

*Madeline Green*

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Dear fellow S.T.R.E.S.S. Officers:

As all of you are aware, events of the past month have placed one of our members, Larry Nevers, in a very difficult position. Not only has Larry been tried and convicted in the press, he has received virtually no support from the administration, the Police Department, or the community. While none of this comes as any surprise to us, he faces extremely serious criminal charges and because he is suspended without pay, increasing financial difficulties.

We, probably more than most officers, understand the meaning of the phrase, "There but for the grace of God go I." While we realize that your financial resources are probably strained during this holiday season, it is important that we take care of our own. We are asking that all of you make a financial contribution to help Larry and his family in their time of need.

While we don't want to set an arbitrary amount, we would ask that all of you give as generously as possible, depending on your particular circumstances. In order that we can make this gift available to Larry prior to Christmas, we are asking that you send your donation in the enclosed envelope before December 18, 1992.

Please make your checks payable to John Ricci, who will then present Larry with the total amount collected in cash prior to Christmas. While we realize that it is difficult to write a check to a person of Italian-American heritage, John assures us that the grape harvest was good this year and therefore, all of your contributions will find their way to Larry.

Please send your contributions as early and as generously as possible so that we might brighten what otherwise will be a difficult holiday for a man who is well loved by all of us.

Sincerely,

John Ricci, Bill Shine, Dave Siebert and Don Lewis