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## *The Night Before Occupied Christmas*

*By James Carnell, Pax Centurion Editor*

*'Twas the night before Christmas, in the Square named Dewey,  
Gathered graying old hippies, and a crowd quite screwy.  
There were losers from Cambridge, and morons from Maine,  
There were idiots from Arlington, and dopes from J.-Plain.*

*The taxpayers had had it, with the sound of the drum,  
The beating of bongos, and the smell of the bum.  
While dopes in their knit caps tried to tell us their cause,  
None of them knew what it wasn't.....or what it was.*

*Then out on the street, there arose such a clatter,  
We ran from our cruisers, to see what was the matter.  
When what to our wondering eyes should we see,  
But a sexual offender classified "level three".*

*Then came yuppies from Brookline, and rich brats from Dover,  
And students from Wellesley for whom college was over.  
Then Governor Patrick arrived in his sleigh,  
(and as soon as he came, could he please go away?)*

*"I'm here to support you, so stay in your tent,  
I'll give free electricity and even free rent".  
He brought them free food, free clothing, free stuff.  
Then in front of the cameras spouted liberal fluff.*

*"They're fighting for freedom, or maybe free speech",  
(But they're not sure themselves whom they're trying to reach?)  
"Bostonians must tolerate their hollerin' and hootin',  
But keep them away from Brookline or Newton."*

*Then out of a tent there emerged a new bum,  
Who smelled like a sewer and was covered with scum.  
"I'll come home with you and live in your house,"  
Said the scumbum to little Governor Mouse.*

*"We're free-loading bums who just need a new reason,  
To screw up the rest of the Holiday season.  
We demand free stuff and we want you to pay,  
And as long as you give it, we'll stay here till May".*

*Next on the scene was Judge Fran McIntyre,  
Which quickly provoked the Governor's ire,  
"It took me four weeks to decide what to say,  
But my decision is... Occupiers must go away!"*

*So Governor Mousey got back in his sleigh,  
and quickly proceeded to fly far away.  
"On Prancer and Dancer, to my mansion in Milton",  
While "Occupy's" leaders went back to the Hilton.*

*And the cops who were there could just give a laugh,  
And continue to make money at time and one-half.  
The winter's been warm and most days have been sunny,  
And the bums have provided us overtime money,  
I suppose it's not bad to make Christmastime° coin,  
But if we can't beat the bums, then...hell...let's join!*

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## Wrapping it up

As the year draws to a close and the holidays are fast upon us, it is hard to believe that this year has actually come and gone. As I take this opportunity to reflect on the events that have taken place over the course of the past year, we have had moments and opportunities that have defined our character, professionalism, values and our principles. The commitment to duty, honor, loyalty, and self-sacrifice distinguishes you as a person and as a member of the BPPA.

During the past year, as I'm sure there will be in the future, we have been called upon many times to take moral and principled stands. For those efforts sometimes we received praise, other times scorn, ridicule and criticism. Sometimes difficult choices were made and lines had to be drawn in the sand. We stand as the thin blue line together as we define and distinguish who we are as people and as an organization. We have grown to understand that sometimes you have to stand there and take the hits, if you believe in what you are doing. You don't have to defend it; you just have to believe in it and sometimes just

because it's the right thing to do. Where we go, depends on where we have been, where we are and how much we are willing to invest and sacrifice to achieve our desired goal as an organization. With the bargaining process in full swing and the threat of valuable benefits being lost either legislatively or through the collective bargaining process, many public employee unions look to the BPPA to lead the way. It has been said many times that it is the great ones that can dig down and summons some-

thing special in their game, something different than the others, something that truly distinguishes them from the rest. That is a defining characteristic of a BPPA member. I'm so very proud to be a BPPA member

and a member of your leadership team; there are many who wish that they were. Again, the challenging days of the past were defining moments, looking forward we have many challenges facing us in the New Year 2012 and beyond.

Working together as we have, we can defend against the threats. A great difference will be our experience and especially the knowledge that the only thing that we control is the effort that we put into the things that we do, take that away and you get what you get. And as if things were not already bad enough, we will be measured and challenged like never before in 2012, but we will be up to the challenge.

In closing, the BPPA is more than just an association of working people; it is a family. Like a family, there is a special bond that binds us together. It is an invisible bond that is unspoken, forged within the spirit of unity, shared values and

sacrifices. It is seemingly stronger than any other force and it has never more evident to me that during this time. In Unity there is strength from strength comes honor.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all, and especially, to every family who has experienced the loss of a loved one, or experiencing illness or injury please know that you remain in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all, and keep safe.

*Fraternally,  
Tom Nee*





# Soon to be Detective Tom Pratt

Tom entered Detective training at the end of November awaiting the inevitable call. Our Treasurer will be sorely missed but more importantly Tom's time spent working the phones to help members on a day-to-day basis will be the toughest role to replace. Tom's overall presence and years of experience with grievances and bargaining is often taken for granted but it is the time in practice and the familiarity with issues that is the irreplaceable skill we lose. Good luck to a good friend and thanks for making the job of delivering services to our membership that much easier during your tenure.

## Compensatory Time has Equitable Value

There have been a lot of questions regarding comp time and changes made to time off and work in forms. Most of these changes were the product of a *Request for Information* in July by the BPPA that sought the *granting of time off in lieu of overtime pay records along with the accrual and the actual availability of taking the time off*. In requesting this information, the Department/City came to realize that some of their current practices violate the Fair Labor Standards Act. A compensatory time agreement must be in place if the Department is to use "comp time" at all. For arguments sake, comp time banks exist in the Department with recipients of training days, the CSO/YSO/Senior Responders and clerks being the greatest beneficiaries of accumulating time off. The BPPA would argue that there isn't a formal, all-encompassing agreement in place and that the Department has been in non-compliance for years. A comprehensive and detailed understanding is needed for both parties going forward. There will be growing pains directly related to the focused attention needed to gain such compliance. In some districts, corresponding records are lacking which has led the Department to issue a Commissioner's Special Order (SO 11-033) for all officers to respond regarding the accuracy of their current "comp time" and to validate such on the BPD Homepage. FLSA adjustments will go back to July 7, 2008, three years from the date of the Request for Information.

The Department instituted some changes in late October without notice. The BPPA believes the changes should have been collectively deliberated before enacted because there still is no mutually agreed upon FLSA "compensatory time" procedure in effect. This has generated violations of routine practice. If we look at **MOP** over the last 3 years, most if not all of their "training" time should have been banked at 1.5 hours per hour. Changes regarding compensation for funeral escorts or the Honor Guard should have been discussed before commanded to hour for hour. The **Bomb Disposal Unit** has accrued compensatory days for annual

training over the last 3 years...that compensation is being stripped from their current training compensation. **Clerks** are being forced to take "comp time" where the contract is clear in that employees shall not be required to accept compensatory time off

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in lieu of monetary compensation for overtime service. Just as important as any change is both *limitations on using the "comp time" and being told when to take it*.

"Comp time" is treated entirely different on the BPD based on assignment. If an officer answers radio calls and is tied to manning levels and the request triggers replacement overtime...the officer is routinely denied the use of "comp time". If an officer is in a Unit that has greater flexibility and importantly, the officer's non-presence does not create the necessity for overtime, the "comp time" is granted. Courts have found that as long as the compensatory time does not "*unduly disrupt*" the agency's operations, *the request shall be honored*. On the present record nothing indicates to pay one or more officers overtime in cash, to permit another officer to take compensatory time would affect the police department's "ability to provide services of acceptable quality and quantity." The DOL (Department of Labor) concurs in this reading of the statute and applicable regulation.

For officers who have performed work outside of their regularly scheduled shifts and received time off instead of overtime pay...that "comp time" should be earned at the rate of **1.5 hours for each hour worked** as opposed to "an hour earned for an hour worked". Though an officer completing the self-initiated W/I (working in) and the W/O (working out) within the same 7-day window (Saturday at 8:00 a.m. to the following Saturday at 7:59 a.m.) would be an exclusion because the time was reconciled within the 7-day pay period. The patrol force is currently on a preferred 7-day, 40 hour cycle that was awarded in the most recent FLSA win. Usually law enforcement employees must work more than 171 hours during a 28-day work period to trigger the overtime premium. No doubt the 7-day, 40 hour cycle will be at the top of the Department's take-away, wish list when formal discussions over the "comp time" begin.

Any officer of any rank should be aware of the *equitable value* of this time no matter if retirement is close or far away. This time should not be used *frivolously* because you do not lose it at the end of the year or at the end of your career. This is an unwritten

**Exception:** In response to a grievance filed in the mid-nineties, a settlement agreement followed that allowed for CSO's, Youth Officers, Juvenile Officers and Senior Responders to receive an out-of-turn tour of duty as compensation for attending a community meeting/event.

Our position regarding the additional officers (i.e. Safe Street Teams) attending the community meetings and/or events in the District is that the "comp time"/overtime should be posted and distributed on a fair and equitable basis. There is no special skillset required for attendance and "comp time" has an equitable value.

**Question:** Who has to fill out the paperwork? Why the change?

All sworn personnel requesting time off or "working in" will have to fill out the paperwork. There have been many claims for hundreds of hours that can't be confirmed or denied. The current form is a compilation of clerks' handiwork over time from across the city clearly meant to be the "be all end all" verification of time.

The dramatic change came about because of poor record keeping in certain locations and need to comply with FLSA guidelines.

**Question:** What happens when 2 officers work out a mutual "swap" of tours of duty...does it have any effect on the overtime calculation.

No...the hours worked by the substituting employee shall be excluded from any overtime calculation long as it is voluntarily undertaken and agreed to solely by the employees and approved by the employer.

**Question:** Are all ranks entitled to "comp time"?

This question is better suited for Deputy Superintendent Al Andres who has been designated with the thankless job of fielding Q and A at roll calls.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

check that has a monetary value for an officer at retirement. As of this writing, all officers have used this time in the waning days leading up to retirement that we are aware of. This will no doubt change.

Under FLSA guidelines each individual is allowed to accrue a maximum of 480 hours. This number of hours (480) would be another example of an issue that the Department/City would want to whittle down in the formal, forthcoming "comp time" agreement as opposed to the current "keep the meter running" concept. The grievance process is always available but mutual agreement is preferable. Here are some questions that have come through the office...and please contact your Rep and keep them coming:

**Question:** Do Captain's Clerks (or any clerks) have to accept compensatory time.

**Answer:** No. Under CBA Article 9, Section 4B, Employees shall not be required to accept compensatory time off in lieu of monetary compensation for overtime compensation.



In August, Det. Cecil Jones and P.O. John Newman held a Pistol Challenge called, "Shooting For A Cure," and raised \$10,000.00 for Cops For Kids With Cancer. In photo above, P.O. John Newman and P.O. Mike Spence and presenting the \$10,000.00 check to Bob Faherty.



# The reasons why I have chosen not to run for another term as Treasurer

As always, I hope to find everyone doing well. The first order of business I would like to discuss is my recent decision not to seek another term as your Union Treasurer. I chose not to run because I could not promise, you, the Membership a full term. Currently, I am sitting as number four on the new detectives list. It is not fair to you, the Membership, for me to promise commitment, service and access knowing very well, if called, I would take the rating as a detective and leave this Association.

Since being elected on December 08, 2006, it has been a privilege serving you. We, as an Association, have had some highs and lows over the past five years. After being elected as your Treasurer, I was told by Vice President **Ron McGillivray** that constituent service is one of the main focuses as a member of the leadership team. I also was taught it by former Secretary **Jay Broderick**, no problem is too small or too big and everyone deserves a call back. I hope I kept true to the advice and the teaching. The BPPA, as an organization, is a team effort. From the top being the leadership, to our eyes and ears, the district representatives, to our dedicated office support staff **Annie Parolin** and **Annamarie Daly** and our two legal teams, Sandulli Grace and Byrne & Dreschler, all working for you, the dues-paying membership of this Association. There is no "I" in team!

In the past you have probably read some of my *PAX* articles on casino jurisdiction and Massport concurrent jurisdiction. These are two topics that the Membership were very vocal about and wanted the Leadership to act on. I can honestly tell you that in the last year **Tommy Nee**, **Ronnie McGillivray**, **Pat Rose**, **Jimmy Barry** and I have worked very hard on achieving these goals. We collectively have won some battles on these two topics. The war is not

over and we have had an ally against the campaign of expansionism by the Mass. State Police, that ally is Mayor **Thomas Menino**. His Honor directed his lobbyist to assist the BPPA in its efforts of gaining language that gave the BPD concurrent jurisdiction at a casino gaming site. Both parties worked tirelessly to attain that common goal of concurrent jurisdiction with the Mass State Police. If Suffolk Downs wins

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a bid for one of these licenses, we as a police department will be included in supplying public safety to its patrons. I would like to recognize the Speaker of the House **Robert DeLeo** for listening and Representative **Brian Dempsey** for a last minute assist on a technical correction to the law. I would also like to thank Senator **Jack Hart** of South Boston for his help on the Senate side of the Legislature.

As far as the Massport problem goes, we will also need the assistance of the Mayor and his lobbying efforts. He has committed to helping us in acquiring concurrent jurisdiction in the Seaport district. He has recognized a potential problem of liability and it is not good government.

We, as an Association have had some disagreements in the past with the Mayor and will probably have some more in the future, but there has never been any hidden ball tricks. Mayor Menino has a job to do and so does the BPPA. But the trick of it is not making it personal. In my opinion, no one has done this. Hopefully in the near future all of Beacon Hill will recognize that no one state police agency should have sole super jurisdiction post 9-11! That leaves the

host city or town police department out of the public safety equation.

The fact that this area is a neighborhood in the City of Boston, whose ambulance and fire services are provided by the City of Boston, whose residents vote in local elections for Mayor and City Council, is proof that the Boston Police Department should have the right of arrest and patrol in that neighborhood. Also, City Council President

**Steve Murphy** along with most of his colleagues have been very vocal and stand behind us on this ongoing endeavor. Also the other police associations (Superior Officer and Detective Benevolent) within our Department deserve recognition on these issues. They also have been lobbying hard with us.

While I am still on a roll about the Mass. State Police, I have one critique in regard to investigating our own problems and the use of the word transparency.

Why as a police department do we call in the State Police to investigate our problems? Our agency, the BPD has an anti-corruption unit and an internal affairs unit. These two units are absolutely capable of doing a fair and impartial investigation of either an allegation of corruption or rule violation. For our department to farm out this unsavory task to an outside police agencies (MSP) is demeaning to its members and to those superior officers who are assigned to the above two units. When a problem exists in the State Police, do they call us? No they don't, they handle it themselves! Being a city resident, I have full faith in the resources of this department. Except when it comes to the duties of a mounted horse unit, we gave our horses away!

I would like to recognize Superintendent **William Evans** and Traffic and Parking Commissioner **Tom Tinlin** for fighting with the State over MassHighway constructions jobs (details). Both Superintendent Evans and Commissioner Tinlin have continually argued with the state for the Department's ability to assign police officers to road side construction sites since the new state detail regulations came into effect. Also, Commissioner **Ed Davis** and Chief **Daniel Linskey** and Deputy **Darrin Greeley** thank you for the returning phone calls when I had a question or concern. You all did an impressive job at the city council hearing this past summer on the concurrent jurisdiction issue.

As far as the finances of the Association, we are on solid ground. Your money is being held at the Mt. Washington Bank. I have always stated my door was always open for any member to ask questions or review our books. It is your money, ask questions. My

job was made much easier by our accountant, **Bill Louthan** who was there for me when I had money questions or a problem that needed working out in regards to our finances.

I will miss my weekly debates with Secretary **Pat Rose**, **Chris Broderick**, **Mike Leary** and **Brian Reaney** on a myriad of topics. I will also miss my game of devil's-advocate with **Ronnie Mac**. Whenever an issue needed to be vetted out, **Ronnie** and I took turns on being management.

To **Arthur McCarthy** of District 5, you have been loyal friend since the academy. I did not have to ask twice for your support when I became involved in this Association. To my buddy, **Hector Cabrera**, I will miss my impromptu Spanish lessons and your sincerity. **Paul Quinn** and **Matt Carey**, your humor and honest concern for your constituent's wellbeing, should be recognized. Last, but not the least, **Mark** (The Sizzler) **Bruno** you always put a smile on my face when things were going "not so good."

In closing, I would just like to apologize in advance, if I forgot to mention anyone, because I know I did. I also didn't want my last *Pax* to sound like an obituary.

Over the years there have been so many friends and co-workers who have helped me out and I do not have enough room to put them all in this article, you know who you are!

To the membership, remember to ask questions and be involved this is your Association. As always watch each other's backs and keep your guard up.

And if you need help coping with a personal problem or you just need to talk to someone contact the Peer Support Unit, they are here to help. The name of the game is to go home at the end of your tour of duty.

Please remember the men and women who serve in the military in your prayers during this holiday season. **THANK YOU** for a great five year tour of duty!!

PS, if you see Detective **Timmy Stanton** out and about, have him tell you the SNICKERS story! And PSS, and to the current sitting Secretary **Mr. Patrick Rose**, thank you!

★★★★★

**Brian Fahey**, currently assigned to the Explosive Ordinance Unit, has been a practicing attorney since 2006. He is currently affiliated with the law firm of Edward Hintlian, P.C., specializing in Real Estate transactions. Brian is an approved closing attorney for a local banking institution which has branches in several Boston neighborhoods and has a close working relationship with the BPPA and the local community. Very competitive rates are offered for both home loans and refinancing. Every courtesy will be extended to BPPA members and their families. Any questions or inquiries please contact: [Brian@EdHintlian.com](mailto:Brian@EdHintlian.com)

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# Thanks Tommy Pratt, for being there when needed!

**B**y the time you are reading this article, my friend **Tommy Pratt** will be into his third week of Detective training at the academy. As you are all aware, Tommy has decided to give up his position of Treasurer of the BPPA, after five years. He has decided to change gears and concentrate more of his efforts on his police career. Tommy has done a terrific job as our Treasurer and a member of your leadership team. Tommy has always been there when needed and was always willing to go the extra mile for the membership.

I have been lucky to work along side of him for the past eighteen months. I will miss his wit and day to day counsel. I can only hope that his replacement, the membership's choice, (who ever that might be) will serve with the same integrity and dedication that Tom Pratt has. Regardless of who you choose, they will have big shoes to fill. Tommy, I wish you and Janet well, in all of your future endeavors.

Tommy's departure not only creates a temporary void within the ranks of the leadership, it also leaves a vacant spot in your negotiating team otherwise known as the bargaining committee. The bargaining committee, by contract and the Union By-Laws, is composed of the President and Vice President along with three other members of the House of Representatives, for a total of five. With Tommy Pratt leaving, that will leave **David Fitzgerald** (B-2) and **Mike Leary** (A-7) on the committee with a big vacancy. It is no secret that we, as a Union, are in the fight of our lives to bring back a contract that fits the needs of our membership. As of this writing, we are patiently awaiting a response from the Massachusetts SJC concerning the Quinn benefits that were unjustly taken away. We are eighteen months without a contract. We are approximately sixteen (\$16,000) Thousand Dollars a year, in base pay, behind the Boston Fire Department and twenty five (\$25,000) Thousand Dollars a year, behind the Massachusetts State Police. Over 50% of our members either don't have the Quinn or cannot achieve the Quinn under the current state law and those of you with an Associate's Degree are better off under longevity. Not to mention the current FLSA debacle along with its' effects on so called 'comp time', there are literally dozens of other ongoing issues that need to be resolved by the bargaining committee. Now is not the time to be a person short on the committee. I will be requesting, at the December House of Rep's meeting, that we have a vote by the House to replace Tommy on the committee at the January meeting. I would highly suggest that you inform your area and district representatives to choose wisely. One of the chief complaints that I have heard of late is; members don't believe that their voices are being heard at the Union. Take control of your own destiny and direct your repre-

sentatives to pick and vote for the right candidate for the bargaining committee, a candidate that has your best interest at heart and will do what is right for you! Remember we, your representatives, work for you.

With that being said, I'm sure you have all seen the letters to the department from

I'm sure you have all seen the letters to the department from our attorneys, putting the city on notice, that we will no longer 'play their game' insofar as all of the crap that they have been attempting to dish out on us. We are demanding that they bring it to the table and bargain all of these changes. If necessary we will not only file grievances, we will file unfair labor practices.

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vant are the enemy. Instead of jumping on the bandwagon, and attempting to take back whatever they can, the city should be discussing ways to close the massive payroll gap between us and the fire department. We show a good faith effort by separating health care and assume a larger portion of the cost,

fight us in court. Enough is enough, as I said earlier, if they will only listen to us or bargain with us after they lose and have to pay out damages, then so be it. We will be monitoring every single aspect of the CBA and keeping our attorneys and the City's attorneys very busy in the near future. We're just going to play by their rules.

Some good news for a change, the 'Casino Bill' has finally passed muster at the House and State Senate. Included in the legislation is language that protects the local Police Department's rights to actually police the Casino or slot parlor. The so called master 'MOU' that has to be developed for any Casino or slot parlor is between the Gaming Commission and the host City or Town. That means that the jobs are ours. The State Police will continue to claim victory in their attempt to block us out, but the bottom line is we, The Boston Police will police any Casino or slot parlor that might pop up in Boston over the next few years. What does that mean? More jobs for Boston Police Officers. As far as the South Boston waterfront, we are still in an uphill fight to be granted the authority to Police our own city. The South Boston waterfront is currently undergoing a rapid expansion.

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# Meet the (Ex-) occupiers...

## (The "one-thirders," not the "99%"...)

By Jim Carnell, Pax Centurion Editor

For those who might not have had personal contact with the so-called "occupiers", you may be under the false, naïve impression that these people are some sort of working-class heroes fighting the power on behalf of the working class. Once you know the facts, nothing could be further from the truth...

Having been assigned to the "Occupy Boston" site several times, let me assure you that the place is filled with fakes, frauds, phonies and nitwits from affluent communities such as Dover, Hamilton and Wellesley. These people have, for the most part, never worked a day in their privileged lives. For them, "Occupy Boston" is a chance to "play protester", to assuage their liberal guilt, to act upon the theories and ideologies in which their radical professors indoctrinated them while at Harvard, Smith, and Gordon colleges. They remember Mommy and Daddy, now an accountant and a lawyer for major corporations, sitting around the fireplace in Dover with wine and brie re-living their glory days from the 60's, fighting the man in Harvard Square, protesting against this, that or the other thing... and now it's their chance.

If you actually stop and talk to these dopes, you will quickly realize that they don't know what they're protesting. They talk in circles while trying to explain what it is they're doing, using 50-cent words they picked up in English Lit 101 at Emerson. All of their fractured sentences contain 20 or 30 "like...you know" modifiers, as they search around trying to explain the reason they're there (or by the time the December *Pax* is printed, we're there).

Need proof? The Globe of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 page A-13, last paragraph: "...Duncan McKenna, an unemployed college graduate from **Hamilton...**". Ahhm, as a kid who grew up in Mattapan, hung around at the corner of Blue Hill Av and Rexford St., and worked two and three jobs while going to school, I never knew where Hamilton, Mass. was, but I do now. It's an amazingly wealthy town known for its horse farms and bucolic settings. Little Duncan is but another pantywaist from a rich town playing protester and throwing tantrums at his parents because he is obviously a spoiled

trust-fund kid. I guarantee you, there are no poor or oppressed children in Hamilton, Mass.

More proof? Let's meet another of the occupiers whom I'll simply call "Muffy from Medfield". Yes, Muffy was "down with the man" at Occupy Boston, helping to fight the power, end racism and police brutality, smash capitalism, etc. etc., yadda, yadda, yadda. There are photos of Muffy screaming at the top of her lungs, carrying protest signs, marching down Boston's streets demanding an end to corporate greed. But Muffy is from **MEDFIELD**, and as anyone who knows Medfield can tell you, most of the palatial estates in that wealthy town can't even be seen from the winding country roads. Not only that, but Muffy is... an equestrian. That's right, her friends have forwarded photos of little Miss Revolutionary on horseback, jumping over fences. (OH, the horror! What will the animal rights kooks say?) The photo is at the upper right for your enjoyment...

Recently two little misfits, a 13-year-old girl and 14-year-old boy ran away from home. Where were they from? Manchester-by-the-sea and Wrentham, also exclusive, rich suburbs. And where did they find them? At Occupy Newark in New Jersey, no doubt fighting imperialism and corporate greed. Thank God the cops found them before one of the occupiers "invited" the young girl (or boy) into their tent for a cup of cocoa...

Of course, they're not **ALL** rich kids at Occupy Boston. Only about one-third are spoiled, rich trustafarians. Another one-third of the losers there are...losers. That's right, anarchists, socialists, communists, graying hippies, level-three sex offenders, paroled criminals, and other assorted get-a-lifers who have homes (albeit in their Mother's basements) to go to but consider Occupy Boston as an avenue to get up on a soapbox and scream to a bunch of other idiots about how life has screwed them. They are professional victims in search of a cause, and they've found it.

The other third are the real professional bums. They are there to steal from the other two-thirds while they're up on their soapboxes proclaiming victimhood. You really can't blame this third of the losers. In fact, you sort of have to admire them. They see a



Muffy from Medfield, one of the oppressed ex-occupiers.

free meal and a dumb-liberal sucker offering something-for-nothing, and they're going to take full advantage, just like a seagull or a pigeon. Free food, free clothes, free stuff being dropped off by suburban idiots in Volvos and BMW's, and free rich, liberal college girls who are willing to ... well... "assuage their guilt" by offering "benefits" to the poor and downtrodden.

Recently, as the anecdotal story goes, a nitwit from Maine was reported to have arrived with his girlfriend and set up a tent. He invited some of the professional homeless in for a visit. He left for a short while and upon return, the homeless guy had...ahm... "introduced himself" to the girlfriend... *in flagrante delicto*. The guy complained to police. **But the girlfriend did not.** No harm, no foul.

Recently on a Sunday, I watched as about 30 liberal idiots showed up on a sunny afternoon and placed a boombox on a pickle drum. I knew immediately that they all came from Cambridge, Newton, Arlington, Jamaica Plain, and other places where insane people reside. Soon, some sort of strange Native American or Indian music began to fill the air. The assembled idiots began a huge circle dance, back and forth for hours on end. Unfortunately, there were several young children with them, who were also



One of the many glassy-eyed ex-occupiers.

forced to dance with the graying hippies. Those kids represent the next generation of idiot liberals, (they all looked like little Elizabeth Warrens, for some reason) and will be screwed up for life, or attend Harvard. (That's redundant, isn't it?)

And to think I actually submitted an overtime slip. For the entertainment alone, I should have paid the city....



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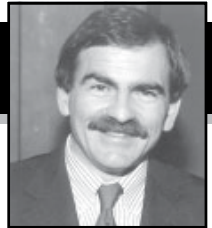
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## Legal Thoughts

**T**is the season . . . I couldn't help but notice, as I'm sure many of you have, the scene from the University of California Davis last week where officers were scorned on national T.V. for their use of pepper spray on "occupy" demonstrators at that university. As I don't know all of the facts and we only saw a short clip, I am not in a position to comment on the use of the pepper spray or to argue about the circumstances of its use. However, what I do know is that there was more than just one police officer present when the spraying occurred. You could see many officers lingering in the background, and I'm sure repeated verbal commands had been given and ignored. I cannot help but think that there were also lots of supervisors available to witness and direct this event. With all of those supervisors present, I know who will take the fall: undoubtedly some low level patrol officer.

It's the same old story, the bosses, if they get in trouble at all, will undoubtedly have their "time in" and ride off into the sunset into retirement while the patrol officer takes the brunt of the criticism and the harshest discipline. Ah . . . a tale probably as old as the Christmas story itself.

I raise this issue because when the order is given to clear Occupy Boston, an incident which may have occurred by the time you read this article, I urge you to make sure that the orders are clear and that they come from the highest level of supervision in the command staff. Make sure you have a Union Rep present when you are directed to take certain actions and document those directives as soon as possible after the incident. Brace yourself for the reality that every act you take will be videotaped. Let's face it, it never looks pretty on T.V. when police officers have to forcibly remove un-

cooperative individuals. The T.V. cameras sensationalize the events as they did at Roxbury Community College a year ago, and they never tell the rest of the story regarding the training the officers received and the fact that several officers can arrest or remove someone more safely than one officer. And they'll never tell their viewers or readers that when force is appropriate, officers are mandated to utilize the training they received from the police department.

We all know that whenever this inevitable removal occurs, every media outlet, college professor, and lawyer who is friendly with the editorial board of a major newspaper will get into the act and criticize whatever it is that the officers do. Unfortunately, political leaders sometimes wait to see which way the wind blows before they decide whether to back the officers or not. Again, you need only harken back to the incident at Roxbury Community College where several political figures made hasty and often uninformed remarks critical of the officers without really knowing the facts and what their training required.

What about Occupy Boston? If those same people camped out on the lawns of prominent politicians or college professors, I bet you they would call the police to evict them very swiftly. I recently read about one demonstrator in the *Herald* who was upset because he quit his job to go get a master's degree in "puppeteering" and now couldn't

get a job in puppeteering. He is outraged because he couldn't get such a job! Unfortunately he doesn't know anyone in the puppeteering bureau who will give him a job as a puppeteering administrator. The injustice of it all! In a feeble attempt at holiday humor, I offer the following version of *O Christmas Tree*.

*Oh Occupy, oh Occupy,  
the Greenway now is one pigsty.  
The odor it offends our nose.  
In autumn rains, the sewage flows,  
Oh Occupy, oh Occupy,  
how lovely is your encampment.*

*Oh Occupy, oh Occupy,  
you use South Station bathrooms free.  
You think that dough grows on a tree,  
and in your tent your rent is free.  
Oh occupy, oh occupy,  
you gather there but can't say why.*

*Oh occupy, oh occupy,  
throughout your site the rodents ply.  
The court has said police stand by.  
The city waits 'til orders fly.  
Oh occupy, oh occupy,  
It's time to tell these clowns good-bye.*

**From all of us here at Byrne & Drechsler, we wish you the safest and happiest Holiday Season. We, as always, appreciate the honor and privilege of serving your needs.**

## Thanks to all who helped the BPD Troop effort

**W**e would like to thank all the Men and Women in the Boston Police Department who donated items to this year's Troop effort. The items that you donated, were sent over to Boston Police Officers and one of your 9-1-1 Dispatchers, who are currently serving overseas. This is our sixth year doing the BPD Troops effort, and this was by far our most successful to date.

The amount of items were not only incredible, but, it was the quality of the items that you donated. It was obvious to us, that some of you really went above and beyond this year.

We met at the Emerald Society in Roslindale, recently, we had about forty volunteers who helped us sort, pack and wrap. Because of the generosity of so many people, we were able to get all the gift packs boxed up in a fraction of the time and shipped out.

Some of the Districts opted to send us cash donations, we received close to \$1,000.00 in cash, and **P.O. Chris Colby** of Area C-11 has graciously offered to take a ride to purchase P.X. cards for us. The cards will be sent to the Officers at a later date.

Among this year's volunteers were Officers **David Santosuosso**, Area B-2 and **Joe Abasciano**, Area C-11, who received gift packs of their own last year. They both came to help us with this year's effort, but, also wanted to thank all of you who have made the Troop effort possible.

They told us that there are some soldiers who do not receive many gift packs, so some of their Platoon members were very grateful for the donations that all of you made. The gift packs that we send also helps boost morale as well as lift their spirits during the Christmas season. Your support is very much appreciated, please continue to keep our BPD Officers and the Troops in your thoughts and prayers.

We would like to thank some of the people, who made the BPD Troop effort 2011 possible.

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- and Elliot Feldman of the P.A.L. program**

On behalf of the BPD Troops effort – we would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

– Danny Adams and Rita Foley



## Badge Returned To Grateful Family

Recently I had the honor of returning deceased Boston Police Officer John McDonald's badge to his son, John McDonald, and daughter Ellen Quirk McDonald. Their father served on the Boston Police from 1944 until 1977. Both John and Ellen related to me how proud they were of their father's service to the city of Boston and how much he enjoyed working his various assignments. He passed away in 1981. They were both very appreciative that a long lost family keepsake had been returned and looked forward to showing it off to the rest of the family.

– Det. Mike Kane

# Dollars for details

## No savings realized using flaggers on Cape Cod

By George Brennan

**S**ANDWICH — When reconstruction of the Route 130-Exit 2 interchange began late last month, the contractor was using only civilian flaggers to keep traffic flowing.

But after Sandwich Police Chief Peter Wack raised safety concerns about what has been a notoriously dangerous intersection, two police officers — one local and one state — have been added to direct traffic for the project.

The use of flaggers on construction projects has been touted as a less expensive alternative to police details, but that is not true for the Sandwich project.

The \$1.8 million contract for the project, awarded to LAL Construction of Fall River, calls for the company to provide flaggers at a rate of \$49 per hour. That includes their wages of \$32 to \$36 per hour, as set under the state's prevailing wage guidelines, as well as their benefits. The state pays a Sandwich police officer working the same detail \$41 per hour, the amount negotiated in the town's union contract for traffic details. That rate does not include benefits.

Officials from LAL Construction did not return two calls asking how much of the \$49 the flaggers actually receive in wages, what benefits the company provides or why



Civilian flagger Chad Santos directs traffic at the reconstruction of the Route 130-Route 6 interchange in Sandwich, for which contractor LAL Construction of Fall River paid \$49 an hour per worker. When the work began in September, only civilian flaggers were being used, in accordance with a statewide money-saving strategy. But Sandwich's police chief has added police officers, at \$41 an hour, out of concern for safety.

they chose to go with civilian flaggers on this project. Under state law, flaggers are allowed in areas where the speed limit is under 45 mph.

As the low bidder, LAL Construction of Fall River is providing overall savings, Michael Verseckes, a spokesman for the state Department of Transportation, said. "While more money may be spent on flaggers (than police), they're not spending it elsewhere," he said.

### Savings vs. risk

**T**he use of civilian flaggers has been promoted by Gov. Deval Patrick as a cost-saving measure.

At a press conference at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution last week, Patrick said he was not familiar with the Sandwich project, but defended the use of flaggers instead of police.

"Flaggers saved (the state) \$10 million in the first year," he said.

In September, the New England Center for Investigative Reporting reported in the Times that the state claims it has saved \$23 million by using civilian flaggers since 2008, but police officials dispute the cost savings.

Not only is there no savings in the Sandwich project, but using flaggers exclusively could have put drivers at risk, Wack said.

While officers are trained in directing traffic and can enforce motor vehicle laws, flaggers are allowed only to stop or slow cars, he said.

Under state law, flaggers are required to meet standards under the National Safety Council Highway Flagger Training Program or an equivalent program. They are also required to know first aid or CPR.

That level of training doesn't compare with a police officer who is better-suited to handle the combination of all the off-ramps and on-ramps, the nearby entrance to the town's transfer station and the steep grade leading into the intersection, Wack said.

The Exit 2-Route 130 intersection is considered one of the most dangerous in town

and was the scene of one of the town's most horrific fatalities — an Easter Sunday 2000 crash that killed the parents of two young children who survived the impact.

### 'Why are we doing this?'

**"M**y interest isn't in giving police officers work or flaggers work; my interest is in the public safety of those who travel through Sandwich," Wack said.

"If we were working on a straightaway section of Route 130 where there are no intersections of roads, no curves, a reasonably straight way, I could understand only having flaggers and not having police officers. This clearly dictates a need for a police officer who is trained and knows the area."

State Rep. Randy Hunt, R-Sandwich, said safety concerns prompted him to facilitate a meeting between Wack and state highway officials, but he was surprised to learn the state isn't saving any money by having flaggers at that site.

"Why are we doing this when it is clearly cheaper and more effective in the case of an emergency to have a police officer on site?" Hunt said.

The project is scheduled to continue over the next year and a half.

It calls for installing traffic signals and reconstruction of the ramps to improve safety and traffic flow, Verseckes said.

Crews are now installing drainage, he said.

The project will shut down for the winter and next spring work will begin on the traffic signals.

The project will include stops and starts again for summer and winter, with an overall completion date expected in May 2013, Verseckes said.

(Reprinted from the Cape Cod Times, October 17, 2011.)

### Secretary's Spread...

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As a matter of fact the complex on Northern Ave that is currently under construction is the largest single privately funded construction site in the United States today. This site is still within our jurisdiction, probably because it will soon house businesses and residential, however the planned sites down the street are not. It's absolutely amazes me, that in these fiscally austere times, the State feels it is justified in spending State Taxes by employing State Troopers to police the South Boston waterfront for no other reason than to increase their opportunities to work paid details in this new restaurant and club district. They are more than willing to police hotels, nightclubs and restaurants that Mass Port puts the 'arm' on to hire paid details, but if there's a 209A, please don't bother the Troopers, they are far too busy to deal with that. Sorry, I digress, even though the City has held hearings and the State has held hearings over the question of jurisdiction with our own city, no one seems to want to bring the question to fruition. I have no problem with the Troopers working with us or assisting us, but we are the primary Police force in this city. We do not need an occupying force that doesn't respond to the community. We are a city of citizens that believe in community policing and the Boston Police have made it a priority to respond to community requests. The State Police are not trained to respond to the needs of the community or are equipped for it. Their mission statement itself is evidence of that. So it's time for the State of

Massachusetts to step up to the plate and curtail Mass Port from their 'landlord' status and reign the State Police back in.

I am happy to report that I have finally been given the authority to rebuild and relaunch the BPPA web site. My plan is to launch the all new web site on January 3, 2012. I have been working with the designers for a while and believe that this new web site and its' design will allow me to forward information to you in a more timely fashion. The links that we have built in will allow you to navigate to additional sites that are important to you, sites that will be informative and up to date. The new design will allow me to update information in real time, thus keeping you, the member informed. In addition to the new design the new site is more secure and up to date. Once launched, I will be looking for your input and constructive criticism so we can have a site that will always meet our needs. I have been asked repeatedly about the recent 'hacking' of our existing site, please be advised that your personal information to include your personal e-mail addresses are secure and will never be stored on our public site.

Well, the holiday season is upon us. I want to wish you one and all, a Very Merry Christmas or a Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year. May the New Year bring you good health and prosperity! Please be careful out there. Back each other up and most importantly get home to your family safe and sound!

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## Hostile work environment: It's not what you think

The concept of a hostile work environment is one with which many employees are familiar, but what some do not realize is that the concept arose from anti-discrimination law and that most legal claims based on hostile work environment must be grounded in a claim of discrimination. This article attempts to set out the basic principles of hostile work environment and what you can do if you believe you are being harassed at work.

The legal claim of hostile work environment grew out of anti-discrimination law, particularly the laws regarding sex discrimination. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 forbids workplace discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion and a number of other categories. Typical discrimination cases involved an employer taking a discrete adverse action against an employee (such as discipline, discharge, or failure to promote) and there was either direct or circumstantial evidence that the real reason for the action was the employee's race, sex, etc. These are disparate treatment cases. But in some cases, particularly involving discrimination against women because of their sex, the actions taken against the employee con-

sisted not of one discrete action but a pattern of actions by the employer and sometimes by other employees, with the tacit approval of management. Often these acts took the form of sexual harassment. Based on these situations, the courts developed the concept of hostile work environment. According to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, a hostile work environment is one that is "pervaded by harassment or abuse, with the resulting intimidation, humiliation, and stigmatization, [and that] poses a formidable barrier to the full participation of an individual in the workplace." *College-Town, Div. of Interco, Inc. v. Massachusetts Comm'n Against Discrimination*, 400 Mass. 156, 162 (1987).

Since the development of the hostile work environment concept, courts have applied it to discrimination claims based on race, sex, sexual orientation and other protected categories. In each successful case, the court has found that an employee has been subjected to pervasive harassment and abuse because of his or her membership in the protected category (race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, etc.). For an example of a hostile environment claim based on an

African-American employee's race, see *Clifton v. Massachusetts Bay Transp. Authority*, 445 Mass. 611 (2005). For a case in which a homosexual employee was driven to attempt suicide by harassment, see *Salvi v. Suffolk County Sheriff's Dept.*, 67 Mass. App. Ct. 596 (2006).

In order to prevail in a claim of hostile working environment, then, an employee must show that he or she was subjected to pervasive harassment and abuse by the employer and the employer was motivated by the employee's membership in a protected category such as race, sex, age, etc. In a unionized environment, employees may also allege that they have been subject to a hostile work environment on the basis of their union activity – holding elected office, for example, or pursuing a grievance. Such a claim would fit within Section 10(a)(3) of Chapter 150E, which prohibits discrimination against employees on the basis of their union activities.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no hostile work environment claim that does not require a claim of discrimination on the basis of a protected category. While it may be true that employees are subjected to per-

vasive abuse and harassment at work for various other reasons, that does not create an actionable legal claim. For example, if an employee is subject to abuse and harassment because his supervisor does not like him, there is probably no legal claim to help him. If an employee is experiencing a hostile work environment because of personality conflicts with one or more co-workers, that, too, is probably not the basis for a legal claim. As the mother once told her son, who complained that something wasn't fair, "Life isn't fair."

I said "probably" no legal claim above because there is an exception: just cause. If you are subjected to discipline or termination, or a denial of benefits, and appeal through either a grievance or civil service, the employer has to prove it had just cause for the action. Evidence of a hostile work environment – even when not accompanied by discrimination on the basis of a protected category – can be strong evidence that you are being treated differently for no legitimate reason, and that may show lack of just cause. The just cause requirement does restore a little bit of fairness to life.

## The first of the "gum shoe officers"

By **P.O. Robert Anthony,**  
**Chronologist, BPD**

**P**atrolman **Edwin Piper** of the Boston Police Department started on the job in April 23, 1873 and retired on a half-pay pension in 1915 after 41 years of service.

Patrolman Piper started out in Division 11 and retired out of the same district 41 years later. He was one time a Sergeant but he and a Lieutenant, who afterward went insane, had a little misunderstanding, as a result of which Sergeant Piper became a patrolman.

Before Civil Service Days it was simply a matter of fate in those days and it didn't take so very much of a "pull" to get on the force. You were ushered into a room in City Hall with other candidates for admission, and the Mayor and Chief of Police Boston Had a Chief of police in those days came in and had a chat with you and gave you a critical size-up. If you "looked good" to them that was all there was to it.

Edwin Piper, Lawrence Cain (who became a Deputy superintendent) and Orrin Hanscom passed muster on the same day. Edwin Piper had a slight advantage. He had been a special policeman the year before at the peace jubilee; and curiously enough, it was thee that he learned or got his fist lessons, in the very thing which distinguished him later as a policeman how to handle a crowd how to deal with a mass of people who were intent on going either one or two ways. For Boston had never seen such

crowds as attended the peace jubilee back of Dartmouth St. in June and July of 1872. It lasted several weeks and one of the days international day the receipts amounted to \$71,000.00.

Boston never suffered a greater loss than it did that same year, for that was also the year of the "Big Fire" which broke out Nov. 9, 1872, and destroyed 1,000 stores and warehouse. The loss was about \$80,000,000.00. "We had three pretty bad fires right after the big one". Said Mr. Piper, On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November there was a fire in the Sate Street Block, with a loss of \$200,000.00: on the 20<sup>th</sup>, a fire broke out in the Rand & Avery's printing office and there was a loss of \$100,000.00, and after he was on about a month on the force there was a fire that started in Haley, Morse and Co's furniture store and burned over two acres, taking in the old Globe Theater. The loss was estimated at \$2,000,000.00.

Patrolman Piper was assigned to Division 8 on the water front for six years. The water front was a little worse in those days because of the lighting of the area. It was pretty dark at night around the wharves and a policeman never knew who was liable to pop out of a dark corner at him. "And besides that we had no telephones system, and no call wagons, or any of the modern conveniences. If you arrest a man you had to walk him often a mile or more, to the station."

It was while serving in their district that even Piper got the sobriquets of the "Gum-

shoe-cop" He was the first man in Boston, and perhaps in the United States to wear rubber heels on his shoes. He found he made a lot of noise when he was walking his beat in the stiffness of the night, and he found that the noise all came from his heels. Often he found that his heels "gave him away." So he conceived the idea of cutting up a piece of rubber hose and putting rubber lifts on his heels. Then there was confusion along the water, for the "Gum-shoe-Cop" would appear out of the darkness when he was least expected by people who did not desire his company at the moment. Piper wishes he had patented that idea.

During one of the nights on Sept. 18, 1874, a dark, rainy night when he and Patrolman **James M. Ellis** jumped into a row-boat and started out into the dark harbor after two thieves who had considerable start of them in another boat." It was an exciting chase," said Piper, "but we began to over-haul them and when we shouted to them to surrender, they threw the stolen goods overboard, and hoisted a sail." "Then it was nip and tuck down the harbor, but we gradually overhauled them and finally captured them somewhere down near Thompson's Island, and we didn't fire a shot at them." "Did you ever find it necessary to club men very much when you were making arrest?" "No, I never clubbed but one man in my life, and I made 791 arrests in the six years I was at Station 8. The man I clubbed was a prizefighter, who had broken his wife jaw, and when I

went to arrest him in a salon he was drunk he went from me and I had to club him." I got him though." "I was one of 40 men sent on a steamer to Long Island in June, 1873 to quell a riot. It didn't amount to much after we got there, and I don't remember that there was any clubbing."

One thing that made it harder along the waterfront at the time was that the police had nothing but a sailboat. They got the steamer Protector in 1875. Boston at that time was a city of less than 300,000 in 1873 and in 1915 it had grown to 730,000. Up until 1878 Police carried canes and umbrellas, in addition to short clubs, revolvers and catgut twisters. "The long canes were useful in a way. You could throw them after a man who was running and trip him up. Some of the men were skillful at that." "The change came in 1878, under Mayor Prince, when a Police Commission was appointed with Col. Russell at the head of it. He had the uniforms changed and the canes and umbrellas were abolished. He introduced buck gloves also."

"Another bad thing in those days was there was only one Municipal Court. Where the City Hall Annex stood, Policemen making arrests at night had to stay up most of the day to attend court, and then go on duty again. All East Boston and South Boston case were tried in that court then so there were pretty long sessions. So Patrolman Edwin Piper Invented the rubber shoe.

*Interview obtained from the Boston Daily Globe.*

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# Mom forgives cops who beat son

By Colneth Smiley, Jr.

The mother of a 16-year-old whose arrest last year on the grounds of Roxbury Community College caused a YouTube sensation says she forgives the officers who hit her son.

"This sudden verdict can through and opened the wound," the mother said at a rally to oppose District Attorney **Daniel F. Conley's** finding last week that police did not use excessive force. "I say this from my heart – I forgive those officers."

The mother declined to provide her name to protect her son's identity.

Dozens of supporters, including Sen. **Bill Owens**, Nation of Islam Minister **Rodney Muhammad**, **Sarah Wunsch** of the ACLU and numerous Boston City Council candi-

dates attended the rally.

Community members decried police brutality and said they were "shocked but not surprised" by the DA's findings.

**Jamarhl Crawford**, a Roxbury activist and publisher of the *Blackstonian* who co-organized the rally, said supporters want to see a state commission on police misconduct established.

"We don't have faith in the DA's ability to investigate the Boston Police Department. We have absolutely zero faith in the Boston Police Department's ability to investigate themselves through their internal affairs unit," Crawford said.

(Reprinted from the *Boston Herald*, September 22, 2011.)



Activist Jamarhl Crawford, right, introduces the woman who videotaped the police beating of a teen at Roxbury Community College last year at a rally held recently in East Boston.

organizer", **Jamarhl Crawford**, as a simple "community activist". In fact, **Jamarhl Crawford** is the leader of the local chapter of the New Black Panther Party, (*easily found on the web by typing in "New Black Panther Party Boston chapter"*) a racist organization famous for brandishing weapons outside a Philadelphia polling location to prevent white voters from entering. (Attorney General **Eric Holder** declined to pursue charges). If the leader of the local chap-

ter of the Ku Klux Klan organized a media dog-and-pony show disguising himself as a "community activist", I would want to know that. Kindly inform your reporter, **Colneth Smiley Jr.**, that editorializing is different than reporting facts.

Thank you. On behalf of the officers involved...

— James W. Carnell  
Editor, *Pax Centurion*

*Boston Police Patrolmen's Association*

## Editorial reply to the *Boston Herald* Article (9-22-11):

### "Mom forgives cops who beat son"

Dear Editor,

In response to the article entitled "Mom forgives cops who beat son", (9-22-11) by *Herald* reporter **Colneth Smiley Jr.**, please be informed that on behalf of the police officers involved in the incident, no forgiveness or apologies are needed or accepted. The juvenile criminal who violently resisted arrest and caused the incident (who is now an adult criminal) has since been re-arrested

for dealing drugs in the Mission Hill neighborhood of his good friend and supporter, Councilor **Mike Ross** (please refer to Boston Police CC# 11045828, dated 8-24-11). Councilor Ross, you may remember, excoriated and condemned the officers two days after the incident, pandering to the lowest common political denominator.

But even more importantly, reporter **Colneth Smiley, Jr.** describes the "event

## Another brilliant idea by idiot liberals: 'City to provide housing to pregnant women'

By Jim Carnell, *Pax Centurion*

The marvelous headline above is **NOT** – repeat – **NOT** – my opinion. It is the actual headline from the *Boston Globe*, Page 1, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. In the article, it is reported that a "pilot program" (real-life translation:

permanent, self-perpetuating, taxpayer-funded program) "will initially make 75 BHA apartments available for little or no charge to women living in the streets, shelters, or sleeping on couches and floors of family and friends. Those facing eviction or

domestic violence may also qualify".

The article goes on to say that "The program will provide counseling and support (translation: WIC vouchers, EBT cards, free daycare, free medical, free utilities, free household appliances, free clothing, free EVERYTHING) for the first 18 months after a woman gives birth, while the public housing placement will be permanent. (Geez, what did I just say in the preceding paragraph about it being in actuality a "permanent, self-perpetuating program? I must be Karnak the Magnificent).

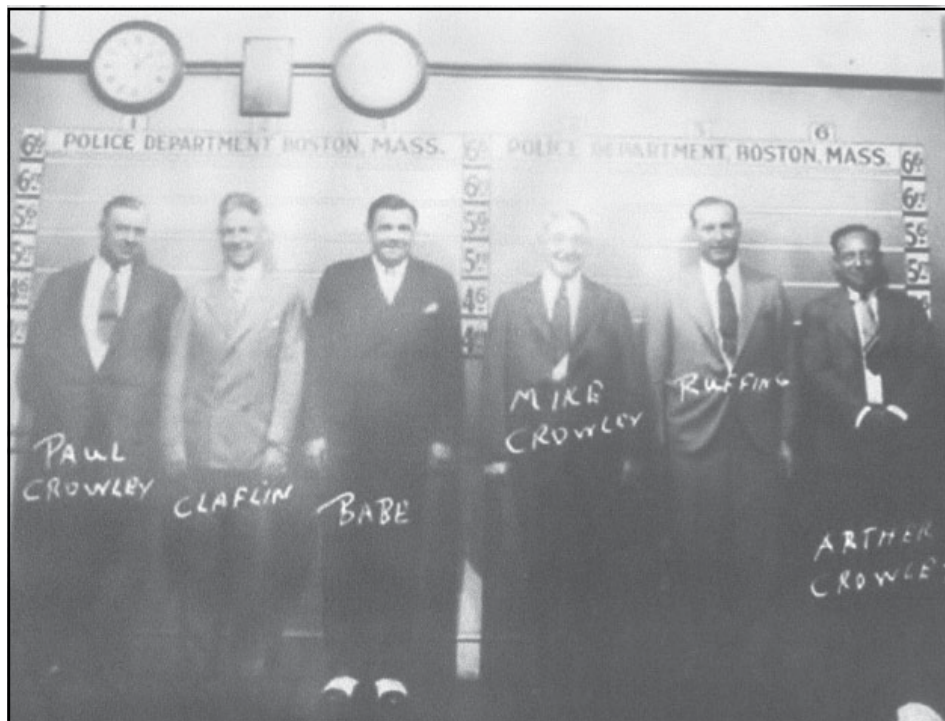
Once again, we see liberal stupidity in action, exacerbating the very problem they pretend to be solving. There exists a veritable plethora of young, stupid, teenage strumpets who currently live in their deadbeat-parent (notice I didn't use the plural "parents", for good reason) taxpayer-subsidized apartment who would love nothing more than to have *their own* taxpayer-subsidized apartment complete with free appliances, a free TV, an EBT card, a WIC voucher, etc. etc. ad nauseum as previously mentioned. There, they could entertain their fellow teenage deadbeats who have been brought up to believe that the government not only supplies them with everything, but *owes it to them as an entitlement*. Work and responsibility... is for taxpaying suckers. And now the city, in its infinite wisdom, will be acting to enable these little trol-

lops to have exactly what they want simply by getting knocked up and making sure that the father (I apologize – "father" is such an old term) er... the "babydaddy" – doesn't take any responsibility for the child. Yes, I can see it now: from the Bunker Hill projects in Charlestown to Beech St. in Roslindale, an army of pre-pubescent harlots demanding their own domicile supplied courtesy of you and I, the taxpayers, along with all the fixins'. And then, to keep the gravy-train rolling, have yet another baby, and another, and another – all on the taxpayer's dime! What a novel idea! (Ahmmm... but didn't they try this same stupid program back in the 60's when the welfare state was first starting down the tracks... or am I wrong? Did it work then? Yeah, I didn't think so...

If the city really wanted to help these teenage victims of oppression, then give them \$10 worth of birth-control pills every month, or long-term Norplant birth control, or perhaps tell them to go after father (sorry again) babydaddy for financial support. Now wouldn't that be a novel idea!

(And please – no comparisons from liberals to the birth of Jesus because this is the Christmas issue. First of all, Mary was a virgin, these trollops are not. The Romans did not provide EBT cards or project apartments. And Joseph stuck around, unlike today's "babydaddies". So thanks but no thanks.)

## Now up third... Babe Ruth in a Different Lineup!



# Boston Police Motorcycle Unit 1912-2012

By Robert Anthony, Chronologist,  
Boston Police Department

The Boston Police Department is an historic police organization as the nation's First Police Department. In 1838, Boston Police Department held the title as the First in the United States, New York City followed suit in 1844.

Deputy Thomas Lee, the commander of Special Operations requested that we research our records to find out when our historic department Motorcycle Unit was established. The Answer was 1912 when two officers from District 4 started to use motorcycles on their tours of duty.

The Commissioner saw such a great advantage to these motorcycles that he ordered six more to be purchased. The Indian Motorcycle was the first motorcycle used and the pictures below will show the officers on duty.

These machines were able to get to the scene faster than an automobile could, getting in and around traffic. The ability to control demonstrations was a great advantage to the Boston Police Department. The Department ordered more motorcycles and then switched over to the Harley Davidson Motorcycle which is used today and the unit was increased to 60 officers.

This unit was recognized as the "Best in the State" (other departments copied the Boston Police Special Operations plan to establish their motorcycle units). The men and women selected are a rare type of officer.

The Tactical Patrol Force (T.P.F.) brought together some of the finest Police Officers in our Department. These officers created a bond with each other that lasts long after

they retired from this job.

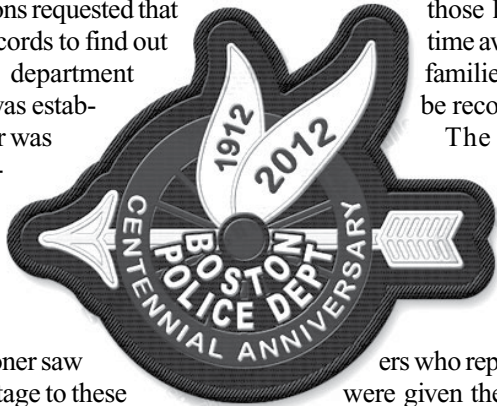
Each of these officers were trained in the Operation of the Boston Police Motorcycle, Special Tactics and crowd control that they used during the Vietnam Protest and the busing era of 1975.

They worked long hours. Yes, you might say they were paid for those hours, but the time away from their families could never be recouped.

The name has changed over the years from T.P.F. to M.O.P. to S.O.D., but the job and the officers who replaced our veterans were given the same training to succeed in their jobs.

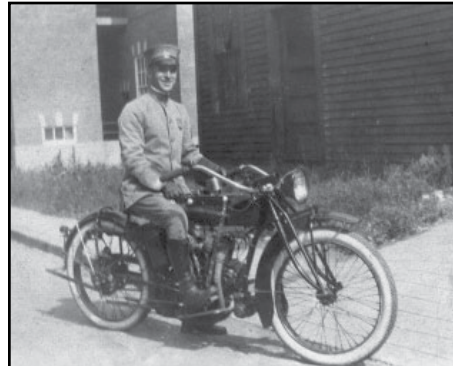
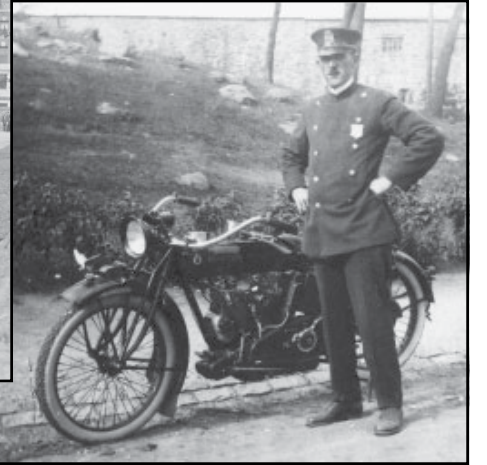
The Motorcycle unit is going to celebrate their 100 year birthday in the spring. Deputy Lee along with Commissioner Davis and I are planning on having a very special event.

At the same time we will be having a dedication of a memorial to our six motorcycle officers killed in the line of duty; **Patrolman Ward M. Bray**, End of Watch, April 14, 1921; **Patrolman Peter Paul Oginskis**, End of Watch, May 5, 1923; **Patrolman Herbert D. Allen**, End of Watch, December 25, 1927; **Patrolman William L. Abbott**, End of Watch, November 28, 1931; **Patrolman Daniel A. McCallum**, End of Watch, May 12, 1935; and **Patrolman Michael J. Crowley**, End of Watch, May 12, 1961. Plans are underway to make this a great event.



On Boston Common - 1913

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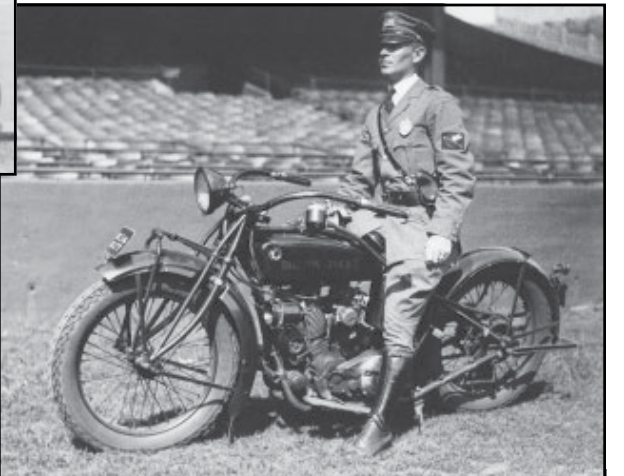
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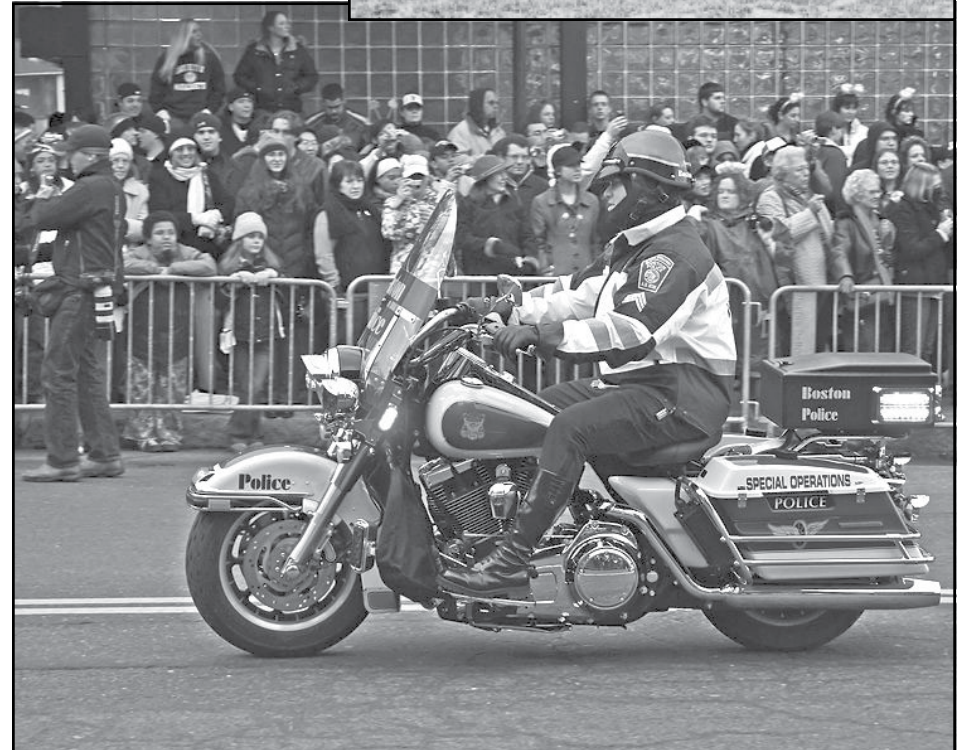


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Please contact me at [anthonyr.bpd@cityofboston.gov](mailto:anthonyr.bpd@cityofboston.gov). My phone number is 617-343-5388 if you have anything, I will make arrangements to come pick them up.

Thank you and be safe.

– P.O. Robert E. Anthony  
Chronologist, Boston Police Dept.

No item is too small about our Department. You can view photographs online at [www.bpdnews.com](http://www.bpdnews.com) and click on About, then History. The Department has been posting many older photos to keep everyone informed of the great dedication of our officers from the past.

## Boston Police Motorcycle Officers Killed in the Line of Duty



**PATROLMAN Ward M. Bray**  
**Thursday, April 14, 1921**  
 Patrolman Bray was killed when his police motorcycle was struck by a commercial vehicle while he was on patrol. He had been with the agency for two years.  
 Wife Marion Bray and no children  
 DISTRICT 17 – CENTRE ST  
 Buried: Acorn Cemetery, Rockland, ME  
 National Law Enforcement Memorial, Washington D.C., Panel 27, West Line 10

**PATROLMAN Peter Paul Oginskis**  
**Saturday, May 5, 1923**

Patrolman Oginskis died as result of an automobile accident in a department Motorcycle Officer was hit head on by a Motor Vehicle. Appointed to the BPD on March 16, 1921 Badge # 1369.  
 Unmarried  
 DISTRICT 13 – ARBORWAY/POND ST  
 Patrolman Oginskis had been with the agency for two years.  
 Buried: Holy Cross Cemetery, Hudson, NH.  
 National Law Enforcement Memorial, Washington D.C., Panel 34, West Line 6



**PATROLMAN Herbert D. Allen**  
**Sunday, December 25, 1927**  
 Patrolman Allen died of head injuries he received in a motorcycle accident. While patrolling the street of Brighton on Christmas at 12:50 am, Officer Allen was driving his motorcycle Chief V Indian Motorcycle #18 when the kickstand fell free from its holding clip and caused the motorcycle to wobble. Officer Allen tried to maintain control but the Motorcycle strikes a Pole Officer Allen is thrown to the cold hard pavement. Officer Allen died at 1:20 am on Christmas morning.  
 Wife Wilhelmina and two young sons Kenneth and Harold

DISTRICT 14 – WASHINGTON ST/FAIRBANKS ST  
 Buried: Green Street Cemetery, Marblehead, MA/ Brown Family Tomb  
 National Law Enforcement Memorial Washington D.C., Panel 2, East Line 13

**PATROLMAN William L. Abbott**  
**Saturday, November 28, 1931**

Patrolman William Abbott was killed when his police motorcycle struck a traffic pole while he was pursuing a stolen automobile. Patrolman Abbott had served with the agency for 10 years. Assigned to West Roxbury and then transferred to the Back Bay for Traffic Duty.  
 Wife and 5 Children  
 DISTRICT 04 – RIVERWAY/BROOKLINE AV  
 Buried: St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA  
 National Law Enforcement Memorial Washington D.C., Panel 42, West Line 14



**PATROLMAN Daniel A. McCallum**  
**Sunday, May 12, 1935**  
 Patrolman McCallum was killed in a motorcycle accident while escorting Governor Curley's motorcade. He swerved to avoid striking a car on a winding road and instead struck a tree.  
 Survived by his brother, also a member of the agency.  
 Buried: Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge, MA  
 DISTRICT 16  
 National Law Enforcement Memorial Washington D.C., Panel 11, East Line 14

**PATROLMAN Michael J. Crowley**  
**Friday, May 12, 1961**

Patrolman Crowley was killed when his motorcycle struck a hole in the roadway, causing the Motorcycle to go out of control and hitting utility pole and Throwing Officer Crowley 30' into a stone wall.  
 Wife Catherine Crowley 4 sons Edward 6, Kevin 9, Michael Jr, 13, Daniel 11, and Daughter Kathleen 5, that was also became a Boston Police Officer.  
 DISTRICT 11 – AMERICAN LEGION HWY  
 Buried: New Calvary Cemetery, Mattapan, MA  
 National Law Enforcement Memorial Washington D.C., Panel 48, West Line 2



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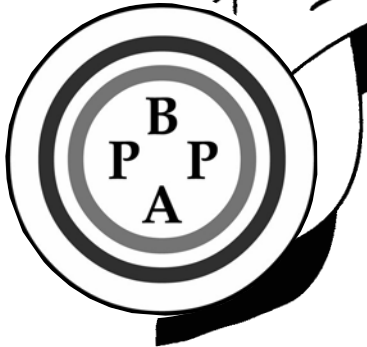
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 – Bobby Murphy, EMT,  
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September 16, 2011



**Police Officer  
Mitchell S. Matyka**  
September 20, 2011



**Police Sergeant Detective  
Walter L. Canney**  
September 24, 2011

**Police Officer  
Alexander J. Alexander**  
September 21, 2011



**Police Officer  
Victor W. Everett**  
Active – September 24, 2011

**Police Officer  
Mario M. Ferro**  
September 26, 2011



**Police Officer  
James H. Hathaway**  
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**Police Officer  
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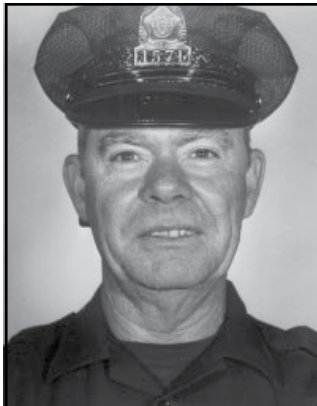
**Police Officer  
Robert A. Regan**  
October 2, 2011

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**Police Officer  
James F. Gorman**  
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Robert E. Federico**  
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October 17, 2011



**Police Officer  
William F. Sullivan**  
October 18, 2011



**Police Officer  
Thomas V. Ranucci**  
October 20, 2011



**Police Detective  
Francis W. Callahan**  
October 24, 2011

**Police Captain  
James M. McDonald**  
November 5, 2011



**Police Sergeant Detective  
Francis L. Evans**  
December 6, 2011

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## Dates to save

### Put these important milestones on your financial planning calendar

By Lynn Asinof, *Boston Globe*

If you're the type of person who stopped celebrating your birthday at age 49, you may be missing some important financial milestones. The period between ages 50 and 70 includes several critical birthdays when key financial rules change or important decisions need to be made.

"You have to pay attention because you could be leaving money on the table," says Dana Levit, a fee-only financial planner with Paragon Financial Advisors in Newton. In some case, you could even get hit with penalties.

Some of those birthdays come with reminders. At 50, chances are good that AARP will start soliciting you for membership, and if you qualify for Social Security you'll likely get a reminder just before your 65th birthday to sign up for Medicare. But most of these birthdays arrive unheralded. So here's a quick rundown of the important years that should be on everyone's financial planning calendar.

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After your fifth decade, Uncle Sam will let you tuck extra funds into your tax-advantaged retirement plans. You can contribute an extra \$1,000 a year – for a total of \$6,000 – to either your traditional IRA or your Roth IRA. And you can put an additional \$5,500 in your company 401(k) plan. Indexed to inflation, these amounts may be adjusted in future years.

#### 55

If you've been laid off or taken a buyout, you can now take money out of your company retirement plan without early withdrawal penalty, as long as you've left the company. That's one reason people separated from their employer may want to keep their retirement money in the company plan, at least until they turn 59.5.

#### 59.5

On this half birthday, you can finally take money out of your tax-advantaged retirement plans without incurring an early withdrawal penalty. That doesn't mean you should, tax advisors say. But these funds are now available without penalty in case of an emergency.

#### 62

You can now claim Social Security. If

you do, however, your benefits will only be 7.5 percent of what you could collect at full retirement age. Deciding when to take benefits is complicated, particularly if both you and your spouse are eligible. You have to balance the income that will be lost by waiting against the hefty increase in annual benefits that comes from holding out until your 66th or perhaps your 70th birthday.

#### 62

In Massachusetts, anyone 62 or older can file for additional homestead protection on their home, doubling to the amount of equity that a couple can protect from creditors to a total of \$1 million. If you've already filed a homestead exemption, you need to re-file to be eligible for the higher levels, says Levit. Each person must file individually when he or she turns 62 in order to qualify.

#### 65

You are now eligible for Medicare, but you have to enroll and the choices can be complicated. Those who don't sign up for Medicare B – the basic medical insurance plan – during the three months immediately

before or after their 65th can get hit with permanently higher premiums. A good advisor can help navigate the choices both now and during subsequent open enrollment periods, says Christine Fahlund, a senior financial planner with the investment management firm T. Rowe Price. "This should be the beginning of an annual review process."

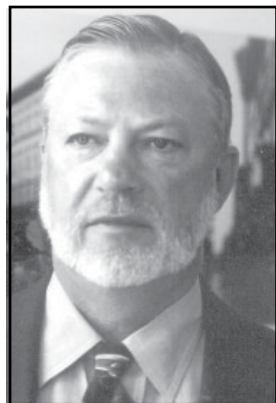
#### 66

If you were born between 1943 and 1954, you've now reached "full" retirement age and thus qualify for full Social Security benefits. For those born in subsequent years, full retirement age gradually stretches until it hits 67 for those born in 1960 or later.

#### 70

If you waited to take your Social Security benefits, you now qualify for the maximum annual benefit. That's 32 percent more than your "full benefits" or 76 percent more than your benefit at age 62.

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Don Green

Don Green is a Quincy native and 1957 graduate of Quincy High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and returned to Quincy after being honorably discharged.

In 1966, working out of the Quincy Police Boy's Club, he became the light-heavyweight Golden Gloves Champion in Lowell. He boxed in the Amateurs for three years.

In 1968, he joined the Boston Police Department and retired in 1990 after serving the city for nearly 22 years, the last 15 years as a Sergeant in the Roxbury district. He graduated from both Northeastern University and Northeastern University School of Law.

The first Law Offices of Donald E. Green was opened in Boston in 1982 and the second in Dudley Square in Roxbury in 1988. The most recent office was opened in Braintree in 2001 and is located at 222 Forbes Road, Suite 200, which is located across from the South Shore Plaza and behind the Sheraton Tara Hotel. This office offers a convenient location for Quincy and other South Shore residents. There is free parking and the office is handicapped accessible.

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Dates to save:  
Put these important milestones on your  
financial planning calendar...

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**70.5**

This half birthday signals the start of annual required minimum distributions from your IRAs and 401(k)s. Calculated on life expectancy and retirement account balances, the first RMD must be taken by the

April 1 of the year following this half birthday. If not, there's a whopping 50 percent penalty.

*(Reprinted from the Boston Globe, November 6, 2011.)*



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## HEARD ON THE HILL

By James Barry, BPPA Legislative Agent

### Local Government to Control Casinos

Casino legislation is done. We started from a point with the original legislation being driven by the state police. They originally had exclusive jurisdiction on everything in and out of all the casinos.

In the version that passed and signed into law, the jurisdictional components have been changed dramatically in favor of the local police department.

In the law, the state police do not have exclusive jurisdiction of any casino.

The local police and state police have concurrent jurisdiction. As with every other part of the state with the exception of Massport. (Massport is a totally ridiculous story of duplication of services and pissing away taxpayer money. I'll get to that in detail a little later.)

First responders to the casino such as police, fire and EMS services, will be determined between the local government and the Gaming Commission. The state police will have an advisory role, for the gaming commission, but are no longer driving the bus.

The state police gaming unit will have exclusive jurisdiction with regard to "gaming crimes," examples; card counting, skimming, etc.

Yet for the first time, the local hosting police will be now be assigned to that state police unit.

### The Tale of Two Cities – Massport

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) operates Boston Logan International Airport, the Port of Boston, Tobin Memorial Bridge, Hanscom Field and Worcester Regional Airport. Massport is a financially self-sustaining public authority whose premier transportation facilities generate more than \$8 billion every year and enhance and enable economic growth and vitality in New England.

This above description of Massport glaringly leaves out the morphed-out real estate development conglomerate Massport has become in the Boston area.

You see, Massport is a separate governmental authority that answers only to its board and not the taxpaying public. Massport spends freely with little to no outside oversight. Massport has launched a city within the City of Boston. As state government calls for sacrifice and cuts in every facet of state and local spending. Teachers, EMTs, fire and police personnel have all taken their hits and layoffs. Public institutions for healthcare, education and elderly services have all been cut back to the bone. Our local bridges and roads are crumbling.

Everyone except Massport has taken the cuts, and made the sacrifice. Massport is way beyond its charter. Under the guise of operating the airport and container services... Massport has stealthily generated billions of dollars into its real estate portfolio. No pun intended, Massport is well below the radar.

Should government be in business or is that better left to the private sector? The state government does not question any of this, even as the most vulnerable are being cut. Billions of tax dollars could be returned to local and state governments by selling Massport public residential properties to private developers. Billions of dollars could be brought into the state's revenues.

Massport makes a fortune because it answers to no one. It has no section 8 tenants down in Massport properties. No elderly Southie residents. No affordable living apartments. Massport property is a dormitory for Fidelity investments. Nobody questions this? This is wrong on so many levels.

If state government won't look at the budget of Massport, then the BPPA shall.



Barbara Cuneo O'Donnell attends ceremony honoring fallen BFD Officer Andrew B. Cuneo, the first Italian-American Officer Killed in the Line of Duty.

## BPD honors first Italian-American BFD Officer Killed in the Line of Duty

The Boston Police Department dedicated a Memorial to its First Italian Born Boston Police Officer and First Italian Boston Police officer Killed in the Line of Duty – **Patrolman Andrew B. Cuneo**. The weather was in the 70s as the Mayor, Police Commissioner, Chief, family members, Police Unions and Friends dedicated a Historic Memorial to one of our Heroes – Patrolman Andrew B. Cuneo.

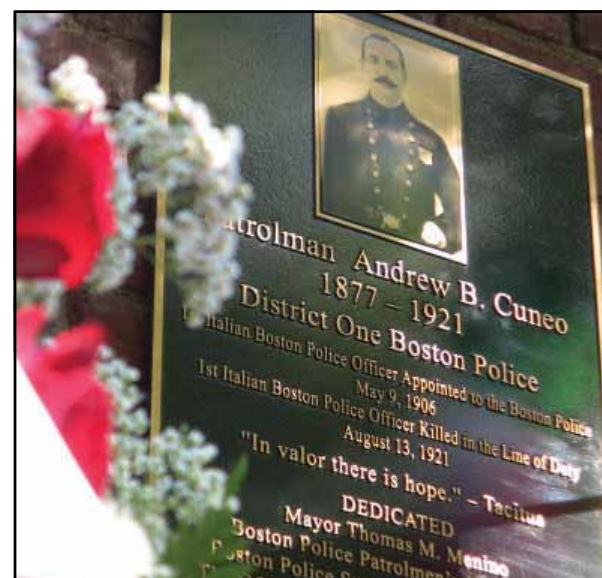
When a Police Officer goes to work, they are immediately stripped of any prejudices that befell them. They are no longer described according to their ethnic background, religious beliefs, or political affiliation. Instead, they are left with the title of "Police Officer". I cannot think of any more honorable distinction than this. Were I a doctor, a lawyer, or an astronaut, all these childhood dreams would fall far short of the honor that a Boston Police Officer in uniform carries. This respect is earned through the meaning that the uniform holds. It isn't simply for show, to decorate with pretty ribbons and sashes. Instead, it is to show that person's dedication and willingness to serve. They serve each and every one of us by defending the community and City in which we live today. Before donning this uniform, we all must swear an oath to protect the Constitution, the land, and the people of America from any and all enemies. To uphold this oath, we

will protect it with our lives.

Patrolman Andrew B. Cuneo did just that, along with 69 of our Brother Boston Police Officers and two Watch Officer's who have made that ultimate sacrifice.

For more than 379 years the Boston Watch & Ward and the Boston Police Department has provide a stronghold. In that time, our world has changed and our Police Forces have changed with it, but the valor, dignity, and courage of the men and women in uniform remain the same. So, we chose to remember the past because the payment for forgetfulness is dear – sacrifice, service, duty and many times, injury and death paid by gallant, heroic men and women of the Boston Police Department. Only fools would elect to forget so expensive a lesson. It is our sacred duty to keep the legacy of

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## Off the top of my head

By Kevin Doogan

**H**istory continues to repeat itself. The government's self-made budget crisis that almost forced a shutdown of government agencies and threw the world financial markets into chaos was predictable and unnecessary. In the end, it was much ado about nothing, the media fanned the flames of chaos and the rich just got richer. Why is it that when cuts have to be made to force the government to live within its means it falls on the backs of senior citizens, the military, public safety and the truly handicapped?

If this country is in a financial crisis why in God's name are we sending ten cents to any foreign country anywhere?

Look, if we're broke, we're broke. Send a sorry note to all those in need and tell them the well has run dry and give them China's contact information.

This country of ours pretty much feeds and protects the world, why are we borrowing anything from anybody? How can we solve the world's problems if we can't live within our own means? It's time for the fiscal foolishness to stop.

Let's do some real screening as to who is really deserving of Social Security & Welfare and who has made it a career choice. Not only a career choice but passed it down generation after generation. Not every discipline problem deserves an SSI check because their single parent got some bleeding heart quack to throw a three or four letter diagnosis on a kid so the parent could cash in on top of the free rent, free food, free cell phone, free education and free cash that is deposited on their government ATM card.

Of course, once Junior figures out by spitting out their own brood from different donors, they too can reap what the government has sown. The circle of life in a Welfare State, isn't it grand?

Next up let's get serious with the flooding of illegals streaming into our Country bleeding us dry. It's time to batten down the hatches and tell Congress to put away the monopoly money. This isn't a game, they're using our real money! Those crooks and their freebies are croaking the middle class and fostering a two-tier nation of rich and poor.

All I can suggest is come election day, our battle cry should be Vote the Bums out!

## BPD honors first Italian-American Officer Killed in the Line of Duty...

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our fallen Boston Police Officers' forever fresh in the memories of future generations. We are bound by honor to do so and I am proud to say that our Mayor, Police Commissioner, Chief, command staff, our Police Unions and the men and women of the Boston Police will see that it is done. The foundations of our noteworthy history have been laid with sacrifice, honor and integrity.

Patrolman Andrew B. Cuneo was appointed to the Boston Police Department on May 9, 1906 serving in Division 3, 6 and Division 1. Patrolman Cuneo was born in Genoa, Italy and was working in the North End of Boston in familiar territory. The morning of August 13, 1921 was a typical day of duty for Patrolman Cuneo, He had left his home in Dorchester and kiss his wife goodbye; little did he know it would be the last time he would see his wife Winifred, his nine children Harold, Edmund, Winifred, Mary Louise, Andrew Jr, John, Eleanor, Henry and Dennis. Officer Cuneo also lost two children in infancy while a member of the Boston Police Department, Joseph and Rita.

About noon on August 13, 1921, a suspect had stolen a gun out of a pawn shop on Hanover Street, loaded it with cartridges that he removed from his pocket and was on his way up to the State House to kill people—a confession by his own words. A civilian Mr. Sliver ran to Division 1, located on Hanover Street and told Duty Supervisor Sgt Corcoran of what he observed, Patrolman

Cuneo who was in the guard room of the Hanover Station said he would investigate the incident. Patrolman Cuneo observed a man with a gun running towards him, the suspect then raised his weapon towards Patrolman Cuneo, Patrolman Cuneo was able to grab the suspect, which resulted in a struggle for control of the weapon. They both fell to the ground. The suspect then fired two shots into Patrolman Cuneo who fell to the ground mortally wounded. The suspect then turned his weapon to the oncoming officers and fired two more shots missing their intended targets. Patrolman Deyer then drew his service revolver and fired four shots at the suspect, one shot grazed the suspect's head, Officer Stengel then fired five more shots at the suspect hitting him in the leg, the suspect fell to the ground and attempted to reload his pistol but was arrested by the officers. Officer Andrew Cuneo was rushed to the Hospital where he became the 19<sup>th</sup> Boston Police Officer to be killed in the line of duty. To the family of Patrolman Andrew B. Cuneo... words can't adequately express our sympathy, or the respect we hold for our heroes. In closing, I leave you with a special saying "They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them". As with all our Officers filled in the line of duty, the Boston Police and the City of Boston do not forget. God bless each of you and Thank you.

## The final stand

By Mark A. Bruno

**I**tip my hat to Ohioans for fighting back, and defeating a ballot question that would have stripped public employees of all their bargaining rights. In other words, public employee unions would no longer be recognized. I have been critical in the past of some of our current political leaders in this state for their fickle stance on public unions. Let me say now before we go any further that I will support any politician that supports my union. I care not if he is a democrat, republican, independent or whatever. With all the posturing and shifting that goes on in our state house, you would think we are in Chicago. When the wind blows and the *Globe* cries, our pols seem to cave in. So far I have been stripped of half my Quinn Bill, and my right to bargain for my healthcare. I suppose this is supposed to make me happy that the state has taken literally ten-thousand plus dollars out of my family's pocket.

What really gets my blood boiling is seeing waste in the form of tax-dollars going to methadone clinics. I don't mind helping those who can't help themselves, but please, can someone tell me where it said I had to support these Methadonians for life? I applaud those individuals who wean themselves off of the drug, and eventually get jobs and become productive members of society. Unfortunately, most of these individuals are on SSI as a result of being hooked. They get section-eight housing, food-stamps, and free rides via vouchers, to the clinic every day. I condemn all those

pols who saw fit to cut my pay and increase my healthcare cost, all while supporting the Methadonians. Pretty soon my middle-class status will be like that of the Methadonians, which is low-class or no-class.

There are many programs that my **hard-earned tax dollars** support. Penalizing the middle-class, and blaming unions for the shortfall in the coffers, is not going to solve the problems facing this state and our nation, is it? How we got to this point is beyond me. The democrats blame the republicans, the republicans blame the democrats, the right blames the left and so on it goes. The tea party blames the democrats, and republicans, and occupy America blames them all. The only people suffering here are the working stiffs who support the establishment and all its programs. All I know is my light at the end of the tunnel is growing dimmer. As retirement approaches, I find that enjoying it may cost me dearly. Imagine working all these years to have the rug pulled out from underneath you. Thirty plus years of being spit on, beat up, and called everything under the sun. We chose to do a job that most would not want to do. We tested, trained, and further educated ourselves in the hopes that our hard earned efforts would be respected. Instead we find ourselves spat on, disrespected, and made to pay more in order to support the establishment and its programs. All this love comes from our politicians, the *Globe*, and all the bleeding heart liberals. It's time we **take a stand!**

## You're Getting Towed, You're Getting Towed, You're Getting Towed...\*

\*to the tune of "Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow"  
By W.A. Moshezart

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and you're parking spot's delightful  
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An emergency's been declared  
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Well the city can use the dough  
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## News Brieflets...

Compiled and commented upon by Patrick Carnell

*"Virginia Democratic Rep. Jim Moran told The Daily Caller on Thursday evening that President Obama should "refinance every home mortgage" without congressional approval in order to "reset the economy." "Absolutely, I think [Obama] should do that but there are not a lot of places where he can act unilaterally," Moran told TheDC during Conservation International's Oct. 20 dinner in Washington, D.C."*

– Daily Caller, 10/22/11

Yes! Giving the president the powers of a dictator to expand government largesse would be the best possible thing for the economy! Every single other plan the administration has come up with has worked perfectly, right?

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*"A San Jose man was stunned to see what a previous owner of his minivan apparently left behind: \$500,000 worth of cocaine jammed in the door panels."*

– CBS San Francisco, 11/14/11

Well, it's certainly better than finding a wasp nest or dead squirrel somewhere in the car.

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*"Brussels bureaucrats were ridiculed yesterday after banning drink manufacturers from claiming that water can prevent dehydration. EU officials concluded that, following a three-year investigation, there was no evidence to prove the previously undisputed fact."*

– The Telegraph, 11/18/11

Things must be going very well in Europe if the EU has the time and money to pour into such an "investigation." Next on the list is a five-year study to determine whether eating food can prevent starvation, whether pain is a bad thing and should be avoided, and whether the EU is competent or not.

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*"Santa Claus doesn't just drop off presents for kids – he also encourages the soul-crushing of generation after generation of Christmas-reveling children. Or says one author, at least. Appearing on Fox News, author and special ed professor George Giuliani asserted that St. Nick's behavior in the classic stop motion cartoon, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is tantamount to bullying, and sends a wrong message to children watching the family favorite."*

– Huffington Post, 12/5/11

Indeed. Rankin-Bass Christmas specials have psychologically scarred millions of children over the decades. It's a miracle millions of children don't kill themselves every December when they hear the names Rudolph was called.

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*"One of the zany experiments staged by the "Mythbusters" television show nearly turned into a suburban tragedy Tuesday afternoon in Dublin when the crew fired a homemade cannon toward huge containers of water at the Alameda County Sheriff's Department bomb disposal range."*

– Houston Chronicle, 12/7/11

Apparently they were trying to prove or disprove the idea that firing objects other than cannonballs out of a cannon can cause damage, and were using a real cannonball as a comparison. Really? Did anyone actually doubt that objects fired at high speed can damage or injure something?

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From the July 1970 Life Magazine: Officers Richard MacEachern (left) and Robert Flaven, president and secretary respectively of the National Patrolmen's Association, fete their mascot Fuzzy with a cup of champagne.

# Welcome to the circus that never leaves town

By P.O. Jay Moccia

**D**uring a recent speech, President Obama remarked about the shabby condition of the building he was in. He cited drab chipped paint, leaky roof, falling ceiling tiles. The building he was in was a school housed in a Civil War era structure...I thought he was at the new B-2. Speaking of which I think the reason City Officials refer to D-4 and B-2 as "Green Buildings" is because we have to keep spending all kinds of money to fix them!

*Everyone enjoys that late fall warm weather we tend to have here in New England. But, are we still allowed to refer to it as "Indian Summer"?*

The Red Sox crashed and burned in September, missing out on a Wild Card berth with a loss to the lowly Baltimore Orioles in the last game of the season. In what is a true definition of Irony; the last thing Red Sox Nation did this year was root for the Yankees...wait til next year!

*Gay Marriage advocates are pressuring the Children's Television Network to hold a wedding of long time Sesame Street roomies Bert and Ernie. After over thirty years together, do they really need a piece of paper?*

With more and more Illegal Alien felons making the news, and our spaghetti-spine Governor refusing to address the issue, isn't it time for the victims and/or their survivors to file a class action suit against him for malfeasance? And another thing, defenders of these scumbags whine that when they do get deported we're separating them from their families. Last time I checked, they're free to go with them if they love them that much. Don't let the door hit you in the culo on the way out!

*When did the number sign a/k/a the pound sign (#) change its name to the "hash tag"?* Can someone tweet me?

Attorney General Eric Holder finds himself in hot water with Congress, after (ahem!) "Misremembering" when he first learned of the botched ATF "Fast and Furious" gun running scheme. It seems over two thousand guns walked across the border with Mexico under ATF supervision and supposedly no one knew until recently. The AG claims he was notified during the summer, but memos have been uncovered showing he has known about this operation since July 2010. A reporter investigating the case has been met with outright hostility from both the AG's, ATF's offices as well as the White House. These guns have been used to commit crimes on both sides of the border including the shooting death of a U.S. Border Patrol Agent. If this plot reaches the White House look for Holder to fall on his sword.

*Do rookies still fall for the upside down collar brass trick?*

On a beautiful fall day I was on my way to work. I got stuck behind a school bus that stopped 3 times ON THE SAME BLOCK to drop off kids that were 10-12 years old! No wonder our kids are fat.

*Does anybody else use roadside radar detectors to check the accuracy of their speedometer?*

By the time this article goes to print, many city buildings and city workers will have had their right to choose a snack made by whom I now refer to as the "Candy Machine Commies". I am a grown man, and if I want a candy bar while I'm at work, I shouldn't have to venture far afield to get one. Ditto for a tonic (soda for you pretentious phonies) with sugar in it. I carry a gun with the implied directive that I may take a life if necessary in the performance of my duties, yet my superiors feel it reasonable to refuse me a choice when it comes to my own lunch? Will future drug tests include a suspension for high fructose corn syrup? These guys are reading Marx all wrong, even the commies behind the iron curtain kept cigarettes and booze cheap. It makes it easier to get one over on a population that's in a stupor AND stupid. Also, since a cruiser is city property, will City Health Inspectors be setting up Sugar check points to make sure I'm only drinking black coffee or water when I'm behind the wheel? I am now going "Pro-Choice" though only in the junk food category. Just because certain people over indulge in sweet snacks, why should the rest of us suffer, oh yeah it's easier to regulate people who play by the rules than it is to address a problem. They should have included a position response on the BPPA questionnaire for politicians seeking our endorsement on this issue, it would say a lot about a candidate who's willing to sacrifice freedom of choice for the sake of control.

*When completing an FIO or Ordinance Violation I usually have to stifle a laugh when the homeless bum whispers his SSN, so only I can (barely) hear it. What do they think, someone's going to overhear it and run out to get a mortgage or credit card with that info?*

Sen. Scott Brown (R) has found himself under fire for responding to a jab by potential opponent Elizabeth (Carpetbagger) Warren. It seems during the Dem's debate, she was asked how she paid for college, to which she replied "I kept my clothes on" referring to our Junior Senator's Cosmo spread during his college years. Brown, not to be outdone quipped "Thank God" when asked about it on a local radio show the next day. Women's Organizations, Mass Democrats, and the Media quickly ganged up on Brown, demanding explanations and apologies blindly ignoring the FACT that Miss Prairie Dog threw first! Comedy Writers are also mad they didn't come up with that gag.

*Looks like Uncle Omar will be joining Auntie Zietuni as a welcomed guest of the taxpayers, after he was released on bail after his OUI arrest. He also quietly returned to his job at a Framingham Packie, despite the fact that he is here ILLEGALLY! Why hasn't anyone FINED this place for knowingly employing an Illegal Alien?*

The 405 Interstate Bridge in Los Angeles was completed in 53 hours, despite being billed as "Carnegeddon". Can anyone explain to me why a project of that magnitude can be completed in just over a weekend, YET the bridge on American Legion Highway has been under construction for

so long, an entire village of homes has been built around it.

*It seems the Nightmare Factory, and the Witches' Mansion (two Salem, MA-based hunted attractions) are involved in a turf war after a female Nightmare costumed character was assaulted while giving out discount coupons in front of the rival scream shack. When word got back to the Factory, a much larger male character was assigned, who turned the tables on his attackers, hip checking one to the ground. The owner of the Nightmare factory claims he'll bury his competitor. Salem Police have sent out a call for Van Helsing to respond and deal with these out of control vampires, witches, demons, ghosts and zombies. I hope no one from the methadone clinic is injured by mistake...*

If the Mass Port Authority has jurisdiction of the Seaport area, and it's patrolled by the Mass State Police, why did the City of Boston pay out hundreds of thousands for clearer signage?

*Speaking of our wasted tax dollars, it's time to address the issue of Occupy Wall St/ Boston. Once again the great unwashed (literally!) have taken to the streets of Boston, trespassing or should I say camping without permission on the Rose Kennedy Greenway in Dewey Square in order to spread their message. What is their message? Depends on who you ask, or as I see it: you can't get a concrete answer from a bunch of cement heads. These are the left-over 60's radicals, children of privilege (sev-*

*eral Harvard students have been arrested); anarchists, liberals, peaceniks and other assorted ne'er do wells. The college kids whine about big money college loans and lack of jobs (most are seeking six figure middle management positions- after all they went to college) They are against wealth, success, business, banks, and personal hygiene. The mayor, who, by the way, charged the Tea Party for services, and made them get a permit, has allowed this group to not only trespass, steal electricity, and disrupt the TAXPAYING citizens by marching against traffic in the downtown areas because he is sympathetic to their message. Even the ultimate anti Americans, the ACLU has condemned this "courtesy" stating it sets a dangerous precedent to allow any organization to ignore the rules of assembly. Now, gentle reader I know you may ask, isn't our First Amendment "Freedom of Speech and assembly"? I will stipulate to that fact, and agree in principle to the protesters having that Right. My problem is with the fact that they are allowed to do this at the expense of law abiding citizens. It is the duty of the government, in this case the city of Boston, to protect the rights of ALL citizens, not just the ones approved by the White House. This shantytown on public property and its denizens are on the verge of costing this city, its residents, and its MANDATED BY CONTRACT CAPTIVES (that's city employees like us!) about 3 million. Message to the protesters: Wall*  
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# Welcome to the circus that never leaves town...

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*St ain't paying for this, I am, and so is every other hard-working taxpayer in this city whose daily routines YOU are interfering with. The BPPA in particular and its membership should be outraged by the support our Democratic leaders are showing this band of thugs. We were not given these courtesies when we protested the DNC. We were threatened by our Democratic leaders with arrest at the hands of the US Marshall Service (hmmm I recall a certain charismatic keynote speaker at that event). We were bullied by these politicians who openly violated our Right to Free Speech and Assembly, yet have the gall to walk among these bums, that includes YOU: Gov. Patrick! Let me solve this dilemma for you jellyfish, since it is clear you don't possess even a pebbles' worth of the stones necessary to disband this group. Shut off the water and electricity (THAT WE PAY FOR), stop removing the trash (THAT WE PAY FOR) pick up all the rat traps (THAT WE PAY FOR), then donate several cases of peanut butter to the protesters to sustain them. Mother Nature, through vermin and cold weather will do what you are unwilling to do.*

A Somerville school principal is taking the heat after trashing Columbus Day and Thanksgiving. She also nixed costumes for Halloween this year. Claiming that she serves a diverse student body, and some cultures are offended by these celebrations, the Principal opted out. Rather than use the opportunity as a teachable moment and expose the students to other customs, she chose the easy way out and punted. Now in my humble opinion, without Columbus, America would have remained the domain of a stone aged primitive culture where the men did nothing but hunt, fish and procreate, and women did all the work... why that no good \$#%@&% Columbus!

*An Ohio man took his own life after months of litigation, complaints, and disputes with his neighbors and local government over his wild life refuge. But, before he did, he opened the cages, releasing lions, tigers, bears, cougars and several other dangerous animals into his suburban community. Officers first on the scene found the body of Terry Thompson surrounded by lions. Local Law Enforcement was forced to hunt down and destroy the carnivores including 18 rare endangered Bengal Tigers. Wow! What an opportunity-if that happened here, I think I'd give it an 8B; I just don't think my Glock is capable of putting down Winnie the Pooh, let alone Tony the Tiger. Now if I had a patrol rifle or a shotgun, you could call me "Bwana" and the safari would be ON!*

What's wrong with this picture? A neighborhood junkie, known to be armed at all times, breaks into a car, and is confronted by the (angry) owner who proceeds to defend/secure HIS property. An altercation ensued, and the owner subdued the junkie who suffered a broken jaw for his misguided choice. While the property owner was otherwise engaged, his wife phoned the Police. On arrival, the junkie was placed under arrest, and disarmed, being in posses-

sion of both a knife and a club. Case closed, right? Nope, get this, the property owner was also charged! It seems the local constabulary frowns on citizens taking action on their own. This is an **OUTRAGE!** The cops should be patting this guy on the back, maybe give him a medal, not charging him. By the time he fights this with a lawyer, and lost work time, the GPS, and ashtray change will be a pittance. What these cops are telling their citizens is "be a sheep and give it up for the scumbag". The SSI or welfare check they get isn't enough for them, so they are allowed by the Police to steal from you to make up the difference. Face it boys and girls, we (police) take far more reports for B&E auto than we catch bums breaking into cars in the act. This town, I'll spare them the embarrassment of naming them, should really re-think their policies in regards to situations like this. To quote the President: "Just plain stupid!"

*A Danvers family phoned local police after becoming lost in a corn maze. It seems the couple and their two children gave in to complete and utter panic after becoming disoriented during their trip into the stalks. The distraught father (a male in name only AND Mensa member!?! ) wanted search teams, K-9's, and the National Guard mobilized to get him out of the field. Did I mention it was broad daylight? The 9-1-1 calls are hilarious, featuring screaming, crying, begging, etc. The next search this sissy organization should be for his manhood.*

Why is it, every time Obama eats what he wants (ribs, wings, ice cream, etc.) while visiting some place he **ALWAYS** whispers to reporters "Don't tell Michelle" as he stuffs his face.

*People who display "I Love Jesus" (or similar religious themed messages) always drive like they're going to meet Him right now!*

Republican candidate Herman Cain released his tax plan of 9-9-9, too bad the media is treating him like it's 6-6-6!

*Call me paranoid, but the more bicycles I see, and the Government promoting their use, I can't help but wonder: Will this make the Chinese takeover easier?*

Muslims attending Catholic University in Washington D.C. are upset that they are exposed to crucifixes, statues of saints, etc. when they recite their daily prayers in school...they did know they enrolled at **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**, right?

*Why is it that city/police officials engage in vigorous back slapping when they bully a business into limiting sales of certain items, or locking their doors early to deter a problem, INSTEAD of solving the problem?*

If you apply the Law of Unintended Consequences to the current Occupy Boston situation, we may find ourselves dealing with "hate groups" like the Neo-Nazis, Black Panthers, or KKK showing up for a parade up Boylston St. If one group is allowed to parade without a permit, and free Police escort, it only seems fair and logical that these groups could take advantage of

the same opportunity!

*A Texas Gun shop owner and firearms instructor has come under fire (pun intended) after airing a radio ad in which he stated: If you are a Socialist liberal and/or voted for the current campaigner in chief, please do not take this class," Keller said in the ad. "You have already proven that you cannot make a knowledgeable and prudent decision as required under the law." State officials are trying to determine if any anti-discrimination laws were violated. What he should get is a truth in advertising award!*

I think it should be against the rules for stores to display Christmas decorations before November or at least until the first snow.

*Republican contender Herman Cain is taking the heat when a past scandal came to light. Amid whispers of payoffs and sexual harassment, Cain has denied any wrongdoing. After witnessing his interrogation, I'm reminded of the Supreme Court confirmation hearing for Clarence Thomas. Democrats really show their true stripes in times like this. They claim to support minorities, but can't wait to try to stick it to a conservative of color. Go Herman!*

Strange how an early season snow storm can knock out electricity to thousands of hard working folks in Western Mass., but lay-a-bouts at Occupy Boston have donated generators to keep them warm.

*I have been at D-4 for just over 16 years, and I am witnessing the third renovation at Cathedral Projects in that time. Has anyone reading this paper done their home over three times in the last 16 years? In addition to the Pella windows, central air already reported here, I observed a well-known local vendor who specializes in granite countertops working in the buildings. The initials of this company are B.S. and that's exactly what this is! Obviously the people living there for free aren't maintaining the property if it has to be rehabbed every five years or so.*

Michelle Obama and Paula Dean (sexiest woman on TV!) are in a nasty war of words after the First Lady visited Paula's Restaurant. When Dean was interviewed about the pit stop, she made the mistake of revealing what and how much Mrs. Obama wolfed down, and it wasn't all the healthy stuff that food Nazi tells us to eat either! Although veggies were included, they were just a side dish to Paula's tasty, rich and high calorie Southern Fair. File this one under Southern Hospitality...

*Funny how no City Union has a contract and we had to sign a pact with the devil to keep our health insurance while the City cries poormouth, but allows free water and electricity to trespassers. Same goes for the State, where our diminutive despot Deval cut our negotiated by contract Quinn Bill benefits, but then extends tax payer funded benefits to **ILLEGAL ALIENS**. And people wonder why I won't vote Democrat?*

In case anyone isn't paying attention, Jim Crow is alive and well and he's after your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights! Just a little history lesson before the point – Jim Crow Laws went into effect after the Civil War in the Reconstruction South to keep newly-freed blacks from voting. They were enacted by **DEMOCRATS** and repealed by **REPUBLICANS!** These onerous and restrictive laws included among others, a literacy test, Gerrymandering, and Poll Tax. They were implemented to control the populace and deny them their newly won Constitutional Rights (14<sup>th</sup> Amendment). Fast forward to 2011 and what do we have? The last two Supreme Court cases concerning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment (Heller & McDonald) have come down on the side of the Gun Owners, **YET** draconian measures are still being enforced. Case in point- in Massachusetts each city/town is responsible for issuance of Firearm Licenses (LTC), and each chief/commissioner is free to issue as many or as few as he deems fit (gerrymandering?). There are no regulations for uniformity statewide concerning this. Anyone wanting a license must take a safety course (literacy test?) to learn how to properly handle a firearm. Now, I will say this one makes a bit of sense, and I would agree some type of training is necessary, but passing the exam and showing a proficiency with a firearm still does not guarantee a LTC. Finally the fees involved, in Boston the cost is a non-refundable \$100 (Poll Tax anyone?). If this isn't an all-out attack on **OUR** Constitutional Right (the Founding Fathers made it number 2 for a reason!) I don't know what is. Some of you may believe that only the military and law enforcement should have guns, or not everyone is entitled, and if that is your opinion, then thanks for nothing Mr. Crow! Common sense regulation and registration are acceptable in moderation. Just use the same criteria you use for voting: age, and citizenship – you don't have to get a CORI check, show an ID or pass a Dept. of Mental Health Screening in order to enter a booth and make a choice that could have consequences for thousands of your fellow citizens, why should you in order to exercise one of your other guaranteed Constitutional Rights.

*Finally, yes! Please vote it's what separates us from the animals. Why should so few voters impose their will on the rest of us. Have a hand in your future; it's what a Democracy is all about. And also, as we enter the holiday season, don't forget what holiday season it is, and wish everyone you know a heartfelt Merry Christmas, such as the one I extend on behalf of myself and my family to you and yours! Happy New Year, too, and stay safe.*

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# Occupy news-sense

By Patrick Carnell

It's hard to dismiss the Occupy Movement, what with their brilliant, clearly-outlined ideas for changing The System for the better (so brilliant, in fact, that they cannot even vaguely articulate what their demands even are) and revolutionary political philosophies (such as the concept of "Freedom of speech" as "Whatever the Occupy Movement Says is OK), but they've been having some difficulty with their public relations. Perhaps it would be worth looking over their progress to discover why the "I Can't Get a Six-Figure Job With My Degree in Bisexual Asian Studies, So Society Should Have to Pay for My Bad Choices"-Movement has failed to lead the "99%" into Glorious Revolution:

"These are the shocking scenes that have led some people to accuse the Occupy Wall Street protesters living rough in New York's financial district of creating unsanitary and filthy conditions. Exclusive pictures obtained by Mail Online show one demonstrator relieving himself on a police car. Elsewhere we found piles of stinking refuse clogging Zuccotti Park, despite the best efforts of many of the protesters to keep the area clean." – Daily Mail, 10/9/11

Funny, I don't see 99% of the public doing stuff like this.

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"The Coast Guard in Boston confirmed that a woman in uniform was harassed and spat upon near Occupy Boston protesters. The woman was walking to the train and said protesters spit on her twice, called her foul names and even threw a water bottle at her."

– FOX Boston, 10/13/11

The Occupy organizers, of course, denied that the spitters belonged to their movement, just like all the anti-Semites, rapists, and other dregs of society who have mysteriously flocked to the protests. "No True Scotsman," and all, you know.

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"City officials said Tuesday they may have to shut down the Occupy Oakland tent city in coming days because it is attracting rats, alcohol and illegal drug use... This comes on the heels of increasing reports of illegal drug and alcohol abuse, fighting, and sexual harassment in and around the camp of about 100 tents, Boyd said. The protest has destroyed the grass lawn and it's not clear yet how much the overall expense to the city will be."

– Oakland Tribune, 10/19/11

OK, so the Occupy Movement has had some problems with sexual assault (and discouraging the victims from reporting it to the police a.k.a The Enemy), attracting vermin (of the four-legged and two-legged varieties), destruction of public and private property, vandalism, deaths, public defecation, and stabbings. But it's not like they're attracting plague....

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"Dr. Philip M. Tierno Jr., the director of clinical microbiology and immunology at NYU Langone Medical Center, said the conditions could leave park-dwellers susceptible to respiratory viruses; norovirus, the so-called winter vomiting virus, which can lead to vomiting and diarrhea and which could quickly overwhelm the limited bathroom facilities in the area; and tuberculosis, which is more common in indigent populations and can be spread by coughing." – New York Times, 11/10/11

...or terrorizing children...

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Some grade school students were forced to walk a gauntlet of screaming "Occupy Wall Street" protesters just to get to school on Thursday... Nervous parents led them through the barriers on Wall Street. The NYPD helped funnel the children, anything to ease their fears while some protestors chanted "follow those kids!"

– CBS New York, 10/17/11

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...or hacking emergency services...

"A Boston Police Department website was hacked. At least 2,000 names and passwords have been posted online. The group claiming responsibility said they support the Occupy Boston movement." – WHDH, 10/22/11

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...or trying to assassinate the president...

"Police believe the suspect, 21-year-old Oscar Ramiro Ortega of Idaho, is mentally ill. Ortega has an extensive record, ranging from domestic violence to drug charges. Sources say a police investigation has uncovered evidence suggesting Ortega has a fixation on the White House... Authorities suspect Ortega has been in the area for weeks, coming back and forth to the Washington Mall. Before the shooting, he was detained by local police at an abandoned house. U.S. Park police say Ortega may have spent time blending in with Occupy D.C. protesters." – ABC News, 11/16/11

Really, they're just like the Tea Party!

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"Alex Callinicos, a professor of European Studies at King's College in London, announced to his rapt audience, "I am a Marxist." Asked if the upcoming revolution can be non-violent, he parroted the party line of the demonstrators, who call themselves the 99 percent of Americans lined up against the "1 percent" with power and money. He said violence could be avoided only if the "1 percent accept the decisions of the 99 percent," which he predicted would never happen."

– New York Post, 10/31/11

It almost sounds as if this ever-so peaceful, law-abiding, people-powered movement wants there to be violence for some reason. Better do what they say and avoid a revolution; hippies and anarchists are notorious for their well-planned, brutally effective military operations.

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"The Occupy Wall Street volunteer kitchen staff launched a "counter" revolution yesterday – because they're angry about working 18-hour days to provide food for "professional homeless" people and ex-cons masquerading as protesters.

– New York Post, 10/27/11

Yes, how dare the homeless go looking for free food! They're not oppressed and downtrodden like the graduate students who have racked up \$250,000 in debt studying philosophy! Why should the Occupiers have to share their stuff with other people, just because they feel entitled to take it without contributing to them?

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"Three days after Los Angeles police evicted Occupy L.A. protesters from City Hall Park, most of the nearly 200 who remained in jail were released Friday because they had otherwise clean criminal records... One speaker suggested that some of those arrested might need therapy. Several said they felt traumatized after witnessing police use nonlethal force and being forced to wait for hours in zip tie handcuffs."

– LA Times, 12/3/11

Life is hard for the soft. Though they may be right about needing therapy. Anyone who looks like this:



...and thinks they represent "average Americans" in any capacity is badly in need of psychiatric evaluation.

## Raise corn, get corn!

By Kevin Doogan

As the Occupy Boston folks and their ilk from across this country settle in with their long winter's knapsacks, it has struck me how we as a people, have evolved to this sad, irresponsible state of mind. As the hypocrites, feeling morally outraged, protest corporate greed, they support the very corporations they are condemning.

A wise woman once gave me this analogy, Raise Corn you'll get Corn, if you plant tomatoes, don't expect potatoes. Simplistic in its reasoning, it rings true like a beacon of light in the fog.

Look for example what we are seeing today, protesters wearing their NORTH FACE coats, drinking from their STARBUCKS coffee cups, made by DIXIE, warmed by the UNDERARMOUR long johns, toasty in the UGG boots, snuggled in their COLEMAN tents, sitting on their camp chairs bought at WALMART, chatting on their APPLE IPHONES, listening to their BOSE headphones attached to their IPODS and plotting their next march uti-

lizing GOOGLE Maps on their WINDOWS laptop. I could go on and on but you get the picture.

These blanket-heads hit the heights of hypocrisy with this foolishness, condemning hardworking people and those that employ them for living the American Dream. But who then is to blame for this large portion of the populace not thriving? Well all you do-gooders grab your mirrors and take a deep long hard look.

This is a direct result of decades of dodging reality and realism. Remember when we agreed not to keep score at youth games? Remember everyone wins, everyone gets a trophy? Remember when we denied our children of the normal up and down realities of winning and losing? Remember explaining that all of their shortcomings in life as being "it's not your fault". Remember letting your child apply to all those high end colleges and universities? Remember not interceding when they spent a couple hundred thousand dollars on a Liberal Arts Degree on beer pong?

Well it is of no wonder these kids are refusing to start at the bottom of the work force and work their way up. These kids are entitled and have been handed everything in life since they were children. Where are the C.E.O. jobs and the six-figure salaries for a 20-hour work week? They are actually stunned that these positions aren't awaiting them.

Why, because they have been taught their entire lives that you'll get what you want because you're entitled to it. Even the President and his posse of clowns purport this unconstitutional and socialistic redistribution of wealth. That just feed right into this countrywide epidemic of the self entitlement.

Look at how far we have fallen since the inception of welfare. Even the liberal media, Channel 7 News Editorialist Andy Hiller, reported in a recent broadcast that 47% of Americans don't pay Federal Income Taxes and he went on further to say that over 48% of American households receive some type of Federal assistance.

Why not, why should people work and pay taxes when our government pays able-bodied Americans to stay home and loaf? Welfare has turned from a helping hand into a career choice loaded with nepotism and fraud.

From the protesters in Dewey Square to the welfare kings and queens sucking us taxpayers dry, the blame for these leaches on society lay squarely on our own shoulders for allowing it and voting in socialistic misfits that propagate it. We've collectively planted half the country full of deadbeats and airheads so don't expect a bumper crop of entrepreneurs and go getters any time soon. Raise Corn, Get Corn, plant tomatoes, rest assured you're going to get tomatoes. So wipe that stunned look off your face and take a deep breath and let some oxygen get up to that lump about thirty inches above your arse.

The time is now to put this chaos behind us, vote in leaders, not followers and everybody take a healthy dose of reality and let's get back to work.

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### Morale

**By EMT James Sullivan,  
Editor, EMS Division**

I'm sure I'm not telling you anything you don't know when I say that morale here is low these days. Everyone I talk to has something they are at the end of their rope about. A recent string of email that touched on the subject put a fine point on it for me.

I sometimes wonder how some of the membership I have met, have been here as long as they have. We work with men and women that have given a lifetime worth of service at this department, some of them since before it was even this department. I had the pleasure of working with a few of these people, and will continue to have that pleasure until I am retired, and with any luck, can count myself among them. Still though, I wonder if I'll make it that long, and if they thought the same thing when they were sitting in my seat.

I hear a lot of the problems people have here. Feeling underappreciated, overworked, persecuted, hunted, as if there is an agenda at work that has nothing to do with you, or any of us "little guy's" welfare. The day in, day out, grind of a patient population that doesn't understand what you do, and doesn't seem to care. The patients that swear at you, that spit at you, bite scratch and punch you. The diseases you are exposed to. I won't even start on inter-agency, or governance issues. We all know where that leads.

Deep down, despite all of the denial that we as a group put out there, the stress we are under has its effects, *all* of them negative. I think what keeps us going is that most of us truly believe we are doing something to make the world a better place, even if we disagree about how to do it. If you don't, I can't imagine how you've done this for longer than a week.

No matter what the reason though, you're here, and it isn't easy.

What you may be noticing is what I haven't listed. I didn't mention your co-workers. They can sometimes be what cause you the most stress. I've said it, and I have heard others say it. Depending on who you are talking to, and when, you can hear about anything from the turret, to training, the union, any truck on any shift, the command staff, IT. Name it, and someone here has a complaint about it. Whether or not they are valid complaints though, has no bearing on this particular subject. The perception that there is a problem, causes us stress.

During a conversation with a co-worker I asked why it was that this seemed like a new problem. Why it was the good old days

didn't seem to have these issues. The truth is however, if you listen to some of the stories about the old days, they did have these problems. The difference so far as I can see, is that in spite of the issues, they stuck together. They fought for The Union, they fought for better pay, higher standards, more skills to have at their disposal, to be a third service. They fought to be the best. When they got even an inch of progress, they took pride in it.

It was that pride that attracted me to the department. The camaraderie was something I saw every day from my truck in the privates. I wonder sometimes if I made that up for myself. I wonder if it was already gone then, some ten odd years ago. I wonder if it is truly gone at all, or maybe it's just sleeping. Now I sit in my truck, and look at other agencies with that same idea. The difference now is, I have no desire to leave to go do that. I *like* being an EMT. I respect the Fire Dept. and the Police, and what they do, but it's *theirs* to do.

I want the pride back here. I want the idea that I had when I signed on to this wild ride. I want us to be the best, and be recognized as such. I want to walk out of this place in twenty-seven years (wow that's a long way off) and say, that I was an EMT at Boston EMS and have that mean something not only to me, but to anyone who has any idea what I am talking about.

That's going to take some work though, from all of us. In my opinion, there's at least one thing we as a department can do. We can break down the walls we build up between groups. Throw away the things that make us easy to divide, and stop doing their job for them. We need to regain our identity as a cohesive unit. Everyone here that has a badge proved to someone that they deserved it. It may not have been you, or me, or even another badged member, but someone. So that person, love them, hate them, or leave them, is part of our family.

Growing up, my brother and I fought like it was our job, but if anyone even looked at him cross-eyed, they had me to answer to. I feel that same way about each and every one of you. Let's start treating each other that way. I'm not saying you have to be best friends with every person who wears the uniform, but treat them like family. When that truck doesn't do their call, try to assume they have a reason, and if you need to, talk to them about it, face to face. That new guy you think is useless. Teach him how not to be. Find out *why* he freezes on calls, or can't seem to tell if someone is sick or not. Work *with* each other, not against. If

that new guy in turn tells you where to go, then you know you were right, but if he learns something from you, then you made this place just a little bit better, just a little more tolerable. The veterans you think are just grumpy, ask them what you can do to improve. If they blow you off it's on them

next time. Try it, and maybe morale will improve. I'm not claiming to have the answers, but I think together we can find them. There are things we can do little about I'm sure, but with this many strong willed, professional, and dedicated people working towards the same thing, I can't think of any.

### Retrospective

## Anguish and Hope

*The following is an article I wrote in the aftermath of 9-11. What moved me was the sudden rejuvenation of American Patriotism and pride. That was coupled with great heroism, not only by those rescuers there that day, but those who selflessly "worked the pile" who have also made the ultimate sacrifice in years that followed.*

*Let us rekindle that same spirit, because it has dissipated into partisan hatred and anger. Muslims hate Christians, Christians hate Muslims, the Left hates the Right and vice versa, etc... etc... etc... Can one not be religious without persecution? Can one not be gay without being killed like Matthew Shepard? Can one not be of color without taunts? In this country YES, and we saw it in the days that followed September 11!*

*Let us show those who would kill us because we are free that we can still stand taller than tall in spirit, but also in character. Let us show them what it means to be American today and stand proud!!!!!!*

*I have gone from "answering the call" to "answering the casting call" but remain so proud to have served nearly eight years at Boston EMS alongside some of the finest human beings on Earth!*

*— Sean Stentiford,  
former BEMS Paramedic and EMS Division Editor*



In an instant our lives were changed forever. In an instant the lives of the families of thousands of victims in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania were changed forever.

At first it was an accident at tower one, and fifteen minutes later at tower two - it was terrorism. Over the next hour, as we heard of airplanes crashing into the Pentagon, and in western Pennsylvania, we wondered when it would end. We wondered where the next hit would be. Would it be in Boston? That



thought was absolutely frightening! I wanted to change the television channel and not watch this horrible "movie". But this was no Hollywood creation; it was the worst event that we have witnessed in our lives. Our lives changed forever on the morning of September 11, 2001.

Out of the ashes of such a tremendous tragedy rose a seemingly dormant spirit of American patriotism and pride. As you drove around the city or the suburbs, the night of September 11th, and in the days

that followed, one could bear witness to rallies, candle-light vigils, people gathered in groups with TVs outside, and a beautiful sea of red, white, and blue. People seen celebrating America and freedom came in all shapes and sizes, different ethnic groups, white and colored, blue and white collar, and young and old. Each individual celebrated being American while mourning our nation's loss, and honoring those lost.

Members of Boston EMS and the city's entire public safety community continued to go about their business with

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# Support the EMS Memorial Foundation

By Tony O'Brien, EMT and Treasurer, BPPA EMS Division

Some of us continue to clean up tree limbs and windblown debris from our homes and our neighbors homes. Some of us are still without power, or are housing friends or family members who have lost theirs. Some of us are exhausted from working throughout "Irene" in any of her three phases: planning, response or recovery. But please take a moment out of your day to remember the dozens of people who



lost their lives as we were all being a little inconvenienced. One of the victims whose life was lost was EMT Michael Kenwood of the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad in New Jersey. EMT Kenwood and his partner responded during the storm to a call for a car

stranded in flood waters. While attempting to reach the vehicle one man slipped & fell. Both were swept away in the strong current. They became tangled in downed trees and had to cut their safety lines. While his partner was fortunate enough to be rescued by his EMS co workers with help from local law enforcement & fire

service personnel, EMT Kenwood died and will be laid to rest this Wednesday. EMT Kenwood is the latest in a long line of dedicated EMS professionals across the country who make the ultimate sacrifice while trying to improve or save the lives of others. Just three days earlier a medical helicopter crashed in Missouri killing all four people on board. Ours is a dangerous profession. Each year dozens of EMTs and paramedics die in the line of duty. One of the ways we can thank those who gave their lives "that others might live" is to finish the work we started a short while ago and build a permanent memorial for fallen EMS providers in our nation's capital. The comfort a national memorial will give to the family, friends & co-workers of our fallen brothers and sisters would be immense. Please visit [www.emsmemorialfoundation.org](http://www.emsmemorialfoundation.org) to learn more about our effort. Once there you can donate (via PayPal) on the site or send a check to the address listed. I also have NEMSMF lapel pins for sale, they are \$5.00 each and every penny goes toward the memorial.

## Retrospective: Anguish and Hope

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each putting his or her best face forward. However, the smiles that may have been flashed to a patient in need belied the tremendous grief each member felt as reports filtered out about the number of victims, and that a high number of rescuers were among those buried in the rubble of the World Trade Center. Each of us at some point thought of our own mortality, our families, and our loved ones at home. The horror hit more closely to home as we learned that our own medical director's son was among the rescuers listed as missing and presumed dead. Many off duty members reported to work to staff additional ambulances, while the potential threat to Boston was still very real. Members immediately offered a helping hand to our brothers and sisters in NYC, and although disappointed and frustrated at not being able to godown and help, other members realized that maintaining health and safety in Boston was of utmost importance. Despite the tragedies in NYC, Washington, and Pennsylvania, we would have to go on.

In the days that followed the tragedy we had an instance where the Prudential was evacuated due to fire. Many of us that were on scene were thanked by people going back into the building after being cleared to do so. People, although we might sometimes think otherwise, appreciate the fact that we are there for them.

One woman said to me, "This must be a very difficult week for you people, and we thank you for being here for us." We did precious little at that call, as there was no one injured, but I will never forget the com-

ments of that woman, and I wanted to share them as they were directed to all of us.

As we focus on strengthening Boston's ability to deal with threats or acts of terror-



ism, one need not be reminded that any given day, God forbid, one or many of us may not return home. This became very clear as we witnessed the projected body count of missing rescuers rise. If such a situation ever arises we will surely come together to help those in need and comfort colleagues and families. In the meantime we must work preemptively to address issues affecting our future as a department, and most importantly issues that will affect our family if the unthinkable ever happens. I am sure that many of the rescuers lost on September 11<sup>th</sup> felt as invincible as we did prior to that day. As President John F. Kennedy once said, "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid the price." This was so true on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

As we continue to provide for the health and safety of the citizens and to Boston, let us also do what we can to ensure that our families will be provided for in the case of tragedy. We certainly pray that we will never encounter such a tragedy, but we must be realistic. God bless you all, and God bless America.



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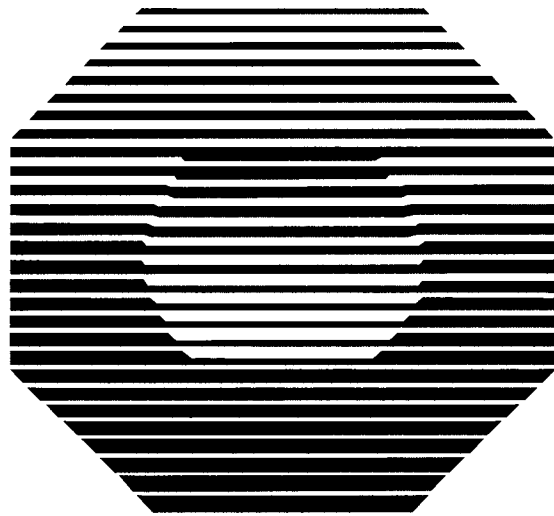


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# Boston Police Fitness Challenge: The third time is a charm

By James F. Lydon, Jr.

The third annual Boston Police Fitness Challenge was held on Saturday morning, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The weather seemed to want to turn the clock back to the old days; rain and gloom stirred memories of the first challenge in 2009. No one seemed to care, however, because just about everyone was smiling and having a good time. This year there were fifteen individual competitors and nine teams, and they all chatted and stretched out as volunteers from Recruit Class #50-11 set up the course.

This third Fitness Challenge brought about the opportunity for several athletes to three-peat. Some people chatted about the possibilities, but only the completion of the event would reveal the true results. Once everyone was warmed up, and Sergeant Gary Eblan's microphone was ready, the festivities began. Right off the bat, we had some competition: it was time to pick the best team name. Each year, I have chosen the team with the best name to get the Most Cool Team Name Award. (They don't actually get an award... heck, some of them

might not even know that they've won). This year, the winners of the 2009 Most Cool Team Name Award, Eight Bad Knees, were battling toe-to-toe with newcomers, the Honey Badgers. Last year, Eight Bad Knees lost out to the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad. This time I was leaning towards the classic Eight Bad Knees, but after seeing a nature special on honey badgers, I had to go with them. Honey Badgers win! (I have my own system; leave me alone.)

When the real competition began, the field seemed dominated by two teams: 02132, with **Timothy Cullen, Joseph Keaveney, Ryan Mason, and Keith Monahan**; and the returning two-time champions, the DCU. The DCU's roster saw a minor change again, this time with former teammate **John McCarthy** returning to replace **John Downey, Patrick Byrne, Gerald Cahill, and Paul Quinn**, along with McCarthy, fought hard against the explosive 02132 team, but when the times were in, the DCU came out ahead. The DCU's time of 7:45 barely beat 02132's time of 7:54, making the DCU the first three-time champions of the Boston Police Fitness Challenge!

The rain seemed to let up as the competition continued, but the athletes did not. Bravo Company, the Gang Unit, and MOP were all very close with times of 9:05, 9:11, and 9:13, respectively. The effort put forth by all the teams was incredible, and it set the pace for the individual competitors.

As in years past, the individual competition was a heightened version of the team event. Instead of sharing the four laps around the course in the run ("the Footchase"), individual athletes would have to run all four laps themselves. Instead of running up and down three sets of stairs in the stair climb ("Always on the Third Floor"), the individuals would have to run up and down all nine sets of stairs. And instead of doing ten of almost every exercise in the obstacle course ("the OT"), the individual athletes had to complete twenty.

It was soon clear that the DCU team would not stand alone as our only three-peat. **Gerald Cahill** (of the DCU team) finished with a time of 12:00 in the individual event, breaking his own record in the Individual Male category. Not to be outdone, **Paul Joyce** cruised in 28 seconds later, breaking *his* own record in the Individual Male Masters category.

Recent Boston Police Academy graduate, **Sarah Briggs** won the Individual Female category with a time of 15:36. And **Jose Diaz, Jr.**, won the Clydesdale category with a time of 25:35.

The day ended almost as it began: gloomy weather but happy people. One question still remained, however: is *four-peat* even a word? I mean, we had three three-peats recorded in the third annual Boston Police Fitness Challenge! Will we see any *four-peats* for the fourth annual event in 2012? Only time will tell...

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Lord, it's hard to be the President, man!  
ATF's runnin' guns; Biden's stupidity  
And Hank Williams Junior is making fun of ME.  
I got to ignore it, I can't get in a fight, cause all my commie friends  
Are comin' over tonight...

Michelle I wanna smoke  
Michelle let's eat some Big Macs  
Hey honey I am the President, I can do anything I wanna  
I put Osama in the ground, I got the House on ice  
And all my commie friends are comin over tonight

Now I like playing golf, I think I'm Tiger Woods,  
Not Adolf Hitler, Boehner's not Netanyahu  
But Gitmo is still open, Troops are in Afghanistan  
The Republican's are doggin' me whenever they can  
I got a portrait of Mao hanging in my den,  
I bow going out, I bow coming in,  
I can do anything that I wanna do  
And the media just eats up all of my bull poo

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Michelle let's eat some Big Macs  
Hey honey I am the President, I can do anything I wanna  
I put Osama in the ground, I got the House on ice  
And all my commie friends are comin over tonight

Michelle I wanna smoke  
Michelle let's eat some Big Macs  
Hey hey I rocked the vote on MTV, I been a guest on Oprah  
I put Osama in the ground, I got the House on ice  
And all my commie friends are comin over tonight  
That's right, Come on in!

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United States Trivia: **Bill Carroll**

### What do you know about the United States?



1. What is the oldest fishing port in the United States?
2. What state leads the nation in poultry production?
3. During World War II five brothers joined the navy and served aboard the same ship together that was unfortunately sunk in battle, what state did they come from?
4. What was the first state police force in the United States?
5. What state is home to over 50% of Fortune 500 companies in the United States?

(see answers on page C14)



Sports Trivia: **Bill Carroll**

### How many can you get correct?



1. What is the most saves Yankees closer Mariano Rivera has recorded in a season?
2. Can you name the four players in the majors who hit at least 30 homers and stole at least 30 bases in 2011?
3. Who was the first major league closer to record 300 career saves?
4. Who are the only two major league pitchers to win twenty games and lose twenty games in the same season?
5. Who holds the major league record for grand slams in a season by a rookie?
6. Who were the last two franchises to join the National Hockey League?
7. Who is the only player to win the Heisman Trophy and be named NFL Defensive player of the Year?
8. In the history of the National Hockey League who has coached the most games with one team?
9. What NFL team holds the record for most points scored in a season?
10. Who has won the most Men's Grand Slam Tennis Championships?

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# Why is it?

By Det. Mike Kane, E-18

- \* I doubt any of the “Illegally Occupy Boston” freaks, who are so concerned about changing things, have even bothered to register to vote in their respective communities? Oh wait...of course they have, they voted for Obama’s “hope and change”.
- \* Lately there have been so many predictions about the world ending? Now, according to some people in Mexico it’s 12/31/12. Book your vacation now!
- \* City of Boston Inspectors found only “a few little things” when conducting a sweep through the smelly, grungy, dirt filled encampment of “Illegally Occupy Boston”? (*Boston Herald*, 10-27-11, p.7) Are these the same city inspectors that routinely fine restaurant owners for having water that is two degrees to cold or leaving raw chicken on the counter for over six seconds? I think we all get it: Taxpaying, law abiding citizens must follow one set of rules while the unwashed, masked wearing do as we want crybabies get a pass from every rule or law that the city or state has. Let’s hear it for our Mayor, Governor, and all the other politicians who continue to bow down to these creeps.
- \* Cartoonist Dave Granlund feels the need to insult police officers everywhere with his latest editorial cartoon depicting police officers as “brainless”?
- \* It’s really no surprise that Obama’s uncle

- Omar now wants the court to rule that the Framingham Police had no right to stop him when he committed a traffic offense. (*Herald*, 11-18-11, p.10). Hey he’s an Illegal alien and people like him have more rights than American citizens.
- \* I think the NBA will feel the fallout from their abbreviated season for a long time to come?
- \* Moammar Gadhafi looked shocked at the anger directed at him moments before being killed at the hands of his own people? He got what he deserved. Now let’s see if the good people of Libya want another dictator to lead their nation or democracy. My bet is they’ll let another militant whacko take over.
- \* I wait until the third week of December to do my Christmas shopping?
- \* Some Muslims want a Mosque at both the 911 memorial and at a Catholic University? Makes you wonder doesn’t it?
- \* The State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is working to create a two and one half million dollar “skate park” under the Zakim Bridge? (*Boston Herald* 11-17-11, p.5). I’ve seen a few of these parks and they’re always empty. How about building something that all the taxpaying citizens could enjoy?
- \* When I watch citizens on the news supporting the “Occupy Boston” weirdo’s...I don’t really think they would want them in their own city or town? Can you imagine the outcry if there was an occupy



Dover, Carlisle, or Cohasset? That would be fun to watch!

- \* So many of the commercials on TV feel the need to insult your intelligence? Car dealers are the worst.
- \* Lately, Aerosmith’s Steven Tyler looks like he should be pushing a shopping cart on Mass Ave. and collecting cans and bottles?
- \* Officials in the town of Upton refused a citizens request to hold a pray vigil on the town common because it was, according to Selectman Ken Picard and Jim Brochu...“uncomfortable”? This vigil was part of approximately 7500 “rosary rallies” held nationwide by America Needs Fatima, a nonprofit Catholic group. (*Boston Herald*, 10-27-11, p. 5). Would they have said the same thing to other faiths? Well because of the media attention and public outcry the town changed their decision and gave its approval.
- \* Mayor Menino has continually said that if the occupy Boston protesters are peaceful then they can stay in Dewey Square? Would he say that to the Nazi Party if they showed up with some tents on the Common, put up a big flag and said they weren’t going to get any city permits?
- \* I just don’t think that creating a few casinos in Massachusetts is really going to help us dig out of the financial mess we

are in?

- \* Even though Red Sox nation is now whining about how bad the team was, how lazy they were, how they gave up on the season and called it quits well before the last game, the same fans will still line up like a bunch of sheep, cash in hand, on opening day 2012 willing to pay any amount to see the “new and improved Red Sox”?
  - \* **Fifty-five THOUSAND ILLEGAL** aliens have stolen **\$93 MILLION** of “free” health care from hardworking taxpaying Massachusetts residents and Deval Patrick didn’t want to let anyone know about it? It took the persistent inquiries from Andover Republican state rep James Lyons to finally get the answer we all knew was true. (*Boston Herald* 10-29-11, P.4). Think of this waste of money the next time a politician tells you we don’t have the money to build a new school, resurface a street, or increase funding for veterans. Good people are fed up with sacrificing for these criminals. These parasites are draining us financially and should be gathered up and brought back to their own countries.
  - \* Victor Everett, a great cop and person, is taken so suddenly from his family and friends? Rest in peace Victor...you will be missed.
- Stay Safe.

## Information on officers is needed

**A**bout four years ago I came into possession of thirteen Boston Police badges that were individually encased in acrylic. Each badge had the police officer’s name and dates of service imprinted directly below. These badges were supposed to be given to an officer upon retirement or in some cases to family members when the officer died unexpectedly. As time passed these thirteen badges were not picked up by the recipients/family and all ended up on a shelf. Through the assistance of many department members both sworn and civilian I have been able to return nine of the badges to the officers or family members, (See related story on PO John MacDonald). I still have four badges left and would like to again ask for help from *PAX* readers everywhere. I have made inquiries with the retirement board and no information could be found on any of the remaining four officers. If you have any knowledge of the officers listed below please contact me via department email or call the district 18 detectives office, 617-343-5607, first half.



- Sergeant Victor Smith,**  
Dates of service – 12-13-50 to 05-31-85
- Officer Joseph Rozario,**  
Dates of service – 09-27-61 to 11-30-81
- Officer Henry Nelson Jr.,**  
Dates of service – 10-21-63 to 11-19-84 (date of death)\*
- Officer Steven W. McFarland,**  
Dates of service – 06-27-79 to 04-23-82 (date of death)\*\*

- \* Officer Nelson may have relatives in both Brockton and Florida.
- \*\* Officer McFarland became a Boston police officer in 1979. He was laid off in October of the same year and reinstated in March 1980. Tragically he was killed in an off duty motorcycle accident on the Jamaica way near Perkins Street. There are many BPD members who came on during this time and it is my hope that someone knows a member of PO McFarland’s family.

– Det. Mike Kane

## Are you a supporter of ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION?

**A**re you a supporter of **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION?** You are if you agree with any of the following statements.

- \* If you think it’s alright for someone to cut in front of you and everyone else and move to the front of the line while you wait with a shopping cart full of groceries... then you also support **ILLEGAL** aliens. This is what they do every day by **ILLEGALLY** entering the United States while honest hardworking people from other countries, who are following the rules, wait to become American citizens.
- \* If you don’t mind four or five unknown people walking up to your home at dinner time, opening the front door, walking in, making themselves comfortable in your living room and watching your TV... then you also support **ILLEGAL** aliens who believe it is their **RIGHT** to establish **ILLEGAL** residence anywhere in the USA.

- \* If you like paying higher college tuition bills for your son or daughter... then you also jump for joy because **ILLEGAL** aliens are being allowed to pay lower tuition at state colleges. Thanks Deval Patrick!
- \* If you are thrilled with handing over more of your hard earned cash for car insurance premiums each year... then you support **ILLEGAL** aliens who break our laws and drive unregistered uninsured cars on our streets placing all drivers at risk.
- \* If you find it enjoyable every time you have to get out of your car and run back to your house to grab your license because you don’t want to break the law...then you must wish you were an **ILLEGAL** alien because they don’t need any “stinkin’ license” and pay no attention to our “stupid laws.”

– Det. Mike Kane

# But for the grace of God...

By Mark A. Bruno

With Thanksgiving and Christmas upon us, I thought it would be nice to reflect back and look forward. For many of us, life can be hectic at times. We feel the strain of everything in our lives going on around us. It is a constant state of motion with no end in sight. Much has happened this year: some good, some not so good. I just thought it would be nice to reflect on each end of the spectrum and some in between.

Steve Jobs, who recently passed away, lived his life to the fullest. His legacy along with that of Bill Gates will long be remembered. Steve was a visionary who changed the way we live our everyday lives. Both he and Bill Gates were and still are very generous philanthropists. When Steve Jobs learned he had pancreatic cancer his determination and vigor for life kicked in to overdrive. He wanted to see his dreams come to fruition, which for the most part they did. What moved me most about his ordeal was a commencement speech he had given at Stanford University in January 2005. He stated that, Edit Draft "Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything – all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure – these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are al-

ready naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart... Stay hungry. Stay foolish."

I found this speech to be both profound and inspirational. Telling these students to not be afraid of taking chances because you never know what tomorrow may bring. Death for all of us is inevitable. The only thing we can change in that little dash is how we live our lives, and that should be to the fullest potential possible. Always be charitable and give to those in need. The recent fundraiser (Trivia Night, October 13) for Cops for Kids with Cancer showed just how generous we can be. What was really nice was having so many young officers there. Carrying the torch forward for such a noble cause is what needs to be done by the younger generation. One need only to visit the Children's Hospital to see firsthand these young kids that are in the fight of their lives. There is no shortage of courage here. These fragile little children possess more courage than any of us will ever have. What these children and their families need are our prayers and support. With that being said, I will thank you for all the support you give to every charity and worthwhile cause. Good karma will always come to those who give it.

Depression, as we all know, can be a silent killer. For many who suffer from depression, the holiday season can be devastating. Too often we assume people working beside us are fine because they wear a smile. In fact, these people can have more problems than you could imagine. Let's face it, our job brings us into some very depress-

ing situations. Add our own individual problems to what we deal with every day and you have a recipe for disaster.

I recently finished a novel called *The Rape of Nanking*. I was so impressed by the author Iris Chang that I decided to look up her history. She was very young when she wrote about the atrocities that were committed by the Japanese on her Grandmother and the village in China she had grown up in. She absorbed the work and felt the pain of those she interviewed. This book became a best seller and placed her squarely in the limelight. She became vocal in demanding that Japan offer up an apology for the crimes they committed. She was working on a book about the Bataan Death March when she suffered a nervous breakdown. Not too long after this breakdown she took her own life. She left a note behind and part of it read, "Each breath is becoming difficult for me to take- the anxiety can be compared to drowning in an open sea. I know that my actions will transfer some of this pain to others, indeed to those who love me the most. Please forgive me. Forgive me because I cannot forgive myself."

I point this story out to show that even the most successful people can suffer from depression. Much like police officers see brutality and despicable acts committed on people of all ages from all walks of life, so did this young author submerge herself in her work. We think because we are police officers we are thick skinned and able to deflect these horrible scenes we face every

day. Over time they build up, and when you add on your own personal situation the result can be overwhelming. So often we wait until it is too late to help individuals that we see falling apart before our eyes. Sometimes we do not see it all. Depression is a silent killer for many in our profession. Whether we like it or not, divorce and alcoholism are also part of our culture. These things when all put together would drive the average person over the edge. We as police officers are not invincible to these pains. We may know how to suppress it a little better, but for some of us the pain is too much. Some may say that suicide is a selfish act, but for the victim it is a way out from the dark abyss they have placed themselves. We cannot do anything for those we have lost to suicide, only console and support their loved ones left behind. What we can do is make ourselves more aware and reach out to those that may need a hand. We have an excellent stress unit to talk to. We have had seminars on the subject, but too often we walk out of them and throw the information in a pile of papers never to be read again. I'm sorry if broaching this subject offends some of you, but with the holiday season upon us we need now more than ever to reach out to those around us that may be suffering. My hope is that some of you who know firsthand from losing a loved one or co-worker to suicide read this article and are able to spread the good word to those in need. **There but for the Grace of God...**





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# John Carpenter's "The Thing" vs. 2011's "The Thing"

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**W**hat is your favorite movie of all time? It doesn't have to be the best movie you have ever seen; it just has to be your favorite. This is a great question to really get a conversation going at an event, because almost everyone has a favorite movie; even those people who claim that they do not watch television or movies have a favorite film socked away in their minds, fueled by leftover memories from childhood.

My favorite movie of all time is *John Carpenter's The Thing*. The movie was released in 1982, and it is a horror movie involving a first contact scenario between scientists in Antarctica and a powerful and deadly alien life form. *John Carpenter's The Thing* featured an all male cast which starred Kurt Russell, Keith David, and Wilford Brimley. The movie was directed by *Halloween* director, John Carpenter. I have seen it, perhaps, one hundred times.

This past Halloween, a prequel was released, telling the story of the events which led to the 1982 movie. When I first heard that this prequel was in the works, I was briefly upset. Think of Hollywood remaking your favorite movie ... Bradley Cooper starring as Chief Brody in *Jaws* (2011)? George Clooney playing General Patton in *Patton* (2011)? Angeline Jolie taking on the role of Sister Mary Benedict in *The Bells of St. Mary's* (2011)? Thoughts like that raise the question of why? Why mess with an original classic? Some movies, in my humble opinion, do not need to be remade, like *Jaws*. Some movies do not need a prequel, like **the Poseidon Adventure**. Hollywood! Leave well enough alone! Think up new stories! (I'm not even going to talk about sequels; Hollywood would make a sequel of a movie starring Tom Green and Pee Wee Herman if they thought it would make a buck.)

But some movies ... Some movies need to get remade and some movies beg for a prequel.

*John Carpenter's The Thing* started with a mystery, which ignited the whole movie. What happened to the Norwegian scientific team? Something horrible happened at the Norwegian base camp, and there aren't any Norwegians left to question. What happened to them? And what is killing us?

*The Thing* (2011) is the story of that Norwegian scientific station. It tells the story of their scientists discovering the alien under the ice, and it details their efforts to study the frozen carcass. So we, as the American viewing audience, are not subjected to subtitles throughout the entire movie, a couple of American scientists are introduced. One is the story's main character, paleontologist Kate Lloyd, played by Mary Elizabeth Winstead. She is invited to study the "specimen" that the Norwegian team found under the ice. Seeing the expedition as an opportunity of a lifetime, she agrees. Of course, shortly after the Americans arrive in the icy wasteland that is Antarctica, the horror begins.

*The Thing* tells a great story. They successfully bridge the language barrier using a mix of subtitles and American characters,



like Kate Lloyd and some American helicopter pilots who fly her in to the Norwegian base. Just because they solved the language problem for us, however, did not mean that it did not become a problem for the characters, which made for some great drama, at times. The writer and director seem to use everything to their advantage, like language, or the elements, or the viewer's knowledge of the original movie.

The original *Thing*, which was actually a remake of the 1951 movie entitled *The Thing from Another World*, had certain elements to it. There was the gory factor, with creatures (dogs and humans included) splitting apart to reveal the monstrous alien hiding inside. There was the germophobia factor, because the alien could infect any living thing with a simple drop of fluid. There was the paranoia factor, because none of the characters knew if any of the others were, in fact, the alien posing as a human. There was the tension factor, as the characters tried to discover who among them was human and who was an alien. All tolled, it was a very tense, thrilling, disgusting, and original\* movie. For these reasons, and many more, it is my favorite movie.

To succeed, this new *Thing* needed all the elements the original had. To excel, it needed more. Every remake/prequel/sequel should not be just a rehashing of the original material. Something should be added; the viewer should learn something new. *The Thing* (2011) needed to add to the mystery of the story and add to the lore of *John Carpenter's The Thing*. And it did not disappoint. *The Thing* (2011) contained all of the factors mentioned above, as well as the new facets I just pointed out. It even played with you, teasing you into thinking the di-

rector forgot some key elements from the first movie. (Translation: Stay for the credits!)

Do I recommend this movie? Absolutely. It is a fun, scary, intelligent horror film that made this fan of the original believe. Should your kids see it? I would advise against it. While there is no sex or nudity, there is vulgar language and plenty of horrible deaths and disgusting scenes. Is it a date movie? I doubt it, but if your partner doesn't mind faces ripping open and people being eaten, then buy two tickets. Am I going to buy it when it comes out on DVD? Yes. Am I going to have a viewing party

where I watch both movies back to back? Let's not push it.

\* *The Thing* (2011) is the prequel to *John Carpenter's The Thing* (1982) which was a remake of *The Thing from Another World* (1951) which was based on the story "Who Goes There?" by John W. Campbell. That's a big list. Most people side with the old 1950s movies, claiming that they are the original, but John Carpenter's movie and this new movie more closely follow the original story. The 1951 movie was, in comparison, a cheesy Hollywood late spring/early summer blockbuster designed to draw the crowds and make everyone happy.



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– Jay Leno

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– Jay Leno

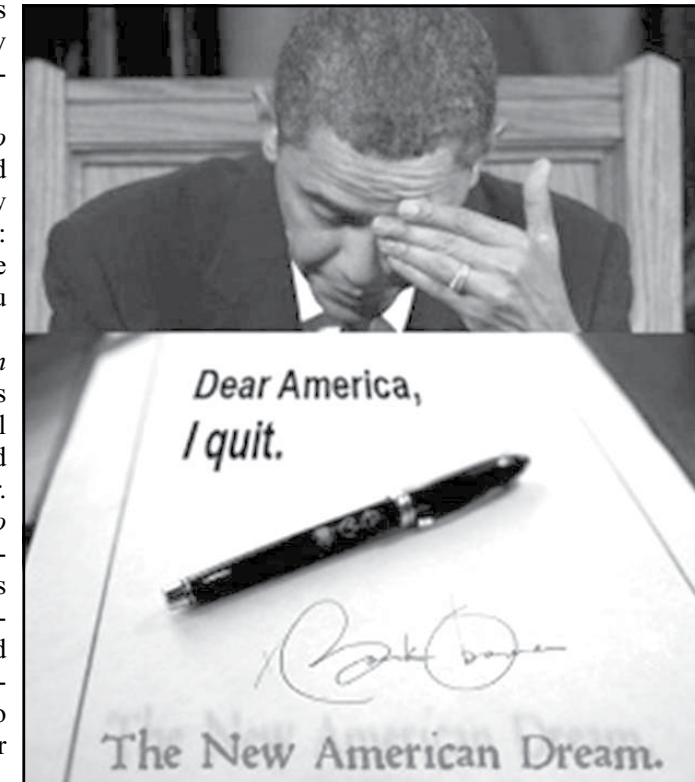
Q: Have you heard about McDonald's new Obama Value Meal? A: Order anything you like and the guy behind you has to pay for it.

– Conan O'Brien

Q: What does Barack Obama call lunch with a convicted felon? A: A fund raiser.

– Jay Leno

Q: What's the difference between Obama's cabinet and a penitentiary? A: One is filled with tax evaders, black-mailers, and threats to society. The other is for housing prisoners.



– David Letterman

Q: If Nancy Pelosi and Obama were on a boat in the middle of the ocean and it started to sink, who would be saved? A:

America!

– Jimmy Fallon

Q: What's the difference between Obama and his dog, Bo? A: Bo has papers.

– Jimmy Kimmel

Q: What was the most positive result of

the "Cash for Clunkers" program? A: It took 95% of the Obama bumper stickers off the road.

– David Letterman

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**Y**ou have two choices in life: You can stay single and be miserable, or get married and wish you were dead.

At a cocktail party, one woman said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" Yes, I am. I married the wrong man."

A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds: "Husband Wanted". Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

When a woman steals your husband, there is no better revenge than to let her keep him. A woman is incomplete until she is married. Then she is finished.

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" Father replied, "I don't know son, I'm still paying."

A young son asked, "Is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa, a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?" Dad replied, "That happens in every country, son."

Then there was a woman who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married, and by then, it was too late.

Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.

If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say – talk in your sleep.

Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all.

First guy says, "My wife's an angel!" Second guy remarks, "You're lucky, mine's still alive."

A Woman's Prayer: Dear Lord, I pray for: Wisdom to understand a man, to Love and to forgive him, and for Patience for his moods. Because Lord, if I pray for Strength I'll just beat him to death

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A husband and wife are waiting at the bus stop with their nine children. A blind man joins them after a few minutes. When the bus arrives, they find it overloaded and only the wife and the nine kids are able to fit onto the bus. So the husband and the blind man decide to walk. After a while, the husband gets irritated by the ticking of the stick of the blind man as he taps it on the sidewalk, and says to him, "Why don't you put a piece of rubber at the end of your stick? That ticking sound is driving me crazy." The blind man replies, "If you had put a rubber at the end of **YOUR** stick, we'd be riding the bus, so shut the hell up."

## Politically Correct Christmas Carols...

- All I want on December 25th is dental implants
- Extra Terrestrial messengers we've heard on high
- I saw my maternal parent kissing an overweight guy in a red suit
- O underdeveloped town of Bethlehem
- Rudolph the steroid enhanced deer with a shiny proboscis
- Awe Inspiring place unaffected by Global Warming
- O decorated pine tree killed too soon
- A big fat philanthropist in a red suit is coming to town
- Gather all you believers
- Happiness to the Globe
- Possible Supreme Being and the Sleeping upper class males
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## Trivia Answers



### United States

(see questions on page C5)

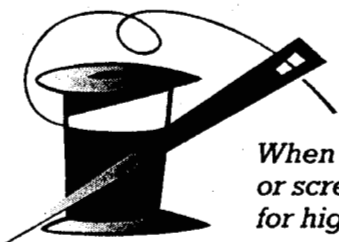
1. The oldest fishing port in the United States is Gloucester, Massachusetts founded in 1623.
2. Arkansas leads the United States in poultry production.
3. In January 1942 the five Sullivan brothers, George, Frank, Joe, Madison (Matt), and Al joined the Navy on the stipulation that they could serve together, all five were assigned to the USS Juneau and the Juneau was sunk after taking two torpedos hits on November 13, 1942 killing all five brothers. The Sullivan's were from Waterloo, Iowa.
4. The first state police force to be founded in the United States were the Texas Rangers on November 24, 1835.
5. The state of Delaware is home to over 50% of all Fortune 500 companies in the United States.

### Sports

(see questions on page C5)

1. In 2004 Yankees closer Mariano Rivera recorded 53 saves which is his season career high.
2. The four players who had 30 homers and 30 steals in 2011 were Jacoby Ellsbury 32-39, Ian Kinsler of the Rangers 32-30, Ryan Braun of the Brewers 33-33, and Matt Kemp of the Dodgers 39-40.
3. The first relief pitcher to record 300 career saves was Rollie Fingers who finished his career in Milwaukee with the Brewers after pitching in Oakland and San Diego. He had 341 saves when he retired.
4. The only two major league pitchers to win and lose 20 games in season were Wilbur Wood who went 24-20 for the 1973 White Sox and Phil Niekro who won 21 games for the Braves while losing 20 in 1979.
5. The major league season record for Grand Slams by a rookie is held by Alexei Ramirez who hit four in 2008 for the White Sox.
6. The last two franchises to join the National Hockey League were the Minnesota Wild and the Columbus Blue Jackets in 2001.
7. The only player to win the Heisman Trophy and be named the NFL Defensive Player of the Year is Green bay Packers cornerback Charles Woodson.
8. Al Arbour holds the NHL record for most games coached with one team with 1500 for the New York Islanders. He also won four Stanley Cups.
9. The 2007 New England Patriots hold the NFL season points record with 589.
10. The record for the most tennis Grand Slam Men's championships is held by Roger Federer with 16.

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