

# CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

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## Join Us To Make A Difference

*A non-profit, public benefits organization serving families and friends of homicide victims.*

*Our Monthly  
Meeting will  
be on  
Sunday,  
January 20,  
2013*



**Rick DeVecchi**

### **Fourteen Year Anniversary of Unsolved Murder**

“WE NEED HELP!” Those are the words of a victims family. “Someone, somewhere, knows something about this crime, and we need them to come forward and give us some peace,” said Randy DeVecchi, while speaking about the 14 year unsolved killing of his brother Rick DeVecchi. It was fourteen years ago, December 17th, when the horrible murder of San Lorenzo resident, Rick DeVecchi, occurred.

While the murder remains unsolved, his life continues to make an impact on others throughout the entire Bay Area. Not only did Rick save lives by being an organ and tissue donor, but his legacy continues to help others today. Donations in his name have been spread throughout the Bay Area. Numerous contributions include, *Make a Wish Foundation, American Cancer Society, and Guide Dogs for the Blind*. Also, donation tiles at The Oakland Children’s Zoo, San Francisco Giants AT&T Park, Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo, Del Rey Elementary School in Orinda, San Lorenzo Community Center, and sponsorships to Citizens Against Homicide in San Rafael.

But the largest contribution comes from the event which now bears his name. The Annual Arroyo High School Car Show in Memory of Rick DeVecchi. This event, which is held each May at Rick’s alma mater, has grown since its inception to raise money for high school sports. Over the years, more than \$100,000 has been given to save the athletic programs. Hundreds of classic and custom cars from throughout the Bay Area are displayed for the community to enjoy. This fun-filled family event has drawn thousands of spectators to enjoy beautiful cars, live music, barbeque, snacks, vendors, contests, and more.

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# CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

## Who We Are

The majority of the board members of Citizens Against Homicide have had a family member murdered. They are surviving the devastating loss of a loved one and still suffer the continued emotional trauma of coping with our criminal justice system. We have joined together to create a voice for the survivors and friends of murder victims.

## CAH Objectives

- ♦ Assist families through the complicated criminal justice system.
- ♦ Provide trial and courtroom support to victims.
- ♦ Accompany victims to parole hearings in their endeavor to keep the convicted murderer in prison.
- ♦ Provide information on pending crime legislation.

## Protecting Your Own Interests

You can't prepare for the event that makes you a victim. You can only react. You need to know how to deal with the subsequent trial, sentencing and unavoidable parole hearings. CAH helps you take action to protect your own interests.

If you have friends or family who may be in need of our assistance, please pass along the information regarding our organization.

## Location for Meetings

We hold monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month at 302 4th Street, San Rafael, CA. The monthly meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend meetings.

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### CAH Victim Advocate:

For advice regarding your individual murder case,  
1-209-728-2873

[cahadvocate@yahoo.com](mailto:cahadvocate@yahoo.com)

## WORDS FROM JAN

Citizens Against Homicide wishes everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

As 2013 begins, we are all working diligently to make the 1st Annual Victim Awareness Conference in Memory of Yvette Nance, memorable and informative for all who attend. You will soon be introduced to our Honoree, Yvette Nance, whose life was so tragically and senselessly taken on October 19, 1979. We will also be adding to our website, bio's, photos and subject description of each scheduled speaker.

Everyone already knows, closing our conference is our keynote speaker, the amazing Mr. Bill Cosby. We are confident his wit and words of wisdom will be a fitting and memorable conclusion to this fantastic event. You will not be disappointed.

Our conference is turning out not only an amazing event that will assist in learning more about the criminal justice system; and the most recent changes affecting victims, but attendees will be enlightened, educated and encouraged to become proactive in the arduous fight for victim rights.

As I review the names of registrants, I am so looking forward for the opportunity to place name with faces of people we have been in contact, but never met. This will also be the perfect time to visit and "catch up" with past acquaintances.

We are very excited and pleased to have David Hines, the head of Services and Development of the National Victims' Association, London UK, attending our conference. As some of you will remember, David was a most gracious host to Jane, Vaux and I when we (Jane and I) spoke at his annual conference in England. We look forward to spending some quality time with David and Graham during their stay.

Please note..information regarding the conference Memorial Sponsors, specifically designed for you to honor your loved one, is also included in this newsletter. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. We encourage you to make airline arrangements, reserve your room and submit conference registration now. We look forward to seeing you and spending time with you as the event unfolds.

Till later~  
Jan

### CAH Newsletter by E-mail

Would you like to receive the monthly CAH Newsletter by email, instead of mail? If this works for you, it saves CAH substantial printing and postage costs and it enables you to receive email blasts with important information.

If you are interested, please email us at [vctmsmurdr@aol.com](mailto:vctmsmurdr@aol.com) with your name and mailing address, along with the request and your email address.

In the subject line please write: Email Address Update.  
or

Go to our website and on the homepage you will find below the gavel a spot to click and it will ask for your email.

Thank you.

### **Rick DeVecchi Cont.**

While his generosity is spread throughout the Bay Area, the family continues to search for his murderer. Fliers are passed out every day, billboards have been placed throughout the Bay Area, video enhancement of the suspect vehicle, websites have been utilized. "America's Most Wanted" profiled the case three times, a local law enforcement show, "Fugitive Watch" aired a segment and included it in their print edition, witnesses have been hypnotized, local mailing to all law enforcement agencies, as well as all local newspapers, radio, and television coverage, yet the vehicular hit and run still remains unsolved. It was December 17, 1998 just after seven am, when Rick was walking along second street in Berkeley, in front of the family trucking company, when a black man in a white or tan colored Cadillac intentionally and maliciously ran him over. (three days later he was pronounced dead). The car was driving northbound on Second Street when the driver deliberately accelerated and swerved to hit the victim, The driver sped off and the car and driver have not been seen since. "That's what is so baffling about this case. The car has disappeared from the face of the Earth." Said younger brother Randy DeVecchi. "Someone knows about that car and we need that someone to give us the tip we need to close this case." He also added "This couldn't be the smartest crook in the world, and not spoke about it. He told somebody and we need that somebody to come forward and give our family some answers, and some peace".

The car is described as a late model 1970's or 1980's light colored Cadillac with a dark landau top. A partial license plate similar to "CUS--" (blue characters on a white plate).

Frank Kieman, who was a witness to the crime, recently was talking about what happened. "I can't even imagine what the family has gone through for all these years. To get up every day, go to work, and run a family business at the very location where a family member was murdered has to be very difficult, but to have the crime still unsolved, it has to be agonizing for them".

Not only did this tragic event take place in front of the family trucking company, but it was witnessed by Rick's dad. As the driver struck Rick DeVecchi, the dad, Dick DeVecchi saw the entire event unfold. The elder DeVecchi thought of giving chase, but his son was gasping for his last breaths of life.

Currently, the reward is **\$50,000.00**. A composite sketch of the suspect has been released by the Berkeley Police Department. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'11", 185 lbs, black hair. Berkeley Police are asking for the public's help. Anyone with information regarding this case should contact Berkeley Police Department Homicide at (510) 981-5741. (Persons can remain anonymous). Refer to case #98-65962. More information can be found at <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/contentdisplay.aspx?id=31688>. Rick DeVecchi was 37 years old and is survived by his wife of 15 years and two children. A trust and donation fund has been set up and contributions can be made to Rick DeVecchi Trust Fund, P.O. Box 7706, Berkeley, CA 94707

### ***Quote of the Month ~***

*"Well, we have a whole new year ahead of us. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other and a little more loving..have a little more empathy..and maybe next year at this time, we'd like each other a little more..." (Judy Garland)*

## **Become a Memorial Sponsor of the Citizens Against Homicide 1st Annual Victim Awareness Conference in Memory of Yvette Nance.**

Please complete and submit the memorial sponsor portion of the conference registration form (along with payment). Be sure to include your loved ones name, date of birth and death, as well as a 8x10 photo by March 1, 2013. Online registration and payment options are available by visiting the CAH website Events link. CAH will be honoring the memory of these lost loved ones with their picture and an eternal candle displayed throughout the conference.

## **Encouraging Thoughts from Barbara Christian**

To parents and loved ones of murder victims: Your heart is hurting so painfully and you feel that "Nobody cares..." Yes, we all care, and God cares. He saw what happend and he knows who did it. They will not escape his wrath. We do not understand God's timing, but justice WILL prevail in God's due time. He puts us on earth to love us as a Heavenly father, and his wrath is ignited when he sees someone hurt and destroy his children. There is a phrase we use: The Hounds of Heaven! It is when God sees evil take place and he sends his warring angels to wreak vengeance on the perpetrators. Gal 6:7 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." God saw the evil action take place, and He will recompense justice at the right time. We need to cast all our care upon Him and trust Him to take care of this for us. Give it all over to Him. He never fails. His timing is the perfect timing. We are in this together with broken hearts uplifting one another. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Rom 12:19

**BILL MILLER**

CAH Board Member 1994 - 2012~  
 Bill passed away December 4, 2012, after  
 A short battle with cancer. A Celebration  
 of Life will take place at the Corinthian Yacht  
 Club on Sunday, February 10th at 2:00 p.m.

Bill was a active member of our Board;  
 always ready with an idea and some good  
 advice. He never missed one meeting. Bill  
 will greatly be missed.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with  
 hiswife, Karen, his children and their  
 families.

**GENELLE RAMSEY REILLEY**

CAH member since 1994~  
 Genelle passed away December 21, 2012,  
 in Laguna Beach, after a long battle  
 with ovarian cancer. Genelle enjoyed  
 her quality of life until the very end;  
 she did it her way. A beautiful lady through  
 and through. Genelle and her husband,  
 Jack, never stopped working to find the  
 murderer of their daughter Robbin.  
 A memorial service is being planned  
 for this Spring.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are  
 extended to her husband, Jack and the  
 rest of her family.

**CAH CALENDER FOR 2013****MEETINGS**

JANUARY	13
FEBRUARY	10
MARCH	10
APRIL	(NO METTING)
MAY	26 (ANNUAL MEETING/ GUEST SPEAKER)
JUNE	(NO MEETING)
JULY	14
AUGUST	11
SEPTEMBER	8
OCTOBER	13
NOVEMBER	10
DECEMBER	8

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

APRIL 12 - 13, 2013  
 CAH 1ST ANNUAL VICTIM AWARENESS  
 CONFERENCE IN MEMORY OF  
 YVETTE NANCE  
 IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

MAY 26, 2013  
 ANNUAL MEETING  
 GUEST SPEAKER

AUGUST 2, 2013  
 CAH GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER  
 ROOSTER RUN GOLF COURSE  
 PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA



# PAROLE & CLEMENCY HEARINGS

**These parole hearings are imminent.  
Send letters in support of these families today.**

## Parole #1

**SIMON MACIAS - NDOC# 41565**

**PAROLE HEARING DATE: FEBRUARY 2013**

(Date)

Nevada State Board of Parole  
Commissioners

1677 Old Hot Springs Road,  
Suite A

Carson City, Nevada 89706

RE: Simon Macias - NDOC#  
41565

**PAROLE HEARING DATE:  
FEBRUARY 2013**

Dear Chairman and Parole Board  
Members:

Please DO NOT grant a parole  
date to convicted murderer Simon  
Macias. On December 22, 1993,  
Simon Macias was convicted of  
brutally stabbing his 19 year old  
wife, Susan, to death in their  
home. He had bound her hands

with duct tape, stuffed her in  
garbage bags and then dumped  
Susan's lifeless body in a remote  
desert area outside of  
Henderson, Nevada.

In a plea bargain following a  
bungled investigation, Macias  
pleaded no contest to Second  
Degree Murder and was  
sentenced to life in prison with the  
possibility of parole. Note: As part  
of the plea bargain, prosecutors  
dropped two charges of  
lewdness with girls under the age  
of 14, brought against Macias  
after investigators found film in  
his car with pictures of two young  
female family members.

In February 2013, Susan's family  
will, once again, have to relive the  
horrendous events that led to her  
brutal murder. Again, they will be  
forced to endure the trauma and  
uncertainty of this murderer's  
seventh parole hearing. Because  
of Simon Macias' complete

disregard for human life and lack  
of remorse for executing his own  
wife, justice demands this  
convicted murderer be denied  
parole. This senseless act of  
violence was a personal choice  
made by Macias and he must  
continue to accept the  
consequences of his actions.  
Please deny parole to convicted  
murderer, Simon Macias, for the  
maximum time allowed by the  
State of Nevada law.

Thank you for your consideration.  
(NAME)

For your confidentiality, do NOT  
put your return address on the  
letter, only on the outer mailing  
envelope.

Please e-mail a copy of your  
letter to the victim's family -  
[justiceforsusan@yahoo.com](mailto:justiceforsusan@yahoo.com)

## Parole #2

**WILLIAM PATRICK ALEXANDER -  
TDCJ#655687**

**PAROLE HEARING DATE:  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013 All Parole  
Opposition Letters (addressed to the Texas  
Board of Pardons and Paroles) must be sent  
to:**

**James Randall Smith**

**Attorney at Law**

**1201 South Shepherd**

**Houston, Texas 77024**

(Date)

Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles

RE: William Patrick Alexander -  
TDCJ# 655687

Parole Hearing Date: Upcoming

Dear Chairman and Parole Board  
Members:

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to  
convicted murderer, William Patrick  
Alexander. On January 20, 1992,  
Alexander diabolically planned and  
carried out the execution of 17-year-  
old Jessica Witt in rural Tarrant  
County, Texas. Jessica had become

aware that Alexander had taken credit  
cards belonging to her grandfather;  
his accumulated charges were in the  
thousands of dollars.

It is then, this murderer put into place  
his plan to protect himself by  
murdering Jessica. He had decided  
January 20th would be the day and  
asked his ex-convict friends where  
would be the perfect place to hide the  
body.

On January 20, 1992, this convicted  
murderer lured Jessica out into the  
country by telling her they were going  
to get the money to pay off the credit  
cards. While she was walking in front  
of him, he shot her twice in the head.  
He left her body in a ditch, covered  
with dirt and brush. Proud of this  
accomplishment, he delivered  
Jessica's purse and jewelry to her  
roommate, stating he could not bring  
her leather coat, as it had too much  
blood on it. William Patrick Alexander  
was arrested the next day, but it was  
two grueling weeks before Jessica's  
family found her body.

In January/February 2013, the  
victim's family will have to relive the  
horrendous events that led to her

brutal execution. They...and the  
murderer's own family will have to  
face the fear and uncertainty of yet  
another parole hearing. NOTE: From  
prison, this convicted murderer sent  
someone to kill his own mother.  
Fortunately the plan was discovered in  
time to save her life.

Because of William Patrick  
Alexander's distorted sense of self-  
preservation, complete disregard for  
human life and lack of  
conscience/remorse, justice  
demands that this convicted murderer  
be denied parole. This murderer made  
a personal choice to execute an  
innocent young girl and must continue  
to accept the consequences of his  
actions. He must remain in prison, so  
that he can never again harm another  
innocent human being.

Please deny parole to convicted  
murderer, William Patrick Alexander,  
for the maximum time allowed by  
State of Texas law.

Thank you for your consideration.

**(SIGNATURE)**

**(PRINT NAME)**

**(CITY/STATE)**

## Sample Parole Letter on Website

**Sample Parole Opposition letter(s) are available on the CAH website at  
[www.citizensagainsthomicide.org](http://www.citizensagainsthomicide.org)**

**For your convenience, all you need to do is 'copy and paste' the letter(s)  
into a Word document, sign your name and mail.**

Citizens Against Homicide Presents Their First Annual Victim Awareness Conference

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...in Memory of Yvette M...

April 12-13, 2013

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## Registration Form

Program and lodging information: [www.citizensagainsthomicide.org](http://www.citizensagainsthomicide.org)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

University/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Fees

**Registration Fees:** (Includes reception, continental breakfast, lunch, breaks, banquet and celebrity guest presentation)

Please check appropriate registration fee:	Postmarked & Paid	
	Before November 24	After November 24
General	\$250	\$300
Student	\$200	\$250
Group of 10	\$2000	\$2500
VIP—Celebrity Meet & Greet • Photo Op (limited)	\$350	

Vegetarian meals required: Self \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ **total enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Terms:** Fees will be refunded, less a \$20.00 processing fee, if cancellation or change resulting in a refund is received in writing no later than February 12, 2013. After that date, fees are non-refundable. All refunds will be processed after the conference. Substitutions are allowed at no charge.

**Payment method:** Check or Money Order must be in U.S. funds payable to: **Citizens against homicide—2013 Conference**. There will be a \$25.00 fee charged on checks returned by the bank due to insufficient funds. Registration confirmation/receipt and further information will be mailed.

Please check appropriate box: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Print Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or fax completed registration form with payment information to:

2013 Conference  
c/o Eryn Cervantes  
265 Tom Bell Road  
Murphys, Ca 95247  
Fax: (209) 728-2873

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# *A Personal Message On Behalf Of The Family Of Guadalupe "Lupie" Reyes*

**Lupie Reyes**  
1975-1997



On April 25, 1997 Lupie Reyes started out her day as she normally did, waking up around 4:00 am to drop off her son at the sitter's house before heading out to work. Lupie worked in downtown Fresno and had made this trip many times before.

Unfortunately this morning marked the beginning of an unbearable loss for Lupie's family. Lupie would never make it to work, while driving in Southwest Fresno she was accosted by an unknown assailant and shot. The victim of an attempted car jacking near the intersection of Amador and Plumas avenues. Two days later Lupie was taken off life support surrounded by her family. Her dreams of a future with her young son were gone.

To this day the person or persons responsible for her death have never been found. Leaving the lingering question of why? Why did this happen to Lupie? Even though many years have passed it is of the utmost importance for justice to be served for Lupie and her family. Every day that goes by without answers is always just as painful as the next.

We want to remind everyone that this crime remains unsolved. If anyone has any information about this case, you are urged to call Crime Stoppers at **559-498-STOP (7867)** or the Fresno Police Department **559-621-7000**.

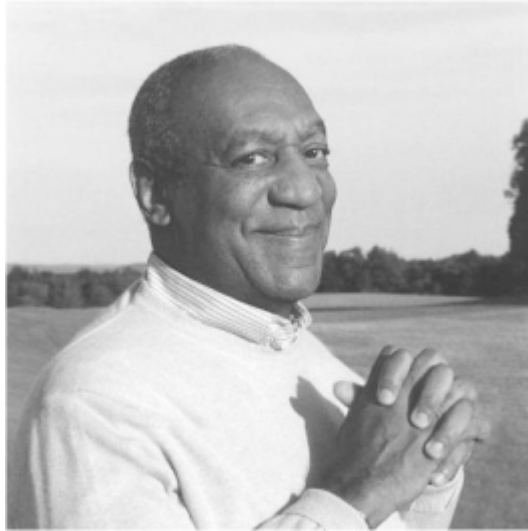


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**MR. BILL COSBY SLATED AS CAH CONFERENCE  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**APRIL 12-13, 2013  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**



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