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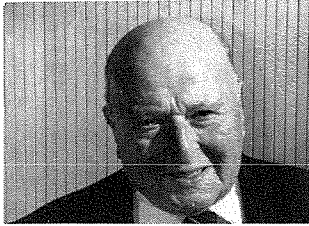


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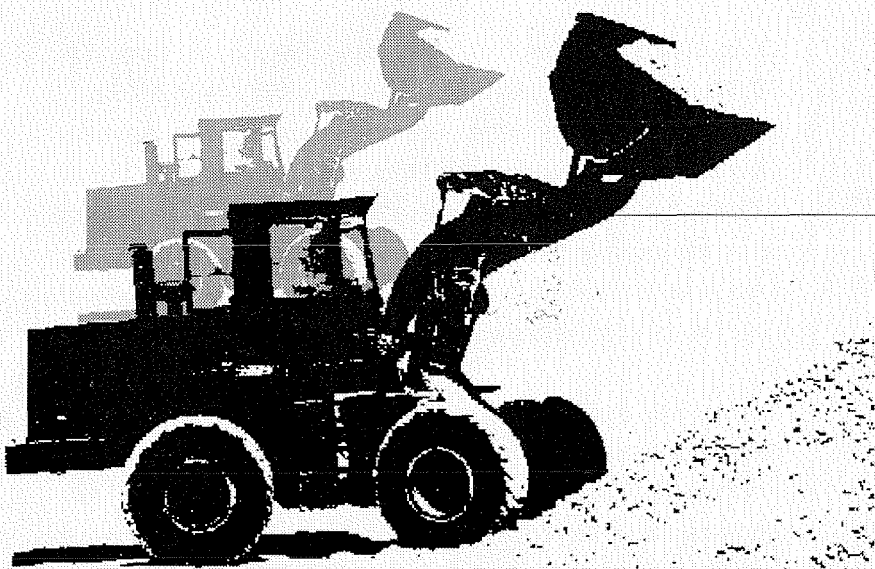


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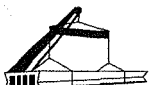
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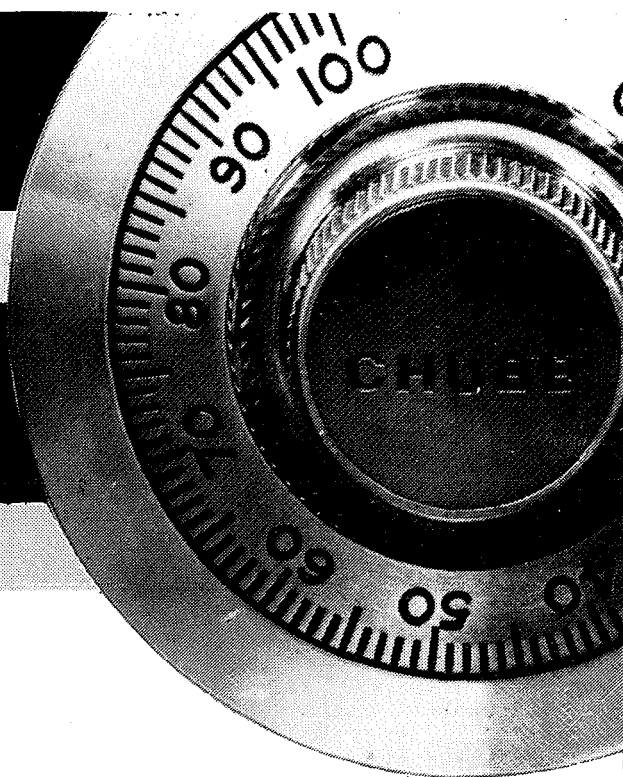
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# The Malta Police -

By Ex/Asst. Commissioner Edward J. Bonnici-Soler.

Throughout the war years I covered all the five Police Districts in Malta, one or two at a time, for specified periods.

I was in charge of the Water Police when I saw the Ohio and the Illustrious limp into harbor - I duly contacted the valiant Captain of the Ohio on board, as instructed. With regard to the Illustrious, German planes were not long in coming over to disintegrate her completely. The merchant ship on the other side of Dockyard Creek (I think it was the Essex) was badly hit but still floating - in point of fact, a bomb had gone through the funnel, exploding inside the ship thus causing wanton slaughter amongst the crew and stevedores. I had never seen such kind of devastation but my greatest consternation was the moment I skidded, clearly enough, on a primary part of a human skin.

On another occasion, there were four of us in a Police motor-boat on our way from Marsa to the Custom House when we savoured an unexpected attack on the harbor, with bombs no that far away. However, we were soon left alone by the Italian pilot when, Circa miseria", he heard the sharp crack of my (unprintable) blast in Italian; or else, by the German what- not who, in that case, must have known Italian quite fluently.

It was a late hour at night when, during one of the attacks by German planes, I saw from near the Custom House what I reckoned to be a German pilot parachuting down over Senglea. I caused the relative message to be sent to Headquarters but then, soon after, all hell was let loose over Senglea: that was no German pilot but a mine presumably meant for the Grand Harbour. It's strong blast reached us loud and clear right across the harbour.

On another night, the Electricity Power Station not far from the Custom House was hit, and a vital bakery at the Marsa was set on fire I jumped into my car and drove straight to Marsa. The fire engine was soon on the spot, and water was poured all over the roof and the ventilators, as well as, unwittingly, at a concealed 15,000 volt transformer at the back of the bakery. Afterwards I wondered why none of us did not receive the tiniest of shocks: the sparks that kept on shooting out made us aware of the danger. But then, the surprising sequence that followed made me wonder all the more. Later, on my way back, I found out that earlier, on my way to the Marsa, I had driven my car under a very high voltage line wire across the road next to the Power Station, and that I had somehow missed it by two inches.

At one time I went to Sliema to see my family whom

I had not seen for about a month and on hearing a drove of German planes on their way inland, I rushed out into the street without even bothering to cover my bald head. I then heard a bomb or shell coming down and could not bring myself to run for cover. I got stuck in the centre of the road. For all that, it was no bomb at all: it was merely an ack-ack cap. The funny, strange and coincidental part of it all was the astonishing way it chose to give me such a light kiss on the very tip of my nose' No' my crooked Roman nose is by way of inheritance'



*Ex/Asst. Commissioner Edward J. Bonnici-Soler.*

Another incident concerned a heavy explosion at the mouth of the Grand Harbour and so, as the Officer in charge, I got into my police motor boat and, soon after, was on my way to investigate the matter when suddenly, the motor boat engine came to a halt and we started to drift towards the shore. Indeed, quite a blessing in disguise' The Italian MT boats were trying to enter the harbour, and my brother in the RMA who was in charge of the guns at that spot had just received orders to shoot at anything moving in those waters.

Seeing the merchant vessel S.S. Talabot in 1942, fully laden (and with a dangerous cargo) ablaze in the Grand Harbour was really heartbreaking. Steps were taken to prevent it from exploding and from causing sweeping destruction all round.

Before I move on to experiences in other Districts I wish to add a "P.S." Which, of all things, concerns Fate, that entity which could well have been more affable than to have me posted to the Water Police. She must have known only too well that although I always loved the sea, the sea never loved me. For all that, the cruel el sea displayed on a screen, in a cinema or T.V., always succeeded in reminding me that I should know better than to feel sea sick.

When the Opera House in Valletta was bombed and blown up by German planes, it so happened that I had just entered Kingsway: I just managed to survive that hair-loosing experience.

Despite all, it was a pitiful instant when I saw an Italian pilot at some height over Valletta drifting in the air towards Grand Harbour, with a parachute that evidently refused to open. His prayer to the Virgin Mary to help

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him was loud and clear. He finally crashed in a private garden in Cospicua.

When in charge of the central part of the island, I observed a huge "bomb" some six feet high hurling down and, strangely enough, somersaulting on its way - it landed in a field and there was no explosion I found out that it was made of tin and that it had been packed with incendiary bombs which, in effect, caused no damage at all.

Over at Hamrun, a bomb released from an enemy plane was seen horizontal at some height on its way across Marsamxett Harbour towards Valletta. It actually exploded not far from the Opera House site, at the entrance to an air-raid shelter killing a number of people.

On one particular night quite a number of huge delayed action bombs were dropped all over the island: one of my Inspectors accompanied me to try and locate as many as we could in my area: in one of the houses in High Street, Hamrun, one of the bombs had gone through the roof and ceiling and ended up close to an old woman in bed. The fallen masonry had killed her. She was carried out and soon after, the bomb exploded and demolished the whole building. Further down the same street another bomb had gone through the roof of another house, into the front room and, luckily enough, down into an old well. We were in line with the house when the bomb exploded and it so happened I ran towards that particular house for cover. Luckily because of the position of the bomb, the house was not completely wrecked; yet, large building stones toppled down from the side of the roof, the front door shot out by my side and two young women who were inside crashed straight into me. We did not suffer any serious damage, however tiny pieces of metal or shrapnel did manage to penetrate our uniforms.

On another occasion the central part of the island, particularly the old capital Mdina, was inundated with Butterfly Bombs which, small simple and so dangerous to the touch (unless geared to explode overhead) caused quite a number of casualties.

The Bomb Disposal Officer and I visited a garden dotted with a good number of them. Somehow, I did happen to touch and move one of them in a passage way and... not thanks to Mr. Hitler... it failed to explode' I may add that the B.D.O. had something to say about that, yet that was the very Butterfly Bomb" that was dismantled and had its details despatched to London.

I cannot very well recollect when I happened to meet two South African deep-sea divers who were recovering mines from a stricken ship in Marsaxlokk Harbour. They said they had come across two colossal octopuses near the ship and so refused to go under water at that spot again.

In 1943 and 44 I was appointed five times as Acting Director of Prisons. Then my greatest worry centered on the bomb damage caused to the Prisons themselves, especially to the main deeps. Because of the abnormal times and the consequent very stringent laws, the number of inmates had increased threefold and one can well imagine the effect air raid alarms had on some 300 persons locked up in cells. Amongst them I had two brothers awaiting the rope penalty" but they were resigned to their fate and not even air raid sirens affected them in handed in Malta take permanent charge of the said Civil Prisons.

One of my disturbing apprehensions whilst in charge of the Prisons concerned the fact that, as matters stood, I could not avail myself of the Director's quarters. Thus, every day, at a late hour, I had to walk all the way (of course in complete darkness) from the Prisons in Pawla to Vittoriosa Police Station for the night; but the knotty point centred on the number of rats that moved inland from the shore to the lower part of Cospicua which I had to cross. My solution was to make a run for it and to disperse the rodents that happened to be in my way.

Whilst at the Prisons, I had an official visit by the Governor, Lord Gort, who as a perfect Officer and Gentleman, fully appreciated my observation with regard to awaiting trial prisoners (of whatever nationality) who could well incriminate themselves in making any kind of statements by way of a reply.

When I relinquished the post of Acting Director of Prisons and returned to the Police, Mr. D.C. Campbell, the Lieutenant Governor, very kindly expressed his pleasure in transmitting to me his tribute to my work and the Government's appreciation of the services rendered during a particularly difficult period".

The stage was reached when food shortage in the island was the greatest problem of all. And here the Santa Maria Convoy must be mentioned. We were only ten days off the complete breaking point, apart from the possible or expected Italian invasion in the south-east of the island. The codeword Kangaroo would have conveyed the final order to destroy all relevant documents and even, for all that, to shoot, where necessary members of the public.

One cannot but admire and bestow the greatest praise upon the wonderful personnel of the three services who, together with those dear souls who lost their lives, showed such laudable courage and noble devotion to duty.

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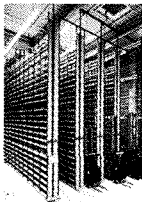
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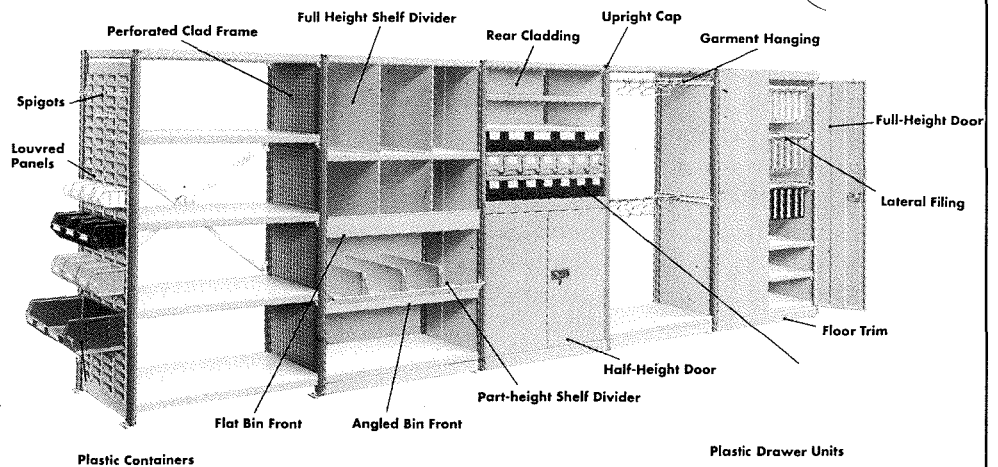
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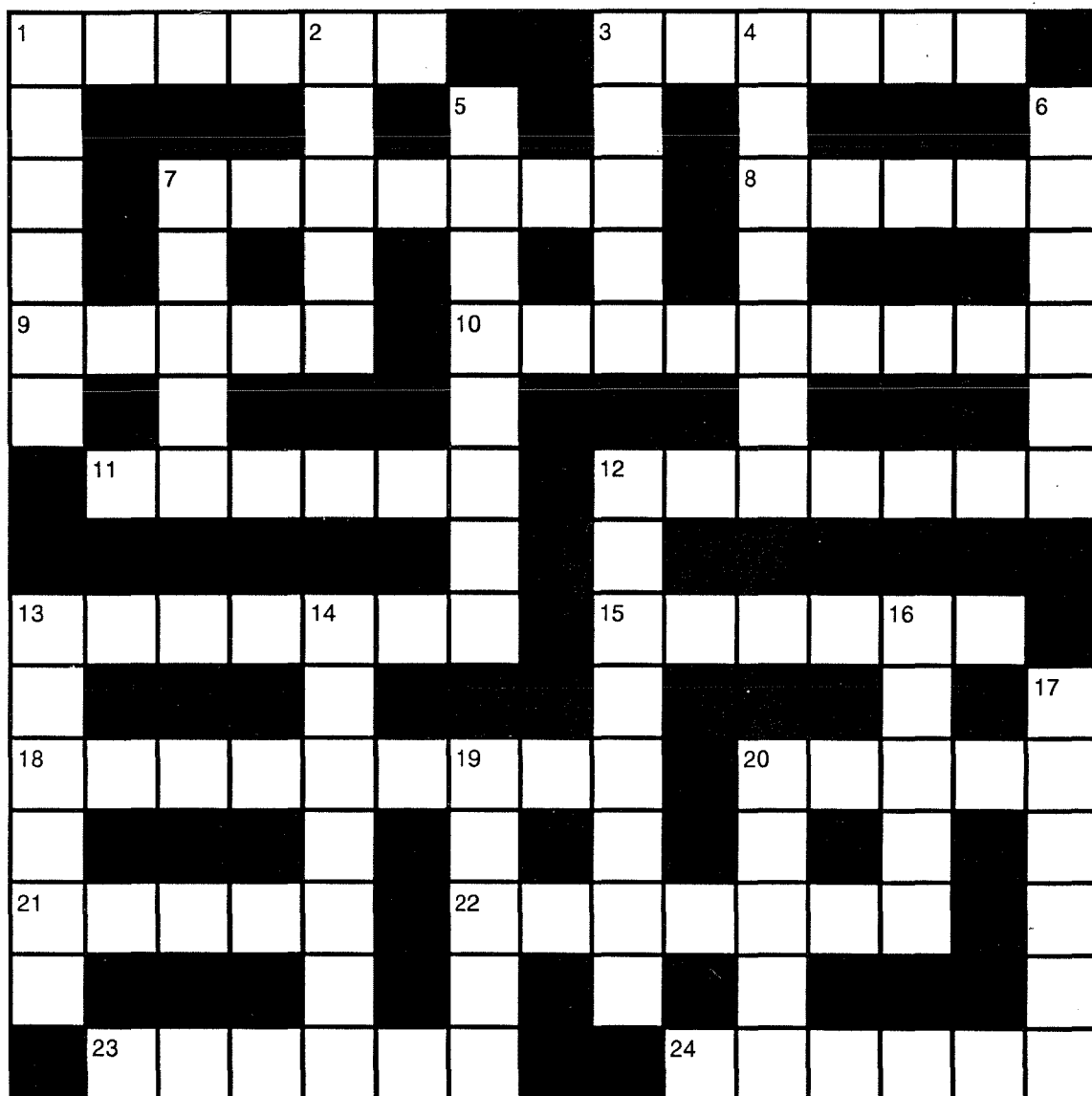


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Il-pubbliku huwa l-konsumatur ewlieni tas-servizz li jagħtu l-pulizija. X'inhu r-rwol prinċipali tal-pulizija? Id-doveri tal-pulizija jinkludu li jzommu l-paċi u l-bon ordni pubblika. Il-pulizija għandha d-dmir li kemm jista jkun tevita ksur tal-liġi u meta dawn (offiċi kontra liġijiet magħmula mill-gvern li jirrappreżenta lill-poplu) isiru, il-pulizija għandha d-dover li tinvestigahom u tressaq il-ħatjin bl-aħjar provi quddiem il-qrati tal-Ġustizzja (Art. 346 Kap. 9). Il-pulizija għandha d-dmir li bl-aħjar mod iżomm ambjen soċjali kalm, li jemmerita pajjiż demokratiku li jhaddan il-karatteristiki ta' pajjiż ċivilzzat, demikratiku u progressiv.

Madwar ħmistax-il sena ilu soċiologu Inġliż residenti Malta kien qalli li hawn żewġ modi kif tamministra, kotra nies. Dawn huma kif ser ngħid: (i) billi tpoġġi senter ma' ras kull individwu u kull min imqarr jiftaħ ħalqu u jgħaddi rimarka kontra l-amministrazzjoni tagħmillu sanzjonijiet formali jew informali jew (ii) billi ttiprova tikkonvinċi lill-kotra li l-'policy' jew l-amministrazzjoni tiegħek hi l-aktar waħda li taqbel għalihom. L-aħħar suġġeriment hu l-aktar wieħed diffiċli biex timxi bih, biss hu l-aktar wieħed li jdum l-effett tiegħu.

Meta permezz tas-servizz li tagħti l-pulizija turi bil-fatti li hi umana, ħanina u għandha 'sens' ta' etika u professjonizmu li jixraq lill-korp tal-pulizija modern, mhux talli tkun qed tagħti servizz li jixraq lill-Nazzjoni tal-grad ta' Malta imma talli tkun qed tgħin sabiex tikkonvinċi lill-pubbliku dwar għemejjel tagħha. Aktar mal-pulizija tikseb sens ta' fiduċja mill-pubbliku aktar ikun hemm sens

ta' kunfidenza mill-istess pubbliku lejn il-pulizija. Mill-banda l-oħra din il-kunfidenza minn naħa tal-pubbliku tista tffisser aktar informazzjoni u aktar heġġa mill-pubbliku biex jgħin b'kull mezz fil-glieda kontra l-kriminalita`. Fi kliem ieħor, servizz aħjar lejn il-pubbliku mill-pulizija jfisser aktar fiduċja lejn il-pulizija. Aktar fiduċja mill-pubbliku tgħin fit-twettiq aħjar, u fis-semplifikazzjoni tax-xogħol tal-pulizija.

Meta l-pulizija permess ta' relazzjonijiet pubbliċi jfehmu ix-xogħol tagħhom, ikun jgħinu jintlaħħaq dan il-għan. Meta jsiru parati u attivitajiet li jressqu liċ-ċittadini lejn il-pulizija u postijiet li jaħdmu fihom il-pulizija jkun qed isir dan. Xhieda ta' dan huma kummenti li jsiru waqt il-parati, bħal kemm huma sbieħ u 'smart', kemm jaħdmu msieken, u kemm ibatu. Attivitajiet bħal dawn ifakkru lill-pubbliku fix-xogħol li nagħmlu aħna. Meta jkorri xi wieħed minn sħabna tisma l-pubbliku jiddispjaċih u jgħid li l-pulizija (kif fil-fatt) jħabbtu wiċċhom ma kollox.

Il-fiduċja li wera l-poplu Malti permess tal-gvern li jirrapprezentah f'dawn l-aħħar snin issarraf ukoll f'pigi u kundizzjonijiet aħjar. Wara li fl-1993 tħabbru l-aħħar emeljorazzjonijiet fil-pagi u l-kundizzjonijiet, ma kien hemm ħadd mill-pubbliku jew istituzzjonijiet pubbliċi li tkellem direttament jew indirettament kontra dan it-titjeb. Dan għaliex, għalkemm wieħed jista jgħid li f'Malta jsiru atti kriminali li jilħqu il-'headlines' tal-ġurnali, meta dawn l-istess atti jkunu komparati ma' l-atti kriminali li jsiru f'pajjiżi Ewropej oħra industrijalizzati u mhumiex jara li f'Malta għandhom tassew biex inkunu kburin bil-pulizija u l-amministrazzjoni tagħha. Għal pajjiż fejn matul is-sena li għaddiet kellu espansjoni fl-ekonomija ta' qrib il-5% Malta għandha tassew għaliex tkun kburija li l-pulizija qed jagħtuha is-servizz misthoqq. *(Tkompil pagna 24)*

## ID-DIĠGRAZZJA NAZZJONALI FIT-TARZNA, IL-QALB ĠENERUŻA TAL-MALTIN U L-PULIZIJA

Fil-ġurnata li qed nikteb dan l-artiklu għaddew f'it aktar minn sitt ġimgħat minn mindu seħħet l-isplużżjoni ġewwa t-tarzna ta' Malta.

Il-paċi u s-skiet tal-lejl inbidel fl-lejl ta' niket, biża', u qtieh ta' qalb għal ħafna u ħafna familji Maltin. Il-funeral li seħħ fil-jiem ta' wara kien xhieda sħiħa u vera tal-qlub Maltin b'eluf ta' nies, qraha u ħbieb jagħtu l-aħħar tislima lil sħabhom li hallew dan il-wied tad-dmugħ.

Fortunatament il-poplu Malti ma waqafx hemm. Il-mewt ta' disat irġiel kważi kollha miżżewġa bil-familja tagħhom ta spinta lil bosta ndividwi, azjendi privati u oħrajn pubbliċi sabiex jorganizzaw diversi ġbir ta' fondi sabiex dawn il-flus jgħaddu għand il-Kunsill tat-Tarzna biex finalment imbagħat dawn il-flus jgħaddu għand il-familjari milquta direttament minn din it-traġedja.

Għalkemm personalment jien nieħu pjaċir li jkun hemm xi hadd li juri ċertu inizjattivi u kuraġġ sabiex jingabru dawn il-flus, ta' min jirrifletti min-naħa l-oħra fuq aspekk negattiv ta' danna kollu. Mela kif semmejt bosta azzjendi kemm pubbliċi, kemm privati u organizzazzjonijiet politiċi organizzaw dawn il-ġabriet, indaru bosta bibien f'kull villaġġ biex setgħu jingabru dawn il-fondi. Ir-Riżultati kienu nkuraġġanti ħafna peress li ngabbru aktar minn Lm60,000 u kemm għad irridu jingabru Alla biss jaf. J'Alla li l-isforzi ta' min qed jorganizza dawn ikunu sodisfaċċenti. Pero f'diżgrazzji oħrajn fejn mietu xi wħud individwi mit-tarzna sar l-istess? Jew bil-fors irridu jmutu ħafna nies biex issir xi haġa?

Il-poplu Malti nixtieq nistaqsieh fejn kien meta mietu sħabna fid-diżgrazzja tal-'Patrol boat' u bħalhom membri tal-forzi armati!. Jew meta kollega tiegħi wegġa' u tilef idu fil-bomba ta' l-għassa ta' Tas-Sliema? Insejtuhom lil dawn!. Mhux familji kollha kellhom dawn!



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X'saret mill-kuxjenza tal-poplu Malti meta saret il-Hold-up fuq dak il-pulizija f'Ta' Qali meta tilef id-dawl ta' għajnejh waqt il-qadi ta' dmirijitu. Dawn mhux familji bħal dawn tad-drydocks kellhom u għad għandhom.

Jien sinċerament nieħu gost meta l-poplu jingħaqad f'mumentu ta' niket bħal dawn id-diżgrazzji u jingabru xi flus biex itaffu f'it mill-piż tal-ħajja ta' din id-dinja, għalkemm l-ebda ammont ta' flus mhu ser iġib l-ebda vittma lura pero żgur li tghin lil-familjari li jridu jkomplu f'din id-dinja.

Niftakar li meta kienet saret il-bomba ma' l-għassa ta' Tas-Sliema, il-korp tal-pulizija ħareġ jagħmel gabra fil-flixken ta' l-ilma tal-plastic vojta f'Ta' Qali biex ingabbru f'it mijiet tal-liri. X'differenza hux!

Issa rajtu b'għajnejkom li meta jmut xi wieħed minn sħabna ma jsirx kwart minn dak li sar fid-diżgrazzja tad-drydocks u qatt ma ngabru elf ta' liri biex jgħinu l-familji tagħna.

Kien għalhekk ħsieb għaqli tal-mexxejja tal-korp meta ppruvaw jintroduċu l-insurance għalina l-membri tal-korp. L-Insurance mhux ser iġġib l-ebda wieħed minnha lura, iżda toffri kumpens xieraq, u ma jkollna għalfejn qatt nagħmlu l-ebda gabra.

Għal darb'oħra nitlobkom li tifthu għajnejkom għal meta jerħa' jkun hemm xi sejħa sabiex nissieħbu fl-insurance u nitlob lill-membri l-oħra ta' l-assocjazzjoni biex flimkien jaħdmu għal ġid ta' kull wieħed u waħda minnha sabiex inkunu koperti b'xi forma ta' assikurazzjoni.

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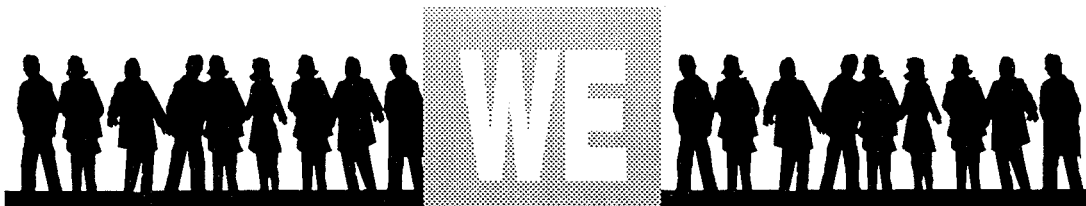
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# Caring for your computer - Ps 1180 P. Caruana

Your personal computer (PC) like any other machine requires some form of preventative maintenance. We hear lots of arguments stating that PC's can work in any environment, which is true, however by controlling the environment in which our PC and relative equipment is placed we can reduce the occurrence of common faults.

Apart from the expected wear and tear the most common six factors which you must be on the lookout for are: 1) The user 2) Heat 3) dust and Ash 4) Power 5) Corrosion and 6) Magnetism.

1) The most common cause of computer problems is the user. Problems such as disconnected cables, incorrect software configurations and other trivial problems are related to the lack of knowledge on the users part. Unfortunately most users fail to read any type of user manual. It is not enough to simply plug in your PC and start working, each user must learn as much as possible about his machine. With the necessary knowledge trivial problems which are user related will be reduced drastically

2) Excessive heating and cooling are both damage to your PC'. A general note is that if the environment is correct for the user then it is correct for your PC . The manufacturers of PC 's have recognised the fact the each machine generates a level of heat and to combat this problem air vents and fans have been included in the machine's architecture. however with the introduction of additional cards the heat level has increased. Such heat may be the cause of errors to internal devices such as your hard disk. To prevent this problem always ensure that the air vents are never obstructed. Should it be necessary, install an additional fan to cater for the extra heat generated.

3 ) The exposure to household and office dust is inevitable. Once dust settles it insulates the circuit devices of your PC and prevents heat being dissipated. The best defence against dust is to cover your PC with a dust cover, especially when any works are in progress in the vicinity. Floppy disks should also never be brought into contact with dust. Dust can actually corrupt your data. another step should be to vacuum the interior of your PC occasionally. Cigarette smoke is a menace to your computer. Not only do the ash particles settle on your circuitry but may also cause data corruption on making contact with the surface of a floppy disk. Damage to sensitive parts of the disk head may also occur.

4) It is very important to maintain a constant Clean' power supply to the computer. The smallest fluctuation in the power line to a computer can cause the system to fail, possible disastrous results. The are three major power problems a) brownouts - less voltage is available to drive the computer than required. b) blackouts - a complete loss of voltage in the power-line and c) transients spikes of excessive voltage sent down power lines without any notice. There are two methods to safeguard against power problems a) spike

catchers or guards and b) Uninterruptable power supply units. The spike catcher is the simplest of the two devices and only servers to prevent transients and spikes from reaching the equipment. The cost of the spike catcher is trivial when compared to the equipment to be guarded. An uninterruptable power supply unit ( UPS ) is effectively a large battery which is automatically switched into the power circuit if the main supply fails. The battery is charged whilst the main supply is operating correctly. A UPS normally also includes some form of spike catcher and filtering circuitry to minimise noise. A UPS costs considerably more than a simple spike-catcher. However it does offer a greater degree of protection where it is essential that no information is lost. When choosing a device one must keep in mind the importance of the information being protected.

5) The metal connector pins on interface cards, micro-chip pins and cables can become corroded. This is a chemical change in which the metal of the pins and sockets is gradually eaten away. Corrosion can be very damaging. Liquids in any form spilt onto a PC can have a drastic effect on a computer system under certain circumstances. But may have little or no damage if treated correctly if a drink is spilt into a PC or any related device, the most important thing is to immediately shutdown the system or switch off the power supply. Do not attempt to fix the situation personally, refer the equipment to a qualified technician for analysis and repair. If something is spilt into a disconnected computer system it is more than likely that no damage has occurred. The importance is to remove the liquid from the equipment followed by a thorough clean-up using a cleaning solvent. Ensure the PC is completely dry before switching on - leave the PC switched off for at least two days.

6) Information is stored on various types of magnetic media e.g. floppy disks, tapes etc. The information stored within these devices is prone to be corrupted and destroyed on being exposed to a magnetic field. Such magnetic fields are created by high voltages or currents, such as those found in monitors and audio speakers. Thus do not keep your storage device near equipment such as your printer, photocopier and monitors. Data passing through cables has also been known to be effected when passing through magnetic fields.

## **What happened to the Police Computer Club?**

*This question has been asked many a time. The Club has started off very well. We received more than 250 requests from various Police officers requesting to be part of this club. Arrangements were made to use the facilities at the Police Academy both as a meeting place and for training purposes. Printing facilities were also obtained to issue newsletters etc., Unfortunately due to the current work-load at the DPB we cannot begin such a project. Therefore if someone would like to step-in and begin such a project we would be delighted. Should you feel that you are in a position to help do not hesitate to call us at the DPB. You will more than find our backing.*

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# Presentation of Certificates by the Commissioner -

by Paul Galea, Director IVM

On Monday 26th September 1994, the Police Commissioner Mr. George Grech and Mrs. Grech, presented certificates to members of the Institute of Videography Malta (IVM) who participated in the filming on video of the festivities held to celebrate the 180th anniversary of the Malta Police Force.

The Institute of Videography held their annual presentation of certificates to

members who during the past academic year were successful after attending courses in Videography. The co-presenter was Mr. Gerry Roffey, The Director of the Association of Professional Videomakers. Mr. Roffey came over from the UK. for this purpose and to finalise the affiliation agreement between the two organisations.

IVM wre entrusted with the production on video of the 180th anniversary events of the force. The co-ordinator was PC Paul Xuereb who was also one of the cameramen on location. Another policeman taking active part was PC Alfred Coppola. These two officers are both members of IVM.

IVM was established a little over two years ago by its directors Charles Spiteri and Paul Galea.

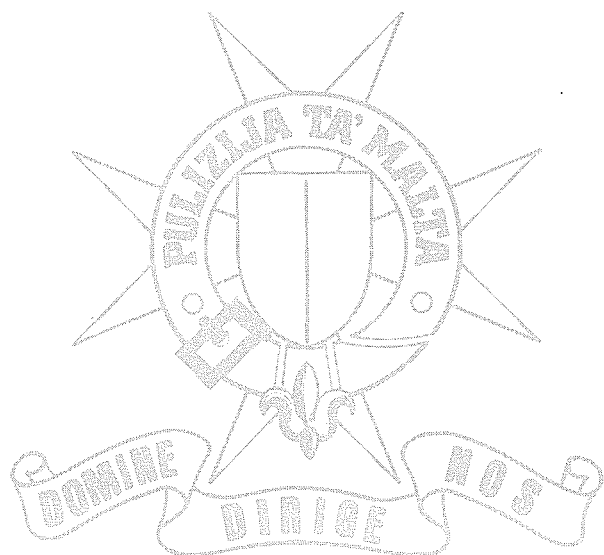
Prior to that day it was nearly a year in planning. Its courses run part time over a period of five years during which time the student learns every wide range of video skills and disciplines. Time

is spent in the classroom learning the theory of video and its related subjects. During this period a number of respected lecturers teach on subjects ranging from research work to legal aspect of video making.



*Is-Sinjura Grech Tippreżenta ċertifikat lil PC 84 Xuereb, jidher ukoll il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija s-sur G. Grech.*

IVM also runs seminars and specified courses which are normally tailor-made for specific companies or the following address: Institute of Videography, PO Box 30, Paola PLA 01, Malta G. C.



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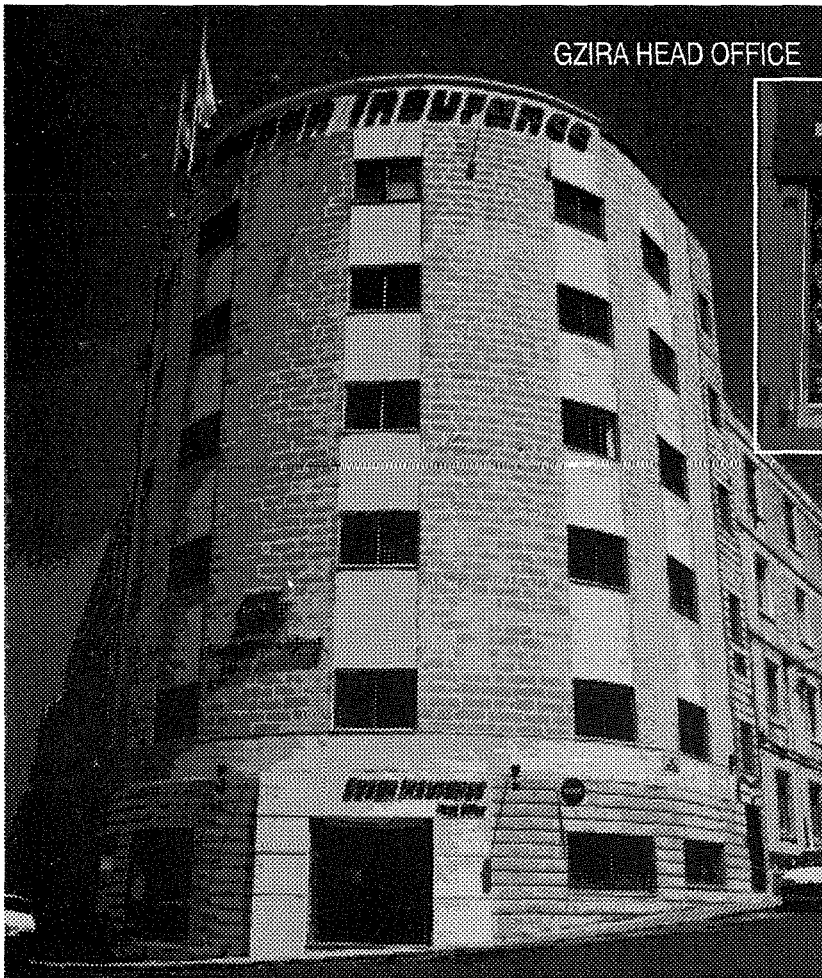
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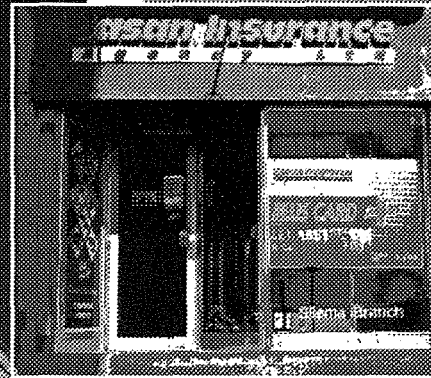
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## Meta nidhku fejn mhux suppost... - minn Charles Clews

Kultant, jghidulek, tinqasam bid-daħk fejn l-inqas li tistenna: fl-aktar postijiet, ħinjiet u okkażżjonijiet fejn tistenna l-akbar serjeta`.

Rajna dan l-aħħar, ngħidu aħna, fil-programm televiżiv, 'Paperisima', kemm dan hu minnu. X'ma rajniex? President Amerikan, jasal fil-Ġermanja, gwardja ta' l-unur impekkabbli tistennieh, il-President Ġermaniż, dinjitarji, rjus kbar lest ħalli jieħdulu b'idu, u kif kien niżel mill-iskala ta' l-ajruplan, ħa waħda għal rasu u waqa' fl-art?

Jew l-oħra: koppja se jtejġu, jinżel il-qassis celebrant minn fuq l-artal għal hdejhom, jitfixkel, baqa' nieżel għal rasu fuq l-għarus u l-għarusa u marru t-tlieta fl-art. Jew fil-programm 'American Home Movies', meta rajna l-għarajjes, quddiem il-qassis, u f'daqqa waħda, l-għarus ikellem lill-għarusa f'widintha, u jitlaq jġgri 'l barra, l-għarusa tgħid lill-qassis li... l-għarus kellu sejha urġenti tan-Natura... kif se jagħtu l-famuża, Signorsi.

Jew l-għarus u għarusa friski, fil-ħin solenni li se jaqsmu l-Wedding Cake, kif idaħħlu s-sikkina tal-fidda fil-cake, dan jaqa' u jisfaxxa ma' l-art. U kien b'erba' saffi.

Kien hemm okkażżjoni meta l-Presidentt Carter kellu jagħti konferneza stampa: ġurnalisti mid-dinja jistennewh, l-usher annunzjah, jinfetaħ bieb, u jiffaċċa Carter... bil-pum tal-bieb f'idejh. Kien qaċċtu!

Ġurnalist Taljan qal ftit ilu, li l-programm 'Paperissima', li jippreżenta paprati minn kemm žgħar u kemm kbar, minn l-aktar nies umli għall-aktar għolja, hu l-uniku programm li jwasslu li jinqasam bid-daħk ġenwin, mill-qalb, dik li l-Ingliżi isejġu, a hearty laugh.

Għax l-umorizmu dak hu: kif qalu bosta umoristi: tidħak b'affarijiet li jġgri lil ħaddieħor, iżda allaħares jġgri lilek!

U fejn l-inqas li tistenna li tidħak, jekk mhux f'qorti ġudizzjarju? Naħseb li ma hawnx membru fil-Korp tal-Pulizija, li ma għandux talanqas praspura komika li ġrat fil-qorti, x'jirakkonta.

(Tgħid ta' min, l-editor, jistieden lil xi membru jgħid tiegħu fuq din il-kwistjoni?)

Isemmulek dik ta' raġel, mixli li seraq arloġġ jiswa Lm120 (iżjed minn Lm100 iżda inqas minn Lm500, hux hekk qegħdin ngħidu daż-żmien). Kellu difiża tant tajba li l-maġistrat sab li ma hemm ebda prova li l-arloġġ serqu hu. U lliberah.

L-akkużat ma fehembx x'qal il-maġistrat, u dar lejn l-avukat. "X'se nagħmlu?" staqsieh. "Inti liberat..."

"Imma jien Paċikk jismini, sinjur, imissek taf..."

"Le, jaħasra," wiegħbu l-avukat, "inti ħieles, tista' titlaq 'il barra."

"Allura nista' nżommu l-arloġġ?" qallu l-akkużat, b'għajta li semgħetha l-awla kollha.

Kien hemm kawża fis-seduta tat-Traffiku. Żewġ karrozzi ħabtu head-on, u ż-żewġ avukati tas-sewwieqa bdew jagħmlu minn kollox biex inehħu l-ħtija minn fuq il kljenti tagħhom.

L-unika xhud kienet mara, anzjana, mara wieqfa, dritta, li bdiet tixhed b'ċerta kunfidenza. L-avukat ta' wieħed mis-sewwieqa kien qed jagħmlilha xi mistoqsijiet.

"Sinjura, qed narak bin-nuċċali. Inti tuża n-nuċċali.. ehm... tal-vista?" "Iva," wegħbitu. "Jiġifieri, li inti mingħajru, kif ngħiduha, ma tantx tara tajjeb?"

"Insomma," qalltu, "ejja ngħiduha, nara aħjar bin-nuċċali."

"Dak il-ħin li rajt il-ħabta, kont liebsa n-nuċċali?"

“U žgur.”

“Sinjura, xi kemm kont bogħod inti, mill-ħabta?”

“Seba’ piedi u ħames pulzieri.”

“Trid tgħidilna li taf id-distanza hekk eżatt?”

“Iva, għax kejjiltha. Għax bsart li jkun hemm xi baħnan li jistaqsini, meta nitla’ nixhed.”

Ieħor deher quddiem il-maġistrat, akkużat li kien fis-sakra u ddisturba l-paċi pubblika, eċċ. eċċ.

Insibu lill-maġistrat jistaqsih: “Zammit, taf kemm il darba, dejjem fuq is-sokor, inti dehort quddiem?”

“Ma nafx, sinjur. Ħsibtek li inti qed tgħoddhom.”

L-ieħor, quddiem il-maġistrat: inqatgħet il-kawża u l-maġistrat qallu: “Borg, se ntik tagħzel. Jew erbat ijiem ħabs, jew Lm10. X’se tagħzel?”

“Nagħzel dawk l-għaxar liri, sinjur - għandi bżonnhom, jaħasra.”

Naħseb li min qed jaqra, mhux biss jaf bi praspas bħal dawn, iżda kien fihom, u għandu oħrajn aqwa minnhom x’jirakkonta.

Klassika ta’ Bob Hope, hija ta’ dak il-maġistrat fil-Wild, Wild West li kellu cowboy quddiemu akkużat li kisser ħġieġa ta’ saloon.

“MacFarlan,” qallu, “inti akkużat li kissirt ħġieġa ta’ saloon. Ħames dollari, tħallashom issa stess.”

“Hawn, yer honer. Għandi karti ta’ għaxar dollars.”

“M’hemmx bqija. Mur kisser ħġieġa oħra.”

Oħra, fil-Wild West ukoll. Il-ġuri spiċċa, il-Prim Ġurat ħareġ bil-verdett, tah lill-imħallef, u dan dar lejn l-akkużat u qallu: “Akkużat Dooley. Il-ġurati sabuk ħati.”

“Ma jimpurtax, sinjur,” qallu. “Naf li inti intelligenti biżżejjed biex ma tħallihomx jinfluwenzawki!”

U l-oħra: insibu lill-maġistrat jistaqsi lill-akkużat:

“Inti ħati jew m’intix ħati?”

“Minix ħati. Innoċenti sinjur.”

“Inti qatt weħilt ħabs?”

“Le sinjur. Għax din hija l-ewwel darba li sraqt.”

U mhux ħati!

U ta’ l-aħħar. Insibu lill-maġistrat, jgħid lill-akkużat: “Hawn provi ċari, li mhux darba imma darbtejn inti dħalt tisraq mill-istess ħanut tad-deheb. Taf hux, taf li darbtejn... dħalt?”

“Iva, għax ħa ngħidlek sinjur: il-ġizirana li ġibtilha l-ewwel darba, lill-mara ma għoġbithiex, u mort nibdilhielha.”

“Inti ħati jew m’intix ħati?”

“Iwa.”

“X’jigfieri, ‘Iwa’”.

“Ħati jew minix ħati...”

Imma, ngħiduha kif inhi, li kieku l-qrati kienu kif pingejniehom hawnhekk, ma kienux ikun aħjar, avvolja, kif inhuma, għadek tista’ tistenna xi daħka... involuntarja, bħal dik li ssemmiet f’qorti Amerikana ftit ilu, meta l-Maġistrat staqsa lill-akkużat jekk għandux avukat biex jiddefendih.

“Ma għandix, sir.”

“Mela x’bi ħsiebek tagħmel dwar il-kawża?”

“Li kien minn għalija nwaqqa’ kollox, ninsewha, sir.”

# Language as a Weapon -

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In an episode of the ABC network presentation, 'The Commish' (a series about a police commissioner in a major American city), the protagonist had returned to patrol duty and was "working the street" in an effort to prove a point. He responded to a domestic disturbance call and was confronted by a large white male who was highly excited and threatening to become combative. The female, who was apparently the victim, had retreated to a bathroom and was crying.

The protagonist approached the situation by talking to the male, attempting to calm him and gain his cooperation. Through his words and the tone of his voice, he was succeeding in de-escalating the situation, when suddenly another officer - his backup - arrived and immediately began verbally assaulting the male, ordering him to physically surrender to being handcuffed.

The male suspect became furious, and a fight ensued. Ultimately, five police officers were required to subdue the suspect, and some of the officers were injured in the altercation.

The scrip presented an excellent example of how language can quickly escalate or de-escalate a situation.

Though this was "only a television program," similar situations occur too frequently in real life - with unfortunate consequences. Situations frequently arise in which a few words can trigger unnecessary escalation, which in turn can destroy the progress of a simple arrest situation.

There are indeed instances in which the suspect has nothing to lose and simply chooses to fight, believing that he can either get in a good punch, break free and flee, or cause the officer to do something that can later cause the case to be thrown out of court.

Most of the time, however, an officer can defuse what might become an explosive situation through the use of language. Unfortunately, though street officers are trained in the use of force with firearms, PR-24, chemicals, tasers and other weapons, training in the use of language is often overlooked.

Officers should receive basic - as well as in-service - training concerning every tool at their disposal. Instruction in escalation/de-escalation through the use of language and communication skills should be a part of that training.

Language thus becomes another tool, another weapon, just as effective as any of the others. But it is a

weapon each officer should feel comfortable using prior to resorting to the weapons on his belt. Escalation traditionally moves from the use of chemicals, through the PR-24 or taser and, finally, to the ultimate weapon - deadly force. The proper use of language provides another step in the sequence - on the nonviolent end.

Just as the use of traditional weapons require extensive academy training, as well as constant in-service training to maintain an edge, so should the use of verbal skills. In his book, Verbal Judo, George Thompson uses the phrase "consciously competent" to describe the state of combined training, skill and perceptiveness that allows an officer will be able to recount the steps taken - and why they were taken - if this becomes necessary in the courtroom. This consciously competent mode requires a determined thought process, not just a reliance on rote training and instinct.

All officers must understand that effective communications can be judged from different perspectives. They must constantly be aware of how language is perceived, what verbal personality is expressed and what the goal of the verbal interaction is. Is it to defuse the situation? Provoke the situation to elicit an arrest? Accomplish something else entirely?

Additionally, officers must know the environment in which they are working. Today, when officers are rotated frequently, that environment can change between calls. Knowing the environment - and the audience that lives in that environment - can allow the officer who is confident of his communications abilities the opportunity to make an appeal to the beliefs, deal with the prejudices and assess the insecurities of that audience.

Training should include role-playing exercises of realistic encounters such as domestic disturbances, conflict resolution and street disturbances. This training should be carried into the field by the field training officer (FTO), who can then facilitate the transition from the training environment into the day-to-day world of the police officer.

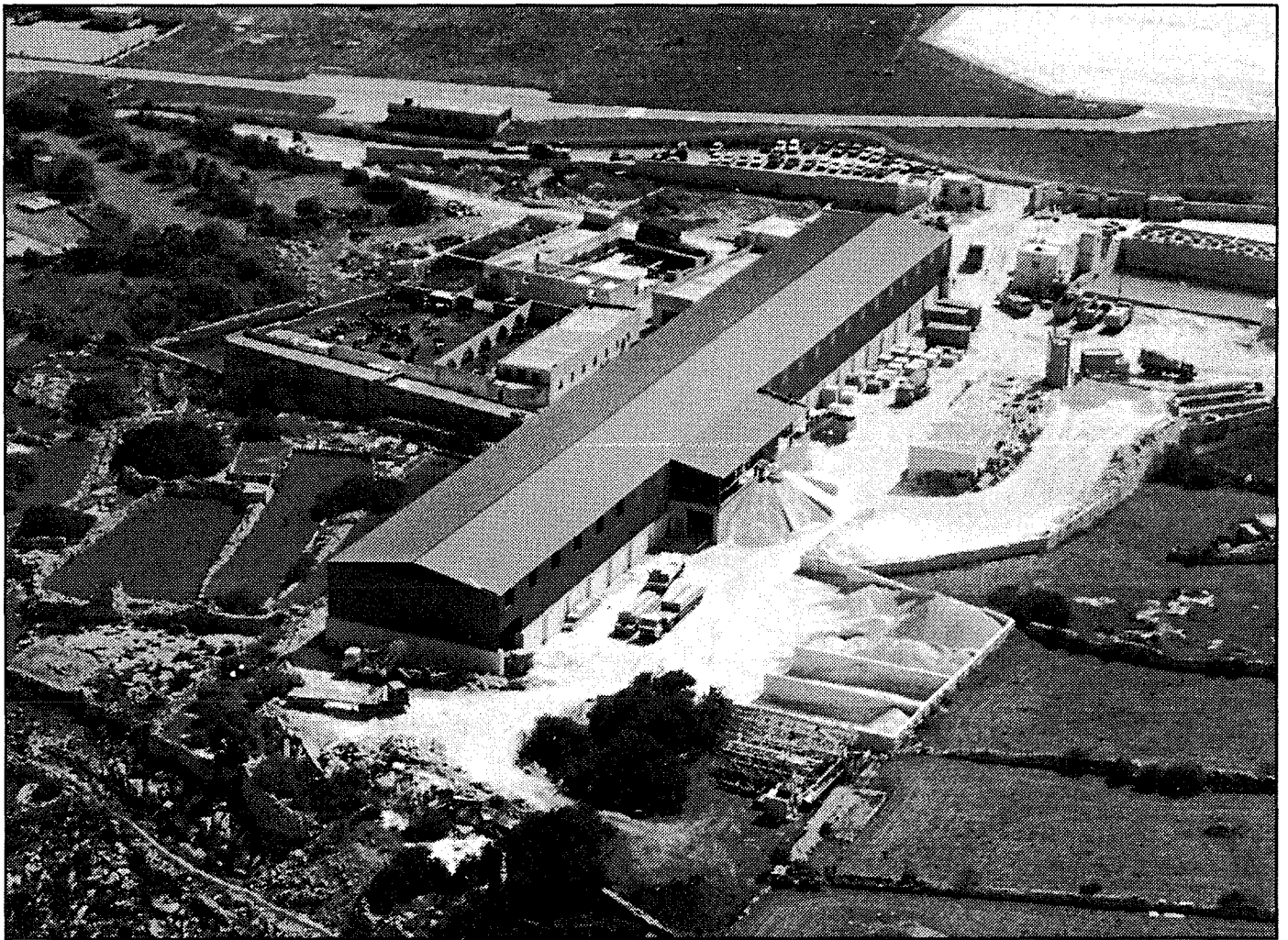
Evaluation criteria should include such items as statistical information regarding any reduction of incidents of use of lethal and less-than-lethal force, complaints against officers and anecdotal information (as long as it is represented as such).

Typically, officers arrive after an incident has escalated to an explosive point. Obviously, then, they will be much safer when they use their minds and speech in harmony. Such a presence enhances professionalism and commands respect.

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# Għaqda tal-Pulizija Pensjonanti -

L-ex P.C. 10 Jackie Vella

## L-Intervista

Jackie Vella twieled fis-26 ta' Lulju 1914 u ngħaqad mal-Korp tal-Pulizija fl-24 ta' Awissu 1935 wara li għamel sentejn jaħdem ġewwa l-barrieri. Kellu n-numru 9 bħala Riservista u xi sitt xhur wara ġie magħżul biex isir tal-post. Minn numru 9 tela' għan-numru 10. Jackie miżżewwieg lil Maria nee Borg u din kellha lil nannuha fil-Korp, Joseph Borg, bin-numru D. 282. Hu Maria kien l-Ispettur Joseph Borg li ilu mejjet mhux



ħażin. Is-sinjuri Vella għandhom erbat itfal: is-subien huma Emanuel, ex-Kuntistabbli li ilu li spicċa mill-Korp madwar 12-il sena, u Salvu li wasal biex jagħlaq il-ħamsa u għoxrin servizz mal-Korp tal-Pulizija (P.C. 1269). Il-bniet huma Rose u Frances, it-tnejn miżżewgja.

## 22 sena stazzjoni f'Bormla

Hekk kif spicċat il-gwerra ta' l-Abissinja Jackie ġie stazzjonat f'Bormla fejn b'kollox dam 22 sena. Jiftakar id-data preċiż ta' l-4 ta' Frar 1957 meta għażel li jmur għassa f'Wied iż-Żurrieq bis-sistema ta' 24 siegħa xogħol u 24 siegħa mistrieħ. F'Bormla kien prezenti għall-ewwel bombi fuq Bormla fejn saħansitra jiftakar li kienu mietu koppja żagħżugħa f'Alexander Street u fuq St. Helen Bastion salvaw mara li kienet intradmet wara li kienu semgħu l-krib tagħha. Kien Bormla wkoll meta ntlaqqtu l-Għassa ta' Bormla u s-sagristija tal-knisja ta' San Duminku ġewwa l-Birgu fejn kienu mietu ħafna nies li daħlu jstokkenu mill-qilla ta' l-għadu. Bħal kull xogħol ieħor tal-pulizija dejjem tmiss ma' xi qtil jew feriment serju. Jackie ftakar li darba raġel qatel raġel ieħor kiesaħ u biered b'xi daqqiet ta' strument li jaqta' u bil-ponta u kienu għaddewh ġuri.

## 13-il sena f'Wied iż-Żurrieq

Jackie kien jagħmilha ma' ħafna sajjeda u turisti li kienu jżuru il-villaġġ pittoresk ta' Wied iż-Żurrieq. Iżda, jirrakonta Jackie, għadu qatt ma ra maltemp tal-baħar ikrah bħal ma ra hemm f'xi l-1963. Il-baħar tela' fejn it-Torri, jiġifieri l-Għassa, u baqa' nieżel in-niżla fejn jiġu varati l-bċejeċ tal-baħar. Il-baħar kien kaxkar kollox anke l-ħawt tal-ġebel li kien iservi biex jittreju l-

annimali mill-għatx li jkollhom. Jackie illum għadu jgħix fil-Qrendi fejn il-ħajja m'hijjex mgħaġġla daqstant. Huwa qatt ma ħadem ma' ħadd wara li temm il-karriera tiegħu fil-Korp fit-12 ta' Settembru 1970 wara 35 sena servizz lejali lejn pajjiżu. Kemm jiena kif ukoll Chev. Vincent P. Zahra xtaqna lil Jackie u l-mara tiegħu hena u ġid għas-snin li ġejjin.

## Kelmtejn mill-President

Fis-17 ta' Frar saret laqgħa kordjali bejn il-Ministru ta' l-Intern u Żvilupp Soċjali, Dr. Louis Galea, il-President ta' l-Għaqda u W. Caruana, membru tal-Kunsill, dwar konċessjoni biex pulizija pensjonant ikunx jista' jieħu tnejn minn kull tlieta ta' l-aħħar salarju (meta dan is-salarju dejjem ikun tant li jissupera s-salarju analogu tal-membru tal-Korp) u jċedi il-pensjoni tas-servizz. Il-Ministru stqarr li ser jikkonsidra din it-talba għal dawk il-pensjonanti li spicċaw qabel ma ġiet introdotta il-pensjoni ta' tnejn minn kull tlieta għal kulħadd fl-1979. Sakemm morna għall-istampa l-Għaqda għada ma ħadet l-ebda tweġiba.

## Fiera anzjan attiv '95

Minn dawn il-kolqni nistiednu lill-membri tagħna u l-familji tagħhom biex iżuru din il-Fiera li ser issir f'Dar il-Mediferran għall-Konferenzi, il-Belt Valletta, bejn it-12 u l-14 ta' Mejju.

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F'ismi, f'isem il-Kunsill, 'Management' u Haddiema tat-Tarzna niringrazzjakom għall-appoġġ li ġentilment tajtuna wara d-diżgrazzja fatali li seħħet nhar il-Ġimgħa 3 ta' Frar, 1995.

Niringrazzjakom ukoll għad-donazzjoni tagħkom ta' Lm25 li se tmur fil-fond b'risq il-familji tal-vittmi.

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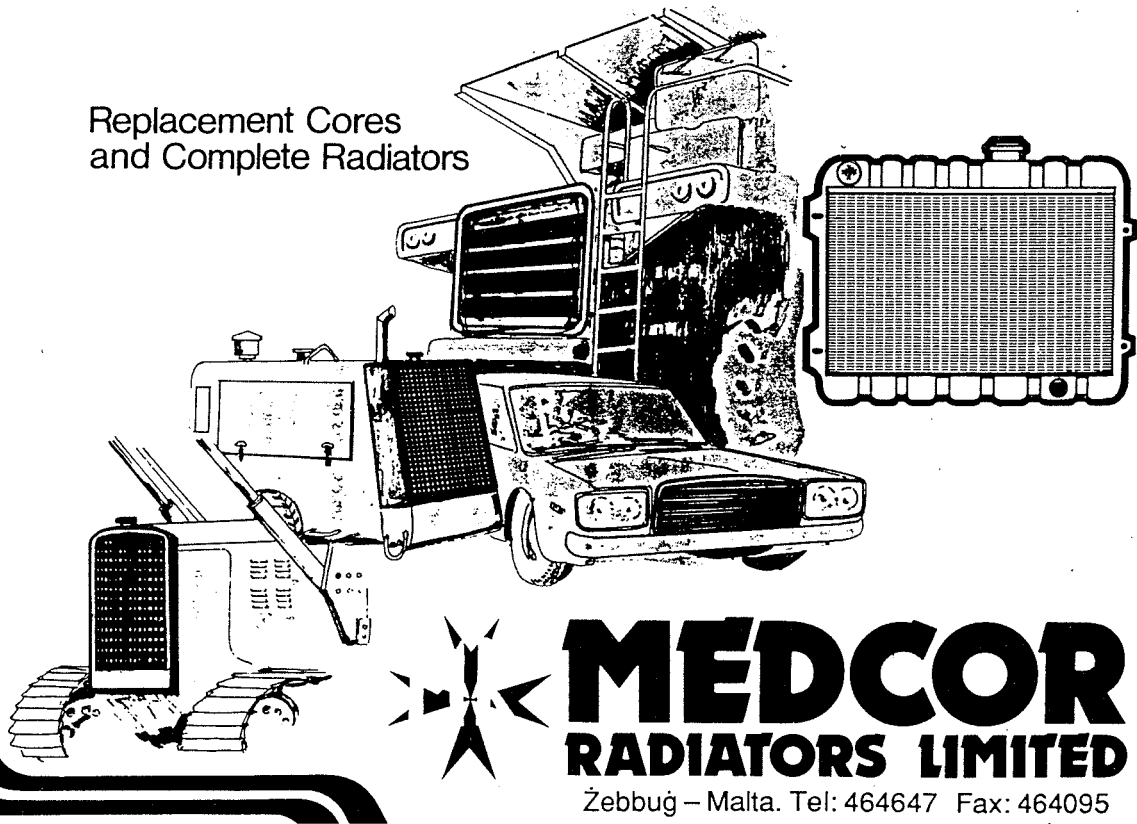
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Inkomplu nagħmlu hilitna. Veru li bħal f'kull dipartiment tal-gvern u Istituzzjoni pubblika l-pulizija jista jkollhom nuqqasijiet li ħabba fihom jonqos is-servizz li dawn ikunu jagħtu lill-pubbliku. Biss xejn u ħadd mhux perfett. Sa flil snin ilu Malta kienet għadha ma twelditx (saret indipendenti fl-1964). Mxejna 'l quddiem sew. Huwa dnuq li bosta servizzi li mhumiex dawk id-doveri mistennija minn pulizija f'pajjiżi Ewropej, għadhom mistennija mill-pulizija ta' Malta. Dan però jista jfisser li l-istat li jirrappreżenta lill-poplu għad għandu fiduċja unika lejn il-pulizija sabiex jagħmlu mhux biss dawk id-doveri mistennija minn korpi ta' pulizija f'pajjiżi oħra imma ukoll doveri addizzjonali. Bħala eżempju nsemmi il-ħlasijiet tal-liċenzi tal-ħwienet, u t-tpingija ta' kollizzjonijiet ta' vetturi. Forsi kieku dawn id-doveri addizzjonali jonqsu d-dmirijiet ta'

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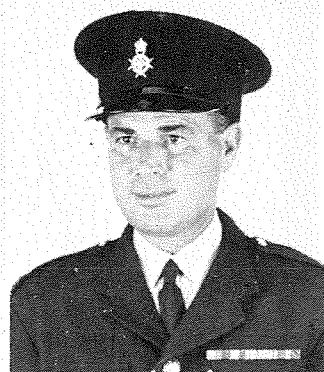
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Ġa sena għaddiet bħal ħolma  
Meta ta' mewtek tawna l-aħbar:  
Waqt li konna l-isptar nistennewk  
Biex wara l-vista terġa' tmur id-dar.

Il-finijiet t'Alla Hu biss jafhom  
Dan id-destin kien miktub għalik:  
Mewta ħesrem firditek minn magħna  
L-aħħar qatra morra, Ġesu` ried jjsqik.

Fik naħsbu fis-silenzju ta' qalbna  
Ta' spiss nitkellmu fl-isem tiegħek:  
Baqqhalna biss dawk it-tifkiriet  
Meta aħna għexna flimkien miegħek.

Ir-ritratt go gwarniċ mqiegħed quddiemna  
Ikellimna, ta' spiss ifakkarna fik:  
Int, kellek imħabba taħraq għalina  
U aħna minn qiegħ qalbna ħabbejnik.

Duluri kbar int sofrejt f'ħajtek  
Sa t-telfa ta' ibnek waħdieni l-għażiż:  
Kien waqa' vittma ta' marda kiefra  
Li ġarrab b'sabar bħal bniedem qaddis.

Il-premju Alla jagħtihulek fil-ġenna  
Lejn tinsab l-akbar tgawdija:  
Bih int titgħaxxaq għal dejjem  
Lejn tara l-ibnek fl-isbaħ dija.

Għażiż hija, itlob kuljum għalina  
Sa kemm jasal il-ħin tat-tluq tagħna:  
F'dan l-aħħar mument incert ta' ħajjitna  
Nitolbuk biex tiġi tiltaqa' magħna.

Għalik bil-qalb ta' spiss nitolbu  
Biex Kristu jkun il-Ħellies tiegħek:  
Ma' l-għażiż ibnek Mario nissieħbu  
Hemm ġewwa l-Ġenna ngawdu miegħek.

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Mulej, agħti r-ruħ ta' l-għażiż hija  
dawl, hena, paċi u mistrieh:  
Biex ifittex jara d-dehra ta' wiċċek  
għal dejjem jagħtik glorja u ġieħ.

L-għażiża oħtok  
Suor M. Susanna Borg.

# **International Co-operation on Drugs**

## **The United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs**

This is designed to limit the cultivation, production, trade, import, export, distribution and use of opium and derivatives, synthetic drugs whose effect is the same as opiates, cocaine and cannabis.

### **The United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances**

This covers control over certain synthetic drugs which act on the central nervous system.

### **The Vienna Convention**

This convention calls for states to implement legislation for international co-operation between signatories in drug-trafficking matters to: eliminate conflicts of jurisdiction, freeze or seize proceeds of drug trafficking, ease extradition, allow mutual legal assistance, allow controlled deliveries, control traffic on the high seas, monitor precursor chemicals.

Signatories to these conventions are obliged to control very closely the manufacture, distribution and availability of these drugs. This applies both for the home market and for export.

### **The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**

This body is responsible for shaping UN policy in drug misuse matters.

### **The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)**

This body advises the Council on drugs matters. It is consulted by other UN bodies on drugs matters, including strategies and policies.

### **The United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP)**

This body advises governments on application of international drug control treaties. It also produces detailed information on drug patterns.

### **The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICR)**

UNICR researches the connection between crime and drug misuse and how individual countries deal with it.

### **The International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL)**

INTERPOL is involved in a wide range of matters of police interest in criminal activity. On the drugs side it provides information about illegal movements of drugs and money internationally. It also co-ordinates extradition warrants.

### **Customs Co-operations Council (CCC)**

There are currently (1992) 112 countries in the CCC and it includes all the major Customs authorities. The CCC operates to standardise customs procedures and legislation through international agreements, working in co-operation with the UN. It also has a significant part to play in Customs enforcement through its own enforcement committee by an exchange of information, particularly in the anti-drug field.

### **The Pompidou Group**

Established by the Council of Europe, the Pompidou Group has a membership of 25 states. The group looks at addiction in Europe and aims to work at reducing demand and maintaining contact points for drug trafficking control at

Europe's international airports. It seeks to widen Customs co-operation throughout Europe. With the opening up of Eastern Europe the Group has been at the forefront in co-ordinating control efforts in the wider trading area, with the easier travel and transport facilities now available.

### **The Dublin Group**

This is a group of aid donor/drug consumer countries. It comprises 18 members; namely the Individual EC countries, the EC as a body, the USA, Canada, Australia, Japan and Sweden.

### **European Committee to Combat Drugs (CELAD)**

This organisation exists to co-ordinate all EC anti-drugs work. It meets six times a year. It established the European Plan which is the basis for anti-drugs work throughout the EC; a European Drugs Intelligence Unit for exchanging information between the 12 EC states; and a European Drugs Monitoring Centre for researching drugs statistics.

### **The Trevi Group**

This group exists to promote greater harmony between the members of the EC on a range of issues. Particularly of interest here is that element dealing with issues of drug trafficking and major crime.

### **Bilateral Groups**

There exist numerous organisations and agreements between pairs or small groups of countries, both for exchange of information and for active enforcement measures. A list of these would be long and too specific an interest. Furthermore, since such arrangements vary and increase with time the list would never be up to date. Therefore, no attempt has been made at a listing.

## **Warning**

Drugs of misuse are, by their nature, poisons and as such as hazardous substances. When examining suspect substances do not touch, taste or smell them.

The chemicals used in drugs test kits are also hazardous. Amongst the contents can be acids or carcinogenic substances. Use gloves whenever possible when carrying out tests and follow the drug kit manufacturer's advice.

Controlled drugs are frequently packed or concealed in such a way as to render their retrieval difficult and dangerous both in terms of immediate injury or long term health risk to the officer. Protect your skin and clothing.

Drugs paraphernalia can also be dangerous in the same way as the packaging of drugs, eg. blades and hypodermic needles. When handling these things place a barrier between your skin and the suspect item, eg. use tweezers or a sheet of plastic.

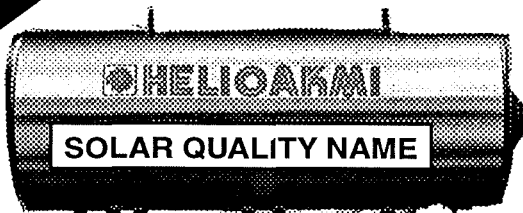
Drugs couriers are not always the nicest, cleanest of people and can have any one of a cocktail of various anti-social habits and diseases. They represent a health hazard in themselves. Bear in mind the fact that a person does not have to look ill to be riddled with the most unpleasant diseases and in fact appearances can be enhanced to look normal. Do not take chances with drugs couriers and dealers.

It is essential when dealing with any of these things that you take all necessary precautions and use any protective equipment or clothing available.

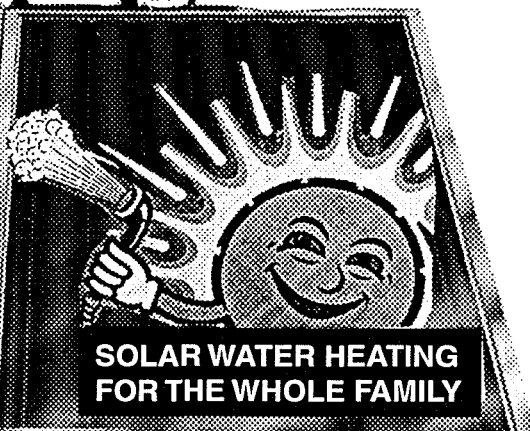
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# Money Laundering - by PS 1229 J. Petroni

Money Laundering is a multimillion industry (in any currency). Clearly the enormous amounts of profits to be made from drug dealing have to be concealed from the authorities. If they are not concealed then they can easily be seized or, if the national legislation does not allow seizure, they can still be an indicator to drugs activity.

The money laundering process is described in three separate phases:

**Placement.** This is the insertion of money from an illicit source into an apparently legitimate location.

**Layering.** This is the means by which a series of movements or transactions are used to mask the origins of the money.

**Integration.** This term covers the movement back into commercial activity of the funds previously laundered and is therefore the last element of the process.

## Placement

Recognising that large volumes of cash can draw the immediate attention of law enforcement officers, criminals often physically remove the bulk cash from the place it was acquired. Criminal organisations are most likely to gather the proceeds in areas where the cash can be more easily disguised or misrepresented, and less easily recognised for what it is, or where it comes from.

The initial step in money laundering is therefore twofold: to move the cash from where it was obtained, and then to place it into circulation through banks, shops, businesses, or abroad.

The physical smuggling of currency and monetary instruments out of the country. The various methods of transport (i.e. international air express companies, commercial air passengers, private aircraft, cargo shipments and vehicles bound for neighbouring countries) do not leave a discernible audit trail.

Dealings in precious metals, stones and artwork are generally considered to be cash oriented,

where cash is exchanged for precious metals, stones and artwork ect. These latter can of course act as a medium of exchange in themselves, and can often be more easily transported.

Where is the best place to hide a tree? In a forest, of course! Where is the best place to hide cash? With lots more cash, of course!

The purchase of hard assets (cars, boats, planes, stocks, luxury items or real estate) with cash is a significant money laundering method. The purpose of large scale purchases is three-fold:

- a) to support a luxurious lifestyle;
- b) to change the form of the proceeds from conspicuous bulk cash to some equally valuable but less conspicuous form, and
- c) to obtain major assets which will be used to further the criminal enterprise.

## Layering

If the bulk cash has not been detected during placement, the launderers' activities become increasingly more difficult to uncover. The confusing and complicated ways in which layer after layer activities of transactions are piled on top of one another are intended to make the traceability of the illegal (and seizable) proceeds extremely difficult for law enforcement.

## Integration

Once the layering process has been accomplished, the launderer needs to provide a legitimate-seeming explanation for the wealth. Integration schemes place the laundered proceeds back into the economy in such a way that it re-enters the banking system appearing as normal business earnings.

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# TAKING CARE OF YOUR HANDS AND FEET Part I - WPS 21 J. Scerri

*“ of all beauty routines, the care of hands and feet pays the greatest dividends in terms of comfort and appearance”.*

The skin on the back of the hands is fine and soft with both sebaceous and sweat-gland openings, while the skin on the palm is coarser and tougher and one of the driest parts of the body because, unlike other areas, it has no sebaceous glands. It does however have numerous sweat-glands which are often triggered off by nervous or emotional reaction - hence this results in clammy or sweaty palms - and the same is true for the soles of the feet.

Hand and wrist have great mobility from twenty-eight (28) beautifully balanced bones. There are twenty-six (26) bones in each foot; their strength combined with a mass of ligaments and muscles that in turn resist the body's weight and make the human vertical position possible. The big toe is vital to this strength and balance as is the ball of the foot and the arch which absorbs most of the weight.

## NAIL BIOLOGY

Nails grow up from the epidermis and are made up of Keratin (a protein also found in hair) . Finger nails grow from the nail bed at a rate of 1 millimetre per week, approximately 1 and a half inches a year. It takes about 6 months for a nail to grow .Toe nails grow only half this amount, and thumbnails grow faster than the nails on the fingers. The shape and quality of our nails is an inherited tendency.

However it is also associated with the kind of food we eat and the kind of care applied, if at

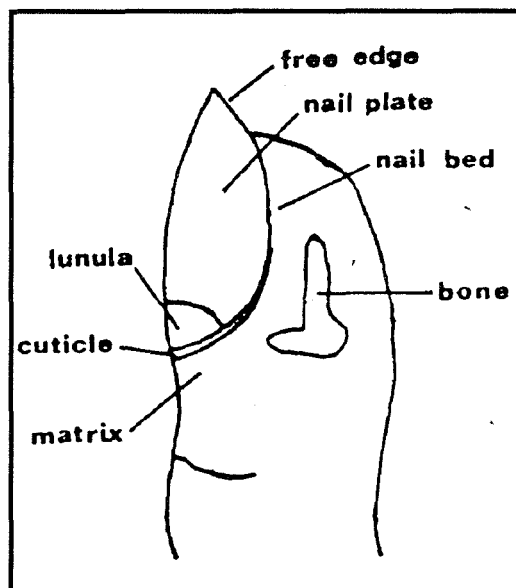
all! Since the nail plate is only made of protein substance and has no nerves nor blood vessels, we can cut or shape our nails as desired.

The Nail Bed rests under the nail plate and this is the part containing the living material. At the base of the nail bed lies the Nail Matrix containing nerves, blood lunula, vessels and glands. It is very important to have a healthy matrix for proper nail cuticle growth. A weak matrix produces problem nails. The Lunula is found at the base of matrix the nail. This is the white area in the shape of the half-moon. Around the nail is a thin overlapping skin- epidermis which is called

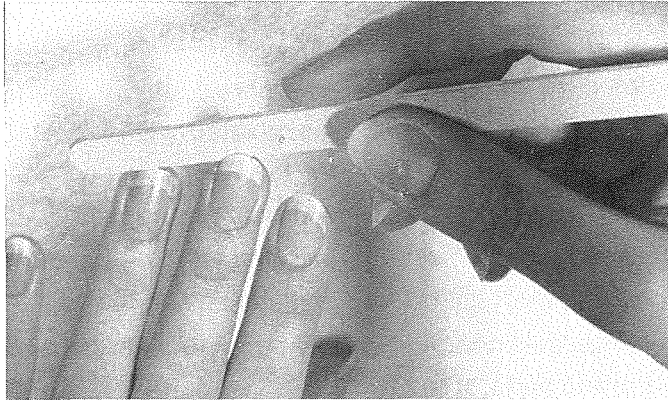
the Cuticle fry edge nail plate nail bed bone.

A hand can show age more quickly than any other area? So beautiful hands are an asset since they are on show most of the time - so maintenance through care is essential. This does not apply for only women but also for men ! A work calloused hand, ingrained with dirt, flaking nails and wrinkled, clearly advertises

its own Qr's carelessness. Hands that are frequently immersed in water and exposed to detergents and shampoos will dry out first. It is IMPORTANT to wear rubber gloves whenever possible (even better to have them a size larger than your usual glove size and that have a cotton lining) If hands are dirty or stained, they should be never brushed, but rubbed with a piece of



soft rag and soap and for a more thorough treatment, rubbed with brown sugar and warm olive oil. Always dry wet hands thoroughly and use a hand cream afterwards. For avoiding chilblains and chapped skin wear gloves (wool or leather) extending well over the wrists in cold



seasons. Exercise hands by straightening them forcibly; aft to flow the stagnant blood in the vessels especially when cold. Be gentle when acme you have to use your hands to do something, nails are easily broken or damaged in the nail bed when knocked. Remember NEVER use your nails as tools! Healthy, strong nails need plenty of vitamins A and D plus

calcium and zinc to protect them from everyday wear and tear. If you suffer from weak nails you may be lacking in essential fatty acids and should try a course of cod liver oil or almond oil capsules. With a little effort your hands can become one of your best assets. So do spend some time on your nails .(however never sit on themes)

Professional treatments are always best, however you can learn to be very professional yourself by at least maintaining your finger and toenails between visits to the manicurist or beautician. A weekly manicure at home is required to keep your hands and nails in top shape and once a fortnight is enough for a pedicure.

### STEP-BY-STEP MANICURE

1. File sides of the nails very gently. The ideal shape is a rounded one with straight sides. (Keeping sides straight helps nails resist splitting and cracking)
2. Massage cuticle cream into nail bed and fingers and soak nails in warm soapy water for a few minutes.
3. Carefully push back cuticles with a rubber-end hoof stick, cuticle pusher or manicure stick with the tip wrapped in cotton wool.
4. Apply base coat. This makes a smooth base and has the added advantage of protecting nails.
5. Now apply on nail polish is desired. Brush on polish in three strokes down the centre of the nail, then down each side. Apply two coats. (Allow five minutes drying time between coats)
6. Apply a top coat to each nail, up to and under the tip. Use cotton buds soaked in remover to wipe smears of polish from fingers.

Try to moisturize your hands frequently or at least once a day paying particular attention to the cuticle area. A nighttime moisturizing treatment would also be beneficial. **A step-by-step pedicure together with more information would be given to you in our next issue.**

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## Hidma akbar għall-ġid taċ-ċittadin

Kull tibdil għall-aħjar iġib riżultati aħjar. Hekk gara lis-sezzjoni tal-klieb fil-Korp tagħna mat-trasferiment tagħha minn Sa Maison għal dik li illum insibuha f'Mosta Fort fil-Mosta. Irridu ngħidu li s-sezzjoni tagħna ma setgħetx tagħti lill-Korp u lill-pubbliku in ġenerali dak kollu li jkun mistenni minnha minn Sa Maison. Dan il-post ma kienx il-lok idejali minħabba ċ-ċokon tiegħu u n-nuqqas ta' faċilitajiet.



F'Mosta Fort għandna spazju aktar għall-klieb u allura nistgħu bil-liberta` nkabbru l-ġriewi tagħna. Teżisti wesgħa akbar għat-taħriġ ta' dawk il-klieb u għall-ewwel darba fi gżirtna se nibdew ingawdu minn 'soft ground' għal waqt dan it-taħriġ li se jelimina għal kollox il-korrimenti li kien ikollna f'riġlejn il-klieb meta t-taħriġ konna nagħmluh fuq art iebsa.

Ta' min hawnhekk insemmgħu l-wasla ta' tmint iklieb oħrajn mill-Ingilterra riċentament biex il-forza tas-sezzjoni ssir aktar effiċjenti. Irridu ngħidu, madankollu li Sa Maison xorta waħda se jibqa' jagħti sehemu lil dan l-Iskwadra billi fih se jibdew jinżammu għal żmien ta' korantina dawk il-klieb li minn żmien għall-ieħor jingiebu minn barra.

Fil-post il-ġdid insibu ukoll 'Lecture Room' għat-taħriġ ta' 'handlers' ġodda u dormitrju għar-rekluti. F'dan id-dormitorju hemm żewġ swali għaž-żewġ sessi li fihom insibu 34 sodod għall-istudenti ta' l-akkademja waqt it-taħriġ tagħhom. Is-sezzjoni tal-klieb tkopri ħafna servizzi. Insibu l-preżenza tagħha fil-grounds tal-Football f'Malta u Ghawdex. L-ajruport u s-Sea Port. FI-Uffiċini tal-Posta u fil-Parcel Post Office. Fil-Habs. Waqt 'road blocks'. F'Paceville u fil-Yacht Marina. Fil-banek u tant u tant bnadi oħrajn li l-preżenza li nagħtu lill-VIP u patroli ġenerali.

Isir ukoll taħriġ lil dawn il-klieb għall-armi tan-nar u dan l-aħħar wasilna materjal splussiv li jintuza mit-terroristi bħalma huwa s-Semtex u s-C4 biex inħarrġuhom u ngħallmuhom dwar il-preżenza tagħhom f'każi speċifiċi.

Sezzjoni bħal din bilfors li tkun impenjata u bilfors trid tkun effiċjenti. L-isfidi ta' min irid jikser il-Liġi huma bosta u dawn qegħdin inrażżnuhom tabilhaqq. Huwa għalhekk bżonnuż li din l-Iskwadra taġġorna ruħha kuljum u tkompli tikber, biex b'hekk is-suċċess ikun akbar u kif mixtieq.

Irrid nispiċċa dan it-tagħrif billi f'isem is-Sezzjoni tal-klieb inrodd ħajr lill-Iskwadra ta' l-ALE, għall-kollaborazzjoni u l-għajnuna tagħhom biex il-Korp jibqa' sod fl-isfidi tiegħu ta' kuljum kontra l-kriminalita` u l-preżenza tad-droga fi xtutna.



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