

# The great San Francisco adventure

Over the weekend, seven Print staff members and their advisor headed south to the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Associated Collegiate Press National College Newspaper Convention. It was held in San Francisco. They attended sessions about design, sports writing, feature writing, photography and much more. They also saw the sights of the city and experienced something new. Four staff share their experiences.



Print Staff members Daisy Bain, Jason Lingel, Maggie Jirasek, Diana Scrivner and Advisor Linda Vogt take a walk at Fisherman's Wharf.

## Honking cars hugging the curb

Maggie Jirasek

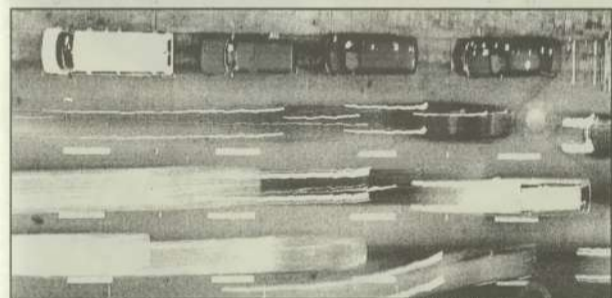
The first thought I had when we arrived in San Francisco was *Man, people have an interesting driving style here.* And they sure do!

I have been many places, but I've never seen people drive as crazy as they do over there. It seems like, no matter what's in their way, nothing can stop them once they are on the road. Just honk and everything will move out of your way.

When walking through town, you were always accompanied by 'beautiful' honking tones, which I got used to after some time.

How people park their cars was interesting as well. You could almost get the impression that the cars parked on the street were glued to the curb. There was not even an inch left between the car and the curb. Nice parking job! I figured that it's probably safer that way. If I lived there, I would park my car as close to the curb as possible so the chance of getting hit by someone would be lower, at least to some degree.

However, besides the crazy drivers, San Francisco is an interesting city and there are lots of things to see. Just remember, never ever cross the street without a green light!



Looking down from the 23rd floor.

## Exploring the city

Diana Scrivner

My favorite thing about San Francisco was walking around and exploring the city. We explored Fisherman's Wharf, The Pier, Little Italy and Alcatraz by bus, foot and trolley. I was very excited to ride the trolley; we rode it over hills, past Lombard Street, and to the Wharf.

What surprised me about San Fran-

cisco were two things: that there are so many homeless people on the streets; and that houses are all located right next to each other with no yard whatsoever. There are some parks in the city, but I kept wondering: How does anyone own a dog there?

Our four days in San Francisco came to an end as we flew over the city at night, seeing the Bay Bridge, Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge.



View of Alcatraz where famous criminals used to be imprisoned.



Above: Night view in downtown San Francisco from the Golden Gate Holiday Inn. Below: View from Alcatraz of the Bay Bridge and downtown San Francisco.

## A whole lot of people watching

Daisy Bain

My experience in San Francisco was great! It was my first time in California and also my first time flying in an airplane. My most memorable part of the trip was people watching. Everybody there seemed rushed and they drove like maniacs.

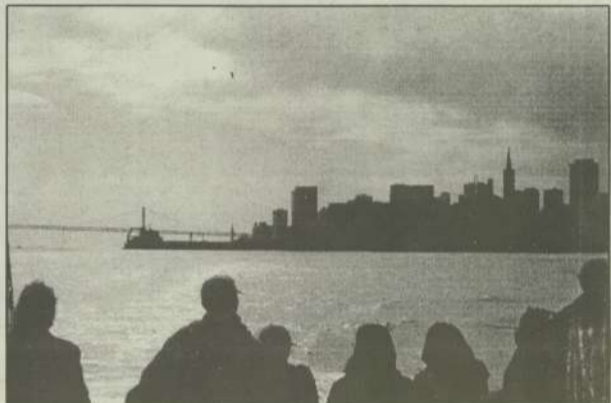
There were also a lot of street entertainers doing different things to make money. The Bush Man 2001 was my favorite. He would hide behind a hand-held bush and jump out to scare people as they walked down the sidewalk. People nearly jumped out of their skin.

The audience was the people across the street. Nearly the whole street would bust into laughter at the frightened people. It happened to me. It was very humiliating and at the same time funny.



Student Maggie Jirasek takes a close look at a cell at the Alcatraz prison.

Above: Student Maggie Jirasek takes a close look at a cell at the Alcatraz prison. Left: View of Alcatraz where famous criminals used to be imprisoned.



View from Alcatraz of the Bay Bridge and downtown San Francisco.

## The San Francisco Treat

Jenny Chavez

I had a great experience at the conference because of the exposure to other ideas and paper formats from all over the nation. It is so interesting to see what others are doing. I lived in SF for five years

and loved being the tourist instead of a rushing commuter, riding the cable cars as a treat and enjoying the excitement in the faces of the others as they experienced it for the first time.



Sea lions are enjoying the sun at Fisherman's Wharf.



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