

## Police groups lobby for jurisdiction

By Jim Barry, *BPPA Legislative Agent*

Local police unions and groups were lobbying the Casino Bill for passage of an amendment stripping the exclusive State Police jurisdiction at casinos and race-track slot machine venues included in the pending House gambling bill. The growth of the Massachusetts State Police will need to be in the hundreds for this new charge of "exclusivity" in policing criminal violations at these gaming venues. This cost will surely take away millions of dollars in promised in local aid to the Commonwealth's cities and towns.

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## Judge Gertner's excellent bus ride Hypocrite liberal takes bus ride through real, live inner-city neighborhood, takes cheap-shots at cops

By Jim Carnell, *Pax Editor*

Guess what cop-hating Federal Judge Nancy Gertner did!? She took a real, live, bus ride through Roxbury and Mattapan with a whole bunch of her screeching-liberal friends, and she had pizza with gang-bangers, and then (par for the course) she took a few verbal slaps at the police (which she does from the bench, anyway...).



Federal Judge Nancy Gertner

Yes, an article appeared in the *Boston Globe* of Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> (which is probably why everyone missed it) entitled "An eye-opening ride into the city within the city", by *Globe* reporter Joseph P. Kahn. Apparently, a local entrepreneur has found a way to bleed money from stupid, rich liberals and assorted other idiots by starting a bus tour called "Boston by Night," in which corporate executives, leading philanthropists, and Boston's power-brokers take a "real eye-opener" (*their words, not mine*) of a tour through inner-city neighborhoods where few, if any of them, have ever been.

And among the committed liberals looking to feel good about themselves was Newton's own Federal Judge Nancy Gertner, Wellesley College grad and (continued on page A5)

## Gov. Patrick continues attack on police pay, benefits

By Jim Carnell, *Pax Editor*

Governor Deval Patrick, the alleged "friend of labor", has continued his relentless attack on municipal (not state) police officer pay and benefits with threats to further undermine police details, educational benefits, pensions and health insurance.

The Governor, who presented himself a few years ago as an alleged friend of the working man, has proven to be what many

of his critics originally believed: he is a wolf in sheep's clothing. It is beyond question or argument that he certainly hates police officers, except for showing up at the annual "Hannah Awards" ceremony at the State House wearing a Cheshire-cat grin expressing his "admiration and respect for the job we do." (Keep it Governor, and stick it where the sun don't shine. None of us believe you...).

Despite his attempts to portray himself

as a poor child who grew up on the tough south side of Chicago, Governor Patrick is in fact a child of wealth and privilege. He attended (*free of tuition*) prestigious Milton Academy, and then attended (*free of tuition*) Harvard University. (*Unlike police officers who had to pay tuition, attend school and actually earn their Quinn Bill-eligible degree, Governor Patrick has no knowledge of what paying a student loan entails.*) His politically-appointed sinecure as an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice – Civil Rights Division – honed his skills as a professional cop-hater. He then went on to "earn" (*HA!*) millions of dollars as a corporate lawyer (*HEY... don't liberals hate "corporate lawyers"???*) for Coca-Cola Co., Ameriquest Mortgage Co. (*weren't they the ones who were involved in peddling sub-prime mortgages to the poor and under-privileged???*), and other major corporations, serving on their "board of directors" while raking in millions for an occasional monthly meeting. He owns mansions in Milton and the Berkshires. I would love to be such a poor child, if only I was as under-privileged as he. (*Ergo, I am privileged???? Lucky me!*)

The Governor, in the middle of a tough re-election battle (*which hopefully he will lose*) has cut Quinn-bill reimbursements to

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## Sympathy for the devil Journalists, "community," try to rationalize, excuse attempted cop-killer's behavior

By Jim Carnell, *Pax Editor*

**I**NCREDIBLE, isn't it? A 19-year-old maggot shoots at police officers with his illegal .45 cal. automatic handgun, actually drops a clip and reloads, then shoots himself in the head while under return fire from the cops, and "the community" comes to his aid? Are you kidding me?

This maggot scumbag – Manuel DaViega – and I will under no circumstances apologize to anyone for using those blunt terms- attempted to kill several of our officers from the gang unit, and but for their training, experience, luck and the grace of God, he would have succeeded. But immediately after the attempted murder of these officers on Navillus Terrace in Dorchester, Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, "the community" (*Question: exactly what "community" is that? The community of maggots, scumbags, and attempted cop-killers?*) were on-scene, screaming and yelling insults at the cops, claiming all sorts of conspiracies, racism, excessive force, blah-blah-blah, *ad nauseum*. Geez, if one of the cops involved

had been shot or killed, would "the community" have been lighting their phony memorial candles for *them*, leaving balloons and teddy bears and flowers on a makeshift shrine? Yeah, I don't think so either....

His mother was quoted in the *Boston Herald* (April 8<sup>th</sup>, page 6) saying that "the police killed my son." Ma'am – (**Ms. Isabella Fernandez** of Quincy) – all due respect to motherhood and fully understanding a grieving mother's attempts to put blame anywhere but where it belongs, but your son was a maggot and a scumbag.

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## All politics are local

As the economy continues to suffer from the worst economic situation since the Great Depression, public sector employee pay and benefits have become a convenient scapegoat for all that ails Massachusetts and the economy. Rather than blame reckless Wall Street investors, regulatory agencies asleep at the switch, bad political decisions and policies, most, if not all, are focused on us.

Elected officials, special interest groups and the media are taking great liberty with the current economic climate and are convincing the public that it is our collective fault that the deficits exist. It is said that ninety-one percent of the people working in the private sector are at-will employees, most have no job security, extremely expensive or non-existent health insurance, no defined benefit retirement plans and their 401k accounts are being depleted. Their anger and growing "wage and benefit envy" between public sector employees and private sector employees has created a divide and is seemingly getting worse.

Elected officials are well aware of this and the public's growing discontent and anger. In today's hyperpartisan political world why does it seem that we, the working people of the Commonwealth have no elected officials or political party to turn to, and why does it seem to me that the friends of labor and the party of the working class has turned its back on us after we have long supported them and their ideology. Seemingly they have become focused on destroying worker's rights, collective bargaining agreements, wages, benefits and stability that come with them. For years, Republican ideology has leaned to the right, supporting corporate interests and management rights, now come the Democrats who lean totally left and are embracing the same sort of mind-numbing concepts from the other extreme, leaving the middle class behind.

The political ground is shifting here in Massachusetts and the recent U.S. Senate election should serve as a notice to anyone seeking election that there is a hunger by the voters for change. In my view they want to see more Democrats who are conservative and Republicans who are more liberal of their respective party ideology, it is better known as being moderate. The voters want the work of their elected officials to be independent of party ideology and to reflect reasonableness, moderation, stability and trust. Those defining characteristics are not necessarily moderate political views but willingness unlike anything we are currently witnessing to cross the aisle on certain issues in contradiction to their party's base ideology, a willingness to engage in the hard substance of public policy and act independent of steering apparatus like their party leaders and the *Boston Globe*.

These are very challenging times; many elected officials are choosing the easy approach of over promising and discerning political points by misrepresenting the facts. Our time will come, though not fast enough. When elected officials do not support police officers in Massachusetts it becomes a very unstable and unsafe place to live and work.

Enough said! Watch each other's back, it seems like all we have lately is each other and our union.

## Governor Patrick continues attack on police pay, benefits

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cities and towns resulting in a net pay-cut for cops across the state. He continues to lie to the public about fake, contrived "cost savings" by hiring flagmen instead of police officers, despite documented proof that flaggers are FAR more expensive than utilizing professional police officers. Attempting to channel public anger away from his own outrageous spending and hiring of political cronies, he has made police officers the "red herring" for the public's wrath. ("Screw the cops" - a popular opinion - hey, who hasn't gotten a ticket or had a run-in with a police officer at one time in their lives and would like to get even???)

Instead of focusing attention on profligate welfare programs, free entitlements, free health care coverage for bums and illegal aliens who never paid a dime into the system, and other programs designed to "redistribute wealth" from those who work to those who never did, will, or would, the

Governor has decided that making police officers "Public Enemy No. 1" is the best way to win re-election.

Although the Governor has allegedly cut the State Police budget by a commensurate amount related to their similar Quinn-Bill educational incentive program, in fact this is not true. No State police officer has in fact received one-dime in pay cuts, because the States simply cut from "other" areas of their total budget, such as capital expenses, new cruisers, etc. etc. Therefore, only municipal police officers have actually incurred pay cuts, while the State Police remain untouched by the Governor's budget cuts. The Governor has also announced new initiatives to put all municipal workers in a group insurance plan, as well as plans to cut pension benefits for retirees. If this is our "friend of labor", would somebody please return Mitt Romney, Bill Weld, Paul Cellucci, and Jane Swift?



# Funding for Quinn Bill still on life support

**F**unding for the Quinn Bill is still on life support as the BPPA, BPSOF, BPDDBS along with other police agencies are seeking revenue sources. Future profits from racinos, slots and destination casinos are on the drawing board and have been targeted and only time will tell how this will play out.

Our records indicate that there are approximately 50 members with Associates degrees who have 20 years on the job. These officers would qualify for payment under both the Plan and the Program and shall receive the higher payment (and additional overtime with longevity program) to which they are entitled. The Department and the City are in agreement but a grievance will be filed to protect the date of change.

## Governor's Health Care on Life Support?

**N**ow that the floodgates have opened regarding the ever increasing volume of care being sought at Mass. Health...how about some strategy in capping the cost of medical care. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the *Boston Globe* reported that "the state is suddenly facing up to a \$295 million shortfall" entering the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the fiscal year. The operative word here is *suddenly*, this fill in the blank million dollar shortfall, month after month, truly shows the Governor's budget office lack of ability to even come close to getting it right.

On March 31<sup>st</sup> the *Globe* reported the Governor ironically finds \$100 million, just another accounting rehearsal preparing us for the federal version...so "\$77 million will be covered by the federal government in reimbursements to the state's Medicaid program, leaving the state to cover the remaining \$118 million. Federal monies will keep the state's Medicaid program functional for the national visual but when the subsidy stops, universal health care will bleed the municipalities dry. These are not "typical fluctuations." People are looking for financial responsibility...not another government sponsored ponzi scheme.

## Discipline and Truthfulness

**W**hen looking at which is the better route to take when appealing discipline, it is safe to say that appealing discipline through the arbitration process and the "just cause" provision in our CBA earns better results. The burden of proof in arbitration rests with the employer to show that the discipline imposed met the contractual standards for that discipline...where the burden of proof usually falls on the employee at Civil Service.

The "just cause" standard goes beyond the acknowledgement of the misconduct, with the level of discipline imposed for the offense usually being where the parties disagree. In court, the legal issue may be whether the employer was "arbitrary or ca-

pricious" and whether there is factual evidence to support the employer's disciplin-

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ary decision. At arbitration, the issue will be whether the employer's decision was supported by proven facts and whether the discipline imposed was fair considering those facts.

The standard of proof depending on the charge could involve a preponderance of the evidence, clear and convincing evidence, or if criminal behavior is involved or termination sought, the employer might have to prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt. Decisions vary but proportional punishment consistent with prior judgments is an important deciding factor along with testimony that corroborates the specifications that an officer is said to have violated. If the department is overzealous when stacking the specifications it usually shows with their lack of credible testimony to support those charges when there is a true neutral determiner of the facts. No cases are currently in the box but some are in the bullpen that will no doubt test the 15 working day suspension in the past that under similar circumstances turns into a termination in the present.

Police are held to a higher standard in their workplace, especially when convicted of a crime or the officer has engaged in an act of dishonesty. That is why the department is extremely creative when going over IAD interviews of officers and complainants. Some department truthfulness charges are not as evident as one would expect but one thing is for sure...if the department is motivated, a specification will be generated. Truthfulness for some cases is a great bargaining chip and in other cases is a necessity to ensure the desired goal. The latter tends to trigger the department's resourceful side where the department measures, determines and frames what that individual's thought process was at a particular moment to arrive at a truthfulness charge.

A future case involves an officer who, in hindsight, admitted to authoring and forwarding an offensive e-mail. Specifications include conduct, respectful treatment and extremely poor judgment. Generally, these charges would not be enough to sustain the discipline sought for a first time, off-duty event, but this event was high profile. A questionable truthfulness charge was added, disputing the officer's belief when he forwarded the e-mail. If I were to go along with the department's notion that the officer knew that the e-mail was offensive when he hit the send button...I would also have to believe that the officer was fully cognizant of the consequences to his current livelihood

and to his character when he hit the send button...and I do not believe that. The opin-

ion is irrelevant but the larger message should be clear for anyone that finds themselves similarly situated in the future.

## Special Election

**I**t was just a few months ago during the "special election" that all the candidates in the democratic U.S. Senate primary de-

## Sympathy for the devil...

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According to the *Herald*, Ms. Fernandez said "The police killed my son...he did nothing." Isabella, in fact, your son *did do something*. He shot at police officers, Isabella. He committed suicide, in more ways than one. When you choose to shoot at police officers, you deserve what comes in return. Expect nothing else. Forget all the crap about "shooting the gun out of his hands" or "why didn't they just shoot him in the leg." That's Hollywood. Real life is much more simple, Isabella. You attempt to kill police, the police will attempt to kill you. Period. End of story.

But much, much more disgusting than having to read a grieving mother's lament (misplaced though it was), was reading of

the reaction of the alleged "community" who showed up at the scene on Navillus Terrace and Hancock Street and began venting at the police. These people are truly the scum of the earth.

the reaction of the alleged "community" who showed up at the scene on Navillus Terrace and Hancock Street and began venting their anger at the police. These people are truly the scum of the earth. The Department, of course, ever-sensitive to public relations issues, have expressed their "concern" for "community relations" and will attempt to mollify and pacify the biggest mouths in the alleged "community." There is little hope of satisfying people who, after police officers have been shot at by a gun-toting felon who actually dropped a clip and re-loaded before killing himself, show up to criticize, scream and accuse the police of "excessive force." **Jeffrey Brown**, executive director of the "TenPoint Coalition," was quoted in the *Herald* saying "The general perception that I've gotten from people in the community is that the shooting is sus-

bate were question after question trying to position themselves to the left of the previous speaker. Who could foresee the overwhelming resentment to what was going on in Washington play out the way it did? The Democratic nominee, **Martha Coakley**, being the would-be deciding vote, got caught in a tsunami of anti-legislation backlash and lost the election.

**Martha Coakley** was a good candidate and a good friend of the BPPA, but the health care issue became an all important message. This election was more of a consensus on the issue of fiscal responsibility regarding the health care proposal than the

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*precious.*" Really, Jeff? Well tell "the community" - whoever they are - to screw itself. In fact, Jeff, "the real community" - the residents of Navillus Terrace and the immediate surrounding area who have been terrorized by these thugs - came out to testify as to exactly what happened with DaViega and reported that he had in fact put the gun to his own head and killed himself after shooting at the police. Where is there even one iota of concern about the cops who saw their lives flash in front of them? Or is it just "part of their job" that cops are supposed to deal with, like being beaten, kicked, spat upon, insulted, etc. etc.?

And the media, too, is just as disgraceful. There was almost an immediate attempt

to portray poor, little **Manuel DaViega** as suffering from mental illness, and therefore not responsible for himself. He had "internalized anger issues," "bipolar disorder," or some other mental ailment. I personally know many people who have been diagnosed with mental illnesses of one kind or another, but they're not robbing, raping, dealing drugs or shooting at cops. So **Peter Gelzinis**, **Yvonne Abraham**, *et al*, pass the Kleenex and dry your tears. **Manuel DaViega** was a maggot and a scumbag-nothing more, nothing less. Let's call it what it is. Stop trying to find excuses and rationalize the "why did he do it"? Sometimes, the answer is just as simple as it is. Manny tried to kill cops because he hated them, and he lost. Thankfully, it was at his own hand, but it doesn't matter. As long as the good guys go home at night, all's well that ends well. ...



# Thanks to the advertisers for supporting the BPPA charitable efforts

As always, I hope to find everyone doing well. The first order of business that I would like to bring up is our Union newspaper, the *PAX Centurion*. I would just like to thank all of the businesses that buy ads in the *PAX*. The advertisements that are purchased in our publication not only fund the scholarship program, but also a host of other worthy causes. This is not only for our member's children, but also for some less than fortunate kids throughout the city and beyond. These causes range from youth baseball, basketball, hockey, swim teams, cheerleading, Pop Warner football and a myriad of other youth activities. Some of the other worthy causes that we donate to are cancer charities and other debilitating diseases and not to mention a plethora of scholarship funds outside the Union. So in

closing on this subject, I would just like to reiterate my thanks to all who purchased an advertisement in the *PAX*.

The next topic (*you know it, you love it and you can't get enough of it*): **DETAILS**. Through the efforts of the BPPA and **Mayor Menino's** office we are attempting to get a home-rule petition passed. It would allow the city to control public safety details opposed to the state and its Draconian regulations. A hearing was held at the State House on April 6, 2010. Your leadership team along with members of the Grievance and Detail and Overtimes Committees were in attendance. President **Tom Nee**, Traffic and Parking Commissioner **Tom Tinlin** along with Superintendent **William Evans**, members of the utility unions **Steve Finnegan** and **Dan Leary** and **Richard Walsh**, owner of

Walsh Brothers Construction Company all gave testimony. The testimony given by all of the above was first-rate. It dealt with the public's safety and how police officers at details facilitate traffic for emergency vehicles, respond to calls for aid and on-site crimes in progress. Commissioner Tinlin stated that Boston is a unique place. A regulation that works in Barre, Massachusetts might not be the best solution for our city with its high volume of motor vehicle traffic and patterns. I would also like to thank State Representative **Marty Walsh** of Dorchester, who sponsored the bill up at the State House. Representative Walsh put a lot of effort into this endeavor and he should be commended for it. Last, but not least, City Councilors **Steve Murphy** and **John Connolly** were also in attendance. They

gave testimony and co-sponsored the bill on the city's side of the process. They should also be applauded. Now, this may sound like a lovefest, but I have always stated, give credit where credit is due. In the past, we have disagreed on issues with our employer and we will probably disagree on issues in the future. But that is a nice thing about living in a city and community where the elected officials actually listen. You can have a disagreement and move on. Now, on actually performing a detail, be very cognizant of your surroundings. Again, I cannot stress enough, be on time and be visible. This is an uphill battle and we do not need to give our enemies any cannon fodder to hurt us.

My next topic is an issue I have with the  
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**Affordability.** Most LTC experts say the ideal candidates for long-term-care coverage are those who can comfortably afford the premiums.

Your general financial picture also determines how affordable LTC policies are for you. One common measure is net worth, excluding the home, or more simply, the amount of investments and savings you expect to have after you retire. People with less than \$500,000 in investments might not be able to afford LTC coverage.

Another more reliable measure of affordability is how much the insurance will cost as a percentage of your expected retirement income. If the premiums are likely to consume more than 10 percent of your income, you probably can't afford the coverage.

**Family health history.** Not a perfect predictor, the health patterns of parents and grandparents can still indicate what the future may hold. If your parents experienced chronic health problems or other conditions that required prolonged care, this may argue in favor of an LTC policy.

**Importance of passing on an inheritance.** If passing on an inheritance is important to you, an LTC policy could protect some of your assets for future generations.

### Before Buying a Policy

**A**n LTC policy can be an expensive, long-term investment. Consider the following:

Understand the limitations and features of the policy. Long-term-care insurance is aggressively sold. Many purchasers don't understand what they're getting – or not getting.

Become an expert on long-term-care insurance before buying a policy. Its premiums could be one of your biggest retirement expenses. So make the most of your hard-earned dollars.

If your employer offers LTC insurance, consider it. But while policies offered through an employer may be less expensive, the benefits may not be as comprehensive as you would like.

Favor policies that provide comprehensive home health-care coverage and coverage for nursing homes. Inflation protection is also an important feature, particularly for boomers who are considering this coverage.

You can cut premium costs by limiting the LTC policy to three years or less. However, if you spend much longer than that in a nursing home, you may impoverish yourself anyway. According to some studies about 8 percent of us will spend more than five years in a "nursing facility."

You may lower premium costs by eliminating all the expensive bells and whistles while keeping the inflation kicker. Lowering the daily reimbursement rate and increasing the waiting period until benefits kick in also lowers premiums.

If you can only afford to insure one person, women are more likely to spend extended periods in nursing homes.

### When Should You Buy an LTC Policy?

**K**eep in mind that the annual premiums for LTC coverage are much higher if you wait until your 60s or later to take out a policy. Few experts recommend purchasing coverage before age 50. After age 70, premiums may become prohibitively expensive.

While you'll pay lower premiums if you buy a policy at a younger age, keep in mind that you're likely to pay a long time before collecting benefits, if ever. The average age at which people enter nursing homes is 83.

On the other hand, a compelling argument for purchasing a policy at a younger age is that health issues could render you uninsurable at an older age. Buy an LTC policy at a younger age if any of the following apply:

- If your health is deteriorating
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# Attacks from within are troubling and unfair

The attacks against Boston Police Officers, in particular, and our profession in general, have been continuous and have come from a variety of sources. The elimination of bargained benefits has resulted in a significant pay cut to many while the at-

*NEVER* do the job that we do day in day out.

What I cannot, nor will I ever learn to live with, is an attack from someone with whom I share the same profession or an attack from someone who purports to repre-

to families that had lost loved ones (Coakley cartoon). The letter was signed by a number of BPPA members. Some white, some black, some male, and some female.

A few days later, the *Boston Globe* contacted the *Pax Centurion's* editor, **Jim Carnell** seeking a reaction about the letter and the allegation of potential discrimination raised by **Larry Ellison** of M.A.M.L.E.O. On March 13, 2010, *Boston Globe* reporter, **Maria Cramer** wrote an article about the letter and included a number of comments from **Larry Ellison**.

Interestingly enough, Mr. Ellison was *NOT* one of the members who signed the letter. Furthermore, the original author of the letter, **Bob Young**, a BPPA Shift Rep, was outraged that the *Boston Globe* had been given a copy of the letter and that it was now being used in a manner that it was not designed for. Copies of both letters are included within this issue of the *Pax Centurion*.

Before I go any further, let me be clear that I fully support **Jim Carnell** and the incredible amount of hardwork and time he

about issues that are important. Like any newspaper, there are articles, commentary, and/or cartoons that will cause discussions and disagreements. We have always invited the membership to contribute to the *Pax* and many have done so. They are contributing their opinions. The *Pax* is there for our members in many different ways, whether it's to keep them up to date on important issues or to make them laugh.

Though I thought that **Larry Ellison** was off-base with many of his comments, I was shocked to see the one that Ellison was planning to notify those companies that place advertising in the *Pax* to discourage them from advertising.

I am assuming that **Larry Ellison** doesn't realize how important our advertisers are to the *Pax* and the incredible amount of extra benefits the BPPA provides to our members and the neighborhoods of Boston as a result of the revenue from the advertising. If it wasn't for the generous support of the *Pax's* advertisers then we wouldn't be able to award the \$40,000 worth of schol-

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tempted "reform" of paid details has resulted in fewer opportunities to make up the wages stripped from us. The desire of the City to change the plan design of our health care insurance will present a difficult challenge in upcoming negotiations. More frightening is the increase in physical assaults against Police Officers nationwide.

Having served as a police officer for 17 years, I have come to accept the physical assaults that come with the job. Serving as a BPPA Shift Rep for over 12 years and as the BPPA Secretary for the past five years, I have learned to expect the resentment of the benefits we have gained through collective bargaining though the overwhelming majority of those who complain about what we have earned over the years, would

sent the concerns of fellow Police Officers. The comments made by M.A.M.L.E.O. President **Larry Ellison** in the March 13, 2010 *Boston Globe* were troubling and unfair.

For those who are unfamiliar with the article in the *Globe* let me provide some background. A letter was written to the leadership of the BPPA that expressed concerns with a recent issue of the *Pax Centurion* and the cartoon representation of President **Barack Obama** as well as the cartoon drawing of **Martha Coakley**. The letter was well-written and raised some great points. The letter did not mention race, yet stressed that the authors, of the letter, felt that the *Pax* should be more respectful to the office of the Presidency of the United States (Obama cartoon) and to show more respect

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At the end of the day, the BPPA represents **ALL** Boston Police Officers. We take that responsibility extremely serious and we do so without regard for the race, color, gender, or personal preference of those members. To allege anything otherwise is completely untrue as well as incredibly unfair. With all of the serious issues facing the law enforcement profession, it's essential that we all work toward improving this job as opposed to trying to divide it.

Stay safe!

## Judge Gertner's excellent bus ride...

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friend of **Hillary Clinton** (which is how she got appointed) and longtime hater of police officers, especially Boston ones! According to the *Globe* "...The tour is an amalgam of sociological field study, criminal justice seminar, and donor sales pitch (\$\$\$\$\$!!!!- that's what it's REALLY all about) its itinerary typically made up of community centers, housing developments and law enforcement outposts along a 2-mile stretch of Blue Hill Avenue."

During the tour, the phony liberals got to stop and "munch pizza... with impact players." Wow, that's pretty cool, Nance! Bet all your friends will be so excited back at the garden party in your ritzy Newton neighborhood.

But here's the best part, and I'll simply quote verbatim from the *Globe*: "With the floor open to questions and comments, US District Judge Nancy Gertner, who was taking the tour that night, expressed concern about urban youths winding up in her courtroom "for crimes they wouldn't be arrested for in Brookline or Newton." AHHHM, wanna run that one by me again, Nancy? I beg to differ, but I'm fairly damn sure that

"urban youths" (again, her words, not mine) would be arrested pretty damn quickly if they were caught walking in the exclusive parts of Newton and Brookline in which you and your ilk reside. Yup, I'm pretty damn sure that if some local gangbangers found their way to the Chestnut Hill Mall or decided to lollygag and stroll through Larz Anderson park, Nancy and her friends would on their cell phones damn quick to the local police wanting the urban youths removed from their elite environs.

What an utter phony, posing a question like that. It tells you the demented, liberal world she comes from, the hypocrisy, the phoniness of these frauds who pretend to be concerned about the plight of the inner city youth while they make sure they go home to their multi-million dollar, lily-white neighborhoods at night. Gertner goes on to say later in the article "What mattered to me was seeing the intended, and unintended, consequences of law enforcement." See the inference: inner-city crime is the fault of the police. Not the maggots and scumbags who destroy neighborhoods through their criminal actions and ruin the

lives of decent, law-abiding, working people, NOOOO- it's the "consequences of law enforcement" that's to blame. That's us the police. Blame the police.

I'm sure that Nancy went home to Newton after her excellent bus ride and got to tell her ACLU-attorney husband and children about the plight of the oppressed and how the evil police were harassing the poor gangbangers and forcing them into crime and poverty. And I'm sure she feels good about herself (which we all know is very important to liberals - "feeling good about themselves"). Having pizza with gangbangers is almost certain to make you the centerpiece of the next wine and brie social at some posh Newton bistro. But maybe one way of helping Nancy and her friends to better understand the plight of the downtrodden and oppressed is to reverse the flow; in other words, have our local drugdealers, gangsters and street thugs take a bus tour through Nancy's nice Newton neighborhood. I'd be willing to drive and pay for the bus for that tour, with just two caveats: there's only one stop, and the ticket is one-way.

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## Pax editor responds to paper's content criticism

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

In regards to the attached/adjacent letters from C-6 BPPA Representative **Bob Young, et al**, let me first say I appreciate greatly the fact that Bob had the courage and the decency to express his view in writing. It is unfortunate that so many cowards exist today, even in our department, who do not have the courage of their convictions and instead use outside sources such as reporters from the *Boston Globe* to do their dirty work for them. I think Bob's second letter (printed on page 7 of the *Pax*) addresses this matter far better than anything else I could say.

As far as Bob's first letter goes, let me address a few issues: First, we do allow for editorializing and for cartoons that some may not agree with, but that *appears* to represent the majority opinion of our membership. In my experience, the majority of police officers seem to have more conservative views than the majority of the Massachusetts electorate; if I'm wrong about this, let me know, but that seems to be basically correct. As far as the picture of **President and Mrs. Obama** using the wrong hand to cover their hearts during the National Anthem, perhaps I should have checked further into the authenticity of the photo. If it was in fact a doctored e-mail photo, I apologize for using it. We try to do the best we can with our very limited resources and part-time staff of non-professionals. Sometimes deadlines and – quite frankly – the need to scramble to find filler material supersedes our ability to fact-check. You may remember that the *Boston Globe* some years ago attended a City Hall press conference orchestrated by City Councilor **Chuck Turner**, who used pornographic photos of women allegedly being raped by our military as "proof" of atrocities being committed by our soldiers in Iraq. The *Boston Globe* ran with the story, despite the fact that the photos clearly came from internet porn sites, and eventually had to retract the story. If they didn't have the time and resources to fact-check, then believe me, we certainly don't either...

But as far as the cartoons of "Obamadog" and **Martha Coakley's** sinking ship being compared to Chappaquiddick, I'll defend them. Cartoons are what they are, which is...well...cartoons. They are a parody of current political events. You may disagree with the message, but please don't get your underwear tied into knots. For those of us who are old enough to remember (I'm dating myself, I know), "Obamadog" is a parody of the old cartoon character "Underdog". There's no intent to compare the President of the United States to a dog. Please don't get apoplectic or hypersensitive.

And as far as the cartoon about **Martha Coakley's** sinking ship goes, ahmmmm... the **Ted Kennedy/Chappaquiddick** issue has been used literally thousands of times in various political cartoons, editorials and comments by journalists and newspapers around the nation. The incident itself occurred over forty years ago. The BPPA cartoonist, who is a longtime member, meant to highlight the Coakley campaign's sinking fortunes, and did not intend any form of disrespect

whatsoever to the Kopechne family. (I highly doubt the Kopechne family peruses the *Pax Centurion* each issue?) Personally, I am very much aware that about 80% of our membership voted for **Scott Brown** over **Martha Coakley** in that Senate race, despite our official endorsement (Let's be honest, please, if nothing else...). So again, don't get your undies tied in a bundle over a political cartoon. If you'd like to submit your own for publication, please do so. But take a long breath, please....

In closing, I again wish to thank C-6 Representative **Bob Young** for his professional and courteous conduct in expressing his disagreement with items that appeared in the *Pax*. I spoke with him personally and we agreed on some matters, disagreed on others. Regardless, he is a gentleman and a true professional as well as a good shift representative. I have utter contempt, however, for little cowards who call their courtiers at the *Boston Globe* and use them to create a story where none actually exists. I speak directly of M.A.M.L.E.O. President **Larry Ellison**, who was quoted in the *Globe* story saying that "Criticism of [Obama] ...can be construed as racism." Really, Larry? Geez, it seems I'm still waiting for an answer from M.A.M.L.E.O. as to why the overt racist **Jamarhl Crawford**, President of the local chapter of the New Black Panther Party, was allowed to use M.A.M.L.E.O.'s facilities to host a "community forum" last year. (Won't hold my breath waiting for that one, Larry...) Detective Ellison never had the decency or courtesy to write or call me directly prior to the *Globe* reporter (**Maria Cramer**) calling me out of the blue. He also was quoted as saying that "There is a huge racial divide in this department, and the *Pax Centurion* is a large part of the problem". Larry, any "huge racial divide" exists only in the fertile imaginations of real racists, and not in the pages of the *Pax*. I never heard a peep from Larry or M.A.M.L.E.O. when **George W. Bush** was being savaged by the left-wing media, and quite honestly, being criticized severely in the pages of many past issues of the *Pax* by some of our officers for anti-union positions. Using the terrible scarlet letter of "racism" to describe opposition to a political viewpoint or candidate is a detestable tool. It used to be said that "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel". Today, that can also be said about those who cavalierly toss around the accusation of racism. Some people use the issue of race as both a crutch and a club: a crutch to explain their own personal shortcomings, and a club to kowtow their opponents into submission. Mr. Ellison can continue to use the crutch to claim the mantle of victimhood; that is a personal choice. But the club, like the little boy who cried "wolf" once too often, has lost its effectiveness, as many of us have become tired of its casual, baseless and frequent use. We can all agree to disagree about political issues. But oftentimes, a cartoon is just a cartoon, a photo is just a photo. Crying "racism" at every slight, real, perceived or imagined, cheapens and demeans legitimate instances of racism when they do occur.

# BPPA members take issue with PAX content

Sunday, March 7, 2010

The Editors of the Pax Centurion,

As sworn officers of the Boston Police Department (BPD) and members in good standing of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association (BPPA), we the below named officers feel the time is now to address articles, pictures and cartoons which are appearing in the *Pax Centurion (Pax)*. In Volume 40, Number 1 dated January/February 2010 section C there are three which we find particularly offensive. The Cartoon and song titled "Obama-Dog," the Martha Coakley in the sinking car cartoon and the picture depicting the President and First Lady saluting the flag with the wrong hand.

Gentlemen it would come as no surprise to see images such as these come from the Limbaugh's, Olbermann's, Hannity's, Maher's and Beck's of the mainstream media as they unlike we of the BPD and BPPA are not sworn with the responsibility of representing all persons of this country fairly and with the respect they deserve. To have members of, or person's associated with this organization disrespect the Office of the President of the United States of America as a "dog?" Gentlemen we are not Islamic fundamentalist from the Middle East and he is not our infidel, let us the members of the BPPA not be known as "shoe throwers". He has attained the highest office in the land because regardless of how we as individuals feel about it, the majority of our fellow citizens said by vote that they want him as our leader. We feel as though even if we don't always agree with all of the policies being set forth by the President and his administration that shouldn't stop us as an organization from giving him and the office he represents the respect it deserves.

In reference to the cartoon depicting Attorney General Martha Coakley going down in a sinking motor vehicle we again are saddened. As Law enforcement professionals we are charged with caring for victims regardless of how long ago they may have been victimized. The incident at Chappaquiddick Island on July 19th, 1969, was a tragedy which we are sure the victim's family will never forget. We could only imagine the sheer horror which would be felt by the family of Mary Jo Kopechne if they see this failed attempt at humor. By not taking this into consideration the *Pax* has made all members of the BPD and BPPA look insensitive to the thoughts and feeling of victims everywhere.

As for the photo depicting the President and First Lady saluting the flag with the wrong hand, are you serious? The original photo was taken at a commemoration on September 11, 2009 for the victims of the 9/11 attacks. Again what would the victims of this horrific day in our nation's history think of this? To make a mockery of the leader of our nation as he paid respect to those who lost their lives, including 23 officers of the Police Department of New York City and 37 officers of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey on that day is again unacceptable. If the picture was researched before printing, it would have been noticed that the medals on the breast of the Marine standing behind the President are on the wrong side of his breast. Considering no member of the Armed Forces of this country would attempt to pull off a prank as juvenile as this we have to know that this photo has been altered. We understand that asking the question, "are they as dumb as they appear" is an indirect reference to the President saying the Cambridge, Massachusetts police are stupid for arresting Professor Henry Louis Gates in the incident which will forever be known as 'Beer Gate,' without admittedly knowing all the facts of the incident. As the old saying goes, "do two wrongs make a right?" We think that all members of this association would accept this photo as authentic and not research its origins would insinuate that we as police officers are "clueless." This Gentlemen is an insult to you as well as your co-workers and should not be allowed.

In closing, the ill will of the general public from articles such as these may never be overcome. We, as an organiza-

tion must think of this as we go about performing our duties as police officers and also as citizens of this City, State and Country. We must remember one of the most important lessons taught us, the sight picture is not only our front and rear sights and the target we have acquired, but we must also be aware of what is beyond the target as well. Though we understand this paper is published independent of the BPD, the public we serve may and probably does think otherwise. We understand that those advertisers do not necessarily endorse all of the opinions expressed in the *Pax*. It is however too easy to fall behind the First Amendment of the Constitution's freedom of speech and press clause or an editorial policy which takes no responsibility for unsolicited material. Gentlemen you must remember that first and foremost you are members of this organization not the *Boston Globe*, the *Boston Herald* or Fox News and it is because of this association that you are members of the "press." As members of the BPD and BPPA whose emblems are proudly shown on the front and throughout the *Pax*, we feel as though the above mentioned is in the poorest of taste. To truly represent all members of

Thursday, March 18, 2010

To the membership of the BPPA,

History tells us that on September 17th, 1787, thirty nine Delegates who attended the Constitutional Convention, signed the U.S. Constitution. Of those, only ten: Gouverneur Morris, John Dickenson, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Thomas Paine, Edmund Randolph, James Madison, Roger Sherman, James Wilson and George Wythe we are told are the actual "writers" of the document. Morris was given the unenviable job of organizing the conversations and thoughts of the group in a format which would be suitable for presentation to the rest of the Convention.

I would never try to lead anyone to believe that anything I write would be as important as the Constitution of the United States of America. I do however hope that my point of reference will be understood and not misinterpreted.

As with the Constitution, the letter to the editors of the *Pax Centurion* was written by a small group of people, myself with the input of officers of the C-6 day shift who are Asian, Hispanic, White and Black, expressing our displeasure with the direction of articles, pictures and cartoons that were viewed by us as negative and counter productive to us, the BPPA, as an association and the department and city we serve as a whole. Hoping the spirit with which the letter was written would be shared by other members of this bargaining unit, I not only showed it to others of this unit, but disseminated it to others with but a few very simple requests:

1. That only members of this bargaining unit be allowed to add their names to it.
2. That no one else be allowed to disseminate the letter.
3. That the letter not be shown or given to the mainstream media.

My reasoning for these requests being the same as adding the names in the first place, allowing the editors of the *Pax* to see that these pieces being added are offensive to more than just the "left" and giving them the opportunity to correct the problem internally. Looking back, maybe it was my naiveté, or who knows maybe it was as a friend suggested, 'I've drank too much of the punch.' (Since that other just add water and sugar drink is a registered trademark which belongs to someone else I have refrained from using it.) I really thought people understood that that letter could stand on it's own because it looked at the issue from all sides. It was silly of me, I guess, to think that.

Unfortunately, my wishes were not as important as the agenda of others who in their haste to forward that agenda went straight to the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers and to the *Boston Globe* with it. As a dues paying member of M.A.M.L.E.O, I could have very easily taken the letter to them myself if that was the purpose. It was not. The point of the letter was to hopefully

this association, articles, cartoons and photos such as those mentioned above have no place in our paper.

In Unity there truly is strength.

Fraternally,

Robert C. Young, John Bolstad, Evon Burke, Fred Ferrara, Frank Williams, Robert Lucas, Tomas Kearney, Anthony Ortiz, Kathleen Burke, Dudley Hill, Edward Norton, Steven Horne, Brendan Walsh, Mario Santillana, Jose Amado, Monicka Stinson, Matthew Blakeslee, Mark A. Clark, Michael Phinney, Kamil Kluziak, Walter Suprey, Andrell Jones, Julian Turner, Thomas Carty, Juan Estevez, Paul Sadatis, Carole Holmes, Lenin H. Fredrick, Lenny Brown, Monica Quinonez, Robert Maclean, Kamau Pritchard, Christine Melia-Marini, William Sullivan, Wayne Brown, Courtney Powell, Charisse Brittle-Powell, Tahisha Skeen, Steve Parham, Vance Mills, Larry Welch, Myles Lawton, Tyrone Smith, Kelvin Ervin, Robert England, Steve Smigliani, Manny Damberville, Troy Hartgrove, Vatchel Younger, Denice Reed, Save Steward, Sarah Dorsey, Eric Harden, James M. Thompson.

right the ship and put it back on the original course, championing issues relevant to the patrol force directly and all sworn members of the department indirectly. Instead, the only outlet which could truly be used to the advantage of us all is being threatened with a call for sponsors to stop their support. If this irrational step is taken; that leaves us with what – the mainstream media? The *Globe* thought enough of us all to print an article about it on a Saturday, which is probably the least read day of the week and in the Metro Region section not the "front page," allowing it to serve only as fodder for their bloggers, most of whom spew venom at us all with the same vigor.

To the members of this bargaining unit assigned to C-6 days, who I spend many of my days with and who I believe elected me as their representative because I attempt to obtain as much information as possible on all sides of an issue before I make a decision which could affect us all, "I give my applause." The input and cooperative spirit you shared was instrumental in showing this department that we can not only work together, but truly like each other while doing it. You will I'm sure, be glad to know I have been approached by dozens of officers of all races, ethnicities and political ideologies who have expressed their approval of "our" letter.

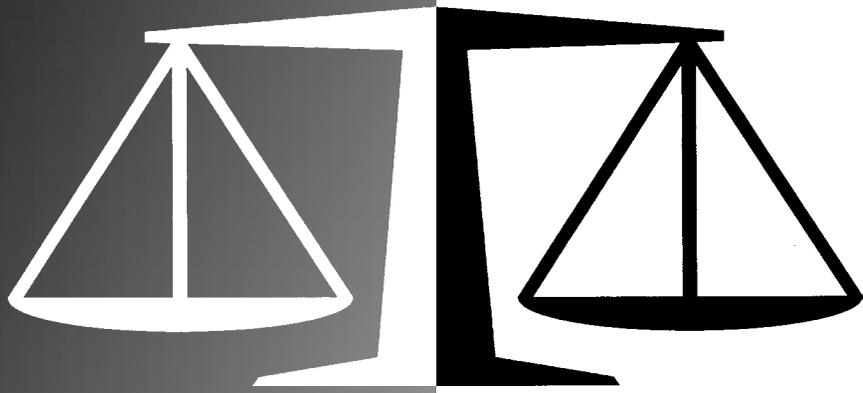
To those members of this bargaining unit who couldn't see that the letter written by us, which we "allowed you" to be a part of, was meant to be "inclusive not divisive," I thank you. Without your taking it where you did, the mainstream media and the *Boston Globe* in particular wouldn't have to ask the question, "Is there really a Blue Wall of Silence"? The audacity you displayed in taking something that was created independent of you and attempting to place your John Hancock on was nothing short of shameful. If you didn't understand the intent of that letter, or felt as though what was said wasn't what you believed, you could have followed the lead of the Delegates from the State of Rhode Island back in 1787 and abstained from participating in the way requested.

As Henry M. Robert, author of *Robert's Rules of Order* so eloquently stated, "The greatest lesson for democracies to learn is for the majority to give to the minority a full, free opportunity to present their side of a case, and then for the minority, having failed to win a majority to their views, gracefully to submit and recognize the action as that of the entire organization and cheerfully to assist in carrying it out until they can secure it's repeal."

In unity there is strength.

Fraternally,

Robert C. Young  
C-6 Day Rep.



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State Police. I am not going bash or slam our brothers and sisters in this organization. I have friends who are Troopers and they are great people and cops. The issue I have is a jurisdictional one. Why does their organization keep trying to take our work away, as well as from others. I know they have statewide police powers, but why do they keep trying to take jurisdiction, which is work, from local police departments. I was told in Foxborough they wanted to take over all details at Gillette Stadium. In Boston, they would like to attain primary jurisdiction of the harbor. Right now the harbormaster is a superior officer appointed by the Boston Police Commissioner. They have attempted to pass legislation to do away with regional police academies and S.W.A.T. teams. There are roughly triple the amount of local or municipal officers in the Commonwealth opposed to 2,500 or so state police officers. What if we started aggressively legislating as a coalition to take things away from them? I am sure they as an organization would not like it. This is not a threat, just a remark. We all have to get along, especially now with the budgets as bad as they are. What is yours is yours, what is mine is mine; this is not a campaign of imperialism. I do not want to fight or bicker, just get along. Our common goal is to keep the citizens of the Commonwealth safe and provide for our families.

Next: On April 3, 2009, a vicious incident occurred in Dorchester on Navillus Terrace. A local resident decided to shoot at some of our members, a sergeant and a trooper assigned to the Youth Violence Strike Force. An exchange of gunfire ensued and the suspect ended the altercation by taking his own life. The media would like you to think that this person was an upstanding member of the community who had changed his life for the better, someone who was giving back to the community. Well, he wasn't! He was a problem in the community and had been for sometime. It is time for the media to acknowledge that people who try and murder police officers are usually not nice people. They make excuses for bad behavior and sociopathic tendencies and now the media is reporting that he had mental problems. He did, he was as crazy as a fox! Sometimes people are just inherently bad. The media likes to gin-up the effected communities with half-stories and quotes from family members. What family member would talk in a negative about another? They usually don't. Now for those members of the community who like to cause problems and not solve them, the police department owes you nothing. **Manny DeViega** tried to murder four human beings on that night. The District Attorney's Office, the Commissioner's Office and the Department, on a whole have been very transparent in the investigative process (fact). The family and community are entitled to a fair and impartial investigation. And that is what they are getting. The officers involved did an exemplary job and they all went home to their families and that is the name of the game. It is easy to Monday-morning quarterback a situation. So for the reporters, who may read this article in the comfort of a safe office, think before you write your next story. How about doing some research on the topic and print the facts or better yet the, truth. I can remember a time when the newspapers in this city actually reported facts and not fiction. Reporters actually wanted both sides of an issue. Right now the City of Boston has two newspapers, the *Herald* and the *Globe*, or for the purposes of journalistic integrity, the *Star* and the *National Enquirer*.

Now in closing, remember, watch each other's backs and keep your guard up. The name of the game, once again is to go home safe. And to **ALL** who responded to the incident on Navillus Terrace, **YOU** did a great job.

## Police groups lobby for jurisdiction...

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"We know the players. We know the neighborhoods," **James Barry** of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association told the State House News Service. "The way the bill is written, unless we assign 400-500 state troopers to police these venues 24/7/365, the criminal that assaults, robs or rapes somebody in the casino is going to be free and clear. Ignored and insulted is the local cop that will be dealing with the mess of crime inside that gaming venue that will spill out into the local communities." **Chris Collins**, President of the Las Vegas Police Union stated that in the City of Las Vegas, it is Vegas PD that answer all 911 calls to all the gaming venues on the Vegas Strip. Handbag snatches, assaults and unruly drunks are common crimes for casinos and the local police, be it Boston or Las Vegas.

Barry said police groups do not quarrel with the proposed State Police gaming unit included in the bill, but believe local police should retain jurisdiction they currently have at gambling venues such as Suffolk Downs, Wonderland Park, Plainridge Racecourse and Raynham Park. Jurisdiction

amendment are being pushed on the floor by **Rep. Martin Walsh** and backed by the Massachusetts Police Association, MassCOP, IBPO and other police groups.

## Update at press time

The fight over jurisdiction will move to the Senate side of the building, as the language passed by the House would allow for MOU agreements with local and state police agencies battling out jurisdiction. The only good news is the "exclusivity" word is now out.

*Rep. Marty Walsh of Dorchester was outstanding in his diehard support of jurisdiction and every municipal police officer in the State should thank him. He stood tall and never wavered in his belief in local jurisdiction. No surprise as Marty has been a fighter not only for this jurisdiction but for all our issues including details, health care and collective bargaining. We all owe him.*

## BPPA President Nee urges NO PAROLE for Nassau County, New York Cop Killer

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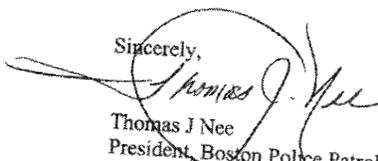
Re: People vs. John Mackenzie  
DIN# 76A-3477  
NYSID# 0953346H

Dear Chairwoman Evans,

On behalf of the over 1500 members of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, I am writing to urge that you not grant the privilege of parole to John Mackenzie.

As you know, in 1975 John Mackenzie, while fleeing the scene of a burglary, did shoot and kill Nassau County Police Officer Matthew Giglio. Police Officer Giglio died protecting the community that he served. His death deprived a family of a husband and a father. The family and friends of Matthew Giglio will have to live with his loss forever.

The BPPA believes that releasing this violent felon would depreciate the severity of his crime and diminish respect for the law. Granting Mackenzie parole would have a devastating effect on the Giglio family, the law enforcement community, and all who are willing to sacrifice their lives to protect society. The BPPA strongly urges you to deny parole for John Mackenzie. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
  
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**OUTCOME:** Officer received gross recovery of: \$8,000 in Personal Injury Protection and \$10,000 in additional medical payment benefits, \$20,000 insurance policy limits for the defendant operator and owner, and \$80,000 in Underinsured Motorist benefits.

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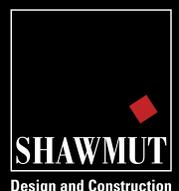


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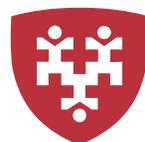
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# Globe editorial: Better marketing, outreach can cure the 'cop crunch'

Many police departments do a miserable job of marketing for new recruits. That failing bears as much responsibility for the so-called "cop crunch" facing Massachusetts and the nation as any trepidation about careers in law enforcement.

In 1997, almost 22,000 candidates took the Civil Service examination required to become a police officer in Massachusetts. A decade later, the number of test takers fell by almost half. A stable career on a police department should be attracting a lot of interest in a down economy. Yet it's not. And police departments are especially concerned now that many veteran officers are reaching retirement age.

Police departments can counteract this trend. In 2005, for example, only 1,345 candidates took the exam for the Boston Police. But the applicant pool nearly doubled to 2,548 two years later. And it wasn't because of a magical desire to protect and serve. In the months leading up to the 2007 Civil Ser-

vice test, the Boston Police conducted an aggressive campaign for new recruits.

The "Many Jobs, One Career," campaign reached Bostonians - including linguistic and ethnic minorities - at bus shelters, community centers, and colleges. The posters featured officers working in bicycle patrols, family justice centers, and crime scene units, as well as neighborhood policing. The message came across that police careers could be as good a fit for mothers with children as people with military backgrounds.

The Boston Police didn't mount a similar campaign in the months before the spring, 2009 Civil Service test. The effect was immediate. The applicant pool fell back to 1,228, even below the 2005 level.

The state needs to pay notice, too. Civil Service officials could help alleviate the "cop crunch" by adjusting the testing schedule, says Edward Callahan, deputy director of the Boston Police Bureau of Administration and Technology. Local departments, he says, can't plan properly if tethered to a

test that is given only once every two years. An annual test would make more sense. And recruitment in low-income areas would be significantly easier, says Callahan, if Civil Service lowered or waived the \$100 test fee.

Law enforcement careers are honorable and multifaceted. The pay isn't bad, either, especially with opportunities for overtime and details. But sometimes it still requires a harder sell.

*(Reprinted from the Boston Globe, Friday, February 12, 2010.)*

## ...and our response!

Dear Editor,

On behalf of thousands of Boston and municipal police officers, I would like to note the extreme hypocrisy contained in your editorial of Friday, Feb. 12th ("Better marketing, outreach, can cure the "cop

crunch") regarding the problem of attracting enough qualified candidates to become police officers.

First and foremost, the *Globe* has repeatedly cheered Gov. Deval Patrick's destruction of the Quinn bill, an educational incentive plan for police officers in place since 1970, even as you call for entry-level officers to be required to have college degrees for hiring.

You then speak of "...pay which isn't bad...especially with opportunities for details and overtime..." even as you call for the elimination of police details and curtailing of overtime. With such incongruous positions, do you really wonder why so few educated, qualified candidates are applying for positions as police officers?

Also, you mention that "...police careers could be as good a fit for mothers with children as people with military backgrounds." Your well-known disdain for the military notwithstanding, please notify your preferred "mothers-with-children" whom you would have apply over military veterans that the police job does not entail a 9-5, Monday thru Friday schedule, "sitting-behind-a desk" situation but instead requires the working of midnight shifts, holidays and weekends, in dangerous and difficult conditions. The police job is not as easy as our elitist *Boston Globe* editorialists presuppose it to be...

— James W. Carnell

*Boston Police Patrolmen's Association  
Area A-1 representative*

## Letter to the Boston Globe: Re: Police details

Dear Mr. Noah Bierman,

I wish to respond to you in regards to the police detail story you wrote for Sunday, February 28, 2010's *Boston Globe*. I must tell you that in your writing stories like this, about police details, you keep up the anti-policing attitude and continue the trend of turning the public AWAY from the police instead of turning them towards officers to help them. Then the *Globe* continually questions and wants to know why no one ever wants to provide information to the police to help them solve homicides or other crimes.

Police officers go and do what no one else wants to, and they see and deal with more death and destruction of human life in one week than most will ever see in their entire lifetime, with most of these dedicated officers earning a base salary less than that of a store manager at McDonald's.

It is extremely unfortunate that your publication continues to day in and day out, do the law enforcement community a great disservice every time you publish stories like this, and then don't run all the stories about all the extra benefits and situations when a life has been saved or a crime has been stopped due to an officer on a detail.

Your own story that you reported about in yesterday's *Globe* reports that flaggers "are more expensive" but now the state highway department wants to look into this situation that you investigated. You reported how a flagger costs \$48 an hour but a police officer only costs \$40 an hour. And now because of your story, now the highway department wants to switch to using more flaggers and less police officers, which in return will COST MORE (using your own words) and take more police officers off of our streets. This statement just made me

scratch my head. So the state wants to spend even more money on this project then by switching over to flaggers?

The above statement indicates that clearly this is not about saving money, but what it is about, is carrying on the anti-policing attitude against the police and turning even more people away from the police and making them hate the police even more then they do now.

I would also send this email to the *Globe's* "letters to the editor section" as well, but I know as they have every other time I have wrote them on situations like this in the past, will refuse to publish my letter thereby prohibiting "the other side" from having a voice in this matter. As they say their are always "two sides to the story", it is just unfortunate that the *Globe* continually only reports about one of them and that being how the cops "are always ripping us off."

It's funny how someone playing "a game" making 30 million dollars a year for six months a year of "work" (i.e. playing a baseball game) is "okay" and acceptable to everyone, but god for bid the person who is going to rush to my aid and risk his or her very life for a stranger at 4 o'clock in the morning when they call 911, made 100K last year to support his family and put his kids through college, is a BIG story to a multi-state publication.

In ending, I am sure that the families of Weymouth Police Officer Michael Davey and Middleton Police Sgt. Edward Couture as well as the other 15-plus families from Massachusetts who lost their mom or dad that was a police officer killed while working a detail, truly "enjoyed" reading your article. A article telling them that what their loved one died for, was far to "expensive" to this commonwealth....

— Paul Cotter

## Letters to the Boston Globe: Re: No money to save lives

Dear Editor,

On behalf of hundreds of Boston police officers, I strongly object to the tone and inferences contained in Yvonne Abraham's column "No money to save lives" (*Boston Globe*, April 11, 2010).

Par for the liberal course, Abraham infers that the police are somehow, somehow to blame for Manuel DaVeiga's death. There is virtually no mention of the bullets fired at the police and the terror that they experienced while being at shot by this 19-year old scumbag. Instead, Abraham lectures us about "shattered trust in the police amongst some residents" and that "[DaVeiga's] friends don't believe he shot himself or fired first."

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Dear Yvonne,

Per past history, I don't expect a response from you, but on behalf of voiceless police officers who often have to keep their mouths shut and bite their tongues, I'd like to comment on your article "No money to save lives" (*Boston Globe*, Sunday, April 11th) regarding the attempted murder of several police officers by Manuel DaVeiga.

Of course you, and most of fellow *Globe* reporters who see everything through the rose-colored prism of liberalism and rac-

ism see this as a tragic story of not enough resources for poor, underprivileged inner-city children. As a city kid who grew up in Mattapan and still lives just a few miles away, I have always found it amusing - though infuriating - to hear comments and read articles from caring liberals who reside in lily-white, rich suburbs such as Newton, Brookline, Wellesley and Concord talking about issues such as "racism" and "police brutality" and "inner-city gang vio-

— James W. Carnell

*Boston Police Patrolmen's Association  
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# Why the U.S. is going down the sewer

## Take a look under your feet...

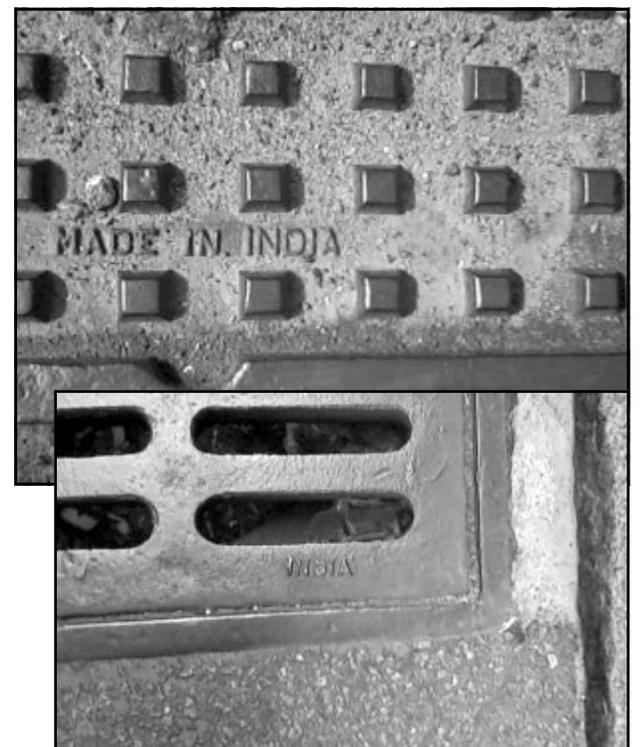
By James Carnell, *Pax Editor*

While performing a paid detail recently, (ahhm, excuse me, according to our critics, I should say “a LUCRATIVE paid detail”) I happened to look down at a sewer cover and saw something very disturbing. The sewer cover was stamped “MADE IN INDIA” and had been made by a General Foundries Company. As I looked around, I noted other items, water and sewer covers, utility plates, etc., that also said “Made in India.”

I know sewers don’t exactly excite anyone, but think of

it: we no longer make even the simplest things in this country. Years ago, foundries and metal works plants would have made these items, providing decent manufacturing jobs for blue-collar workers and their families. Today, they’re made overseas where a child-laborer in Mumbai or Calcutta probably gets about three rupees a day for working in a foundry.

When a country no longer makes its own sewer covers, perhaps you can see why that’s exactly where we’re heading: down the sewer.



### Re: No money to save lives...

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lence.” Spare us, please...

I never read in your article one ounce of concern or compassion about the police officers who were shot at and nearly killed by DaViega. I gather that you and your fellow scribes feel that being shot at, assaulted, kicked and spit at is “part of our jobs,” right, Yvonne? We’re supposed to be “trained” in how to dodge bullets being fired by a gang-banger, right?

No, what I read in your article is the following drivel: ...“Good community policing, for starters. If a neighborhood trusts the police, they feel safer, crimes tend to get solved, and the place is less likely to be run by armies meting out their form of justice.”... “DaVeiga’s death has shattered trust in the police among some residents...his friends don’t believe DaVeiga shot himself and don’t believe he fired first. Justified or not, that skepticism is enormously damaging to whatever tenuous relations police had with his community.”

Really, Yvonne? Perhaps the police officers should have allowed themselves to have been shot or killed to satisfy “community relations?” Would that have made the gang-banger “community” feel better? Quite frankly, if “the community” wishes to build trust, then perhaps they should instruct their little miscreants that carrying guns and shooting at police officers is a poor way to begin the process. It seems to us in law enforcement that the knee-jerk position of most journalists is always to “blame the police”, instead of condemning the culture, the conduct, the community, and yes, the individual that caused the incident in the first place.

In closing, thanks for letting us know “It’s going to be a very long summer.” We who patrol the streets know that already, Yvonne. Perhaps you and your concerned liberal friends could organize daily bus trips for our gang-bangers to the Chestnut Hill Mall, or Wellesley town common, or perhaps shopping trips to Coolidge Corner? I’m sure that fresh, suburban air and counseling from concerned liberals would work wonders for our misguided, underprivileged youths. Perhaps allowing our “at-risk” youths to attend your wealthy, superb suburban schools (free-of-charge, naturally) might help, also.

And we’d certainly get a kick out of it, even though your own local police departments might not....

— James W. Carnell

*Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association  
Area A-1 Representative*

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Dear James,

I always try to respond. I’m not sympathetic to **Junior DaVeiga**. All the info we have so far indicates he is the only person to blame for his own death. And based on the info we have, I have no criticisms of the officers involved in the shootout. None whatsoever. I don’t envy them their incredibly dangerous duties, and I am grateful to them for performing them. Never once did I suggest that the police

officers were to blame for the incident. But that doesn’t mean it isn’t also a setback to community relations, even though I think the family and friends of DaVeiga are wrong here. Finally, it is possible to both abhor the violence, (and, for that matter, to be supportive of the police who have to face it every day) and to want to find ways to stop it. Otherwise, police will be shot at by kids like da Veiga into eternity. None of us wants that.

The column was about the bigger picture. DaVeiga was the hook, not the focus. You may have noticed **Kevin Cullen** did a terrific column focused on DaVeiga the same day.

In any case, thanks so much for taking the time to write. I’m sorry you didn’t like the column.

Best,

*Yvonne Abraham  
The Boston Globe*

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Dear Yvonne,

Thank you for responding. It isn’t so much that I “didn’t like the column” but that so many – including virtually all journalists – forget the police officers who have to put up with crap from “the community” every night of the week and then are expected to dodge bullets, only to be second-guessed and criticized later by Monday morning quarterbacks who sit safely behind their computers on Morrissey Blvd. and Herald Sq. (Gelzinis, et al). I am still waiting for some alleged journalist to present a view from this side of the badge. Those officers who were shot at saw their lives flash in front of them, and **NO** journalist – at least as far as I have read – has shown an ounce of compassion or concern for what they went through. I am writing an article for my own *Pax Centurion* newspaper – which is obviously targeted to a select audience (*my own*) – entitled “Sympathy for the Devil” about this very issue. Screw **Manuel DaVeiga**, his family, and “the community,” whatever that is, that supports him. You shoot at a cop, expect what comes back at you. On behalf of all police everywhere, I’m going home tonight, and I’d rather be judged by 12, than carried by 6.

— James W. Carnell

*Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association*

### Funding for Quinn Bill still on life support...

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candidates themselves. In the aftermath of the mortgage scam and a struggling economy the electorate was not buying what the President was selling. Having the ability to stop the possibility of another trillion dollar boondoggle, with the passing on of what some consider an unfunded mandate to the next generation, the electorate voted accordingly for **Scott Brown**. Having to live within your means is something that every family understands during these times, especially police officers whose negotiated benefits are being politically parleyed.

Close to having a supermajority in DC, the legislators could not help themselves in pressing forward for the possibility of 30 million new, beholden health care recipients. With the immigration bill coming up for a vote in the near future...the feeling is that it can only help to further solidify that voter base. November is shaping up to be an interesting month for midterm elections with very few without a strong opinion as to the current direction of our country.

### Health Benefit Comparison

**B**PPA attorney **Amy Davidson** compares a City of Boston plan with the state’s GIC plan which is a must read and can be found in one of the following pages. Differences include the introduction of deductibles and sharp increases in out of pocket expenses. These increases will continue to go up annually to offset any increases from the health care providers. In comparing these GIC prices with health plans around the country, some deductibles are up to \$2,000 annually and the list of procedures are itemized, page after page in the collective bargaining agreements. Medical costs will continue to grow until the medical costs and insurance increases are regulated.

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

# BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division News

## Retiree Health Care Benefits: How Medicare may affect you

By Amy Laura Davidson  
Sandulli Grace, PC  
Counsel to the BPPA



Directors of the Retired Patrolmen's Division of the BPPA:  
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The City Council is currently considering adopting Section 18a of G.L. c. 32B, a local option law which would become effective July 1, 2010. The purpose of Section 18a is to ensure that the federal government is paying for medical costs that are authorized under Medicaid, instead of the City. In order to qualify for coverage under Section 18a, you must be "Medicare-eligible". In order to be Medicare-eligible, you or your spouse:

- Must have worked for at least 10 years in Medicare-covered employment
- You are retired and 65 years old

The law provides that the City must maintain comparable health care coverage for all retirees – whether or not they are Medicare-eligible. The pertinent provisions of Section 18a are as follows:

Section 18 is a state law that, when adopted, requires Medicare-eligible retirees, spouses and dependents ("retirees") to enroll in a Medicare supplemental plan ("Senior" plan).

Section 18a only applies to future retirees, who retire after the date of adoption.

Medicare eligible retirees will be covered by Medicare, plus City-sponsored Medicare supplemental plan ("senior plan").

Under the law, the City is required to offer at least one City-sponsored senior plan that, together with Medicare offers benefits comparable to non-Medicare plan – i.e. to the active employee health plans.

Retirees who have dependants on a family plan who are not Medicare-eligible (i.e. a younger spouse or dependent children) are exempt from Section 18a. They will be permitted to stay on the active employee health

plan until all their dependants are Medicare-eligible.

Once the retiree's spouse becomes Medicare-eligible, both the retiree and their spouse will be required to enroll in Medicare and one of the City's senior health plans.

In addition to Medicare, you will enroll in one of the City's senior health plans. These plans, also known as "Medicare wrap-around" plans provide additional coverage, such as prescription drug coverage so that the health benefits for retirees are comparable to active employee health plans. Currently there are six senior plans, three Blue Cross plans, two Tufts plans, and Harvard First Seniority.

Officers and their Medicare eligible spouses who are required to move into Medicare will be required to pay 50% of the Medicare Part B premium – which currently is \$55/month. Their Medicare-eligible spouses will also be required to enroll in Medicare. The retiree also will be required to pay fifteen percent of the premium of the Medicare wrap-around plan that they select. Although officers will be required to pay two premiums, the transfer into Medicare by and large results in a savings over the premiums paid for active employee plans. For example, officers on a Blue Care Elect family plan who transfers into Medicare and the Blue Cross Senior plan would save \$167 a month. At this point, Section 18a has not yet been adopted. If it is adopted, it will only affect officers who retire after July 1, 2010. If you fall into that category, you should discuss your insurance options with the **Brian Reaney** or **David Fitzgerald**, the BPPA's insurance counselors.

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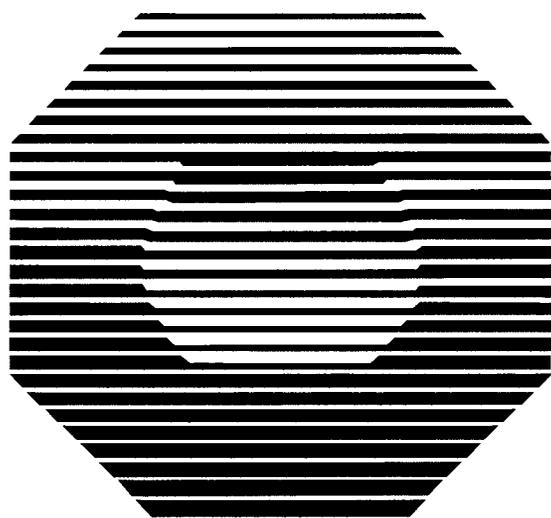
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# THE LAW OFFICES OF DONALD E. GREEN, P.C.



**Don Green**

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

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

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

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

Don's law partner is his wife, Annette Hill Green, who grew up in Dorchester and is also a graduate of Northeastern School of Law. They married in 1997, have two young children and reside in Milton.

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## Casino Amendments filed

By Jim Barry, BPPA Legislative Agent

Casinos are coming and this time you can bet the house on it. The leadership of the BPPA, BPDBS, and BPSOF met a few weeks back as this casino train was getting ready to load up for debate. The former Speaker **Tom Finneran** for the Superior Officers, **Michael Muse** with the Detectives and **Jim Barry** of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association were charged with the responsibility to work on language and strategy on the issues we face. We not only had to look at funding, but also jurisdictional issues that we identified in the Casino Bill. It has been said at every BPPA meeting for the last year that any and all efforts will be undertaken to make us whole again with regards to our Educational Incentive from the Commonwealth. This Casino Bill was the perfect opportunity to utilize some new revenues to be received by the Commonwealth to fund the educational incentive. Our strategy was to get amendments into debate for the funding portion of our needs. Yet we also had to face language in the legislation that dealt with jurisdiction. The way the bill is written, all criminal violations are to be handled exclusively by the Massachusetts State Police. This exclusivity of jurisdiction is a slap in the face to every Municipal Police Officer (6576) in the Commonwealth. No law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should ever be granted exclusive jurisdiction anywhere.

The BPPA wishes to thank **Rep. Gene O'Flaherty** (D-Chelsea) and **Rep. Martin Walsh** (D-Boston) for their steadfast support. Rep. Walsh has told the Speaker personally of his concerns over the jurisdictional issue with the Mass. State Police.

The following are the exact language filed as amendments to the Casino Bill:

**Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea moves to amend the bill by adding the following section:**

**SECTION 77.** Section 1. Quinn Bill Study Commission. There is hereby established a Special Commission to investigate and report on the feasibility of establishing and maintaining a revised law enforcement career educational incentive program. Said Commission shall file its report and recommendations, if any, by January 15, 2011. Said Commission may elect to extend the deadline for the filing of its report to no later than March 1, 2011. The Commission shall file its report with the Clerks of the House and Senate, the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Chairpersons of the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, and the Chairpersons of the Joint Committee on Public Safety.

Section 2. The Commission shall consider all matters related to education incentives for law enforcement personnel and shall specifically report on the feasibility and anticipated benefits of (1) establishing minimum educational qualification for all police officers hired after July 1, 2011; (2) the substitution of an annual fixed sum to be paid as career incentive compensation for bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees in place of the existing salary percentages contained in M.G.L. chapter 108-L; (3) the establishment of continuing periodic educational requirements in order to maintain eligibility for career educational incentive compensation; and (4) the role and responsibility of the Board of Higher Education in reviewing and approving the adequacy, relevance, rigor, and content of approved police educational incentive degree programs.

Section 3. The Commission shall be made up of a designee of the Governor, three members of the House to be appointed by the Speaker, three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate President, a designee of the Mass. Municipal Association, a designee of the Mass. Mayors' Association, a designee of the Board of Higher Education, and two designees of the professional law enforcement community, retired or active, as recommended by a coalition of public safety organizations comprised of the following: Mass COP, the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, the Mass. Police Association, the I.B.P.O., the Mass. Police Chiefs Association, the Boston Police Superior Officers' Association, and the Boston Police Detectives' Association. If, within fifteen (15) days of the passage of this act, said coalition fails to recommend said law enforcement professionals as designees to the Commission, then the Governor shall appoint two law enforcement professionals, retired or active, to said Special Commission. The Senate President shall designate one of the three Senate appointees to act as Chairman of the Commission.

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## HEARD ON THE HILL

By James Barry, BPPA Legislative Agent

## Police Training Fee Falling Short

The House is striking a \$6 increase in motor vehicle inspection fees. The increase would have added an additional \$27 million onto drivers and helped fund local police training. The Municipalities and Regional Government Committee version would have increased inspection fees on motor vehicles by \$6 to \$35, with proceeds from the more than 20 percent fee hike dedicated to municipal police training.

This retreat comes after **Gov. Deval Patrick's** original legislation encountered public outrage earlier this year. Governor Deval Patrick's language injected the Massachusetts State Police into the municipal package. The State Police would split the proceeds of this revenue (50/50) with the local police and through language be granted a class of at least 100 new troopers each and every year. The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police first proposed this legislation to train local police some many years ago. The Chiefs have the responsibility of training over 7000 sworn law enforcement officers across the state. This fee through legislation is needed and should be passed. The Governor needs to find other ways of funding the classes of the State Police and stop his continuing attacks on the local police.

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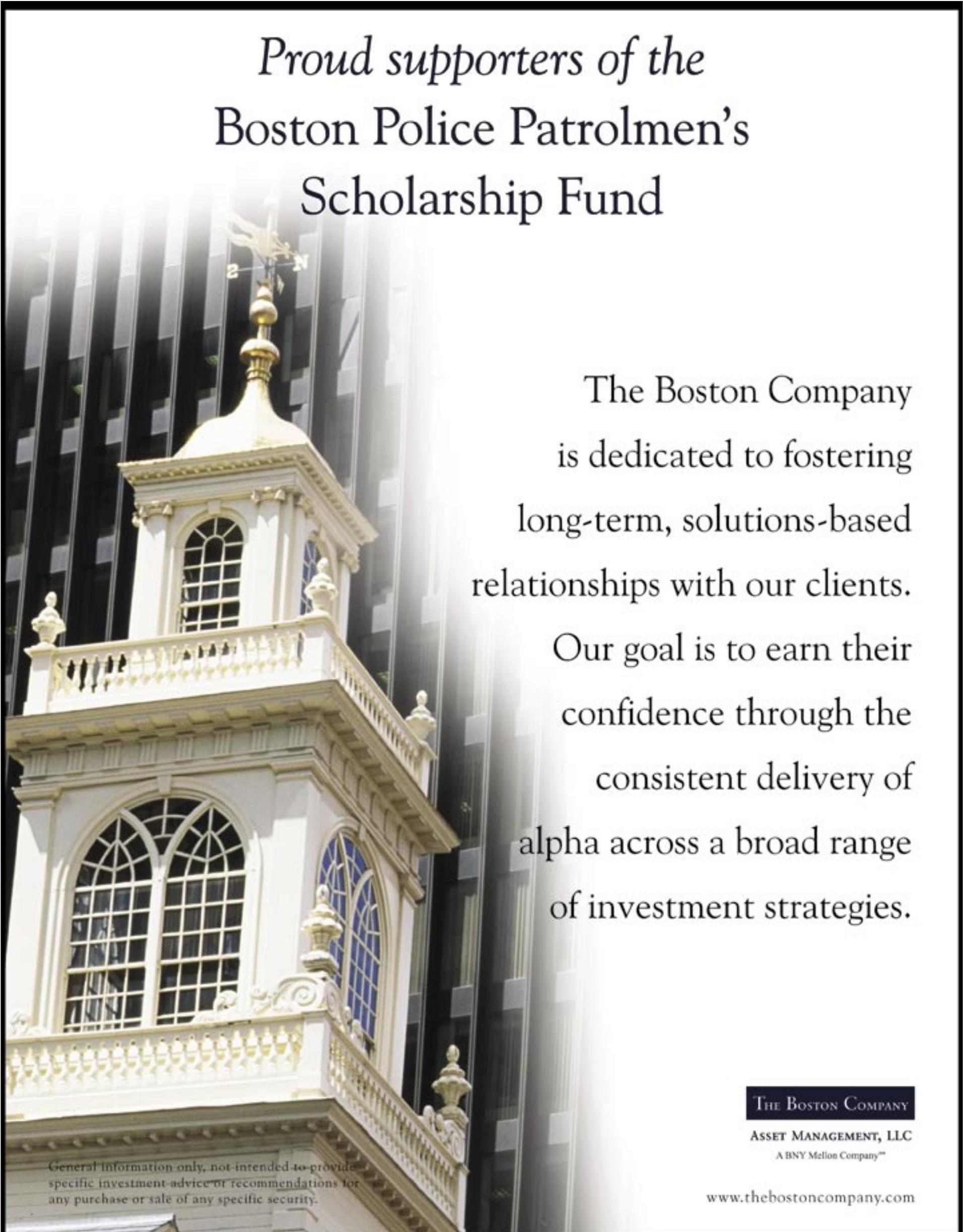
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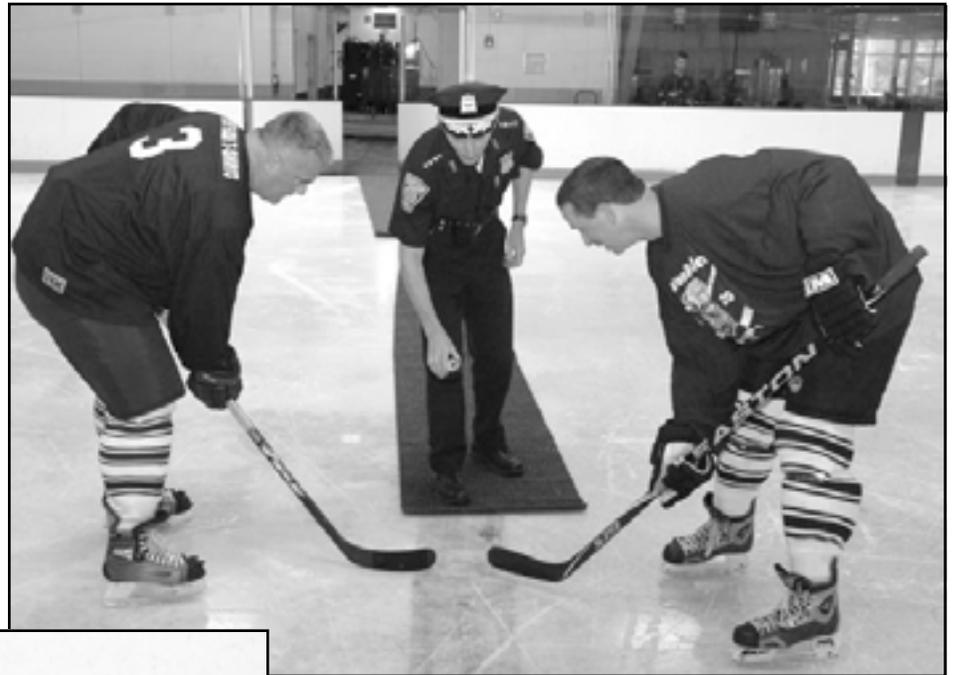
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The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston Police Commissioner's Cup Hockey Tournament was held last week at the Roche Arena. A great week of hockey and friendship ended with Area C beating Area B and Area A beating Headquarters. The championship game pitted a tired Area C team against Area A. Area A eventually defeated Area C for a successful defense of their title.

*Special thanks to Billy Hubbard for all the hard work that goes with organizing this tournament.*



Gerard Bailey and Pat Cullity take the ceremonial face off from Superintendent Evans.



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## Off the top of my head

By Kevin Doogan

**T**rying to stay current with what's being reported in the media, I find myself with more questions than answers with regards to the recent Bullying Legislation and media attention. Yet in all the media accounts and in the Legislative attempts at updating laws I see nothing of parenting.

Now I'd like to comment on this poor child in South Hadley that by all accounts took her own life because of incessant bullying by her peers. I haven't seen one written or verbal account that attempts to explain the situation except for placing blame on school officials and classmates.

Now I'm not sure of what was the root cause of this attention towards this poor child, but why is the media dancing around some pretty significant apparent facts. Why are two young men charged with Statutory Rape? As we all know Statutory Rape occurs when a child under 16 years of age consents to relations with another.

Now if it was forcible rape it would be charged as rape, if it was drug induced rape it would be charged as such. Just the fact that Statutory Rape charges were issued leads me to believe this was action not malicious by nature. What I'm reading between the lines here is that this child consented to have relations with others of her same age bracket and did so with others that were in relationships with other girl(s).

Now looking at the photos of the young girl she doesn't appear overweight, knock-kneed, cross-eyed, geeky, and meek or any of the usual criteria for bullies. Could this be a case of a young lady trying to fit in by becoming sexually active with other girl's boyfriends? Could this alleged bullying be

other young ladies ostracizing and condemning her actions and behavior by publicizing her promiscuity? If this is so, then I ask where were this girl's parents or guardians?

If cyber-bullying was the case why was this young girl allowed and continued to have internet access? Why would the parent of someone overcome with insults and condemnation continue to allow her to absorb such punishment without interceding?

It seems to me that as tragic as this young girl's suicide is, this action is a cold mirror of truth to our "No fault, No responsibility" society. The law enforcement kneejerk reaction to this is solely because of the media attention. To charge the other juveniles involved in this incident for bullying or harassment is feudal. When in reality, nothing other than some public humility and bloodletting is going to happen to these kids.

The juvenile laws in this State are a joke. They'll sacrifice a few of the kids and their families to quench the public blood thirst.

In my opinion, in the end, those who truly bear the blame in this matter are absentee parents, guardians as well as the individuals themselves that lower their standards, as well as their trousers and make immoral decisions that all too often result in teen pregnancy, single parent children or aborted children.

It seems to me that this poor child may have had more issues on her plate than what is being sensationalized in the media.

The trouble is, people aren't taught or don't realize, that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. God rest her soul!

## Enough with hero worship

By Kevin Doogan

**E**nough already with the constant ridiculousness about **Tiger Woods** and his infidelities. Besides his wife and family, why should we care how many times he violated his marriage vows? The man isn't a role model, isn't a hero, he's just a very talented golfer, no more, no less.

Please, enough with the dramatics and the poor **Elin** press articles, she knew, or should have known, what she was marrying when she married the man. Please, like with any high-profile job or celebrity, fame comes with a price, but for the public to buy into this stupidity only encourages this behavior. It is very fickle, the moral code of conduct that society sets.

In a society where no-one is held responsible for their actions, it kills me how sensationalized these celebrity cheating scandals get.

Again the media is saturated with a countless bevy of beauties actually claiming to have had relations with Tiger. Long gone are the days of shame. Imagine years ago, a woman would be labeled a whore or a home-wrecker, ostracized by polite society or way back in history the pair would be flogged with the woman wearing the Scarlet letter.

Today, it's a badge of honor for these low

moral harlots. The media is playing up that Buick has canceled Tiger's endorsement contract, again I ask, who cares? The guy is a multi millionaire; do you think he cares about anyone but himself? If you do, you're crazy. Are there any weak-minded morons still making purchases because a celebrity says so?

This is the never ending story throughout history, **O.J. Simpson** kills his wife and her friend, **Shoeless Joe Jackson** throws the World Series, **President Bill Clinton** lies before Congress and the American People, **Jack Kennedy** cheated on **Jackie**, pick a sport, pick a genre and their most famous people have skeletons in their closets. Please spare me the theatrics, O.J. walked free from First Degree Murder, Clinton was impeached but never lost his job, they even elected his wife, U.S. Senator and now she's Secretary of State.

When will society grow up and place their faith and admiration into those in society worthy of such adulation such as our Emergency Response Personnel, our Armed Services, our Prosecutors, our Teachers and most importantly, our parents. Those who actually parent! Anyone can have a child, but judging by society very few seem to be able to raise children.



# Is there a doctor in the house? Section 19 and the Group Insurance Commission – Panacea or Placebo?

It's that time of year again. The City has unveiled next year's budget and there is a \$20 million dollar increase in health insurance costs. The issue of health insurance cost containment is one that the BPPA has dealt with before. In our last round of contract negotiations, we agreed to a reduction of 5% in the City's premium percentage share towards health insurance during the life of the contract. In addition, we cooperated with the City in identifying a less expensive alternative to replace the Master Medical plan that had been offered for decades to our members. The BPPA also agreed to a modified version of Section 18, affording the City relief on retiree health costs. Now the Mayor is pushing for legislation to make it easier for the City to join the Group Insurance Commission [GIC] – the agency that provides health insurance to state employees and to municipal employees in cities or towns that adopt Chapter 32B Section 19 and agree to join the GIC.

The BPPA realizes the fiscal constraints that the City is operating under and continues to be willing to address this issue. But health insurance is a critical employee benefit. Accordingly, it is important to evaluate the consequences of a decision to join the GIC both in terms of bargaining obligations and health benefits. Below is analysis of the current City of Boston health benefits and those available under the GIC.

## Introduction: How and Why a Municipality Joins the GIC

Section 19 of Chapter 32B allows municipalities to join the state's Group Insurance Commission pool for the purposes of providing health insurance to their employees. The theory behind the legislation is that GIC's larger pool of employees results in lower premiums for municipalities and their employees. The theory is appealing to employers not only because they think the new §19 will save them money, but will also save them grief, because the GIC determines what plans are offered and the benefits, co-pays and deductibles under each plan. If the City of Boston joins the GIC, the plan offerings and plan design are all determined by the GIC. Thus, if the City adopts Section 19 and obtains an agreement from the Public Employee Committee to join the GIC, it will no longer have to worry about negotiating with carriers or with unions about plan design and cost changes. Below is a summary of Section 19 and the GIC.

## Chapter 32B Section 19

- Section 19 originally was enacted in 1993. It provides a structure of coalition

bargaining between municipal unions and their employer for health insurance. To negotiate with the employer, a Public Employee Committee [PEC] is formed with representatives from each bargaining unit in the municipality and a retiree.

- Votes of the PEC representatives are "weighted." The retiree representative has a 10% ratio vote. The remaining 90% vote is divided so that each union's vote has the following proportion:

Number of employees eligible for health insurance represented by the union

### *Divided by*

Total number of employees eligible for health insurance in all bargaining units.

- As a practical matter, teachers control the PEC because they have the largest number of employees.
- The PEC acts as a single voice to negotiate health insurance issues with the municipality. Any agreement reached must be approved by at least 70% of the weighted votes cast by PEC representatives.
- The PEC agreement governs all aspects of health insurance including types of plans, identity of carriers, substantive benefits and contributions.
- Municipalities that adopt Section 19 may provide insurance coverage as a single governmental unit, through joint purchase with other units, through a risk sharing pool, a health and welfare trust or through a third party administrator.
- There is a uniformity requirement – premium contributions for each plan type must be the same for all subscribers.
- Section 19 provides special protections for retirees. It specifies that the PEC agreement must provide for at least one Medicare extension plan available to all eligible subscribers. In addition, retirees are entitled to insurance benefits at no less than the minimum percentage contribution to other health insurance plans.
- Municipalities adopt Section 19 for one reason and one reason only – to transfer their employees who are health insurance subscribers into the Group Insurance Commission (GIC), the entity that provides insurance to state employees.
- Once in the GIC, all health insurance is governed by Chapter 32A that gives the GIC the right to determine plans, costs, deductibles and co pays. All plan design changes are no longer subject to bargaining under 150E.
- The GIC restricts the municipal employer's ability to offset out of pocket costs like co pays or deductibles incurred under the GIC plans. Employers who join the GIC are restricted in setting up Health

Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs) to offset such costs. Up until recently HRAs were banned altogether for municipal groups that joined the GIC. Recently, the GIC has softened its position and will allow HRAs for limited purposes to reimburse a portion of the co pays, deductibles and other out of pocket costs. But such reimbursement is capped at an amount equal to or less than the estimated increase in co pays and deductibles for FY 2010 and 2011.

- Although the GIC determines plans and plan design (such as co-pays deductibles), the premium percentage contribution split still is determined by collective bargaining by the municipality and the PEC.
- Once in GIC, all Medicare eligible retirees must enroll in Medicare Part B.
- PEC agreements may include provisions to resolve impasses during negotiations, such as binding "interest arbitration" and withdrawal language.

## Getting In and Out of the GIC

- In order to get into the GIC, the City must adopt Section 19, a local option law. The adoption process is as follows.
- Section 19 must be adopted by the Mayor. Acceptance of Section 19 does not take effect until the City and the PEC execute a written agreement.
- The City can condition acceptance of Section 19 on transferring all eligible employees into GIC. This means that, unless the PEC agrees to go into the GIC, the adoption of Section 19 is a nullity.
- The City must have a written agreement with the PEC executed by both parties and notify the Group Insurance no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> in order to enter the GIC for the following July.
- Once the City adopts Section 19 and enters into the GIC, employees must stay in the GIC for a period of three years.
- Section 19 has a "snap back" provision permitting City and the PEC to jointly agree to withdraw from GIC after a period of three years.
- In addition, there is a unilateral "snap back" provision, permitting either the City or the PEC to unilaterally withdraw from GIC every six years.
- The unilateral revocation of Section 19 or participation in GIC must be by 70% vote of PEC or by a majority vote of the City Council.
- If the City withdraws from the GIC, it must offer plans of equivalent economic benefits to plans offered during the year prior to GIC coverage.
- If the City revokes acceptance of Section 19, it is obligated to return to 150E bar-

gaining regarding health insurance with each individual union. However, even if Section 19 is revoked, retirees will be required to stay on Medicare

- The law also adds protections for elderly government retirees. Retirees will not be required to contribute more than 25% toward their health insurance.

## Advantages and Disadvantages of Joining the GIC

- Acceptance of Section 19 and entry into the GIC has certain benefits, such as:
  - The GIC has a wide variety of plan choices and their premiums are generally lower than those under-municipal plans.
  - GIC premiums generally increase at a rate lower than the increases under municipal plans.
  - Section 19 provides important retiree protection. Retirees are given a seat at the PEC bargaining table and the law provides that the premium percentage contribution for retirees must be the same as that for their active employee counterparts.
  - Section 19 provides for arbitration to resolve health insurance disputes under a PEC agreement and provides that the parties may agree to interest arbitration to determine health benefits.
- However, there are disadvantages involved in entering into the GIC, such as:
  - Unions lose the ability to negotiate about changes in plan design, such as increases in co-payments and deductibles.
  - For example, in February 2010, the GIC unilaterally implemented deductibles of \$250 per individual and \$750 per family per year. It also increased the cost of imaging scans such as MRIs to \$100. This change, implemented mid-policy year is not subject to bargaining.
  - Unions lose any say over carrier choices. The GIC has sole authority to determine what plans and benefits are offered.
  - Currently, the GIC offers no Blue Cross Blue Shield health plans and very limited HMO options.
  - In addition, the GIC plans have substantially higher co-pays and deductibles compared to most municipal plans. Below are two comparative charts showing the difference in out of pocket costs under GIC plans compared to the City plans. Those costs range up to \$1,500 per year more.
  - Once you enter the GIC, unions lose

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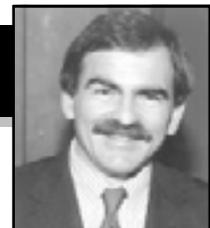
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## Legal Thoughts

**W**here are our priorities? For 17 plus years now I have been providing legal counsel to police officers in the aftermath of critical incidents, often shootings and custodial deaths. An onslaught of negative publicity seems to occur even when an individual suffers or dies from natural causes or commits suicide. We all know that the media likes police liability, misconduct and corruption stories. They sell papers and attract viewers. After all, if a police officer performs his or her job in a correct manner it is to be expected and the media does not consider that to be a story.

In a recent incident police officers, heroes all, confronted an armed suspect, a teenager with, according to the media and the evidence, a history of mental illness, gang affiliations and a .45 automatic pistol. The evidence, according to the District Attorney, Medical Examiner, and officers, indicated that the individual drew, pointed and fired the .45 pistol at various police officers at close range. The individual then chose to shoot himself with his own weapon, clearly of a different caliber from police weapons. Miraculously, one officer avoided tragedy by diving to the pavement behind parked vehicles and returning fire. Innocent occupants of some parked vehicles in the area narrowly avoided injury or death as well. They were members of the community just minding their own business.

However, the focus of the media was, as it always is, on the individual who fired the .45 automatic at the police officers and at himself. We were forced to read inaccurate quotations from neighbors and anonymous bystanders, or associates of the deceased, who purported to offer, without any basis, inaccurate opinions about the incident. One newspaper quoted an individual in the area as suggesting, again without any foundation, that the deceased was shot 15 times (not true), that the police victimized the individual, and that the incident was the fault of the police. In my view the actual evidence shows otherwise and these "observers" exhibited no support for their "opinions." Little or nothing was ever said about the courageous police officers who risked their lives

to shield the community, as personified by the innocent civilians seated in the car. Nothing was written about the innocent bystand-

(1) just turning his or her life around; (2) was about to go back to school; (3) was about to begin taking care of his or her fam-

obeyed. And you know what? Those police officers and innocent bystanders often have families, children, and distinguished records of achievement in public or military service. They are not "turning their lives around" because they don't have to. They don't have to go to back to school because they never left and have graduated or otherwise achieved their goals. They don't have to think about someday distinguishing themselves through service to the community or joining the military because they often have

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ers. Don't they have families, wives, children, lives of achievement and service? About that, nothing was written.

Instead we read all sorts of innuendo from people who weren't even there and didn't, by their own admission, see what occurred.

Let me tell you that in virtually every police shooting investigation in which I have been involved there are certain common characteristics with regard to the person who the police were forced to fire upon. Generally, they present as follows: (1) the suspect carried a firearm or other dangerous weapon or a replica appearing to be a dangerous weapon or an object that might be used as one; (2) the suspect brandished, aimed or actually used or fired the weapon or attempted to use the weapon on a police officer or other person; (3) the suspect was on parole, probation, or free on bail for another offense; (4) the suspect was where he or she shouldn't have been when he or she shouldn't have been there in violation of legal restrictions and, in the case of teenagers, without supervision from the very adults who later complain of their treatment at the hands of police; (5) the suspect was mentally ill or was using or abusing alcohol and/or controlled substances; (6) the suspect was known to associate with members of street gangs or to be involved in illegal activity regarding drugs or guns; and (7) first and foremost **THE SUSPECT FAILED TO HEED OR OBEY POLICE DIRECTIVES TO DROP THE GUN, STOP THE CAR, SHOW THEIR HANDS, ETC.**

However, we never read any of that. Instead we often read that the suspect was:

ily and/or loved ones; (4) in fact, one who never hung around with gangs or those involved in illegal activities such as drugs or guns, even though the suspect was in possession of one or the other or both.

We generally don't learn of the positive characteristics of the police officers or innocent bystanders who have managed to get through life: (1) not carrying illegal weapons; (2) not threatening or menacing the lives of law enforcement personnel or innocent people with guns or other weapons; (3) not acting in a manner which endangers others or themselves; (4) not on probation, parole or bail as they have no record; (5) not using drugs or alcohol illegally; (6) being where they are supposed to be because they live or work there; and (7) giving lawful commands which are unheeded or dis-

already done that. They don't have to begin looking after their families because they already do and have. You never read anything about those positive qualities.

Not so long ago I remember a police officer shooting a pit bull (it seems to happen two or three times a year in the City of Boston). I remember the newspaper carrying a photo of the pit bull with a Christmas bow on and seated under the Christmas tree. The theme I suppose was that the vicious pit bull was turning its life around and was, according to its owner, kind and gentle before it so "uncharacteristically" attempted to maul and kill a civilian or officer. We read nothing of the police officer who was forced to shoot the pit bull because it was about to or was engaged in a jaw lock on an innocent person. Again, where are our priorities?



### How to handle a liberal neighbor

**M**y neighbor is a "lefty" of sorts (Obama bumper stickers, gung-ho socialized medicine, "guns should be banned", etc.). So this past spring I put this sign up in my yard after one of his anti-gun rants at a neighborhood cocktail party.

The sign wasn't up more than an hour before he called the police and wanted them to make me take down the sign. Fortunately, the officer politely informed him that it was not their job to take such action without a court order and that he had to file a complaint "downtown" first, which would be reviewed by the city attorney to see if it violated any city, county,

or state ordinances, which if there was a violation a court order would be sent to the offending party (me) to "remove the sign in seven days."

After several weeks he was informed that the sign was legal (by a quarter of an inch) and there was nothing the city could do, which obviously made him madder.

I tried to smooth things over by inviting him to go shooting with me and my friends at the hunt club but that seemed to make him even more angry.

I am at a loss how to reconcile our long relationship (notice I did not say friendship), any suggestions would be welcome.

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**Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea moves to amend the bill in section 12, in line 2313, by striking out the words: "under this Chapter".**

**Rep. Martin Walsh filed similar jurisdictional language.**

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# See what's going on in other cities and towns

By Caitlin Castello,  
Globe West – Wellesley

The Wellesley Police Department will be removed from Civil Service in conjunction with new measures bargained between the town and two police unions.

After an hour-long debate, Wellesley Town Meeting members voted in favor of the measure at the start of the Annual Town Meeting Monday night.

“Civil service has outlived its usefulness,” said Selectman **Katherine L. Babson** Jr. during the presentation of article items.

Two favorable votes under two warrant articles were needed for the removal of the police department from Civil Service, part of the state’s human resources division.

With the removal of the Police Department from Civil Service, the town will be able to hire and promote officers based on its own wants and needs. In 1996, Town Meeting approved the removal but was overridden when the question was posed to a townwide election.

The town opened negotiations with two Police Department unions, the Patrolmen’s Union and the Superior Officers Union. The terms of their agreement call for the removal from Civil Service and a two-year contract extension at a 0 percent increase for fiscal year 2012 and a 1 percent increase for fiscal year 2014.

Police officers who are currently eligible for the Quinn Bill, which boosts the salaries of police officers with college degrees, can continue to receive full incentives. There be a new program at a fixed dollar amount for officers not currently eligible for the Quinn Bill.

The Police Department will need to establish new rules and procedures for hiring and promoting officers, but with the removal from Civil Service, the candidate pool will grow, said **Hans Larsen**, town executive director.

Appointments, promotions and terminations will be recommended by the chief of police and are subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen, he said. Current officers will be grandfathered into the department.

“I would like to speak in complete support,” said Town Meeting member **Tom Ulfelder**. “I think it is something that would have to positive impact to the town but I am opposed to the continuation of the Quinn Bill as compensation.”

The same sentiments were echoed from other town meeting members.

Over the past two years the state has decreased its funding for the Quinn Bill, an incentive program for police officers to seek advanced education. With the state reductions, towns have been scrambling for solutions, said Babson.

Other Town Meeting members ques-  
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## Is there a doctor in the house?

### Section 19 and the Group Insurance Commission – Panacea or Placebo?

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any say on future plan changes or cost shifts, such as increased co-pays or deductibles.

► The City is restricted in its ability to

establish HRAs to reimburse employees for these additional out of pocket costs.

► If the parties decide to withdraw from

the GIC after three or six years, there is no guarantee that you will be able to return to plans that existed before you went into the GIC.

## Comparison of Boston vs. GIC Health Plans

**B**elow are two charts comparing GIC plans to plans presently offered to City of Boston employees. The first chart compares the Harvard Pilgrim PPO offered by the City to that offered by the GIC. The second chart compares two indemnity-type PPO plans. As you can see, the out of pocket costs for employees are substantially greater under the GIC health plans.

### BENEFIT COMPARISON – HARVARD PPO GIC vs. BOSTON PLAN

	CITY OF BOSTON	GIC	DIFFERENCE
<b>BENEFIT COMPARISON</b>	Harvard Pilgrim POS	Harvard Pilgrim Independence Plan [POS]	Additional Cost under GIC
Deductible	In Network: None Out of Network: \$200 per member, \$400 per year	\$250 per member, \$750 per family <i>before any benefits are covered</i>	\$250 to \$750 additional for In Network
Office Visit	In Network: \$10 Out of Network: 80% coverage after deductible	Regular MD: \$20 per visit Specialist: \$35 to \$45 per visit	Between \$10 and \$35 additional per Office Visit depending on MD
Prescription Drugs Co-Pay	\$5 / \$10 / \$25	\$25 / \$50	\$20 to \$25 additional per Rx
In Patient Hospitalization Co-Pay	In Network: Covered in full Out of Network: 80% coverage after deductible	Tier 1: \$250 Tier 2: \$500 Tier 3: \$750	Between \$250 to \$740 additional for In Network
Out Patient Surgery Co-Pay	None	\$150 per occurrence	\$150 additional
Emergency Room Co-Pay	\$30 per visit	\$100 per visit	\$70 additional per visit
High Tech Imaging Co-Pay [MRI, PET, CAT]	No cost	\$100	\$100 additional

### BENEFIT COMPARISON – UNICARE IMDEMNITY vs. BLUE CHOICE GIC vs. BOSTON PLAN

	CITY OF BOSTON	GIC	DIFFERENCE
<b>BENEFIT COMPARISON</b>	Blue Choice	Unicare Indemnity Community Choice	Additional Cost under GIC
Deductible	In Network: None Out of Network: \$50 per member, \$100 per year	\$250 per member, \$750 per family <i>before any benefits are covered</i>	\$250 to \$750 additional for In Network
Office Visit	In Network: \$10 Out of Network: 80% coverage after deductible	Primary Care MD: \$15 to \$35 per visit depending on tier Specialist: \$35 to \$45 per visit depending on tier	Between \$25 and \$35 additional per Office Visit depending on MD
Prescription Drugs Co-Pay	\$5 / \$10	\$10 / \$25 / \$50	\$15 to \$40 additional per Rx
In Patient Hospitalization Co-Pay	In Network: Covered in full Out of Network: 80% coverage after deductible	\$250 deductible	\$250 additional for In Network
Out Patient Surgery Co-Pay	None	\$110 per occurrence	\$110 additional
Emergency Room Co-Pay	\$10 per visit	\$100 per visit	\$90 additional per visit
High Tech Imaging Co-Pay [MRI, PET, CAT]	No cost	\$100	\$100 additional



# As usual, the New World Order marches to its own tune

**A**s I sit here and ponder over the many things I could write about, (or as some of you have pointed out; complain about), I have just finished opening a letter from the IRS asking me for more information concerning line #21 of my return. Now realize that I sent this return in seven weeks ago and am now reading a letter telling me that I have twenty days to answer and then I will receive my return in approximately eight weeks from their receipt of my return letter!

You gotta love it. I have to deal with a federal agent in Kansas because the government shut down the processing station in Andover, laid off thousands of New England workers, before hiring thousands more from the mid-west and placing them into a new facility in Kansas, not recording the ones laid off and then touting the fact that the recession is over and employment is up. To add insult to injury, the government has decided to totally refurbish the abandoned IRS building in Andover to the tune of tens of millions of dollars. Not sure what the building will be used for, (gotta spend that stimulus money somehow), but not to worry, they're on top of everything by demanding an explanation of my \$1,250.00 deduction on line #21. This must be the money they are going to balance the budget with.

I guess it could be worse, the government could have totally ignored the wishes of the majority of American tax payers and done something absurd, like pass the inept health care bill into law or maybe even hire an additional; one thousand five hundred IRS agents under the guise of a health care reform bill. Oh, wait a minute, they did!

As usual, the *New World Order*, run by the Democratic National Committee, is marching to its own tune. Regardless of what the majority want, request and demand, Nancy and her crew will continue to attempt to reshape the United States of America into a European like socialist state, with all the fixings!

The *New World Order* will determine all of our needs, (like it or not), they will determine how much of your hard earned money you can keep and how much you will share under their new system that includes a *Redistribution of Wealth* formula!

The *New World Order* will ensure that every facet of your life is monitored and dictated by the government. The Government will now decide who gets care and who doesn't, and if by some strange reason you are allowed to keep any of your bargained benefits, the Government is going to tax your benefits to the point where you'll give up and just go along with whatever they propose.

The *New World Order* has decided that you middle class working fools have been earning too much, that you've moved too far to the front of the line, creating a large gap between you and the sick, lame and lazy, that subsist off of government handouts and programs.

The *New World Order* wants to close that gap, so that the human parasites can share in your earnings and fortune. You middle class scum don't deserve the riches you have amassed through hard work and long hours, through frugality and common sense behavior.

You will conform to the ideals of the *New World Order* or you will be dealt with! Regardless of your years of bargained benefits, pension plans, work place improvements, workers rights improvements, etc. . . ., if they do not fit into Queen Nancy's image of the *New World Order*, you will be stripped of those benefits and rights by a stroke of the pen. The Government will now tell you what you want, need and will receive! We will no longer be a capitalist society based on free enterprise with idealists and entrepreneurs paving the way for us to be the strongest country



**"Prince Harry" Reid and "Queen Nancy" Pelosi ignore the real people with government regulations on our every action in the "New World Order."**

on earth, no, we will be in lockstep with government regulations and our every action dictated by Queen Nancy and her cohort Prince Harry from the Senate side of the table! Because, they know what's best for you and yours.

Our military will be systematically stripped of its power. We have now started that move with a little treaty signed sealed and delivered by the Commander-in-Chief. How in the world do you come up with a treaty which weakens your worldwide deterrent system, making promises to countries worldwide and asking for virtually nothing in return, under the guise of making the world a safer place? This latest 'gem' in the crown of our foreign policy is far from a diamond; let's consider it a poor quality *cubic zirconium*. In case no one bothered to tell the President or his staff, the reason we haven't been hit with a *Chemical or Biological Agent*, is because we as a country have telegraphed to the world at large that we would respond with a *Plethora of Nuclear Warheads!* So, by promising the world that we as a nation will never use a nuke against a non-uke country, thank you for opening the door to some ass-backwards terrorist regime that is considered a sovereign state within the *New World Order!*

Don't worry, *we idiots of this Nation*, don't know a thing about foreign policy, we are too busy worrying about how to keep a roof over our head and food on the table, because after all everything is *hunky dory*, right?! You told us that the recession is ending, we believe you!

Oh, and that little foreign policy piece about enriched uranium, yah I really like how the world has flocked to that, all those *Terrorist States* that have signed on board like; Canada, Mexico, Panama, Great Britain, maybe even Australia will sign up, but I doubt it because they actually believe in a Sovereign Democratic State run by a Government that listens to the people that vote them into office!

Do you people in Washington really believe that you can continue to systematically tear down our country, destroy the very fabric of our being and we the people won't stand up against you and fight. Fight to protect ourselves, our children, our very Nation from being turned into something that we revolted against two hundred and fifty years ago?!

We are not some quasi-European country that believes in a *New World Order!* When we accepted and erected that gift from France called 'The Statue of Liberty', officially known and given as 'Liberty Enlightening the World!', it was in recognition of America signing The Declaration of Independence 100 years earlier. We offered a world where anyone was welcome as long as they were willing to work for themselves and build a life. There was never a promise of Government direction, assistance, out-right interference and or tyranny. No Monarchies, no Kingdoms, no Fiefdoms, just a place where the people believed in freedom. Freedom to practice religion without Government interference, freedom to work and earn, (capitalism!), freedom to buy land, but most importantly, joining a society that believes in and started the original revolution over **NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION!**

So when *Queen Nancy, Prince Harry and King Obama* decide to rewrite our constitution, to redirect the moral compass of this country, to systematically tear apart every single good that we have worked to achieve over the last 250 years, when they totally ignore us, the people, I must ask when does the new revolution begin?

The answer is simple, **VOTE THEM ALL OUT** and start the fix. We can achieve revolution through the ballot box. Please don't let this mid-term election, that'll be here before you know it, pass you by without involving yourself in the voter's revolution!



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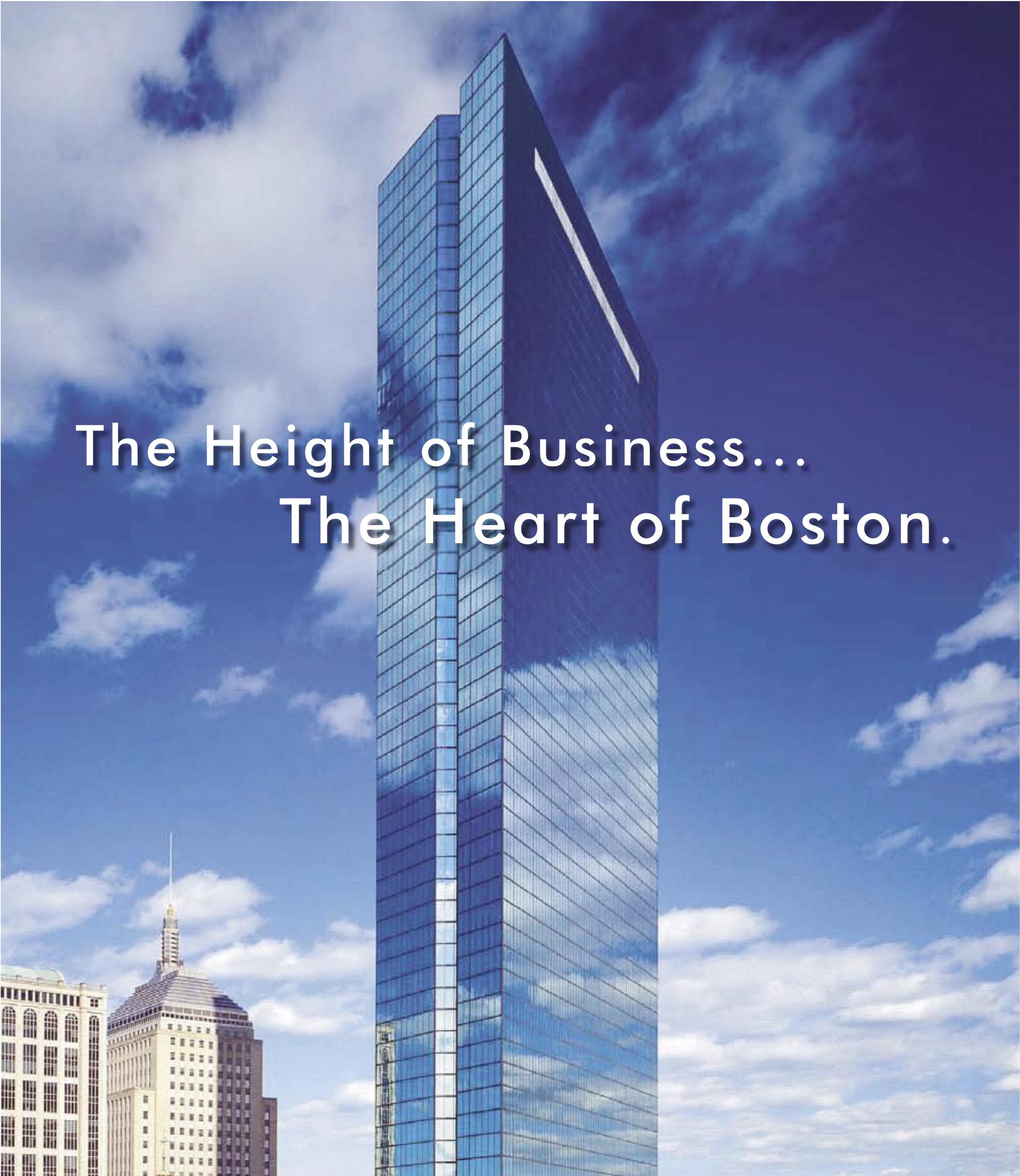
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## Good news and bad news: No banding, but maybe no Civil Service Commission

by Alan Shapiro, Esq.  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Like one of those standard joke setups, I have good news and bad news.

First the good news: Human Resources Division (HRD) has dropped banding, at least for now. The Civil Service Commission just issued an email with the announcement of a public hearing on February 25 to review proposed amendments to HRD rules. The rules no longer contain a provision for banding of examination scores.

In reviewing the proposed changes, I actually find some of them improvements. For example, they clarify how to deal with the period when old lists are expiring and being replaced by new ones. If HRD does not receive the certification ("the list") back from the employer at least three weeks before a list expires, it will not, assuming these rules go through, issue a certification. This creation of a "bright line" separating the two lists removes some of the politicking that has invariably influenced this process.

Now for the bad news. On January 27, Governor Deval Patrick filed legislation that would go a long way towards gutting civil service. The Commission now has, as it has had for decades (at least as long as I've been practicing, which goes back to at least the Hoover Administration), five Commissioners: a chairman and four others. Only three of them now receive full salaries, with Commissioner Dan Henderson's being the lowest of those, at about \$77,000.

The Governor has proposed to essentially eliminate Commissioner Henderson, by converting his position from one of a relatively modest salary to one with no salary. Since Henderson presumably does not have a trust fund to fall back on, this would necessitate his leaving this position. Ironically, this change would come following significant criticism from the management labor community (including Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis and the Mass. Municipal Association) protesting Commissioner Henderson's repeated insistence on issuing decisions in accordance with the law and not as a rubber-stamp for public employers.

Also in the bill, Commissioner Jack Taylor, who is already reduced to a part-time schedule, would see his salary go from about \$35,000 to zero. Coincidentally, Taylor was the only other commissioner, besides Henderson, to vote against allowing banding to go through about a year ago. The other three commissioners, including Chairman Bowman, saw no problem with it. We had to then go to Superior Court to find someone who would actually read the law and force HRD to live with its regulations requiring scores to be set out in "whole numbers."

What is particularly nefarious about the legislation is that, by the way it was filed, it automatically goes into effect on March 27, unless one branch of the Legislature votes it down before then. A copy of the bill can be found here.

If you still believe that having an independent Civil Service Commission has any value, I cannot urge you strongly enough to contact your union, your legislators, and anyone else who will listen to try to stop

this legislation from becoming law.

Had this been done by the Romney Administration it would not have been surprising, but coming from the first Democratic governor in over 15 years, it is shameful.

## Legislative Committee hears strong police union opposition to Governor's attack on Civil Service

by Susan Horwitz, Esq.  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

On Wednesday morning, February 24, 2010, the Joint Legislative Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight held a hearing to address the Governor's improper efforts to stack the Civil Service Commission by eliminating the salary of three of the five Civil Service Commissioners. The Governor's plan would completely politicize the Commission by putting virtually all the power in the chair who is answerable directly to the Governor.

At the hearing there was a tremendous outpouring of opposition to the Governor's proposal. The hearing room was overflowing with representatives from numerous police organizations clearly leading the opposition to the Governor's efforts. Tom Nee, President of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association testified as did Sandulli Grace Attorney Susan Horwitz. See her comments below. Also the Massachusetts Coalition of Police was represented by Vice President Kenneth Scanzio and Attorney Tim King.

The Committee members appeared very concerned with the Governor's proposal and listened to the objections from the police union witnesses. The Committee members heard that the Civil Service Commission needs some fixing but that the Governor's proposal is not the appropriate action and in fact will only make things worse. It is wrong to politicize an agency whose primary mission and purpose is to keep politics out of public employment. The Civil Service Commission is sometimes the only place where employees can turn to insure fair treatment in their employment. The Committee must act within ten days of the hearing and report whether it approves or disapproves such plan and then at least one branch at the general court must vote it's disapproval by a majority vote in order to prevent the Governor's plan from taking effect as of March 27, 2010.

Please continue to let the Committee know your opposition to this anti-union and anti-employee plan.

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## Susan's statement to the Joint Legislative Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight:

My name is Susan Horwitz and I am an attorney representing the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. I also have been representing individuals before the Civil Service Commission for over 25 years and I previously worked for the Federal government as a personnel officer implementing federal civil service law.

I am here today to ask you to disapprove the Governor's actions to improperly restructure the Civil Service Commission.

The role of the Civil Service Commission as described in the Statute, Chapter 31, is to enforce the basic Merit Principles as described in the law. The agency is responsible for assuring fair treatment of all applicants and employees in all aspects of personnel administration without regard to political affiliation and to assure that all employees are protected against coercion for political purposes and are protected from arbitrary and capricious actions.

The State Courts have further emphasized that the fundamental purpose of the civil service system is to guard against political considerations, favoritism, and bias in government employment decisions and to protect public employees from political control.

I believe that if you take a close look at the Governor's proposal you will see the irony in his proposal since it does not pass the standard of keeping politics and fairness in the structure of the Civil Service Com-

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## Mashpee Quinn Suit Update: Judge denies town's motion to dismiss case to proceed to ruling on merits

by Bryan Decker, Esq.  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

Earlier this week Massachusetts Superior Court Judge Robert Rufo denied the Town of Mashpee's motion to dismiss the Quinn Bill lawsuit brought by several Mashpee Officers. The Suit contends that the Town violated the law when it reduced Quinn Bill payments to officers based on an anticipated reduction in state funding. After hearing argument, Judge Rufo denied the motion from the bench, an unusual move. The case will now proceed to a decision on the merit.

The suit alleges that under the Quinn Bill, a municipality may NOT reduce Quinn Bill benefits, even if the collective bargaining agreement between the municipality and its union would purport to allow a reduction. This is because the Quinn Bill is NOT a statute that parties may amend via bargaining. Allowing a Town to reduce Quinn benefits is the same as allowing it to pay offic-

ers below the minimum wage. Even if the contract says it's permissible, it is not.

"We're extremely happy that Judge Rufo refused to dismiss the case. The officers will now have their case heard on its merits," said Sandulli Grace's Bryan Decker, who argued for the officers. "We're confident that we will prevail and that the Town will be ordered to pay its officers the full benefit to which they are entitled."

Even assuming that the case will be successful, educational benefits for officers are not ensured in the future. The legislature already "closed" the program to newly hired officers; and the Governor is pushing further changes that would ALLOW a town to reduce payments if the state short changes the town on reimbursement. "It's pretty disgraceful, the state's reduction in Quinn reimbursement is nothing more than a back door local aid cut," says Decker. "Nonetheless, towns and cities can't just cut police officers' pay. That's outrageous."

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# Cheering while America burns

By Patrick Carnell,

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Look at this picture of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, flanked by a soon-to-be ex-congressman and a creature that appears to be Gollum. Regardless of your politics, isn't this exactly the sort of image that causes you to furrow your brow and grind your teeth at the sheer amount of smugness and arrogance it exudes? This is how Pelosi, also known as "Granny Rictus McBotox," and most Democrats celebrated their heroic act of forcing their health care bill on a public heavily opposed to it: not with class, not with silent but dignified relief, but cackling like witches, with an air of self-satisfaction seen typically in middle school bullies and reality show villains. Even John McCain stated it made him emotionally angry to see the Democrats shrieking like schoolgirls over the passage of the bill. "How do you like our 220?" Pelosi boasted, unable to hear the honest and creative, if a bit crude, responses of millions of Americans. "No money changed hands," she continued, giggling, in an attempt to make a joke about betting on the outcome of the vote, but highlighting the fact that a lot of money and job offers did, in fact, change hands, to buy the votes of the insufficiently devoted. That's the Chicago way.

Incredibly, it doesn't matter to the Democrats that their ramming of the health care bill against the will of the majority is setting them up for a nightmarish purge in November. So long as they achieved a single victory in the

name of their Messiah, their electoral butchering and the potential chaos it will cause to the already tenuous economy worries them not in the least. So much about their reveling in glorious victory calls to mind the stereotype of old European aristocrats, chuckling derisively at the peasants roll-



ing in filth in the streets, responding with scandalized outrage when the masses fail to show proper awe in their presence, and finally gaping in genuine shock and confusion when the people take to the streets demanding their heads. Indeed, it seems their new motto is "Après moi, le deluge,"

or "After me, the deluge," in the words of King Louis XV of France, meaning whatever happens after the fact is of no concern to them. The phrases "Pride cometh before the fall" and "Sow the wind, reap the whirlwind," however, are clearly as alien to them as the concepts of "humility" and "representing the will of your constituents."

If Republican and Independent candidates are smart, every one of their campaign ads this fall will include this picture. Even without the Wicked-Witch-of-the-West, poisoned-Halloween-candy, something-wicked-this-way-comes imagery it evokes, it simply makes people viscerally angry to see this woman cackle with delight over passing a bill that cuts funding to hospices for the terminally ill. It's an emotional, rather than logical, reaction to seeing someone who just screwed you over in the most degrading way possible screech and cavort with glee over your grave. It taps into the primal, "I will get my revenge" urge all people get, which won't be satisfied until the smug witch is taken down a few pegs. The one thing people hate more than a sore loser is an ungracious winner, and Nancy, Obama, and the Democrats have them in droves.

They had best enjoy their undeserved success while it lasts, because, thanks to images like Nancy Pelosi barking merrily like a trained Maoist sea lion, November will be a hellish nightmare from which the Democrats will not wake up, while for Republicans it will be a thing of death and beauty.

## News Brieflets...

Compiled and commented upon by Patrick Carnell,

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"Cuban revolutionary leader Fidel Castro on Thursday declared passage of American health care reform "a miracle" and a major victory for Obama's presidency, but couldn't help chide the United States for taking so long to enact what communist Cuba achieved decades ago....Cuba provides free health care and education to all its citizens, and heavily subsidizes food, housing, utilities and transportation, policies that have earned it global praise. The government has warned that some of those benefits are no longer sustainable given Cuba's ever-struggling economy, though it has so far not made major changes."

- Associated Press, 3/25/10

Hopefully whoever wrote that last part just has an extremely dry, ironic sense of humor, and knows the difference between "free" and "nationalized to hell on earth and back." I also assume that "Cuban revolutionary leader" is just the polite way of saying "murderous, tyrannical animated corpse," but the important thing is Uncle Fidel is finally proud of us, and who needs the support of Israel and Britain when you can get it from the leader of an island less advanced than Gilligan's?

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"The Gulf Stream does not appear to be slowing down, say US scientists who have used satellites to monitor tell-tale changes in the height of the sea. Confirming work by other scientists using different methodologies, they found dramatic short-term variability but no longer-term trend."

- BBC, 3/29/10

Al Gore wept. You mean that using the most up to date technology and taking actual measurements renders the hysterical simulations and predictions of the slowed Gulf Stream turning northern Europe into a frozen wasteland by leading "climate scientists" subject to scrutiny (at least)? I just don't know what to think anymore. No wonder congressmen from Georgia are anxious about capsizing islands.

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"Humans are too stupid to prevent climate change from radically impacting on our lives over the coming decades. This is the stark conclusion of James Lovelock, the globally respected environmental thinker and independent scientist who developed the Gaia theory....One of the main obstructions to meaningful action is "modern democracy", he added. "Even the best democracies agree that when a major war approaches, democracy must be put on hold for the time being. I have a feeling that climate change may be an issue as severe as a war. It may be necessary to put democracy on hold for a while."

- The Guardian, 3/31/10

It may also be necessary for people like James Lovelock to abandon their compulsive need to lay down rules for OTHER people to follow, considering their fantasy "benevolent dictatorships" usually end up being anything but. But surrendering democracy to combat a highly debatable, questionable (at best) threat? Sorry, shan't be doing that.

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"First lady Michelle Obama welcomed spring to the White House Wednesday by replanting her popular vegetable garden with the help of local elementary school students. She told the students that no matter where people live or how old they may be, they can still garden, noting the fun of spending time outdoors and digging in the dirt. To illustrate that point, the first lady knelt in the 1,500-square-foot garden and planted two rows of broccoli as well as some rhubarb. After the rhubarb was in the ground Mrs. Obama and some of the children performed what she called a "growing dance" around the wooden planter. The group chanted "grow, rhubarb, grow" several times, then circled the planter and finished by throwing their hands in the air."

- Christian Science Monitor, 4/1/10

For any who doubt that this took place, here is a picture:

Well...I suppose the First Lady might, in certain circles, be commended for involving the children in ancient shamanistic spiritual practices, but she might want to end it with the druid chanting. I doubt most of America will look favorably upon stoning a virgin to death and sprinkling her blood on the fields to ensure a bountiful harvest.

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"CNN continued what has become a precipitous decline in ratings for its prime-time programs in the first quarter of 2010, with its main hosts losing almost half their viewers in a year....About the only break from the bad news for CNN was that March was not as bad as February, when the network had its worst single month in its recent history, finishing behind not only Fox News and MSNBC, but also its sister network HLN - and even CNBC, which had Olympics programming that month. CNN executives have steadfastly said that they will not change their approach to prime-time programs, which are led by hosts not aligned with any partisan point of view."

- New York Times, 3/29/10

According to them, at least. It never occurs to them to ask the question, "Why does the public hate us, and what can WE do to fix it?" It's like they knowingly jump out of an airplane without a parachute, and half-way down start screaming, "Oh God, there's got to be a ripcord around here somewhere!" instead of just praying for the inevitable to come as quickly as possible.



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# All that Heaven does, Heaven does well

By Jay Moccia

Looks like this year's "New Year's Resolution" to work out more has failed miserably. I haven't been to the gym in so long, my muscle memory has Alzheimer's.

Poor Tiger Woods, more like a Pussycat (Pun Intended), with that blubbing teary apology. Is anyone else sick of seeing **MEN** cry? Between him and Brett Favre (I'm retiring **BOO-HOO**/I'm playing again **BOO-HOO**) it's a regular Niagara Falls of eye juice. **MAN UP** you sissies. You're bawling like a three year old that dropped his ice cream. You wear a jock for a reason!

I occasionally shop at BJ's. They now accept EBT. Don't get me wrong if someone needs help, it should be available to them. BUT, don't trudge up to the register with a pallet that looks like you're stocking the concession at Gillette Stadium, pay with your EBT card, THEN load it into your Mercedes SUV. I felt like screaming!

I got ordered to do the St Patrick's Day parade in Southie. It was a gloomy, rainy day that featured low attendance, cancelled bands and crowded bars. We had Roll Call, were issued Civil Ordinance Violation Books, and told to use common sense with them. Then a member of the Command Staff yelled at us that there would be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for drinking and we **MUST** cite or arrest any offenders. (wonder if he's gonna give that little pep talk at the Caribbean Festival). We were deployed and told to face the crowd, so we looked across the street at the other wet, miserable cops. I will say though, the people living along the route were generous with food, water, and restrooms.

Guns have only two enemies, Rust, and Politicians!

They are called "Killer Whales" for a reason, stay the hell away from them!

For the last two years, ESPN, Sports Illustrated, NFL, and NCAA have told us how great Florida QB Tim Tebow is. Then he appears in a Pro-Life Super Bowl Ad, and the media does an absolute hatchet job on him.

I will agree that there is no bias in the media, just as soon as they ask Joe Biden to spell: "Potato."

Keith Olbermann claims the TEA Party movement is racist and excludes blacks and gays. Now, if you scan the crowd, you can pick out our fellow darker patriots, but how would he ID gays? Maybe with a name like Olbermann, he wants us to make them wear

a pink triangle on their jackets...wait they tried that in Germany, didn't work out too well.

Mayor Loonberg NYC, wants to ban salt in restaurant food. This is the guy who banned trans-fat and junk food. How much more control over our lives do we want the government to have? At this rate, we'll soon be subject to "National Bum Cleaning" at the same time every day. Just remember what happened in High School when all the toilets were flushed at once.

The word "**SPORT**" should not be allowed to appear in any form on a minivan.

Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg have produced an epic HBO mini-series "The Pacific". By all accounts, it provides a good recounting of a dirty war, in harsh conditions against a stubborn, tough enemy. What's galling is Hank's idiotic comments about hatred, racism, and atrocities by Americans. I guess stupid is as stupid does.

If Healthcare in the US is so bad, why do people who can afford it, from all over the world come here for treatment or training?

At Hockey Rinks all over the U.S. and Canada, skaters are told, "Heads Up, Don't Duck" to avoid traumatic head/neck/back injuries when crashing into the boards. Why then are you told to lean forward with your head between your knees during a plane crash?

Why do Liberals think it's OK for them to call people names or make snide comments, then act all offended when the favor is returned? TEA Party members are routinely referred to using a term describing a deviant sexual act, while the anchors and pundits snicker when they say it. **BUT** call them names or oppose them (Liberals) at your peril! You are immediately labeled one or all of the following: Xenophobe, Homophobe, Racist, Misogynist, Bigot, Right Wing Extremist, etc. for voicing **YOUR** opinion! Democratic Congressmen walking to the Capitol during the Health Care Debate claimed they were harassed with racial epithets, and spat on, **YET** with all the assembled media coverage, not to mention cell phone cameras recording the event, no one can produce anything even remotely resembling the Dem's claims.

Speaking of the aforementioned Health Care Bill, the Senate passed their version on Christmas Eve, and the House pushed theirs through on a Sunday, do they want us to think how hard they work or how truly sneaky they are?

In Arizona, a 90+ year old Death Row

Inmate passed away while still awaiting execution. He was sentenced to die for crimes that included; armed robbery, assault, and murder (5 or more victims) during a criminal career that dated back to the days of Bonnie and Clyde. His attorney was grateful the State didn't execute him. I wonder how his victims feel?

I have read the Constitution, and I believe it's a pretty straight-forward document. My problems arise from the current Administration's interpretation of it. They want to deny or restrict **YOUR** Rights that are clearly defined like Free Speech and Bearing Arms. They also want to "cherry-pick" parts of it, like Pelosi attaching the phrase "...certain unalienable rights..." to Health Care. Having read the Constitution, I can assure you, the words Health Care **DO NOT APPEAR** in it! What does appear is "...Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness..." The key word there is Pursuit, which means to chase or seek implying your role in working toward your success.

I think I may have figured out what's wrong with our Country. We used to have leaders who were **MEN!** Captains of Industry, Military Heroes, Famous Athletes... now we just have: "**NERDS!**"

Honey, those shorts are too short if the pockets hang below the hemline.

Sean Penn is **VERY** upset that people criticize his best buddy Hugo Chavez, the tin horn dictator of Venezuela. He thinks folks that make fun of his pal and his Anti-American policies should go to jail! I've got news for you Sean-o in Venezuela if they question Chavez they do go to jail, and are tortured or killed. I guess that's what you envision for critics of your other hers, Obama.

Recent rainstorms left most of New England with swollen rivers, washed out roads, and flooded homes. The driving conditions were so poor, I got stuck behind an old guy with a beard driving a big boat slowly down the Jamaica Way. When I finally managed to pass him I noticed his passengers were two cows, two goats, two zebras, two elephants...

Be ready to hear; "I didn't know **THAT** was in there!" from your elected Officials as the sordid details of the Health Care Bill emerge from the slime. Just remember the reason they didn't know it was in there was because **THEY DIDN'T BOTHER TO READ IT!**

My brothers, I know we are a charitable lot, but **PLEASE remove any BPD or BPPA logos from clothes you donate to charity.** It's kind of embarrassing picking up a bum covered in feces and vomit wearing a BPPA golf jacket. People might get the wrong idea about the bum.

When the President gives a speech to a house packed with supporters is it politics or propaganda?

Somali Pirates are **STILL** at it off their coast. Some even had the stones to attack a

US Navy vessel! Their "fast boats" and "mother ship" were sunk and several were killed or captured. The hapless corsairs were handed over to a Kenyan Court for trial. Kenya is asking other countries step in and assist their overburdened Court System. Here's an idea straight out of history that worked quite well a few centuries ago. Execute all Pirates taken during an overt act of Piracy on the High Seas, right there on the spot! Then launch a few Tomahawk missiles at their Land based ports, as a reminder their actions have consequences. And for God's sake arm the Merchantmen! Piracy stopped in that area when the Western Powers met force with force. These people are nothing more than cowards who pray on unarmed shipping. I know let's call them "bullies" instead of "Pirates." Maybe that will get some Government attention.

Mexico stations armed troops manning machine gun emplacements and watchtowers on their border with Guatemala. North Korea arrests, and sentences to "hard labor" any caught violating their borders. Why are WE the only saps who not only allow people to violate our Sovereignty, but then reward them for doing so?

Many claim tobacco is so bad the Government should make it illegal. The reason they don't is simple: tobacco is the fat kid Uncle Sam beats up for his lunch money. Just remember bullying is bad unless it's the Government doing it.

Did anyone notice the new "National Office for Climate Change" grand opening was cancelled due to the record snowfall in Washington DC?

I heard two anti-gun horror stories I'd like to share with you. First one involves a Local College Cop I know. She's married with two small kids, and like many others, enrolled them in Day Care. Sometimes, if she's running late, she'll go to the place directly from work, showing up in full uniform (including her issued firearm). She was pulled aside by the Day Care owner after several of the other parents expressed their concern of her being armed around small children. I guess these other parents must have given birth to Superman or Batgirl to be able to disarm a trained Police Officer at three years of age! The cop has decided discretion is the better course than valor and won't go in uniform anymore even though she's charged a fee by the Day Care for showing up late. The second involves a guy who as a youth broke a window and was charged with destruction of property which at the time was considered a misdemeanor. He has held a firearms license for over twenty years, but was recently denied a renewal due to the fact that destruction of property is now considered a felony. If that isn't a clear cut case of Ex-Post Facto application of the law, I don't know what is. He was urged to appeal and hire a lawyer but didn't (allowing his rights to be violated I add) because it was a pain in the butt. Good thing our forefathers and every veteran didn't feel the same way, shrinking from a fight because it would be a pain. It's

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In an effort to present "fair and balanced" journalism, please enjoy the following:

## 10 Things I Like About Obama

By P.O. Sy Cophant

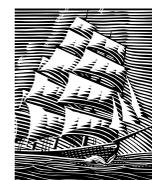
1. He is Left-Handed.
2. He doesn't get mad on camera when his wife makes fun of him.
3. He goes out of his way to attend his daughter's school/sports events.
4. He will always be safe with Biden and Pelosi behind him.
5. He has a great speaking voice.
6. He likes to drink beer.
7. He has a better "pout" than Bill Clinton when he gets mad
8. He picked Kansas to win "March Madness."
9. He will appear without a tie.
10. He has a Chief of Staff that will bully Congressmen in the nude.

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# Why is it?

By P.O. Michael Kane,  
District 18



- \* I won't be surprised that Obama will now turn his attention to the **ILLEGAL** immigrants in this country? He'll tell us how they need to be given amnesty so they can become full and productive citizens. I'm sure a hand full will do just that but the majority want to sit around while the rest of us pay for all their medical bills, housing, food, schools and everything else. I say show them where the border is and tell them to get in line like everyone trying to come into this country **LEGALLY**. The more "free stuff" we give to these people the more we'll continue to pay.
- \* There is sure to be water bans this summer even after the record setting amounts of rain New England has received?
- \* Anyone would think that the Federal government is going to manage **OUR** healthcare better than it's done right now?
- \* I don't have the patience to wait for the refrigerator ice maker to dispense ice cubes...I just open the door and grab a few?
- \* The Obama administration feels the need to alienate Israel? They have been our friends for years but now this rookie in the White House would rather make friends with terrorists around the world.

- \* The citizens of this state must jump through hoops to get federal disaster aid after suffering damage from the recent rains, but we send billions of dollars to other countries without even knowing where it's going to be spent?
- \* People get so angry when they drive?
- \* **Patrick Kennedy** just couldn't resist making a fool of himself by blaming the media for the lack of coverage they give to the serious issues in this country? Is he talking about the same media that has failed to report on all the moronic things his family has done?
- \* I just like hamburgers and steak so much more when they're cooked outside on the grill?
- \* Democrats thought it was very patriotic when they protested President Bush and his policies, but now anyone who protests against the great Obama is un-

American? Just more of their double standards.

- \* The St. Patrick's Day Breakfast is such a clown show? At least **Billy Bulger** was quickwitted and funny.
- \* Some people think that Obama is not to be criticized by the writers in the *PAX*? The man is an incompetent fool and a national disgrace. If you like what he's doing to this great country stop whining to the media, pick up a pen and write a story on this "great President."
- \* We now hear from the media how bad the healthcare reform is going to be? Doctors in short supply, lost jobs because of higher taxes and reduced benefits for everyone (*Boston Herald*, 03-29-10). Where was the open discussion and media attention before this bill passed?
- \* Everytime I watch the TV show "Hoard-

ers" ...I want to pick up around the house?

- \* Shortly after a pothole-ridden road is resurfaced and made to look brand new... along comes the utility companies to dig the street up and start the whole process over again?
- \* In a published story in the *Boston Herald* on 04-04-10, "Seeking safer halls of justice," *Herald* reporter **Renee Dudley** writes of the threats of violence against court personnel, disruptions in courtrooms, and how new laws will "stem the rage" against the people who work in the court system. A problem that needs to be addressed. Too bad she fails to mention the many liberal Judges in this state who demand that Police Officers surrender their firearms **PRIOR** to entering the courtrooms leaving them defenseless against any attack and unable to defend anyone else. Massachusetts Superior Court Justice **Peter W. Agnes, Jr.**, President of the Judges' Conference, "I don't think they (People who enter courthouses in Massachusetts) should feel unsafe, but I think we can do some things to make them feel even safer." You're right Judge Agnes. Now go talk some sense into your colleagues and change this dangerous and misguided policy. Stay Safe.

## Legislative Committee hears strong police union opposition to Governor's attack on Civil Service...

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mission itself. Were the Commission reviewing the personnel actions proposed by the Governor's proposal it would surely find it in violation of merit principles and in contravention of the essence and purpose of the civil service law and system.

The Commission is designed with five commissioners and creates balance by ensuring that at least one member is a representative of labor, two representing management and also that no more than three commissioners can be from the same political party. Clearly this is designed to create balance and fairness and to assure that the Commission will carry out its role as a fair and neutral agency. It is clear that the Commission must not be influenced by politics and surely should not be restructured for political expedience. The proposed restructure will effectively eliminate the labor member of the Commission and will create a one person commission which will be directly responsive to the Governor since the Governor will determine which Commissioners are paid a salary. What had been an agency which has been and must be independent of executive control would now be entirely under executive control. It is essential that the Civil Service Commission be an independent watchdog to assure fairness in public employment. This proposed new structure effectively eliminates the guarantees of balance between labor and management and between political parties.

The purpose of terms of office is to insulate officials from being removed because those that appear before the agency may dislike decisions made by the agency. This new structure would effectively terminate current commissioners just to satisfy the complaints of those who are not willing to work within a fair and unbiased system.

The Governor's proposal undermines the principles of the civil service system and politicizes an agency whose purpose is to keep politics out of public employment. The civil service commission is the only place where individual citizens can go to ensure fair treatment in their efforts to obtain public employment and to ensure their fair treatment as public employees.

The effort to rush in these changes is further evidence that there are political motivations to this proposal. It is wrong to try to make these radical changes without proper review and analysis by the legislature. This proposal does not create efficiency in government it merely politicizes an agency which must be independent in order to carry out its mission.

We therefore ask you to disapprove of this dismantling and politicizing of the Civil Service Commission.

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## Just thinking, I usta like it when...

- \* There were Drive-Ins instead of malls and apartment buildings.
- \* You weren't asked to tip everyone from the guy at the take out window to the crew that dries off your car at the car wash.
- \* Politicians actually represented the majority of their constituents.
- \* People were ashamed to take a handout from the government.
- \* We didn't have cell phones.
- \* We had to remember the phone numbers of our friends and relatives.
- \* People thought twice about swearing in public because it was rude... especially around women.
- \* Kids weren't shuttled around everywhere.
- \* The bumpers on your car were steel and actually prevented more damage to the rest of the car in a minor accident.
- \* You were given something to eat on a plane... other than peanuts.
- \* There weren't so many cars on the road.

— PO Mike Kane, District 18

## All that Heaven does, Heaven does well...

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time Americans remember that old saw: "the last four letters of American are **I CAN**" and step up before it's all taken away from us.

Bringing this manifesto to a close, I would like to express **MY** opinion of a recent *Globe* article that claimed this publication is racially insensitive. I will also break my policy of using names without permission and call out Larry Ellison (who asked for it by going to the *Globe*). Larry claims depictions of Obama are nothing more than racist in nature. I will grant him that a doctored photo printed here should have been noted as such, but that's it! I didn't recall him using his bully pulpit at M.A.M.L.E.O. to express outrage when Kanye West claimed on National TV that George W. Bush "hates black people" Larry Ellison and race baiters like him remind me of all the

rain we had, they lack substance, always seek out the lowest point, and when they're gone they leave a musty odor. If I criticize President Obama it will always be about policy not pigmentation.

Stay safe and God Bless!

## See what's going on in other cities and towns...

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tioned how favoritism would be combated and how the town would be able to ensure a diverse police force.

Larsen and Police Chief **Terry Cunningham** said with the new rules and procedures those issued would not be a problem.

The Wellesley Fire Department remains a part of the state Civil Service.

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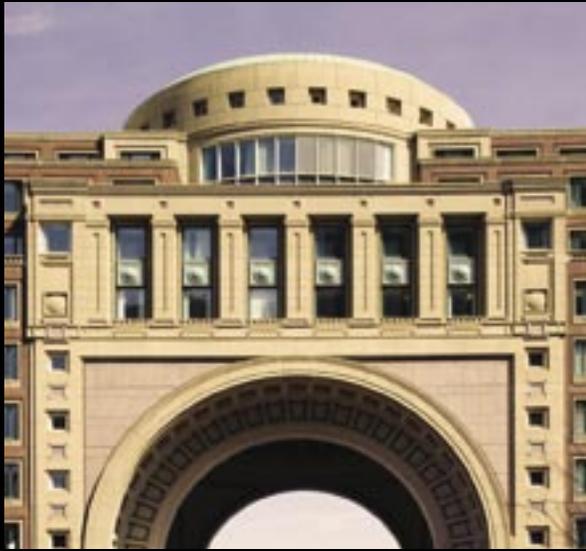
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Dear Contributors:

I would like to thank the entire Boston Police Department, as well as the police departments of Brookline, Newton, Cambridge, Framingham, Winthrop, and Boston College for their contributions to the families of our fallen brothers from the Oakland Police Department and the Pittsburgh Police Department. Collectively, we managed to raise \$10,140 for the seven families who lost loved ones in the pair of senseless tragedies early in 2009. I can tell you that both the Oakland Police Department and the Pittsburgh Police Department were overwhelmed with the effort and are forever grateful.

I would especially like to thank the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association who donated \$1,300 in addition to raising funds at their annual golf tournament. I would also like to thank the Boston Police Emerald Society for raising money at their annual golf tournament. Additionally, I would like to thank the Brookline Police Association; Officer Brian Delahanty (A-1); Detective Frank Pomodoro (A-7); Sergeant James Blake (B-2); Officer Scott Green (B-3); Officer's Ryan Mason and Matt McCarthy (D-4); Officer Jesse Goffe (C-11); Officer

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Many of those who attended both funeral services know how emotional it was, being in the company of flag-draped caskets sheltering the heroes who were murdered doing the same job that we do everyday. Even if you were not able to attend these particular services, but have attended a funeral for a police officer killed in the line of duty in the past, you know that it could be any one of us on any given day. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a funeral service for a police officer killed in the line of duty, you should—it is a somber, eye-opening experience and the least you can do for a family that has lost a hero.

In closing, I would like to say that it was great to see such an outpouring of support

for our brothers who lost their lives. Hopefully I will see many of you in Washington, D.C., this May, when the names of the seven heroes are inscribed on the marble walls of the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial, along with the four officers from

Lakewood, Washington, and the other 114 officers killed in the line of duty in 2009 who will never be forgotten.

*Forever thankful,  
Paul A. DeLeo, Jr.  
DCU, E-13*

## Be Thankful for Spring

By Mark A. Bruno

**I**t seemed like this past winter would never end. For some of us sitting at home waiting for the phone to ring, it made our winter days even longer. With some of our officers losing pay as a result of Quinn bill cuts the season was a long one. The only saving grace for some was that construction permits were extended as a result of unseasonably good weather. We are all hoping to get back in the swing of things to help pay those bills that got backed up. This has become par for the course for most of us. We will all work our tails off through the spring and summer, and just when we are caught up, bam it's winter.

**I**'m through getting ticked off at the governor and his minions. I've decided that the best course of action is to vote against every one of these politicians in the hopes of clearing the house. I have only one problem with President Obama that is his health care package. The President and Vice-President have at least funneled crime bill monies into our sagging economy. Say what you will, this for some stopped some of the bleeding. I will tip my hat when it needs to be tipped. That being said, the governor gets beans for his efforts in regards to what he has done for and to law enforcement. I believe Martha Coakley, healthcare program aside, would have been a better choice for law enforcement. Sometimes you bite your nose to spite your face. In the end you have an empty suit in pretty boy Scott Brown who basically did not make a difference on the healthcare vote. What he will do for law enforcement remains to be seen. Martha Coakley at least had proven herself to be loyal to law enforcement.

**W**ith spring comes the sunshine, and lots of school proms and graduations to pay for. Maybe it is their last year of college and you're looking to kiss the ground and thank God. Maybe your son is getting married and finally moving out. Maybe it is your daughter getting married, and speaking of spring, guess who is springing for the wedding? They are after all your little darlings. The never-ending list of bills seems to carry on with no end in sight. You pay one bill and up pops another. The cycle goes on and on much like the seasons, and if spring is here, spring for the money you will. At least stop to smell the roses, after all you paid for them.

**I**t seems like April showers came a little bit early this year for some of us. How many of you were bailing out your homes from torrential rains that fell in biblical proportions? You fool yourself into believing it is only water, what harm can come? These are famous last words as everything in your basement has risen three feet from the incoming tide. Wait a minute, but we're not at the beach! Now you run out of the house in search of a sump pump and the closest one in the state available is on a truck coming from South Carolina. All the basement specialists are booked up solid. You're on your own with a flooded basement, a wet furnace, and your significant other barking out orders looking for answers. At this point I would just about be ready to pull the plug, if only I could find the damn thing.

**Y**ou're watching the television in hopes that the weatherman will show some mercy and come back with a forecast full of sunshine, but it is not to be. Just when the tide pulls out of your basement, another storm is approaching. Your thinking to yourself, is this retribution for all those comments about people blowing sunshine up my, well you know. Anyway, turns out sunshine is in the forecast for the next week. Your basement will dry up, the graduations and weddings will take place, and you'll be able to work all week doing details to pay for it all. Isn't life wonderful?

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# Let the good times roll

By Mark A. Bruno

This article is for serious music lovers only. For those of you who do not like oldies read no further. My passion and love of music runs deep. I have several thousand vinyl albums and 45's. My taste goes back to the 1930's on up through today. I will listen to anything that has heart and soul and is full of meaning. I like rock and roll as well as the sound of Motown and Philly. There is always a special song for everyone that usually evokes an emotion, and if played in the right setting, time or place, can bring the listener to tears. Like when my mother passed away I heard Connie Francis sing Mama, and I was a total wreck. Listening to some of today's music it is no wonder kids are rebellious. They wear their pants with the ass end two inches from the ground and literally have no respect for their parents and those around them. It's not all about carrying nine irons (guns) and having sex with a ho. We need to get back to basics when it comes to what we let our kid's watch and listen to.

I'm not trying to step on all of the music of today. I would not do that to my children. When they get in my car, they know the music I like to listen to. They respect that, and for the most part like the music I listen to. When I get in their car, I show them the same respect. I am willing to listen as long as it doesn't make me blush. I like taking them to the theater and concerts. Some music they like, while others they don't. All you can do is throw it out there and hope some of it sticks. Music is a universal language that brings generations of people together. Like I said, you do not have to like everything you hear, just be open and give some of it a chance. This is what I expect from kids and I usually get it.

That being said, My sister Maureen asked me if I would like to go to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Doo-Wop Hall of Fame Concert and Induction at Symphony Hall. I immediately

accepted the invitation. I love the oldies. The last oldie's revival show I went to was back in the seventies or eighties at the Boston Garden which was put on by Richard Nader.

lutely elated at being on stage with so many talented musicians. He mentioned the passing OF Johnny Maestro (of the Crests and The Brooklyn Bridge) just two days ear-

and she sounded fabulous. She sang Mama Said, Foolish Little Girl, Soldier Boy, Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow (written by Carole King and Gerry Goffin), and Soldier Boy which was dedicated to troops overseas. Carole King is one the characters portrayed in American Hot Wax. Her two backup singers were great as well.

The second half of the show Had Lynn Ballard Williams who is the daughter of Hank Ballard, who originally wrote the "Twist," which was later recorded by Chubby Checker. Accompanying her was guitarist Billy Davis who played with everyone you could imagine. People were twisting in the aisles, and it was great. Next up was the Contours with original member Joe Billingslea. They sang Do You Love Me from Dirty Dancing. They did a cover of You've Lost That Loving Feeling which was absolutely incredible. They were one of the first groups on Motown records. They sang a couple of more songs and paved the way for the Robins who had their original members. Adolf Jacobs, an original Robin, later became a member of the Coasters who was the last act before the finale. The Coasters played Yakety Yak, Charlie Brown, Young Blood and Poison Ivy. This laid back crowds whose average age was about 65 to 70, was absolutely wild with excitement. These musicians and singers were well into their seventies and early eighties. They were singing, dancing and having a good time. I think many of us pine for the past. Growing up during this era of music must have been so exciting. There was an older gentleman who sat behind me who was a member of The Inspirations which was a local group. His name was Donald Robinson, and he was recently nominated in 2009 for a Grammy. We talked during the break about music way back in the day. It was a pleasure to meet him and his charming wife, and I hope to see them there next year. For those of you who enjoy Doo-Wop, this is definitely the show to see.



He called it "Let the Good Times Roll." It was named after the song which was made famous by Shirley & Lee. This show had everyone from the fifties and sixties you could imagine. Everyone was out of their seat dancing to Danny and the Juniors, Bo Diddley and Chuck Berry. I believe they have these concerts on DVD and VHS. Do yourself a favor and rent it along with American Hot Wax, which was about Allen Freed who coined the phrase "rock and roll." It may not have been my era, but it certainly set the standard for most of today's music.

Back to the show at hand. The show was hosted by Harvey Robbins who was abso-

lier. My favorite song by him was "The worst that could happen." He could belt it out, and with that horn section behind him it is no wonder this is an all-time favorite of many. The show started out with the Cadets/Jacks who are one in the same. They would release slow numbers under one name, and fast numbers under the other. Next up was Jerry Lawson who sang lead for the famous accapella group The Persuasions. He was backed up by the Groove Barbers. They sang "Chain Gang" along with several others. They were right on the money. Next up was Shirley Reeves from the original Shirelles. She hasn't lost a beat,

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# The Missing by Chris Mooney

A Book Review by  
James F. Lydon, Jr.  
Boston Police Academy

When Boston author Chris Mooney gave me a copy of his latest thriller, *The Missing*, I was very excited. I let him know through a third party that I would read it when I finished a book I was already into. I said that when I was done, I would give *The Missing* a review in the *Pax*. However, while I finished that other book, I lent *The Missing* to someone. I was horrified when they gave it a bad review. I did not want to pick *The Missing* up after that because I was afraid that I would not like it. I dreaded trudging through it so that I could keep my word. I also dreaded writing an inevitable bad review. "The good news is I'll write a review of your book ... the bad news is ..."

With a heavy heart, I picked up *The Missing* and began to read ...

Three hundred fifty-eight pages and four days later I put the book down. Anyone who is familiar with me should know that three hundred fifty-eight pages would normally take me a month to read. For me to read that fast, the book would have to be very good. Well, *The Missing* was very good.

Set in Boston, *The Missing* tells the story of Darby McCormick, a crime scene inves-

tigator for the Boston Police Department. Twenty-five years before, Darby survived an attack by a brutal serial killer, an attack that took the lives of two childhood friends. Still haunted by the incident, Darby devotes her time to using evidence to find and help catch killers. When a series of disappearances baffle the police and the FBI, Darby begins to suspect that there may be a connection to the horror that she went through back in 1984.

The book reads very well. There is more Boston flair to *The Missing* than there is in most other major crime novels set in Boston. Mooney does not reach the level of Dennis Lehane or Raffi Yessayan, but he surpasses the late Robert B. Parker.

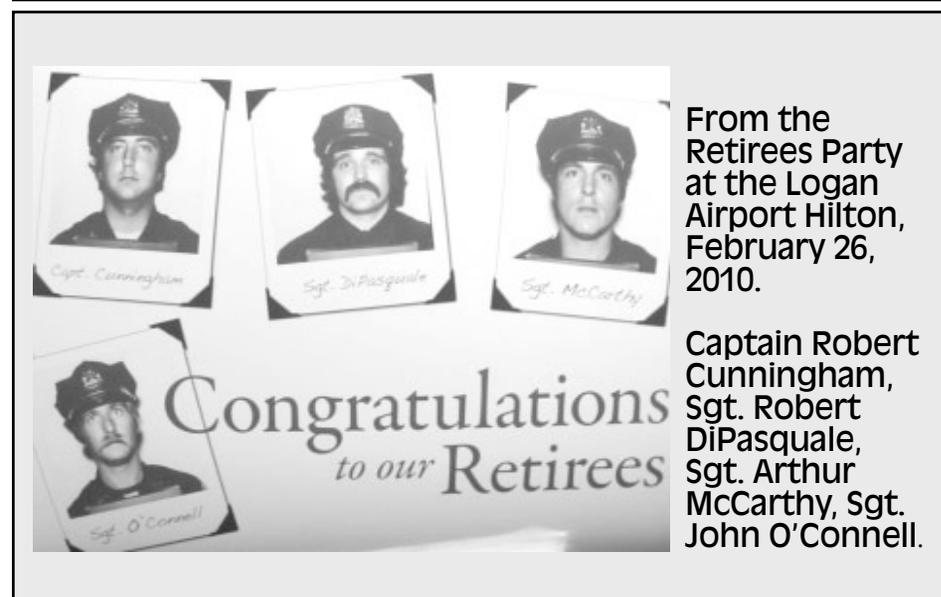
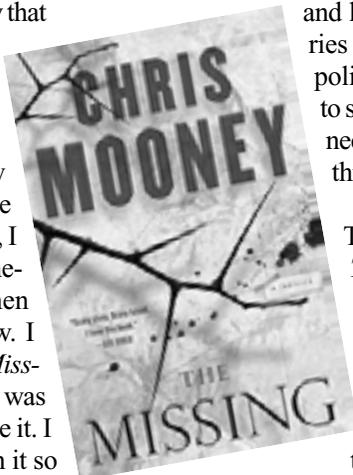
Mooney does not just throw names of streets around to please the locals; he immerses the reader in Boston with a skill that makes even the fictional seem real. One of the main towns used in the book is Belham, Massachusetts. Belham, which smacks of a cross between the more urban Dedham, the highway skirting Revere, and the rural Pelham, seems to be a suburb of Boston. A lot of the action happens in this imaginary town, which is Darby's hometown and the scene of several of the disappearances.

Mooney gives the reader a great feel for Darby McCormick's place in the world al-

most immediately. She is the lonely everywoman who forever tries to balance her troubles, including her job, her fears, and her sick mother. She is a very likable character, and I found myself rooting for her throughout the book, especially during the more intense chapters.

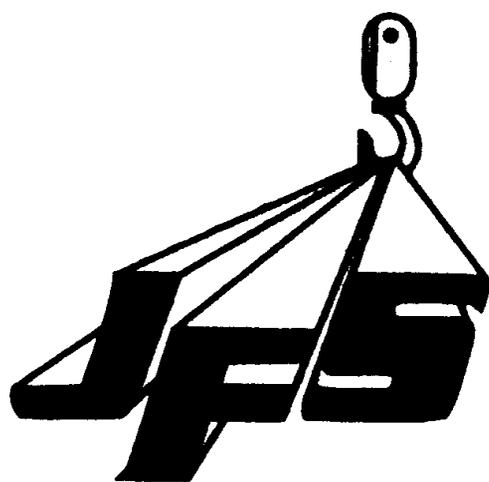
The book reads like an episode of a television crime drama. In my mind's eye, I could almost see the USA logo at the bottom of the screen. The chapters were very quick and the excitement kept rolling at a steady pace. I love quick chapters because I can put the book down and be at the end of a chapter, rather than stopping in the middle and forgetting what was going on. I did not mind the flashy excitement and the

quirky characters, but I can see how it might bother people. The person who read it before me had those exact problems with *The Missing*. Books that flow like a television show can be thought of as trashy, and most are, but not *The Missing*. *The Missing* is an excellent thriller that has both flash and substance. It has everything a fan would need if they were looking to read a modern crime thriller. If you are looking for Agatha Christie or Ellery Queen, you might want to look elsewhere. If you like Stuart M. Kaminsky, James Patterson, and the television shows *Bones* and *In Plain Sight*, then you will love *The Missing*. It is a smart thriller that I enjoyed completely. I highly recommend this book.



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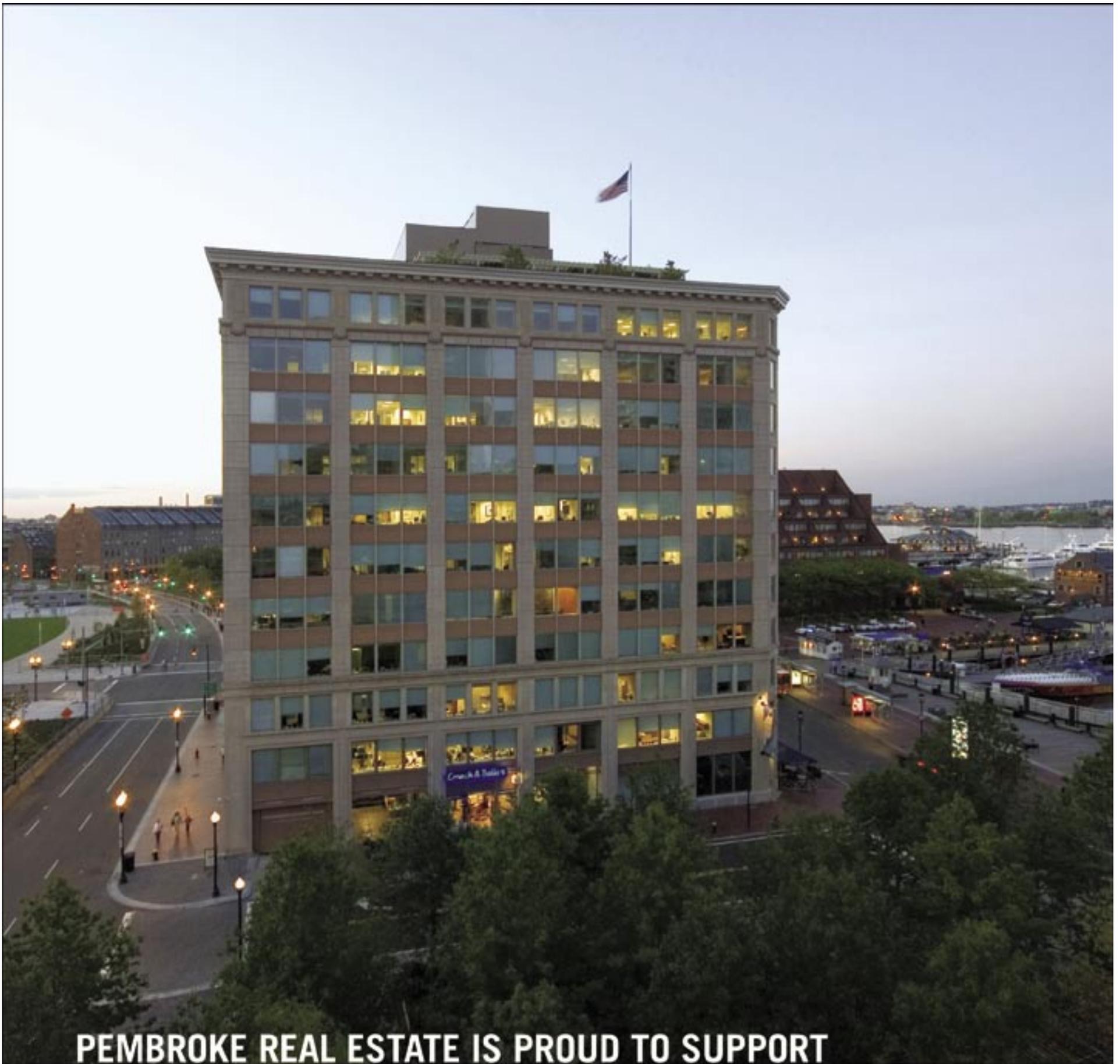
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# The abuse of political correctness



It would be interesting to create a poll with these two photos and have people guess what's happening. Most would never assume anything close to the real story. It appears to be a joyous homecoming, a reuniting of mother and son. The truth is not so heartwarming.

The lady in the picture is the mother of an American that was ambushed in Fallujah, Iraq. Her son was murdered. His body was dragged around in the streets of the city, then burned and hung from the upper trusses of a bridge. The murderers gathered to celebrate and have their photos taken with the trophy.

The young sailor in the picture is one of the Navy SEALs that later captured the leader of the band of terrorist butchers and brought him to justice.

If the story ended there, it would still be an acceptable feel-good, good-guys-win story. Unfortunately, that's not the case - this Navy SEAL is facing criminal charges.

Because, somewhere along the timeline of his capture, the terrorist murderer suffered a school-yard fat lip, his captors are now being charged with nothing short of war crimes and facing discharge and imprisonment.

So, instead of celebration of justice served and heroes honored, these photos record betrayal, compounded mourning and the effects of a corrupting sickness.

"It's been very stressful," said Navy SEAL Mathew McCabe, 24, moments after his arraignment in military court at Naval Station Norfolk Monday on charges that he allegedly mistreated an Iraqi detainee.

The mother of slain Blackwater guard Jerry Zovko drove from Ohio to give each of the accused SEALs a blessed rosary and lend them her support. "These young SEALs are in this situation because they caught the mastermind behind the death of my son, and not only my son and his co-workers but also the marines who went into Fallujah after their death," said Donna Zovko. "I am very proud of these young

SEALs and thankful to them. They did not do anything wrong."

May I ramble a bit? Think out loud, so to speak? I'm trying to make some sense of this. What title can I give to the mentality of a people that send their best to defend the whole and then betray them? To what shall I attribute the attitude of a people that habitually prosecute their heroes while defending their enemies? What creates a culture that allows people to vilify and isolate their most noble and deify their most corrupt?

I perceive more symptoms of a sickness, a corruption of the nation's heart and soul. I am tempted to label it 'liberalism' or 'progressivism', but those too are just symptoms of the infection. But this is nothing new, I recognized these symptoms four decades ago in the shameful treatment of our warriors returning from Vietnam, in the acceptance of Marines bombed in Beirut, in the ho-hum yawn of media coverage of Mogadishu (Black Hawk Down), in the return to mental numbness after 9/11, prosecution of the Marines of Haditha, assault of recruiters across the country, anti-war protesters at the gates of Walter Reed Army Hospital...

This sickness, this infection has gone untreated for far too long. Americans are a tolerant bunch. We've patiently waited for the ingrates among us to grow up and develop a sense of pride and awe in the greatness of America. It's not happening.

I'm tired of waiting. I'm fresh out of tolerance. There comes a time when the treatment for an infection cannot be postponed any longer, lest the patient die. Through history how many nations have habitually betrayed their defenders and survived?

Donna and I left our home at 4:00 am, Monday morning and drove to Norfolk. We were in the company of four other patriots from the Raleigh area:

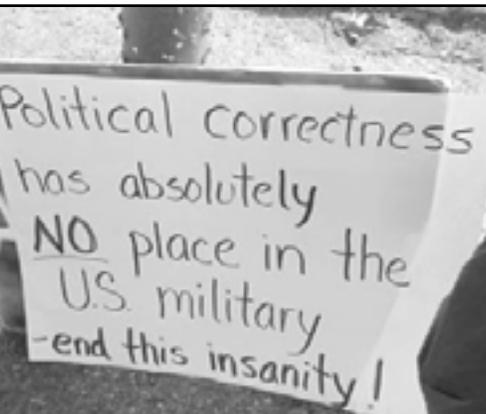
Don Gray of Military Appreciation Day and NC Gathering of Eagles.

Patrick Holbrook, NC Gathering of Eagles.

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We joined a hundred or more others at Gate 5 of the Norfolk Naval Base to demonstrate support for Navy SEAL Mathew McCabe. Here are my photos.



Thank you, Mathew McCabe, for your service to our country!



I met the SEAL's father, Marty McCabe. After the arraignment hearings, McCabe came out to meet his supporters.

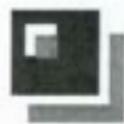
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| 4. Idaho           | D. The Palmetto State       |
| 5. Florida         | E. The Beaver State         |
| 6. New Jersey      | F. The Treasure State       |
| 7. West Virginia   | G. The Buckeye State        |
| 8. North Carolina  | H. The Sunflower State      |
| 9. Montana         | I. The Gem State            |
| 10. Nevada         | J. The Golden State         |
| 11. Mississippi    | K. The Mountain State       |
| 12. Alaska         | L. The Wolverine State      |
| 13. Colorado       | M. The Prairie State        |
| 14. Oregon         | N. The Green Mountain State |
| 15. Alabama        | O. The Mt. Rushmore State   |
| 16. Illinois       | P. The Tar Heel State       |
| 17. Ohio           | Q. The Silver State         |
| 18. Maryland       | R. The Centennial State     |
| 19. Arizona        | S. The Yellowhammer State   |
| 20. Kentucky       | T. The Grand Canyon State   |
| 21. South Carolina | U. The Land of Enchantment  |
| 22. Kansas         | V. The Sunshine State       |
| 23. South Dakota   | W. The Bluegrass State      |
| 24. Utah           | X. The Magnolia State       |
| 25. New Mexico     | Y. The Garden State         |

(see answers on page C14)

# Walmart people



# How many can you get correct?

1. What retired major leaguer holds the record for hitting the most home runs in his first ten years in the league?
2. Who holds the NFL record for most points after touchdowns in a season?
3. What NFL team holds the record for consecutive games without allowing a sack?
4. Who is the oldest major leaguer on a 2010 opening day roster?
5. In 2005, what major league batting champion hit .405 on the road enroute to a final average of .372?
6. What major league pitcher has a chance to break the all time record for home runs allowed during the 2010 season?
7. Who hit the first home run in the "old " Yankee Stadium?
8. Who pitched the only opening day no-hitter in Major League Baseball history?
9. Who holds the major league record for reaching for consecutive games reaching base by either a hit, walk, or hit by pitch?
10. Who holds the individual major league record for the most stolen bases during the month of April?



(see answers on page C14)

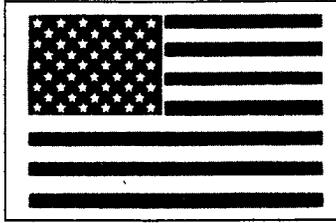
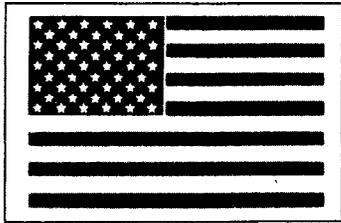


**United States Nicknames**

(see questions on page C13)

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**Sports**

(see questions on page C13)

1. Braves third baseman Eddie Matthews hit 370 home runs in his first ten seasons to hold the major league record for the most dingers in his first ten seasons.
2. The NFL record for most PAT's in a season is held by Patriots kicker Stephen Gostowski who nailed 74 during the 2007 regular season.
3. The NFL record for most consecutive games without allowing a sack is held by the 1988-89 Miami Dolphins at 19 games.
4. The oldest player on a major league roster at the beginning of the 2010 season is Phillies southpaw Jamie Moyer at 47 years old.
5. Mariners right fielder Ichiro Suzuki hit 405 on the road when he won the 2005 American League batting title with a .372 average.
6. The major league career record for allowing the most home runs is held by Phillies Hall of Fame right hander Robin Roberts with 505, Phillies lefty Jamie Moyer has allowed 491 entering the 2010 season.
7. The first home run hit in the "old" Yankee Stadium was a three run shot by Babe Ruth on April 18, 1923.
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9. The major league record for consecutive games reaching base by a hit, walk, or hit by pitch is held by Red Sox Hall of Famer Ted Williams who in 1949 reached base in 84 straight games.
10. The major league record for most stolen bases in the month of April is held by Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson who had 22 steals while playing for the Oakland Athletics in April of 1982.



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