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**M**y favorite cartoon character is Nicole Hollander's Sylvia. (Even though most of the papers we work for don't have the gumption to run her). I'm especially fond of the way she dismisses women who take on too much with the line, "That woman must be on drugs!"

When Director of Publications, Charlie Campo, and I were discussing ways to reach division members with conference news BEFORE conference, I volunteered to publish an extra pre-conference issue. It would be short, sweet, and mailed first class to bypass the black hole of third class mail.

Well, you know what Sylvia says!

Elizabeth Whisnant  
Managing Editor

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## Shirley Mooney Aabjerg To Receive Kwapil Memorial Award

Shirley Mooney Aabjerg has been named recipient of the prestigious Joseph F. Kwapil Memorial Award.

Mooney (who uses her maiden name professionally), served as library manager at *Pacific Press* from 1968 until 1986, when she was named Manager of Editorial Services. She held that position until her retirement last June.

Mooney was off and running as soon as she joined the News Division in 1968, serving on a program at her first division conference the next year in Montreal. Since then she has held about every job in the division. Mooney has chaired numerous committees— bylaws, membership, automation, consultation, and program and awards, — to name a few. Her activities culminated in 1981-1982 when she led the division as Chair.

In addition to her many offices, Mooney has served the division as a speaker, writer, and editor. She



addressed editors and publishers at ANPA in 1980, introducing the division's publication, *"Basic Specifications for an Online Information Retrieval System for Newspapers."* Her expertise as

Library Manager qualified her to write the administration chapter for *"Guidelines for Newspaper Libraries"*, and she served as editor of the second edition of *"Guidelines."* Mooney was also on the editorial team that published *"Automating the Newspaper Clipping Files"* in 1987.

Mooney's activities extend to an active membership in local library organizations and endeavors. She taught library graduate students and served on the Dean's Advisory Committee at University of British Columbia School of Librarianship and Archival Studies. She has given numerous lectures to library students and technicians, journalism students and newspaper professionals.

In 1986, Mooney co-authored a book on Vancouver's history and and for that endeavor, was awarded a Vancouver Centennial Commission Certificate by the Mayor of Vancouver.

## Elegant City Club is site for Awards Banquet

The City Club of San Francisco, located in the Stock Exchange Tower of the financial district, is the place to be Monday evening June 8. The elegant Art Deco interior, replete with black marble and a 30-foot high Diego Rivera fresco, is the setting for cocktails (courtesy of UMI), dining, and dancing.

Shirley Mooney Aabjerg will receive the Joseph F. Kwapil Memorial Award and M.J. Crowley will join the Agnes Henebry Roll of Honor. Margaret Neu's service and dedication as Chair and Program Chair will be recognized with the Ralph Shoemaker Award. DataTimes will be presented a Certificate of Appreciation for their contributions to the division and its activities.

— Lany Walden  
McDonald

## M.J. Crowley To Receive Henebry Award



M.J. Crowley, Library Manager of the editorial library of Philadelphia Newspapers, will receive this year's Agnes Henebry Roll of Honor Award.

Crowley, a News Division member since 1984, joined the library staff of the Philadelphia Newspapers in 1983 and was promoted to her present position the following year. Since becoming a member of SLA, Crowley has served and participated in a variety of division activities.

Crowley, who has been division archivist since 1988, developed the Online News Library Archives, available through Vu/Text. In 1987, she served as editor/publisher of *"Automating the Newspaper Clipping*

*Files"*. This publication is the foremost published source for newspaper library automation.

She has participated as a speaker or program planner for almost every conference since 1984. Many will recall her programs on optical imaging technology, an area in which she is without peer. Currently she is chair of the keyword task force for photo archiving.

In 1986 Crowley launched a news library exchange program. This innovative learning experience allowed librarians from the Philadelphia Newspapers to trade places with librarians from the *Miami Herald*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Washington Post*, and *San Jose Mercury News*.



## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### Sunday June 7

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Continuing Education Seminar  
Computer Assisted Reporting

**6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

\*San Francisco Harbor Cruise and  
\*Chair's Reception for New Members;  
Sponsored by Information Access, Inc.

### Monday June 8

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Broadcast Librarians Program  
*Session I: News About Television News Libraries*  
*Session II: Can Our Video Collections Be Saved?*

**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

\*Congressional Quarterly Luncheon;  
News Division members only

**1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

News Division Annual Business Meeting

**6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

Awards Banquet; Music and dancing following banquet

### Tuesday June 9

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

Digital Image Storage and Transmission – Technology update and demonstration

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

The Image of the "New Age" News Librarian

**1:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

Lecture on the Pacific Rim  
Round table discussion and guest speakers; Sponsored by Predicasts

**6:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

Open House News Division Hospitality Suite; Sponsored by DataTimes

### Wednesday June 10

**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

\*NEWSBANK Buffet Breakfast  
News Division members only

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

FOI vs. Privacy and the News Library

**3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

Small Libraries Round Table  
News Division Hospitality Suite

**6:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

Open House News Division Hospitality Suite; Sponsored by Vu/Text and DIA-LOG

### Thursday June 11

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

\*Napa Valley Wine Tour  
Division Members only  
Lunch provided by *San Francisco Chronicle*  
Tour bus provided by: *San Francisco Examiner, San Jose Mercury News, and USA Today*

**6:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

Open House News Division Hospitality Suite

Programs with an asterisk (\*) before the description are sponsored activities provided free to News Division members.

Please remember that we need you to help as program assistants, bartenders, providers of hospitality for speakers and guests, and audiovisual aids. Write or call John Cronin to volunteer.

— John Cronin, Chair-Elect

## News Division Wine Country Tour Thursday, June 11, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

News Division members and their 'significant others' are invited to a full-day Wine Country tour. Board a bus near the Marriott Hotel and we'll head north over the Golden Gate Bridge to the Hacienda Winery. After a tour and wine-tasting, we will continue into the town of Sonoma. After having a box lunch in the lovely village square, courtesy of the San Francisco Chronicle, participants may explore nearby shops and the historic Sonoma Mission.

We will continue up the valley to St. Helena and the Beringer Winery. On the return trip, we will head south on the Silverado Trail through scenic Wine Country at its best with views of small wineries and villas.

Additional sponsorship of this tour is provided by the *San Francisco Examiner, The San Jose Mercury News, and USA Today*.

Please send your check for \$15 per person, payable to the News Division, SLA, and the RSVP and sandwich choice form to:

Judy Canter, Head Librarian, *San Francisco Examiner*, P.O. Box 7260, San Francisco, CA 94120

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Sandwich choice:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assorted Cheeses | <input type="checkbox"/> Avocado & Cheese                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corned Beef      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ham  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Italian Salami   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lox & Cream Cheese                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastrami         | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Boy                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pork Roast       | <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey |



## EXTRA! EXTRA! LEARN ALL ABOUT IT!

By Teresa Leonard

The 1992 News Division CE on Computer Assisted Reporting (CAR), will be held on Sunday June 7 from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. The purposes of the course are to: increase awareness of computer assisted reporting, gain basic understanding of the technical requirements for a CAR program, and take advantage of the knowledge and expertise of those reporters and librarians who have ventured into the field of computer assisted journalism.

The session will kick-off with an introduction to computer assisted reporting by Jim Brown, director of the National Institute for Advanced Reporting. George Landau, computer specialist for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, will familiarize attendees with the basics of hardware and software for CAR projects.

A panel of reporters and librarians representing various levels of CAR involvement will wrap up the morning session by sharing insights and experience gained from tackling computer assisted reporting projects.

The most experienced online searchers will find themselves taking notes during the afternoon session, spearheaded by Barbara Quint, editor of *Database Searcher* magazine and head of Quint & Associates. Quint also holds the title of Dun's Marketing Online Champion of the Year.

Following Quint's talk, all presenters will return for a round table discussion that will continue as long as the topics and questions last.



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## CONVENTION CONNECTIONS

### No Bikinis Please!

- ☐ San Francisco's average daily high is 64.3 degrees and you will probably want a light jacket for evenings.

### Phone Facts

- ☐ Dial 911 for emergency assistance.
- ☐ The 415 area code was split in September 1991. 415 covers most of your dialing needs. Area code 510 encompasses Alameda and Contra Costa counties, including Oakland and Berkeley.

### Air and Ground Transportation

- ☐ The San Francisco International Airport, fifth busiest in the United States, is located 14 miles outside of the city. Approximate taxi fare to downtown San Francisco is \$24.
- ☐ Supershuttle — Around the clock shuttle service. From the airport dial "RediRez" 415-871-7800. For service to the airport dial 415-558-8500. Call for a fare estimate.
- ☐ Yellow Airport Shuttle — Twenty-four hour service with an average fare of \$9. Reservations requested. Dial 415-282-7433.

### Help! I'm Lost!

- ☐ Visitor Information Center, at the Benjamin Swig Pavilion, lower level of Hallidie Plaza, Market and Powell Streets. The center is open weekdays 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Saturdays until 3:00 PM, Sundays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

## IT'S PARTY TIME!

Garden Party at the Geiger's  
News Division members and significant others (kids too)  
are invited to the home of  
Richard and Susan Geiger  
3719 September Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546  
Saturday, June 6, 1992 — 4:00 - 8:00 PM  
Food and drink will be provided

Take a Fremont bound BART train to the Bay Fair station. It's a 30 minute trip from downtown and costs \$4.30 round trip. At the Bay Fair station, look for a car with a "News Division" sign or call 510-582-8593. If you plan to drive call Richard for directions.

Please RSVP if possible (but if you don't, come anyway!) Richard at work: 415-777-6001.



With so much to see and do in San Francisco, how can you pack the most into a few hours?

## RICHARD'S

I think nothing beats setting out on foot. My favorite walk across "The City" takes you through the shopping area near Union Square, across Chinatown, to the Italian neighborhood of North Beach, and down to Fisherman's Wharf.

## FAVORITE

At the Wharf you can take a cable car or a cab back to your hotel. If you walk quickly, and don't stop to spend too much money, you can cover the one-way trip in an hour. If you stop and explore — well it's up to you!

## SAN FRANCISCO

Starting out from the Marriott Hotel's Market Street entrance, turn right to get to Grant. Cross Market Street and head North up Grant. Be sure to gaze down Market towards the Bay to see the historic Ferry Building at the end. On both sides of Grant you will notice many great stores: Banana Republic (one of their first stores), Crate and Barrel, Brooks Brothers, and Coach.

## WALKING TOUR

For a block or more on either side of Grant, there are many, many more tempting retailers. I particularly like Gump's, a very fine housewares store, to the left up Post Street. But, don't get hung up here — save these for another trip, as they are within easy shopping distance from the Marriott.

BY RICHARD GEIGER

Notice Maiden Lane. This was a hang-out for ladies of the night in olden times.

After walking about four blocks, you will pass the handsome gate into Chinatown — could this be a photo op? Head up the slight hill, and remember to admire the views at cross streets as you walk through Chinatown. This is as high as you'll be on this walk (elevation-wise, that is).

Remember the famous song from "Flower Drum Song", "Grant Avenue, San Francisco"? Well this is it. There are many restaurants, interesting stores, Chinese markets, even herbalists (check one out). I think the Far East Restaurant on the left is special because it looks like it hasn't been redecorated since the '20s. I like their private redwood dining booths. The Wok Shop is recommended by my wife, Susan.

If you want to circle back to the hotel at the end of Chinatown, you can turn left and go up to Stockton, which is parallel to Grant. This is where the Chinese shop. Stockton is less touristy and more ethnic. The last time I walked on Stockton, it seemed like I was the only non-local there. I would avoid the Stockton tunnel by turning down Clay, back to Grant.

Continue down Grant until you get to Broadway, Columbus Avenue also crosses at this intersection, and gaze down Broadway toward the Bay. A few months ago you could have seen a three story topless dancer, Carol Doda with flashing nipples. Alas, after standing proud for a couple of decades, Carol was razed. The stretch of Broadway from here down to the Bay used to be hopping with sin, but now it's just kind of derelict.

If you turn right on Columbus, just around the corner, back toward downtown, you can visit the famous City Lights Bookstore at Jack Kerouac Alley, shrine to the Beat movement of the '50s. You might opt for a little R & R at Spec's Museum Cafe, across Columbus from City Lights, at Saroyan Alley. Spec's has a decor you have to see to believe.

Looking toward the financial district, you have a good view of the signature Transamerica pyramid. But, down Columbus the other direction, continuing roughly north, is the way to Fisherman's Wharf, and where we're heading.

As you continue away from downtown you will walk through the Italian area called North Beach. To your right, across Columbus, Grant and Green are filled with small Italian restaurants and markets. There are many cappuccino places on Columbus and vicinity — check one out if it's too early for a drink. There are also many street-front bars where you can watch the world go by. Biordi Italian Imports, sellers off hand-painted earthenware and tile, is one of my favorite area stores.

Farther up Columbus you will reach Washington Square. Here resides the famed Washington Square Bar and Grill, reknowned as a hang-out for media types and other movers and shakers. It's a good place to buy a drink and people-watch. Show you are in-the-know by referring to it as the "Washbag."

Continue down Columbus until you reach Taylor, then turn right toward the Bay. Here's the first, and largest Cost Plus store. The huge variety of imported crafts makes it feel like an international bazaar. The low

prices in this store certainly point out the great discrepancies in the cost of labor around the world.

Continue on Taylor to the waterfront. This is Fisherman's Wharf with all it's warts. This end, about two blocks on either side of Taylor, is the tackiest. But, hey, if you're in the right mood, it might be fun. Pretend you're at a cheap carnival (and isn't the News Division suite just like that sometimes!)

You can take a side excursion to the right, down the waterfront, to Pier 39 to see the wild sea lions that have taken over the boat docks. Pier 39 also has lots of trendier shops, restaurants, and even a carousel.

Our main route is up the waterfront to the left, on Jefferson (traveling west). As you continue up the waterfront, the scenery eventually loses some of its tackiness — you will even see a few fishing boats. The fleet based here is pretty pitiful compared to early times, but you will see a few of the classic Monterey fishing boats. These are small double-ended boats based on Mediterranean designs.

The Cannery, a big brick building, has been converted to shops and restaurants and here you will find plenty of street performers and street artists. A little farther up the waterfront are the historic ships at Hyde Street Pier. This is the best collection in the United States: a Scottish square-rigger, a three-masted schooner, and a wooden ferry-boat. There are many smaller boats, too.

Up Hyde Street about 100 yards is the cable car turnaround. Across the street is the Buena Vista bar, locally known as The BV. Here is home of the Irish coffee, a discovery credited to a *Chronicle* columnist, Stan Delaplane. In spite of being a tourist destination, this is a neat place with good food, reasonably priced. If you're hungry, sneak down the hall to the secret little dining room. Just tell them Richard sent you...only kidding!

Another block up the waterfront is Ghirardelli Square, a retired chocolate factory reincarnated as a mall of shops and restaurants. The spectacular McCormick & Kuleto restaurant is worth a peek. Ghirardelli Square has some of the classier stores in this area. In front of Ghirardelli's is the National Maritime Museum, with good views of the Bay.

You can take a cable car back to the Union Square area, if the lines aren't too long. Otherwise, get a cab. That's what I did last time I took this walk with a group of newsies.



## CLASSIFIEDS

### WANTED: LIBRARY MANAGER

*Newsday* is seeking a Library Manager for its Long Island Editorial Department. This job entails coordination of all library services, including supervision of twenty-one library staff. An MLS from an accredited library school and a minimum of five years research experience are required. Photo Library experience and supervisory experience are preferred. Applicants must be innovative managers with a strong commitment to library services and must demonstrate capability with all aspects of library technology. This person reports to the Library Director. We offer an excellent salary and benefits program. Interested candidates should forward resume and salary history to:

Mary Ann Skinner, Library Director  
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235 Pinelawn Road  
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EOE (M/F)

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## PERSONALS

Joe Mehr, a longtime division member and retired director of the *Providence Journal* news library is ill. Friends may send cards to his home: 66 Brookside Drive, North Kingston, RI 02852.

## I Would Like To Nominate...

Have you ever thought, "Gee, I bet so-and-so would be great at...?"

Well, it's time to name your favorite "so-and-so". Keep it short and keep it clean, but don't keep it to yourself.

We are seeking candidates for Chair-Elect, Treasurer, and Director of Education for the 1993 election.

All nominations will, of course, be kept confidential. Lend a hand to the Nominating Committee. Contact Charlie Campo with your nomination.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS OCTOBER 1, 1992

### NEWS DIVISION TREASURER'S REPORT

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