Racial profiling form: explain this one to me again?...

Racists make racist form to accuse police of ...racism...

By James Carnell, *Pax Editor*

Many of us will remember the book "Catch 22" or George Orwell's famous book "1984" from our high school reading lists. Both books dealt with the insanity of various rules and regulations which contradicted themselves and meant the exact opposite of what they purported to be. They could not, however, have predicted the insanity that is the BPD's racial profiling form.

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Commissioner Davis cancels speech after BPPA threatens picket

By Jim Carnell, *Pax Editor*

Commissioner **Ed Davis** recently canceled his much ballyhooed speech about "the future of the department" which was originally scheduled for March 29th at the Boston Teacher's Union Hall after the BPPA voted unanimously to picket the speech.

According to the BPD's media relations department "the department was unaware of any morale problems within the patrol force. We do not believe this to be the case...." And they actually issued a press release claiming that the speech was canceled due to "scheduling concerns and logistical considerations". If the term "untruthfulness" means anything, this has to be the penultimate definition. As you know, the BPD has recently been on a mission to fire officers for alleged untruthfulness. Only **Jay Carney** in the White House's press office is more capable of bold-faced lying, spinning, and utter bullshit than the BPD's press office who shill for the Commissioner.

The speech was canceled because the PC did not want the embarrassment of having rank-and-file patrol officers picketing the dear leader's speech. He also recently told BPPA president **Tom Nee** that he was unaware of any morale problems and that the Mayor was "upset and angry" that such an article had appeared in the *Herald.* (Geez, that's too bad. His hurt feelings are our major concern here at the BPPA...)

What it does show our members is just how totally out-of-touch headquarters is with the officers who answer the calls and take the punishment from the public and the media. They seem to think that handing out little ribbons and trinkets will pay the bills of our members. They have deluded themselves into thinking that the patrol force believes their BS and will march like North Korean soldiers to their drumbeat. News flash: Commissioner Davis: we don't. Morale sucks, and the troops in the field are sick of being abused and denigrated by headquarters, City Hall, and your allies in the media. If you don't like it and don't want to believe it, that's too bad....

Officers loyal to the Commissioner march to hear his speech.

Not aware of morale problems?

"...The administration is not aware of morale problems within the ranks of patrol officers. That is not something we believe to be the case...."

– BPD media relations spokesperson, *Boston Herald,* March 28th, 2012

By Jim Carnell, *Pax Editor*

Can you believe that quote in response to a *Boston Herald* article about the recent decision to picket the Commissioner's much-touted speech about the future of the department? (It was canceled due to "logistical issues and scheduling problems". If you believe that one, the Broadway Bridge is for sale- cheap and for cash. I currently own it.)

Seriously, this quote shows you just how out-of-touch Headquarters is with the troops in the field. They are blissfully unaware of the crap that you, the patrol officer, has put up with for years. Want me to start a list of morale problems for you, Commissioner?...

How about a contract that's been expired for almost two years and is about to enter its third year? How about the prospect of more years of "0%" raises?

How about a worthless educational incentive formerly known as the Quinn bill? Many of us accepted years of zero percent raises in exchange for the luxury of attending college, paying tuition and earning a degree, only to see it decimated by Governor Patrick. Did you speak up, Commissioner? Did the Mayor? Higher education is worthless to even bother attaining. We simply want to be treated like a firefighter, who now makes up to $16,000 more a year than a cop with a Master's degree.

How about the massive rise in the cost of our health insurance coverage, removing more money from our take-home pay?

How about the punitive transfers and re-assignments that were recently instituted against officers who had the audacity to use a contractually-guaranteed benefit on Super Bowl Sunday? As you know, an officers' personal day is his/her choice, not yours. Whether an officer chooses to use February 5th, July 4th, Christmas day or the last Sunday in August during the Caribbean festival is immaterial. These transfers were a childish exercise in power and control by egomaniacs. We have been without a contract for almost two years. Could you kindly respect at least our expired one?....

How about the recent firing of Officer Da-

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Here we go again

I have heard the disappointment and mounting frustration from virtually everyone. Over the course of the last two years the BPPA Bargaining Committee has attended about 50 plus formal and informal sessions with the City's bargaining representatives and innumerable other meetings and conversations with others in the hope of producing a resolution. I want you to know that throughout this process that the bargaining committee has operated in the best interest of the members knowing full well what is expected of them and what they are tasked to do.

There is no secret here; everyone in Boston knows that there is **NO** way that our membership will seriously consider a contract that causes their base wage and pensionable income to be inferior to the firefighters. And only those who have actually served on the bargaining committee now and in the past can truly explain to you just how difficult (almost painful) contract negotiations with the City of Boston can be.

Like most of you I'm perplexed by the city's attitude toward the BPPA membership, over the past two years the City has continuously stated that they were apprehensive and even reluctant at the table because of their financial exposure with regards to the litigation involving the Quinn Bill. That excuse is behind us now and it's beyond time the city recognize its responsibility to the BPPA membership.

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Everyday our members grind it out, perform the work, make the sacrifices and answer the call, above and beyond. So why do we have to go through this grind too? Given that we have seen their books and observed the "fiscal good fortune" the City of Boston has experienced as a result of our efforts, the ability to pay is not a significant issue, so I must ask; does the basic sense of fairness ever enter their thought process?

As of this point in time and without fully disclosing what's going on at the bargaining table, fairness is not considered by the city team.

And where is our management, (the people that don't even know that there is a morale problem), have they stood up for us, are they afraid to afraid to speak up on our behalf or do they believe that the service that their employees produce is not worthy of the same financial considerations as the fire service. How are we to supposed to maintain our level of commitment to them when there is no reciprocity?

It reminds me of the event that occurred some time ago when one of our brothers was getting raked over the coals by the media about using a tactic trained to him in the Boston Police Academy when arresting a violent felon who refused to be handcuffed. The only one who spoke on his behalf and defended him was the BPPA!

Political correctness and what things **LOOK** like should not be the litmus test in determining what is right and what is wrong! The City Bargaining Team as well as the management of the Boston Police Department should acknowledge and embrace that concept! In the meantime we expect the city "shall" reward our efforts with a pensionable compensation (base wage) package worthy of the membership's consideration.

Enough is enough, there is no divine revelation here, and they've known for several years what our expectations are. More than anyone, I am aware that patience has grown short- if indeed it hasn't already run out.

The bargaining committee has just about exhausted itself trying to get the city to move, it's their turn, let's see how they want to handle it. We'll let you know as soon as we do.

All that I can ask for is complete solidarity with the bargaining committee and with your union.

Our strength lies in our action together as one body, regardless of unit, district, shift, squad or any personal disagreements.

Be safe and keep each other's back.

Bargaining for parity

As bargaining becomes more meaningful since the Court's decision, a better understanding of the May, 2010 Firefighter's arbitration award is important as to how it could affect our outcome with the BPPA looking for parity with fire for similarly situated personnel. This round is different in that the three groups representing police interests follow last fiscal year's Fire resolution. This is a rare occasion given that the firefighter's TCAP (Transitional Career Awards Program) will finally be put in play. Fire has always settled after us for obvious reasons. Seeking to upgrade the value of a base compensation increase for the police to account for the TCAP effect over many years will be a first. The 5th year of the Fire agreement was back ended and allowed for an increase on January 1, 2011 of 2 ½ % and on June 30, 2011, of 1 ½ %. A fifth year firefighter received an additional 2 % because of TCAP language that dates back to 1987 allowing for 1% increase each time the contract opens.

Arbitrator Eischen's decision took into account what he referred to as the unprecedented, groundbreaking, priceless "Gold Standard" of ***random drug and alcohol testing***…***average total earnings including overtime***…and ***additional work hours*** performed by firefighters – approximately 231 hours per year were argued. In the BPD, there are approximately 1946 hours of work (based on 8 hours) in a year minus vacation, sick or any other leave. We work a six-day cycle, 60.83 cycles per year. Day shift, including the ½ hour on duty, paid lunch comes to 2,068 hours per year…the night shift minus the ¼ hour per shift comes out to approximately 1,886 hours. Firefighters work two 24 hour shifts in an eight-day cycle (one on, one off, one on, five off). There are approximately 45.6 eight day cycles approximating 2,190 hours per year.

The firefighters successfully argued that the difference in hours worked must be considered and taken into account. The City argued that hours of work are not relevant in the comparative analysis. So the arbitrator considered total payroll for an individual, *including overtime*, without regard to the hours necessary to produce those earnings. Documents submitted claim "average total earnings" in 2008 for firefighters equaled $89,270 compared to $104,843 for patrolmen. Accuracy aside the arbitrator stated that parity was not the objective in his final determination though parity is our constant in the current negotiation.

The arbitrator claimed that the TCAP entitlement was not pursued by the City in the bargaining preceding its October 2008 submission of issues to the JLMC. The arbitrator also claimed that the alcohol and drug testing was *belatedly* added after the fact. There has never been an issue (random drug and alcohol testing in this case) described in more grandiose terms by an arbitrator and it was reflected in the award. The arbitrator left the city with an odd explanation to ponder in justifying his decision. Arbitrator Eischen concluded that "the city's proposal to skim the frosting, pocket the cake and avoid paying the fair, reasonable and affordable value of the meal is a hound that will not hunt." Whatever the City pursued at the table is unclear but their arguments were clearly ridiculed by the arbitrator in his final explanation.

Going forward, the State legislature has non-funded and abolished the educational incentive for current and future hires. The Supreme Court's decision gives various meaning to the word "shall" and leaves us at the city's doorstep looking for parity with fire personnel. The disparity between police and fire personnel is easily identified given the bargaining history during which the fire has always settled after the police. In one instance, when the police settled on the Quinn Bill and received two zero's for the last two years of that bargaining cycle, a fifth year firefighter subsequently received 10% (the equivalent of an Associate Degree) during the same two years. Leveling the playing field will not come easy especially realizing that the idea of banking on a like-minded arbitrator, such as the firefighters experienced, is too good to be true.

The City will be in no better position to close the gap between police and fire than they are in the first year of our negotiation. The fire will not get a shot at recuperating monies for fiscal year 2011. The City should make an honest effort given their prior treatment of fire contracts over the years or suffer the consequences of a troubled workforce who feel equally worthy of a firefighter's base wage. Without serious intervention in fiscal year 2011 this calamity will continue to play out as each group ding dongs off of each other's increases. The city has given the firefighter's the equivalent of a Masters and denies the police the same consideration.

David Williams Termination

Police Commissioner's Memo 10-007 in closing states "Should the Department determine that an employee has been untruthful in any report to the Department, during any sworn testimony or in an internal investigatory interview including interviews at Internal Affairs and Anti-Corruption, ***termination will be the presumptive disciplinary action***, consistent with just cause principles. Then there is the "side door" untruthfulness, dealing with the ***intentional omission*** of sufficient or pertinent facts so just in case a question was not offered in an inquiry, you're still responsible and liable to the yet unidentified, unsolicited question. This is usually a portion of the opening statement before an IAD interview and depending on the incident, the individual or the outside influence, the statement carries different motivation. This case gives true insight into the 4th floor politics, where outside perception and inside anxiety over a scheduled deposition, cost an officer his job and hurried along a 1.4 million dollar windfall.

The personnel on the 3rd floor examine and assess incidents based on the facts along with the complainant's credibility…rarely are complaints not given the appropriate deference. The 3rd floor recommendations are generally supportive of the working cop. The problem is that cases seem to reappear for follow-up seeking a more inspired ending after 4th floor review. Unfortunately, the 3rd floor is tasked to carry out the 4th floors bidding which is never of benefit to the patrol force. Additional questions and changes in recommendation are common especially if the incident is covered by the media.

In David's case, termination was the 4th floor's presumptive disciplinary action before the case was fully vetted. The rationale was not present in the beginning as evidenced by the initial questioning but motivation was clearly there during a re-interview 2 years after the fact. David will receive a balanced, unbiased, rendering of the facts in front of an arbitrator where witness credibility and an all-encompassing review of the incident will be provided. David's attorneys did a great job during his internal hearing scrutinizing the complainant's believability and motives. This is a universal fact pattern that happens all too frequently to officers who respond to a cluster, deal with it to the best of their abilities and get sued. Only in this case the department took a hike on the officer and embraced a disputable set of facts.

Racial profiling form: explain this one to me again?…

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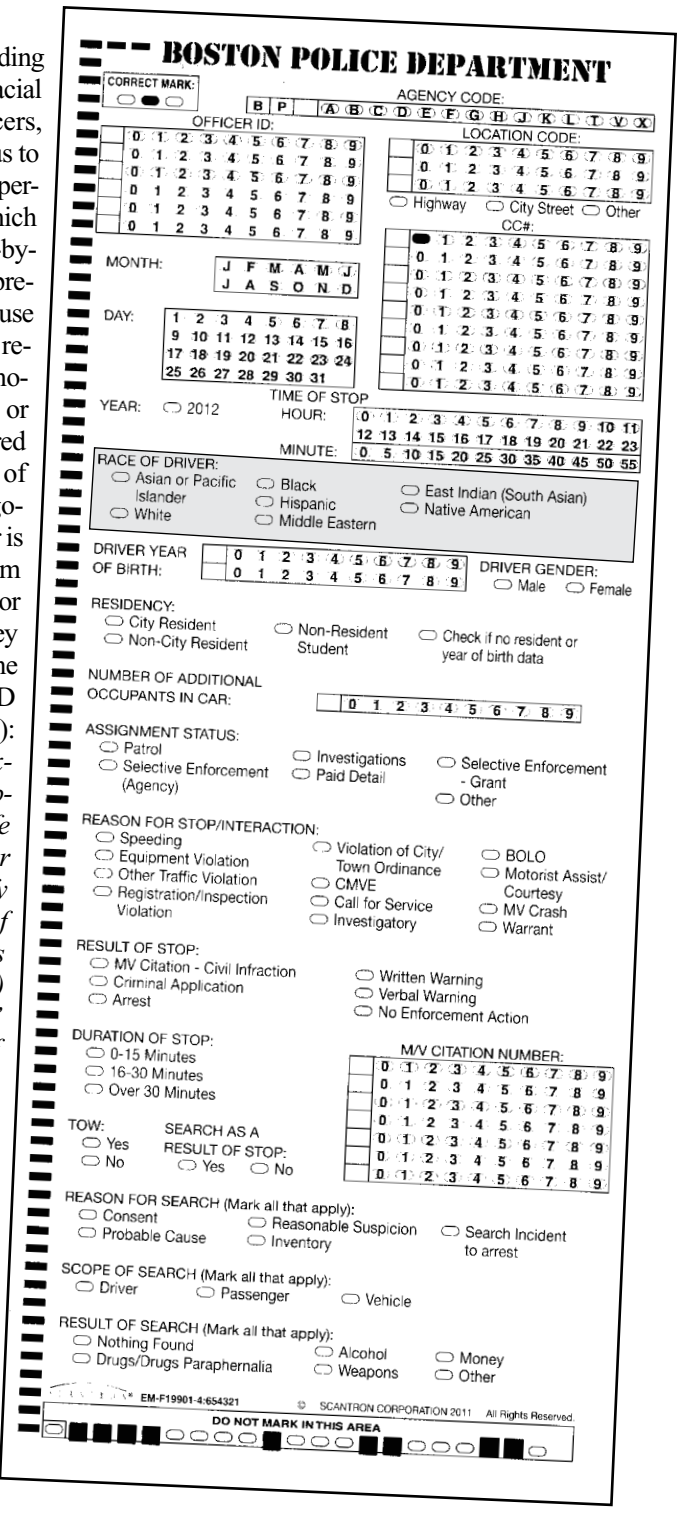
Under the guise of ending or preventing so-called racial profiling by police officers, the form actually forces us to make decisions about a person's race or ethnicity which in fact makes us "racists-by-proxy". We are literally presumed to be racists because the choices on the form require us to do so. Every motorist who is stopped by or encounters police is required to be "boxed into" one of seven racial/ethnic categories, and the police officer is specifically prohibited from asking anyone what race or ethnicity they believe they belong to. According to the manual issued by the BPD Academy (April 12, 2005):

"Officers will be expected, based on their observations, training and life experiences, to use their best judgment…to identify the race, using only one of the six race codes… (it has since expanded to seven) of the person cited…" "One and only one of the six codes must be entered and officers shall not enter any other information in these boxes such as "unknown" nor leave the boxes empty. The determination of an operator's race will be based solely upon the officer's judgment at the time the citation is filled out and the officer ***shall not make any inquiries of the operator regarding his race or ethnicity."***



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Anger must be aimed in the right direction

All right, ladies and gentlemen, so we have been losing a few battles as of late. None of us likes to lose but there is a certain quality in knowing how to lose. As we were all told as children, most likely by our parents, 'nobody likes a sore loser'. As the newly elected Treasurer of our Association I do not intend or mean to call the membership names or insult them but please hear me out, finish reading this and then let me know what you think.

The most recent battles that we have lost are or appear to be, our members being transferred for using a contractual benefit on Super Bowl Sunday, the whole idea of being allowed to leave work early before the shift ends, having the ability to "work in" for a day off at a later date and of course our Quinn Bill benefits paid by the Commonwealth. There are others of course but let's restrict this article to these four to keep things in perspective.

For the purpose of this article and keeping with the idea that we are in fact at war with the City of Boston, (COB), let's pretend that we, the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, (BPPA), are the colonists and the Continental armies of 1776 and that the City is the Redcoats, the English Empire. I hope that this contrast will help illustrate and visualize what I want to try and explain. In furthering this illustration, the BPPA House of Representatives, (HOR), will be the Continental Congress while his Honor the Mayor **(Tom Menino)** will play King George and Commissioner **Ed Davis** will play General Cornwallis of the King's Army.

So, now onto the war and the battles that consumes it. Let's begin with the first battle I referenced, the use of Personal days on Super Sunday when the Patriots played the New York Giants. As we all know we have a contract signed by the COB and is expected to be honored by that very City. In our contract we are allowed four personal days to be used when we want to use them. No questions are to be asked and no reason need be given. There are only four days a year that we can be guaranteed to be off, and that is when we chose to exercise our contractual benefit and "take a P day".

So in late January as Super Sunday is approaching, General Cornwallis has a vision of attackers and marauders invading the Kings city. In a total panic he calls for his militia to be armed and ready for the invasion. He orders that no man be allowed to sleep or rest. He must honor his beloved King and have a show of force so that he city remains unharmed in the wake of these attackers. In his panic he sends word to France, Italy, Germany and Canada to assist with defending off the attackers. These foreign countries, better known to us as Nemlec and Metrolec, were delighted to come to the new country and defend the City of Boston. I guess the Super Bowl means nothing in these foreign lands. Now General Cornwallis feels at ease as he knows there is more than enough militia on the front lines.

Now that the Continental Congress hears that NEMLEC and METROLEC are being called into their city, President John Hancock, the President of Congress, let's say he is played by **Tommy Nee,** sends word to Cornwallis that he cannot bring these outside armies into the City and then pay them, he demands that his army just be paid more. The General responds by informing the Continental Congress that he is not paying them, they are coming as a favor to the King. They are coming as a favor to the King? I guess the Super Bowl doesn't mean anything on those foreign lands. Nevertheless, President Hancock argues, protecting the City of Boston is still the work of the Continental armies. Cornwallis accepts this argument and demands that the entire army be made to work. He declares that no man (or woman) be allowed to have the day off, nothing is to happen to the Kings city. As this word reaches down to the Continental army, the soldiers are furious. They had plans, some were going picnicking, some were going to family weddings down south, and some just wanted to spend Sunday with their family. "NO" cried Cornwallis, "nobody is to have the day off". As the army all knew that the General was just grandstanding for the King and in fact, no attackers were coming and no invasion was imminent, they put in for their P days. The Continental army was made up of all brave soldiers who if there was a threat to the City all would have responded and been there. But with only the General's imaginary invasion on the horizon, they in fact stayed home or carried out their plans with their families.

As the Super Sunday ended and in fact there was no invasion from anywhere, the General was both embarrassed and humiliated. There was no way he could allow the Continental Army, those little meaningless soldiers, appear to be smarter than him so when they returned to work the General transferred them, but just some of them. He sent the soldiers who were from MA to New York, others to South Carolina, New Jersey and still some to Virginia. He sat in his Ivory Tower and laughed as he signed the order. Knowing there was no need to do it, he did it anyhow, and this will show them to do as I say in the future he thought.

Back in the Congress, President Hancock was outraged that the Continental Army was being treated as such. He sent correspondent after correspondent to both the General and the King but no answer was ever received. With each setting sun the General's laugh could be heard in the distance. Each day the laugh faded as President Hancock and the Continental Congress filed petition after petition to stop the harassment of the armies, that they be treated fairly and that both General Cornwallis and King George honor the contract they had with the army but that only created more laughing from the towers. The Congress could file lawsuits but the King owned the Judges, the Congress was perplexed at how the General and the King treated the armies. Sound familiar?

As Super Sunday came and went, with no invasion, marauding or even throwing of a stone, the Continental Army went back to work. Drilling as they did, guarding the streets and the good people of Boston. There was a common practice back then of one soldier who needed a day off to swap his tour with another soldier. If he could not find another soldier he was allowed to do what was referred to as a work in tour for a work out tour later or a self-swap. This practice was of mutual benefit to both the Continental Army as well as the Empire. So long as the soldiers could get the time off they needed, when they needed it they appeared to be happy and content. Word of this happiness and contentness reached General Cornwallis one day and he was furious. The mere fact that members of the Continental Army were happy to any degree infuriated him. He immediately sent word down through his subordinates that this practice was to stop. That in no way, should these soldiers, or any soldier under his command or control, be allowed to not work his scheduled tour of duty. And why, he inquired, did these soldiers need time off? To relax and have fun? Not under my command. And so the practice of many years of swapping a tour for another tour ended abruptly.

The most recent battles that we have lost are or appear to be, our members being transferred for using a contractual benefit on Super Bowl Sunday, the whole idea of being allowed to leave work early before the shift ends, having the ability to "work in" for a day off at a later date and of course our Quinn Bill benefits paid by the Commonwealth.

Word was immediately sent to the Continental Congress for representation. President Hancock was furious when he heard. He was determined to right this wrong and get things back to how they were and how they should be. The members who made up the Continental Congress became enraged as they heard directly from the soldiers of whom they represented. Once again after so many correspondents went ignored, finally General Cornwallis responded through one of his many command staff members of course, never doing it himself, that this is how it is going to be. That the Empire will control everything and that the Continental Army will do as it is told or they will all be transferred to different states. As irate as President Hancock was what could he do? The General represented King George and the Empire itself. President Hancock was aware that the General had the right of assignment. Against his wishes, the Continental Army just went back to work.

As frustrated as the members of the Continental Army were, they continued doing their jobs. They did drill, they worked their tours, missed family events such as weddings, birthdays and protected the citizens of this new land. The Lieutenants and Captains of the Empire, who were direct supervisors for General Cornwallis, saw and appreciated the work that the soldiers did. These Lieutenants and Captains of the English Empire saw firsthand the sacrifices that these soldiers made in doing their jobs. These Lieutenants and Captains could in no way sneak extra pay or monies to the soldiers so they thought of a new way to reward them.

Certain Captains around the new Colonies began instructing their Lieutenants and even Sergeants, to allow one or two of the soldiers of the Continental Army to be relieved a little early. It was a belief that this "relief time" would motivate the soldiers and show them that they were appreciated.

Well this little bit of time off served its purpose well for the Empire. The area in which this "relief time" was being practiced was becoming jubilant under that Captains command. The soldiers were not calling in sick, they were "producing" for their Captain and everything was wonderful again. All past sins soon were forgotten. Soon other Captains around the colonies began to institute this little relief system for the soldiers. Then their sick time began to decrease. All across the thirteen colonies as the soldiers were being given just a little bit of time off, being shown a tiny bit of appreciation, all was good.

Well, as always, word got back to General Cornwallis. Again, the very idea that the soldiers who did all the work were happy made him disgusted. He sent word down to all thirteen Colonies, through his command staff, that this practice was to stop at once. He in no way was going to allow members of the Continental Army, who were being paid by the taxes collected by King George, to have any time off while being paid. He didn't care what they did in return, the practice was to stop. In a very bold declaration, General Cornwallis debated transferring the Captain who was in charge of what was known as Boston back then, along with a few of his Lieutenants and Sergeants. This was the first time that the General considered "punishing" one of his own. To move members of the Continental Army was one thing but to transfer members of the English Army was unheard of. Many members of General Cornwallis command staff wondered what the reaction would be from all the other Captains of the remaining Colonies.

I suppose nobody should be surprised at the reaction of most of the other Captains.

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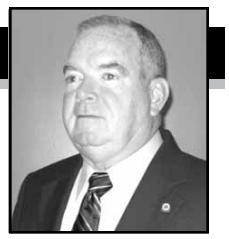

We're not happy with the SJC ruling

I'm quite sure, that by now, everyone is aware that the members of the BPPA are not very happy with the recent ruling by the Massachusetts SJC. We appear to be the only profession on the face of the earth that consistently gets paid less and less as the years go on and are required and expected to do more and more. We are almost at the beginning of our third year without a contract and it appears that the end is nowhere in sight. The 'Bargaining Committee' prepared and submitted a reasonable wage plan to the City Bargaining Team recently, by the time you read this article, we should have some sort of response from the City. It should be no secret that our membership will not willingly accept anything less than parity with our Brothers and Sisters in the BFD. The Fire Service deserves every penny they are paid, however, we are as every bit deserving of a decent weeks wage as the Fire. For anyone to believe that the men and woman of this Patrol Force can continue to endure such a wage disparity without it effecting morale or work performance, well, they are just fooling themselves. We are human beings that have needs and wants just like everyone else. Our families deserve a decent wage for the work that we do. We *'strap it on'* every day, not knowing what the shift will bring, not knowing when or if we will see our families again. I'm not trying to sound melodramatic, it's just a fact of life and we should be paid commensurate with our responsibilities as the Fire Service is. We are not so naïve that we don't understand the political pressures that the City Administration is under, when it comes to wage raises in this economy and in this media charged frenzy of anti-public employee sentiment. However, what's right is right and we all know that the Boston Police Patrolmen are woefully under paid. The Department that Officers flocked to a few years ago, when the magical lateral transfer door opened, is now the department that Officers are looking to lateral out of just as fast. We understand that the Mayor and his staff have a full City to manage in addition to the Boston Police Department. However, realizing savings of more than $26,000,000.00 a year, directly attributed to Union members bearing more of the insurance costs and another $90,000,000.00 dollars a year in increased taxes and fees, maybe the Mayor's staff can see their way towards settling our contract and bringing us in where we belong financially.

With that said, we also realize that Mayor Menino and Commissioner Tom Tinlin have done yeomen's work this winter, in keeping the construction permits being issued, thus insuring an adequate supplementary income to our Patrol force. Normally we are fighting for scraps during the winter months, this year, the Mayor directed Commissioner Tinlin to keep as many jobs as possible going, to ensure there was work for all. We can agree to disagree when we have to, we should also thank people when they step up to the plate with our well being in mind. The Mayor and his staff have been diligently working, along with City Councilor Murphy, on the waterfront issues. We all realize how important the new Boston waterfront is and will be. The jobs in that district rightfully belong to us, the Mayor and Councilor Murphy recognize that fact and have been engaged in a knock down drag out fight with the legislature over it. So, as a wise man once said, let's not cut off our nose to spite our face! We can all agree to disagree, but this is our City and with the Mayor's help, we will once again be patrolling our City and lending services to our waterfront community.

I fully understand the anger and angst of our members, specifically with the recent SJC ruling. I don't believe for a minute that the City of Boston negotiating team really wanted to see the SJC rule against us. With the SJC ruling on the side of politics instead of law, they have thrown the proverbial 'monkey wrench' into City bargaining and screwed every other City and Town that was awaiting the decision. Politically speaking, it would have been a lot easier for the City to pay the money if ordered by the Court. However, it appears that the Court bowed to the State political and **MEDIA** pressure. Let us not forget who and what group of politicians fed us to the sharks.

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Speaking of State wide positions or employees, allow me to switch gears and publically thank the State Treasurer Steve Grossman and his office staff. Recently one of our members, who is very ill and in severe financial difficulty reached out to us through the BPD Peer Support Office, (which I might add are a wonderful group of people), for help in accessing his differed compensation money. We all know how difficult it is dealing with the State and almost impossible to access your differed comp in a timely manner. Knowing the limited time our member had available to access his funds, the State Treasurer's office worked hand in hand with us to rectify the problem almost immediately. *These are the type of people that work for the State and the Cities and Towns of the Commonwealth, good, decent and hard working, Thank you!*

It has come to my attention that quite a few of the newer members, who are also members of the Military Reserve Forces, are not aware of all of the financial benefits that our organization offers. At the risk of being redundant, your association passed a motion in 2002 to help financially support individuals activated to fight the war on terror. Just a reminder of the basic motion and information and documentation required for us to assist you with that financial promise. The motion was to assist members in good standing with a financial stipend of $500.00 per month for a period of not more than five months and a total of $2,500.00. That a member would have to be activated to duty in the recognized force of ARMY, NAVY, AIR-FORCE, MARINES or COAST GUARD (to include reserve forces) for a minimum of ninety days prior to becoming eligible. (***ADT is not considered active duty***) Further that if a member met those requirements, that the association would refund Union Dues and Dental Payments to those members for the life of their activation. You need to help us help you, when you are notified that you are going to be activated, please forward a copy of your orders to the union, attention to the Secretary. When you receive new orders or post mobilization orders, please forward those copies as well, (we need to know where you are stationed to include addresses/Apo's, Afpo's etc.).

For all of our members please note the following: this is your association, this Union is made up of the 1511 members that work in every District, Unit and AREA around the City. We, at 9-11 Shetland Street are your Representatives, we are not the Union, you are! The Leadership is not the Union. The Union is not a building, the Union is not 54 District, AREA or Unit Representatives. The Union is not a Legislative Aide or 3 Master at Arms. You are the Union, make sure your voice is heard. Make sure your will is done. Make sure you direct your Representatives and stay informed! Don't fall for idle gossip, ask the questions and demand the answers. Stay informed! Please be careful out there, back each other up, your number one job is to go home to your family safe and sound!

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April 10, 2012

VIA E-MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL
Stephen B. Sutliff, Deputy Director
Office of Labor Relations
Boston Police Department
One Schroeder Plaza
Boston, MA 02120

Re: Denial of use of Comp Time to BPPA members

Dear Deputy Director Sutliff,

I write at the direction of Boston Police Patrolmen's Association to demand that the Boston Police Department cease unreasonably denying BPPA members' requests to use accumulated time owed ("comp time"). It has come to the BPPA's attention that the department is routinely denying officers who request to use comp time. These denials are made in circumstances where it would clearly not unduly disrupt the department to grant the time. The refusal to allow officers to use comp time violates the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the BPPA

As you know, the BPPA has been very patient as the department has attempted to calculate the amounts that officers are owed. However, the City has repeatedly changed how comp time is earned and used despite claims that no changes would be made during this period. Denying officers the right to use time, or attempting to require that they use it within days, are unlawful changes that the BPPA will not countenance.

For years the BPD allowed officers to accrue comp time when it suited the department's purposes. Now that officers are demanding that the department comply with the FLSA in how comp time is accrued, the department is refusing to allow officers to use their time. This not only violates the comp time provisions of the FLSA, it also constitutes retaliation against the officers for asserting their FLSA rights.

Under the law, officers must be allowed to use their comp time unless such use would "unduly disrupt" the department's operations. As you know, the courts have consistently held that causing overtime does not rise to this level. See e.g. Beck v. City of Cleveland, 390 F.3d 912 (6th Cir. 2004). Despite this, officers have been told that they cannot use comp time "if it will cause overtime," or officers are simply denied without explanation.

Again, the BPPA demands that the department allow officers to use their earned comp time in accordance with the law. If not, the officers will have no alternative but to initiate a suit in Federal Court under the FLSA.

Sincerely,

Bryan Decker
Sandulli Grace, P.C.

cc: Thomas Nee (via e-mail)
John Dunlap (via e-mail)
Paul Curran, Esq. (via e-mail)

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April 10, 2012

Members, House of Representatives
Boston Police Patrolmen's Association

Re: Volunteers to be Plaintiffs in Suit against City of Boston for violation of Comp Time Provisions of FLSA

Dear Members of the House:

As you know, the Department is now refusing to allow members to use WO's in instances where such use will result in the hiring of overtime. It is the BPPA's position that this is in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as the generation of overtime does NOT create a situation that "unduly disrupts" the operations of the department.

Please ask your members if they have been denied requests to use earned time. If they have, ask them if they are willing to be plaintiffs in a lawsuit our attorneys are preparing against the City for violation of the FLSA.

As you know, the BPPA has protested the changes to the WI/WO system that the Department has unilaterally implemented. We will also fight to make sure that all earned time is earned at the statutorily mandated time-and-a-half, and that officers are able to use the time they have earned.

Please forward the names of any officers who are willing to be plaintiffs to the BPPA as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

Thomas Nee
President
Boston Police Patrolmen's Association

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April 4, 2012

Deputy Alfredo Andres
c/o Boston Police Department
One Schroeder Plaza
Boston, Massachusetts 02120

Re: In Service Training on Days Off

Dear Deputy Andres:

It has come to the attention of the BPPA that your office is instructing Captains to no longer allow officers to attend in service training on their days off. This appears to be in retaliation for the Arbitration Award, "O'Rourke Training Days" ruling in favor of the BPPA concerning scheduling of compensatory days (WI) for training on days off. The Union asks that you immediately cease such retaliation and also please provide the Union with copies of any e-mails or other communications with Captains concerning this issue of training on days off issued since January 3, 2012.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Susan F. Horwitz

cc: Thomas Nee, President, BPPA
Ronald MacGillivray, VP, BPPA
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Paul Curran, Esq.
Office of Labor Relations
City of Boston
Boston City Hall Room 624
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Walberg Productions

Dear Attorney Curran:

It has come to the attention of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association that film crews from Walberg Productions are doing "ride alongs" with on duty Boston patrol officers. This is being done without any notice to the BPPA or opportunity to bargain. Having civilians ride along with patrol officers raises issues of officer safety and indemnity as well as workload and potential discipline issues.

We therefore ask that you cease and desist allowing these ride alongs or other involvement of this private production company with our bargaining unit employees unless and until you properly notify and bargain with the BPPA.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

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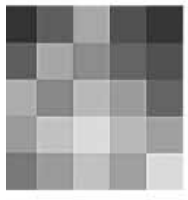

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Area B2 says farewell to one of its own

By Duke Fitzgerald

When it's time for them to call the honor roll you ponder and you listen, who will be retiring who will we be missing, now gone from the roll calls and working the street, now missing from the guard room and his Grove Hall beat, we'll miss his wit and his smile, his friendship all the while, we bid you adieu, **Jimmy Gunn,** the B632.

With the recent retirement of Patrolman Jimmy Gunn, Area B2 says good-bye to someone who had become an institution in area B on the day tour. Jimmy was a quiet man who commanded a very loud presence. Inside at the station or out at a scene you could sense if he was around. He was never one to get on the radio and announce if he had arrived or was Adam Robert but you always knew he was there. That is mostly in part because he was always there.

Assigned as the B632D in Grove Hall, Jimmy was always known to appear at any call at any time. His precise knowledge as to if a call was real or not never effected his decision to "just take a ride by", just in case. He had the back of every cop in two on every call. Shots fired or domestic, it didn't matter, Jimmy understood the potential that things could go array at any moment.

Getting on the job late in his life was not a fault factor. Jimmy commanded the same respect as anyone who had thirty or more years on the job. His life experiences only enhanced his ability to do his job. It may very well have been those life experiences that gave him the ability to determine "real" calls from the fictional ones. His assessment of crime scenes was one of many reasons you were always happy to see him standing by in the backgrounds.

This is not meant to be a biography of Jimmy's life or career. It is strictly meant to be recognition to a man who did have an impact on an entire shift. Jimmy's presence was always wanted and requested at any event on and off the job. His friendship, loyalty and respect were wanted by all. In these trying times of cop bashing and racial indifferences Jimmy Gunn was just the same old Jimmy Gunn.

I had the honor of being Jimmy's partner for a good many years. We were first the B630-B631D in Academy Homes. Then when the department decided they no longer needed walking beats in the Academy, which made no sense, we became the B632-B633D in Grove Hall. It was during those years that Jimmy and I created a bond which I have never had before and probably never will.

For hours at a time and for days on end he and I would talk about every subject under the sun. I always knew that I would get Jimmy's honest opinion on any topic. In return I would offer my honest opinion whether he wanted it or not. We discussed the job, people on the job, we talked about race, discrimination, preferential treatment of certain people or groups, and we discussed privileged and private topics, secrets that we would only discuss with each other because we both knew that they wouldn't go any further. That is unless the cruiser was "bugged" which I wouldn't doubt either.

It always gave me a sense of pride and honor to talk with Jimmy. Again, in these times of racial indifferences, it made me feel good that Jimmy and I didn't see ourselves as a black man working with a white partner, we were just cops. And that was how Jimmy saw everyone on the job. He didn't see people in terms of their color or gender, Jimmy just saw blue. And he helped me see things that way too.

It wasn't only the things that Jimmy said that made him such a respected leader, which he was by the way. His rank may have been patrolman but he was looked upon in a much greater way. Jimmy was the guy who you ran what kind of a call you were on by, what you "had here", the fact pattern you had and asked if you had the right of arrest or not. There was never a need to call for a P S if Jimmy was around and most sergeants were aware of that also. For that matter, most of the Lieutenants that served as Duty Supervisors in 2 knew Jimmy's abilities and reputation. And seldom was there an issue just allowing him to make the call at the scene.

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But now back to Jimmy's leadership. Being partners with him made me expect so much of myself. It had little to do with what Jimmy wants but what I needed. I needed his respect and wanted his friendship. I knew in my heart that we were friends but respect is something you never really know if you have from someone. In many instances you don't care if so and so respects you or not or even if they like you or not. Jimmy was one of the very few people in the world you cared if he respected you or not. He was like a father figure to everyone on the day tour. You didn't want to let him down and you certainly didn't want to make him mad. If you were ever joking around or maybe talking out of school about someone or something you might catch that look from him and you knew to stop talking right away. Of course you didn't want to seem afraid of him so maybe you try and laugh a little but the point was made, you stopped talking.

Being a man of a very few words, Jimmy didn't need many words. His look could tell you everything you needed to know. If he was happy, mad, annoyed or disappointed. You just wondered and hoped that it wasn't you he was disappointed with.

So being Jimmy's partner did have its ups and downs. In wanting his respect so much you needed to produce. I in no way mean produce in terms of arrests or write movers, I refer to produce as to your knowledge of the streets, your ability to handle people and your willingness to get physical if need be. Jimmy wasn't going to allow any cop to get hurt but you better have his back too. I should add at this point that as I write how much I wanted and most guys wanted Jimmy's respect, I played a role in his training. When Jimmy came on the job I was then Partners with The Dude, Chris Morgan, who was assigned as Jimmy's training officer. The point I am trying to make here is even though I had more time on the job then Jimmy, I felt the need to earn his respect. And I hope that I did.

Well those days of all of us working together are gone. So are the lunches in the old B2 when the whole day shift would sit down together to eat with Lt. Corwin and Billy Shaw, the fishing trips when Doyle organized our boat, the retirement banquets when the B2 day tour always had a full table, The Christmas parties when a certain someone always brought a little plastic bottle of "moonshine" and working together on the holidays when most people were home with their families. I like to think that we too were with our family, in a sense. They were all fun times and the one common denominator in all of them, Jimmy Gunn was always there.

So good luck in your retirement my dear friend you have certainly earned it. I hope this didn't sound too much like an obituary because in reality it is quite the reverse. As much as we are all going to miss you at B2, you are just beginning the first leg of your next journey. God only knows how many journeys you have been on and are going to go on. You just need to try and relax, kick back, play your lottery numbers and take things as care free like Jimmy Gunn can do. As I think about you and your playing the numbers, tonight is the $640 million jackpot for mega millions or whichever one it is. How fitting if you were the sole winner of that prize. Wouldn't that be a real something.

Just remember good buddy, you have so many friends in B2 and all across the City of Boston if you ever need anything at all just call. Don't forget to stop back once in a while to say hello and let us all know what we have to look forward to in a dozen years or so. I mean me, Harold will be following you much sooner and then probably Greg but most of us have some time to serve still. You got out when the going was good, things are changing and not for the better. So as the B632D went Ocean Frank, the rest of us will try and fight the good fight, the honest fight and keep you in mind. So long Jimmy Gunn, from all the men and women at Area B2 both past and present, we admire you, we love you and we are certainly going to miss you. Be safe and enjoy your retirement pal 'o mine.

Not aware of morale problems?

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following patrol officers around the city at all hours of the day and night, hoping to catch them picking their nose or scratching their bum. Why not leave the job of supervising to the well-qualified line supervisors at the stations who know their officers best, instead of having deputies and superintendents try to do a "gotcha" with the patrol forces? We need more Indians, not more chiefs.

How about the recent case of the officer in B-2 who languished one full year on inside, administrative duties because he got "caught" on Youtube arresting a young thug at Roxbury Community college and then the "community activists" created an issue where none existed? It took IAD **ONE YEAR** to investigate a non-incident which should have taken a few days and finally exonerate the Officer? Why? To pander to the activists and loudmouths? **A YEAR?** Please….

And speaking of that incident, why is it that your administration **ALWAYS** seems to side with the whiners, the complainers, the moaners, the constant critics? The officers in the field feel under attack from an army of critics who find spineless jellyfish at headquarters willing to grovel before, pander to, and mollify our detractors. Just once in a while, can somebody tell them to go pound sand? It might do wonders for morale…

Well, those are just a few of the many complaints out there, Commissioner, and don't take it personal, because they come from the guys on patrol. We at the BPPA are just the messengers. So if your administration "wasn't aware" of morale problems, you should be now.

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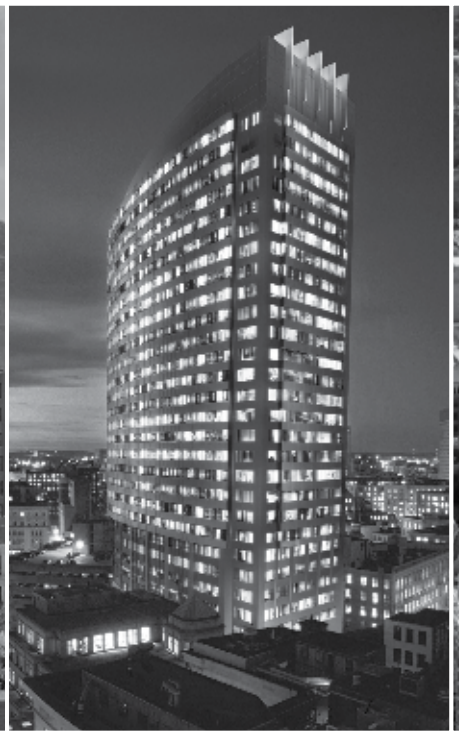

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Anger must be aimed in the right direction…

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First and foremost they all stopped the practice of allowing the members of the Continental Army any time off. They fell right into line. A few of the Captains even sent correspondents to General Cornwallis and even King George himself, requesting the command of Boston even as one of their own Captains was sent walking. The very idea of having a Captain in his command who appreciated the Continental Army was repulsive to Cornwallis. As history would later reveal, a few Captains of the English Army still did what they could to "take care" of the soldiers but they had to be secretive for fear of retribution of Cornwallis.

As always word of this change was sent to President Hancock and the Continental Congress for "action" but President Hancock knew there was nothing he could do. As he explained to the Congress that this "most recent action" by General Cornwallis is another display of the lack of respect for the soldiers who do all the work, there was nothing that can be done. This issue was not in the soldier's contract with King George so the Congress is helpless.

Among the minds of the members of the Continental Army anger was brewing. Most of the soldiers were aware that this was all coming from General Cornwallis himself. They knew that maybe King George was involved a little bit but again, this was from Cornwallis. One reason this was obvious was the way that some of the members of the Continental Army were being treated. Those who had a strong blood line from England, or who originated in or had family in Cornwallis home town, received plush assignments. While those who did not possess those things, received the less appreciated assignments. The anger and frustration was rising throughout the rank and file of the Continental Army.

Now, one of the most significant things that the Continental Congress had bargained for and had ascertained for the Continental Army was the educational Incentive. This was to make the soldiers of the Army a better educated work force and make King George look better. The King paid them a few extra shillings a month if they went out an educated themselves at an institution that the King himself selected. There were many educational facilities throughout the thirteen colonies to choose from but the soldiers had to attend on their own time. They had to pay out of their own pockets. Then and only then would the King grant them the extra shillings. The soldiers honored the agreement, accepting it in good faith and went and became educated.

Now you're not going to believe what happened next. After just a few years of receiving this benefit, after having paid the money to become educated, missing family events and such, King George stopped rationing out the extra shillings. When the soldiers lined up to receive their pay, the quarter master was short changing those who were to receive the monies owed them for the educational incentive. Anger began to rise, the soldiers had now had enough. Something needs to be done and done right now.

Word was sent by special courier to President Hancock and the Continental Congress. The messages to Hancock were short and to the point, "FIX THIS". Knowing how series things had become and being outraged himself because he had helped make this part of the Continental Army contract, Hancock was determined to do something.

He and many members of the Continental Congress traveled to Boston where General Cornwallis was rumored to be enjoying some rest and relaxation. They sent word to him that they needed to speak with him. The General refused to see them. He sent word back, through his command staff, that he would not be seeing them. That the non-payment of their educational incentive is the wish of the King and that is all there is to it. They will not be receiving their money and that's that. President Hancock knew that his hands were tied but he owed it to the army to try and do something. He brain stormed all night long.

When the Continental Congress met up the next morning, President Hancock informed them that he was going to sue King George. The Congress was appalled, nobody had ever sued the King before. "You will be ostracized" he was told. But President Hancock did not care, he owed it to the army and he wanted to do it.

The papers were filed in a MA courthouse and the waiting game began. Outraged at Hancock both King George and General Cornwallis did everything they could to ruin the lives of the army. They stripped them of benefits, cancelled their training, and transferred them around for no reason at all except that they could but Hancock stood tall and optimistic. He rallied for the army and tried to keep their hopes alive and their spirits up. And it worked for a while.

A few weeks after President Hancock sued King George in a MA courthouse the trial was heard. One of the many Judges appointed to the bench by King George heard the case. He appeared to listen to both sides intently as they made their arguments. If one did not know better, one could assume that this trial was on the level.

Seconds after the closing arguments were heard the Judge stated that he had made his ruling. The attorney for President Hancock objected and shouted that the Judge hadn't even weighed the evidence or read the Armies contract. Realizing his mistake, the Judge stated that he would render his decision in the morning.

The next morning, to no real surprise, the handpicked Judge ruled in favor of King George. The army would never see those shillings again. Outside the courtroom handshakes were exchanged and President Hancock received a few pats on the back as people told him he tried. That was not acceptable to Hancock. That evening he rounded up as many men as he could, boarded a ship carrying tea and tossed it all into Boston Harbor. Thus, the beginning of what is known today as the revolutionary war.

Obviously what you just read is totally fictional with no real shred of history except a few names. The point that I was so long winded in trying to make is that being mad is alright, so long as you know who you are mad at. Your anger must be aimed in the right direction.

The current loss of the Quinn Bill, the new practice of not allowing "WI" days, the departure of a long practice of allowing someone to leave a little early and the discipline of those who exercised their contractual benefits last Super Bowl makes everyone mad. There is no one more upset or outraged then your President, Tommy Nee, and the entire leadership. We hear it every day and want to fix it. There is no quick fix. The most important thing to know and remember is that the Union did not do any of these things.

Every item referenced in this fictional article was done by the powers at be. The City is not even responsible for all of them. The Quinn Bill was taken away by Governor Deval Patrick, not the BPPA. The practice of "WI" days was discontinued by the City of Boston, not the BPPA. The mere idea of giving someone a little bit of time was halted by the Department, not the BPPA. The transferring of the membership that exercised a contractual benefit was done by the Department, not the BPPA.

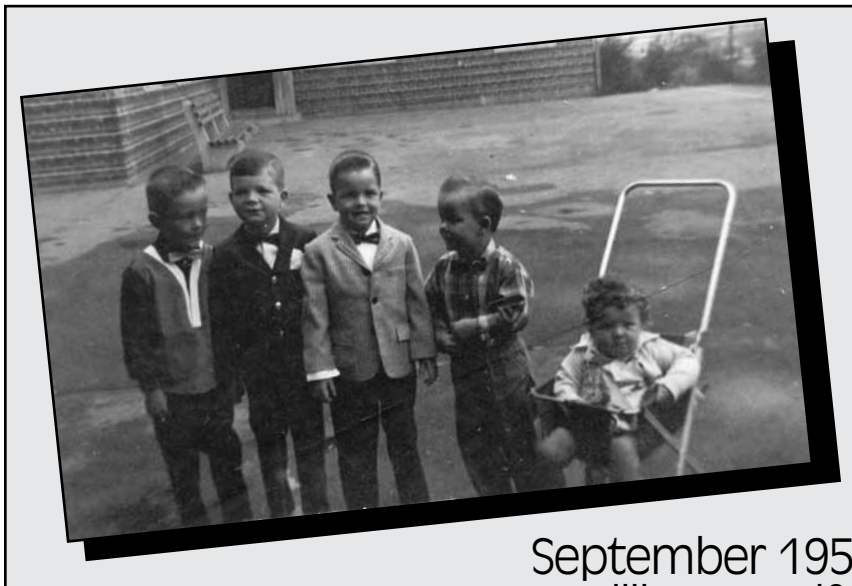
In speaking for the entire leadership, I hope, we are furious about all these things and so many others. We are not apposed at all to fighting with the Department, we do it all the time. It's not so much the fighting as it is the realization of winning that fight. Then as far as us not having a contract yet, well no one should really be too surprised. Let's not forget that as frustrated as we are that we are about to begin our third year without a contract, it's almost par for the course. The BPPA wants to negotiate and bargain a fair and equitable contract with the City. The BPPA wants to bring it back to the membership and have them ratify it. The BPPA wants to try and get equally paid as the firefighters do. That is what your leadership and Union wants.

The City does not want to talk in good faith. They do not want to talk about money, closing the gap between us and fire. What they want is for us to give, give and keep giving up benefits that were bargained for a long, long time ago. They want us to surrender rights we have and they want the use of even more technology on the job so they can watch our every move even closer. And in return they want to give us a few extra shillings at the end of the month.

Our Union bargained for the Quinn Bill in good faith. We accepted zeroes in our base pay and accepted drug testing to receive that benefit. Now, in fairness, the City did not take that benefit away, The Commonwealth did. Governor Deval Patrick made some law changes and it was gone. There is probably a longer version but that's the short one. Again, the Commonwealth of MA stole that benefit away, not the Union.

So nobody blames anyone for being mad, getting ticked off, crying in their beer or whatever suits you just aim that anger in the right direction. This Union and this leadership gain nothing by the membership getting robbed by anyone. If the Department, the City or the Commonwealth tries to destroy this Union or its membership, we will be there to resist them. We will win some fight and we will lose some fights but with the unity and strength of the membership we shall win more than we lose. Let's try and show solidarity going forward because it looks like the fight is brewing on the horizon. Be it picket lines, phone calls, standouts or whatever is declared our best course of action, we are going to need the help and support of all our members. Not just the old ones or the new ones, everyone's.

In closing folks, do your jobs, take care of yourselves and each other and remember that your union is not the enemy, we are the only ally that each of us have, yes each of us, we are all included in that statement. As I once heard in some movie, 'where we go one, we go all' or something like that. If you, as a pronoun, lose a benefit, we all lose it. If you gain a benefit we all gain it. I understand that the Quinn Bill was different but try and see the point, we all share in the fortune or the disaster. Just aim your anger in the right direction. Thanks for your time and remember, let's be careful out there.



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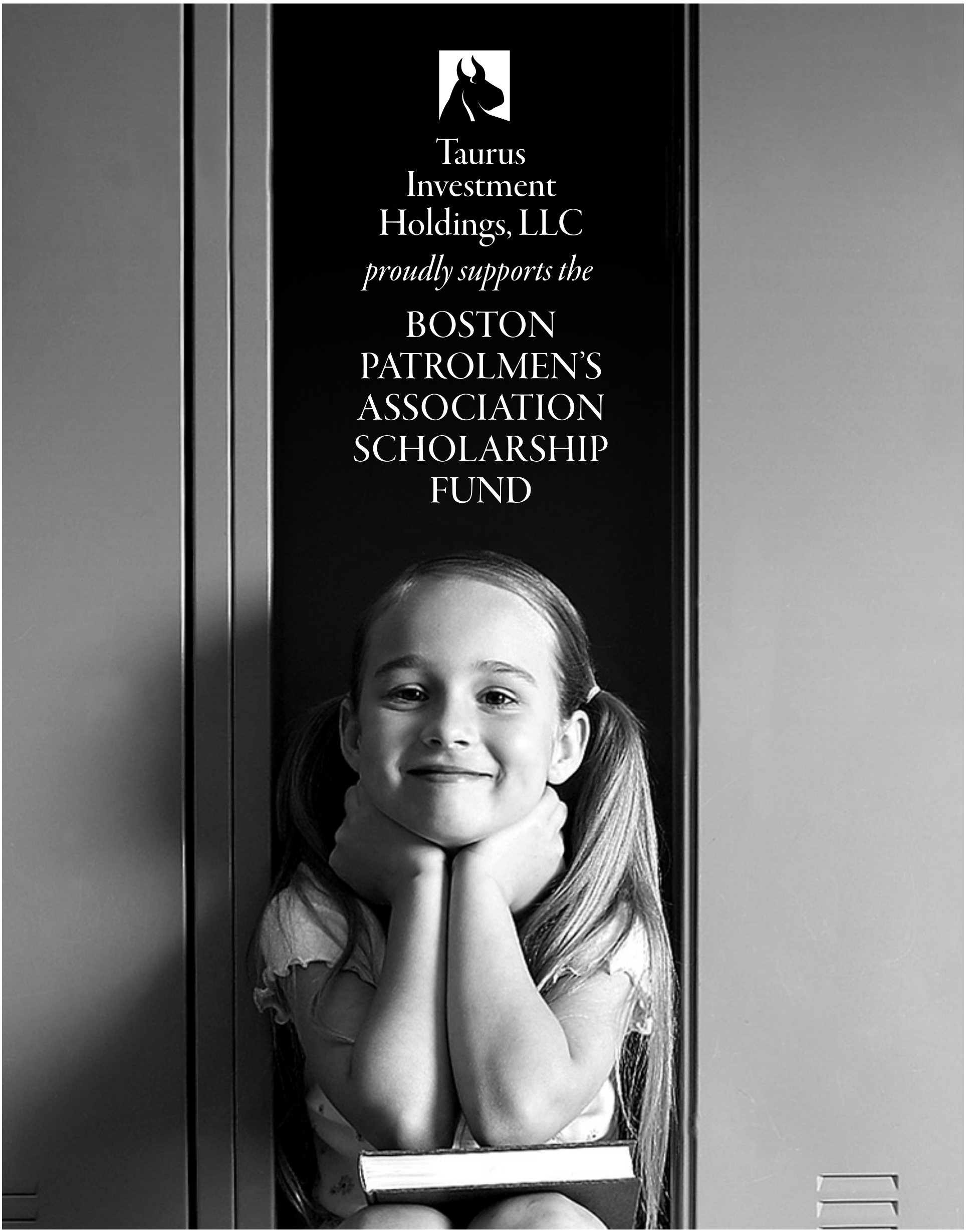
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Watchman and Police Officers rattles

By Robert Anthony,
Chronologist, Boston Police Department

Rattles came into use sometime in the late seventeenth or early eighteenth century when night watchmen and/or village constables began using them to "raise the alarm". They proved to be an ideal method to summon aid, sound the fire alarm, or, just generally get folks' attention.

Above Picture is a Boston Police Rattle which we have in the Boston Police Departments Historical Collection.

A traditional rattle was constructed of wood, usually oak, where one or two blades are held in a frame and a ratchet turned - generally by swinging - to make the blades `snap' thus creating a very loud noise.

When the Metropolitan Police was formed in 1829 the rattle was a standard piece of equipment issued to each constable. Made to fit in a special uniform pocket, this rattle was one-bladed and had a folding handle. It was weighted with two lead plugs to make it swing easier and this also made it become a formidable weapon if necessary.

Rattles were used by police forces, fire brigades, and military units across the British Empire up through WWI. In 1883 the Metropolitan Police conducted tests and found that the sound from a whistle carried almost twice the distance of a rattle's noise. In 1884, whistles were issued in place of rattles and by 1887 all rattles had been withdrawn from use by the Metropolitan Police in London. The Boston Police Rattle was used when Officer Ezekiel W. Hodsdon was killed in the line of duty on the Morning of October 18, 1857. Officers that responded to the scene used the Rattle to summons help the loud Clacking sound could be heard echoing in the Street and was a clear sound for help when this device was used as a way of communication between officers during their walking beats in the City of Boston. The story below was taken from the Book of Edward Savage. In this story you can see how this Rattle saved the life of a Police Officer in the North End of Boston.

The Watchmen's Rattle

Information Taken from Captain Edward Hartwell Savage's Book, Boston Watch and Police

The Watchman's Rattle was first provided for the use of the guardians of the night about the time Boston was incorporated a city, and has been in constant use ever since. I am informed by old watchmen that the original was quite similar to that now in use, although much larger. From what cause its peculiar form was conceived, or who was its ingenious inventor, the record saith not: but it is believed to be the only police appendage that has not undergone a variety of changes, and is an article seldom if ever found in other cities. If there is any one thing that will infuse life or anxiety, or energy, into the heart or heels or a policeman, it is the sound of the watchman's rattle in the night time. I can hardly tell how or where I acquired this feeling, but I have never heard a sound beating the air, so fraught with a spirit of trouble and need of assistance, as the sharp crack of the watchman's rattle reverberating in the street at the dead hour of night. Its peculiar tone is different from anything I have ever heard, and the sensation is as peculiarly novel and exciting.

On the morning of the 17th of October, 1854 a circumstance occurred which served to strengthen the impression already somewhat acquired by the exciting echoes of the rattle. I was walking alone down Hanover Street, on the way from the Station House to my home, about half past one o'clock on the mooring in question, and when near Richmond Street I heard the sharp crack of the rattle, which seemed to be cut short before it was fairly through. That denoted hand-to-hand work, and I well knew that some of my boys were in trouble. The air that morning was thick and heavy, and the sound seemed to fill the entire space around me, in fact it seemed to come from directly overhead. I cast a hasty glance up and around, but discovering nothing, ran immediately to the corner of Richmond Street. On reaching that point my ear again caught the sound, but still, I could not fix the direction, and thinking it most likely to come from North Street, I mad hasty tracks in that direction. As I neared North street there came a third alarm, evidently in the direction of Brick Alley, I hastened on, and, arriving at that point, by the aid of the lamp-light on the corner, I caught sight of the object of my search, If was in a man's hand, which was thrust through a pane of glass up on flight, and was twirling out its notes of distress in quick succession. I was not a strange in that locality, and soon found my way up an outside stairway in the direction of the room, but the door was fastened. I stepped back a pace, and then sprang forward with my shoulder against the door with all the force I could command, and the next moment found myself at full length on the broken door in the entry. I was not long in reaching the farther end of the entry, where I found another door fastened also, and which was as soon opened the same way. On entering the room, I three found one of my boys-and as good a fellow as ever broke bread-in what seemed to me to be rather a tight place, although in physical power and courage he was a match for two common men. He had hardly a rag of clothing left on his person, was all covered with blood, and had a man nearly his own size by the throat with one hand, and his bloody arm thrust through the window springing his rattle with the other, while three others were lying about the floor in the same room under the influence of the muscle in this powerful arm. He had had a hard fight against fearful odds, but he was master of the field when I arrived, He had followed a burglar with his plunder into this den, where he was set upon by these four ruffians, who after fastening the door, probably intended to make an end of him, but his strong arm and indomitable courage saved his life, and he was only calling for help to carry off his game. The four men (three of them brothers) were taken to the Station House, and each subsequently took a lesson of Captain Robbins, but the incidents of that night to me added a new sensation to the echoes of the Watchman's Rattle.

Racial profiling form: explain this one to me again?…

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If this isn't an example of exactly the opposite of what they allege they're attempting to prevent, then I don't know what is. Forcing officers to "choose" somebody's race or ethnicity based on "training" we never received is, in and of itself, racist. But then again, that's the intent of the whole program: you are guilty of racism because of the choices they are forcing you to make.

Stop and think of the people you know. Much of America is a hodge-podge of differing racial and ethnic categories. What is "white"? Is it some bland, colorless category that encompasses (as the department's definition goes…) "the original peoples of Europe"? What the hell is that? And how am I, as a police officer, supposed to know whether a dark-skinned Italian or somebody from Iceland who is fair-skinned and blond-haired is "originally from Europe"?

And what about the category "middle eastern"? Israel is in the "middle east" But many of her citizens came from Russia, Germany, Poland and other countries. So is a blond-haired, light skinned, Jew from Israel "middle eastern" or "white"? Israelis can also be dark skinned and have dark hair, so what category should I be forced to "box" them into?

And what the hell is "East Indian/ South Asian"? How is a police officer supposed to differentiate between an "Asian" and a "South Asian". Russia is partly in Asia, and many citizens of Murmansk or Siberia might look "white", even though they actually live in Asia. And how do we tell the difference between somebody from Thailand, Vietnam, or "South" China versus "North China", Korea, or Japan? And what is "East Indian", as opposed to "West Indian"? Is a Pakistani Muslim the same as a Hindu from Calcutta? And how are we supposed to know?

Think of the many officers on this job who are of "mixed" race (I hate to even use that term, but we're literally forced to do so..) I know several officers whose parents or parent might have been from the Philippines, but they grew up in West Roxbury or South Carolina. Their names might "sound Hispanic" to some, but they consider themselves "white". So are they "Hispanic" or "white"? Or are they "Pacific Islanders", since the Philippines are a Pacific Island? Into what category should we box them, oh great race merchants at BPD headquarters?

What's a "Native American"? Many officers on our job are mixtures of Native American/white/black/Asian, etc. ancestry. How does one get put in this category? Can any of the race merchants at Northeastern University or Headquarters or anywhere else explain how to identify the racial characteristics of "Native Americans"? No answer there either, huh Prof. McDevitt?

No, of course they can't, but that isn't the point. The idea of this whole insane form is ***force you to make racist decisions, and then try to defend those choices years later in a criminal or civil proceeding.*** It is designed to make you embarrass yourself by having to make choices that you really can't possibly make, and then having to defend them. That is the purpose of this form. And it's also why so many officers are balking at having to make out this stupid form every time they stop a car or interact with a motorist.

The department is perplexed at why moving violations are down. Really?….

From the Filling Out the Separate Data Collection Form, March 11, 2003

RACE OF DRIVER

One and only one on the six race boxes must be checked off.

The six race codes used to complete the race boxes of the citation are derived in-part from the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Crime Information Center, and recommendations of the Department of Justice. The racial and ethnic categories developed by the U.S. Census Bureau were developed to provide consistent data on race and ethnicity to be used by federal agencies in the enforcement of civil rights laws.

The U.S. Census Bureau has stated that racial and ethnic categories it set forth-should not be interpreted as being primarily biological or genetic but thought of in terms of social and cultural characteristics as well as ancestry.

Officers will be expected, based on their observations, training and life experiences, to use their best judgment at the time the citation is completed to identify the race, using only one of the six race codes, of the person cited. One and only one of the six codes must be entered and officers shall not enter any other information in these boxes such as "unknown," nor leave the boxes empty. The determination of an operator's race will be based solely upon the officer's judgment at the time the citation is filled out and the officer shall not make any inquiries of the operator regarding his or her race or ethnicity.

The six race code options established by the Executive Office of Public Safety using definitions derived from the U.S. Census Bureau are as follows:

(a) Asian or Pacific Islander. Defined as a person whose ancestry is in any of the original peoples of the Far East and Southeast Asia, including Mongolia, China, North and South Korea, Japan, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand. Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippine Islands and Indonesia. Pacific Islander includes any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

(b) Black. Defined as a person whose ancestry is in any of the original peoples of Sub-Saharan Africa.

(c) Hispanic. Defined as a person whose ancestry is to Spanish speaking cultures of Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba, Puerto Rico or the Caribbean.

(d) American Indian or Alaskan Native. Defined as a person whose ancestry is in any of the original peoples of North, Central, and South America.

(e) Middle Eastern or East Indian (South Asian). Defined as a person whose ancestry is an any of the Arabic peoples of North Africa including Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, and Egypt Includes a person whose ancestry is the original peoples of Israel, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Armenia, Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Oman, Yemen, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, and India.

(f) White. A person whose ancestry is any of the original peoples of Europe.

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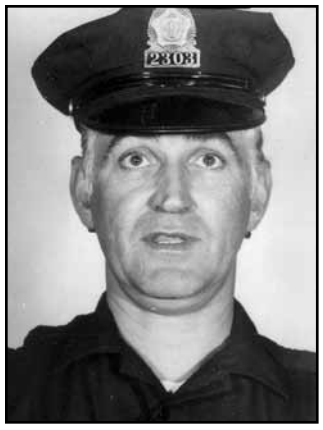

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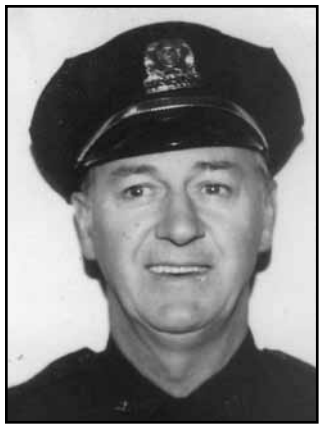

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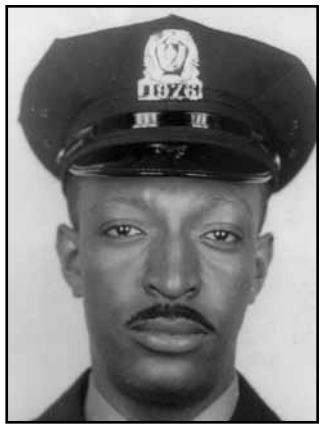

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By James Barry, *BPPA Legislative Agent*

Legislation as we go to Press: Budget and Transportation Bond Bill

As this *Pax* is going to press we are analyzing two huge pieces of legislation. First is the Senate transportation bond bill After combing through these pages it appears at least on first review to be benign. But as required with most pieces of legislation further analysis is required, and I will begin that tonight, but to late to report in this *Pax* the full results.

The second is the just released (a few hours ago) House Budget. The first look at the pages of the House Budget appear to have no big surprises with zero funding of the Quinn program. Again, complete analysis *line-by-line* is required, and I have begun that process. But I've yet to complete it as we go to press.

We are readying our own funding amendments for Quinn along with the other police unions. We are designing a coordinated approach by all our members to call their state representatives asking their support of the filed amendments to fully restore the funding for the Quinn Bill. This effort could have high impact... when a local Rep/Senator is confronted by a constituent inquiring to know specifically what they are doing to restore the Quinn Bill funding. Secondly, asking them to support the amendments we are filing to restore funding. The timing of these calls as the debate begins is critical. If you go quietly into the night on this issue a politician will ignore it. The BPPA, Masscop, IBPO and the MPA have all worked together on restoring the funding over the past four years. But the local connection, that phone call to that representative in your district during a debate on the budget can not be topped. A representative will listen to a lobbyist from outside his or her district on the merits of their case, but the local contact from a voter will trump out ºeverything. So after we have the numbers for our ammendments we will inform all our members in all the unions and organizations to call their Reps.

Governor Patrick... Lukewarm support for Crime Victims Rights

The headline should be of no surprize to any of us. The story begins with Yoko Kato's daughter, Ms. Sherry Morton, and baby grandson Cedric were murdered by Cedric's father in Northampton.

At the trial, Yoko Kato and her surviving daughter were tormented by the defendant's nearly 100 family members, Kato said. The family members intimidated her and her daughter, stared at them, and spit on them in and around the courthouse.

"We were there to support Sherry and Cedric who don't have voices because they were murdered, Kato said. And once again, we were victimized."

Kato, who is a board member of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance's (MOVA) Victim and Witness Assistance Board, is now among those who have been advocating for separate waiting areas for victims families, as well as other updates to the Massachusetts Victim Bill of Rights.

Around 400 supporters and advocates for victim's rights gathered at the State House Wednesday for an event entitled Survivors Leading us Forward: Putting Policy into Practice.

The group celebrated the progress made in updating the Victim Bill of Rights including the creation of a task force to designate separate waiting areas for victims families in every courthouse.

They also advocated for additional updates to the document, which are pending in the Judiciary Committee in Senate Bill 640. The changes include extending rights to victims of unsolved homicides and to the extended family members of homicide victims, and providing additional support for children and people with disabilities. The committee faces an April 27 deadline to make a recommendation on the bill.

Gov. Deval Patrick, who addressed the group and called crime victims the strongest people in the Commonwealth has not yet taken a position on the bill. Asked about it, Patrick said, We'll see. I'll take my counsel from MOVA. Governor Patrick has not taken a position yet? Governor what is the problem? ... CORI reform the Governor's right out there supporting and rallying for passage. This is the same kind of support municipal police officers have received from the Governor during his tenure as Governor.

"Nothing but praise for the job you do," but very little action in displaying that support other than lip service.That's this guy's MO.

The 1984 Massachusetts Victim Bill of Rights has not been updated in 17 years, according to MOVA.

Senate Bill 640 has been pending for three sessions, held up over concerns about the provision requiring separate waiting areas, which some courthouses would have difficulty implementing due to space constraints. While the original bill of rights required courts to provide separate areas, that requirement has not been enforced, according to MOVA.

Fine for business

By P.O. Jay Moccia

Occupy Boston ran up **$1.4 MILLION** in BPD overtime. It was a staged event. In March, an NSTAR transformer caught fire, and caused a blackout in the Back Bay. The OT tab-about $85k. It was an accident. Who does the Mayor seek reimbursement from? Yup, NSTAR! This is just the latest in outrages against businesses in Boston. If the City continues to drive out commerce, and encourage layabouts, the politicians will get re-elected but the money won't be there.

Cases in point: MacDonald's near Faneuil Hall. It became a haven for junkies, and rather than deal with that, the fast food leader was driven to shutter that location.

While it probably doesn't impact their bottom line, you have to wonder if their stores in China and Russia have that problem. The Mobil gas station near Pine Street Inn (reminder to all cops: Bums are better protected than the Bald Eagle!) was forced to close its mini-mart after 11pm after numerous complaints (mostly from the store) about illegal activities in and around their lot. Panera Bread on Huntington Ave has been targeted with multiple License Premise Violations not because some enterprising thieves have figured out that college kids are dumb and often walk away from their iPods, Laptops, MacBooks and iPhones to grab a napkin or extra ketchup, but because the store (mostly cooperative, too) won't post signs around warning people to keep an eye on their property.

I have a friend who developed an interesting retail model (apparently others felt that way too, because he got an award for Best in Boston, and guest lectures future business students at several local colleges). He presented his company to City Hall, and was told what permits, licenses, etc. he would require. His Green Street Vault, a truck that sells T's, sneakers, and ball caps, from local designers, moves around the City selling its wares. He's been targeted after complaints to City Hall and the Back Bay Councilor. The problem was sent to us (BPD) to deal with.

Although the Hall gave him the OK to start up, now they want to run him out of town. Suburban motorcycle riders get extra attention downtown, with threats of fines for noise, yet groups of teens riding unregistered, uninsured dirt bikes and ATV's down Washington St. proceed unhindered, ditto for the Rice Rocket Wheelie Riders that pass me on one wheel while on my way home from work. Don't even get me started on the parking!

What do these prosecuted folks all have in common? They **WORK** so they get screwed. This is so typical of big government nanny state liberals-take from the workers who actually pay their own way and coddle criminals, junkies and bums who contribute nothing. Welcome to Boston bring your wallet…

"IF PROTECTION IS THE ISSUE...

GLOCK PERFECTION IS THE ANSWER!"

"It's all on the level now!"

By P.O. Jay Moccia

In a cost-cutting measure Police Stations and Firehouses lost their water coolers. Public Works, Parks, the Hall, Transportation and other City agencies didn't lose theirs. The Fire filed a grievance and got the coolers all back, leaving cops as the only ones without fresh, clean drinking water. Funny though, the City managed to find the money to continue a free lunch program for the homeless so they wouldn't have to walk from the Woods-Mullen to the Pine Street Inn (appx. ½ miles). Add this to the loss of our candy/soda machines and the Quinn Bill hit, and it's just another kick in the groin to the hard working men and women of the BPPA.

Where do Florida baseball teams go for Spring Training?

Liberals always toss around the separation of Church and State when they want to ban a Christmas Tree but it doesn't matter to them when contraception or abortion is on the agenda. Obama backed off a controversial policy that would require religious institutions to provide services to women that are in direct conflict with their tenets. A compromise was finally reached but only after the Lib's true colors were displayed.

Should you eat probiotic yogurt if you're on antibiotics?

Sen. John Kerry was sporting a couple of shiners recently. He claimed it was a hockey injury, but I'm suspicious-last time I saw him on the ice he was wearing a full cage...

Before finally signing with Denver, QB Peyton Manning was followed by reporters and helicopters wherever he went. The last football player to get that kind of attention was OJ!

Any guy who uses one of those plastic ball throwers when playing fetch with his dog should be summarily slapped and forced to get a cat.

A Texas school board apologized after students cheered "USA! USA!" during a High School basketball game...apparently it was deemed offensive to the illegal aliens on both teams.

Wyoming pols recently considered a "Doomsday" bill, wherein the Cowboy State would print its own currency, institute a draft for defense, and even buy an aircraft carrier…if I still recall my 5th grade geography-Wyoming is a land-locked state. An aircraft carrier in a land locked state is called an airport! File under: all bull-no rodeo.

The Charles Street AME Church in Roxbury is facing foreclosure from OneUnited Bank. Local politicians have rallied around the almost 200 year old House of Worship. If it were actually located on Charles St, the pols would be brokering the prospect of a sale a la Don Bosco! Hmmm, OneUnited bank-$12 million in bailout money, and they want to throw God out on the street, what has this world come too?!?

A Boston Police Patrol car was stolen recently and left parked on the sidewalk down at the waterfront…I think it's an inside job to advance the issue of GPS.

The History Channel's show "Top Shot" features professional shooters competing for the title of (duh) "Top Shot". Although not a rabid fan, I will watch it if I stumble on it while channel surfing. A recent episode I caught had the contestants griping about a pistol they had to shoot. The complaint centered on the gun's 8 pound trigger pull. For those of you not in the know our Department issued Glock boasts a hefty 10 pound draw!

In addition to the Pella windows, central air, and granite counters, I saw landscapers maintaining Housing Project spaces. How many working class families can still afford this luxury??

Nothing says Spring is in the air more than the fish belly white arms and legs on display that first warm day of the year.

With all the controversy and legal actions surrounding any and all promotional exams, I propose the following solution: Register all eligible BPD members; assign each a number randomly; then place numbers on a ball; place all balls in a spinner; draw numbers down to create a list; promote Officers from list and train as needed. A random drawing would produce candidates in a non- discriminatory manner, eliminating all legal challenges and the cost associated with Court battles. It would also end speculation that the Police have no balls…BTW is it true that this latest lawsuit boasts a lawyer among the offended plaintiffs? How could he be disadvantaged on a promotional exam-will follow this as it develops?

In 25 years as a cop, I won't say I've seen it all, but I have seen most of it.

During a drug bust, cops found large amounts of Tide Laundry Detergent. It seems dealers will accept the blue stuff for dope because of its high black market resale value. Talk about laundering drug money!

*When referring to the scripture used by Christians and Jews Obama calls it the Bible. When he refers to the book used by the murderous Religion of Peace he **ALWAYS** says the "Holy Koran".*

The New Orleans Saints find themselves in hot water after it was discovered that coaches had a hit bounty. Players got cash rewards for hits that resulted in injury. The payouts were based on a sliding scale, and both players and coaches are implicated in the scandal. As if their million dollar salaries aren't enough, this truly adds insult to injury.

*The City of Boston charged Verizon tax on telephone poles and wires. After paying millions, Verizon challenged the tax, claiming the City collected **BEFORE** ordinances were enacted entitling the City to the money. The Courts agreed with Verizon and ordered the City to return the money. I wonder if Verizon will have to wait years or settle for less before they get their cash, like we had to (Munie Money).*

It's hard to believe the E-Trade baby is now 25 years old.

During a recent protest I engaged a demonstrator in civil discourse. During our conversation, she referred to Sen. Scott Brown (R-tingle) as a candidate put up by National Republicans and supported by out of state money to embarrass Massachusetts and steal Kennedy's seat. When I opined that Miss Prairie Dog-Lizzie Warren now occupies (pun intended) that same boat she stalked away in a huff, proving once again that Liberals are only tolerant of their own opinions.

A thief dubbed the "Crapper Scrapper" made quite a splash in the Denver area after stealing toilet fixtures from local businesses, including a grocery store, university, hospital and a restaurant. Donald Allen Citron, a plumber, was arrested by cops, after they cracked the case. With nothing to go on, the cops plunged the depths of the underworld, as lead after lead went down the drain. The crook continued to give the cops a bowlful of trouble leaving cops thinking they may have a leak. Police managed to snag Citron after an alert store clerk got his plate number. Despite a crappy investigation cops say their case holds water. It is alleged Citron sold the stolen pipes for scrap but pissed away the money.

Oprah TV cancelled Rosie O'Donnell's talk show citing low ratings. I heard it was because she wiped out the buffet and didn't leave any for her boss. Word on the set is Rosie was mean to her staff, yelling and screaming at writers in front of the audience. And all these years I thought fat people were supposed to be jolly.

Founding Father, Second President, and Massachusetts resident John Adams declared of the Fourth of July: "It ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other…" Those whirring sounds you hear in Quincy is Adams spinning in his grave, as Massachusetts continues to ban fireworks (and guns) for our own good, so they say. 46 States allow fireworks, and the result? 1 Death last year! Apparently you have better odds at hitting Powerball than being killed by a Roman Candle. Well, New Hampshire is always a scenic ride in the Summer…

A transformer fire plunged the Back Bay into darkness, leaving many residents without power for a few days. Thick black smoke enveloped the area causing a brief panic as Officials questioned its toxicity. Cops were pressed into Emergency Service (many had already worked 16 hours) until mid-morning the next day, as NSTAR crews scrambled to return power. Tales of survival amid the blackout emerged like the crowd at a local bar who had to hover around a smartphone for light so they could finish their drinks, or the lack of looting, or how about the old folks home that went without any lights all night, or the stores that lost business the next day because no one can add without a cash register, the horror and depredations must have been unimaginable! As of this writing, power has been returned to the Back Bay, but strangely, only one building remains empty-BPD HQ. Although not affected by the power outage, it lies vacant as scores of cops assigned there have graciously volunteered for the grueling NSTAR detail. I've seen guys I didn't know still owned a uniform out there! The bravery and selflessness exhibited by the men and women in uniform is an honor for the BPD, C-Days for everyone-just don't use them if the B's play for the Cup…

Do you have to read a defendant named Miranda his "Miranda" rights, or should he already know them?

I feel the need to comment on a disturbing trend I (and a few other veteran officers who have mentioned it) have noticed at big events. When I was a young Patrolman (before I became a Police Officer) any time there was a big event-parade, protest, etc. assignments were handed out by seniority-the older guys got the "soft" spots and the

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Off the top of my head

By Kevin Doogan

How ridiculous is the president's comments about the kid shot in Florida? What did the president mean when he said, if he had a son it would look like Trayvon Martin?

What does that have to do with this kid getting killed? Is he saying it's a bigger tragedy because the kid would look like him? Is he that vain or just that stupid? Why is it that he only seems to inject himself into questions of race? Is he the President of the United States or just the spokesperson for unsubstantiated perceived racial bias? Just like he did with the professor from Cambridge?

Is Al Sharpton that busy that this requires the president? Also how did the crime watch volunteer get injured prior to the shooting? Why isn't anyone explaining that? What was this kid doing in a gated community? Did he live there, was he visiting someone or was he up to no good?

It is certainly unclear from the media coverage of this incident. When did a person of Hispanic decent become white? Are we now changing the ethnicity codes or does it sell more papers and advertising space if the media purports a Skittles toting teen is gunned down by an over zealous white neighborhood sparky?

Being a police officer for twenty five years I understand the community outcry for justice. God knows people never use hooded sweatshirts to conceal their identity when committing crimes. I hope this trend never finds its way to Boston. What are these protesters signifying with the hooded sweatshirt displays. Why have people of color chosen to get behind the pointed hood of their infamous white oppressors, the KKK?

This doesn't make any sense to me and seems counterproductive in their cause. Maybe when the true facts come out, the public will be satiated with the truth or the media can just lynch this crime watch captain, that happens to be a person of color but unfortunately for him not sporting a traditional Hispanic name or a dark enough skin pigment

Oh well, never let reality get in the way of a good race dust up, it sure sells papers.

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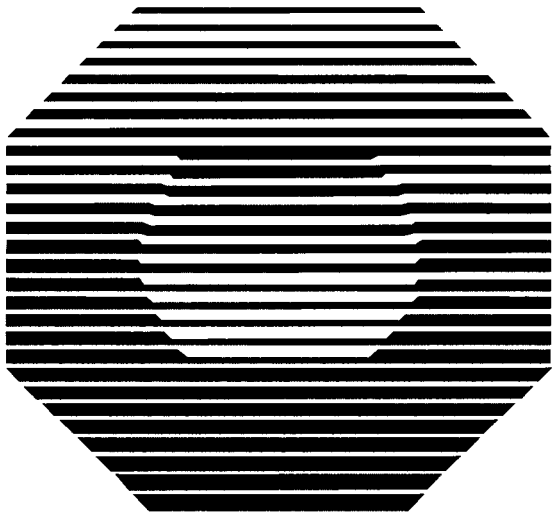

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From bad to worse... and other thoughts

BPD Trial Boards Hit All Time Low

It is no secret that a Boston Police Department trial board is a rigged proceeding. No matter how hard the Department tries to make the hearings seem fair and legitimate, the final decision is preordained and the hearing itself is simply window dressing. Having a court reporter present and making the hearing room appear to look like a courtroom does not change the fact that, at the end of the day, the accused will be found guilty. "Farcical" and "rubber stamp" are terms that best describe these hearings. Although they have been bad in the past, they recently sunk to an all time low.

Just consider the structure of this hearing. A Deputy Superintendent presides over the hearing as a "judge." Internal Affairs findings, which have been approved and signed off on by another Deputy Superintendent, are the focus of the hearing. A Boston Police Department attorney, whose job is advise the command staff, tells a member of the command staff to accept and affirm the decision of another member of the command staff. Before the Departmental charges are event drafted, they have been approved and signed off on by, amongst others, the Legal Advisor and the Police Commissioner. When the Department lawyer tells the command staff to accept their advice and to uphold the charges, you'd be a fool to expect any other outcome than what we get from these hearings. Another hearing. Another loss. Another grievance. Another arbitration.

To fully understand the inherent unfairness involved here, consider an arrest you make that goes to trial through the criminal court system. Instead of a neutral judge presiding over the trial, imagine that an Assistant District Attorney presents the evidence at the trial and the First Assistant District Attorney is sitting as the judge. How many "not guiltys" do you think you'd find in such a system? That is precisely what has gone on at trial boards over the years, but now things have sunk to new depths. In addition to having the First Assistant District Attorney presiding over this criminal case, now imagine the District Attorney himself comes in to testify at the trial, telling the judge (his First Assistant) that the defendant is indeed guilty. Does this seem fair to you? Of course it doesn't, but the equivalent of this just happened.

Below is verbatim testimony from a recent trial board where the Department attorney called the Chief of the Department to affirm the Departmental charges. The cross-examination started as follows:

Q. Chief Linskey, how many of these hearings have you testified at?

A. Two. This is my second.

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Q. Okay, so this is the second hearing you've -- the first hearing you testified to as chief, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. This is the first time you've been called by the Department to justify Internal Affairs findings, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. In fact, you oversee the day-to-day operation of the Boston Police Department, correct?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. In fact, are you the one who appointed Deputy [name omitted] to the position of Hearing Officer?

A. I recommended Deputy [name omitted] be appointed to the Hearings Officer. He was appointed by the Commissioner, but I did recommend him.

Q. So, essentially, you're his boss. You're the Hearing Officer's boss.

A. That's correct.

Q. And you're in here telling us that the Internal Affairs findings were the correct findings.

A. That's correct.

Q. Do you think that makes for a fair hearing in here?

DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY: Objection.

MR. ANDERSON: I object to Chief Linskey coming in and … sticking his oar into this equation.

The hearing continued and, not surprisingly, the charges were upheld. Another hearing. Another loss.

We have often joked that there should be a sign over the hearing room stating "Abandon hope all ye who enter here." Now that these hearings have hit an all time low, perhaps it is time to put this sign up. Why does the Department make you go through this farcical proceeding before you can get your case to an arbitrator and get a fair hearing? Is it any wonder why morale is so bad?

Tell the Truth, Because You Don't Know Who is Watching

As a lawyer, I was shocked by a Supreme Judicial Court decision in 2003 where a lawyer I knew was suspended from practicing law for eighteen months. As you'll see from the below fact pattern, this lawyer gave unethical advice to a "client" in a situation he believed would never come to light. Keep reading, and the second story will bring this lesson closer to your world as a police officer. Both are good examples of why we should always tell the truth.

In the case of the lawyer, the lawyer was meeting with his client who, unbeknownst to him, was actually an FBI agent. This agent had been arrested with a .38 caliber handgun in the backseat of his car,.38 caliber bullets in his pocket, and a near-empty bottle of Jack Daniels in the front seat. The Boston Police officers who arrested this individual had no idea he was an FBI agent, and the arrest under an assumed name was part of a sting operation. While meeting with this lawyer, the FBI agent wore a wire and secretly recorded the lawyer as the lawyer helped him fabricate a defense for the gun charge. The lawyer was wrong to fabricate a defense, but one would not anticipate their "client" to be wearing a wire during an office consultation. The sting investigation went nowhere, but the taped conversations between the undercover FBI agent and the lawyer were sent to the Board of Bar Overseers, who yanked the lawyer's ticket.

Bringing this to your world, I recently heard a story about an acquaintance who is an ATF agent. This agent went undercover for a year, working to infiltrate a notorious motorcycle gang on Long Island. During this undercover work, the ATF agent himself was arrested with a gun in his car. While the agent contended that the gun was hidden in a pillowcase and was buried under a pile of clothing in the back seat of his car, the police report stated that the officer shined his flashlight in the car and saw the gun in plain view. In other words, the agent claimed the arrest was made without probable cause. Claiming that this police report was false, the ATF agent spoke to a mutual friend who is a police chief in a town south of Boston, wondering what he should do about the officer's false report. The police chief told the ATF agent that if the officer in question worked for him, he would want to know that he wrote a false report. Much like the lawyer who had no reason to believe that "client" was secretly recording him, the police officer in question had no reason to suspect that he was arresting another law enforcement officer when he wrote the false police report. To him, the arrest was of a thug biker who no one would believe. He was sorely mistaken. The moral of the story is that no arrest you make, and no commendation you receive, is worth tarnishing your name or losing your job. Simply tell the truth in every case, because you don't know who you are dealing with and who is watching or recording you.

Internal Affairs and You

The Internal Affairs process can certainly be political, and we have learned over the years that Sergeant Detectives are at times ordered to change their findings and to sustain charges they believe should not be sustained. This does not mean, however, that everyone at Internal Affairs is looking to build their career at your expense. Not many people volunteer to be Internal Affairs investigators, and not many of them want to be there. Although the job may not be popular, it is important for all of us to have good investigators who have both street experience and supervisory experience working at Internal Affairs. A thorough and fair investigation that is above all reproach benefits us all, and having investigators who have chased bad guys over fences, wrestled with criminals, and gotten their uniforms dirty is, in my opinion, an essential ingredient for an investigator whose job is to investigate other officers. If they have themselves been in tense and awkward situations, they are better suited to understand what you are going through when you act with a good motive and achieve a bad result. Getting an empathetic ear can give you a big boost at Internal Affairs, but in the end it ultimately falls on you to justify your own actions. Putting your best foot forward at Internal Affairs is crucial, because what you say there, and what you don't say there, is what you are stuck with throughout the disciplinary process. If there is a lawsuit, what you say to Internal Affairs will be produced as part of the discovery, and if you are questioned about an arrest you made, the criminal defendant will likely get your interview transcripts as part of the criminal case. Not everyone is trying to hurt you, but there are enough twists and turns in the road that you should always be wary. Preparation is your best defense.

Stay safe out there, and keep looking after each other.

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younger Officers were expected to do the heavy lifting if necessary. A practice that goes back to antiquity; Roman Legion battle ranks were formed with the newest guys up front, then by experience to the tough, hardened, veteran, "Triarii". The theory was the presence of the older guys behind them would calm and steady the rookies, and in the event the lines were broken, leadership could depend on a tested core to fight to the end, or turn the tide to victory. Fast forward to the new BPD- I observed (this will be vague so I don't embarrass anyone) two young cops in a cruiser blocking a street, cushy post, near coffee, restaurant, and a rest room, while later I saw an old grey haired guy by himself at a busy intersection flapping his arms while a crowd of drunks lined up outside a bar at the street he had to block-no cruiser, no coffee, no restaurant, no restroom. On another occasion I saw the senior guy assigned to an event from my station inside a parade route, at the end of the line, on a brutally hot day, no shade, no water, while a bunch of Officers whose cumulative time didn't equal half the vets', breezed in and out of a hotel. This may seem like sour grapes, and in a way, it is, BUT, what is the reason? Is there a lack of confidence in one group over the other? Ageism? Sexism? Favoritism? Dependability? Martial skills? We may never know, but once in a while it would be nice to see the 30 year cops off their feet in a warm car while the rookies pound the pavement.

The Quinn Bill is dead-long live the Quinn Bill Lite! After the Mass Supreme Court issued their ruling (with 4 Deval appointees onboard could we expect any other outcome?) in favor of the State, upholding our cut in pay, I think it's time we send a message to Beacon Hill-and urge no further support for Democrats! Call on our affiliated Unions to threaten a lack of $upport for our one party rule and see what that does! Hint: it will start with "N" and end with "G" because they don't need us or like us. Our Gov. cares more about illegal aliens getting benefits, continued abuse of the EBT system, and six-figure jobs for his cronies, all at our expense, than he does for the hard working cops on duty 24/7. Cadillac Pat would see us destitute in our golden years with a broken Pension system-rumored to be tapped out in 2019. Hmm-now that the Quinn Bill is halved, do we only have to submit to the drug test every other year? That would spare us looking at the scraggly beards and horseshoe heads of our bald co-workers every 6 months…Which brings me to the subject of our contract. In the wake of Quinn Bill cuts, members have been salivating at parity with the BFD. I think anyone who believes we'll get that may flunk the aforementioned drug test or know the location of leprechauns and unicorns. The City is offering their beloved Teacher's Union a paltry 5% over 4 years, so you can imagine what our offer will be. But, as usual, there will probably an offer of a detail rate hike that will serve to divide us further-FYI youngsters that doesn't count toward your pension! There is no way in this down economy we can catch up with our rubber rain coated brothers. I know I sound like doom and gloom but there is no upside to our current contract dilemma. Here's hoping a settlement is reached that benefits us, without the help of leprechauns and unicorns.

The Department of Defense has ruled the cowardly shootings at Fort Hood by Maj. Hassan as an incident of "workplace violence". By that logic the killing of Afghans alleged by Sgt. Bales should be classified as a "disruption of terrorist recruiting".

Where are Rev. Al Sharpton and his ilk to protest the verdict in the "Mattapan Massacre" trial? In a stunning outcome jurors found one defendant innocent and deadlocked 11-1 resulting in a hung jury mistrial for the other defendant. A mother and child were gunned down in the street in cold blood, and even with eyewitness testimony from a victim and accomplice placing both men at the scene, jurors found for these two. Call me crazy, but even if they couldn't determine which one of the three pulled the trigger, they were all in it together, thus equally guilty. The trial itself was marked with outbursts from the gallery including one man who was removed after yelling "Rat" and "Snitch" during testimony. Does anyone else find this verdict reprehensible? Where is the community outrage?

In a related matter, Florida authorities are investigating the shooting death of Trayvon Martin. A teen gunned down by a neighborhood watch member in a gated community. His shooting has stirred up the usual haters-Al & Jesse have weighed in as well as our commentator in chief-Obama-"if I had a son he would look like Trayvon" (HUH??) insinuating his death was racially motivated. The shooter Zimmerman is Hispanic despite his name (and a registered Democrat), who claims he was assaulted by the youth. The investigation continues despite cries for a lynching,-the New Black Panther Party has offered a $10k reward Dead or Alive for Zimmerman who was released from Police custody. An editorial cartoon labeled the NRA racist, despite that group's noninvolvement in the matter. Last time I checked, the Constitution was still the law of the land, and it provides rights of due process and the presumption of innocent until proven guilty. The death of a child is no light matter and all avenues of investigation should be explored until the answers are reached. Outside influence or interference will only slow down and muddle the process.

Conservative yakker Rush Limbaugh caught some heat and lost some sponsors after calling Sarah Fluke (who testified before Congress for free birth control) a "Slut". He later apologized. Not to be outdone Liberal blabber Bill Maher referred to Sarah Palin as a "C" (you get the picture) on his HBO talk show, Real Time. Maher reasoned he could get away with it because he had no sponsors. He doesn't have many viewers either.

*Former State Treasurer Tim Cahill was indicted on corruption charges, after AG Martha Coakley determined his Lottery ads which ran while he was campaigning for Governor, violated the law, even though his name was **NEVER** used in them. Politicians statewide better beware-even though they all do it, from the "Welcome to Massachusetts" signs at the border to roadside construction, Cadillac Pat, Lt. Gov. Nascar, even Mayor Menino all do it. Hmmm, it would take an army of censors to remove Menino's brand, around the city, the only guy with his name in more places is Kim Jong Il.*

And, it only gets better for the Bruins' net minder Tim Thomas. He's quickly gaining on Charlton Heston on his way to Ronald Reagan status. Thomas once again took on Obama, this time criticizing BHO for trying to force Catholic (Religious) Institutions to bear the cost of birth control (including abortion) even though it goes against their beliefs. Go Tim! And he's not even a Catholic.

Wow, kinda heavy I know, so to go out on a lighter note, D-4 took the top spot (again!) in the 2nd Annual Cops for Kids with Cancer Trivia Night…despite a strong showing from the other Divisions and Bureaus-the BRIC proved worthy opponents (and here I thought BPD Intelligence Unit was an oxymoron), D-4 lifted the cup high-providing our popular Captain Paul Ivens with some nice bookends for his office. The real winner however was the charity, as cops and civilians opened their hearts and wallets for this worthy cause. With a hockey tournament, trivia, and the upcoming BPD Challenge at the Range on Aug. 17, we can expect them to continue their great work. Thanks go out to Rita Foley, Retired Chief Faherty, emcee Chief Dan Linskey, Det. Mary McGinnis, the rest of the staff, waitresses, bartenders (that rumor about alcohol killing brain cells is B.S.), and the Champions D-4 Delta Force: Capt Ivens, Mark Harrington, Richie Harrington, Steve Green, Brian Dohery, Brian Lydon, Tim Donovan, Mike McDonagh, and yours truly…so start reading your encyclopedias, keep up on your current events, and don't forget the Internet. We'll be looking for a three-peat next year!

As always, stay safe…

POP QUIZ

By Patrick Carnell, *UMass Boston*

1. Why was the United States considering reprimanding soldiers back in March over the alleged burning of Korans in Afghanistan?
    a. There is no good reason in the world
    b. It somehow complicates security operations there
    c. We irrationally feed into the radical Islamic psychopathy that their pile of paper, no different than any other religious text in the world, is somehow the most super-duper special book in history and is worth killing and curtailing civil liberties over.
2. Last month in Greece, a movement began where customers would bypass inflated food prices to buy produce directly from farmers at low cost. What is most shocking about this?
    a. That two people can conduct a mutually-satisfactory transaction without at least twenty regulations in between
    b. That an EU bureaucrat hasn't yet tried to shut down the movement for daring to exist without federal funding or approval.
    c. That there are successful farmers in Greece, since farming requires individual work rather than rioting or being on eternal strike.
3. Rosie O'Donnell's show on Oprah's OWN network was cancelled a few weeks ago. What is most shocking about this?
    a. That Rosie O'Donnell even had another show.
    b. That OWN actually believed that Rosie, of all elephant seals, would be the savior of the network.
    c. Nothing. It was Rosie O'Donnell. There is absolutely nothing shocking about her being a liability to everything that comes within her gravitational orbit.
4. After French serial killer Mohammed Merah was gunned down by French police, what did the New York Times, on March 28th, worry most about in the aftermath?
    a. That copy-cat admirers have taken up Merah's torch and attacked French Jews over the past three weeks.
    b. That Merah not only targeted Jewish children, but French Muslims he considered to be "traitors" by serving their adopted country.
    c. Both a. and b.
    d. That French Muslims might have their feelings hurt if other Frenchmen might, maybe, possibly sort of have less than adoring opinions of fundamentalist Islamic ideology.
5. What military operation was Vice President Joe Biden referring to when he said, "You can go back 500 years. You cannot find a more audacious plan"?
    a. Operation Overlord in 1944, since it forced Germany to fight on two fronts when it couldn't afford to.
    b. The Battles of Kohima and Imphal, since they stopped the Japanese Ivasion of India
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News Brieflets...

Compiled and commented upon by Patrick Carnell, *UMass Boston*

"A Pennsylvania judge reportedly dismissed charges against a Muslim man accused of attacking an atheist dressed as "Zombie Muhammad" during a Halloween parade last year… The case went to trial, and as circumstances would dictate, Judge Mark Martin is also a Muslim. What transpired next was surreal. The Judge not only ruled in favor of the defendant, but called Mr. Perce a name and told him that if he were in a Muslim country, he'd be put to death. Judge Martin's comments included, "Having had the benefit of having spent over 2 and a half years in predominantly Muslim countries I think I know a little bit about the faith of Islam. In fact I have a copy of the Koran here and I challenge you sir to show me where it says in the Koran that Mohammad arose and walked among the dead." – *FOX News, 2/24/12*

Well, I know what my Halloween costume this year is going to be. It should be noted that the man dressed as Zombie Muhammad was accompanied by another man dressed as "Zombie Pope," which somehow failed to incite any rage at all. In any case, perhaps Judge Martin needs to be reminded that he's not living in a "Muslim country," no matter how hard he wishes it was so, and Islam should not have the right to drive legal rulings or censorship of "blasphemy" that is not afforded other religions.

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"Six members of the suspected computer hacking groups affiliated with Anonymous were charged -- including the suspected ring leader, who directed the entire operation from a Manhattan apartment complex -- after it was revealed one of the group's most high profile members has been working with federal authorities for months."

– ABC, 3/6/12

That's the way the world works: you hack into government databases and threaten to expose national security secrets to feed your grandiose anarchist delusions of "bringing down the system," the government hacks into your house and exposes you.

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"Former Sen. Arlen Specter (PA) writes in a new book that President Obama ditched him in the 2010 election after he helped Obama win the biggest legislative victory of his term by passing healthcare reform.

Specter also claims that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) did not uphold his promise to grant him seniority accrued over 28 years of service in the Senate as a Republican." – *The Hill, 3/12/12*

Summary One: Democrats recognize that self-serving, backstabbing, duplicitous weasel who turned against his previous party to stay in power may not be the most reliable of allies.

Summary Two: Useful idiot shocked to find out he was no longer useful.

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"Atheists in Polk County symbolically scrubbed away at a major highway leading into the county Saturday. The were removing a blessing placed there a year ago by a group of religious leaders. Brooms, mops and water hoses in hand, the atheists gathered at the roadside… Representatives from various atheist groups in the area scrubbed the road at the Pasco-Polk county line. They were figuratively removing holy oil that had been put on the road last year by a group of area religious leaders."

– Bay News, 3/19/12

You would think people who automatically tack 30 points onto their IQ's for being free of religion would have more worthwhile things to occupy their brilliant minds.

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"Outlawed are food donations to homeless shelters because the city can't assess their salt, fat and fiber content, reports CBS 2's Marcia Kramer. Glenn Richter arrived at a West Side synagogue on Monday to collect surplus bagels — fresh nutritious bagels — to donate to the poor. However, under a new edict from Bloomberg's food police he can no longer donate the food to city homeless shelters." – *CBS New York, 3/19/12*

The homeless might be having trouble getting their necessary daily caloric intake, but at least they'll starve to death for the glorious cause of government-regulated nutrition.

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"Members of the New Black Panther Party are offering a $10,000 reward for the "capture" of George Zimmerman, leader Mikhail Muhammad announced during a protest in Sanford today. When asked whether he was inciting violence, Muhammad replied defiantly saying: "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." – *Chicago Tribune, 3/24/12*

Strange, how bold they are to threaten someone's life and offer a reward for what is basically kidnapping, obstruction of justice, and vigilantism. It's almost like they think the law (both the law against private bounties and the law in general) doesn't apply to them.

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Hypocrisy of the SJC

By Mark A. Bruno

The recent decision by the SJC on the Quinn Bill was very disappointing for many BPPA members. It has left many angry and wagging their fingers. I would hope that these fingers are pointed in the right direction. Starting with your elected officials up the State House, they are the ones who refused to fund the Quinn Bill. These are politicians we've supported and voted for in the past. I hope you all remember that when you go to vote. Instead of supporting law enforcement they chose to fund drug programs, healthcare for illegal aliens and many others. It seemed like an easy choice for them. It was the most disrespectful display toward police officers that I can remember.

The SJC had ruled on this same case with Milton back in 1993. Their answer was the same as ours. It all has to do with interpretation. We learned this in the academy during criminal law and Chapter 90. When you charge someone with reckless or negligent behavior you are saying they could be either one to be guilty. When you say reckless and negligent they must be both to charge them. We understand these words to be exactly what they mean and nothing more. Why the SJC decided to say we took the word "shall" ambiguously is beyond me? I thought Attorney Bryan Decker made a good argument. He cited the indemnification clause we lost from a contract several years back. In this case the SJC stated the City of Boston had no right changing the word may to shall. This was our argument that the Quinn Bill clearly stated that cities and towns **shall** pay the various amounts for degrees earned. The key word being **shall.** How can this word in its context mean anything but what it is meant to mean?

This is like Jeopardy where you get the answer wrong because you did not ask in the form of a question. Thank you sir may I have another? The SJC tells us we cannot change the word may to shall when it came to the indemnification clause, but we ambiguously interpreted the word shall when it came to the Quinn Bill. It appears when it is convenient the SJC can interpret the English language any way they want.

With that being said, kindly refrain from pointing your fingers at the BPPA leadership who had nothing to do with this decision. They carried out the will of the body, which was to take the matter to court. I did not hear anyone complain when they were getting their Municipal settlement. I did not hear anyone complain when they were getting their FLSA settlement. Twice! This leadership and our lawyers deserve praise for the fine effort they put forward on this matter. Point your fingers at your Governor and his minions. Point it at the SJC who lacked the intestinal fortitude to make the right decision. Shall means **shall!**

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 thirteen badges were not picked up by the recipients/family and all ended up on a shelf. Through the assistance of many department members both sworn and civilian I have been able to return nine of the badges to the officers or family members, (See related story on PO John MacDonald). I still have four badges left and would like to again ask for help from *PAX* readers everywhere. I have made inquiries with the retirement board and no information could be found on any of the remaining four officers. If you have any knowledge of the officers listed below please contact me via department email or call the district 18 detectives office, 617-343-5607, first half.

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

* Officer Nelson may have relatives in both Brockton and Florida.

** Officer McFarland became a Boston police officer in 1979. He was laid off in October of the same year and reinstated in March 1980. Tragically he was killed in an off duty motorcycle accident on the 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.

– Det. Mike Kane

Up to the Rooftop*

To the tune of that Christmas Classic; "Up on the Housetop"

By W.A. Moshezart

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Climb six flights so drunks won't fall.
If there's a roof deck you'll be OK,
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Up to the rooftop and bring your book
Fine the homeowner who's on the hook!

First Night comes with winter's chill,
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Then St. Pat's if there's some sun
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Ho Ho Ho the Air wing will show
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Up to the rooftop and bring your book
Fine the guy who's on the hook

Dot Day's next: No Drinking Here!
One hundred dollars and lose your beer.
Fourth of July with fireworks,
Fine those Yuppie drinking jerks!

Ho Ho Ho the Air wing will show
Ho Ho Ho the cops where to go
Up to the rooftop and bring your book
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BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division News

A Blast from the Past

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–From the Pax Centurion, January, 1973

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

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

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

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Boston Police Early History

By P.O. Robert E. Anthony
Chronologist,
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Information obtained from research within and outside the Department.

References to the early watch, however, are very incidental in the history of the colony of Boston. The Guardians of the peace know as the Watch and Police-Watchmen for night duty and constables or policemen as they were less often called, for day service. These dated back almost to the very settlement of Boston. The notion of the old-time watchman on a winter's night putting down his lantern to rub his cold fingers while he shouted his "all's well" to the sleeping village, is probably sufficiently accurate. But the colonist saw nothing picturesque or interesting about this performance, and doubtless many of them considered him a great nuisance, as many would nowadays if the policeman took it into his head to stop under someone's window and bawl up that he thought it was likely to snow before morning. The great-great-grandfather of the present Boston Police force came into existence April 12, 1631, when the authorities of the newborn colony ordered that watches be sat at sundown and decreed further that anyone who fired off a gun after that hour should be fined 40 shillings or whipped. The first watch, which had its headquarters on the neck that then separated the settlement from the mainland at Roxbury, was more like a military guard than a village police force. It antedated by some four or five years the beginning of actual town government in Boston, and all the male citizens were expected to take turns as watchmen, or pay a find for avoiding the duty. The wealthier citizens if may be imagined , paid the fine when their turns came, but the great majority must at one time or another have reported for service.

1853 – Justice Badge

The town was little, it had been built in a hurry, and its thatched roofs and sticks chimneys, plastered with clay, made fire one of the dangers which the lonely watchman had special need to look out for. Wolves and bears sometimes penetrated into the town at night and raided the inhabitants live stock. The Indians, although not looking for scalps at that period, had also a way of occasionally dropping in after nightfall and a tendency to drop out again with somebody else's property. In the town itself there was already a certain small percentage of minion rogues and vagabonds, whose night wanderings were not likely to be profitable to their sleeping neighbors. In addition there were salves owned in the colony to which the nearness of the woods was a constant temptation. Night in Boston even in the first half of the 17th century was not without its exciting episodes, and the early watch was obviously in the way of occasional adventurous happenings. In 1639 Edward Palmer built the stocks and was immediately put in them because his bill was "exorbitant" that figured so prominently in the administration of colonial justice; and the stocks were doubtless often enough occupied as a result of the watchman's activity. These watchmen were really a night police, and it is not until 1661 that a suggestion of day officers is found in the use of the word "constable". A label that came in time to be used for either a day officer or an officer in command of the watch. There had been many fires in the colony, and bellmen were also traveling the crooked likely streets at night, but these bellmen seem to have been our old friends the watch provided with bells. The sound of a dinner bell at midnight evidently gave scant pleasure to early Bostononians and by the beginning of the next century the watchmen had had their bells taken away for them. Also they were ordered to go about silently and still worse not to smile tobacco on Duty.

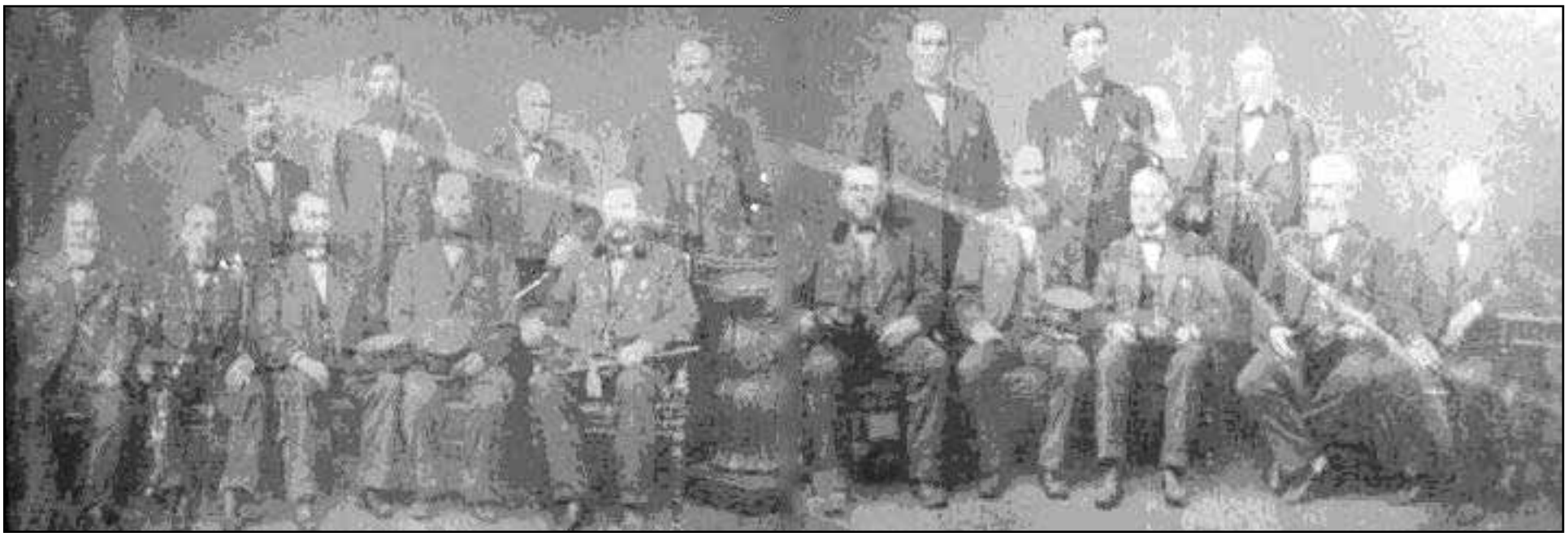
Bill Hook and Lantern

The Watchman was armed with a "Watch Bill" a kind of broad-headed spear and hook combined on the end of a stout wooden staff, that may have been useful enough to trip up an escaping malefactor, but seems like a very distant relative of the compact modern "Billy" and could hardly have been of much service at close quarters. Also he carried a lantern and was empowered to call upon the nearest citizen to hold it for him when it discommended him in the performance of his duties. The average citizen, however, was no longer called upon to go out at night with the bill and lantern. The practice had come in of paying the watchmen a salary of 12 of them which were appointed at 40 shillings, or at the time 10.00 a month. There were now over 100 streets named and recorded in the town book, so the 12 watchmen had plenty of chance to earn their salaries. Watch house had also been set up in various parts of the town, but it seems evident that the paid watchmen, probably for the simple reason that he was paid so poorly, was not nearly so good a guardian as the private citizen had been. In 1715 there were four watch house, precursors of the modern police station, and not long afterward five division of the watch were established the Old North, New North, Dock watch, Townhouse watch and South Watch. Each house had five watchmen, who were ordered to "walk their rounds slowly and silently and now and then stand still and listen." The Town had grown to more than 10,000 inhabitants. Instead of the hasty buildings of a century earlier there were now about 1000 brick and 2000 wooden house, and the watch covered 40 to 50 streets, nearly as many lanes and about half as many alleys. The personnel of the force left something to be desired, if one may judge by the application made to have a certain citizen appointed watchman so that "he and his children do not become a town charge." It was not until about 1735 that the watchman really became the figure tradition pictures. Then it became part of his prescribed duty to cry the time of night and state of the weather. Which he was to do "in a moderate tone." As he made his rounds, and the cry "One o'clock, clear, and all's well" was apparently more conductive to sweet slumber than the clanging dinner bell that had once notified the town that its vigilant guardian was not asleep at his post. In 1748, indeed, the watchman was subjected to a fine of 30 shillings if he went to sleep on duty, and at the same time his pay was materially bettered. But the fine could never have been taken very seriously, for the old-time watchman was notorious for being asleep during his business hours. Nor was he always dependable when his duty, required physical courage. The story is told, for example, that one night in the 1760's word came to the south watch house that a gang of rowdies were disturbing an adjacent neighborhood, an, brave as so many lions, the watchmen marched out to quell the disturbers. Far from being quelled by the aspect of authority one of the rowdies drew his sword and advanced grimly to meet them. Whereupon the valiant watch, say an old account, "cried murder, and fled to the watch house." It is hardly necessary to add that the rowdies were not captured.

April 11, 1853 – First Badge

Passing of the Watch

These ancient police always traveled in pairs, they were not highly respected by the average citizen. As an arm of authority the watch had little value. Throughout the riots and other disturbances preceding the revolution it was the militia rather that the watch that was called upon to maintain order. Petty crime was much more prevalent that Bostonians today are wont to imagine. In 1789 there were so many successful bur-



1870 – Edward Savage and the Chiefs

glaries that the watch came in for general condemnation. "The Captains." Said one indignant and sarcastic reformer, "are generally men in the prime of life, aged from 90 to 100 years, and the crew only average about fourscore, and so we have the advantage of their age and experience at the least, the bobber do." Some year later continued disapproval led to a pretty complete reorganization. The duties of the watch were defined; among other things, they were to stop and examine any person whatsoever who happened to be out after 10 o'clock. Otherwise their duties were not so average unlike those of the modern policeman. They still had no distinguishing uniform except a badge of office. They were still armed with the bill hook, and they had lately been provided also with the policeman's rattle, that has only recently in these day become obsolete. Each Watch house contained one constable and six watchmen, and there was also a force of constables for day duty, and an inspector of police at the head of the system. All told, the police for in Boston in the Beginning of the 19th century numbered 37 men. Under this new regime the inspector of police kept regular office house, to hear complaints from citizens regarding violation of the law. The hours were not-arduous, lasting only from 12 to 1 each week day. Nor did the new force greatly diminish the activities of the lawless. Although hanging was still the penalty for burglary, burglars, continued to be unpleasantly numerous, and the administration of the laws careless and irresponsible. A jury, for example, held an inquest over a body found in the harbor, and contented itself with the verdict that "he came to his death through misfortune." The Police inspector himself, making an unexpected round of the watch houses, found at one of them "the constable and watchman asleep, and a drunken man kicking at the door to get in." Despite this tendency to be found "asleep at the switch." The watchmen were not without enterprise in other direction. At a town meeting in 1819, says E. H. Savage, once city marshal of Boston, in his account of the Boston Watch and Police, the watch and their friends remained at the polls until everybody else had left, and then passed a vote raising the pay of watchmen from 50 to 75 cents a night. This enterprise was not encouraged by the public in general, and the next town meeting promptly countermanded the raise in salaries. Money was appropriated, a city marshal appointed and the strength of the force increased numerically. Watchmen found asleep were discharged and unheard of severity that must have done a great deal to encourage wakefulness. And a watchman was killed in the performance of his duty which is another and very convincing sign the force was now beginning to attend more strictly to business.

1938 The Police Force was organized as the legislature gave the city the power to appoint police officers with all the powers of constables and a police force was organized for day duty, the watch still being maintained for night service. In 1854, the old-time watch disappeared forever, and the Modern "Boston Police Department" took its place, so radical was this change that the Mayor, with the consent of the aldermen, discharged every man on the old watch and police and then appointed them to the new department. The former watch house became station house with captain, lieutenants. Headquarters was at City Hall with a Chief, 2 Deputies, 1 Clerk, Superintendent Hacks, Superintendent Teams, and 5 Detectives. Station # 1 was located on Hanover Street, with a Captain, 2, Lieutenants and 33 Patrolmen, Station # 2 was located in Court Square with a Captain, 2 Lieutenants, and 44 Patrolmen, Station # 3 was on Joy Street with a Captain, 2 Lieutenants, and 23 Patrolmen, Station # 4 was located at the Boylston Market with a Captain, 2 Lieutenants, and 43 Patrolmen, Station # 5 was located on Canton Street with a Captain, 2 Lieutenants and 24 Patrolmen, Station # 6 was located on Broadway Street with a Captain, 2 Lieutenants and 25 Patrolmen, Station # 7 was located on Meridian Street in East Boston with a Captain, 2 Lieutenants and 19 Patrolmen, Station # 8 was located on Sergeant's Wharf with a Captain and 10 Boatmen/Patrolmen. The Chief of Police was Robert Taylor, Esq.; he was paid 1,800.00 a year, Captains made 3.00 per day and Patrolmen 2.00 per day. On October 23, 1854 the 2nd Issued Badge was introduced a Silver octagon with an attached Fire-point star with the words "Boston Police" and rank if required. The Watch hook was replaced by the "Billy" the criminal so to speak, was no longer in danger of "getting the hook" Four years later 1858, the entire force appeared as a uniformed body. About this question of uniforming the police there was considerable difference of opinion on the one hand theory that a uniform would lower the dignity of the individual, on the other that a uniform would enhance it; although nobody seemed to have realized how much respect the police uniform would eventually attain. Both in the mind o the honest citizen and in that of his constant enemy, the crook. The result of these mixed feelings was a uniform that evidently compromised between the practical requirements of the policemen on duty and the regular costume of his fellow-citizens. As a contemporary publication pit it, the police had no research to be ashamed of their new costumes, and "if any of the members of that highly respectable body are too proud or too shy to like to be known as police the sooner they resign the better."

Uniforms and Badges

In the Days, a "copper" as they were called because of the copper used in the badge color in the early days. The officer wore a double-breasted blue frock coat (as if the had been ready for afternoon tea). A black cloth waistcoat, blue trousers and a tall hat made of black cloth. In warm weather his waistcoat was of silk or satin, and on dress occasions it turned buff in color. His bade decorated his coat and he carried a walking stick, sometimes a light rattan and sometimes a stout hickory stick. The chief of police was even more stylish. His hast was a shinny "topper" his coat was cut in the fashion that still survives for formal evening dress and his everyday waistcoat was of buff mertino with the question of neckwear evidently left to the wearer's taste and discretion. The deputy chief and captains also wore tall hats with their uniform frock coats. "Terrible swells" in short were these fist regular policemen of Boston, and they immediately began to make themselves terrible to the local tugs. It was not more than a decade later that they were provide with their official revolvers. 800 weapons being then purchased by the city to arm its defenders. Of all question concerning the equipment of the policeman his bade appears to have present the greatest perplexity. Until 1847 there had apparently been nothing of this kind to distinguish a policeman from a private citizen, but in this year appeared what may be called the first police badge, a White ribbon with "Police" printed on it in black letters, which the policeman ore round his hat very much as a child did on their own hats by name. A year later, the white ribbon evidently, not having worn well, it was replaced by a leather strap, with the word "Police" in silver letters. The next year the policeman's number was added, this being the first use of such means of identifying the individual policeman. The police hatband disappeared in 1854, when the present department was organized, the policeman now wore on the breast of his coast a six-pointed golden star, with the emblematic figure of Justice holding a sword and scales, and accompanied by a watch dog. Justice and her scales soon disappeared in favor of a five pointed octagon star in sliver, which in turn was soon changed for a sliver octagon with the policeman's number cut through the metal. In 1865 a wreath and number appeared on the policeman's hat he still wore the dignified plug and three years later both hat decoration and badge changed to urn-shaped affairs of silver. Then in 1870, the urn-shaped badge was replaced by a circular one bearing the seal of the city, which stood for nine years in fashion and gave way finally to the silver badge "radiator badge" which was worn until 1922 when the department went to the "Clamshell Badge" which was worn for 37 years and replaced with the present day badge in 1959. Before the hat band came into use, and well back in colonial times, the equipment of the watchman his watch bill, his lantern, and later the rattle that he used to attract attention before announcing the state of the weather or the breaking out of a fire were sometime referred to as his "badges of office."

Uniform Coats

The first appearance, January 2, 1858 the entire force in uniform was really much less uniform than one might imagine, and

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Boston Police Early History…

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became less so during the next two decades. The uniform of one policeman looks exactly like that of another, for the simple reason that all the uniforms are made from identically the same kind of cloth, purchased by the department and sold at cost to the men. The tailor, to whom the individual policeman takes his cloth to be made into a uniform, must make it according to regulations that cover every conceivable detail. The uniform finished must undergo an inspection at headquarters, to make sure that the regulations have been exactly followed. Over forty years prior there was no such system. The policeman brought his cloth wherever he chose, and of whatever quality, so long as it was blue in color. Naturally he brought according to his own ideas of economy, and where one policeman went on the theory that the best is the cheapest, a broth officer would do his buying in the happy belief that the cheapest was good enough for the purpose. Even when the uniforms were new, a platoon of police marching at the head of a procession present, various shades of blue, and as the uniforms grew old they faded and changed color until some verged very closely upon brown or rusted. Nor were they similar in cut and general effect. The regulations were general rather than specific, and each tailor who had a uniform to make used his own judgment as to how far to follow them in their minor details. If he thought the general appearance of his policeman customer would be improved by making his a long-tailed coast, the tails of the uniform tended downward in proportion. If the tailor though the policeman would look his best in a short-tailed coat, the skirts of the uniform shrank visibly. Doubtless this gave certain individually to the single policeman, but the effect was odd when 10 or a dozen of them appeared in public together. For this lack of uniformity the fact that officers were at first appointed only for a year at a time was undoubtedly partly responsible. It is significant of the great difference between the old watch and police and the police department of 1854 that the members of the older body had been expected to give only part of their time to the public service. The watchmen who spent their night on duty were so poorly paid that they had to work part of the day to support their families. The new department changed this condition by paying the policeman for his whole time, and expecting him to use it for his public duties. From 1863 the police were appointed for life or during good behavior, and the individual policeman need no longer feel that his uniform was temporary and its quality unimportant. Military drill was also instituted, and this called further attention the question of uniforms.

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In 1882, the uniform came about with the department decided to buy the cloth for the uniforms and exercise a rigid supervision over the way it was made up. The change was not with public disapproval, for a large amount of blue cloth had been sold by local dealers to policemen and there was a call from the Newspaper's suggesting that if the department ought to buy cloth for policemen why shouldn't it by meat, vegetables and groceries? The majority favored the change, and the uniform was adopted with which Bostonians are familiar with. The old-fashioned swallow-tail coat had already done out of fashion for the higher officers. Regulations police buttons had been adopted in the early 1870's and the tall hat had given way to a universal use of the flat topped, vizered cap, which looked like an elevated road transfer man's headgear of the day. In 1882 this cap gave way to the modern helmet, which was modification of the helmet then worn by the police of London "Bobby" was much heavier, and had been planned as an actual protection, like the fireman's helmet, against heavy missiles. The Boston Helmet retained the general effect of the English helmet, but made it lighter, and more comfortable. When he donned his helmet and put on his belt, which he had previously worn only on dress occasions. The Boston Policeman became at last about as he is now seen in the day. Thus he is likely to look for several decades to come, for the uniform not only suits the policeman who wears it but it represents a long period of practical sultry to combine appearance and utility. The uniform in fact has become a symbol of the department even as the degree of which we are all accustomed to see if here, there and everywhere symbolized the ever-increasing breadth of public service that is expected from it wearers. The grown of the force has been from a half dozen early colonist, serving with pay and simply because the public good demanded it, to more than a thousand well-paid men, finely trained for a very trying and complicated branch of the public service.

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Three Heroes for Boston

by Margaret R. Sullivan

Rookie **Michael Brennan** walked his night time Roxbury beat in the waning days of the Great War. Captain **Hugh J. Lee** led his men in street combat during the May Day Riot of 1919. Patrolman **John Condon** policed the violent streets of prohibition Boston. Each man died in the performance of his duty, and each man's name will be engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. in May.

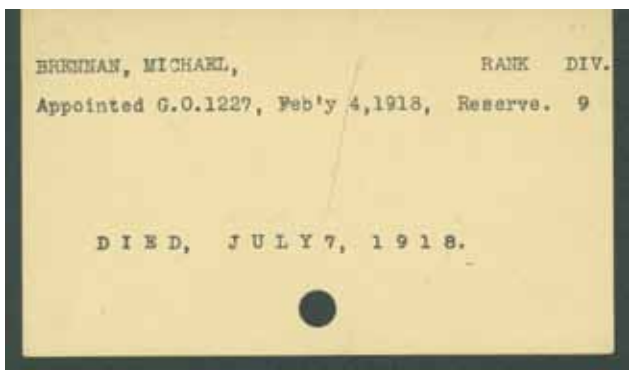
While many historic BPD records were discarded in the late 1970's, the documents that proved these men's sacrifice were located in city and state repositories. Commissioner Davis nominated these officers for inclusion in the Memorial, and the review board in Washington D.C. approved their cases. In September, their names will be added to the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial on the grounds of the State House.

Patrolman Michael Brennan, 33, End of Watch July 7, 1918

Michael Brennan was born and raised in Ireland. He immigrated to the United States as a young man and settled in Roxbury.

Brennan found work as a motorman on the old Boston Elevated Railway. His friends from the "El" sponsored him when he became a U.S. citizen. He married immigrant Mary Ann "Annie" Keane and settled in Brighton with her extended family. Their prospects were bright in 1918; Michael received an appointment to the Boston Police Department, and Annie was expecting their first child.

Patrolman Brennan was assigned to the last half at Roxbury's Division Nine at 409 Dudley Street. In the pre-dawn hours of July 4, 1918, Patrolman Brennan failed to call in to the station from his call box. Fellow officers were dispatched to look for him. Patrolman Brennan was found disheveled and delirious with a severe head injury and without his revolver, hat, or department jacket. He was unconscious when he was taken to Boston City Hospital, where he died on July 7, 1918. Patrolman Brennan was buried at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. His widow gave birth to their first child the day after the funeral.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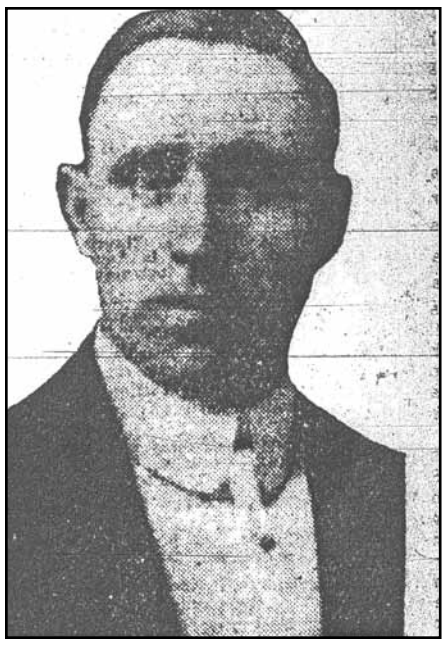
Police were hunting for his assailant when they received a report from the owner of a vacant storefront on Warren Street.

Later court testimony showed, "The undisputed reported evidence is that the intestate was a "strapping young man" 6 feet in height and a police officer connected to station 9 of the city of Boston." Before losing consciousness, Brennan "was seen sallow and pale, was holding his head, was in his


Patrolman Michael Brennan

shirtsleeves, an unbuttoned vest, and trousers that hung down. " Earlier, a witness had seen Patrolman Brennan try the outer door of the vacant store and, finding it unsecured, enter the building. He did not see Brennan exit. Days after the incident, the witness and police entered the store and found a police coat next to an open trap door and Patrolman Brennan's helmet and gun in the cellar below. "The medical examiner testified that the fatal skull fracture that caused his death could only be caused by a headfirst fall from a great height."

The Boston City Council voted to allow "an annuity of $400 to widow of Michael J. Brennan, a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty."

Mrs. Brennan sued the storeowner for negligence and keeping an unsafe premises. Her suit was dismissed. Several years later, Mrs. Brennan remarried and returned to Ireland with young James Brennan, a boy born fatherless.

Captain Hugh J. Lee, 53, End of Watch May 2, 1919

The story of Captain **Hugh J. Lee** has been referenced in many accounts of Boston in 1919, the year of the strike. The Boston Police Superior Officers Federation is planning a memorial for BPD superior officers killed in the line of duty. Captain Frank Armstrong expressed an interest in including Captain Lee, so supporting documentation was gathered to support his case.

Hugh J. Lee was born in Boston in 1865 to Irish immigrants.

His father died when Hugh was very young. Mrs. Lee remarried and raised her family in South Boston. Hugh J. Lee was appointed a Reserve Officer in 1889, then served in South Boston's old Division 12, with the Liquor Squad out of Headquarters, and then at Division 4. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1901, to Lieutenant in 1905. In 1911, Captain Lee was selected to travel to Europe to pursue a Boston jewel thief.

Captain Hugh J. Lee

Upon his promotion to Captain in 1911, Captain Lee served in South Boston's Division 6 for eight years until he was transferred to Division 9 on Dudley Street, Roxbury.

During the Great War, the anarchist and socialist movements had engaged in unrest and terrorism at home. The Salutation Street station of the Boston Police Department was bombed in 1916, and in April, 1919 letter bombs were sent to high ranking officials around the country. The City of Boston refused to issue a permit for a May Day march. A crowd of hundreds gathered in Roxbury and the mob grew violent. Street to street fighting raged through the day. A total of 114 persons were arrested. Casualties included two police officers who were shot, one officer who was stabbed, and Captain Hugh J. Lee, aged 53, who died of a heart attack after leading the efforts to suppress the rioters. P.O. Ray Melo has pointed out that the recognition of Captain Lee makes the 1919 riot Boston's first multiple death incident, as Patrolman Adolph Butterman later died of his wound.

Captain Lee had been a bachelor most of his life, supporting his extended family. He married in middle age and left a widow.

Patrolman John Condon, 41, End of Watch October 7, 1927

John Condon, the son of Irish immigrants, was raised in Boston. After service in the Great War, he was appointed to the Boston Police Department on October 5, 1919. He served in Dorchester's Division 11 before moving to Division 21, the Traffic Department.

It is unclear whether Patrolman Condon was on duty or had activated himself the night he was killed. A taxi driver reported that at 1 a.m., at 543 Tremont Street, Patrolman Condon, whom he knew to be a police officer, put two men in his cab and began to walk away from the cab. When one of the men became unruly and disrespectful, Patrolman Condon returned to the cab to take the man into custody. One of the two men grabbed Patrolman Condon's revolver and shot Patrolman Condon repeatedly. The two men left the cab and threw away Patrolman Condon's service revolver. They were arrested by Patrolman Boland, on duty nearby.

The two men were arraigned and charged with second degree murder. Their attorney was John W. McCormack, a young lawyer from South Boston who would later run for Congress and become Speaker of the House of Representatives. Shortly after the trial began, the two men plead guilty to manslaughter and to assault and battery on a police officer and were sentenced to prison.

Captain James Laffey of the Traffic Division wrote in his report "in my opinion Patrolman Condon was in the act of placing one of the two men under arrest and the man resisted, that the second man assisted his friend and during the struggle one of the two men took Condon's revolver from his pocket and shot him, and that Patrolman Condon was shot and killed while in the performance of his duty, as a Police Officer."

Patrolman Condon earned $2,000 per year. Widow Sarah Condon received a pension of $600 per year to raise their three young children. Unable to support them on her own, she had to move to her parents' home.

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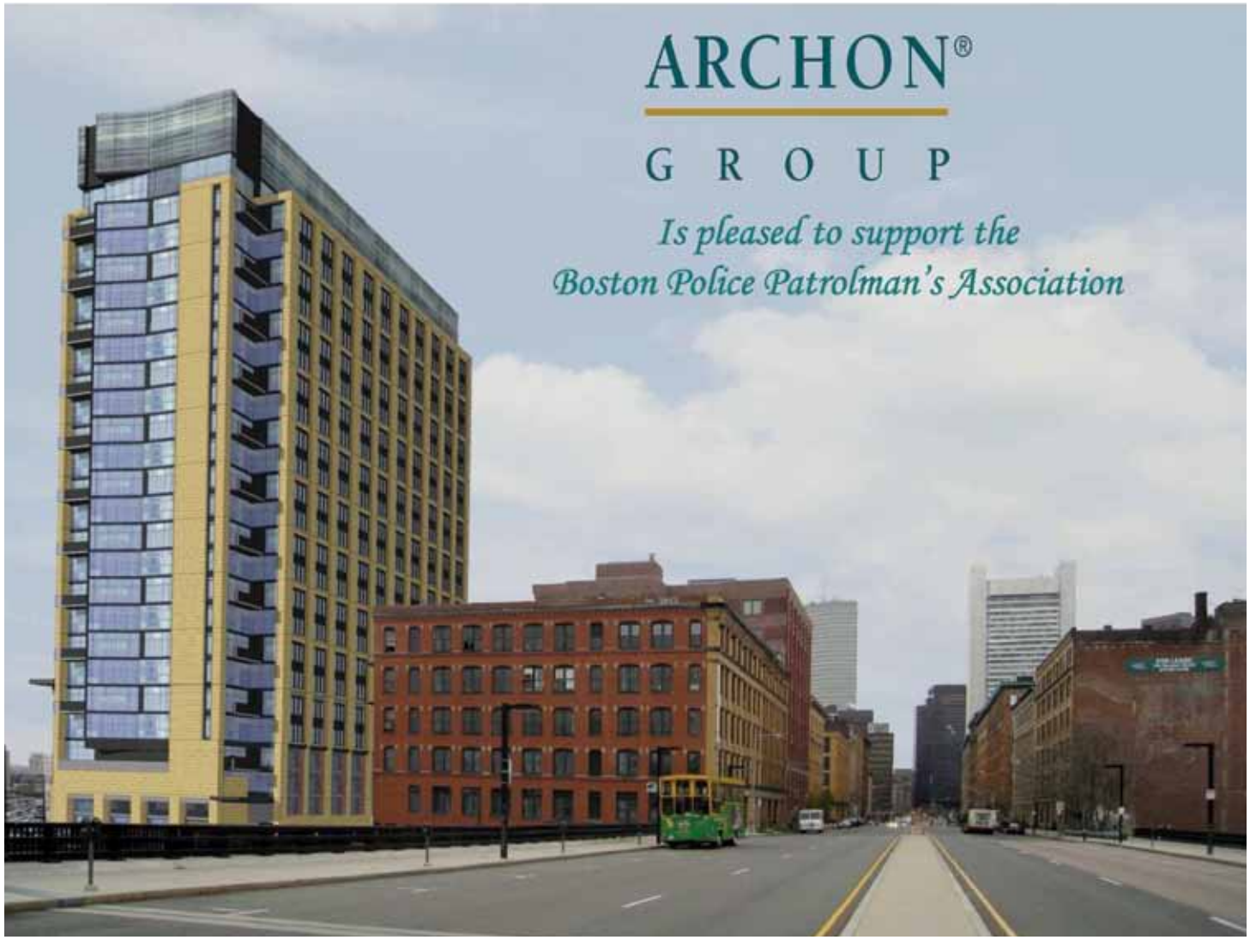
See more Three Heroes information on page C3.



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Mothers always know

By Mark A. Bruno

I can remember as a kid the ability my Mother had to read right through me. It was scary how she could ask a question and know if you were lying by the way you looked at her. I wouldn't say it was witch-like, but certainly there was a mind control thing happening. She was not a police officer and she did not take criminal justice courses, yet she had the ability to detect if you were lying. She was a modern-day Sherlock Holmes. Just one quick glance at that furtive movement you made with your head tilting it the wrong way, and your eyes looking to the right, and Bang! She had you now! Before you knew it you were being backed up and stepping in to it even deeper. Yes, a mother back then is what we now know today as our modern day detective. Nothing gets by her. She can smell a lie a mile away. Getting caught in a lie could be hazardous to your health. Below is a story in which the names have been changed to protect the innocent, I mean guilty.

One time I, I mean a kid I know named Michael decided they would go down their friend's grandfather's cellar and drink some homemade wine. Needless to say Michael got carried away and did not listen to his friends warning, which was the wine is strong and only drink a little. After two frappe cups full of wine, I, I mean Michael, got hammered and found himself lying in the street drunk. Michael's brother Ralph found him and carried him home, and put him in his bed. Well, the next morning I, I mean Michael, got up with a massive hangover and headed for the kitchen. Michael's mother was sitting at the kitchen table waiting for an explanation. She looked at me, I mean Michael, and said, "All I want to know is who was carrying who last night." Okay I will finish the story by saying I and me since you know who the story is about. With a straight face I looked at my Mother and said, "Ma, Ralphie has a problem." Needless to say that smelling like a wino and looking like I just rolled out of the gutter was not cutting it. I'm thinking exit stage left. It's amazing how fleet-footed mothers can be when they need to dispatch a message, and that message is pain. My Mother picked up the broomstick and proceeded to chase me like a crazed ninja. I was cornered like a rat with nowhere to go. She swung that broomstick with pinpoint accuracy. Everywhere my head ducked the end of the broom handle found it. I'm thinking how I can get by without shoving her and making it worse. I make an attempt and she hurt her hand on my head while holding the stick. A couple of expletives fly my way and I start laughing, which made it worse. She makes a fist and bites her index finger which means I'm dead meat. I took my lumps and managed to survive to talk about it. My brother was not happy with me either, seeing I attempted to throw him under the bus.

Those were special days indeed and I would gladly take a broomstick off the head to have my Mother back with me today. I'm sure many of you know what I'm talking about. With Mother's Day approaching I thought a good story like this needed to be told. To all you moms Happy Mother's Day. To my Mother, Rose,

God bless and keep you safe.

With thanks to Boston Public Library and BPD Crime Scene Response Unit

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial includes photos of fallen officers on their website *(www.nleomf.com)*. I could not locate a photo for **Captain Hugh J. Lee.**

A newspaper sketch showed him in civilian clothes with a straw hat – not the image I wanted for the Memorial. Thanks to two City Departments, Captain Lee will be remembered in his Captain's uniform. The Boston Public Library has been digitizing old negatives from the Leslie Jones Collection. **Leslie Jones** was a photojournalist in Boston between the wars and was very close to members of the BPD. I noticed that a photo of Superintendent Crowley's office included framed photos of 19th and early 20th century captains. The library scanned the negative at the highest possible resolution, then the Crime Scene Response Unit isolated the photo and blew it up. This is the image that will be used by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

– Margaret R. Sullivan

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Ever considering adopting a cat? Kaya would be the perrrfect fit! Kaya is a three year old female cat. She is black and white with short fur. Kaya also happens to be blind, but does very well using her other senses! After being brought to the shelter because someone in her home developed allergies, she became a staff favorite! She is such a kind cat and loves attention! In her new home, she would have to be the only pet because she is not too fond of other cats around her and would probably be scared of dogs. She will require lots of special attention because of her blindness, but her owner should be patient with her. Touching her and sudden noise might surprise and scare her. Kaya is up to date on her vaccines, is healthy, and will be spayed and microchipped before she goes home. If you are interested in adopting Kaya, be sure to stop by her current residence at the Animal Rescue League of Boston in Dedham.

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Facebook = Fake-book

By Kevin Doogan

Having conducted several investigations that led me into the cyber abyss commonly known as Facebook, I got to know the individuals whose Facebook pages I accessed and quickly found out that their real lives bore little similarity to their Facebook lives.

Knowing that we in the law enforcement community deal regularly with the dregs of society, I looked a little deeper into this cyber fantasyland known as Facebook. What I found was disturbing. People seemed to be living double lives, their real life and this fantasy life that they purport on Facebook.

In real life, they may talk to a circle of ten people all week long, but on Facebook they list out hundreds of cyber friends.

Evidently, the more people (names) that are listed on your friend list, I guess that makes you that much more popular in this cyber fantasyland.

In real life, most of these folks wouldn't give you the time of day but on Fakebook everyone is trying to friend you to beef up their list.

We have gone from speaking and interacting with friends and family, to now sanitized texting and posting. I believe this is done because most of the purveyors of these mediums don't possess the skills anymore to speak to people.

In a conversation they'd risk being exposed as the frauds they are. Society is quickly becoming reclusive, hiding behind these cyber walls and living fantasy lives.

Where a huge problem lies with the indiscriminant and haphazard use of these cyber mediums, is that once something is written in a text or email or a picture or video is sent, these things live forever on the internet. Lives will and have been forever changed and irreversibly affected.

When I was a kid, if I made a blunder or a poor choice in something I said or did, I had the opportunity to address it or spin it or flat out deny it. But aside from those that witnessed an indiscretion first hand, unless criminal, your mistakes didn't haunt you for the rest of your life.

Not today, with YouTube, Facebook, My Space, and digital camera phones, mistakes are forever.

Talk about bullying material, with these tools at your disposal any coward can hide behind their computer and ruin another person's life with the click of a mouse. Dinosaurs like me will avoid this foolishness, but parents of children facing a lifetime of this technology need to be very judicial and limit their children's exposure to these mediums.

Let kids be kids in safety. Children have actually committed suicide because of cyber attacks and bullying. People should also bear in mind that employers commonly use these sites to investigate potential employees and/or for promotional considerations.

People need to smarten up and see the big picture when it comes to these mediums because what may be funny today and a childish prank very well may cost someone a job, a raise, a career, a relationship, their dignity and in some cases their life.

So stop texting and talk to someone, face to face, learn communication skills. Put down the mouse and go outside and play, pick up an instrument or a sport, make a real friend not a Fake-book friend. Those funny videos are only funny when everyone is in on the laugh, if it's at someone else's expense and done in a cruel, humiliating fashion, then aren't we just promoting bullying?

Use technology as a tool not a crutch.

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Keyboard bravery from a pathetic human being

By James F. Lydon, Jr.

On 12/28/11, WHDH News Channel 7 released a statistic on their Facebook page. The stat claimed that police officer deaths in the United States were up in 2011 by 13%; a horrible bit of information that affects all of us in the law enforcement profession, and our families. As I read the quick blurb, I noticed that there were some comments added to the bottom of the post. I am somewhat familiar with online comments pertaining to stories involving the police, so I was hesitant to even attempt to read them. However, like passing a car wreck on the highway, sometimes you look even when you know you should not. I clicked the link to the comments and read on …

Even after I made my selection, my senses registered something that seemed too fantastic for my mind to comprehend: Was that a LIKE for this post? For those of you who are unfamiliar with social networking, some sites, like Facebook, allow people to express their pleasure about any posted topic. All that a person has to do is select LIKE and they will add themselves to a list of people who approve of said post. Well, before my eyes, is a LIKE for this post on an increase in officer deaths! It had to be a mistake. It is fairly easy for someone on a social networking site to make a similar mistake, either while posting or "liking" something. It could be possible that the person made a mistake and hit the LIKE button, but did not notice it. Or, it could be possible that the person "liked" the post because they support law enforcement. Think of your mother or grandfather; sometimes their Internet savvy is not where it should be. I decided to give the person the benefit of the doubt and move on with my quest to read the comments …

Well, the first comment was somewhat inspiring …

Mark Sarmento: "DISLIKE!"

Since there is no button or selection to show disapproval on Facebook, some people post similar expressions to show the world that they do not like the topic or the reference. So Mark Sarmento obviously was displeased with the posted statistic, which is a good thing. The second comment was equally as pleasing …

James Bradley Pinette: "I don't like this…"

Just like Mark, James Bradley Pinette seems to be a friend of law enforcement. These comments renewed hope that not all people are scumbags, and that even though people may hate cops for the most ridiculous reasons, at least people are supportive when an officer gives his or her life in the line of duty. As I read on, the comments continued to be decent, but, after a while, their flavor began to turn sour.

And then there he was: the person who "liked" the post at the top of the page. And his comment clarified his "liking" of the statistic provided by WHDH, and sealed my opinion of this man.

"Perhaps if the SS, I mean police, would tone down their brutality, maybe they wouldn't be in a lot of people's sights." - Danimal Coughlin.

So this piece of work with the obnoxious nickname of "Danimal", which I am sure he gave to himself, first makes the worn-out correlation between law enforcement officers and the Schutzstaffel. Nice job, buddy. No one has even done that before; you are a real groundbreaker. And it was cute how you pretended that you made the mistake, but caught it and corrected yourself. Way to work the English language. You continue to talk about the brutality of the police, which you have already hinted that you think is comparable to the Nazi paramilitary branch that oversaw the death camps, I mean concentration camps. Then you wrap up your genius post by suggesting that if the police stopped being so brutal, they would not be in sights as much. By "sights", I am sure that you are talking about the sights of a firearm. So, in your mind, cops are to be sighted, like game, to balance their brutality?

How about Police Officer Donald Joshua Newman of the Jemison Police Department in Alabama? Did his "brutality" bring about his own end? Officer Newman died on Saturday, March 5th, 2011, when he was involved in a traffic accident while responding to a radio call for another motor vehicle accident involving children.

Hey "Danimal", what about Special Agent Daniel Lee Knapp of the FBI? Do you LIKE the fact that on Thursday, December 29th, 2011, he died while attempting to save the life of a distressed swimmer? He gave his life so that another would live. What's more is that Special Agent Knapp was on vacation when the incident occurred. He acted when he needed to in order to preserve life. Would you have been able to do that? I highly doubt it. I doubt with great conviction that you would be able to do a small percentage of what police officers do on a daily basis.

Here's what I think: you had a bad run-in with a cop once; or, since you are apparently an arrogant individual, maybe more than once. Maybe they gave you a ticket when you were driving contrary to how the law allows. Maybe you were even locked up when you acted in a manner that violated the law. Whatever the reason was, the experience has soured you towards police officers. Instead of examining yourself, or taking the situation for what it was, you lash out when you can on the safest platform you can find: Facebook. Congratulations, "Danimal", your pettiness has earned you a spot on these pages, being lambasted by the guy who normally does the cute little movie and television reviews.

And you know what's worse than "Danimal"? The fact that people continued to bash the police and show their hatred on a post focused on officers who gave their lives to protect the citizens of our great country. For those who were pro-police, thank you. For those who were anti-police, and/or who wish that police officers should suffer, you are a cowardly and shameful lot.

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Honoring our brave heroes

March 26, 2012 in Seoul South Korea, the day the world heard the truth from his own lips: "On all these issues, but particularly missile defense, this, this can be solved, but it's important for him to give me space," Obama was overheard saying. Then his Russian counterpart and apparent friend Dmitry Medvedev stated "Yeah, I understand your message about space, Space for you". Obama went on to state "This is my last Election, after my Election, I have more flexibility". "I understand" stated Medvedev, he continued "I will transmit this information to Vladimir", of course referring to Putin who is and has been the real ruler of Russia continuously for over the last decade. This conversation was overheard by the world press; our President apparently forgot to turn off his microphone while he was bargaining away the future security of our country. The President boldly claiming his re-election and stating that he can be "more flexible" when it comes to our missile defense system. So tell me, are people storming the White House, is the **MEDIA** demanding impeachment, is every headline in the world stating that the President of the United States of America has a hidden agenda and is making backroom deals with the Russian Federation? No of course not, we'll just wipe it out of the news the same way we sanitize the internet every time there is any type of embarrassing or truthful reporting about the Obama administration or their socialist agenda. Ever notice how anything that could be considered derogatory to the Obama administration disappears from the internet, you tube videos are gone, written reports disappear; newscasters are fired, etc. etc. It's amazing that whenever the Obama administration gets caught up in some shenanigans it's always a "misunderstanding". If any other national candidate or their staff, even sneezes it becomes national news for a week. Meanwhile North Korea is about to launch a Nuke, (hopefully this article gets published, North Korea might have that missile targeted at the *PAX* staff). Iran, (undoubtedly the world's biggest exporter of terrorism), is still developing Nukes. As a matter of fact, it is reported that they have recently tripled their uranium output and have moved enrichment facilities deep under a mountain complex near the city of Qom, which no doubt will impede any international inspection team that they would ever even allow into their country. So what do we do, let's call for more economic sanctions, oh yeah! The Obama team's handpicked National Security Director recently testified to the Senate that economic sanctions had absolutely no effect on Iran's Nuclear Program. You remember Iran, they're the country that now celebrates a national holiday titled "Death To America Day". They are also the country that now has new diplomatic relations with and staff assigned to; over a half a dozen countries in South America and the Caribbean. Meanwhile our President is making deals with Russia, what the hell is going on???? There must be an agenda you say, well guess what, there is. The agenda quite simply is: Get by November 6, 2012 no matter what the cost! Get re-elected no matter what the cost. Say, do, or don't do anything that will interfere with being re-elected in November 2012. Regardless of what happens in the world, the most important thing, the agenda, the only agenda is to get re-elected! In the past six months, this administration has flip flopped more than John Kerry. They ought to get the 'spatula award' for the most flips in a single week. Where is the Press, the Media, the keepers of truth and justice during all of these 'gaffes', misunderstandings, errors in speech you might ask? Oh they're, there, just bought and sold, so much for democracy, so much for the first amendment, so much for truth in journalism. Am I being a little harsh? No just truthful, something that most papers and media outlets lack nowadays. Yes, there have been many things that the current administration can claim as victories, but I personally do not believe that their few victories outweigh the negatives. Is there still time for this administration to save itself and get re-elected? Only time and the electorate will tell.

Enough of my editorializing, with Memorial Day just around the corner and the supposed end to the war in Iraq, I would like to dedicate the remainder of this article to the brave men and woman who served and the thousands that perished in that God forsaken country.

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Sgt. First Class Paul R. Smith,
Company B, 11th Eng. Bn., 1st BCT, 3rd ID
April 4, 2003

Corporal Jason L. Dunham,
7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
April 14, 2004

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160th Special Operations Aviation Reg.
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SGT Eric Oropeza
4th BN., 9th Infantry Regt., 2nd Infantry Div.
May 22, 2007

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June 1, 2007

SGT Eric Moser
C Co., 2nd BN., 505th PIR, 3rd BCT,
82nd Airborne
August 26, 2007

SGT. Christopher Corriveau
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Boston Police Headquarters Memorial Update

It has been learned that the memorial located to the right of headquarters is going to be spruced up. Landscaping will be updated and the out of place jersey barriers that detract from the meaning of the memorial will be removed. This memorial is very special to all ranks of the Boston Police as it is dedicated to the Boston police officers who have been killed in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Boston. Special thanks go out to Chief Linskey, Captain Paul O'Connor, and Mark Lynch for their efforts to evaluate and improve this very important area.

– Det. Mike Kane, E-18

Your body, your choice? Don't think so!

By P.O. Jay Moccia

The City of Boston has instituted a campaign of "Rethink your Drink". To that end, candy and tonic machines have been removed from most City owned premises. They Jihad coke, and now I'll Jihad back!

For many years, the Liberal mantra has been my body my choice when it comes to hot button issues like contraception and abortion. The Left claims it's all about choice, and is supported in these endeavors by the Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood and NOW among others. My hypocrisy meter is off the charts, when a High School kid can get condoms or be counseled on abortion, but can't get a Snickers bar or Coca-Cola in the same school! If it is truly my body my choice, why aren't other options offered?

Just a few facts about their so-called "Healthy" choices: Diet Tonic contains Aspartame which is made up of three chemical components;

Phenyl line – which was tested on rodents who can process it efficiently, whereas humans have a little trouble. Studies have shown doses are dangerous to infants.

Aspartic Acid – an excito-toxin which overstimulates neurons

Methanol – which is broken down by the Human body forming Formaldehyde which is a widely known and recognized carcinogen.

Studies from the University of Texas Science Center at San Antonio have revealed a few more interesting items. With the consumption of as little as two diet sodas a day, people have a 6 times greater waist size than subjects who didn't consume diet beverages. The study also debunks diet beverages as a contributor to weight loss. People who consume diet beverages actually have a greater risk of obesity and Diabetes. It also exposes an ingredient called 4-MI, which has been recognized as a Cancer link by the California Health Department.

These revelations are contradictory to the City Health Commission's position that sugary drinks cause these problems. As we can see, so do diet beverages! The City will trot out stats that since diet beverages **ONLY** were introduced in schools, consumption of sugary drinks by students has decreased. Holy bait and switch Batman! That's like saying in China more people vote for the Communist.

As Mark Twain famously opined, "there are lies, damned lies and statistics…" Since both sides can support their positions, let the people decide-offer both with education on the benefits of each explained. The consumer will vote with their wallet, and their taste buds! If it is truly my body, my choice, let ME make it, not some bureaucrat. This is just another example of Nanny State Liberal control, and people better wake-up. This is how they get it done-creeping increments-first schools, although parents should be in charge of what their kids eat, the Libs couch it in terms like, choice, healthier, etc. claiming some kids, especially the poor or those from single-parent homes aren't getting proper nutrition. Who's to say? Maybe mom or dad packs them a lunch or cooks for them every night. Here's a novel idea-if the Government is so concerned about the poor being malnourished, set up EBT cards so that only healthy foods can be purchased-Cheerios instead of Cocoa Puffs, Orange juice instead of Hawaiian Punch, Fruit instead of fruit roll-ups. Propose that and see how quickly the word choice is trotted out!

Mark my words: If this trend continues, it's only a very short step before the government, through Public Health Agencies, outlaws cigarettes, booze, chocolate, guns, you name it, they'll ban it! Using the rationale that it's not healthy for you, because after all-who knows your body better than the government. My body-their choice, unless I want an abortion.

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Thank you,
William F. Carroll, Clerk, Boston Police Relief Association

Why is it?

By Det. Michael Kane, E-18

* There aren't more TV series like Boardwalk Empire? Great show, writing and actors. If you haven't seen it go out and get the past few years and catch up.
* Every time I watch Elizabeth Warren drone on about how she deserves to be elected to the US senate all I can think of is how weak and ineffective she would be for the state of Massachusetts and the country?
* The city of Boston wants to prohibit "mosh pits"? I say let these fools jump all over each other and break a few bones.
* Watching the movie "The Shawshank Redemption" never gets old?
* More and more people can't seem to perform the simple task of parking their car between the two white lines in a parking lot?
* You don't see two dollars bills in circulation?
* It came as no surprise to see the Suffolk county jury let someone walk in the Mattapan massacre case?
* Watching a two hour movie at home takes at least thirty minutes longer than at the theatre? Just can't stop the interruptions.
* I think building a museum for Ted Kennedy is a waste of taxpayer money?
* Obama's uncle Onyango Obama, who is in this country **ILLEGALLY** has a valid license? No one at the RMV can explain how he was given the license.
* I doubt it was "logistics" that caused the Commissioner to cancel his planned address?
* The occupy morons just won't go away? Where did they all go? Their mother's basement? You can bet it wasn't back to work.
* It's so difficult to change the bulb for the brake light in my Toyota?
* I just know Red Sox Coach Bobby Valentine is going to get thrown out of a few games when he completely loses it? Hopefully he'll be able to grab a beer or two and watch the game in the clubhouse.
* I always get caught driving behind the school buses?
* Popcorn is so expensive at the movies? There should be a state funded multi-million dollar study as to why we pay so much.
* Al Sharpton encourages violence where ever he goes? And no one ever dares to question this idiot.
* We all knew that there would be a controversy surrounding the recent record setting mega millions drawing?
* I don't think you could find a kid today who would know how to play street hockey? And there's no way they could build a net out of two by fours and metal screen like we all use to do.
* I just can't wait to get out on my canoe or kayak? There's nothing like it.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer.

Boston Police Dept. Trivia: **Bill Carroll**

What do you know about our Police Department?

1. Where was the first Boston Police Headquarters located?
2. What year did the Boston Police introduce their first motorized vehicle?
3. What are currently the two oldest station houses still in use by the BPD?
4. What year was the Boston Police Department Medal of Honor established?
5. What year did the Boston Police Department start carrying firearms?

(see answers on page C17)

Sports Trivia: **Bill Carroll**

How many can you get correct?

1. What major league player hit the most home runs during the 1950's decade?
2. What two NHL teams played in the 2012 Winter Classic?
3. What pitcher lost the most games in Major League history?
4. Who is the oldest manager in the majors in 2012?
5. What team led the American League in regular season wins in 2011?
6. What college hockey team has had the nickname "The Fighting Sioux" for years which has now been deemed offensive and hostile by the NCAA?
7. What former Red Sox pitcher was the 2012 opening day starter for the Pittsburgh Pirates?
8. What major league team had the lowest team payroll on Opening Day in 2012?
9. How many colleges from New England made it into the 2012 Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament?
10. Entering the 2012 Major League Baseball season what manager has been at the helm of his team the longest?

(see answers on page C17)

Honoring our brave heroes

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November 11, 2004

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December 23, 2004

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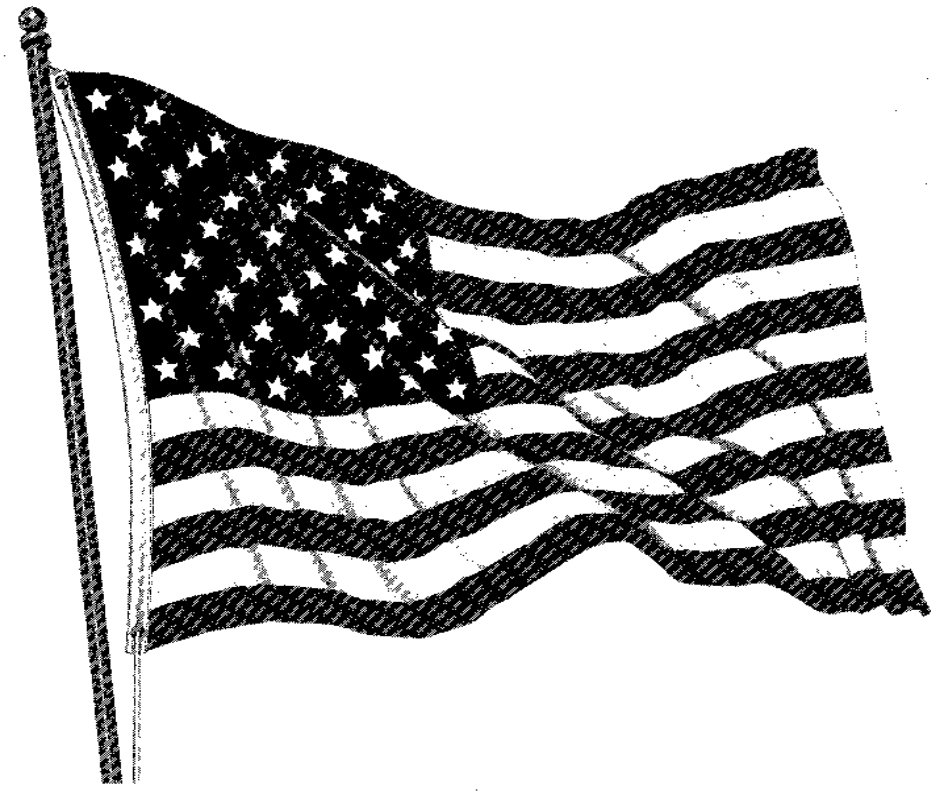
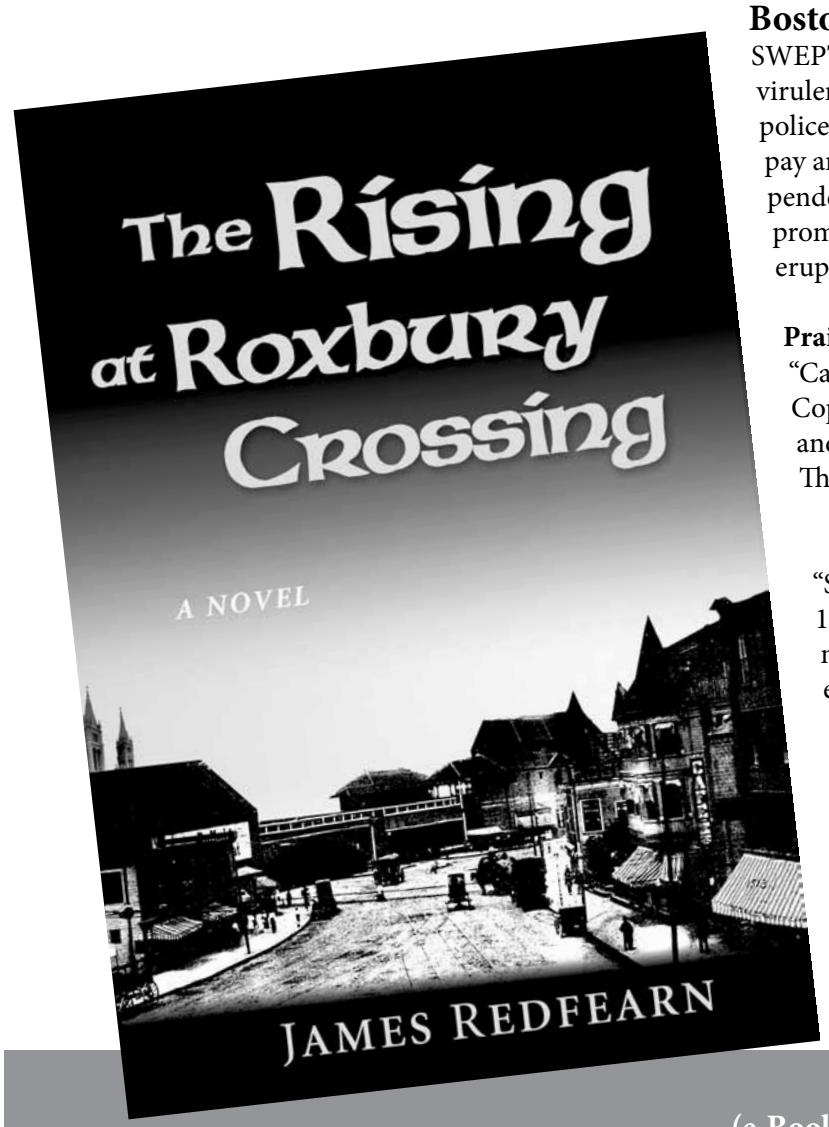
April 22, 2008

LCPL Jordan Haeter
1st BN., 9th Regt., 2nd Marine Division
April 22, 2008

The Iraq war officially ended on December 15, 2011. This Nation lost 3,518 Children, Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Nephews, Nieces, Friends and Neighbors directly attributed to enemy action! We lost another 956 from supposed non-hostile action. As of December 15, 2011 we count 32,226 of ours as being wounded in action during this war. Who knows how many others will succumb to their wounds or die in that God forsaken country, but will never be given the Honor of being recognized as giving their life for their Country. What do we have to show for it? I don't know anymore, maybe I'm just getting old and can no longer understand the politics of it all. We go in with the right idea in mind and politics changes the mission, politics changes the goal, politicians use and abuse our troops to fit some perverse plan to benefit themselves and their agendas. I'm sick of politics and politicians and I'm sick and tired of reading and writing stories about our kids being killed and mangled in some



God forsaken shithole just to appease some politician. Please say a prayer for the souls of the 133 killed from the 1st Armored Division, the 294 from the 1st Cavalry Division, the 221 from the 1st Infantry Division, the 472 from the 1st Marine Division, the 115 from the 2nd Infantry Division, the 302 from the 2nd Marine Division, the 50 from the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, the 114 from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, the 186 from the 3rd Infantry Division, the 69 from the 3rd Marine Division, the 228 from the 4th Infantry Division, the 142 from the 10th Mountain Division, the 163 from the 25th Infantry Division, the 19 from the75th Ranger Regiment, the 140 from the 82nd Airborne Division, the 204 from the 101st Airborne Division, the 25 from the 172nd Brigade Combat Team, the 9 from the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the 501 from the Army National Guard, the 107 from the Army Special Forces, the 12 from the Navy Special Warfare Group and the other 967 souls from various units and commands. This memorial day, please try to keep their memory alive.



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Trivia Answers

Boston Police Dept. History

(see questions on page C13)

1. The first Boston Police Headquarters was located in Old City Hall on School Street before moving to Pemberton Square in 1865.
2. The first motorized vehicle used by the Boston Police Department was the Stanley Steamer in 1903.
3 The two oldest station houses still in use today are District 14 in Brighton which was built in 1893 and District 7 in East Boston which was built in 1913.
4. The Boston Police Department Medal of Honor was established by an act of the Boston City Council on February 7, 1898.
5. In 1885, the Boston Police Department began carrying Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolvers.

Sports

(see questions on page C13)

1. Mickey Mantle hit 280 home runs during the 1950's which led the majors.
2. The 2012 NHL Winter Classic was played at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia between the Flyers and the New York Rangers?
3. Cy Young lost 316 games in his career which is the most in MLB History.
4. The oldest manager in the big leagues this season is Charlie Manuel of the Phillies who is 68 years old. Tigers manager Jim Leyland is second oldest at 67.
5. The New York Yankees led the American League in victories last season with 97.
6. The University of North Dakota has had the nickname "Fighting Sioux" for years but know the NCAA is demanding they change the nickname. The matter is in the courts right now.
7. Former Red Sox lefthander Erik Bedard was the Pirates Opening Day starter this season?
8. The major league team with the smallest payroll on Opening Day in 2012 is the Pittsburgh Pirates at 40 million dollars.
9. Three colleges from New England made it into the 2012 Men's NCAA Basketball tournament, Connecticut, the University of Vermont and Harvard University?
10. Mike Scioscia is in his major league leading 13th season as manager of the Angels.

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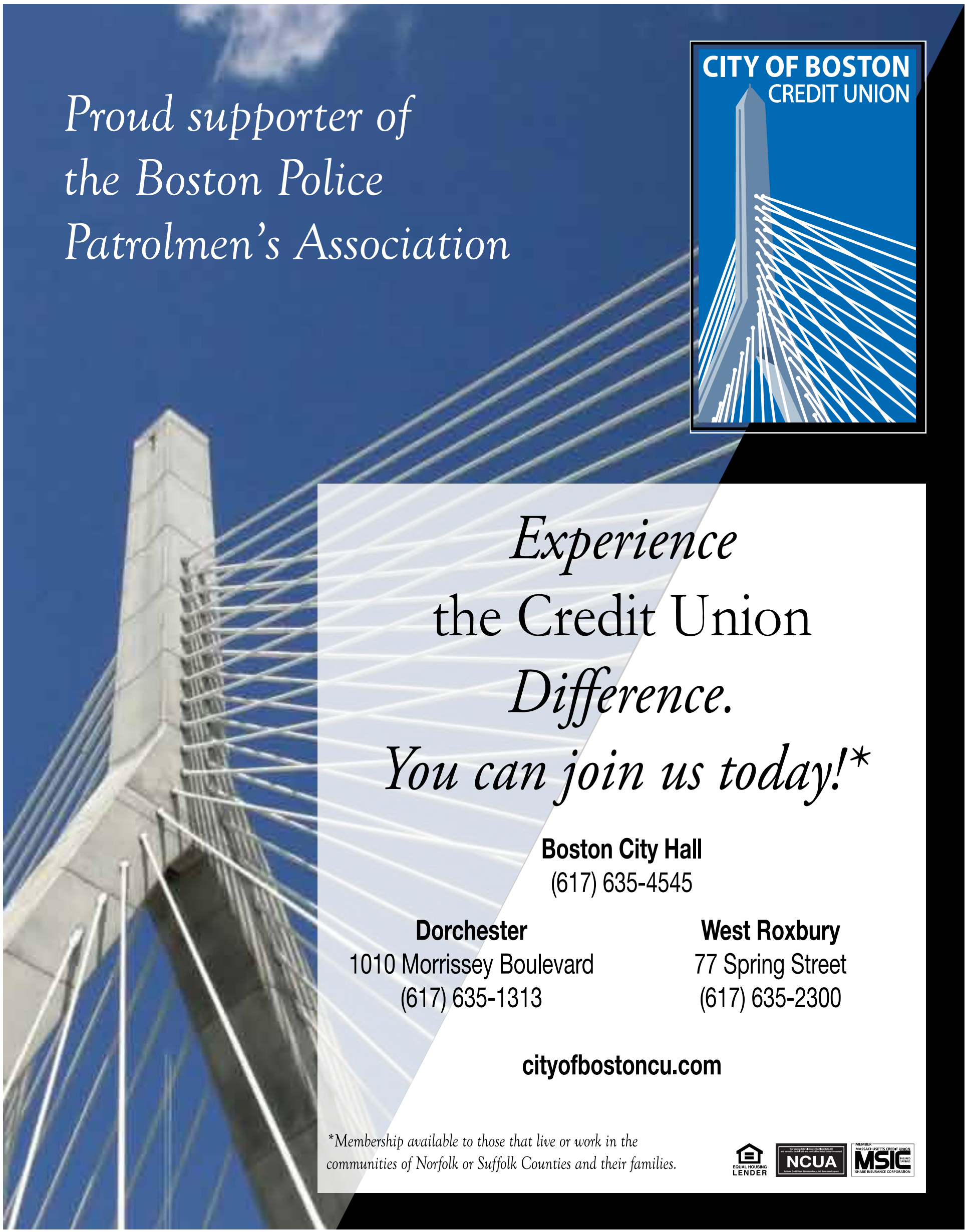

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