I really thought he should. There just wasn't a good enough definition of what a common household pet was. It was a good case.

FOND: Let's wrap up with the future... What does the future hold for Charlie Langton?

CL '79: I want to anchor a newscast. Before I die, that's what I want to do. I might have the news director convinced that it's a good idea. I just want to do it once. Last year, I went in to FOX 2 and practiced doing a newscast and reading from the teleprompter. It was ok; wasn't terrible. I think maybe they'll let me; I hope. We'll see.



Top Left: Charlie Langton '79 on the set of 'Let It Rip' with fill-in host Allan Lee.

Top Right: Charlie Langton '79 on the set of 'Let It Rip' with host Huel Perkins.

Left: Charlie Langton '79 on the set of 'The Verdict' with co-host Jason Carr. 'The Verdict' airs on Friday Mornings at 9am on FOX 2.

Marrocco '66 Says to Detroit: "Pay up." He Tells Bing that Kilpatrick's Pal Benefited From Sterling Sewer Project

In the wake of federal indictments charging former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick with fraudulently funneling millions of government dollars to a friend, Macomb County Public Works Commissioner **Anthony Marrocco '66** is demanding that the city reimburse the county for more than \$2.8 million. In a letter to Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, Marrocco said the criminal allegations put forward by the U.S. Attorney's Office indicate that Kilpatrick pal Bobby Ferguson benefited financially from the 2004-05 sewer repair project on 15 Mile Road in Sterling Heights.

At one point, a \$12 million change to the massive project was allegedly held up until Ferguson's construction firm was paid \$350,000 by the contractor despite conducting no work. "If that allegation is correct, then the 533,000 residents of the Macomb County Wastewater District, who ultimately paid for the 15 Mile Road sewer repair, are owed \$350,000 by DWSD (Detroit Water and Sewerage Department) as reimbursement for the sham payment," Marrocco wrote in his letter.



Anthony Marrocco '66

In addition, the DWSD summary of costs for the 15 Mile sinkhole project lists monthly payments to Ferguson from September 2004 through May 2005 totaling \$2,479,365 as a subcontractor to Inland Waters Pollution Control, Inc. "If these were also fraudulent payments, then I will demand a reimbursement of \$2,479,365, as well as \$350,000, for a total repayment of \$2,829,365," wrote Marrocco, a Clinton Township Democrat.

Dan Lijana, a Bing spokesman, confirmed the mayor had received the letter. But he said the mayor's office will not comment about the letter, in part because they had "just got it." It's unclear why the letter was dated Dec. 27, 2010, but was not received until Thursday.

The explosive indictments handed down last month have created a firestorm of controversy beyond the criminal aspects and the further deterioration of the city's reputation. Suburban officials said the blatant corruption alleged within the DWSD demonstrated that annual drinking water rate hikes in the past were questionable and that the suburbs should be given majority control over the massive system.

The references in the federal case to repair of the 15 Mile sewer collapse opened old wounds, as that project was criticized by residents for taking too long and costing too much. The final price tag was nearly \$55 million, with 11 communities in the Macomb sewer district paying most of the cost via their water bills.

"The U.S. Attorney claims Ferguson did no work on the 15 Mile interceptor repair contract," Marrocco said in a news release. "If that assertion is correct, then all payments made to Ferguson for 15 Mile were fraudulent and should be returned to the county sewer district," he concluded.

Several Macomb County communities have looked to Marrocco to lead the way in pushing for DWSD reforms. The longtime public works commissioner indicated he will make additional comments in the future regarding the structure and governance of DWSD. "Clearly, changes are needed," Marrocco added.

Marrocco sent copies of his letter to: County Executive Mark Hackel, officials from the communities in the sewer district, Detroit City Council President Charles Pugh, Detroit Water Board President Mary Blackmon, Macomb County's representative on the seven member water board, William Westrick, and Darryl Latimer, acting director of DWSD.

As a result of the 38-count indictment, Kilpatrick was arraigned Monday in federal court in Detroit along with his father Bernard Kilpatrick, former top Kilpatrick aide Derrick Miller, former water department chief Victor Mercado and Ferguson. The charges they face range from bribery and extortion to racketeering.

Federal prosecutors claim the former mayor's administration became a huge criminal enterprise, with Mercado steering numerous construction contracts which netted "tens of millions of dollars" for Ferguson.

Before leaving for a new post in Texas, Mercado oversaw a water system which has 4 million customers across southeast Michigan and takes in \$800 million a year in revenue from city and suburban customers.

The 15 Mile sewer line services a district that includes Clinton Township, Chesterfield Township, Fraser, Harrison Township, Lenox Township, Macomb Township, New Haven, Shelby Township, Utica, and Washington Township.

Upcoming Events

2011 Alumni Basketball Tournament

March 4, 5, and 6, 2010

Double Elimination Format

At De La Salle and the DLS BRAC

\$30 per player



Roster Deadline is Sunday, February 27 at 11:59pm

To submit a roster, please send an email to jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com with graduating year and list of players' names.

You must have 5 players on your roster in order to avoid combining with other classes.

Winning team to face the winner of the DLS Alumni Tournament

On Sunday March 6, 2010

More Details:

Spectators are welcome at no charge

Adult beverages will be available for purchase via the DLS Dad's Club before and during games

Tournament is capped at 16 teams

Games will not start until all players have paid the entry fee

Teams with less than 5 players are subject to roster combining

Classes are not permitted to combine if roster has 7 or more players

Bracket will be posted to our website by Tuesday, March 1st at 11:00pm

Payment Options:

To **pre-pay** using a **credit card**, please visit the website and click on the "**Donate**" button

Be sure to include your name, class, and that you are prepaying for the alumni basketball tournament in the note section

CASH ONLY THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT

NO CHECKS AT ALL, EVER.

2011 Alumni Softball Tournament

September 17, 2011

Double Elimination Format

At Total Sports in Harrison Township, MI

\$30 per player

2011 Alumni Special Fall Event

Details to follow...

Dave Coulier '77 to Fundraise for St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade

St. Clair Shores Native to Perform Stand Up at Lakeview High School

St. Clair Shores native **Dave Coulier '77** – an actor-comedian best known for his role as Joey on ABC's sitcom "Full House" – will perform a special benefit comedy concert on April 2, 2011 at Lakeview High School to help the city pay for its Memorial Day Parade.

St. Clair Shores City Councilman Dave Rubello made the announcement at Monday's council meeting, saying he reached out to Coulier before the holidays to ask for assistance in putting on the popular parade. "He got back to me 10 minutes after I called him," Rubello said.

Like most municipalities, St. Clair Shores has been forced to dramatically curtail funding in recent years due to the recession. In past years, parade organizers have raised about \$18,000 through fundraises, advertisements and donations, but that doesn't pay for the entire cost of the parade. The city has had to kick in nearly \$20,000 for police, fire, insurance, and other expenses.

Rubello, who along with Councilwoman Candice Rusie, is heading up the volunteer committee this year, said he hopes Coulier's show will help defray costs and reduce the amount of money the committee will have to seek from sponsors in the business community.

Coulier, a 1977 graduate of Notre Dame High School, grew up in St. Clair Shores where he learned to play hockey. He still has family in the area and periodically returns home to visit before heading back to the West Coast.

Tickets for the April 2 show will be \$20. "A time and additional details will be announced in the months to come," Rubello said.



Dave Coulier '77 at the 10th Annual Prism Awards in Beverly Hills, California.

Born Ugly

2010 a Busy Year For The Muggs



The Muggs

It's been a busy year for **Tony DeNardo '90**, **Danny Methric '90** and The Muggs. The rockin' blues trio spent much of the year touring out of state, with stops in Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. In August, the band also released a music video of the song "Slow Curve," from the group's second LP, "On With the Show." A DVD package available on The Muggs' website (www.themuggs.com) includes "Slow Curve" recorded live at St. Andrews Hall in Detroit, a 16-minute documentary of the Muggs in the studio recording "Slow Curve" called "Laying It Down," and a bonus live track of "Never Know Why" recorded live at St. Andrews

Hall. Since November, the band has been working with producer Jim Diamond at his Ghetto Recorders studio. Bassist Tony DeNardo reports that mixing is almost done on the 13-track LP, which will be titled "Born Ugly." It is set for a spring release.

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Upcoming Reunions

Reunions in 2011

The following classes are due to celebrate reunion years in 2011:



2006 - 5 Years
2001 - 10 Years
1996 - 15 Years
1991 - 20 Years
1986 - 25 Years



1981 - 30 Years
1976 - 35 Years
1971 - 40 Years
1966 - 45 Years
1961 - 50 Years



Interested in forming a reunion committee for your class?

E-mail Jim Mandl '90 at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com.

We are your *only* source for the most up-to-date alumni contact information!

Celebrating 40 Years Class of 1971

A Note From Mike Scharl '71:

We had one planning meeting for our upcoming 40th reunion back in April.

Twelve of us had a great dinner at Andiamo's on Hall Road.

We agreed to meet again in the Fall to make more concrete plans for the reunion coming up in 2011.

If you want to get involved, or just want to be notified about reunion details, be sure to send your interest to Mike Scharl at notredame71@att.net

Celebrating 45 Years Class of 1965

Asking all classmates of '65 to plan ahead... will be here before we know it.

1. Please make sure you or classmates you are still in contact with / get on the Friends of Notre Dame mailing list.
 2. Not too soon to be suggesting when, where and events.
- GO IRISH! Dennis Berger '65.
dennisaberger@aol.com

Celebrating 20 Years - Class of 1991

Date: September 10, 2011

Location: Comerica Park Suite - Detroit vs. Minnesota

Time: 4 pm * Cost: \$100

Contacts: Ron Stempin 313-642-5267, Eric Woodhouse 248-925-4357, Rick Nowicki 586-295-1338

Details: Spouses/Sig Others Welcome. First 60 paid people are in.

Get money to one of the above contacts or send payments to:

Ron Stempin

27704 Cameron Court

Harrison Twp, MI 48045

Celebrating 50 Years - Class of 1961

Please contact Bob Domine at:

bddoesit@bellsouth.net

Celebrating 25 Years - Class of 1986

Please contact John Kaminski or Dan O'Brien at:

John Kaminski: jkaminski1700@yahoo.com

H:(612) 822-4759 C: (952) 261-5546

Dan O'Brien: dobrien734@comcast.net

(248) 840-8391



We Heard From...



Chris Hennessy - Class of 1989

Happy New Year. I will see in during the basketball tournament. Thanks for organizing it again.

Marvin Listenbee - Class of 2003

I would like to thank you for the plaque that you shipped to my home! Observing the wall of fame in the back of the gym was always a goal of mine when I was in high school. It has been a pleasure to see the work that you have been doing with friends of ND. Once again keep up the great work!

Dean Ricci - Class of 1976

Class of 1976....

Our classmate Kerry Jendrusina is very sick. His kidneys have failed. This information comes to us from fellow classmate Ron Rackovich.

2011 marks 35 years since we left the compound on Kelly Road in Harper Woods. In 2010, we held a rather successful bar night and we will probably do another one of those this winter. Those who attended know we were very fortunate to be able to spend time with one of our classmates for the very last time, who has since passed away. Also planned as a second event during 2011, is renting a party suite at Comerica Park for a Tiger Game. This will be a couples event and you will be asked to pay in advance in order to reserve a suite or multiple suites based on interest.

Andre Daher - Class of 1989

It's a great job you are doing!!! Keep up the great work...

Bob Deslyper - Class of 1962

Sorry to hear about Don Stuckey. I played for him when I was at Guardian Angles in Detroit before I went to Notre Dame. He was a great coach and a all around good guy.

Jerry Rutledge - Class of 1959

I graduated from Notre Dame 51 years ago (Senior Class President 1959) and noticed that at ND events we still serve "pizza and pop." With a little innovation we could serve things such as "sushi and Perrier" and for the older graduates we could add a little prilosec. BTW, here in Texas we say soda, not pop. But you won't have too many Texans playing in the alumni hockey games unless our proud Dallas Stars alum Mike Modano's wrist heals in time. Have a New Year.....and thank you for all you do for Friends of ND.

Thomas Alef - Class of 1966

Sorry to hear about Tom Van Doren's passing. He caught and called a no-hitter Jim Kropp pitched. Any word on the whereabouts of Bob Bowen, also in the class of 1966? Keep up the fine work.

Pete Klein - Class of 1961

Happy New Year!

Tim Skowronski - Class of 1996

Thanks for all you continue to do with the Friends of Notre Dame!

Bob Korte - Class of 1975

Happy Holidays. I would like to participate in the tournament again this year, but I am pretty sure no one from '75 is putting a team together so if there is another one of those hodgepodge multi year teams again feel free to add me in. I really appreciate all the work you do for the alumni!

Ralph Panella - Class of 1980

Thanks for sending out the reunion email. Dan Titus showed up as a result of the email.

Dave Couller - Class of 1977

All the best to you in 2011.

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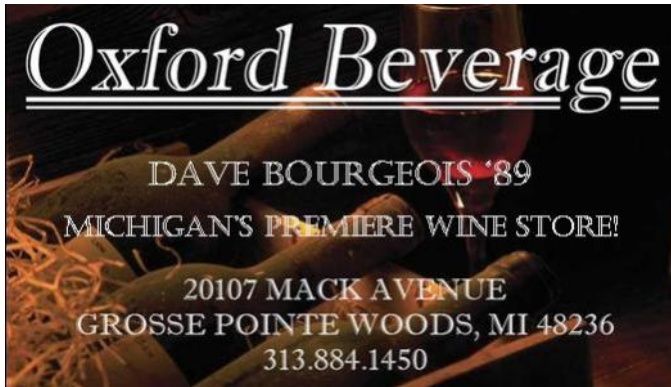

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