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



LISA GONDEK

By Her Mother, Gloria Maynard

My daughter, Lisa Ellen Gondek, was murdered on December 12, 1981 in Oxnard, California. She had just turned 21 years. Lisa was my only daughter and I have two sons. Lisa was a beautiful person inside and out. She was loved by her brothers and her step dad. Everyone who knew Lisa was a dear friend almost immediately. It will be 35 years and it still hurts knowing how much I missed since she left us.

I talk to Lisa every day to make sure she knows what is happening in our family. Every happy occasion is spoiled for me because she is missing these happy times. I feel very guilty that I couldn't fix this for her. We talk about Lisa to relatives and friends, about all the joy she brought to us. I sometimes forget that her step dad and brothers are hurt and miss her also. I sometimes feel guilty that I feel cheated not to have my Lisa here and not that she missed out on her life. She would have been a wonderful aunt to her six nieces and nephews and I am sure a wonderful wife and mother. I miss the chance to see her beautiful children grow up as their grandmother.

Ten months before Lisa was raped and murdered another girl, Rachael Zendejas, was raped and murdered by the same person. If anyone out there has any clues concerning these two murders, please contact the Oxnard Police Department, attention Detective Jeff Kay (805) 385-7600 or the Ventura County Sheriff's Office (805) 654-2380.

*—Thank you,
Gloria Maynard*

*Our Next Meeting
will be on Sunday,
January 8
2017
10:00 a.m.
Loch Lomond Yacht Club*

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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 187 Oak Drive, San Rafael, CA. The monthly meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend meetings.

A Few Words From Jan

Here we are again at what should be the most wonderful time of the year. However, as I sit to write these few words regarding the upcoming most wonderful family time of the year, my emotions are more upsetting than settled. There are so many wonderful things we are planning for the family to celebrate; Thanksgiving and Christmas. Yet the concerns that I feel for my grandchildren and soon to be great grandchild, keep pushing the fun plans aside.

I guess my feelings of concern and upset started with the NFL. I have watched the 49ers play since their days at Keizer Stadium. There was nothing more fun than spending the day with family and friends tailgating, eating and sharing laughter. We would then make our way into the stadium and stand with pride as the national anthem was sung. The national anthem always filled me with emotion and sometimes brought tears to my eyes. Now, we have players that "take a knee" or put their fists up in the air. The rage that I feel for them to take this afternoon of

fun and entertainment to punch me in the stomach has now ruined the game for me. The NFL does not allow the spiking of the ball in the end zone or acting in a manner that is insulting to the other team, yet—the NFL allows all of the people that pay the bills to be kicked in the face. This is a sad year for me to not watch football. It is just not the same. They made the afternoon of relaxation and fun with family... a time of not wanting our grandchildren to see the disrespect. Yet, I realize it is too late as now I am learning that the same lack of respect is being replayed in colleges and high schools. Truly our educational system is not teaching respect for our country as I learned in my growing up years.

The feelings of concern were doubled down with the election of our new president elect. The next day as I was driving to my next business appointment, I observed a group of middle school/high school age children walking down the street (clearly during

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Citizens Against Homicide

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Website: www.citizensagainsthomicide.org

CAH Victim Advocate:

For advice regarding your individual murder case, 1-209-728-2873
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school hours) carrying signs and chanting “F _ _ _ Trump”... “Not our President”, etc. etc. Accompanying and encouraging these children were parents and/or teachers. It is a sad day when given the opportunity, teachers and parents do not explain the voting process and how, in America, we have an orderly change of administration. Although not always an easy pill to swallow, we are a law and order country. Yes, we do have freedom of speech, but after watching TV the last six days, it is obvious this right is being abused. Freedom of speech is now the freedom to destroy property of others and, in most cases, the individuals doing the destroying are hardly of age to vote. The final straw on this subject came when my granddaughter, who will be entering high school next year, was shadowing some schools she might want to attend in the area. The two that were private schools showed respect to the shadowing students and displayed an environment of learning, respect for teachers and for fellow students. The one public school, the school closest to her home, brought a shocking introduction to our government education, starting with the large sign on the teachers desk “F _ _ _ Trump”. This teacher was proud of sharing her feelings and thoughts in this class room. This local teacher and the teachers on the streets of San Francisco are of the same chemistry; obviously channeling their biased and personal agenda through the vulnerable and gullible minds of our children. They have lost sight of a teacher’s obligation—unbiased education. These teachers are indoctrinating and encouraging disrespect.

There was a moment after the election when I was so pleased that proposition

66 passed and thought we were finally going to move forward with using the death penalty as it was intended. However, before that feeling was able to take root, a lawsuit was quickly filed by former state Attorney General John Van de Kamp and Ron Briggs. So, once again, the people speak and a lawsuit STOPS all movement forward. Finally, with the passing of Prop 57 (Jerry Browns personal prop) public safety is going to be lessened and more serious and violent criminals will be allowed out into our communities. Why can’t we the people file a lawsuit to stop the enactment of this proposition? The law just does not seem to be on the side of the people. Only the criminals!

I want to thank all of you for letting me get all of these negative feelings off my chest. I now feel less burdened and believe I can now move forward into the greatest season of the year. I will be planning a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with children and grandchildren. Together we will share and be grateful for all our blessings over this past year and all of the wonderful events we will be looking forward to in 2017. Our family is looking forward to new additions, possibly three graduations and so much more. It is easy to get bogged down with the stress of events around us—most of which we can do very little about. What I do know is that I can try very hard to instill my thoughts and beliefs in my grandchildren as I did with my children. The day after Thanksgiving we will be moving into the days of Christmas planning and decorating. Now that the grandchildren are older and taller, I am learning how to lean on them for help and at the same time share with them some of my dearest treasures of the Christmas Season. The greatest treasure

Quote of the Month



“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another”

—Charles Dickens

of all during this holiday season and year round is the treasure of family. Spending time with our family is the greatest of joy and it is a time to help the next generation understand why we have such a place in our hearts for family, close friends, our country and our religion. These are the corner stones of what this wonderful country, America was built on. We must educate the next generation with our own love of Country and Family.

To all of you—The Board of CAH wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving, A homey and joyous Christmas or Hanukkah and a Brilliant, Happy and Healthy New Year of 2017.

Remember—“Together We Can and Will Make A Difference”

No Representation, No Respect

By Susan Fisher, CAH Legislative Consultant

On November 9, immediately following the presidential election, CA Senate Pro Tem Kevin de Leon and the Speaker of the Assembly, Anthony Rendon proved again that they do not represent all Californians and most certainly don't represent crime victims in California.

Quote: *“yesterday Americans expressed their views on a pluralistic and democratic society that are clearly inconsistent with the values of the people of California. . . . Californians overwhelmingly rejected politics fueled by resentment, bigotry, and misogyny”.*

Per the New York Times on November 14, 9:01 EST: 3,215,549 Californians expressed that “inconsistent” viewpoint, along with much of the rest of the country. Twenty-six California counties had a *majority of voters* with that viewpoint, apparently “fueled by resentment, bigotry and misogyny”.

Quote: *“California has long set an example for other states to follow. And California will defend its people. . .”*

Really?? Kevin de Leon voted to pass AB 109; protecting criminals and causing many more victims of violence, including a 10-year-old girl who was taken from her bedroom at knifepoint and repeatedly raped by Tobias Summers, a repeat offender. There's an example to follow; good job Kevin.

Quote: *“California—a refuge of justice and opportunity for people of all walks, talks, ages and aspirations—regardless of how you look, where you live, what language you speak, or who you love”.*

Gentlemen, did you mean to exclude 64-year-old Marilyn Pharis who was raped, tortured and murdered in Santa Maria by two men, one of whom was an illegal immigrant who had been arrested six times in 15 months prior

to her death? Are you concerned about 32-year-old Kate Steinle and the opportunities lost when she was murdered in cold blood by another illegal immigrant in one of your “sanctuary cities”, a criminal who had been deported five times? What about Jamiel Shaw Jr, who was only 17, and a high school football star when he was shot in the head by an “undocumented” (that's PC for illegal, folks) *gang member* while he was walking home? How about Detective Michael Davis, Deputy Danny Oliver, Officer Tony Zeppetella, Deputy David March, CHP Officer Gregory Bailey, Deputy Daniel Oliver and many, many other members of law enforcement?

Where is the refuge for the law-abiding, legal citizens of this beautiful state? Who are you defending? Where is this justice you are bragging about?

Quote: *“While Donald Trump may have won the presidency, he hasn't changed our values”.*

Seriously guys, what values are you bragging about? Because the Governor of this state just managed to pass three horsemen of the apocalypse in California. . . AB109, Prop 47 and Prop 57; and he did it by lying to the voting public who cannot possibly wrap their brains around the fact that “non-serious/non-violent” includes rape of a an unconscious person and placing an explosive device on school grounds or in a hospital (along with numerous other special, violent acts) because, frankly, that's just plain stupid.

So really, let's hope that President Elect Trump, or **SOMEBODY** will “change our values”. Because, frankly, it's you who are the threat to our constitution and (as a multiple generation native Californian) I'm getting really tired of being embarrassed while the rest of the country laughs, watching you “*defend your accomplishments*”.

Joint Statement From CA Legislative Leaders:

Wednesday, November 09, 2016

SACRAMENTO—California Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) and California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Paramount) released the following statement on the results of the President election:

Today, we woke up feeling like strangers in a foreign land, because yesterday Americans expressed their views on a pluralistic and democratic society that are clearly inconsistent with the values of the people of California.

We have never been more proud to be Californians.

By a margin in the millions, Californians overwhelmingly rejected politics fueled by resentment, bigotry, and misogyny.

The largest state of the union and the strongest driver of our nation's economy has shown it has its surest conscience as well.

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Parole & Clemency Hearings

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

October 28, 2016
Board of Parole Hearings
Attn: Pre-Hearing Correspondence
P. O. Box 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036
Re: Michael L. Grant—
CDC# D-08779
Parole Hearing—January 11, 2017

Dear Chairman
and Parole Board Members:

Please DO NOT grant a parole date to convicted murderer, Michael L. Grant—CDC# D-08779. On December 10, 1984, Mary Rose D'Augusta, 74 years of age, was savagely beaten to death by Michael L. Grant. He slashed her throat with a butcher knife and then crushed her



with a crystal vase and fireplace tongs. This sub-human then attempted to set her body on fire. This behavior is clearly characteristic of a sick and demented mind! He was only given a 16 years to life sentence.

On January 11, 2017, Mary Rose's family will, once again, have to relive the horrendous events that led to her brutal murder. This will be the 5th time they will be forced to endure the trauma and uncertainty of another parole hearing. Each time they are victimized once again and the stress is unbearable.

Michael Grant made a personal choice to execute a kind, trusting, helpless elderly woman and must accept the consequences of his unconscionable actions. Because of his complete disregard for human life and the heinous nature and brutality of this crime, justice demands this convicted murderer be denied parole. He must remain behind bars, where he cannot again harm another innocent human being.

Mary Rose's daughter, Ann Poverello, is very active in Citizens Against Homicide and the victim's movement in California... and spends a great deal of time helping other victims in kind. Please help this family keep the murderer of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother in prison... and deny parole consideration to convicted murderer, Michael L. Grant, for the maximum time allowed by State of California law.

Thank you for your consideration.
Shellie Cervantes, Victim Advocate
Citizens Against Homicide

Please send a copy of your letter to the victim's family at:
The Poverello Family—2590 24th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116

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California is—and must always be—a refuge of justice and opportunity for people of all walks, talks, ages and aspirations—regardless of how you look, where you live, what language you speak, or who you love.

California has long set an example for other states to follow. And California will defend its people and our progress. We are not going to allow one election to reverse generations of progress at the height of our historic diversity, scientific advancement, economic output, and sense of global responsibility.

We will be reaching out to federal, state and local officials to evaluate how a Trump Presidency will potentially impact federal funding of ongoing state programs, job-creating investments

reliant on foreign trade, and federal enforcement of laws affecting the rights of people living in our state. We will maximize the time during the presidential transition to defend our accomplishments using every tool at our disposal.

While Donald Trump may have won the presidency, he hasn't changed our values. America is greater than any one man or party. We will not be dragged back into the past. We will lead the resistance to any effort that would shred our social fabric or our Constitution.

AND THEN THE ENTIRE
MESSAGE WAS REPEATED
IN SPANISH

Parole Denied!

Dear Shellie,

We attended the parole hearing of Lawrence Cowell, the killer of our only son, Scott Campbell yesterday in San Luis Obispo. It was a long, painful & tedious hearing but we were pleased the killer was denied parole and sentenced to another three years in prison.

Matt Murphy, the Orange County prosecutor, did a wonderful job in exposing the killer and his years of lies and deceit. Naturally, we the parents both had our say and tried to be helpful in keeping the killer in prison where he would not hurt other people.

We are tremendously grateful for your support and send our love and many thanks,

With lots of love and appreciation,
Gary & Collene Campbell

Special “Thank You”

All of us at CAH would like to thank everyone for your positive thoughts and prayers for our dear friend and fellow Board Member, Ann Poverello, during her lengthy recovery from a fall in August. We were so pleased to see Ann’s beautiful smile at our November 2016 meeting.

Prayer Request

We are asking for your help once again. Please keep our dear friend and fellow Board Member, Marlena Holway, in your hearts, thoughts and continued prayers as she recovers from an unexpected illness.

