

A 1955 Buick and Reruns of 'Highway Patrol'

One fan of 1950s television has kept the show running



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Broderick Crawford getting pulled over on CHiPs in 1977.

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Behind the scenes of the WSJ Photo Shoot.



Mr. Goltz with his car, photographed not far from his home. Mr. Goltz bought the car in 1995. Those holes above the front wheel aren't bullet holes; Buicks from this era are known for this styling cue. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



The car's prodigious nose. There's enough chrome on this vehicle to keep its owner busy buffing for hours. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



A peek into the car's interior. The Buick was not a cheap car in 1955, and the interior featured elegant art-deco styling. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



Unit 2150 was Broderick Crawford's car number on 'Highway Patrol.' 'Talk to anyone over 60 about that show and they'll get a big smile on their face,' says Mr. Goltz. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



Mr. Goltz even has an ID card for Dan Mathews, the character Broderick Crawford played on 'Highway Patrol.' *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



Some detail of the policing equipment. The TV show 'Highway Patrol' ran original episodes from 1955 to 1959, according to the Internet Movie Database, with reruns airing after that. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



Mr. Goltz checking in the trunk. When he's not out driving his Buick, he is often to be found [teaching judo at his club in Claremont, CA](#). He is a former President of the United States Judo Association. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



More detail of the 1955 Buick. It was a slightly odd choice for a police car in the 1950s because it was expensive. 'The Buick was the car doctors drove,' say Mr. Goltz. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



The hood ornament and the Buick logo—classic 1950s styling. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



The car from behind, showing the 2150 license plate—Broderick Crawford’s car number on the show ‘Highway Patrol.’ ‘Growing up in Pittsburgh and watching that show, the cars looked so different from what police drove where we lived,’ says Mr. Goltz. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



An old highway patrol hat completes the package. *GREGG SEGAL FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*



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Comment: Gary is a good man doing a good service for all his law enforcement friends, from charitable events helping to raise funds for good organizations, to parades and rallies that bring communities together with the men and women that protect us! His positive personality, humor, and kindness is infectious. He also teaches Judo, and his students have a great respect and admiration for their "Sensei". It's an honor to call him friend...10-4, **Gary McNally**

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AB InBev raised its offer for SABMiller, as it sought to assuage shareholders' concerns after the British pound's plunge. **B1**

Analog Devices agreed to buy fellow chip maker Linear Technology in a \$14.8 billion cash-and-stock deal. **B1**

Mobility is ending a supply agreement with Tesla in the wake of a high-profile traffic fatality. **B1**

Twitter's revenue rose 20%, its smallest gain and eighth-straight quarter of declining growth. **B3**

Some investors aren't convinced the Fed will raise rates this year, data on bullish dollar bets indicate. **C1**

KKR reported better-than-expected earnings, helped by a so-called dividend recapitalization deal. **C1**

The Dow fell 19.31 points to close at 18473.75 on a busy day of earnings reports for the index. **C4**

McDonald's sales lost steam in the latest quarter, and investors are looking for the firm's next big move. **B3**

Caterpillar said it doesn't anticipate a rebound this year for its equipment and pared its profit forecast. **B7**

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Clinton Wins Historic Nomination



Hillary Clinton addressed the Democratic convention via video feed late Tuesday, topping off a string of speakers that included her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

After Tough Battle, A Landmark Moment

By PETER NICHOLAS AND BYRON TAO

PHILADELPHIA—Hillary Clinton became the first female presidential nominee of any major party on Tuesday, a historic milestone that sets the stage for a battle to prove to voters that she is someone they can trust in the White House.

The second day of the Democratic National Convention was designed to offer reassurance to an electorate that has watched her on the national

stage for more than two decades as first lady, then U.S. senator and secretary of state.

The validators tapped to send that message ranged from her vanquished primary challenger, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, to her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

Late in the evening, Mrs. Clinton briefly addressed the convention via a video feed, appearing after an animated pane of glass shattered. "I can't believe we just put the biggest

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Messages on state of the economy reveal tensions, **A4**

Speakers address issue of violence and police **A4**

Democrats achieve an uneasy détente, **A5**

Kaine runs left on social issues, **A5**

Obama to play central role at convention, **A6**

Clinton opposes vote on trade pact this year, **A6**

For Some Women, Gender Isn't Enough

By COLLEEN MCCAIN NIXON AND JANET ADAMY

The nomination of Hillary Clinton marked a step forward in the fight for equality in post-war America that illustrates the strides made by women since the former first lady was born in 1947.

The irony—and the problem for Mrs. Clinton—is that such progress has become so widespread that some women voters appear indifferent to another glass ceiling shattered. More

women graduate from college than men. They are the main breadwinners in four of 10 U.S. households. They run General Motors Co., PepsiCo Inc. and IBM Corp.

Mrs. Clinton, who was formally picked Tuesday evening as the Democratic nominee, has struggled to lock up support from middle-aged white women. And some younger women see little urgency to crash barriers they haven't encountered.

While 52% of registered females

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CARS

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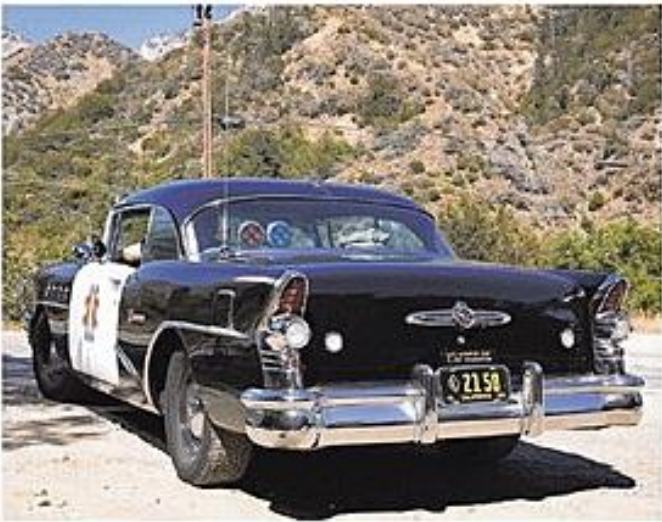
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