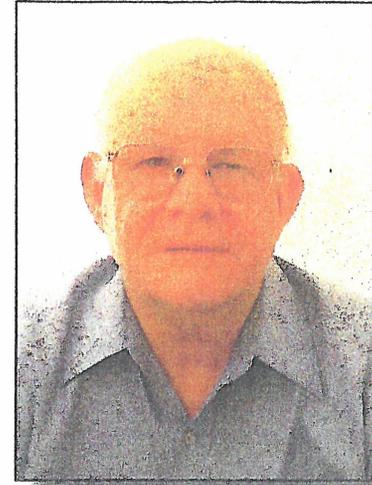
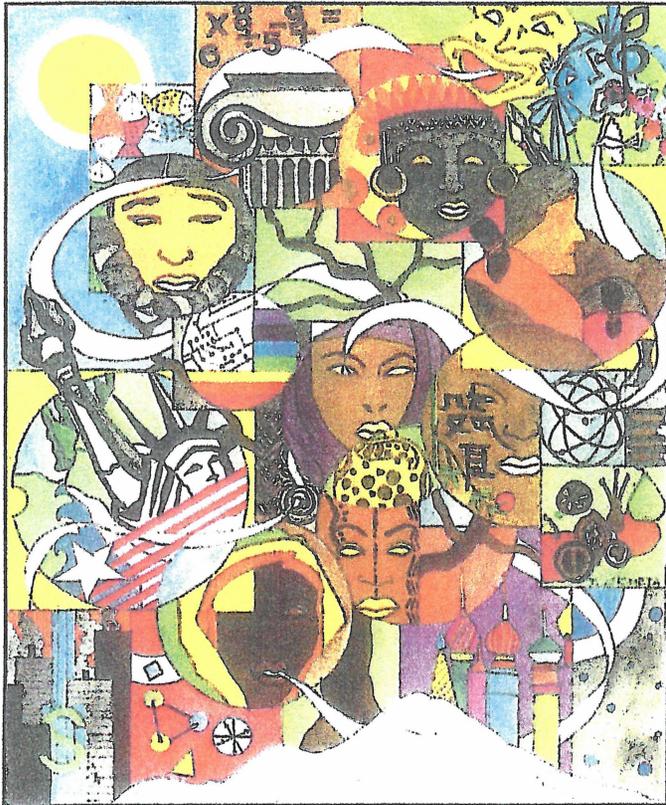


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**Joseph Partansky
Education & Awareness
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Joseph V.A. "Joe" Partansky has spent a lifetime promoting inter group relations, networking persons in alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, in criminal justice reform and in open government initiatives. Most recently, in Concord, Joe has continued to advocate for the frail elderly and persons with disabilities.

Here in Concord, while attending Mt. Diablo High School in the 1950s, among many extra-curricular activities, he chaired the school's Foreign Exchange Student Committee. Joe was the first teenage chairman of the Contra Costa Safety Council and coordinated bicycle safety events.

After returning to Concord in the 1990s, Joe became his stepmother's caregiver, a part time substitute teacher and a volunteer consultant and financial supporter of the Independent Living Resource (ILR), which advocates for persons with disabilities. Joe's efforts have contributed to a new access ramp to the Todos Santos Plaza stage, adaptive seating spaces in the City Council Chamber and a general heightened awareness of the needs to include the frail elderly and persons with disabilities in planning and programming. Joe continues to advocate for improvements throughout the city.

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Become familiar with COMIO—California's Council on Mentally Ill Offenders -- <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/COMIO> —

<https://www.disability.gov/disability-govs-guides-to-information>

RESOURCES FOR READING OR ACTION

"Crimes & Brutality Against People With Disabilities" Forum,
July 15, 2001, 1-5p.m. @ El Centro del Pueblo, San Francisco,
Sponsored by Disability Advocates of Minorities Organization (DAMO),

Leroy F. Moore, Jr., Founder & Executive Director.

(510) 649-8438 or e-mail:

with co-sponsors 1) Crime Victims with Disabilities Initiative,

2) San Francisco Homeless Coalition & 3) Poor Magazine

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- 1) The U.S. Justice Department's Final Regulations covering local governments and states or Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) recognize that "discriminatory arrests and brutal treatment are already unlawful police activities" and "general regulatory obligation to modify policies, practices, or procedures requires law enforcement to make changes in policies that result in discriminatory arrest or abuse of individuals with disabilities" (see 28 CFR Part 35. Section 35.130). Ask for these: "ADA Regulations for Title II (7/26/91)", and "ADA Information (5p.)" and "Commonly Asked Questions About the ADA and Law Enforcement (13p.)" -FREE- from U.S. DOJ, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section's ADA Information Line 1-800-514-0301 (Voice) 800-514-0382 (TTY) or <<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>>
- 2) The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) represents the best source of thoughtful materials for citizen-police dialogues, for example "How to Recognize Good Policing (272p, 1998);" "And Justice for all: Understanding and Controlling Police Use of Force (372p, 1995);" and "Citizen Review Resource Manual (423p, 1995)." PERF has a series which includes Police Response to People with a) speech and hearing disabilities, b) mental illness, and c) seizures and epilepsy and d) who are homeless. Get PERF's "Product & Publications Catalog (48p, 2001) and be sure to review the "Discontinued Titles" section and then ask to access your police department's "training resources library." PERF at 1-888-202-4563 or <www.PoliceForum.org>.
- 3) The National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) is the gate to information services and publications of the U.S. Department of Justice. "Working with Victims of Crime with Disabilities," (special issue) Office for Victims of Crime's OVC Bulletin (Sept., 1998, 16p., Order No./ NCJ 172838, FREE or 12p, if downloaded from <<http://wwwwojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/factshts/disable.htm>>) has an excellent further resources section. NCJRS at 1-800-851-3420; 1-877-712-9279 (TTY); <www.ncjrs.org>

visit: (1) Calif.'s Council on Mentally Ill Offenders
COMIO's e-mails www.cdcr.ca.gov/COMIO

(2) newest/most comprehensive Fed @ re Disability

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3 continued) Crimes & Brutality Against People with Disabilities, page 2
Get your own FREE bi-monthly subscription to U.S. Department of Justice
and other information in NCRJS CATALOG, almost every issue has
items under its "Victims" or "Violence" sections; but especially ask for
back issue Number 56, Jan/Feb., 2001, "Issue Spotlight: Crime Victims," pp. 14-
17, e.g., "What You Can Do If You are a Victim of Crime (FS 000176)" "De-
scribes... ways (you) can work for positive change" or <<http://www.ncjrs.org/txtfiles/fs1766.txt>> Advocates for the disabled may be most
interested in chapter "2. Restraints Systems: a variety of approaches are
used to restrain prisoners in differing situations, including metal handcuffs and
ankle shackles... nonmetallic handcuffs, belt/handcuffs combinations, and
bets with built-in stun technology (but no R & D projects are currently
being pursued in this area)" in A Resource Guide to Law Enforcement,
Corrections and Forensic Technologies, May, 2001, 102p., NCJ 186822,
which *also* has an excellent "sources of grant information and assistance"
section. NCJRS 1-800-851-3420; 1-877-712-9279 (TTY); <www.ncjrs.org>

- 4) Two researchers worth following are Profs. Joan Petersilia and Marta Russell
- A) Joan Petersilia, Prof. of Criminology, Law, and Society, at UC Irvine
(e-mail: jrpeters@uci.edu or 1-949-824-6438). See "Doing Justice?
Criminal Offenders with Developmental Disabilities," CPRC Brief, Vol.
12, No.4, August, 2000, 4p. or order full study, \$15 to U.C.
Regents, California Policy Research Center, 1950 Addison Street, Ste.
202, Berkeley, CA 94704-1182, 1-510-643-9328 or <www.ucop.edu/cprc> and for Prof. Petersilia try <www.seweb.uci.edu/users/joan>.
- B) Marta Russell with Jean Stewart has published "Disablement, Prison,
and Historical Segregation" pages 61-75 in the July/August 2001,
Monthly Review, Vol. 53, No.3, devoted to "Prisons & Executions:
the U.S. Model" (\$10.00, plus \$2.00 shipping to MR, 122, W. 27th St,
NYC 10001 or free <www.monthlyreview.org/0701russell.htm>).
- 5) The California Attorney General/California Department of Justice's
Public Inquiries Unit distributes three FREE relevant publications:
- A) Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities (July, 1998, 104p.);
B) Crime Victims' Handbook (besides rights details available services);
C) Women's Rights Handbook (especially good re violent crimes?);
ask/e-mail: piu@hdcdojnet.state.ca.us or call 1-800-952-5225 or see
<<http://caag.state.ca.us/piu/pre-disa.htm>>.

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