

## Peace Officers Honor Lawrence Billiou Posthumously

After decades of service to law enforcement in and around the city of Porterville, Lawrence Billiou was recently honored by the California Peace Officers Association nearly one year after his death.

"If dad was here right now he would just smile," said John Billiou. "He wouldn't say much. That's just how he was. He always did things behind the scenes and he never expected any recognition."

John and his step-mother Mildred Billiou made the trip to South Lake Tahoe in May to accept the award on behalf of their loved one.

California State Attorney General Bill Lockyear presented the Certificate of Appreciation to the Billiou family.

"We selected Mr. Billiou because we wanted to honor him for all his kindness and support to law enforcement over the years," said James Swearingen, Porterville area commander for the California Highway Patrol. "Even though he is gone, he has passed the ethics and morals on to his family who continues to run the business and support the community just as he did."

Billiou started the Tulare County Sheriff's Reserve program in the early 1950s. The Tulare County Sheriff's Department has recognized him on numerous occasions for his contributions to the Police Activities League, Tulare County Sheriff's Volunteer Patrol and the Porterville Police Department's K-9 officers.

Billiou donated bicycle helmets and other items to the Porterville CHP bicycle safety program as well as the PAL center.

On Sept. 11, 2002, Billiou sponsored a memorial breakfast at his business to honor all law enforcement and fire personnel, and remember those who lost their lives in New York on Sept. 11, 2001. Billiou planned to continue the tradition into 2003 but lost his battle with cancer on Aug. 31, 2003.

He absolutely, positively loved helping people," said John Billiou. "But he believed it wasn't a true honor unless he could do it behind the scenes.

— Katie Hicks, Porterville Recorder



Mildred Billiou and John Billiou, widow and son of the late Lawrence Billiou, accept a posthumously-awarded Certificate of Appreciation from State Attorney General Bill Lockyear and Porterville Area Highway Patrol Commander James Swearingen

## Billiou's will be Closed for Inventory September 10th

Please mark your calendars and plan your ordering schedule accordingly.

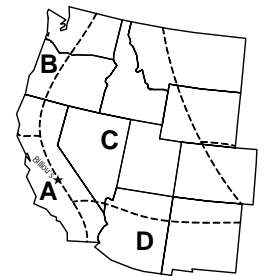
Billiou's will be **closed Friday, September 10th** to conduct our annual physical inventory. That day, we'll be running a minimal phone staff who will be able to accommodate Next Day Air and Second Day Air emergency orders only.

Orders placed after noon on Thursday will ship on Monday. Normal operations will resume on Monday, September 13th.



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### Billiou's Marketplace Weather Forecast



**Region A (California):**  
Avg. Temp: 71° (4° > avg.)  
Precipitation: 0° (avg.)  
Aug 1-6 Mostly sunny, t-storms inland, warm southwest, hot elsewhere  
Aug 7-11 Mostly sunny, seasonable  
Aug 12-15 Mostly cloudy, cool inland  
Aug 16-20 Warm, scattered t-storms  
Aug 21-31 Hazy sunshine, warm

**Region B (Pacific NW):**  
Avg. Temp: 68° (1° < avg.)  
Precipitation: 1.5" (1" > avg.)  
Aug 1-19 Sunny, seasonable  
Aug 20-31 Showers, cool

**Region C (Rocky Mtns):**  
Avg. Temp: 71.5° (2° < avg.)  
Precipitation: 1.5" (0.5" < avg.)  
Aug 1-6 Very warm, scattered t-storms  
Aug 7-20 Cooler, showers  
Aug 21-31 Sunny, very warm

**Region D (SW Desert):**  
Avg. Temp: 88° (1° > avg.)  
Precipitation: 1.8" (0.3" > avg.)  
Aug 1-7 Partly sunny, very warm; scattered t-storms  
Aug 8-21 Partly sunny, warm, t-storms  
Aug 22-31 Sunny, hot

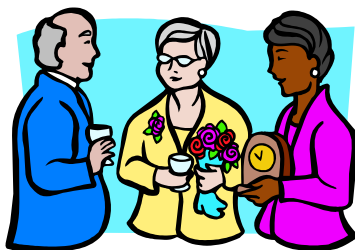
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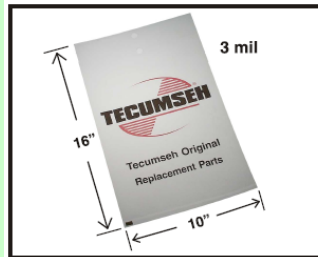
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## Humor Is, As Humor Does

### History Lesson

A noted psychiatrist was a guest at a social gathering, and his hostess naturally broached the subject in which the doctor was most at ease.

“Would you mind telling me, Doctor,” she asked, “how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?”

“Nothing is easier,” he replied. “You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If he or she hesitates, that puts you on the track.”

“What sort of question?”

“Well, you might ask, ‘Captain Cook made three

trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?’”

The hostess thought for a moment, then said with a nervous laugh, “You wouldn’t happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don’t know much about history.”

### Later, Alligator

One day, Grandma sent her grandson, Little Johnny, down to the water hole to get some water for cooking dinner. As he was dipping the bucket in, he saw two big eyes looking back at him. He dropped the bucket and hightailed it for Grandma's kitchen.

“Well now, where’s my bucket and where’s my water?” asked Grandma.

“I can’t get any water from that water hole, Grandma,” exclaimed Little Johnny. “There’s a BIG ol’ alligator down there!”

“Now don’t you mind that ol’ alligator, Little Johnny. He’s been there for a few years now, and he’s never hurt no one. Why, he’s probably as scared of you as you are of him.”

“Well, Grandma,” replied Little Johnny, “if he’s as scared of me as I am of him, then that water ain’t fit to drink!”

