

# Detective Named Police Officer Of The Year

## Ten Men and Women Receive Honorable Mention

Detective Arlene Beckles, a 32-year-old, 5 foot 6, 105-pound eight-year veteran of the New York City Police Department, who risked her life to save the lives of 20 others, has been named the 1995 Police Officer of the Year by Parade magazine and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"I'm dead," Beckles recalled thinking when a robber put a gun to her head in a downtown Brooklyn beauty salon last year. "Let's see who I can save."

She then single-handedly shot and wounded all three robbers, one fatally, using all five bullets in her revolver.

As a result of the incident, the New York Police Department now issues a 15-round magazine, which is known on the street as "the Beckles clip," for 9mm semiautomatic weapons.

The attempted robbery, which took place at the Salon La Mode Beauty Parlor where Beckles was a patron on February 5, 1994, marked the first time that

Beckles was ever forced to use her weapon.

When the men entered the salon, she was just nodding off to sleep under a hairdryer. Slowly she moved out of the chair and crouched behind a hair-dressing station.

She was about a foot away from one suspect, who was rifling through pocketbooks and demanding jewelry from other patrons.

With her back to the robber, Beckles carefully reached under her smock, pulled out her .38 Smith and Wesson and hid it under her armpit.

With only five rounds in the cylinder, she knew what she was up against. She bided her time.

When the robber moved to the woman closest to her, the woman froze, unable to release her pocketbook.

The robber grew enraged and put his gun to her head. He then saw Beckles, and putting his gun to her head, screamed, "don't look at my face!"

When the robber turned back



Hair-salon hero: Detective Arlene Beckles with (from left) Valerie Williams, the owner; Marlene Roy, Dale Edgehill and Cafresa Hooker, hairstylists.

to the other woman, Beckles whipped out her revolver, jumped up and shouted, "police! Don't move!" the robber pointed his gun at her, and she fired, hitting him in the nose.

When the other two robbers heard the gunfire, they turned on Beckles and fired at her.

But Beckles stood her ground, shooting them both until she heard the "click" of her empty chamber.

One of the robbers lay on the ground, wounded, and Beckles stepped on his hand and grabbed his gun. But before she could fire the weapon, the other robber tackled her and began punching her in the face, ribs and legs.

During the struggle, the robber grabbed the gun, and Beckles felt the barrel against her temple. She closed her eyes and prayed.

The robber squeezed the trigger. Nothing. He squeezed again. Still nothing.

It was later determined that some bullets in the gun were the wrong size, causing the weapon to jam.

Beckles moved to the robber on the floor and retrieved his gun. By now, two of the robbers were pounding on the door, which had

been electronically shut, trying to escape.

Beckles pressed the alarm buzzer and let them out. They were later picked up at nearby hospitals and are now in prison.

The third robber died a week later from his wound. Miraculously, no one in the salon, including Beckles, was seriously injured.

An instructor at the Police Academy, Beckles was promoted to detective two days after the shootout.

"It was like a fairy tale," recalled Beckles, who was married one week later to her fiance of three years, Steve Imparato, at City Hall by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Beckles is the second woman to receive the Police Officer of the Year Award in its 30-year history.

She will receive a plaque and a diamond-studded gold pin from Parade Managing Editor Larry Smith.

The presentation was scheduled at a luncheon on Tuesday, October 17, in the Fountainbleau Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla. during the annual convention of the IACP

## The Mother Of All Marches

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Defense League cited at length their firm opposition to any endeavor that Minister Farrakhan might sponsor. Both accused the Black Muslims of rampant anti-semitism. William Bennett, former U.S. Secretary of Education, who is called to comment on anything and everything, followed suit.

Representative John Lewis (D), a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, was hesitant when asked for an opinion on the March. He voiced comments which earlier had disturbed many blacks, going back several decades to extol the virtues of the "rainbow look" when "whites, blacks, Jews, Hispanics, etc." all came together to exhibit the "unity of America."

Lewis has been roundly criticized by many blacks who point out that subsequent event's clearly have dem-

onstrated the traumatic failure of the concept -- not only has there not been any "melting pot" worthy of the name, "but the illusion has provided "a false sense of security for many who expected cross-cultural for black goals and aspirations." Many say that blacks finally have grown up.

The Women's Movement emphasized that co-organizer, Benjamin Chavis was fired as director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on a charge of sexual harassment. But Rosa Parks, was at the March and tremendously supportive of the underlying concepts. The network just cut off her speech and switched to a spokesman for the Jewish Anti-Defamation League. The media is having a very, very tough time with the March in an effort to interpret 'blackness' for white America.

More next week

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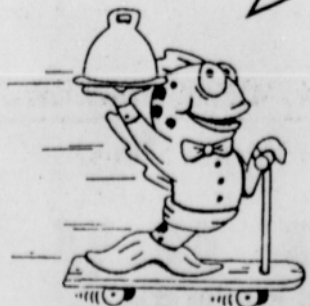
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy group activities.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> I admire hydraulics.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I work to be modern.                     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I blow bubbles.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> I dig Lewis and Clark.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to work together.                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I listen to alternative music.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> I marvel at Dick Clark.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to get to work on time.           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I doodle.  | <input type="checkbox"/> I find zones orderly.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> I think about trees.                     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a frequent need to be someplace.          | <input type="checkbox"/> I vote whenever I get the chance.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> I spend time wisely                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want a friendly city that accommodates growth. | <input type="checkbox"/> I commute.   | <input type="checkbox"/> I stay informed.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want stretchy pants that accommodate growth.   | <input type="checkbox"/> I coexist peacefully with nature.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> I decide for myself.                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I choose not to live and die in LA.              | <input type="checkbox"/> I coexist peacefully with neighbors.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I design gizmos in my basement.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I say no to smog.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> I can't fit all my friends in my backseat.           | <input type="checkbox"/> I have ideas I want to share.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I net surf.                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I miss Jerry.  | <input type="checkbox"/> I strive for a sense of community.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I channel surf.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> I can pitch a tent.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> I keep my area clean.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I bus surf.                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I like bells that signal a stop.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> I come equipped for anything.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I surf 'n turf.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> I think automation is neat.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> I pack lightly.                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I applaud punctuality.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> I look for new ways to get from point A to point B.  | <input type="checkbox"/> I go with the flow.                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like libraries.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> I support preservation.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> I turn the tap off when I brush.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can read in motion.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> I keep moving forward.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> I love learning.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I get hives thinking about traffic.              | <input type="checkbox"/> I poo-poo stressful situations.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I am learning to love.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I often do two things at once.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> I find color coded signs helpful.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> I take pride in being Oregonian.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I try new recipes.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> I possess leadership qualities.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I wish for what I need.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I try new recipes on other people.               | <input type="checkbox"/> I like to sit near people with leadership qualities. | <input type="checkbox"/> I try soup before it's cooled.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I embrace diversity.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> I like blue uniforms with orange logos.              | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't mind some man-made fibers.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I find change refreshing.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> I believe in Free Transfers for all.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I carry a schedule with me at all times. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I find fresh air refreshing.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> I have a friendly smile for everyone.                | <input type="checkbox"/> I like the future.                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a destination.                            |   | <input type="checkbox"/> I affect the future.                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I own a Raffi tape.                              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> I plan for the future.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I go somewhere everyday.                         |   | <input type="checkbox"/> I wasn't born yesterday.                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> I was born yesterday.                    |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> I can't wait for tomorrow.               |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> I milk every drop out of today.          |

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