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.

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.

“Okay, enough of this!”

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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 us 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 be 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 control is the effort that we put into the things 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
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.

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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 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 Detective Benevolent (the old name) that consistent 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, down to the most junior detective and staff, we all work together. 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.

The Massachusetts Deferred Compensation SMART Plan

The Massachusetts Deferred Compensation SMART Plan is a retirement savings program which allows eligible state, city and municipal employees to save and invest before-tax dollars through salary deferral. The Plan is offered to state employees and employees of any political subdivision, public bodies, city and town or group thereof, including any government body that chooses to adopt the Plan. Over 600 non-state entities participate in the Plan. There are currently 294,349 enrolled participants: 92,860 are full-time; 211,489 part-time state and eligible city and municipal employees. The total current Plan Assets are $4,803,05 million spread across 28 investment options.

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Steve Murphy along with most of his colleagues 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 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 and confidence in the leadership 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 Greely 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 missed this. 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 and their families. Any questions or inquiries please contact: Brian@EdHintlian.com

Brian Fahey, currently assigned to the Explosive Ordnance 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. Everyone is welcomed to be extended to BPPA members and their families. Any questions or inquiries please contact: Brian@EdHintlian.com
Thanks Tommy Pratt, for being there when needed!

By 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 Mike Leary (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 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 representatives 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 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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what do we get for it? One day of thanks in the media and then back to ‘Let’s see what else we can take away from them ’! We are willing to bargain a comprehensive ‘comp’ time agreement and are met with stall tactics. Instead of discussing how to bridge the gap in our lost wages that the State stole from us, the city spends time and effort to 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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— Marie Richards
Director of Advertising Sponsorships, Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association

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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, were there).

Need proof? The Globe of December 8th, 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 comer 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 panwynas from a rich town playing protestor 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 Wenham, 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 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 burn. 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 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 picket 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 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 over-time slip. For the entertainment alone, I should have paid the city….
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We 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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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
Sandwich — 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 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.

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.

Secretary’s Spread...

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As a matter of fact the complex on Nor- ern 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 BPBA web site. My plan is to launch the new all 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!

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

The 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.

There is 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?”

“My 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.)
As a matter of fact, the complex on North-ern Ave that is currently under construction will be the site of the new police headquarters. The City has held hearings and the public has been invited to comment on the project. The hearings have been well attended, and many residents have expressed concerns about the impact of the construction on their daily lives. The City has assured the public that every effort will be made to minimize the impact of the construction on traffic flow.

The use of flaggers on construction projects has been touted as a less expensive alternative to police details, but that is not the case. Civilian flaggers are allowed only to stop or slow traffic. They are not trained to direct traffic or to work in areas where there is a possibility of violence. This is a serious problem, as police officers are trained to deal with dangerous situations.

The $1.8 million contract for the project, which includes the construction of a new police headquarters, was awarded to contractor LAL Construction of Fall River. The contractor was asked to pay $49 an hour per worker. When the work is completed, the officers will have no problem with the Troopers working the same detail.

The State Police have been working on the construction site in the United States today. This is a dangerous job, and the officers have to be careful out there. Back each other up and make sure that you are 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 consisted of not 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.”

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 (2000). 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 pervasive 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 offices”

By P.O. Robert Anthony, Chronologist, BPD

Patrolman 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 $71,000,000.

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. “We had three pretty bad fires right after the big one”.

So he conceived the idea of cutting up a piece of rubber hose and putting rubber lifts on his heels. Then there was confusion among the police as their usual shoes, 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 wished 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 overhaul 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.”

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 cases were tried in that court then so there were pretty long sessions. So Patrolman Edwin Piper Invented the rubber shoe.

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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 candidates 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 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.

(Artist 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.

Activist 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 chapter of the Ku Klux Klan organized a media dog-and-pony show disguising himself as a simple “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, excommunicated 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” as 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”.

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By Jim Carnell, Pax Centurion

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Another brilliant idea by idiot liberals: ‘City to provide housing to pregnant women’

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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.

Attention Family, Friends and Brother Officers:

I am looking into obtaining any items of our Police Department to be put into a Museum for the Dept. Anything you would like to donate for this project would be grateful. I would include your information onto the items to give credit to your family and loved ones.

As we move forward, a lot of our history is slowly disappearing and I would love to be able to obtain items for our future officers to enjoy and understand our great history.

Please contact me at 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 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 Marian Bray and no children
DISTRICT 13 – 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 12:59 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 04 – RIVERWAY/BROOKLINE AV
Buried: St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA
National Law Enforcement Memorial Washington D.C., Panel 42, West Line 14

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 8, 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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By Lynn Asinof, Boston Globe

If you're the type of person who stopped celebrating your birthday at age 49, you may be losing 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 cases, 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.

50

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.

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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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.

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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, smuggling, 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 taxing 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 stealthy 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.

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 that this. Were I a doctor, a lawyer, or an astronaut, all these childhood dreams would fall far short of the honorable distinction that 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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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 dollars plus 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 Methodonians 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 indivduals who haven’t been laid with sacrifice, honor and integrity.

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 her. 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 19th 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.

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By W.A. Moshezart

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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?
Welcome to the circus that never leaves town

By P.O. Jay Moccia

During 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 fellows making the news, our spaghet-ispine 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 under ATF supervision and as “Indian Summer”?

Do rookies still fall for the upside down sword. White House look for Holder to fall on his sword. If this plot reaches 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 “Carmegeddon”. 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 mis-take...

If the Mass Port Authority has jurisdiction of the Seaport area, 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 (several 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 CONTRACEPTIVE CAPTIVES (that’s city employees like us!) about 3 million. Message to the protesters: Wall (continued on page B11)
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St ain’t paying for this, I am, and so is everyone else. A 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. This was the Unamerican, keynot 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 disdain 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.

The rattlesnakes, coyotes, bears, cougars and several other predators with his wild life refuge. But, before he did, he opened the cages, releasing all the Carlisle 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 explore with students other cultures, she chose the easy way out and printed. 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 makes no good $#%@&% Columbus!

Common sense regulation and registration of firearms is not solving the problem? (Second Amendment Rights! Just a little history reminder of the information 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 initiating of this company is B.S. and that’s exactly what this is! Obviously the people living, for free aren’t maintaining the property if it has to be rebuffed 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 Mrs. Obama wolfed down, and it wasn’t all the healthy stuff that food Nazi tells us to eat either!

Finally, yes! Please vote it’s what separates us from the animals. Why should not everyone be 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.

In case anyone isn’t paying attention, Jim Crow is alive and well and he’s after your 2nd 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 (14th Amendment). Fast forward to 2011 and what do we have? The last two Supreme Court cases concerning the 2nd 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 Firewall 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.

Strange how no City Union has a contract and we have signed 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 Devil 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?

Welcome to the circus that never leaves town… (continued from page B5)
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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 staining refuse clogging Zuccotti Park, despite the best efforts of many of the protesters to keep the area clean.”

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

“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 mystically flocked to the protests. “No True Scotsman,” and all, you know.

“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 drugs 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…

– Dr. Philip M. Terno 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 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 indigenous populations and can be spread by coughing.”

– New York Times, 11/10/11

…or terrorizing children…

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 protesters chanted “follow those kids!”

– CBS New York, 10/17/11

…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

…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!

“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.

…or hacking emergency services…

“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?

“Three days after Los Angeles police evicted Occupy LA 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.

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 with their long winter’s knapsacks, it has seriously flocked to the protests. “No True Scotsman” – Movement has failed to be right about needing therapy. Anyone who looks like this.

The Occupy 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.

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 leeches 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 ears.

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’m going to make 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, over-worked, 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 mid-90’s. 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 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 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 badge 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 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 (continued on page C3)
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Support the EMS Memorial Foundation

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

S
ome 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 through “Irene” in any of its 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 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.

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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 comments 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 11th 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 11th.

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.

Best Wishes to the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association
By James F. Lydon, Jr.

The third annual Boston Police Fitness Challenge was held on Saturday morning, October 1st, 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 Eiblan’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 Assault 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.

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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 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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Boston Police Fitness Challenge:
The third time is a charm

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-peats 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…

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. What state is home to over 50% of Fortune 500 companies in the United States?
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?

(see answers on page C14)
Information on officers is needed

About 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 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 the district 18 detectives office 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
Office 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 Jamaicaway 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.

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”.

* Laterly there have been so many predictions about the world ending? Now, according to some people in Mexico it’s 12/31/12. Book your vacations 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 cubsies 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.

* We are in an occuppy the outcry if there was an occupy in their own city or town? Can you imagine the outcry if there was an occuppy in their own city or town? Can you imagine the outcry if there was an occuppy in their own city or town?

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”?

* Victor Everett, a great cop and person, is taken so suddenly from his family and friends? Rest in peace Victor…you will be missed.

Are you a supporter of ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION?

Are 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 enter the United States illegally because they don’t need any “stinkin’ license” and pay no attention to our “free” health care from hardworking taxpayers.

* If you 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.

* 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.”

- By 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. 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 depressing 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"

A Review by James F. Lydon, Jr.

What 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 stuck 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 (1945)? 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 director 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

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

— Conan O’Brian


— Jay Leno

Q: What’s the difference between Obama’s cabinet and a penitentiary? A: One is filled with tax evaders, blackmailers, 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: Obama!

— 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

Why am I married?

You 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
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• Frosty the androgynous overweight ice sculpture

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Trivia Answers

United States

(see questions on page C5)

1. In 2004 Yankees closer Mariano Rivera recorded 53 saves which is his season career high.


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 1,500 for the New York Islanders. He also won four Stanley Cups.


10. The record for the most tennis Grand Slam Men’s championships is held by Roger Federer with 16.

Sports

(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 torpedo hits on November 13, 1942 killing all five brothers. The Sullivans 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.
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