Cal Poly Foundation employee, wife killed in Honduran plane crash

Apodaca was 'real friend, dedicated'
By Steve Harmon

Cal Poly Foundation employee Eduardo Apodaca, 49, and his wife, Maria, 50, were killed Saturday when the plane they were passengers on crashed into a hillside about 20 miles from Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Apodaca was on assignment with the Cal Poly Foundation — the university's fund-raising department — working with the U.S. Agency for International Development to help develop schoolbooks for Honduran children.

He was also helping to create videos, slideshows and manuals to assist college professors and other instructors in teaching.

The Tan-SAHSA Flight 414 Honduran jet carrying 164 people broke apart in the air and crashed in flames Saturday as it prepared to land. As many as 144 people — 15 of whom were Americans — were feared dead, officials said. The plane was on route from San Jose, Costa Rica, to Managua, Nicaragua.

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Poly grad dies following 2-year battle with AIDS

Wagner was first student diagnosed with fatal disease
By Steve Harmon

Cal Poly graduate Ronald Wagner, diagnosed as the university's first student with AIDS in 1987, died Friday at Ahimsa Hospice in Laguna Beach, Calif. He was 24.

Nancy Waugh, his girlfriend, said Wagner had been in and out of the hospital for the past six months but that he fought a hard battle against the deadly syndrome. He will be buried this weekend in Denver, where his family resides.

"He didn't give up even though he was diagnosed half way through his university career," said Waugh, a 1987 Cal Poly graphics communication graduate. "He could have given up and dropped out of school like so many do, but he kept in school and excelled."

Early morning bus riders complain of overcrowding

Passengers often exceed 72-person max
By Nadya Williams

Students riding the city buses to early morning classes have often felt like sardines in a can.

By the time certain routes — especially No. 4 — approach campus, every available seat and standing space is taken, students complained. Overcrowding has also plagued routes 1 and 2 during the peak hours between 8 and 9 a.m. and 3 and 4 p.m.

"I've been on Route 4 when students from Valencia Apartments (on Ramona Street) and Skinner Glen (on Santa Rosa Street) have filled the bus beyond its capacity," said sociology major Kathryn Robbins. "One morning I heard the driver say on his radio that he had 90 passengers."

The maximum number of passengers that the large 35-foot buses can legally carry is 72, according to Nancy Knofler, the city's transit manager.

Knofler said that no drivers have reported serious overcrowding to her office.

She said she sees no real danger on the buses at present and feels that students, being mostly "younger, able-bodied passengers," have no problems standing for the last few minutes of the ride to campus.

A city bus driver, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently expressed his concerns about overcrowding.

"If a driver carries that many people (more than 72), it's my understanding that he or she is responsible if cited by the highway patrol," he said.

"Carrying more than 72 passengers could be a real disaster, especially with an inexperienced driver."

Knofler said that tandem buses run behind the regular ones twice each morning.

Monday through Thursday, on Route 1 from City Hall down Mill Street to Poly and on Route 4 from Ramona Street to the campus to accommodate extra riders.

The City Council has allocated $50,000 to hire a consultant to study the entire bus system and come up with recommendations for change, she added. The city's four routes have not been changed for several years.

Knofler cautioned that the change process is slow. First, proposals must be made and approved by several organizations and committees, then the budget process must be completed.

A federal grant is needed to buy a new bus, an 18-month process alone, she added. Leasing a bus is a much quicker option.

Joe Risser, the campus liaison with SLO Transi, said overcrowding was inevitable as the popularity of the buses has increased steadily since free use for students began three years ago.

He suggested that buses run to school every 15 minutes instead of the present half hour, he said.

Risser, who is chair of the Mass Transit Advisory Committee, said nearly 390,000 students rode city buses last fiscal year, a steady increase of

And now a word...

Make a run for the border...

Rampant Racism

A former L.A. policeman describes his firsthand experience.
Editorial
Not enough buses for demand

What’s blue and white and looks like a can of human sardines? Why, it’s a SLO Transit bus on its way to Cal Poly at 8 and 9 on weekdays mornings.

Students who have been relying on public transportation this quarter have encountered new meanings to the phrases “move to the back of the bus.” Ununauthorized students have been seen in every seat on the SLO Transit buses, and Los Osos has been almost eerily quiet. The need for additional buses is apparent to the majority of students who have been forced to stand in front of the yellow safety bars, being jostled and stepped on daily.

Students believe that Los Osos is the second largest city in Cal Poly, and ridership is 20 percent higher than last year, and this by seeing needs of bus riders are met.

Students have been forced to stand while some people are standing in front of the yellow safety bars. More students may opt to ride the bus if the city decides to buy additional buses and authorize funds to study the city’s transportation patterns with winter’s rain and colder weather, more students may opt to ride the bus.

Rides are better when people are standing in front of the yellow safety bars are nuisances students can deal with. But running buses when some people are standing in front of the yellow safety bars is interrupting the flow of traffic and makes it difficult for people to get in and off the bus.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

comparison false in pure race piece

Editor — I’m writing in response to the editorial board’s recent article, “Movement toward a multi-ethnic society is necessary,” Oct. 5. In the column, Mathew Wisbe compared Planned Parenthood with the Nazis and Margaret Sanger with Adolf Hitler. I was appalled at the comparison! Granted, Sanger’s motives may not have been the purest in heart, but Planned Parenthood has become a necessity in our society.

Although the comparison first printed in the Oct. 5 issue, Wisby failed to recognize one major difference that makes the comparison invalid. When Hitler was trying to exterminate the Jews, gypsies and homosexuals, he never asked them if they wanted to die. The victims of Hitler had no choice. In case you haven’t noticed, no one is pointing guns at Planned Parenthood, or any other place providing reproductive health care.

Planned Parenthood provides a service for people who want it, people who cannot afford to have a baby either economically or emotionally. This country is known for the freedom we have. If the majority of people don’t want to have a baby, Planned Parenthood is providing them with what they want — a chance to be parents.

Steve Shofford
Animal Science

Agency exists for family planning

Editor — This letter is in regard to the Oct. 18 column “Pure race movement alive in U.S.,” The author seemed to be telling the reader Planned Parenthood was based on Hitler’s ideologies, and thus anyone in need/support of Planned Parenthood is Nazi-like. Planned Parenthood and family planning is a right deserved by all, but it’s treated as a privilege for the wealthy. Do you realize California has almost all of its funding for family planning going to Planned Parenthood. I think the author seems to say it’s a plan to knock off minorities.

A Hispanic woman goes in for post-natal care and wants birth control because she doesn’t want to have any more children. All she can tell her is, “Sorry, but we don’t have the money to take care of you here.” Yet the middle-class, WASP woman goes to a private doctor and is taken care of. Planned Parenthood exists for all races, ethnicities, and minorities who can’t afford private doctors.

Lisa Webster
Mathematics

ads insult public’s intelligence

Lastly I’ve almost been afraid to watch ads on TV because of the hours I’ll spend trying to get my brain or because of the depressing things I’ll see on advertise. Not because of the commercials.

It seems as if advertisers feel they have to sell a product three days without insulting the public. Greenman, bus ridership is 20 percent higher than last year, and this by seeing needs of bus riders are met.

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These products and services have to be sold. There have to be advertisements. But between these odes to materialism we should be shown something, you know, something useful. How about showing us something to get by in this world?

Instead of this week’s lineup is interrupting the flow of traffic and makes it difficult for people to get in and off the bus.

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Santa Cruz: Coming to terms with destruction

By Stewart McKenzie

I WAS BORN in 1968, and I have lived in Santa Cruz County since 1969. Up until 1986, when I came to Cal Poly, I considered myself a resident of Santa Cruz.

I watched Santa Cruz change from a small town, much like San Luis Obispo, to a small metropolis. Bedroom for San Jose, "hippie" town, college town, tourist trap, what have you. The diversity of the city made it unique. Something happened a week ago today to add to its uniqueness.

The last 10 years have been hard on this town 160 miles north of SLO. In 1982, it rained 13 inches in one day, causing huge mudslides and killing 25 people. A fire whipped through the mountains nearby in 1983, charring 12,000 acres and causing $12 million in property damage. And now a major earthquake. What next—a famine?

Last Tuesday, as I endlessly watched the tube for news, it was apparent how the latest disaster differed. In those other catastrophes, Santa Cruz got fairly good coverage on television and in the papers. This time, TV cancelled most of its regular programming. The headlines practically screamed at you, even in the stodgy old Los Angeles Times.

I went to Santa Cruz last weekend, wondering what I'd find. Did anyone know get hurt? What's been damaged? All the way up Highway 101, I was paranoid. I watched the road for cracks, changes in the alignment, things like that. The first real indicator came in Salinas, where an old hotel had partially collapsed. There was more to follow.

Arriving in Santa Cruz, things appeared normal. There was only one major detour on Highway 1. In places, the freeway seemed to have wobbled, but I wasn't sure if it had always been that way. I couldn't put my finger on it.

That was the weird part — the subtlety. The destruction from the 1982 flood was obvious, and in places, complete. This time, everything looked just the way it always has, but something was definitely wrong. Traffic was light. A collapsed chimney here, a broken window there. Everybody had his own story.

Fortunately, my folks were not home when the quake struck at 5:04 p.m. Oct. 17. If so, they probably would have been cut to ribbons. Everything fell — dishes, cups, cans, pictures on the wall, food in the refrigerator, an entire Encyclopedia Britannica. Our television set fell, putting a big munch in the top, right corner, but it still worked. Otherwise, our house was fine. We were pretty lucky.

My friend's house near the Highway 17 summit wasn't so lucky. His family lives just off the four-lane highway connecting San Jose and Santa Cruz, and is located about two miles from the epicenter. Their house is still standing — barely.

The walls bounced around, but for some reason had landed squarely back on the foundation — you can see half of a magazine peeping out from under one of the walls. A water heater fell over; their wood stove was destroyed; a gazebo built into their deck had totally collapsed. Their barn/garage next to the house was partially off the foundation, and everything inside — tools, a ping pong table, shelves, a machine press — was tossed around like matchsticks. And, scariest of all, their propane tank started sliding down a hill but was stopped by the piping. Luckily, it didn't rupture.

No one was hurt, but when I saw them on Saturday, they still looked dazed. I felt like an intruder.

Highway 17 looked like the moon. Cracks were everywhere. The cement median barrier was crumbled in places. In two places, the land was so unstable that CalTrans was planning to dynamite. They say the road will be open again in three weeks, but I consider that optimistic.

But what was most disturbing was downtown Santa Cruz. In a county of 220,000, the Pacific Garden Mall was the core. It was the cultural, shopping and people-watching center of town. It was where all the buhms, hippies, punks, artists, students, tourists and shoppers came together. This eight-block section of Pacific Avenue was also the historical backbone. Many buildings were built at the turn of the century and gave a sense of place to local residents. They breathed life into just another California city. Those buildings gave one historical perspective.

And now, they're history.

Because I had media credentials, I was allowed to walk past police lines and see the devastation. The group I was with walked down the center of the street because buildings could simply collapse due to walking on the sidewalk. As we walked, it seemed too quiet and still. And final.

I was flooded with memories as I walked by the crumbling structures. I ate pizza at Pizza My Heart. I went on my first date at Old Theatre Cafe. I watched jazz at the Cooper House. I read and drank coffee behind Bookshop Santa Cruz. Those buildings, and more, have been "red-tagged" — scheduled for demolition.

As the group continued to take pictures, I felt like an anthropologist, out on a dig, studying how some ancient civilization lived. These were their stores, their routines, their culture — and mine.

Though things look basically normal, I know Santa Cruz is forever changed. Thank God only five people died, but something else died three in the earthquake that the floods and fire didn't wipe away.

It destroyed its soul.
Library offers $100 for best card catalog design

By Ken A. Forkus
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's Kennedy Library is offering $100 cash to one very creative student. A contest to design a logo and name for the new Online Catalog began Oct. 20 and will end Nov. 20.

The Online Catalog puts the old card catalog onto computers. This new system will be much more efficient and precise in locating material in the library. The new system will be runn­ning at the start of the winter quarter. The logo and name will be implemented on all library publica­tions, hand-outs and Online computer terminals.

Contestants will be judged on creativity, appropriateness - and uniqueness. Paul Adalian, director of the library reference room, said "We want the logo to be the final logo." However, if the art work is not of top quality, Adalian added, "We would probably see if the person could do a better job." This means the contest is only for the art majors, everyone with an idea.

To qualify, contestants must be either a Cal Poly student, faculty member or staff member. Entries can be submitted into a computer terminal at the information desk in the library.
Cases of genital warts increase in last 5 years; lesions are contagious, ugly, painful

By June Thompson

Genital warts are ugly, said James Nash, director of student health services at Cal Poly.

“Our regular staff of doctors and nurses and counselors have seen hundreds of cases of human papilloma virus (HPV), commonly known as venereal warts,” Nash said. “The number of cases seen at this center has increased over the last five years, but I couldn’t tell you why.”

This reflects the increase in HPV infection throughout the nation and foreign countries, he added.

The situation and management of HPV disease has been addressed at the last three annual meetings of the American College Health Association, Nash said. At the 1987 meeting, Henry W. BucK of the University of Kansas said that the "incidence of infection increased over 500 percent in the past 15 years, 10 percent in women and about 6 percent in men."

New British beer guide says its OK to label brews as "urinous, skunky"

LONDON (AP) — If a beer tastes like a wet dog, beer lovers should know it, according to a new guide to British brews.

But if it “has a clean, crystal malt palate with more than a hint of Seville oranges about it,” that, too, should be stated out loud without fear of sounding like a wine snob, says the Good Beer Guide.

The guide, published Monday by the Campaign for Real Ale, aims to go beyond the time-honored but undiscerning request for “a pint of bitter, please” and put a touch of class into the beer-drinking vocabulary.

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However, “it’s not an epidemic,” Nash said. “We haven’t had an epidemic of this disease on campus in years.”

Nash said “The great bulk of HPV is transmitted sexually. But it certainly is possible to catch the virus in other ways, such as borrowing clothes (ie. underwear and pajamas). The old toilet seat story is true, in this case. Also, a pregnant mother can transmit the disease to her baby.”

However, Nash said that hot tubs and public washing machines do not seem to be a transmission route.

He said that warts may be present in the mouth and on other areas of the body. A person may have one wart or many. Some develop warts after exposure to the virus, although not always.

Genital warts may sometimes show up on a Pap smear, though that isn’t necessarily a given. Also, some, but not all, are pre-cancerous. Some respond to one treatment but most do not.

“Over 50 types of HPV have been identified,” Nash said. “It’s important to see a doctor for an examination if exposed to HPV. But not the next morning.” He said the incubation period from exposure to appearance of lesions varies from weeks to years. This sometimes makes it difficult to determine where the warts came from.

It’s also important to avoid discouragement and to have adequate follow up, especially when the treatment extends over many months. The viruses seem to be resistant to everything.

Treatment of venereal warts varies from applications of an "ancient chemical from an oddball kind of apple" to freezing the areas, or a combination of the two, he said. Laser treatment is also used.

If not treated, the warts may grow, possibly into cancer.

Although there is a totally successful method of prevention, good health habits help. A balanced diet, adequate exercise and rest will help the body’s immune system inhibit growth of new lesions, Nash said.

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"exceptional, very bright stu­ dent. He was the brightest in the senior class, I think."—Wagner

Wagner was working with McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach as an engineer. Waugh said the company hired Wagner knowing he had AIDS.

Wagner was diagnosed as having ARC, Aids Related Complex, in 1987 by Dr. Michael Perry of the Cal Poly Health Center after having complained of a sore throat.

Wagner, in a May 12, 1988 Mustang Daily article on AIDS that featured him and his girlfriend, said that Perry examined him and then asked about his girlfriend, Perry "knew right away what the problem might be," Wagner said.

Wagner traced the AIDS infection back to 1985 when he had his wisdom teeth pulled. Since he was a hemophiliac (a blood disorder that prevents blood from clotting) Wagner had to have blood drawn during the operation.

That blood was contaminated with the AIDS virus.

Wagner said Wagner was not bitter about the disease, that he did not blame anyone.

"In those days nobody knew," Waugh said.

In the earlier interview Wagner said he was fearful that not only he, but his girlfriend might have it. She has been tested and the results have been negative.

At the time, Wagner said, "I always want to tell people that it happens to normal people."

Waugh said she will miss him, "he was great."

WAGNER

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10 percent about each year each.

"Ridership is always heavier at the beginning of the quarter," Risser said. "But as the weather changes, that is if we get rain and as it gets darker earlier, ridership should also increase."

Risser said that each spring he publicizes an open forum on campus to receive student input and recommendations, but few people show up. An all-day survey was taken last June on all city buses to assess public opinion on the service. This resulted in the extension of Route 4 through the summer months and in changes in the inter-city routes.

Both Risser and Knoller encourage students to voice their complaints and suggestions by calling the SLO Transit office.

"Overall, compared to many other cities, I think that San Luis Obispo’s public transportation system is very efficient and effective," Knoller said.

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We make our own brew!
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A Boeing 727 shook violently and began to plunge just before it crashed in flames into a hillside, killing 131 people, a badly burned survivor said Sunday.

"They told us to put on our seatbelts for landing, and then suddenly the plane began to shake, like air turbulence," said Evarnor Lopez, a Honduran businessman.

"But it went on for a long time, and we seemed to be descending too rapidly. Some people were screaming," Lopez said in an interview.

Investigators from the National Air Transportation Safety Board arrived Sunday from the United States aboard a Coast Guard plane and went directly to the site of Saturday's crash.

The plane was operated by the Honduran airline TAN-SAHA.

Authorities said 131 of the 146 people aboard were killed. U.S. Embassy spokesman Terry Kneebone said there were 14 Americans aboard. Airline officials said three of the 15 survivors were Americans.

Mark Jacobs, another embassy spokesman, released an incomplete list of the dead Americans, identified as — Eduardo Apodaca, Maria Ester Apodaca, Charles Friederich, Connie Monteleon, Charles Kendall Morrow, Michael O'Shea, Daniel Yurista and Robert Hebb.

He said he did not have their ages or hometowns. He said he could not identify other U.S. citizens until relatives were notified.

The plane's "black box" recorder was flown to Washington for analysis, said Barry Trotter, leader of the Safety Board team.

TAN-SAHA Flight 414 crashed Saturday morning on a flight from San Jose, Costa Rica, with a stop in Managua, Nicaragua.

Major Alejandro Arguello, director of Nicaragua's civil aeronautics, quoted regional air controllers as saying the roof of the plane tore away before the crash.

It was the worst air crash in Central American history. Among the dead were the Honduras Minister of Labor, Armando Blanco Paniagua, and Mario Rodriguez Cubero, an aide to Costa Rican President Oscar Arias.

"I was asleep, and when I woke up we were on the ground," said Rosario Ubeda Gonzalez, a 30-year-old Nicaraguan who runs a restaurant in Shreveport, La., with her husband.

"I was buckled into my seat, and I heard some people help, I just held on tight. Everything was on fire and I yelled, 'Don't leave me!'" Pilot Raul Argueta was one of the survivors. Doctors said all were in stable condition.

Two Americans, Kurt Shafer and Eugene Van Dyke, were evacuated to U.S. hospitals.

The hometowns of Shafer and Van Dyke were not available.

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Taco Bell loses lease, moves down street

By Julie Gieringer

Santa Barbara News-Press

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The late night hours will remain the same, said Wolf. The only difference will be the addition of indoor seating.

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UC system considers firing rules

Wants a way to oust its 'grossly incompetent' professors

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The University of California is considering setting guidelines to allow it to fire incompetent professors, saying that means a professor is a disaster in the classroom, has stopped teaching and just no longer functions as a professor.

A proposal about firing the grossly incompetent professors was approved by the Faculty Senate at UC Berkeley last spring.

Under current UC rules, a professor can be disciplined or fired for plagiarism, underwriting an advantage of a student, or a criminal conviction, among other things.

A seven-member panel of UC professors is to meet soon on the matter. "It's unlikely that any resolution will be easily forthcoming and certainly not without considerable study and discussion," said committee chairman Charles Nash, a UC Davis chemistry professor.

The review may have been inspired by the recent case of former UC Santa Barbara Chancellor Robert A. Huttenback. He resigned on the UC payroll as a professor for a year after his conviction for embezzlement of university funds.

The UC Board of Regents suspended his salary in July and said Huttenback would be the first professor in the history of UC to be formally stripped of his tenured status on appeal.

Another reason for establishing gross incompetence as a reason for dismissal is the UC system's planned drop of its mandatory retirement age of 70 last year.

When you start writing criteria and procedures to deal with the most grossly unfit, it just opens the door to have another category not quite as bad and another category not quite as bad as that.

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To many faculty, when you have a tenured person, all hell breaks loose," said Richard Gable, the UC Davis political science professor who helped the entire UC system's faculty council last year.

History professor John Holton, chairman of the Faculty Senate at UC Berkeley, said gross incompetence "means that the party is a disaster in the classroom, has stopped research and just no longer functions as a professor."
Former LA police officer speaks against racism

Says departments are riddled with violence

By Nadra Williams

Violence is the best kept police secret, according to former Los Angeles Police Sgt. Don Jackson.

Nine years of experience on the LAPD have convinced Jackson that "there is a civil rights backlash in this country - a racial crisis, if not a class crisis." He said. "Forty years of civil rights progress has been whittled down during the past eight years." Jackson spoke at the San Luis Obispo Grange Hall Saturday as a benefit luncheon for the county chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

He became well known to the general public because of a videotaped "sting" operation early this year, exposing police misconduct in Long Beach. As part of his presentation, Jackson showed the widely televised video of an assault by two unroad police officers against him and a companion.

While on leave from his post as sergeant on the Hawthorne Police Department, Jackson, who is black, was alerted by white police officers in Long Beach that two members of his force were well-known for racially-motivated violence towards citi­zens. Jackson and another police­man drove down the street patrolled by the suspected of­ficers one night in January of this year, carefully adhering to all traffic regulations.

A video camera in Jackson's car later picked up the attack by the suspected Officers Mark Dickey showing Jackson's head struck by a large plate-glass window. His arm was twisted behind his back, and the officer then slammed his face onto the patrol car hood three times.

"I know well the daily threats of violence and danger that police officers face," said Jackson. "But do not ever justify or commend abuses by police of­ficers under pretense of enforcing the law."

Statistics show blacks, Hispanics and other minorities are far more likely to be vic­timized, he said, but anyone can be a target.

Jackson showed several other videos documenting police misconduct.

One video taken by a neighbor showed a 20-year-old white man in his front yard in Torrance feebly trying to get away from police who clubbed and chocked him into unconsciousness. He had said he had committed no crime.

Another tape showed police beating several Hispanic men who were seated outside their home. They had been drinking beer and talking loudly before police arrived.

Still another tape showed the destruction of four apartments by police wielding sledge hammers. No drugs were found in the raid, but every wall, window and piece of furniture had been smashed.

Jackson stressed that the video tapes only showed the milder cases of excessive force. "There have been far too many instances of fatal shootings of innocent people by the police," he said. "But does fear for one's safety on the part of an officer excuse a mistake or poor judg­ment?" "Statistics show that working use and even torture and sexual abuse of suspects." Many policemen and women are good officers, he said, but some are "bankrupt in terms of ethics." These officers should be either retained or prosecuted and removed from the force.

"Demanding accountability is not being anti-police," he said. "For the present, there is rarely legal redress of grievances for a private citizen in a case against the police. Less than 3 percent of the facial encounters involving police and private citizens in Los Angeles County result in prosecution of the officer, according to the district attorney's office there, Jackson said. The Police Misconduct Lawyer Referral Service is an organiza­tion that Jackson works with to help victims obtain legal support. As one lawyer member wrote, "It is standard practice to charge victims of police beatings with battery on an officer or resisting or obstructing an arrest. Such prosecutions are often based on fabricated police reports, used to cover up the real crime and to force the victim into a plea bargain in which he gives up his right to sue the officer for dam­ages." Jackson himself was charged with obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty. The charges were dropped on the day of the trial in the face of the videotaped evidence. A police review board is investigating the Long Beach incident, and the on-duty officer will go to trial Jan. 22 on charges of falsifying a police report and assault and battery.

Although Jackson may see justice done, he recommended at least five long-range changes to improve the situation.

First, he called for a Freedom of Information Act covering police activities.

Second, a structure for regional tracking of offending officers, traditionally moved from city to city to avoid detection. Third, Jackson wants re­education and retraining for police and less focus on combat­type training.

Fourth, he feels police should be personally held financially ac­countable for the damage they might inflict on people and their property. As it stands now, the city pays for police misconduct.

Last of all, he said there needs to be governmental apparatus to take away the state license of repeat offenders. Currently, only an officer's own department can fire him or her.

In conclusion, Jackson reminded the audience of the magnitude of the problem. After the attack on him, some members of the Long Beach Police Department had T-shirts made with a drawing of the assault and the words "LBPD - We Got the Situation." Jackson himself was "retired" from the Hawthorne Police Department in March for a "disability" that he called "hyper-sensitivity to racism."

There is a civil rights backlash in this country — a racial crisis, if not a class crisis. Forty years of civil rights progress has been whittled down during the past eight years. — Don Jackson

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