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**Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, Inc.
Boston Emergency Medical Technicians**



BPPA Contract ratified

Membership votes 575-307 to accept contract terms through 2010

By BPPA Attorney Joe Sandulli

After a marathon negotiating session on May 30 ending at about 2:00 AM on May 31, the BPPA and City bargaining teams reached a written agreement on contract terms covering the period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010. The contract provides wage increases between 13.8% to 17.1% and a release of members from residency requirements after ten years of service. That agreement was subject to ratification by the BPPA membership and funding by City Council.

At an emergency meeting called on Saturday, June 1, the House of Representatives unanimously approved the contract and referred it to the membership for ratification by a secret ballot vote on June 18. The BPPA held information sessions for the members on June 13. On June 18, the polls were open for voting at the BPPA office from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The votes were counted shortly after the polls closed at 7:00 PM with 882 total votes cast out of 1,525 BPPA members. There were 575 votes to accept the contract; 307 to reject it. The 575 votes approving the contract represent 65% of the total votes cast. President **Tom Nee**, VP **Ron MacGillivray** and the bargaining committee members **Tom Pratt** (Gang Unit), **Brian Reaney** (A-1), and **David "Duke" Fitzgerald** (B-2) would like to thank all of the members who took the time to participate in the vote.

The next step in completing the contract is for the Mayor to submit it to City Council for funding. Once City Council has funded the contract, the benefits become payable. The first benefit to appear will be a general wage increase of over 4.5% probably within a month after funding. Later in the summer, you will receive retroactive checks for between \$1,200 and \$1,500 on based on last year's straight time pay and there will be additional amounts for overtime worked last year.

The contract features the following items:

- **Wage and Benefit Increases**

July 2006	2.0%	
July 2007	2.5%	
Jan 2008	.23%	(Clothing Allowance up \$150)
July 2008	3.0%	
	1.5%	(Hazardous Duty Pay)
July 2009	3.5%	
	.5%	(Weekend Differential)
	.15%	(911 Pay)

The sum of these increases is 13.4% but the compounded effect on wages is an actual increase of 13.8%.

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Contract Ratification Vote Results 6/18/07

Number of BPPA members eligible to vote: **1,514**
 Number of BPPA members who voted: **882**
 Voter turnout: **58%**
 Yes (in favor): **575** (66%)
 No (not in favor): **307** (34%)
The Contract Proposal is accepted!



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From the President and Vice President:
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Contract ratified



Injured on duty status #1 contested issue

Out of 1,514 members, 882 voted with 575 members in favor of the new contract. Voting the tentative agreement up or down is the right of each member. Having accurate information in making that decision was an issue for many as conflicting disinformation was widespread. For instance, Medicare, the federal health care program that covers about 36 million people over the age of 65 was replaced in a negative handout with Medicaid which is a health insurance plan assisting the low income population in the general public. This was one of many distortions that were clarified for those who inquired. Some were of the opinion that an arbitrator would be more generous in identifying and determining our needs. After the last arbitration where our two language priorities were left on the table having them addressed was all-important.

Both parties knew each other's wants, needs and willingness or unwillingness to part with them. Three key issues: getting as close to the teachers' number as possible...14% (not compounded base wage), residency and removing the longevity cap to allow all non-Quinn officers \$2,000 after 10 years and \$4,000 after 20 years beginning in July, 2007. A \$2,000 increase is approximately 3-1/2 % of the base wage.

Both individual constituencies make up a large portion of our membership. Residency involves more than 50% and non-Quinn is roughly 50% and growing. The cost to the City of Boston per officer is approximately 14% over 4 years minus approximately 1.4% of Health Insurance increases...

Base wages for the 4 years	2, 2-1/2, 3 and 3-1/2 = 11%
Hazardous Duty Pay	1.5%
Non-Quinn Longevity	approximately .6%
Weekend Differential5%
Clothing Allowance increased \$15025%
911 Response Specialist15%

All monies listed above are included in overtime and retirement calculations except for the clothing increase. The non-Quinn longevity percentage will change based on the continuous movement of new hires and retirees and the educational status of both.

The Teacher's Union had set the standard of 14% without residency being an issue on their table. A package including residency, drug testing changes, prospective retirees' health insurance and certain administrative functions was agreed to. Unfortunately bargaining is not a one-size-fits-all and has a different effect on each individual officer. There is a lot of proposed give-and-take before the final product is arrived at. Certain issues were extremely important to the Bargaining Committee along with attaining Teacher's numbers. The membership ultimately decided the worthiness of the package...though a 58% turnout with 2 major interests was not a good showing.

Injured on Duty

Injured on Duty status is the number-one contested issue leading to a grievance. Paying special attention to what has to be done to be considered "IOD" is important especially if it is your first time. When officers are injured, many try to work through their injury as opposed to going out injured at the time of occurrence. Past-posting a report (injury occurring at an earlier time) is not encouraged...paperwork and hospital visit should be done in the present. Not having gone to the hospital most often ensures that the officer will not be carried IOD. If there is the slightest oversight or misstep the officer more often than not will be carried "absent pending". The simple truth is the same officer the second time around will make sure that he/she does not get compromised and reports the incident with a more calculating respect for the process with greater consideration given to the fine points.

Acquiring "injured on duty" status has become an issue where many officers do not understand the rules of engagement. Included in this understanding is the Department's primary mission which is to return the officer to full duty as soon as possible...period. In some cases the Department does not acknowledge the injury after proper notification by the officer as required by our agreement. Using 30 or 60 days of sick time while the Department contemplates an officers status is a common motivator used by the Department. The prompting of the officer's physician to accept unidentified light duty positions is another means employed by the Department.

Most recommendations by the Captain or Commander that the officer be carried "injured on" are overturned by MIS for a number of reasons but primarily because of a lapse in following the required procedure. I would estimate that 9 out of 10 officers that aren't covered by the Department after an injury claim have accurately reported the incident but failed to adhere to the simple but *must follow* guidelines that include: *the reporting of the*

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Cop shot by urban scumbag

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

AN OUTSTANDING BOSTON POLICE OFFICER, **Steve Romano**, was shot and nearly killed on Wednesday night May 23rd, in Dorchester by a worthless piece of trash named **Antonio Franklin** who was fleeing from the BPD gang unit. Scumbag-maggot Franklin, an oxygen thief with a lengthy criminal record who should have been traded at birth to Iraq for sand or some other valueless commodity, was in turn shot by a state trooper during the foot pursuit, causing the loss of at least one valuable bullet. Franklin will however, recover from his wounds and continue to prosper in his role as a leech upon the taxpaying, law-abiding public.

Both the *Globe* and the *Herald* featured front-page photos of this worthless brigand in their Friday, May 25, 2007 editions. The corn-rowed miscreant stares at the camera from his taxpayer-funded hospital bed with what his taxpayer-funded attorney **Holly Clarke** describes as “a swollen right eye and cuts to his face.” (No such injuries are observable as far as I can see from the photos, but you can already anticipate the “the cops beat him up” defense-strat-

egy being played.) A gang member with a lengthy criminal record who was already out on bail for a previous drug charge *and* had a previous firearm conviction *and* was still wearing a leg brace from being shot himself recently, Franklin was skulking around in other gang-member's territory when he was confronted by police. He fired at and struck Officer Romano in the chest, in a spot not covered

Retired Sgt. Charlie Byrne, himself shot in the chest on New Year's day a few years ago and nearly killed, said it best: “We need to stop playing basketball and holding hands with these kids and lock them up... We need to start being policemen again. It's nice to be friendly with the community, but we can't pander to the whim of activists at the expense of cops.”

by his bullet-resistant vest. Romano survived due to quick assistance from his fellow officers and Boston's best EMT's.

Unfortunately, these front page photos will serve to provide Antonio with the attention he craves. His friends, in their perverse, sick world, will sing his praises in hip-hop rhymes. The *best* we can hope for is that little Antonio will be convicted, where he will be sent to a warm, clean jail, be served three meals a day, watch movies and TV, serve a few years and then be released to the streets where he will

shack up with another permanent member of the underclass receiving a government check with whom he will produce illegitimate children (who will also become government charges) and where he will continue to sponge off of taxpayers, steal, rob and sell drugs. That's the *best* we can hope for. It is, of course, entirely possible that another brain-dead Suffolk County jury (see page 7 in this issue of the *Pax*) will refuse to convict Antonio and he will be released to the streets to do all of the above mentioned things *without* doing a day in jail (which is basically the only difference between the previously described outcomes, anyway).

We are all thankful for Officer Romano's survival, it could have been much worse. But as all Boston cops know, there are literally hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Antonio Franklins out there; soulless thugs without an iota of guilt, who exist only for the here-and-now and have an insatiable, childish need to satisfy their desires at the expense of the law-abiding majority. They are beyond redemption and beyond help; they need only be locked up on a desert island with their own kind where they can prey on each other and leave decent people alone.

Father's Day disgrace

Hostile crowd surrounds and assaults cops investigating shooting
Boston firefighter arrested

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

ONCE AGAIN, you won't hear this incident reported in the *Boston Globe*, and you won't hear **Councilors Turner, Yancey** or **Arroyo** expressing their “outrage”, but here's yet another example where the community that most loudly complains about crime and the police “not doing anything” ends up attacking police officers in the performance of their duties....

BPD CC# 070330066 - Father's Day, 6/17/07 5:56 PM, Malcolm X Park, Roxbury, MA. Officers from Area B-2 respond to a radio call for shots fired at 6 Codman Park, Roxbury and observe a young man fleeing from the scene running across Martin Luther King Blvd. towards Washington Park. (At this point in time, police do not know if the suspect is involved in the actual shooting, a victim or a witness, only that he is fleeing the scene and a description of him is being broadcast.) Officers pursue the suspect into Malcolm X Park where approximately 200-300 people are gathered for a cookout/community celebration. **Officer Sean Martin** and a Longwood Security officer catch and tackle the individual running from the shooting scene, whereupon the crowd *immediately* surrounds the officers(s) and begins yelling at them and demanding they release the suspect. Members of the crowd began bumping into and surrounding the officers as they attempted to remove the suspect from the scene. Another suspect, later identified as one **André Bridges** of 126 Tonawanda St, Dorchester, began yelling and screaming at the officers and would later state “That's my son and I'm a firefighter”! Bridges also pushed his shoulder and forearm into Officer Martin as he was attempting to remove the suspect from the scene. The crowd began to close the distance between themselves and the officers who were acting in the performance of their duties, becoming increasingly aggressive and confronta-

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BPPA Contract ratified: Membership votes 575-307 to accept terms

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- **Relief from Residency Requirement.** Employees will be released from the residency requirement when they have completed 10 years of service as police officers.
- **Longevity Pay.** Effective July 2007, all officers who are not receiving Quinn Bill benefits will receive an annual longevity benefit of \$2,000 beginning on completion of 10 years of service and of \$4,000 on completion of 20 years of service. This benefit is included in base pay for all purposes including for calculation of overtime. The additional \$2,000 made available to employees by this provision represents as much as an additional 3.3% benefit, which when added to the general wage/benefit increase of 13.8%, can total as much as 17.1%.
- **Health Insurance.** Effective January 1, 2008 the City's contribution to HMO's (like Harvard-Pilgrim HMO) will decrease from the current 90% to 87.5% and on January 1, 2009 to 85%. The City's contribution to Point of Service Plans will decrease from the current 85% to 82.5% and then to 80% on January 1, 2008 and 2009. On July 1, 2007 the Master Medical Plan will be replaced by the similar Blue Care Elect Preferred Plan with the same City contribution of 75%.

For employees who can get health insurance from another employer, the City will pay them \$2,500 annually for opting out of a family plan and \$1,500 for opting out of an individual plan.

The BPPA will support legislation to allow the City to provide health insurance benefits for prospective retirees through a combination of Medicare and supplemental insurance plans. This legislation would not affect current retirees and would not affect prospective retirees who are ineligible for Medicare.

- **Drug Testing.** Adopted new safeguards and standards for hair testing including a 3rd safety-net test by a new laboratory. An employee who tests positive, however, will be subject to random urinalysis for the duration of his career.
- **Administrative Positions.** At least two police officers will be assigned to each district station in administrative positions. Additional officers may be assigned to administrative positions in the stations in the Commissioner's discretion.
- **Training and Travel.** Limits on round-the-clock overtime for out-of-state training and travel.
- **Deferred Compensation.** Effective January 2008 an employee may elect to contribute a percentage of supplemental income (details and overtime) tax free to the deferred compensation plan.



"Officer Down": the worst phone call you can receive

On May 23, 2007, at about 9:50 p.m., I received a call from **Jay**, the secretary of our association, who informed me that we had an officer down. Being a police officer this has to be about the worst phone call you can receive. Jay told me the officer who got shot was **Steve Romano** who is a friend and co-worker in the Youth Violence Strike Force. A scumbag named **Antonio Franklin** shot Steve. Antonio has also been shot in the past, along with being convicted of carrying a firearm in our city. I would like to thank Trooper **Jimmy Grasso** who was driving with Steve that night. I would also like to commend Steve's other partners, **David Yee, Mark Friere, and Chris Ross** for what they did until the EMT's arrived and everyone who assisted in getting Steve to the hospital. To all the officers from our department, including **Pat Rose, and Taisha Skeen** and other officers from outside jurisdictions who helped getting the ambulance through traffic and to the hospital and again to the EMT's, I apologize for not knowing your name, but Thank you!

Now on to the contract, on June 18, 2007, the membership of our association had the opportunity to vote on the ratification of a contract, the hours were 7 a.m to 7 p.m at the union hall. The ratification passed, 575 members voted for it and 307 against it for a total of 882 total members voting. The total number who could have voted was 1,514 that means that 632 of our members chose not to take part in a vote that impacted their wages, working condition and benefits. Barring a family emergency - what could have prevented you from voting?

Absentee ballots were made available for our members who would be away on vacation or those members who had made prior commitments and could not make it. The thing that really bothered me was those members who chose to write unsigned letters that distorted the facts of the contract and then faxed them citywide to cause distress. To the person or persons who wrote these letters why didn't you sign them? Could it be because they were not true? Debating and asking questions are healthy, never be afraid or apprehensive to ask why? If you have a concern or problem it is your right as dues paying members of this union to do so. The bargaining team brought back the proposal to the membership because we believed it was a fair proposal. It dealt with key issues that affected our membership residency, longevity and an economic package that appears to be fair, for the committee not to bring this proposal back would have been an injustice to you. Now, do I think this is a great proposal? I think this is a fair and reasonable proposal. We had to make some concessions, like an increase in healthcare, the elimination of one of our

health plans and a change in compensation regarding training. The proposal package brought back in my opinion along with the other members of the committee was a reasonable proposal to vote on. Informational sessions were held at the union hall for anyone who had questions on any part of the proposal. The leadership along with the bargaining committee also brought in two experts in the field of health care and the adoption of section 18 Medicare to answer any questions or concerns any member may have had, about 40 showed up. Some people asked the question why not go to the Joint Labor Management Committee or arbitration? Because the last time we went there a man named **Paul Birks** lied to the bargaining committee and put us into an expedited

arbitration process. Though the compensation was fair, issues like residency and longevity were not addressed these are two key issues. This time they were addressed. I know I cannot make everybody happy all the time but at least I get involved and try.

To our members who showed up and voted for either yes or no, **THANK YOU** for taking part to our members who made a conscious choice not to vote you cannot complain. Your chance to be heard was Monday June 18, 2007 (Bunker Hill Day). To the anonymous letter writers out there, be a man or woman and sign it, I'll respect you more for your difference of opinion as I have said previously it is healthy to ask why.

A couple of house cleaning issues any

member whose child won a scholarship you have to get your paper work into my office soon, we have member's children who are on an alternate list. If you do not want the scholarship, give me a call so I can give it to the next child.

The next date for **Annamarie Crawford**, the ING representative, to come to the union hall will be Thursday, July 19, 2007 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. please call and make an appointment her number is 1-781-768-4805.

Last but not least, Detective **Juan Seone** should not be giving fashion advice to anyone, especially when he wears Tough Skin jeans that are two sizes small.

As always keep your guard up watch each other's backs and be safe.

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ings, are tax free. While Roth IRA contributions do not offer an immediate tax benefit, qualified distributions from you're your Roth account are federal income tax free.

I'm not saying one plan is better than the other. What I'm saying is that you should be taking advantage of plans that minimize tax liability both today and in the future.

When planning for retirement you should consider a few things:

- Project retirement expenses
- Decide when you'll retire
- Estimate your life expectancy
- Identify your sources of retirement income
- Make up any income shortfall

Education - Maximizing Financial Aid

These days it's not uncommon for parents to postpone starting a family until both spouses are settled in their marriage and careers, often well into their 30s and 40s. Though this financial security can be an advantage, it can also present a dilemma — the need to save for college and retirement at the same time.

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Just a "normal" tour of duty

The last few months have seen a number of our fellow members survive life and death situations while in the performance of their duties. Most of these incidents occurred while doing what we would consider "normal" things that we do each day throughout our tours of duty. These incidents should serve as reminders that *nothing* that we do is normal or routine. They should serve as reminders that we always need to be vigilant and to watch each others backs.

We all know how easy it is to become complacent when responding to that third call of the tour for an "unknown problem." The other two might have been someone knocking the phone off the hook or the baby pushing numbers on the keypad. Complacent that is, until you knock on the door and some deranged woman greets you by trying to stab you in the chest with a large kitchen knife and proceeds to chase you into the street until you're forced to defend yourself and end the threat. Doesn't happen? Well it just did and thankfully the officer involved wasn't complacent because had he been, he may not have survived the encounter.

How about the routine call for a "pink slip assist" that turns into an emotionally disturbed person firing dozens of rounds through a wall at the Officers. While all the civilians run out of the house, who stays and takes control? The cops that were just fired at, that's who. They stay and take up positions so that the gunmen can't escape and the situation doesn't get even worse. They also survive the incident by watching out for each other.

While it's one thing to be threatened by people with mental problems it's more disturbing to see the blatant attacks on our members by every day criminals. Within the last few months we have had two members of the YVSF, **Rance Cooley** and **Steve Romano**, survive being shot at while involved in footchases.

The City can spend all the money they want on street workers and youth centers and that's fine. It will not change the thought process of these young gang bangers who have zero respect for their neighborhoods, the police, or society in general. Retired Sergeant **Charlie Byrne** hit the nail on the head last month when he was quoted in the *Boston Herald* as saying that we need to stop holding their hands and start locking them up. I'm all for trying to guide the young kids of this city away from the violence but let's not kid ourselves, there are a certain number of these kids who have been lost and they're not coming back. Those are the ones that we need to get off the streets for significant time and not a 6 month bid at South Bay, where it's like day care for up and coming gangsters. The judges and juries of Suffolk County need to send the message that carrying a gun will not be tolerated and that attacks on Police Officers

will have severe consequences. With all due respect to the United States Constitution, the rules of engagement have changed over the years. An individual's right to bear arms shouldn't apply to a fifteen year old kid walking down our streets. Does that mean we should be tipping every kid in the city upside down on a nightly basis? Of course not. But when a jury fails to convict an individual who runs by numerous Police Officers, a Deputy Superintendent, and the Mayor of Boston, while holding a firearm, we have a serious problem. Society in general, and the communities most affected by the violence in particular, need to trust that the police know who the players are and what situations are the ones that will likely lead to violent acts. We'll keep doing **our** jobs but they should do **theirs**.

Until that happens, watch out for each other and stay safe.

The Contract

First off, I want to take a moment to congratulate and thank the BPPA Bargaining Committee for the hard work and dedication that went into securing the new collective bargaining agreement. Though I do not serve on the Bargaining Team, I was included in a number of discussions relative to negotiations and had an idea of what was occurring throughout the long negotiation sessions. I know how hard these guys worked. So thanks to **Tom Nee, Ron MacGillivray, Tom Pratt, Brian Reaney, and Dave Fitzgerald**. Great job!

The ability to negotiate a fair contract with the City's administration should not be taken lightly. I have served 14 years as a Police Officer and this will be just the second contract that I will be allowed to vote on. I believe that it is a fair contract and one that takes great strides in putting all members of this Association on an even keel. Are there issues that will leave some members unsatisfied? Absolutely. I heard many people say that the contract didn't help them. With all due respect, the Bargaining Committee is tasked with negotiating a contract that benefits all its member's not individual members.

For years we had, in my opinion, four separate groups with their own issues that were important to them; the Quinn Bill people, the non Quinn Bill people, the residency exempt and the forced residency. This contract lessens the divide between these groups.

Though the residency requirement is not completely gone, those members affected by it can now make the decisions that they need knowing that they now have or will have the option of raising their families where they feel most comfortable. I realize that there is some disappointment concerning when the ten years start to count but it was very clear that the City was not going to budge on this issue. To reject it would

likely have led to it being a deal breaker. Some have said that we should've held out for the seven year proposal that Councilor John Tobin had proposed. To that I would say that we would be waiting for it to pass legislatively as well as still needing to negotiate it out of the CBA. This contract, finally, begins to address this issue.

A total wage increase of approximately 14% over four years is a significant victory. It's about the same percentage that the Boston Teachers Union secured for their members and we were still able to secure residency language.

The longevity portion of the contract closes the gap between those with the Quinn Bill and those without. The ability to secure the benefits of the Quinn Bill will remain an option for those who don't yet have them. Less than 60% of our membership benefit from the Quinn Bill so securing better language regarding the longevity benefit was significant.

While securing these benefits, we were able to fight off bi-weekly pay, GPS in the cruisers, sick day qualification, and immediate termination on a first time positive drug test.

Obviously the increase in health care contributions is significant and should not be considered a minor give back but the fact of the matter is that at the end of the contract, all indications are that your weekly pay will far out pace any increases in health care contributions and our contributions will still be considerably less than private sector contributions. To lessen the affect of the contribution increase, it is spread out for two years. This issue was very important to the City and they fought hard to get the BPPA to agree to 80% - 20% on HMO plans. The BPPA in turn fought hard to maintain current levels and both sides eventually reached a compromise. The average HMO split in Massachusetts is closer to 75% - 25% and Commonwealth of Massachusetts employees have been paying 15% of their HMO premiums for a decade.

What is disappointing is the low voter

turnout. Less than 60% of our members took the time to vote on a contract proposal that will affect themselves and their families.

Notes:

BPPA Pass Programs

The BPPA has joined up with Six Flags of New England in a program that offers significant savings on passes to the park. As a member of the BPPA, you can purchase tickets to Six Flags New England at a discounted price of \$25. A normal adult pass costs \$49.99 and a ticket for a child 36" to 54" is \$29.99. Children under 36" are free. You can purchase these tickets by contacting the BPPA offices and there is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase.

This benefit is addition to the passes already in place for the New England Aquarium, The Roger Williams Zoo in Rhode Island, Zoo New England (Stone and Franklin Park Zoos), and the newly renovated Boston Children's Museum.

Please feel free to use these great benefits and contact the BPPA in order to secure them.

BPPA Shirts For Sale

The BPPA has some great T-shirts for sale along with sweatshirts, hats, key chains and other items.

The T-shirts are available in blue, gray, white, and black. There are different quotations on the back of the shirts and they are \$10 each.

Golf Tournament

The Annual BPPA Golf Tournament will be held on Friday July 20, 2007 at the Franklin Park Golf Course. Foursomes are available for \$400 and that includes a gift bag including a jacket and dinner after the tournament at world famous, AAA 4 diamond rated, Boston Police Post, featuring the world renowned lounge and nightclub icon, **Pat "The Colonel" Rose**.

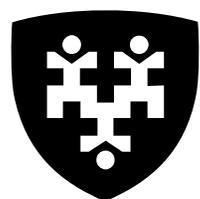
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Suffolk County idiot jury does it again...

Illegal alien (with prior gun charge!) found not guilty of second gun charge

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

In yet another instance of apparent jury-nullification, an *illegal alien* who was arrested during one of Mayor Menino's neighborhood visits carrying a gun – who had a previous gun charge against him – was found “not guilty” by a brain-dead Suffolk County jury despite the fact that three Boston cops and a Deputy Superintendent chased and caught the illegal alien and located the gun.

You may remember this incident as it was reported by *Herald* reporter Michelle McPhee on August 23, 2006. (incident occurred 8/21/07, 6:57PM BPD cc# 060455278) While on a walking tour/press conference of the crime-plagued Bowdoin/Geneva neighborhood, Menino's security detail and the gang unit noticed the suspect, 19-yr. old Adelino Monteiro, a visitor to our shores – albeit illegal – from Cape Verde, residing illegally at 17 Dix St., Dorchester, with

magazine, was recovered exactly where the suspect has discarded it. Cut and dry, open and shut, right? Er... not when it gets to a Suffolk County jury...

At trial, three BPD officers and Deputy Linskey testified as to their observations that day. Monterio did not testify in his own defense, so his attorney's only available tactic was to discredit the police testimony and to infer that the gun was never in Adelino's possession. The jury deliberated for 2-1/2 days before coming back with a verdict of...not guilty. One of the charges filed against Monteiro was illegally carrying a loaded firearm. During the deliberations, the jury asked the judge whether the defendant would have

crime scene analysis from watching repeated episodes of “CSI- Miami” and “Law and Order: Special Victim's Unit”, no such things are possible. Therefore, if the police honestly testify that no *identifiable* prints were found, despite the testimony, that's enough to find Monteiro “not guilty.”

Needless to say, the officers who testified, Deputy Linskey and the District Attorney's office were horrified and outraged at yet another example of a Suffolk County jury ignoring the testimony and the evidence to set another clearly-guilty man free. (Oh, and by the way, the bullets from the gun matched up to those fired at a Dodge Caravan a few weeks earlier in the same neighborhood carrying a young child, but of course, in that case, nobody actually saw Monterio with the gun, so he couldn't be prosecuted for that one.)

When idiot jurors lacking common sense who think “CSI” reflects real-life police work don't do their jobs, then we're all in trouble.

his right hand pressed closely to his hip. Knowing that little Adelino has not only been previously shot a few weeks before (BPD CC# 040701271) *AND* that this yummie (young urban maggot) was on probation for a *previous* firearm arrest, *AND* that little Adelino was a worthless scumbag up to no good purpose, the officers requested a word with Master Monteiro. Immediately, said oxygen thief became visibly nervous and began to flee, leading several officers on a foot pursuit. According to the report, Officer Keaney of Area C-11 personally observed Monteiro with a “firearm in his right hand, pointed up in the air near his right ear”. The suspect then discarded the gun and jumped over a fence where he was then apprehended by several officers from the gang unit, Area C-11 and Deputy Supt. Linskey (who injured his right shoulder during the arrest.) The firearm, a black 45. cal. Colt automatic with altered serial numbers and loaded with one round in the chamber and five rounds in the

had to have actual knowledge of whether the firearm he was carrying was loaded. Of course, the police have no way of knowing what the defendant “knows”, but common sense (AHA!) dictates that one can reasonably infer that a person carrying a firearm knows whether or not it is loaded. But to a Suffolk County jury, common sense is the least common of all the senses! Ergo, if the police could not *prove* whether Monteiro “knew” (an impossibility) the gun was loaded, he was “not guilty.” And then, despite the testimony of the cops who saw Monteiro with the gun, the jury also found the illegal alien miscreant not guilty of illegal possession of a firearm. Why? Apparently because during the trial, a fingerprint expert testified as to his inability to find useable prints on the gun. Smudged, unclear fingerprints often occur, and sometimes, the rough surfaces of a particular item simply don't lend themselves to retrieval of clearly identifiable prints. That's real life. But for a Suffolk County jury schooled in

You may remember a few years ago the trial of James Gaines, who shot Boston Police officer Zenaida Flores three times point-blank as she lay on the ground in Chinatown. Juror Frank Shand, described then as “an unemployed roofer from Jamaica Plain” and thought to be a police-conspiracy theorist refused to find Gaines guilty because, in his mind, “there should have been video of the incident”. (The trial ended in a mistrial – a later jury eventually found Gaines guilty, but after years of additional expense and time).

And even more recently, (June 3rd, 2007) an article appeared in the *Boston Globe* entitled “Murder convictions becoming more difficult – Juries demanding greater certainty.” The article highlighted a recent murder in Mattapan where defendant Ablode Ahiahornu was found not guilty after a mere 3-1/2 hours of deliberation, despite what appeared to be overwhelming testimony and

evidence. Here are some of the bizarre comments attributed to jurors from that trial:

“At first it seemed obvious there should have been enough evidence”, said Richard Smith, 53, a South End computer consultant who served on the jury. “It was like someone did this because they want to get caught. I mean, who would be stupid enough to commit a crime like this, in such a public place, *and think they could get away it?*” Ah, Richard, welcome to planet Earth, 2007. They don't *care* about getting caught because they don't give a damn. And yes, they are stupid enough to commit crimes in public places, because they know that people like you often make it onto juries in Suffolk County. And Richard... he did get away with it! Thanks in part to you, that is!

Another juror was identified as “Mary”, 54, an elementary school teacher in Brighton.” According to “Mary” (who did not want her last name used) “...*I don't know if it was the DA's office or the police, but someone somewhere didn't connect all the dots. Whoever's not connecting the dots needs to start doing it.*” Ah, Mary, HELLO, Mary? That would be YOU. YOU'RE supposed to connect the dots, Mary. You're supposed to employ logic and rational thinking to arrive at a reasonable conclusion, Mary, the elementary school teacher. (And we wonder why our public schools graduate morons incapable of thinking critically and intelligently?)

The police can make thousands of arrests, and the DA's office can do their absolute best to prosecute cases. But when idiot jurors lacking common sense who think “CSI” reflects real-life police work don't do their jobs, then we're all in trouble. Maybe we should put the likes of Adelino Monteiro, Ablode Ahiahornu, and James Gaines on a Suffolk County jury. They'd undoubtedly find the defendant “not guilty”, but at least we'd know why....

Cop allegedly shoots lawyer who chased him with knife

Headline-spin in Mass. “Lawyer's Weekly”(5/15) was “Lawyer is shot in leg after allegedly attacking cop with knife.” Can you believe it?

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

A crazed lawyer, whose practice (according to published reports in the *Boston Herald*) includes “defending victims of *police* misconduct,” attacked uniformed Boston police officers with a knife and forced one of the officers to (allegedly) shoot her in the leg.

After calls were received by BPD 911 of an undetermined nature summoning police to 507 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester, Area C-11 officers responded, knocked on the door and were confronted by a crazed woman wielding a kitchen knife who proceeded to chase the officers. Retreating outside, the officer was forced to (allegedly) shoot the knife-wielding maniac only after

further retreat was impossible and the officer felt himself to be in imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury. Later, after the woman was removed to the hospital, it was determined that the assailant was Attorney Aderonke O.A. Lipende, a lawyer who regularly practices in Dorchester district court whose firm “defends victims of police misconduct.”

“*Lawyer's Weekly*” reported in their May 15th breaking news section the headline “Lawyer is shot in leg after allegedly attacking cop with knife” (reporter David E. Frank). Notice how the term “allegedly” is applied to the lawyer but not to the cop? The lawyer is *alleged* to have attacked the cop, but the cop – beyond any question –

shot the lawyer. So it is with the fair and impartial legal profession. I sent two e-mails and left a message with *Lawyer's Weekly*, but (par for the course) received no reply.

The level of hypocrisy at play here is simply astounding. This incident vanished in the media within a day or two of its occurrence; in fact, BMC Judge Sydney Hanlon declined to set bail and put Lipende on pre-trial probation with the condition that she follow a mental health plan determined by the court. To the best of our knowledge, nobody from the ACLU has inquired about the cop's civil rights being violated by the attorney, and nobody from *Lawyer's Weekly* has called the BPPA to inquire about how the officer(s) might be doing after this inci-

dent. And neither City Councilor Chuck Turner, Felix Arroyo or Charles Yancey have yet held a press conference demanding that armed attacks on police officers by lawyers cease immediately.

Our readers should not be in the least bit surprised if a civil lawsuit is filed against the police officers for traumatizing Attorney Lipende, and it is expected that a motion will be filed seeking the quick return of Attorney Lipende's kitchen knife which was illegally seized by the oppressing officers. At press time, the *Pax* was still trying to locate a law firm specializing in assisting police officers who have are victims of knife-wielding attorneys, but our inquiries have been met with a click on the other end of the line.

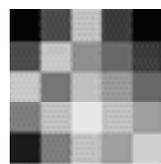
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Truckers careening through Speaker DiMasi's neighborhood carrying 350°F liquid asphalt cargo

By Jim Barry,
BPPA Legislative Agent

If you thought it was safe to go out in your neighborhood and not have a liquid bomb drive by you and your kids you are wrong. Three tanker trucks were stopped last week for transporting dangerous (under statement) 350°F degree liquid asphalt through **Speaker Sal DiMasi's** neighborhood of the North End. If just one of those tanks spilled its cargo onto the streets of the North End on that morning, unimaginable death and destruction would have been the result. These trucks were loaded with their 350°F liquid cargo in tankers on the north shore and were destined for Cape Cod. The direct and fastest route to the Cape from Route 93 North, is through

Boston, to Route 3 South then onto the Cape. That is without having to obey the law prohibiting the transportation of dangerous materials, (350°F liquid asphalt would fall into that category) through the City of Boston. Yet the drivers were told to "go through Boston" by their company. Not wanting to get fired, they listened to the company's directive. As for why the company would knowingly violate the law... simple math. The more times you turn over a truck trip, the more money you make. This traffic stop in the Speaker's neighborhood is one of the many the Boston Police Truck Team makes daily in and around the City of Boston. What makes this news is the truckers association are back on the "Hill" trying to stop or at least control what police

departments in the commonwealth are able to stop them.

The Massachusetts Truckers Association failed to strip the Boston Police of our authority to conduct random inspections of trucks. Last year, they knowingly misled (lied) to the Committee on Transportation, telling them the federal regulations prohibit more than one agency from conducting random inspections on commercial vehicles. Nothing could have been further from the truth..One agency to conduct a truck terminal audit, yes, a commercial vehicle inspection, NO. The Federal Government was encouraging police departments nationally to conduct these random inspections. Through a program sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Transportation the Boston Police established its' truck team. When members of that team first went to work in the city, 7 out of 10 of their stops resulted in violations. Most of these fines are directed at the owners of the trucks for equipment or safety violations.

There is another bill (HB3682) filed by the Massachusetts Truckers Association for this legislative session. The truckers association is now saying, they don't want to stop the Boston Police from conducting these random inspections. This year they only want to stop "other" cities or towns that "might" start a commercial vehicle in-

spection team. How can anyone believe anything they say? You see this is about money, not the safe transportation of hazardous materials or homeland security for that matter. The trucking association could care less about that and they proved that last year with their lies to the Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation. It is the bottom line that counts. The fastest route to the Cape was through the Speaker's neighborhood. "Damn the torpedos, go for it." Those "torpedos" are the price for turning over a truck, the fines levied to the trucking companies. Huge fines for not being in compliance with the **laws** and regulations covering the safe transportation of hazardous materials. Remember these carriers are transporting cargo such as gasoline, 350°F liquid asphalt, benzene, toxic chemicals (acid, alkaline, liquid gases) through neighborhoods and the main streets of every city and town in the Commonwealth. The way the Boston Police Commercial Vehicle Inspection Team views these tankers filled with dangerous and deadly cargo transported in and around our neighborhoods, those are the real torpedoes and they are aimed at the public. We urge police unions statewide, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and the MMA to let their legislators know they need to stop the truckers from continuing to put the public at risk.. Kill House Bill 3682!

Contract ratified & Injured on duty status

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injury and treatment at a medical facility followed by being relieved from duty and surrendering of equipment and absolutely not returning for the next tour of duty. It is much easier to return to work in a few days after properly documenting the most minor incident than to attempt to revisit and post-past the injury...unless you do not have a problem with using your sick time as the grievance process plays out.

The remedy for the officer in "absent pending" status usually covers a long period of time and not until the officer has returned to duty or the arbitration date approaches does the issue get resolved. The language in the contract could not be any clearer in that: when an officer is injured or disabled while on duty, the injured or disabled officer shall be carried "injured on" from the date the City receives notification of said injury or disability until such time that the contrary be shown by the Department at a hearing called for that purpose

and supported by competent evidence and sustained by an arbitrator. More often than not, time is put back on the books when the case is closed and the officer is back on duty if there are no questionable circumstances.

The contract also has language that an injured officer shall be entitled to examination and treatment by a physician of his/her own choice. The only problem with the latter language is that the City purposefully and resolutely does not pay their medical bills for years at a time eliminating 99% of the orthopedists who like any individual would like to get paid for their work. Seeking a second medical opinion is no easy task. Most officers will attest to having their credit put in jeopardy by collection agencies and having had to fill out blue cards year in and year out with as much success as playing the lottery.

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Testimony of NAPO President Tom Nee: "Rising crime in the United States: Examining the Federal role in helping communities prevent and respond to violent crime"

U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 226 • May 23, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

Good Morning Mr. Chairman, Senator Graham, and members of the Subcommittee. My name is **Tom Nee** and I am a Patrolman with the Boston Police Department. I also serve as the president of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, as well as the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing approximately 238,000 sworn law enforcement officers throughout the United States.

As police officers, it is our duty to serve and protect. As men and women working on the front lines to enforce the law, we have a right, a need, really, to have the full support of the federal government. This need is why I am here speaking to you today. America's state and local law enforcement are being disregarded by the current administration. They are being passed over for critical funding to assist them in performing their roles in combating and responding to crime and terrorism.

There are three issues that I will address

118,000 police officers to serve in local communities, to paying for overtime, equipment, training, and allowing for the development of innovative partnerships with communities to fight crime.

With the support of these federal grant programs, community policing has been a dominant force behind the dramatic reduction in crime this nation has witnessed over the past 13 years. In 2000, violent crime rates were at their lowest level in thirty years, particularly in large cities. More police officers patrolling the streets not only provides greater police presence in our communities but also increases police knowledge of crime problems as well. Thus, allowing law enforcement to do its job more



NAPO and BPPA President Tom Nee testifies before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs.

decreases in crime from 1995-2000.

According to the "More Cops = Less Crime" evaluation, the effects of the COPS grants from fiscal year 1994 to fiscal year 1999 on violent crime during that 1995-2000 period were substantial. During that

time, approximately \$2 billion was provided nationally in hiring grants and over \$3.6 million was provided in innovative grants to cities with populations over 10,000. Nationwide, police departments in these cities reported that occurrences of violent crimes decreased by well over 150,000 between

1995 and 2000.

As NAPO represents the police forces of some of our nation's largest cities, we will focus on the effect these grants have had on the needs of a few of NAPO's local law enforcement agencies.

During this period, Phoenix, Arizona received \$23.5 million in COPS hiring grants and \$2.34 million in COPS innovative grants. Phoenix law enforcement estimates that these funds helped reduce reports of violent crime by over 1,500 incidents and reduced overall crime by 7,679 incidents. Los Angeles, California received nearly \$194 million in COPS grants and \$2.3 million in COPS innovative grants between fiscal years 1994 and 1999. During this time, violent crimes were reduced by 10,500 incidents and overall crime in the city by 53,435 incidents.

The COPS program was not the only catalyst for the increase in community policing and the decrease in national crime

rates. The Byrne Memorial Fund contributed by awarding grants to assist educational and training programs for criminal justice personnel and provide for technical assistance to state and local law enforcement. Additionally, the LLEBG provided vast support to local police departments through facilitating the hiring and training of new officers, paying overtime and procuring needed equipment and technology. LLEBG funds also went towards enhancing school safety, supporting drug courts, securing violent convictions, enhancing community policing and defraying the costs of officer insurances.

Most of these programs were included when Congress agreed to President Bush's proposal to combine the Byrne Memorial Fund and the LLEBG; however, grant programs for the hiring and retaining of officers were cut back. Not only were hiring grants cut, but the total funding level for the new combined grant program, the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), was significantly reduced and has not rebounded today.

NAPO is truly concerned about the steep decline in funding for vital state and local law enforcement assistance programs that has occurred since fiscal year 2002, particularly in light of the additional duties taken on by law enforcement officers since 9/11.

Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security in 2002, NAPO has witnessed steep declines in the funding levels for these critical law enforcement assistance programs. In fiscal year 2002, the funding level for Department of Justice law enforcement assistance grant programs was at \$3.831 billion. In fiscal year 2005, the funding level for these programs was at \$1.851 billion. While we have seen moderate increase in this funding level in fiscal years 2006 and 2007, the fiscal 2007 level of \$2.3 billion is still \$1.5 billion less than what these programs received five years ago.

Advocates of these reductions argue that state and local law enforcement are not losing critical funding; rather, agencies are receiving assistance funds through Homeland Security programs. However, Homeland Security grants provide only limited funding for law enforcement personnel initiatives. They are also distributed through the states, while the COPS grants go directly to law enforcement agencies, giving them more flexibility in deciding where and how to use the funds to meet their communities' needs the best. More often than not, the funds most needed by local law enforcement

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this afternoon that are of increasing concern to NAPO and our members: the decrease in funding for vital Department of Justice state and local law enforcement assistance programs witnessed over the past several years; the additional duties taken on by local law enforcement agencies in the post-9/11 era; and finally, the recent increase in crime rates experienced by communities nationwide. These issues are interrelated and cannot be separated, particularly when addressing the issue of rising violent crime rates in the United States.

The Community Oriented Policing Services program, together with the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) and the Byrne Memorial Fund, gave state and local law enforcement the necessary funding to truly assist their efforts to keep our nation's communities safe. These justice assistance programs have contributed countless resources to help combat crime, from assisting with the hiring and retention of over

efficiently and effectively.

A key factor in the implementation and success of community policing has been federal support through funding and resources to state and local law enforcement agencies. It is not a coincidence that community policing was at its best and national crime rates were at their lowest when federal support for programs such as COPS, the Byrne Fund, and LLEBG was at its highest. It is also no coincidence that the steep reduction in federal support for these programs corresponds with the increases in violent crime rates nationwide.

A December 2001 study by researchers at the University of Nebraska at Omaha found that the COPS program is directly linked to the historic drop in U.S. crime rates in the 1990s. The "More Cops = Less Crime" statistical analysis produced by Senator Biden, together with Congressman Anthony Weiner, gives further evidence to the link between the COPS grants funds and

BPPA holds its spring awards luncheon...

On May 18, 2007, the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association held its Spring Awards Luncheon at Phillip's Old Colony House in Dorchester. The luncheon is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding work done by our members.

Unfortunately, many members only see the BPPA as the place to turn to if they have find themselves in an incident that may lead to discipline or have become involved in a critical incident and need representation. Clearly that is an important component what the BPPA does. It's what should be expected from the membership.

But what is just as important is the need for the BPPA to acknowledge the men and women of this Association who do their jobs, every day, as professionals. It's those members, the overwhelming majority of our Association, that allow the BPPA to continue to be the strong advocate for our members.

The Awards Luncheon recognizes just a small sample of the great acts of bravery and great police work that occurs every day. What makes the luncheon more significant is that every recipient is nominated by a fellow Police Officer, one of their peers.

On behalf of the leadership of the BPPA, we'd like to thank of all you who do this very dangerous job, day in and day out, and do it with the utmost professionalism and courage.

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- PO Bernard Hicks E-13
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- PO Terry Long B-2
- PO Andrew Miskell DCU
- PO's Sean Rooney & Charlie Daniels B-3
- PO's Frank Chiola & Derrick Levy D-4
- PO Phil Kearney D-4
- PO's Jason Ezekiel & Bobby Lundbohm D-4
- PO Brian Mahoney DCU
- The Boston Police Youth Violence Strike Force
- PO's Peter Fontanez, Robert Hurley & Rocky Milien A-7
- EMT's James Allen & Clifford Biggins
- Lt. William Slavin
- PO's Steve Roe, Steve Charbonnier & Horace Kincaide C-11
- PO's Timothy Fitzpatrick & Matt Ryan C-11
- Sgt. Michael Linskey
- Massachusetts State Trooper Sean Riley
- PO's James Bowden and Winston Deleon YVSF



BPPA President Tom Nee, Commissioner Ed Davis, Bob Hurley, Peter Fontanez, EMT Chris Briggs, Lt. Slavin, EMT VP Bob Morley, BPSOF President Joe Gillespie



Commissioner Ed Davis, Elice Ratchell (C6), BPPA President Tom Nee



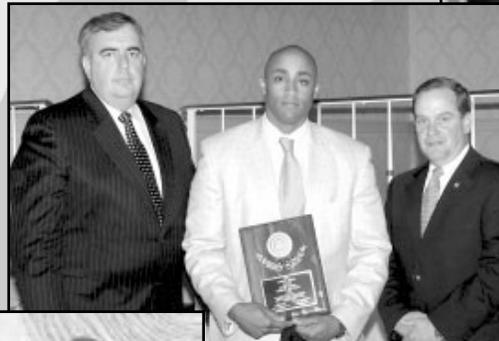
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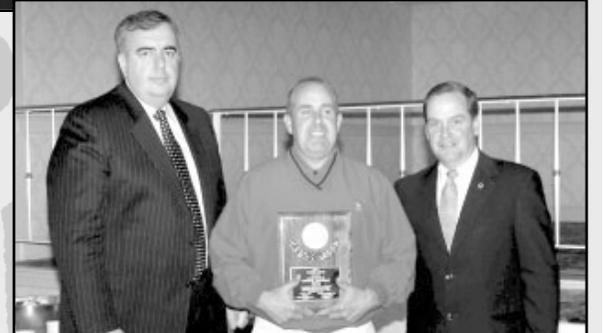
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Members of the Youth Violence Strike Force



Commissioner Ed Davis, Terry Long (B2), BPPA President Tom Nee



Award recipient Brian Lundy with his parents



Commissioner Ed Davis, James Bowden, BPPA President Tom Nee, Trooper Sean Riley, Winston Deleon and BPPA Vice President Ron MacGillivray

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NAPO President Tom Nee's Testimony

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ment agencies are those that can be used to hire new officers, retain officers, and obtain new equipment.

Nevertheless, law enforcement has seen a steady decline in Homeland Security funds as well. As of fiscal year 2007, the three primary DHS programs - the State Homeland Security Grant Program, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, and the Urban Area Security Initiative - have been slashed by almost 50 percent from fiscal year 2003 levels, when these programs received more than \$3 billion in funding. Yet law enforcement's role in homeland security has not diminished along with the funding.

Together, DOJ and DHS law enforcement assistance programs have seen a total decrease of \$2.03 billion in funding between fiscal years 2004 and 2007. This sharp, steady decline in funding has occurred despite the fact that state and local law enforcement continue to assume more duties to protect communities against terrorist threats, continue to fight against drugs and domestic crime, and endure pressing state budget constraints.

This brings me to our other concerns. Today, local police departments, already undermanned due to a lack of resources to hire new officers, must place officers into Drug, Gang and Terrorism Task Forces, as well as protect critical infrastructure during periods of heightened national threat advisory levels, often at the expense of street patrols.

Phoenix, Arizona law enforcement agencies have had to redeploy officers and resources to fixed structure protection, such as water treatment facilities, Arizona Public Service power stations, and airports, among other infrastructure. While these resources are being shifted away from community policing, Phoenix is seeing record increases in violent crime. Just between 2005 and 2006, the city saw a nearly 5 percent increase in its violent crime rates, including a 4.5 percent rise in homicides and an over 6 percent rise in aggravated assault. Now if you include 2004 in those numbers, Phoenix law enforcement saw an astounding 12 percent increase in homicides and an almost 20 percent increase in aggravated assault over a two year period.

Law enforcement in Los Angeles, California has seen a substantial amount of resources - officers and funding - shifted to homeland security details. Hundreds of law enforcement personnel have been assigned to terrorism prevention issues. However, the Los Angeles Police Department has limited funds to hire new officers. When the department is mandated to redeploy officers to protect infrastructure, staff terrorism task forces, and take on counterterrorism duties, patrol units suffer. Over the past several years, although L.A. has seen a decrease in the overall level of violent crimes, including murder, it has seen a significant increase in gang-related homicides and violent crimes. Los Angeles police attribute this to the lack of resources the police department has to cover the holes in community policing and gang deterrence caused by new terrorism prevention duties.

Chicago and Miami are also seeing similar spikes in gang-related violent crimes and the cities' police departments are spread too thin to properly respond to this disturbing trend. While NAPO wholeheartedly endorses legislation aimed at helping state and local law enforcement in their efforts against gang expansion and activity, particularly Senator Dianne Feinstein's "Gang Abatement and Prevention Act of 2007," we feel it is not enough. Gang violence, terrorism prevention, and the fight against domestic crime cannot always be taken as separate issues, but as pieces of a whole - the protection of our nation's communities. The issue at hand is about giving state and local law enforcement the equipment, training and personnel it needs to accomplish all of its duties.

Another case in point: New York City. The New York City Police Department (NYPD) has lost over 4,000 officers since 1999. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the city has

been on high alert and its police department has dedicated over 1,000 police officers to counter-terrorism activities. Officers assigned to street patrol are being trained in terrorism prevention in addition to their usual training, adding to their responsibilities while patrolling New York City streets. Despite these additional duties and training, New York City police officers are some of the lowest paid law enforcement officers in the nation.¹ Low salaries and no premium pay for the added terrorism responsibilities are the primary sources for low officer retention rates and the City's inability to recruit and retain new officers.

The NYPD no longer has the funds or personnel to have officers completely dedicated to either terrorism prevention or community policing. The city, whose police department is now also a counter-terrorism force, is short thousands of officers and is barely able to retain the officers it has today.

State and local law enforcement endure growing budget constraints even as they assume more duties to protect our nation's communities against terrorist threats, as well as continue their daily fight against drugs and domestic crime. According to the FBI's semi-annual Uniformed Crime Report (UCR), which was released in December of last year, there was a steep increase in violent crime in the first half of 2006. These results follow the 2005 UCR, which stated that the murder rate was up by 4.5 percent from 2004 to 2005 and that violent crime in general, which included robbery, aggravated assault and homicides, increased by 2.5 percent. Up to 2006, 2005 marked the highest rise in the crime rate in 15 years.

It is beginning to appear that 2005 was not an anomaly, but rather the start of a terrible trend. Reports of violent crime nationwide surged by nearly 4 percent in the first half of 2006 when compared with the same six months of 2005. This includes a drastic, almost 10 percent increase in the number of robbery offenses, an approximate 1.5 percent rise in murder offenses, and an increase of over 1 percent in aggravated assaults. Some of our nation's cities have experienced remarkably higher increases in violent crimes than this national summary recognizes.

Between 2004 and 2006, the reported homicides in Boston alone increased by almost 23 percent; the highest homicide rate the city has seen in eleven years. In this time

period, Boston also saw a nearly 10 percent rise in robberies and a staggering 37 percent rise in aggravated assaults involving firearms.

Houston, Texas experienced an increase of over 26 percent in reported homicides, a nearly 40 percent rise in robberies and a 22 percent rise in aggravated assault in just a two year period, from 2004 to 2006. Over these same two years, Detroit saw a 7 percent rise in reported homicides, an astonishing 40 percent increase in robberies, and a 22 percent rise in aggravated assault.

As we have witnessed in cities such as Phoenix, Los Angeles, Boston, and New York, local law enforcement agencies are struggling to meet the needs of their communities due to increased duties and diminished federal assistance and support. With the police departments in this nation's largest cities undermanned and overworked and national crime rates at their highest levels in fifteen years, how can Congress and this Administration justify cutting or eliminating grants under the COPS program and the Byrne-JAG program?

Over the past 15 years, local law enforcement officers and the agencies they serve have made tremendous strides in reducing the level of crime and violence in our communities. This success was in large part because of the generous assistance and support given to them by the federal government. However, today, as state and local law enforcement take on more duties to protect our communities from rising crime and terrorist threats, federal support of vital assistance programs is in a continuing state of decline. Now is not the time to disregard the programs and resources that have proved to be effective in protecting our neighborhoods. Community oriented policing works. We recognize this fact and so do Americans. It is now time that the federal government recognizes the important impact having more police on the streets has on crime.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you on behalf of America's rank and file law enforcement officers. I ask that my printed testimony be made part of the record, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

(Footnotes)

¹ During training, new hires earn \$25,100 a year. Upon completion of the Police Academy, their annual base salary increases to \$32,700. Adjusted for inflation, this is the lowest pay in the history of the NYPD for rookie cops.

Father's Day disgrace

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tional. At one point, the crowd became so hostile the officers were forced to use their pepper spray in order to force the crowd back so that they could remove the suspect from the scene and proceed with their investigation into the Codman Park shooting. Members of the crowd repeatedly threatened to assault the police and continued to advance on the officers. Numerous officers responded to the "officer in trouble" ("OT") call which finally allowed Officer Martin to remove the original suspect from the scene, place him in a cruiser and transport him away from the hostile crowd. The suspect who had identified himself as a Boston firefighter fled across the field, but would later arrive at District B-2 to (can you believe it?) file a complaint against the officers, at which point he was arrested and charged with (among other things) resisting arrest and assault and battery on a police officer. It would later be determined that the person fleeing the scene was probably a victim/witness of the original shooting incident, but of course the police have no way of knowing that at the time. Two Area B-2 officers received minor injuries, lacerations and cuts during the assault.

The true disgrace is this: once again, the community that loudly and publicly complains about crime and vio-

lence, that complains about the police "not doing anything" *immediately* resorts to blaming, attacking and assaulting the police. According to our members who were present on scene, the crowd formed in seconds to vent their hostility on the police, and not on a suspect fleeing from a nearby shooting. No adult - repeat - **NO ADULT PRESENT** - came to the aid or assistance of the police or attempted to calm the crowd or defuse the situation. The fact that **Mr. André Bridges** is a firefighter is even more disgraceful - he should be responsible and understanding of the difficult position which the police are placed in during these hectic, violent and chaotic situations; instead, he contributed towards a near-riot condition by immediately directing his hatred and prejudice towards the police who were merely doing what any good officer should be doing: chasing and capturing a man running from a shooting scene.

Does the community ever wonder why police officers get disgusted, throw up their hands and say "to hell with it"? They really shouldn't. A society that makes war on its police had better be prepared to make peace with its criminals. Ye shall reap what ye have sown. And I can think of about 10 other clichés, but it really doesn't matter. It's just a G.D. disgrace....

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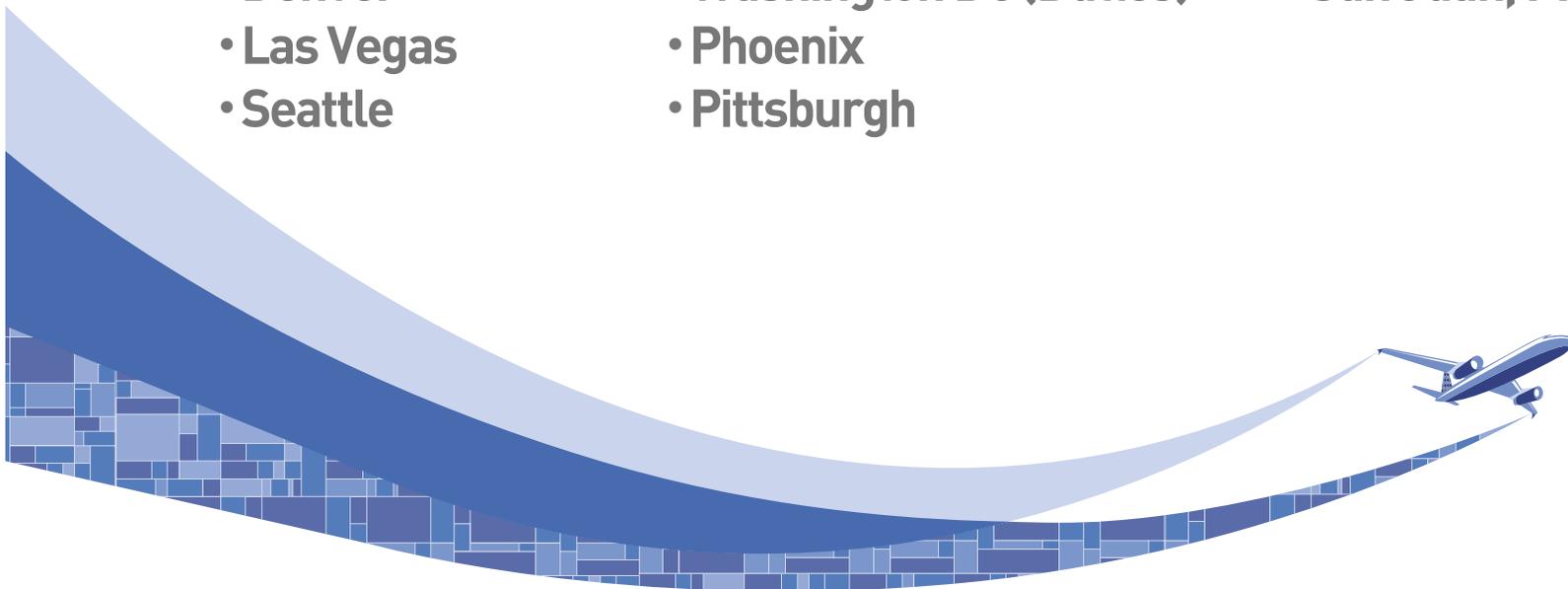
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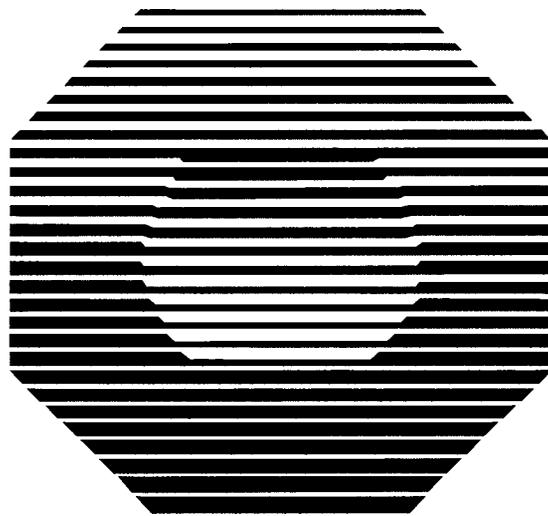
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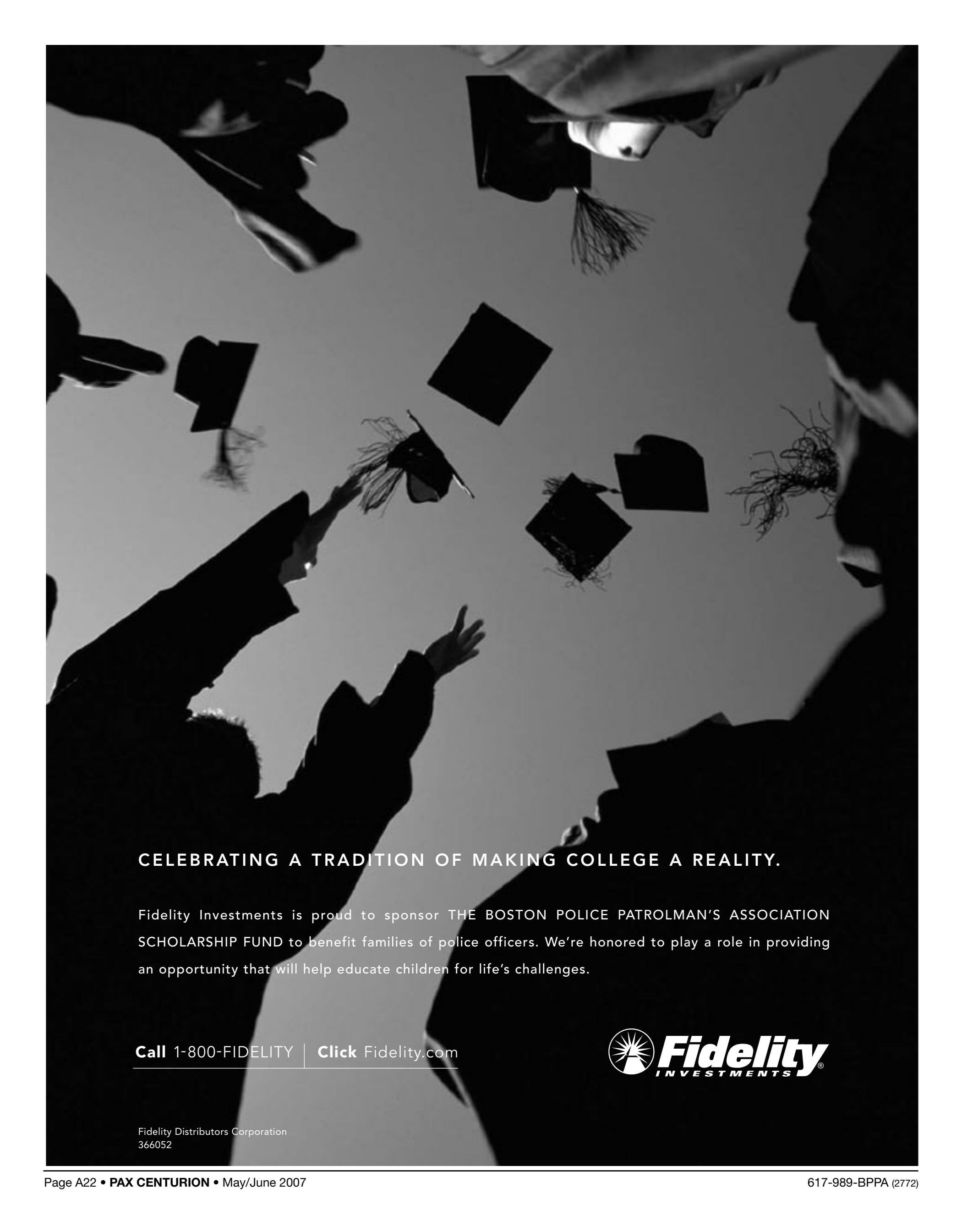
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We Give Special Recognition to Boston Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

By Ray Melo

Hello fellow officers, since this is the June issue of the PaxCenturion, and we give special recognition to all Boston Police Officers officially on June 3rd, I thought it would be appropriate to highlight two documents of special interest concerning two Boston Police Officers that were killed in the line of duty.

The first document was an editorial for action and was broadcast by WMEX modern radio of 70 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA, and was aired Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26, 1962. This was an official expression of the management of the radio station concerning **Boston Police Officer John Gallagher** who was killed in the line of duty while responding to a bank alarm at Shawmut Bank located at 542 Commonwealth Avenue on May 25, 1962:

Boston Patrolman John Gallagher is dead. Fatally wounded halting a bank burglary. This is just one of the thousands upon thousands of incidents displaying the courage and valor of the Boston Police Department. We seldom realize the wonderful work our policemen do until a tragedy takes place. And then, somehow words seem empty and meaningless. It is time for the people of Boston to review our attitudes toward civil servants and police in particular. Patrolman Gallagher's sacrifice is indicative of the many deeds of valor that go unheralded. It is time we took stock. Boston has one of the finest police forces in the nation. The petty complaints about our police in general dwindle and shrink as we appraise their good work with calm eyes.

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The second document was a hand-written letter and poem that was submitted to Boston Police Commissioner Robert DiGrazia on May 30, 1974 in response to the killing of **Boston Police Officer Donald Brown**. Officer Brown was killed in the line of duty on May 24, 1974, at 640 American Legion Highway in Roslindale. The writer, Mr. Vincent Kelly of 186 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, was so angered by the senseless murder of Officer Brown and touched by Officer Brown's sacrifice. Mr. Vincent's letter was rewritten due to the faded quality of the letter:

Dear Police Commissioner Robert DiGrazia,

The recent and most outrageous cold-blooded murder of courageous Police Officer Donald Brown gave me the thought to dedicate a poem in loving memory of him in my humble endeavor to express my highest respect to one so deserving of everyone's good will. I beg you to please pardon my writing as I wear cataract glasses and I have to hold a magnifying glass in one hand while I write with the

other. Also, please pardon it being a photostatic copy of my original, as I was not able to get anyone to type a copy for me to send to you. A typewritten copy I know you would fully realize my well meaning more the less, also that you will know the goodness of Mrs. Brown and I will be very grateful when you decide the right time to give her a copy and I'll feel highly honored.

*Sincerely Yours,
Vincent Kelly*

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O – fficer courageous beyond what words can ever tell.
F – aithful prayers of many know in heaven you are well.
D – id nothing ever but your conscientious best.
O – h with that consolation many grateful can safety rest.
N – o one denys you deserve a place around God's golden throne.
A – nd in my position I am by no means alone.
L – ove of god welcome you in heaven high above.
D – eserving you are of all law abiding citizens love.
B – etter world it would be if there were more like you.
R – emembered for your courage with a heart so loved and true.
O – h rest assured while you are in heaven above the highest star.
W – illing prayers of many will go to you up where you are.
N – ever will your loving memory from us be ever far.

Dedicated to the loving memory of courageous Police Officer Donald Brown with highest respect.

*– By Vincent Kelly, Holy Rosary Home
186 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143
Poem written Wednesday, May 29, 1974*

My End of Tour

By Ray Melo

I'm sorry, my dear, for not coming home, my job got the best of me now you're alone. *My End of Tour*
It started with a 911 call and what will it bring, flowers and sympathy cards and the choir will sing. *My End of Tour*
I lie there in pain the fog of war; what hurt the most I'll hold you no more. *My End of Tour*
I was rushed to the hospital while the siren sang; an officer down spread through the town. *My End of Tour*
My seat at the dinner table is vacant and still; some will say it was His holy will. *My End of Tour*
My wife and children we were one; we joked and played until the day was done. With the passing of the clouds and the setting of the sun we had so much fun. *My End of Tour*
My family's been cheated, it hurts to say; the husband and daddy was taken away. *My End of Tour*
I look down upon you as you touch my stone; I'll love you forever and you're never alone. *My End of Tour*
My pain has ended and yours just started; you'll feel weak and broken hearted. Time has the power to heal all things, you must be strong to carry on. *My End of Tour*
It would have been nice to say goodbye, to touch and hold you please don't cry. I will say with my very last breath, I'll always love and be with you even through death. *My End of Tour*

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Killed in the Line of Duty: February 20, 1945

Boston Police Officer Frank B. Callahan

By Ray Melo

It was February 17, 1945, the newly-printed newspapers were bundled and hastily thrown from the delivery truck at the newsstand at Downtown Crossing. The headline read, "Tokyo Smashed 2nd Day", Iwo Wide Open to U.S. Generals Patton, MacArthur, Eisenhower, and Admiral Nimitz were household names. The country was at war and America was united for the war cause. People were eager to pay the 3 cents for the newspaper and read the latest from the war front. Americans rationed and headed to the banks, the shops, and to the factories that produced America's military might.

While America's soldiers and sailors fought the evil Axis Powers overseas, there was another soldier. These home-front soldiers fought against the invaders of lawlessness, the wicked, and the corrupt that plague the fabric of society. Their oath was to swear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon them as a Police Officer in the Police Department of the City of Boston. These officers were at battle stations twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays. Officers like **Patrolman Francis Connerney** and **Patrolman Frank B. Callahan** who like many wore the badge and uniform who protected and served.

The 17th of February was a fair weather day with a day temperature of 35 degrees. Patrolman Frank Callahan worked at Division 4 and his walking beat brought him close to where Shawmut Avenue, Tremont and Warrenton Streets meet. The Theater

District was yards away. The steam from his breath became heavier as the temperature started its downward plunge. It's getting colder and Patrolman Callahan had a moment to look skyward to have the fast fading sun warm his face before it dipped behind the red brick buildings. Today was Patrolman Callahan's 54th birthday and as the sun warmed his face, perhaps he reminisced about the birthday hug and kiss from his wife and two daughters that morning. All the while the hustle and bustle of city life raced by him at its never-ending pace, never skipping a beat.

As Patrolman Callahan collected his thoughts, a twenty-four year old, cold-blooded person named **Patrick J. Devlin** of Waltham entered a pawnshop called the Howard Loan Company located at 886 Washington Street a little after 5:00 P.M. The proprietors, **Mr. David Pearlstein**, 69 years old and his lovely wife **Fannie** at 65 years of age, both of Brighton, happily greeted their new customer.

While that event was unfolding, Patrolman Connerney was standing at the corner of Broadway and Washington Street. The smell of car exhaust and the blowing of the car horn was a familiar occurrence. There he stood and watched nicely dressed, happy-go-lucky couples scurry to the theaters and restaurants. The sight made it hard to believe there was a war going on.

Back at the pawn shop, the demon pointed a .38 caliber revolver at the couple and demanded money. The elderly married couple exchanged words with the armed robber and he indiscriminately fired three bullets that painfully ended the lives of two lawful and innocent citizens immediately.

The murderer fled the blood bath and ran across Washington Street into a lot known as Motorland, Inc. which is between Warrenton and Common Street.

Patrolman Connerney's focus was redirected to the crackle of gunfire. Looking up Washington Street, Officer Connerney observed a male running with a gun in his hand from the pawnshop of the Howard Loan Company. The suspect disappeared into a parking lot. Patrolman Connerney flagged down a passing motorist and commandeered the motor vehicle and drove to the parking area where the suspect disappeared.

Patrolman Callahan's respite was suddenly interrupted with the clanging of a chainlink fence. Patrolman Callahan observed a man hastily scaling a chainlink fence who proceeded to run onto Warrenton Street towards Tremont Street nervously looking back.

Patrolman Callahan decided to investigate and started walking towards a point where both destinies would converge. The officer was unaware of the heinous murders that had just taken place and the escaping murderer was oblivious to Patrolman Callahan who was en route to intercept him. The encounter would have a dreadful outcome.

Patrolman Callahan stopped Devlin at the intersection of Warrenton, Tremont and Shawmut Avenue. Officer Callahan stated, "Why are you running?" and Devlin answered, "Here's two for you!" and fired two shots, one striking Patrolman Callahan in the chest. Officer Callahan fell into a snowbank and the assassin fled onto Tremont Street.

Patrolman Connerney reached the parking lot and climbed over the fence and saw the suspect running up Tremont Street. Patrolman Connerney gave chase and was unaware of Officer Callahan who lay in a now red-soaked snowbank, nor was he aware of the murders at the pawnshop. Officer Connerney ordered a passing taxi to stop and the officer took control of the taxi and the pursuit was on.

When the assailant reached the Metropolitan Theater on Tremont Street, Devlin jumped onto the running board of a passing US Army truck being driven by **Sgt. George J. Strickland** and his passenger **Sgt. Richard Williams**, both of the 844th Port Company at Camp McKay and hijacked the truck. Devlin with an appetite for death jammed the murder weapon into the ribs of Sgt. Williams and ordered him out of the moving truck.

Devlin then jumped into the passenger seat and again rammed the pistol into the driver and threatened to "Blow your head off" and ordered him to drive to Hollis Street. Sgt. Strickland swung the large army wide and purposely stalled the diesel en-

gine and jumped from the truck and escaped. Caught off guard, Devlin then jumped from the hijacked truck and was confronted by Patrolman Connerney who finally caught up. The blood-thirsty killer turned and pointed the .38 and fired at Patrolman Connerney missing him. Patrolman Connerney returned two shots in which one shot struck Devlin in the head. The impact threw the villain to the ground. A Smith and Wesson .38 Special was seized from Devlin.

Patrolman Callahan was transported to Boston City Hospital and was examined by

Doctor Sullivan and the officer was placed on the danger list. **Mrs. Theresa Callahan** was notified and immediately came to the hospital. Officer Callahan's wife and children kept a day and night vigil at his bedside. Officers from all over the city packed Boston City Hospital to donate blood for their brother officer. **Boston Police Officer Frank B. Callahan died from his wound on February 20, 1945.**

As I researched this roller-coaster chain of events that occurred on Patrolman's Callahan birthday, it became apparent that it was an extraordinarily tragic day. Officer Callahan is shot on his 54th birthday and two innocent elderly shops owners were murdered. Officer Connerney narrowly escaped death when he was fired upon, and I have the morbid satisfaction of reporting that Devlin died of his wounds a day later.

Once again I visited the scene of the crime and the pawnshop at 886 Washington Street, it is now the "Terry Chin, O.D." Optometrist office. Warrenton Street still exists however, but it doesn't intersect with Tremont and Shawmut Avenue as it did in the newspaper diagram. The street that intersects with Shawmut and Tremont is called Oak Street. Common Street and Hollis Street is now New England Medical Hospital. Again, time is our friend and our enemy. There is no marker where Officer Callahan lay dying at the intersection. There is a small area with two cement benches at the corner where I believe Officer Callahan was mortally wounded. It would be more than wonderful to get that little area named after **Patrolman Frank B. Callahan** who gave his life to the citizens of Boston. Stay Alert and Stay Alive!

Boston Police Officer Frank B. Callahan was shot on Saturday, February 17, 1945 and Died In The Line Of Duty on Tuesday, February 20, 1945. Patrolman Callahan was born February 17, 1891 in Cambridge, MA. He was appointed on November 26, 1919. Patrolman Callahan worked in Division 4 and was survived by his wife Teresa and two daughters Elizabeth and Mary. Patrolman Callahan was commended in General Orders on July 19, 1933 for saving the life of a citizen. Officer Callahan is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden, MA.





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All 72 Boston Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty Located and Documented

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— Ray Melo

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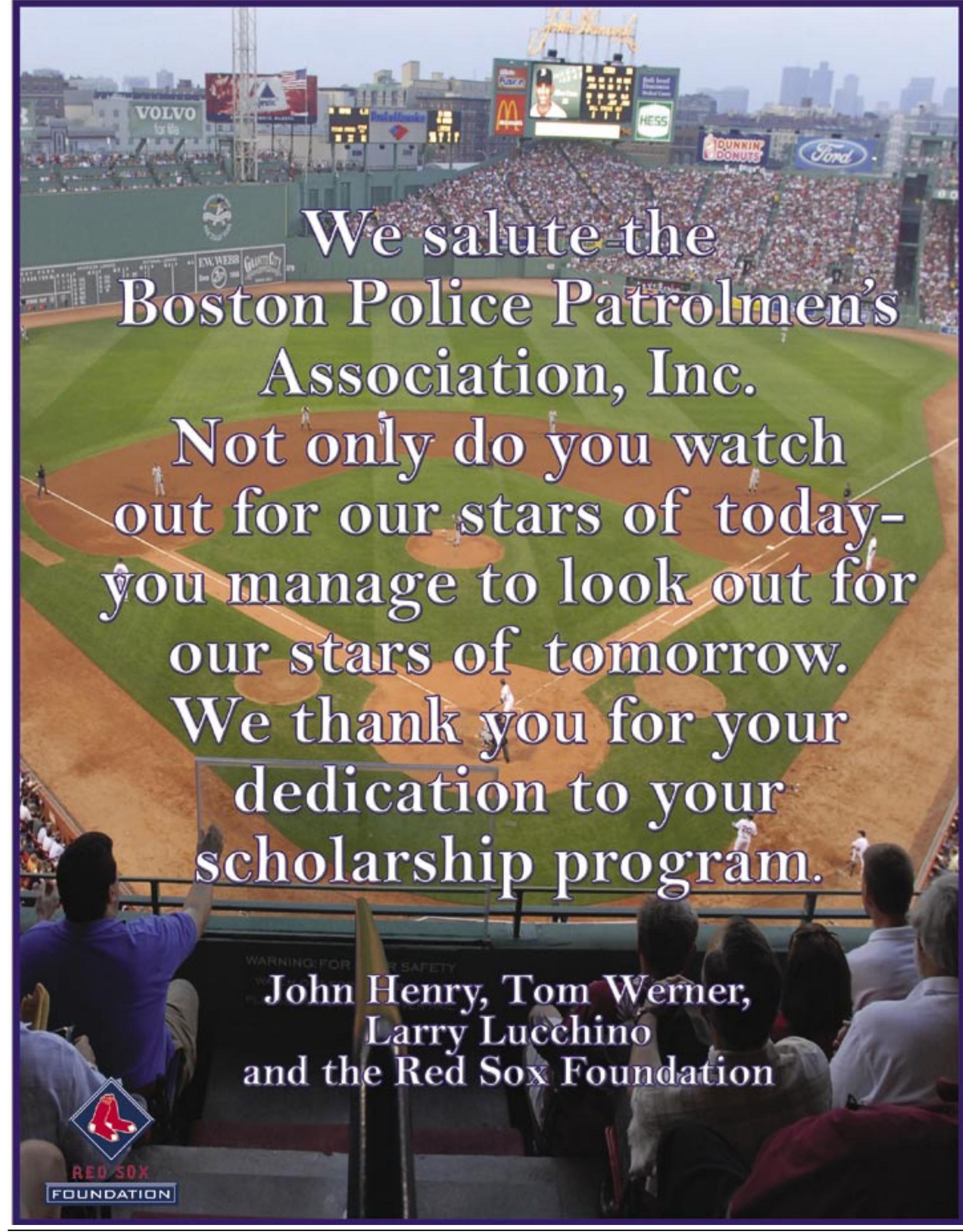
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THE DIVIACCHI PAPERS (or... Love, Val!)

Editor's Note: The following exchange of letters was based on the article in the March-April '07 *Pax* entitled "Local attorney spews anti-cop venom" (P. A-14). That article dealt with the publicly-available deposition of Attorney Valeriano Diviacchi in which he was suing the Massachusetts Registrar of Motor Vehicles because his license was suspended following a traffic ticket issued by BPD Officer Kevin Watson. Apparently, Attorney Diviacchi was so outraged about his own words being reported that he fired off an insulting letter to our Attorney, Tom Drechsler, and then myself, who responded, etcetera, etcetera. As you will see, Attorney Diviacchi, like Don Quixote attacking a windmill, vows to continue his battle against Officer Watson, the BPD, the BPPA, Attorney Drechsler and all of his "enemies," real, perceived or imagined. This exchange of letters is a sad example of how the justice system can be perverted by knaves who spend their time filing frivolous lawsuits and using the law as a weapon to intimidate and harass police officers performing their duties.

24 April 2007

Attorney Thomas Drechsler
Byrne & Drechsler
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Attorney Valeriano Diviacchi

Re: Kevin Watson matter

Dear Attorney Drechsler,

Thank you for giving a copy of my deposition to the Boston police so that they can print chosen excerpts in the *Pax Centurion*. You are a credit to the legal profession. After all, it is important for street gangs, legal or illegal, to maintain the gang mentality or its power structure would collapse.

Sincerely,

Val Diviacchi

cc: AAG Sterman

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Re: Valeriano Diviacchi vs. Anne L. Collins, in her official capacity as Registrar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles
Suffolk Superior Court, Civil Action No. SUCV2006-00788

Dear Attorney Diviacchi:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated April 24, 2007. Let me first correct the inaccurate suggestion which is contained in the first sentence of that correspondence to the effect that I gave a copy of the deposition to the *Pax Centurion*. I did not provide the deposition to the *Pax Centurion*, although I certainly obtained a copy for the purposes of assisting my client in preparation for a deposition which you scheduled and later canceled.

Having said that, I find your reaction to the accurate publication of your own words under oath to be somewhat surprising. As a member of the legal profession you should be proud to have your sworn statements published. However, I detect from the tone of your letter that you appear to be concerned about that. In fact, your reaction to the publication of your own words is to characterize the publishers as a "street gang," maintaining a "gang mentality" for its "power structure." There should be no need to refer to those who accurately publish your words in that manner. If you consider yourself to be a "credit" to the legal profession you should take pride in the words you spoke under oath and you should not be ashamed of those words. It sounds to me like you have some regrets about what you said in your deposition and wish to keep it concealed from the public. I would suggest that you ought to reconsider your remarks and how they reflect upon you as an attorney and as a citizen.

Very truly yours,
Thomas Drechsler

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Attorney Valeriano Diviacchi

Attorney Thomas Drechsler
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Re: Kevin Watson deposition

Dear Attorney Drechsler,

You would be funny if you were not such a sad comment on the "legal profession." I was using satire to make fun of you, you arrogant sycophant. Of course I am not a credit to the legal profession, nor do I want to be — no more than I would want to be a credit to the profession of prostitution. The funny part is that you are a credit to the "profession": someone who is not even courageous enough to admit that he assisted in getting the choice parts of the deposition published for his own benefit but instead must hide behind his client. I do not regret my words, I stand by them, and I am proud of what I said that is based on hard experience and thought. I did something most of your clients and you are incapable of understanding: I told the truth under oath for its own sake without being pragmatic. Make sure the *Pax Centurion* publishes this letter.

Sincerely,
Val Diviacchi

cc: AAG Sterman

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Per Atty. Diviacchi's request, the *Pax* publishes his letter here.

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The Diviacchi Papers

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May 4th, 2007

Mr. Valeriano Diviacchi
111 Beach St. #1A
Boston, Massachusetts, 02111-2532

Dear Mr. Valeriano Diviacchi,

As the editor of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association's Pax Centurion, I received a copy of your letter dated May, 1st, 2007, per your wishes. Normally, I would respond via an official piece of BPPA letterhead, but in your particular case it was deemed that doing so would represent an extraordinary waste of stationary and a stamp.

For your information, Attorney Thomas Drechsler did not procure for us the legal deposition cited in the Pax Centurion (March-April, 2007). That document, as a matter of public record, was located by one of our own members and forwarded personally to me at the BPPA. As someone who pretends to be a staunch supporter of the first amendment, I am perplexed to see that public exposure of your own vile, hateful words about Officer Kevin Watson in particular and police officers in general has caused you such angst. It is indeed the height of hypocrisy to see someone who rails about issues of tolerance and prejudice exposed as a thoroughly intolerant, prejudiced individual, but such is the hallmark of the modern liberal: preach one thing while practicing the opposite. Your unbridled, blind hatred of an entire group of individuals (police officers) based on their occupation is disturbing. But I feel that you have underestimated yourself when you say "...no more than I would want to be a credit to the profession of prostitution...". You are a credit to the world's oldest profession, Val, although I am sure that many an honorable prostitute would disagree vehemently.

In closing, Mr. Diviacchi, please note that the letter you sent to Attorney Drechsler contains several errors in spelling and grammar; i.e. - line 3: "...nor do I want to me" (?)... I assume you mean "...nor do I want to be?...". And in the last line, you have misspelled Pax Centurion: the correct spelling is "Pax Centurion". Spell-check is a helpful tool in presenting a façade of professionalism when composing a letter, even though the supporting framework is obviously missing.

And please be assured that, per your wishes, your letter will be published in the May-June, 2007 issue of the Pax Centurion. If for no other reason than, (as my parish priest might say) "...so that all may know him...". (small "h", naturally, in your case.)

Sincerely,

James W. Carnell, Editor, Pax Centurion

By Fax to Diviacchi Law office at 617-542-3110

ATTACHED: letter from Mr. Diviacchi dated May 4th, 2007

Mr. Valeriano Diviacchi,
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Dear Mr. Val,

5/8/2007

Thank you for your quick response to my letter of May 4th. I know what a busy time of the year this must be for you, what with all of the ambulances that need chasing. It is you, Val, who appears to be incapable of grasping the matter at hand, and it is not your atrocious grammar and spelling. Your unbridled, irrational hatred of police officers apparently renders you incapable of conducting yourself in a civil, courteous manner. Officer Watson was, after all, simply performing his job. Personally, I know Officer Watson to be a complete professional who often bends over backward to be nice to citizens he encounters. When interacting with decent and respectful people, Officer Watson (like most Boston police officers) is most likely to issue a warning. But instead of acting in a professional manner, you apparently prefer to fancy yourself a maverick supporter of the first amendment by screaming invectives and insults at police officers in the performance of their duties.

In my world, Val, there's something terribly, disturbingly wrong with that. If I had my druthers, I'd choose to put you in the shoes of a police officer for a day, and send you to a family trouble call, a shooting or stabbing, a barroom brawl and/or a traffic stop or two, where you might have to deal with individuals as ignorant and detestable as yourself.

And by the way, Val, yes, you did make another spelling error. In your first letter to Attorney Drechsler (attached) you misspelled "excerpt" as "exert". For a small fee, I'll gladly edit any of your future legal manifestos.

Sincerely, James W. Carnell
Editor, Pax Centurion

P.S. Val, I love your professional-looking letterhead, especially the little figure of the woman holding the scales and the sword. Did that come free with the software, or did you draw that yourself?

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4 May 2007

Attorney Valeriano Diviacchi

Mr. James W. Carnell
Editor, Pax Centurion

Dear Mr. Carnell,

Thank you for correcting my spelling errors. Consistent with the investigatory skills of most of the police officers that you serve, you were not only able to completely miss the substance of the letter stating that I freely expressed my honest opinion suffering no "angst" from its publication to then concentrate on the insignificant issue of spelling and to make what should be verbal argument into a matter of love and hate. When you tell your priest about what a whore I am, make sure you sit in the front row of the church where everyone doing "His" work belongs.

I have to give credit to police officers for one thing, though. You have a lot more backbone and honesty than the attorneys such as Drechsler that you hire to represent you.

Please publish this letter also. (Did I make any spelling or grammar errors?)

Sincerely,

Val Diviacchi

Again per Atty. Diviacchi's request, the Pax publishes his letter here.

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Attorney Valeriano Diviacchi

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Dear Mr. Carnell,

Normally, I enjoy exchanging verbal barbs. However, once it degenerates into an argument about the quality of my letterhead and it is obvious my opponent is incapable of understanding the substance of any argument, there is no fun to it. What next? Are you going to tell me that your Daddy can beat up my Daddy? Not only are you sidetracked by irrelevant considerations, but you somehow believe that you have an insight into people's lives without knowing anything about them. You should be an appellate judge. You have simply confirmed my opinion as stated in my deposition based upon 35 years of experience dealing with violence, irrationality, criminals, and police officers that it is a waste of time to talk to most police officers — especially when they start whining like little girls about how tough their job is. Poor baby! You get no respect; I hope I did not make you cry. I have graduated from chasing ambulances to chasing the attorneys who chase ambulances so I am too busy to try any other method to wake you up. One last request, please publish in your literary magnum opus a reminder to your brethren Officer Watson of my last words to him telling him that we will be dealing in court with each other for years. The "not responsible" on the fabricated ticket and the remainder of the pending process is only the beginning of my response to that professional bully.

Sincerely,

Val Diviacchi

THE SAGA STILL GOES
ON...SEE PAGE B4

The Diviacchi Papers

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Val Diviacchi
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5/10/2007

Dear Mr. Val,

I, Brutus Carnellius, editor of *Magnum Opus* (formerly known as the *Pax Centurion*) am in receipt of your latest jeremiad demanding publication. I continue to be amazed at the speed with which you respond to my faxed letters (within hours!). Even I, editor of a newspaper world-renowned for printing the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but thereof, often take days (weeks!?) to respond to both my supporters (many) and critics (exceedingly few, as one might expect). Your lightning-quick responses lead me to ponder whether A.) you are an incredibly attentive attorney who responds promptly and without delay, or B.) your waiting room is dusty. If the latter is the case, please forward to me a bundle of your business cards (the nice ones with the lady holding the little scales and the sword). During the course of my regular duties, I often encounter residentially-challenged citizens who may have tumbled from a park bench or spilled hot McDonald's coffee upon themselves. They may be most in need of your outstanding legal services.

Then again, Val, perhaps the help you need is beyond my limited abilities. In your letter, I noted your not-so-veiled threat to continue your legal actions against our outstanding Officer Kevin Watson for issuing you a traffic ticket : i.e.- "...we will be dealing with each other in court for years... the pending process is only the beginning of my response to that professional bully." In some circles, such relentless determination might be admired. (Of course, in these same circles, group therapy and medicine are helpful.) It is an unfortunate part of the policeman's lot to have to put up with frivolous appeals, nuisance lawsuits and time-consuming litigation, much as nurses have to waste their time and energy with hypochondriacs and assorted kooks with perceived maladies.

Alas, Valerius, our brief friendship must therefore expire, under your threat of legal bad things. And so, in the [aborted] words of the immortal Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce tribe, "I shall write no more, forever..." (to you, that is, Valerius). Please direct all future communication to BPPA attorney Tomasius Drechslerius, abogado supremo.

Sincerilius,

Brutus Carnellius, Editor, *Magnus Opus/Pax Centurion*

10 May 2007

Attorney Valeriano Diviacchi

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Dear Mr. Carnell,

Whatever. I should have known better than to argue with a wall. Just remind your fellow centurion Kevin Watson of my last words to him.

Sincerely,

Val Diviacchi

This letter was received from Mr. Donald Emmett d'Entremont in response to a Howie Carr article printed in the *Boston Herald* on May 16, 2007. The article referenced this matter involving Officer Kevin Watson and Attorney Diviacchi. Attorney d'Entremont requested that the letter be printed in its entirety and the *Pax* is happy to do so.

...and Howie Carr comes in for some fire!

May 16, 2007

Howard Carr
The Boston Herald
One Herald Square
Boston, MA 02118

Mr. Carr:

Advised to read your writings today, I struggled to recognize the person behind the unflattering caricature you paint with your broad tarnishing brush. I then realized that you had turned your indiscriminate poison pen against my own father, a man who served and protected the people of the Commonwealth for 32 years as a police officer with the Somerville, Metropolitan, and State Police until he retired as a Captain from the State Police. You have defamed a good man in the twilight of his years. Your attempts to condemn him by begrudging him monies he legally earned and by associating him with criminals, are reprehensible.

Your malicious and public attack has defamed a decent, honest and honorable man. The son of French speaking parents from Canada, my father grew up in Somerville as the son of a man who worked as a truck driver and laborer for a lobster company in Boston. He later served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He then pursued a career with the police, a career choice and group that you obviously disdain. He also worked at Kresge's Department store in Dorchester during his off-hours to earn money to pay his bills, Kresge's was part of what I believe you call the "dreaded private sector."

My father worked to earn a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University while raising a family of five and studying at night to pass the exams that permitted him to move up in rank. He also earned a master's degree from a school that you obviously do not favor. My mother tells a humorous but sad story that when I was three years old, my father wanted to take me out for the day, but I would not go with him because he worked so much that I barely knew who he was.

You apparently performed no due diligence as to the man or the court matter before you wrote your "story." I would think that a newspaper recently successfully sued for defaming a state judge would be more professional. I enclose materials for your review regarding the court matter, including Mr. Diviacchi's baseless and poorly written civil rights complaint.

My father took his current position as a consultant to the RMV because he wanted to remain active in a field in which he was experienced. As I understand the facts of the court matter, contrary to your assertion, the Boston Police officer who states that he was brushed by Mr. Diviacchi's motor vehicle has not been deposed in this matter. Also, the person who originally complained to police about Mr. Diviacchi's aggressive driving is, to my understanding and belief, also an attorney. Additionally, two Boston Police officers have testified as to Mr. Diviacchi's abusive behavior to them. Moreover, you are inconsistent in your descriptions of the hearing officer position (Par. 5 & 7). I fail to understand why you uncritically adopt Mr. Diviacchi's version of relevant facts and I question the nature of the relationship you have with Mr. Diviacchi along with your character.

I ask that The Boston Herald publish this letter unaltered and unedited along with a public apology from Mr. Carr to my father and his family.

Sincerely,

Donald Emmett d'Entremont

Letters from the Editor:

Response to "Police chases not worth risk of tragedy"

Dear Editor,

Par for the course, the screeching Brookline-liberal Margery Eagan blames the police – not the driver – for the consequences that result from an unlicensed operator's refusal to stop. According to Margery, police are somehow supposed to be clairvoyant; to know in advance the motivation behind why an individual refuses to stop.

As a 25-yr. Boston police veteran, at the time the pursuit begins I don't know whether a "routine traffic violator" flees because he/she is simply scared or whether an axe murderer is behind the wheel. I do know that the consequences of failing to

stop for the police – tragic or otherwise – are totally, thoroughly and completely the fault of the person behind the wheel of the fleeing car, not the police.

Of course, if the police failed to pursue a scofflaw and that person ended up killing/injuring somebody, Margery and her armchair-quarterback elitist friends would undoubtedly be criticizing the police for "not doing their jobs". Damned if we do, damned if we don't...

Sincerely,
James W. Carnell
Representative,
Boston Police Patrolmen's Association
Area A-1

Response to "When speed kills in car chases"

Dear Editor,

In typical *Globe* fashion, your editorial "When speed kills in car chases" (5/30) adopts the "blame the police" mentality. Nowhere in the editorial is blame placed upon the unlicensed Javier Morales who fled from the police, causing death and serious injuries.

As a 25-year Boston police veteran, I have experienced many instances where drivers have fled from police. These pursuits occur in split-seconds and are totally and completely the fault of the individual who refuses to stop. At the time the pursuit begins, the police have no idea whether the operator is fleeing from a "minor traffic offense" or is an armed felon; all the police

know is that the individual refuses to stop and does not want to be caught.

Your admiration of the so-called "Boston police policy" regarding pursuits is similarly misguided. Many officers believe the policy is, in part, responsible for the recent surge in crime. The criminal element now knows that all they need do is step on the gas and the Boston police will discontinue the chase, solely out of fear of future litigation (and critical second-guessing from *Globe* editorialists).

Sincerely,
James W. Carnell
Representative,
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Area A-1

Corrupt Politics

By Mark A. Bruno

Now that the merger of the Municipal Police Department has been implemented there are many questions still that have not been answered. Many members want to know what the BPPA is doing to fight this unjustified merger. Most BPPA members want to see the issue go forward in court and have a judge decide. The BPPA and its attorneys are looking forward to having their day in court. Turning the other cheek is not an option.

Unfortunately, Civil Service has been poisoned by individuals who apparently would rather see the merit system destroyed in favor of political appointments only. The BPPA is fighting to restore the mission statement by which Civil Service operated, and that was to give a level playing field to all. This level field has always been through the testing process which is being challenged by the merger. Without the merit based competitive testing process the whole hiring system will be open to unscrupulous politicians dangling jobs up to those who drink the kool-aid and give the most money.

I really wanted to let this matter go, but unfortunately **Bob Francis** (former self-ordained leader of the thankfully-eliminated Municipal Police Department) thought it would be fitting to take a swipe at our BPPA President Tom Nee. He may have just as well taken a swing at all of us. I guess the only comparison to describe this person would be a snake-oil-salesman who attempts to sell you a product that does absolutely nothing. This is the charm he and NAGE (National Association of Government Employees) President **Kenny Lyons** used to seduce local politicians and state officials. For those of you taking the detective's exam I will let you draw your own conclusions on this matter.

Step one; the Municipal Police, via the City Council (**Maureen Feeney** and **Stephen Murphy**) are allowed to obtain Civil Service status as "security guards" (wink, wink).

Step two; The Municipal Police through their union NAGE, petition to have their status as Civil Service Security Officers changed to Municipal Police Officers. Hence the battle began with the BPPA who legally is supposed to be the only civil service "patrol officer" union in the City of Boston. This whole story is a sordid affair and needs to be told so that all understand the manner in which this

treachery unfolded. I have no problem if someone in our profession wants to advance themselves, provided they do by playing by the rules, not by making them up as they go along. This is like the **Gerald Clemente** fiasco, only tests are not needed. The only thing needed is to solicit a weasel (via contributions, dinner or a watch) and watch them run. This is the type of sleazy mudslinging I did not want to get into, but Mr. Francis fired his volley so on we go.

Enter **Mr. James J. Hartnett**, former Personnel Ad-

Unfortunately, Civil Service has been poisoned by individuals who apparently would rather see the merit system destroyed in favor of political appointments only. The BPPA is fighting to restore the mission statement by which Civil Service operated, and that was to give a level playing field to all.

ministrator for the Commonwealth, and head of the Human Resource Division. Mr. Hartnett was found guilty (docket # 671) by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Ethics Commission for conflict of interest laws and abusing his position. It seems that NAGE President Kenny Lyons was wining and dining Mr. Hartnett and his wife at Anthony's Pier 4 and other locations for an extended period of time. Mr. Hartnett was also given a watch by Mr. Lyons. You may ask what all this has to do with this story? Let me continue.

During Mr. Hartnett's tenure as the Head of the State Human Resource Division, the Municipal Security Guards were granted status as Civil Service Municipal Police Officers. Presto! No test, and the ability to lateral into any police department that would have them. Can you connect the dots, or are you still scratching your head?

Now enter into the picture the Mayor who has nothing but total disdain for our union because we refused to endorse him. The Mayor in his infinite wisdom figured if he could bring the numbers down on the police force there would be fewer people paying dues. The thinking apparently was to bankrupt our union through attorney fees. The Mayor by his own admission several prior years ago called the Municipal Police Department pretty much a disgrace.

What happened between now and then is beyond me. I'm sure many of these officers kicked into many politicians including the Mayor, hence the change of heart. Endorsing the Mayor got the Municipal officers to first base and into the council chambers where they were granted Civil Service as security officers. What the Mayor did by driving the numbers down on sworn Boston Police officers was to create an immediate imminent need for more officers, and who fit the bill were the newly waived over with a magic wand just back from Civil Service and the HRD with their new title as "Municipal Police Officers." Perfect for immediate lateral transfer, which was promptly shoved down our throats, were these newly ordained civil servant officers.

For those of you that weren't around in the eighties when Boston Police officers were being laid-off, for your own edification at the same time Municipal Police security were being hired and not laid-off. The new laterals after three years as Boston Police officers will recapture their civil service time. In other words if layoffs come about, they will be sitting pretty ahead of the newly hired Civil Service police officers from the past few classes.

So, please, to the few individuals out there that think taking this matter to court in order to preserve the integrity of Civil Service is a waste of this union's time, please understand the treachery that went on which has brought us to this point of no return. This is not a conspiracy theory. It is merely a question being asked on how one can go from a Jack to a King without lifting a pencil. Obviously Mr. Francis gets a lot of sympathy from the pansies at the *Herald* Editorial. Let's hope for the pansies at the *Herald* and Mr. Francis that the Mayor does not stop short. Otherwise, we'll have to call a proctologist. I would like to thank Mr. Francis, who as a result of his callus editorial has now prompted the BPPA to start looking into opening up its own credit union, much like that of the Boston Fire Department Credit Union. I would hope in the mean time that all our members remember Mr. Francis when the City of Boston Credit Union elections roll around. Do unto others.....

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Emerson College Students Apologize for Inappropriate Remarks

Editor's note: The following letters of apology were written by students at Emerson College with the strong "encouragement" of Emerson police chief **George Noonan** (retired BPD). These students had posted a video on "Youtube" in which they filmed a Boston police officer in a street situation and then yelled stupid, insulting remarks at him from their college dorms. At the time, they thought it was funny, but when Chief Noonan got wind of it, he informed them of the error of their ways. Their letters are reprinted here not to embarrass them (full names have been replaced with initials) but to prove that redemption is possible (as long as strong leaders like Chief Noonan are there to show them the path of righteousness, that is...)



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Captain Bernard O'Rourke
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Boston Police Department District A-1
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Dear Capt. O'Rourke:

As you are aware, in a recent incident three Emerson College students made irresponsible jokes about police officers and disrupted Boston Police officers on duty.

These students, however, have recognized that their behavior was inappropriate and disrespectful and have written individual apology letters to the Boston Police Department which are attached.

Would you please accept the students' apologies along with our apologies for this incident and convey them to your officers:

Sincerely,


George F. Noonan, Chief/Director
Department of Public Safety

Atch./Letters
Cc: Sgt. T. Lema

Dear Boston Police Department,

My name is J.C. I study comedy and filmmaking at Emerson College. I must say I've learned a great deal about the filmmaking process in my time here, but recent events have taught me that my comedy routine needs a lot of work.

Jokes about police officers and donuts can sometimes deserve a laugh or two, but as some of us have unfortunately seen in a recent video my friend posted on Youtube, there is a definite line between a harmless joke and unnecessary, insulting, and childish disturbances. Myself and two others seriously crossed that line. I am the student who yelled, "Hey Baldy, Dunkin' Donuts is over here, but I think it's closed." Such words may have been good for a laugh among the students in my dorm room, but ultimately I see such actions as:

1. A waste of my time and energy.
2. A disgraceful representation of who Emerson students are.
3. A distraction from the work of Boston Police.

The last thing an officer needs is "some punk Emerson kid" yelling at him or her. Had this been a high intensity situation where an officer's life was already in danger, what the hell good am I doing taking his focus away?

4. Insulting and a complete disregard for the hard work of the BPD. The city couldn't function without you. Specifically, the area around our campus wouldn't be as nice as it is without your dedication.

And then I return that service with calling you Baldy? My friend video tapes it and broadcasts it to the world? **Unacceptable.**

Please accept my apologies for my behavior. You have my word that I will never engage in this activity again, and that if I witness anything similar about to happen on our campus, I will do my best to stop it.

Please understand that the general Emerson population is made up of good people. In fact, the three of us in this situation are drug free and never get wasted. Instead we find ourselves making other bad choices. It is not just my hope, but a sincere goal that my friends and I will use our remaining time at Emerson College in a more positive manner.

Thank you,
J.C.
Class of 2008

Dear Boston Police Department

I am an Emerson College junior, and my name is J.P. Last November, and late in February, myself and my two roommates participated in some thoughtless actions that I now realize were in extreme bad taste. My friend shouted out of our dormitory window in the direction of one of your on duty officers, in a sad attempt to poke fun at cop stereotypes. For childish reasons, I now know this to be quite foolish and irresponsible; I decided to not only video tape this event, but to share it on YouTube as well. This move was a definite lapse in judgment, as I had neither the foresight, nor the consideration for the ramifications of that action. I deeply apologize for any embarrassment, distraction, or hardship we may have caused you by these actions.

I understand that this action could easily be perceived as a threat to the brave and hard working Boston Police Officers, especially considering they were on duty at the time in a crowded city. Above all, our actions were a great distraction to the officers, who regardless of how threatened they felt were unable to perform their job effectively for at least a few moments while we took their attention away from their important jobs.

I am writing today to convey my sincerest apologies to the entire Boston Police force, and especially the two officers whose lives did not deserved our childish actions. I would also like to thank you for the hard work you do each and every day, often without notice or praise. I for one however have always noticed, and appreciated your hard work, and respect all branches of the law - especially local law enforcement officers who risk their lives everyday on the street.

Hopefully you will accept my apology today, as I, and my friends, have definitely learned from our mistakes - and are certainly better for it. We understand never to do something foolish like this again, and to make sure we always think out the consequences of our actions before taking them. This kind of behavior is the last you will see from me, or my peers. I hope these events do not give you a negative image of Emerson College, as it really was just a few bad apples out of many, experiencing a poor lapse in judgment. Everyone here is very grateful of your services, and appreciative of your hard work. I know you will continue to serve and ensure our safety in and throughout Boston without these events effecting your perception of our small community, and I deeply thank you for that.

Thank you for your time, and have a nice day.

Sincerely, J.P.

Dear Boston Police Department,

My name is E.H. and I'm a student at Emerson College. On two separate occasions, I told my roommate to shout comments to officers on street level.

At the time, I failed to see the real sense of danger I inflicted upon those Officers. I had not considered that the action was something that a sniper might have done to get a person to turn around for a clearer shot, and that by doing this, we took the focus of these Officers off of the task at hand and waste their time looking for the culprits. To make matters worse, my roommate taped these occurrences and placed the video on the Internet.

I'm writing to express not only my most genuine apology, but to express my thanks for the work that the Boston Police Department does every day. It's hard, often thankless work, and you should never have to deal with jerky college students looking for a laugh. I've always respected police officers and felt that the job they do is worthy of a lot of respect. An officer has never mistreated me and they are always willing to help out if they are able. That's why looking back on the incident I can't understand why it didn't click in my head that this was a bad idea. Hopefully you will forgive my severe lapse in judgment--you have my promise that my roommates and I now understand the seriousness of our actions, and that it will never happen again.

Please do not allow this experience to taint your views of Emerson College and it's students. We are a respectful bunch as a whole and we appreciate the work that you all do to ensure our safety in the downtown Boston area.

Thank you for your time,

E.H.

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BPD "Fill-in-the-blank" quiz

By Jim Carnell, *Pax Editor*

The first officer scoring a perfect "10" who returns a completed quiz (DO NOT LOOK AT THE ANSWERS!) by U.S. Mail to the *Pax* will be appointed to the newly-created position of BPPA Professor-Emeritus *ad-nauseum*. Entries must be date and time stamped by a qualified adult or guardian and any submissions in crayon will be disqualified immediately.

- 1.) "As a response to increasing crime, the Boston Police will be _____ patrols in the affected neighborhoods."
- A.) dumbing-down
 - B.) reducing
 - C.) beefing-up
 - D.) transmogulating

The correct response is C: "beefing up". We always tell the press we are "beefing up" patrols when in fact we aren't because the overtime budget is kaput. However, "D" – transmogulating – would also be an acceptable choice because it is a nonsense word without meaning and would therefore cause gullible nitwits to nod their heads in agreement.

- 2.) "The goal of the Boston police department is to build neighborhoods without _____."
- A.) residents
 - B.) liberals
 - C.) buffoons
 - D.) fear

The politically-correct response is D: "fear": We want to build neighborhoods without *feared*, as those who remember the famous Mao Tse Tung-style wall plaques posted by previous police administrations may recall. Of course, it is also a good idea to build neighborhoods without liberals, whose ideology is the proximate cause of crime, but that's not likely in this city.

- 3.) The "three P's" are:
- A.) Partnership, Perspicacity, and Potassium
 - B.) Problem-solving, Prevention, and Polysorbate
 - C.) Partnership, Problem-solving and Prevention
 - D.) Prevention of Polynesian Prophylactics

The correct response is C: "Partnership, Problem-solving and Prevention. This should be well known by any officer who studied "the five plaques" and took them seriously like I did.

- 4.) Which of the following groups are NOT considered a part of the "Partnership"?
- A.) self-appointed community activists
 - B.) Northeastern University Professors and alleged academics
 - C.) Ministers, Imams, Rabbis, Bishops, Mullahs and assorted keepers of storefront, tax-free churches
 - D.) Police Chiefs, Politically-appointed Superintendents and Deputies, Admirals, Bolivian Colonels and Field Marshals
 - E.) Patrolmen

The correct answer is "E": Patrolmen are to be seen and not heard and are expected to blindly obey orders as dictated by the community activists, college professors and storefront ministers to the BPD command staff.

- 5.) When formulating policy, whom should the BPD consult first?
- A.) The editorial boards of the Globe and the Herald
 - B.) Northeastern University Professors Levin, Fox and MacDevitt
 - C.) Storefront ministers awaiting state and federal grants
 - D.) Any/all of the above but the patrol force

Again, the correct answer is "D". BPD policy should always be cleared first by the newspaper editorial boards with the blessing of the alleged academic and religious communities.

- 6.) In order to walk around headquarters and make it appear as though you are doing something, what must you ALWAYS have in your hands?
- A.) a gun
 - B.) a cigarette
 - C.) a piece of paper
 - D.) a bottle containing amber colored-fluid

The correct answer is "C" - a piece of paper. When walking around HQ, it is vitally important to hold a piece of paper, look at it repeatedly and walk towards somewhere as if you are on a mission. This is especially important when dirty, nasty uniformed patrolmen are walking towards you. After *leaving* headquarters, you may pick up a bottle – "D" – as you will probably need it.

- 7.) In the BPD, the (very few) newest cruisers with the most modern computers and technology are always reserved for:
- A.) the patrol force, because they are the ones on the street who need them
 - B.) the detectives, because they need modern technology to properly investigate crimes,
 - C.) line supervisors, because they need the tools to assist their patrolmen
 - D.) Superintendents, Deputies and assorted political appointees, so that they can look good when they attend the next Chiefs of Police convention

The correct answer, big nuthead, is of course "D". Our command staff and civilian administrators need the best cruisers, marked and unmarked, for themselves. It is ludicrous to think that the street cops, detectives and supervisors should have the best cruisers when our media relations or legal advisor needs one to go shopping down the Cape. Just how stupid are you?

- 8.) Fill in the most common ending for the following boilerplate news story: "The victim of the latest shooting was in the process of _____."
- A.) "turning his life around"
 - B.) "going to work"
 - C.) "clearing up outstanding warrants"
 - D.) "paying his taxes"

"A" is the most common ending for the above listed sentence.

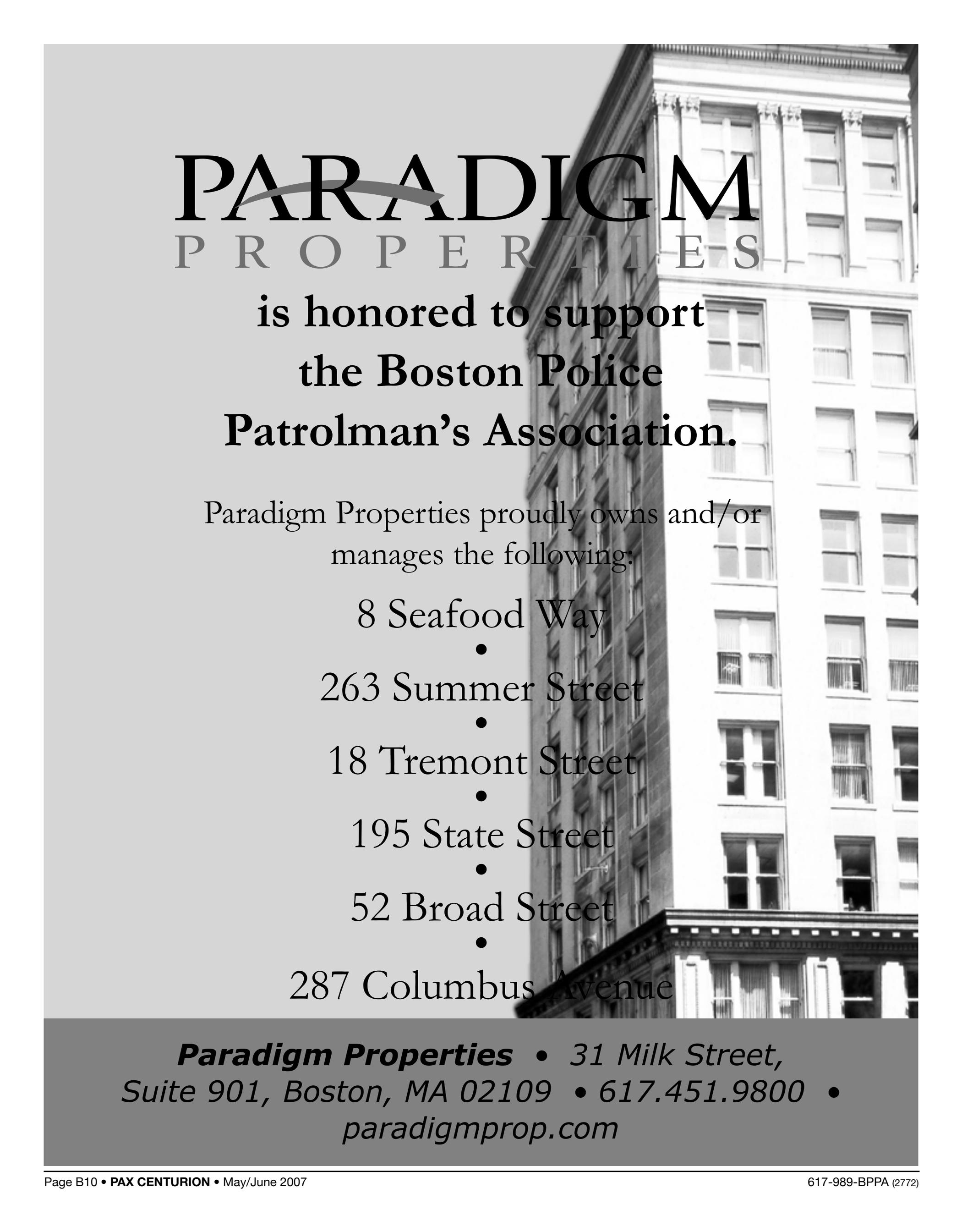
- 9.) On the BPD standard 1.1 report form, all victims must be assigned to a racial category. Into which category should a victim who tells you he was born in Lebanon, is named (for example) Hassan-abu Muhammad, and has olive-complexion skin, and curly black hair be placed?
- A.) White, non-hispanic
 - B.) Middle-Eastern
 - C.) Asian
 - D.) Black-Hispanic
 - E.) None of the above

The correct answer is "E" - none of the above, for the following reason: (a true example, by the way, courtesy of yours truly). Despite being obsessed with and yet deathly afraid of all things related to race and ethnicity, the BPD has NO category on the 1.1 form for victims who are of middle-eastern **ethnic** (not *racial*, because "middle-eastern" is not a race) backgrounds. (Available choices are: white-Hispanic, white non-hispanic, black-hispanic, black non-hispanic, Asian, East-Indian, Native American, N/A and "unknown".) Lacking the correct choice, I checked off "unknown" in the racial category for this victim, and was questioned the next day by my superiors as to why I had made this choice. After explaining the conundrum, I was later informed that I should have made the Lebanese cab victim an "Asian", although I still have not been informed what particular ethnic attributes would cause this man to be placed into that category....

- 10.) Each and every motor vehicle stop requires BPD officers to complete a "racial-profiling" form (basically, so that the racial profiling bureaucracy at Northeastern University can propagate itself). Into which of the following categories would you place (you are **required** by BPD rules to pick one, and only one) a dark-skinned, light-haired Portuguese-speaking man from Brazil who resides in Somerville? (Or how about a light-skinned, dark-haired, Portuguese-speaking Cape Verdean residing in Dorchester?)
- A.) White
 - B.) Hispanic
 - C.) Black
 - D.) Asian-Pacific Islander
 - E.) East Indian (South Asian)
 - F.) Native American
 - G.) Middle eastern

(Note: These are the categories listed on the BPD racial profiling form, as opposed to the BPD 1.1 form)

The correct answer –and the *incorrect answer* - is any of the above, but the BPD and the racial-profiling hucksters still require you to choose one. Many, many Americans consider themselves a mixed variety of races and ethnic backgrounds, but YOU, the police officer must, in effect, make yourself a racist by choosing one of the above 7, undefined and limited categories. And they accuse *us* of racial profiling???



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Sage advice from one who knows:

A retired veteran offers valuable advice and opinions

Editor's Note: This article is written by a retired BPD officer of rank who is respected by all who served under and with him during his long career. His name has been changed for reasons known to this editor, and a nom de plume has been authorized. "Jay V. Barry" will hopefully continue writing for the Pax, as his opinions and insights are invaluable, especially for our younger members. I am reminded of the joke about the old bull and the young bull looking down upon a herd of milk-cows in the pasture. The young bull says, "Hey, let's run down the hill and get one of them cows!" The older bull says, "Slow down, kid. We'll walk down, and get all of them." Such is the wisdom that only age and experience can offer.

As I dwell in what is (even to me) some ancient history of the department, I have to mention that the best historian of the department that I ever met while serving in its ranks, and an absolute gentleman was the late Superintendent-in-Chief **William J. Taylor**. Bill Taylor is also the only officer I ever met during my career who I consider as being worthy of holding that rank and no offense is meant for the present holder or a few, very, very few, of the past holders of that rank. Ironically, when Bill Taylor was named Superintendent-in-Chief, there was no provision in the law, at that time anyway, for such a rank, and I don't know if there is today. In any case, no one in the department who knew that officer and knew of his knowledge on the workings of the department, would or could ever object to his appointment. So when I mention "History of the B.P.D.", the name of Bill Taylor immediately comes to mind.

But just to tell some of the younger and perhaps newer members of the department of "the way it was" I wonder if they will believe? I don't blame them if they don't, but just let me go back about 57 years, which does not seem that long ago to me, and relate some of the conditions in the department at that time.

First, we must mention the hours of duty for the particular shifts which were in effect then:

1. Day officers worked from 7:45 A.M. to 5:45 P.M., a long ten hour day. They did have a somewhat generous lunch time period built-in which I believe was about 90 minutes.

2. The First Half shift which worked from 5:45 P.M. to 12:30 A.M., a 6 3/4 hour tour of duty.

3. The Last Half shift which worked from 12:30 A.M. to 7:45 A.M. or a 7 1/4 hour tour.

Most districts and specialized squads such as the Tactical Patrol Force, formed on December 5, 1962, and certain detective units from Police Headquarters had officers who worked steady evening tours, most around 7:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. The main object, as you would already know, was to have an increased and more visible patrol presence during the busiest periods of police activity.

You will notice that the night shifts had a much shorter tour of duty than day officers. This was due to the rotating hours which night officers put in doing a last Half then a first Half and continuing on that schedule for the entire work week. It was also due to night officers not having a built-in lunch period but the amazing part of that fact is that there is not a single recorded case of a night officer suffering from malnutrition for having no lunch break. That is difficult to believe, is it not?

We must now go back in history to officer's day-off schedules. In 1950, and I do not know for how long previously, but at that time officers had one day off in every six

days. Day officers, with steady hours, would work five days and be off one day and return to duty. Night officers, and it must be explained at this point, that there were what were called "two sides of the house." This was necessary as any officer working the first half tour of duty on a rotating shift would have to be relieved by officers to cover the Mid-night tour and provide around-the-clock patrol coverage.

But just to tell some of the younger and perhaps newer members of the department of "the way it was" I wonder if they will believe?

Night officer's day-off schedule would start the work week with a last-half, then a first-half, a LH, FH, LH, and then after working five tours of duty would be off one day returning to duty after his day off on a last-half and repeating that cycle throughout the year. Officers assigned to one side of the house would remain with that same group every working tour with the possible exception of one who might work out of turn at his request or being assigned to days or the other side of the house for whatever reason. That should not be too confusing as there may still be some officers who worked those hours, although on further thought there probably would not be too many left just because of age, and that to me is incredible that so many years have passed so quickly

In 1950, I am told, the voters of Boston, now aware of "slave shop" hours and working conditions in the Boston police department, had it in their hearts to award the members of the department a "five and two" day-off schedule. That was too much to believe. Work five days and be off two? Who would have ever thought that a schedule like that might become a reality?

It did become a condition of employment in January of 1951 but required the appointment of several huge recruit

Today's news becomes tomorrow's history so more will be submitted as time, effort, health and determination permit. Just remember that there is no such thing as a "routine" stop or incident if only for the fact that different individuals are involved in each case. Be wary of complacency as that could prove to be extremely dangerous, even fatal.

classes in order to have sufficient manpower (or people power) on duty to patrol the respective districts. So as to avoid officers having the same days off each week, seven squads of officers were established at each district and unit for day-off purposes. In this scenario, officers worked six tours of duty and were then on two days off with your days off progressing one day each week, i.e., Monday & Tuesday, then Tuesday & Wednesday, etc. This would not appear to be a five day work week but when officers reached their weekend days off, they had two successive three-day off periods, which now looks like a mini-vacation, which it certainly seemed to be. That means officers were off Friday-Saturday and Sunday the first weekend and Saturday-Sunday and Monday the next., in effect averaging out to a five day work week.

Those hours of duty for the day and night shifts were to continue until the first Collective Bargaining Agreement was signed in 1968. That first contract served to just about equalize all three shifts and the early evening shift. Day officers would now work from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.;

First Half from 4:30 P.M. to 12:15 A.M. and the Last Half from 12:15 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. The steady evening squad hours were set at 7:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M.

The present hours, as I understand them to be, is for the day shift to work from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., the first half from 4:00 P.M. to 11:45 P.M. and the last half from 11:45 P.M. to 7:30 A.M.

Somewhere along the line, however, rotating night shifts were abandoned with steady night shifts accepted by the union.

The 5 and 2 day off schedule was to continue until replaced by the 4 and 2 day off schedule on September 9, 1970 which was just unbelievable. You have heard the expression, "Too good to be true," well that was the reaction of the brass and the rank and file when that schedule was first announced.

1970 was the year that Mayor Kevin H. White had his sights set on the Governor's Office and wanted the endorsement of the BPPA badly, very, very badly as it turned out. Some city officials and even bureau chiefs at police headquarters were not opposed to that schedule but knew it would call for at least two more large classes of recruits which would be needed for proper patrol coverage. With that thought solely in mind, it was suggested to the Mayor that he grant that day off schedule but postpone implementation until January 1 of 1971 when the recruit classes would be ready for street assignment.

The BPPA bargaining committee, to their credit, insisted on immediate implementation or no endorsement. White, apparently so desperate for the BPPA endorsement agreed to the demands of the BPPA Officials and was to issue a side letter of agreement. Still not satisfied with this proposal, the BPPA officers insisted that it be incorporated into their present contract, which it was and where it still remains to the present day.

This required the appointment of two large recruit classes both in October of 1970 and while I remember it vividly, I

cannot believe for an instant that it was 37 years ago and those officers are now ready to retire or perhaps have already retired.

The BPPA did give Kevin White their endorsement

for Governor but despite the endorsement he went down to a humiliating defeat at the hands of incumbent Governor Francis W. Sargent.

Today's news becomes tomorrow's history so more will be submitted as time, effort, health and determination permit. Just remember that there is no such thing as a "routine" stop or incident if only for the fact that different individuals are involved in each case. Be wary of complacency as that could prove to be extremely dangerous, even fatal.

Have you noticed in recent years the abundance of news clips involving officers in the act of using force to overcome an arrest? There are many mini-cams out there waiting to film you. Stay well, stay alert and be careful.

*Your former brother in arms,
Jay V. Barry (Ret.)*

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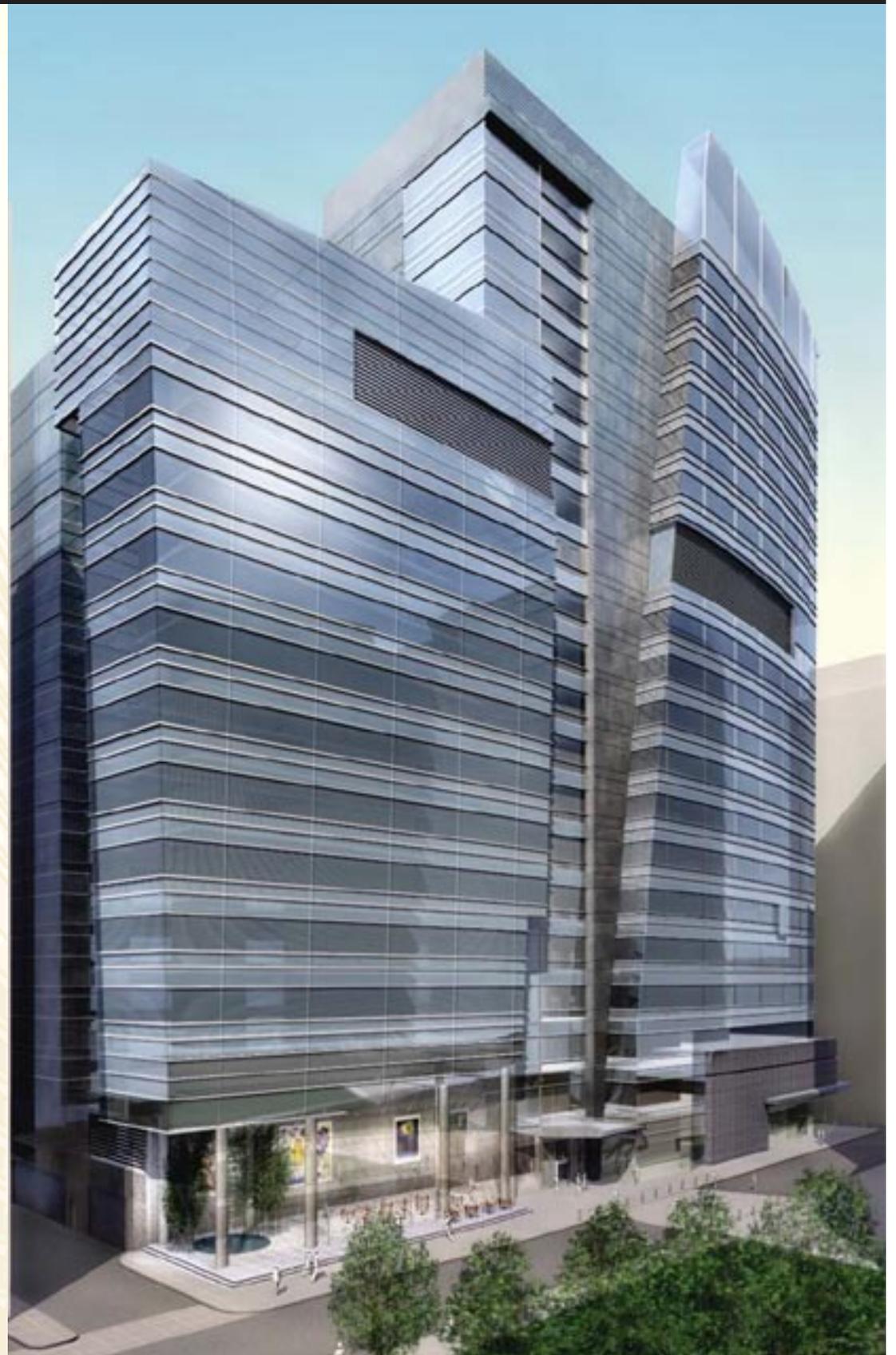


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The more things change, the more they stay the same

The more things change, the more they stay the same." Who was it that said that, any way?

Well I thought the Veteran's Administration finally got it! I really believed that after all of the negative publicity of late, that the administrative gurus of the V.A. would at least make it look like they were making changes for the better. But, as usual, I put too much faith in federal officials, actually believing that they would smarten up and 'fly right'. Oh well, these guys and gals must figure their doing such a great job, that they gave themselves millions of dollars in bonus pay.

Just a few short months after being exposed as inept managers of our nation's veteran's facilities, these *brainiacs* figured that no one would notice the approximate four million dollars in bonuses. Yup, I said it; \$4,000,000.00!

Terrific, where else could you be wrong, a reported; 75% of the time and still receive a pay check, never mind a bonus (leaving meteorologists out of it of course). The V.A., that's where! The average backlog in cases is around 200 days, but these guys figure that they deserve a bonus for their *quality* work. The average Veteran's Administration Hospital is understaffed and under-funded. The maintenance is so poor in some of these facilities, that they have had to close, displacing hundreds of wounded veterans and

treats, games, books and sometimes just simple company.

I wonder how many cups of coffee or candy bars or books we could buy with that \$4,000,000.00? How many staff members we could hire, or how many facilities we could have kept open? How many leaky roofs could be fixed? It is simply amazing, that a government that preaches about doing away with waste would allow civil servants to pay themselves an additional \$4,000,000.00 over their earned pay. It is absolutely **amazes** me that twenty-one (21) of the thirty-two (32) officials that make up the Veteran's Administration 'Performance Review Board', (who are the keeper of the bonus funds), voted themselves over \$500,000.00 in bonuses.

I'm sure that they felt it was well deserved, I mean after all it must be grueling work deciding whose friend(s) (working in the administrative/management field) deserve bonuses year after year, equating to an average of 20% of ones annual salary. *I mean just look what a great job they've been doing:* Our Nation's Hospitals are reported to be in "Deplorable Conditions", our Veteran's Services are reported to be "At an All Time Low", and a Veteran's wait time to be seen by a doctor is reported to be "At an All Time High, Average 196 Days". Meanwhile the Congress is chasing around

the current White House administration for 'canning' a bunch of overpaid, politically connected U.S. Attorneys, who's only goal in life is to become a politically appointed federal judge.

How about an investigation of the 'Politico's' running the Veteran's Administration. How about some oversight of the funds that are supposed to be used in healing our comrades. How about some good 'ole' fashion common sense. **If more money is required to hire or main-**

tain "Quality" managers, (as recently reported), then designate the funds for it! Do not allow some political scumbag the authority to steal tax dollars designated for our wounded brothers and sisters! Call your Congressional delegation now and demand hearings or inquiry into this practice of stealing money earmarked for our Veterans.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: I am pleased to announce



that several states have chosen to institute new laws and benefit packages for our returning veterans to include new employment opportunities. The Federal Court has recently ruled, (once again), in favor of Veteran's Preference in hiring for federal civil service jobs. (This much to the dismay of some of the federal managers, specifically in the Veteran's Administration, believe it or not). The US District Court has sent down several rulings of late, that not only favor the veteran, but impose monetary penalties against those who choose ignore their rulings. (It's about time!!)

VFW ELECTIONS: The Post elections for the VFW Post #1018 seats were conducted on April 16th, 2007. Congratulations to the following personnel who were re-elected: Chris Colby as Commander, Brendon McCarthy as Senior Vice Commander, Kenny Semedo as Junior Vice Commander, Jim Saunders as Post Quartermaster, Frank DeClement as Post Surgeon, Bob 'Doc' Sprague as Post Chaplain, Matt McGrath as Post Advocate, George Murray and Pat Rose as Post Trustees. Individuals elected were seated into their new positions on the weekend of June 8th at the annual State VFW convention, which was once again held at the Sheraton Ferncroft, Danvers, Mass.

MEMORIAL DAY: As promised the Memorial Day ceremony was conducted at the Boston Police VFW Post #1018 on Monday, the 28th of May. Once again this was a tremendous success and the event is growing each year. The Boston Police Honor Guard, under the command of Sgt James Neal and represented by; Officers James Galvin, Steve Doran, William Henry, Michael Manning, and Seth Richard assisted in the ceremony. Once again these

fine men gave up their holiday weekend to show support for our fallen comrades. The Honor Guard, impeccably dressed in their blues with brass shined and creases you could shave with, presented the memorial wreath to the base of our 'Old Glory' as Commander Colby presented some thoughts to our honored guests, which included families of departed members in addition to those who have family currently serving. The post was decorated for this occasion by Adjutant Martin Columbo, with flowers and crosses dedicated to our de-

Just a few short months after being exposed as inept managers of our nation's veteran's facilities, these brainiacs figured that no one would notice the approximate four million dollars in bonuses. Yup, I said it; \$4,000,000.00! Terrific, where else could you be wrong, a reported; 75% of the time and still receive a pay check, never mind a bonus (leaving meteorologists out of it of course). The V.A., that's where!

parted comrades, Bob 'Doc' Sprague gave the invocation while Jorge Castro assisted with lowering the colors. The ceremony was concluded and all attendees joined us for a correlation at the new outdoor recreation area to include patio and grill area, for one heck of an afternoon barbeque hosted by the post. If you missed it this year, do yourself a favor and plan on it for next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The annual flag burning ceremony is scheduled to be conducted on June 18th, 2006 at 1800 hours at 500 Morton street parking lot of the Boston Police Post front parking lot. If you or anyone you know has an old, worn out or tattered flag, that you wish to dispose of, please drop it off at the flag receptacle located by the front of the VFW Post building. This ceremony will be conducted with
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thousands of outpatients. The staffs at our veteran's hospitals are overworked and under-paid, but continue to provide dedicated assistance to our ailing comrades.

Due to lack of funding, most of the facilities have cut back on canteen services and recreational services for inpatients personnel on weekends and holidays, (when it is most needed). I have been witness to the dedicated staff in our local facilities provide, from their own means, to patients:

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Man of Steel

By Mark A. Bruno

I remember when I first met **Bob Hayden** (former Boston Police Superintendent and Chief of Police of Lawrence). He would shake your hand and make it feel like a walnut in a nutcracker. His strength and the way he carried himself around other officers emitted a confidence and this showed in his ability to lead.

Although I did not personally have much interaction with the former Superintendent, all those who served directly under him will tell you what a great person he was to work for. He was not afraid to get down in the trenches with the troops.

My first encounter with the former Superintendent was during and after a Saint Patrick's Day parade in South Boston. He called for help in clearing a crowd and one of the parade goers got feisty. My partner and I drove up to Perkins Square in the wagon and observed Bobby Hayden chasing the kid up the street towards us. The kid turned back with a surprised look on his face when he saw Bob Hayden within striking distance. When the kid turned around he bounced off the wagon and before I could get out the Super had him locked up. This impression of Bobby Hayden would stick in my mind forever.

I guess time has not changed much. Our former Superintendent even in retirement is making headlines with his heroics. A recent article in the *Globe* (*Graying duo keep passenger in check, June 5, 2007*) tells of a typical day in this retiree's life. Once a cop always a cop. It seems that two passengers on Northwest Airline flight were acting unruly and scaring other passengers. They picked the wrong flight to act up on unfortunately because Bob Hayden and his wife (Katie) were returning home. When the two

passengers began acting up Bobby Hayden informed the flight attendant that he was a former Boston Police officer and would help in anyway should the need arise. Always in cop-mode even in retirement Bobby Hayden was scanning the plane for others who might be with the two. He also scanned to see who he could count on to assist him if he needed it. Looking around he saw some young faces, but basically none that looked willing to step in. He looked at the guy beside him who was about his age and asked if he would be willing to step in if the need arose. The gentleman said yes and Bob asked what his background was. The gentleman told him he was a former retired Marine Captain. *Semper fi!*

Bob Hayden and the flight attendant worked out a signal in which she would wave a pair of plastic cuffs if she needed the two restrained. When the Captain of Flight 720 announced the plane would begin its landing procedures the two passengers went wild. Immediately the flight attendant flashed the signal and Bob Hayden along with the retired USMC Captain came bounding up the alley towards the two and immediately quelled the situation by placing the two in cuffs and restraining them. The dynamic duo were applauded by the passengers for their efforts. One woman who was sitting in front of Bob Hayden and his wife asked Mrs. Hayden, "how she could be sit there reading a book and be so calm." Katie Hayden replied, "Bob's been shot at. He's taken knives away. He knows how to handle those situations. I figured he would go up there and step on somebody's neck, and that would be the end of it. I knew how that situation would end. I didn't know how the book would end." She was reading "The Richest Man in Babylon".

Bob Hayden was interviewed on WROR by talk show hosts "Loren and Wally" who asked what he was doing on a plane heading back from Minneapolis. He was coming back from an ice-skate seminar with his wife. Loren and Wally could not help but poke fun and said they could not picture Bob Hayden figure-skating in a tutu. Bob Hayden replied, "some of us play hockey." They asked about his wife's calmness in all of this and he stated she was used to this.

He went on to say that while everyone else thanked him on the plane he never got a thank you from his wife. They drove home together, ate dinner and watched a rerun of "The Sopranos" and she told Bob she was going up to bed. Before she went up she asked Bob to stand up. She lovingly gave him a kiss on the cheek and told him, "nice job today?"

Bob Hayden – retired Boston cop and former chief of police in Lawrence: what a guy! If only there were more of him....

The more things change, the more they stay the same

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proper etiquette and dignity, however, a festive get together will be hosted by the post immediately following the ceremony.

The annual Executive Board elections and annual open house for the Boston Police VFW Post #1018 are scheduled for July 17th, 2007, at 1900 hours. Nominations for the E-Board will be accepted from 1800 – 1900 hours that evening; however by-laws require you be present to be nominated. There are a total of nine E-Board members. Seven members are elected annually; the remaining two positions are filled by virtue of their respective office with the VFW Commander and the VFW Quartermaster for the post. The board president, vice president and clerk are elected from within the board by the board on the night of the election.

The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association annual golf tournament will be played at Franklin Park this year on July 20th, 2007. We are pleased to announce that the Police Post VFW #1018 has once again been selected to host the annual after event this year. We look forward to seeing our brothers and

sisters from the police department and friends of the post. For tournament information, please contact the union at 617-989-2772.

REMINDER: VFW Post meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the upper hall at 1930 hours. The E-Board meets at 1800 hours downstairs. The VFW meeting are open to all members, and we encourage active participation. The E-Board conducts its' annual open meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in July, (per the by-laws). Once again let me offer an invitation to visit the completely remodeled Post, inside and out. **A reminder that the post is SMOKE FREE as of June 1st.** Enjoy a cheap, cold 'one' with some old friends, or make some new friends. Enjoy the game tables, electronic game machine or lottery. The Post is open seven days a week from 1500 hours til closing around 0200 hours. If you are behind on your dues, come on down and we'll figure something out. If you are still not a member, what are you waiting for? The membership cost is only \$30.00 per year. As always, please *be safe out there!*

Joe the Boss sounds off

Hi everyone. A couple of weeks ago I was reading one of the local papers. Remember I said I was reading not buying. I buy one and occasionally read the other to see what their take is on certain issues. I'll let you guess which one I buy. Well enough said about that.

The article I was referring to was the one that had the headline "Transsexual cop killer hunted in Bay State." Naturally I had to read on. I mean where were they looking. I figured he was hiding out in some corner of a prison and they lost track of him. Sure enough I was wrong. He was actually out amongst us. Let me back track a little and give a little background to this (I'm looking for the right word). Justice has gone haywire.

This Boston cop killer, **Thomas Shay**, is the target of this manhunt for violating his parole for the third time since he killed one police officer and blinded another in a 1991 bombing. Shay was found guilty in 1993 for planting a bomb under his fathers' car. It seemed he didn't like his father, so he planted a bomb to explode and kill him. The device was spotted and the police, EMS and fire were called, and they responded as

always. The bomb went off and killed Officer **Jeremiah Hurley** and blinded **Frank Foley** in one eye. This fool, Shay, didn't care who would respond and be killed.

Anyway he was sentenced and everyone assumed that would be the end of him for a long, long time or forever. However in about nine years he was paroled and released to a halfway house. I never understood that term, halfway to where. Halfway to the beginning of a new crime spree. Well while there he skipped out to continue his wicked ways. Did the people that paroled him think he had seen the light and was rehabilitated? There's another word that confuses me. I thought if you were sick or injured then you rehabbed back to health. I thought it was crime and punishment. If you commit a crime and you are caught, convicted, then you are punished.

It seems that he, Shay, committed at least three crimes that were documented, while he was on the lamb. He was caught for these and bought before a Federal Judge named **Rya Zobel**. Judge Zobel figured out that he needs "a great deal of encouragement" so she extended his probation and allowed him to be free.

I'm sure the parole board that paroled Shay followed all the proper steps like hearing from the victim's families, prosecutors, and prison shrinks. Then they made a determination to basically free him. How in hell they arrived at this decision astounds me. He was responsible for a police officers death and maiming of another. It makes you wonder who is advocating for this piece of garbage. Better still why is anyone helping him. It seems he flew under the radar screen. I mean he had his hearing, got out, and started another crime spree. Then and only then did this come to light. There was no media attention, no coverage whatsoever.

Then after it comes to the attention of the public some focus is put on it. When sex offenders get out, they have to register with the local police and the public is aware of him, which as it should be. Don't we the public deserve the same of a cop killer.

Thomas Nee, President of the BPPA is asked to comment. He responded "that the system has failed when dirt bags like this can walk the street after killing a Boston Police Officer." I'm sure Tommy bit his tongue when he issued the above statement knowing Tommy as I do his thoughts on

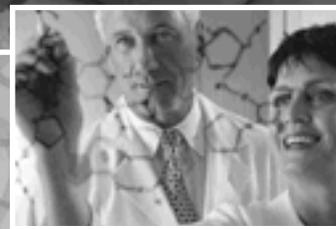
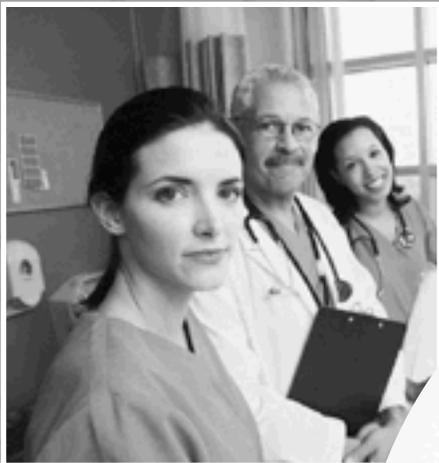
the subject would not have made it past the censors.

A few days later I read in another local paper that prisoners rights advocates were mounting a last ditch effort to block the nomination of a Milton Police Officer for a seat on the parole board. The Governor's Council was to vote on his nomination. This group was using all their clout to block this. I wonder why, did the fact that he had police officer attach to him name have anything to do with them wanting to block him. It makes you wonder.

One of this group is a lawyer named **Patricia Garin** who also teaches a clinic on parole for convicted murders at Northeastern Law School. It amazes me how all these pieces of turd have all these groups advocating for them and the rest of us have to pay as you go. I don't know about you but it seems to me that some of the pieces of the puzzle are starting to fit. Let's hope that by the time the *Pax* comes out this dirt bag will be caught and the only encouragement he will be receiving is "stand clear of the cell door when it is closing."

*As always be safe,
Joe the Boss*

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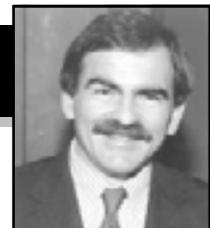
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"LEGAL THOUGHTS"

As many of you know, on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, Boston Police Officer Stephen Romano was shot while working in C-11 by a suspect who was armed with a hand gun. This shooting occurred while officers from the Youth Violence Strike Force were attempting to prevent further violence between feuding street gangs. Miraculously and fortunately, the officer has recovered very well and has been able to go home to his family. The incident only serves to emphasize the dangers which officers face on a nightly basis as they patrol the streets of the city. The bravery and heroism of Officer Romano and other officers involved, including a Massachusetts State Trooper assigned to the Youth Violence Strike Force, cannot be over emphasized.

I was somewhat disturbed, however, by some of the media coverage which I saw early the next morning while watching the news. On one of the local networks, this important story of a police officer being shot in the line of duty was not the lead story. No, instead the lead story was a film clip of an orangutang who had escaped from his cage in a zoo in a Far East country. The video clip in the lead story depicted the orangutang tossing around picnic furniture, umbrellas and the like and it was quite amusing and entertaining. However, where are our priorities? Have we gotten to the point where the media's need to emphasize entertaining stories like that or the exploits of the likes of Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan before we depict the story of a police officer who was injured and faced with potential death as a result of doing his job? Where are the priorities?

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Turning to the law and in the vein of discussing the legality of police type chases, the U.S. Supreme Court came down with an interesting opinion regarding a police chase that took place in Georgia. This is the case of *Timothy Scott, Petitioner vs. Victor Harris*, 127 S.Ct. 1769 (April 30, 2007). That case concerned the deputy sheriff's motion for summary judgment in his favor in a civil rights lawsuit filed against him by the plaintiff, Victor Harris, a suspect who was injured in an automobile accident during a pursuit by the deputy. The pursuit began when the deputy clocked the suspect's vehicle at 73 miles an hour in a 55 mile an hour zone. The suspect sped away from the officer at speeds exceeding 85 miles an hour. At one point, the suspect entered the parking lot of a shopping center and was nearly boxed in by police vehicles but escaped by ramming into Deputy Scott's police car and speeding off once again. After a 10 mile chase, Deputy Scott received permission from his supervisor to terminate the episode by employing a "Precision Intervention Technique" (P.I.T.) maneuver. Deputy Scott

instead attempted to stop the suspect, Harris, by pushing his bumper into the rear of Harris' vehicle and, as a result, Harris lost control, left the roadway, went down an embankment, crashed and was gravely injured. Harris filed suit against the officer alleging excessive force and unreasonable seizure under the Fourth Amendment.

style car chase of the most frightening sort, placing police officers and innocent bystanders alike at great risk of serious injury." *Scott v. Harris*, 127 S.Ct. at 1775.

The Court holds that Deputy Scott did not violate the Fourth Amendment. The question turns on whether the officer's actions were objectively reasonable. While

by, say, shooting a fleeing felon in the back of the head . . . We think it appropriate in this process to take into account not only the number of lives at risk, but also their relative culpability. It was respondent, after all, who intentionally placed himself and the public in danger by unlawfully engaging in the reckless, high-speed flight that ultimately produced the choice between two evils that Scott confronted. Multiple police cars, with blue lights flashing and sirens blaring, had been chasing respondent for nearly 10 miles, but he ignored their warning to stop. By contrast, those who might have been harmed had Scott not taken the action he did were entirely innocent. We have little difficulty in concluding it was reasonable for Scott to take

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The deputy moved for summary judgment asking that the suit be dismissed because the officer had qualified immunity. The first step in the analysis of that question turns on whether or not the Court finds a violation of a clearly established constitutional right. This issue must be determined before the court can evaluate the reasonableness of the officer's actions and whether or not a reasonable officer would have acted in the manner that Deputy Scott acted. As an interesting side note to the opinion, the Court took the unusual step of relying upon a piece of physical evidence, a videotape, which is on the Supreme Court website. Justice Scalia, writing for the majority, describes the videotape as depicting "the respondent's vehicle racing down narrow, two-lane roads in the dead of night at speeds that are shockingly fast. We see it swerve around more than a dozen other cars, cross the double-yellow line, and force cars traveling in both directions to their respective shoulders to avoid being hit. We see it run multiple red lights and travel for considerable periods of time in the occasional center left-turn-only lane, chased by numerous police cars forced to engage in the same hazardous maneuvers just to keep up . . . what we see on the video more closely resembles a Hollywood-

noting that Harris did not pose an inherent threat to society prior to the car chase, as he was known to have committed no other crime other than a minor traffic offense, the Court noted that, "[i]t was the respondent's flight itself (by means of a speeding automobile) that posed the threat of 'serious physical harm . . . to others.'" *Id.* at 1777, n.9. The Court indicated that in determining the reasonableness of the seizure effectuated by this car chase, they have to "balance the nature and quality of the intrusion on the individual's Fourth Amendment interests against the importance of the governmental interests alleged to justify the intrusion." *Id.* at 1778. The Court went on to note that "in judging whether Scott's actions were reasonable, we must consider the risk of bodily harm that Scott's actions posed to respondent [plaintiff] in light of the threat to the public that Scott was trying to eliminate . . . It is clear from the videotape that respondent posed an actual and imminent threat to the lives of any pedestrians who might have been present, to other civilian motorists, and to the officers involved in the chase . . . It is equally clear that Scott's actions posed a high likelihood of serious injury or death to respondent—though not the near *certainty* of death posed

the action that he did." *Id.* While the Court notes the danger to the public presented by the police chase itself, the Court also ruled that if the police had ceased their pursuit, there was no assurance that Harris might have ceased his reckless driving. The Court felt that Scott's actions in ramming the suspect off the road was a certain way to eliminate the risk that Harris posed to the public.

This case is sure to generate further controversy. As we all know, police car chases are very controversial when they cause injury to innocent third parties. In this case, of course, the fact that the plaintiff, himself, was the wrong doer would certainly engender less sympathy from a jury if the case ever got that far. The Court held that the deputy was entitled to qualified immunity under a Fourth Amendment analysis and held that the actions of the plaintiff "posed a substantial and immediate risk of serious physical injury to others; no reasonable jury could conclude otherwise. Scott's attempt to terminate the chase by forcing respondent off the road was reasonable, and Scott is entitled to summary judgment." Would the Court have ruled differently if the deputy's actions had taken place in a congested urban area? Only time will tell.

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Boston EMTs still fighting for respect

As you know, the Boston Emergency Medical Services employees comprise a division within the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. This relationship began 14 years ago on June 25, 1993 when the BPPA filed a petition with the Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission seeking to sever the Boston EMTs from a City-wide AFSCME bargaining unit. Historically, the City of Boston and AFSCME had largely ignored the special skills and hazardous working conditions of Boston's emergency medical employees. Although working in coordination with Boston police and fire services, Boston EMTs had fallen far behind their public safety counterparts in wages and benefits. Consequently, there was a need

for a change in representation. A secret ballot election was held on June 7, 1994 and, by a vote of 133 to 2, the BPPA was certified on June 28, 1994 to represent the Boston EMTs as a separate bargaining unit.

Once certified, the first objective of any union is to get a good contract. In the case of the EMTs, the goal has always been clear: to get respect for their critical public safety and public health roles in the City of Boston by achieving parity with police and fire in wages and benefits. I have had the privilege of representing the Boston EMTs at the bargaining table for their first contract in 1995 and for every contract thereafter, including the present negotiations. The goal remains the same and, believe it or not, one that has not yet been achieved. Certainly progress has been made, but hopefully the time for ultimate respect and true parity for Boston EMTs is here.

Before this negotiation, base wages for Boston police officers and firefighters averaged 5% higher than Boston EMTs, while major fringe benefits of hazardous duty pay, weekend differential, and night shift differentials amount to a disparity of least 10% more. Even time off benefits like personal days and bereavement leave are unequal (4 and 5 days for fire and police compared to 1 and 3 days for the EMTs).

As a negotiator, I have often wondered why full parity for the EMTs has been so difficult to achieve. Of course, there are many answers. In part, it is due to the fact that the EMTs were so far behind when they changed representation, and making up such a big gap in pay and benefits cannot be accomplished in one or two contracts. Of course, the City also wants us to believe that there is only so much money to go around.

The real problem, however, goes far beyond the economics of higher labor costs and supplemental appropriations. Rather, it is the change and evolution of the employer structure itself that has rendered the EMTs as the foster employees of the City of Boston. That history over the past decade has resulted in the siphoning off of consider-

able revenue for unneeded administrative costs while missing opportunities to generate millions of dollars in increased revenues.

In the mid-1990s, the federal government implemented a program of dollar-for-dollar "matching" of certain public health expenses. Evidently, there was a perception - amount legislators, perhaps, or among City

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or hospital officials - - that EMS services needed to be provided by a private hospital in order to qualify for these "matching" funds. Accordingly, in or about 1995, the City sought to get out of the municipal hospital business. The legislature responded by creating a separate public agency, the Boston Public Health Commission, to oversee Boston's medical operations. Under the Commission's enabling act, Chapter 147 of the Acts of 1995 ("Chapter 147"), the City and the Commission entered into a 10-year Agreement with University Hospital, Inc., to consolidate Boston City Hospital and other medical facilities into a single private, nonprofit corporation. However, Boston Medical Center, as the hospital resulting from the merger, would be considered a public facility for purposes of receiving certain government subsidies.

The 10-year agreement required by Chapter 147 -- i.e., the EMS Agreement -- took effect July 1, 1996. The language of the Agreement, however, does not consistently reflect the practices actually implemented to administer the EMS system. For example, the Commission makes annual payments to the Boston Medical Center according to the Center's budget projections; then, after the Boston Medical Center collects its revenues for EMS services, it is supposed to reimburse the Commission by whatever amount its accounts exceed its actual expenses. Yet, the Boston Medical Center consistently reimburses the Commission in an amount approximately \$1.7 million less than its actual expenses would dictate -- effectively resulting in a yearly charge to the Commission. It is not clear where these funds are going, or why it is being charged.

The Commission's Agreement with the Boston Medical Center expired on June 20, 2006. The structure of the Agreement suggests that, upon its termination, the Boston Medical Center must be removed from the EMS system. It is also possible to interpret the Agreement to allow the Commission to retain its relationship with the Boston Medi-

cal Center on an ongoing basis if it would be best for the EMS system. Of course, the Commission could just as readily decide not to extend its relationship with the Boston Medical Center. Either way, the Center's continued participation is not mandatory.

If ever the EMS Agreement helped to make Boston's EMS system eligible for

might be entitled to on the basis of its responsibility for the EMS system, those subsidies are not dependent on the Boston Medical Center's hand in the system. Therefore, by eliminating the Boston Medical Center, the parties would free up funds currently committed to inefficient practices; those funds then could be funneled into the EMTs' compensation.

The logic and economics of this change in employer structure seem so obvious, yet the Commission does not appear to be interested in doing anything. They are quick to reject our proposals for higher wages and benefits because of the costs, but ignore the prospect of recovering wasteful administrative revenue that could help pay for a better contract.

Identification of revenue sources should be a concern of any employer. Besides the prospect of saving \$1.7 million in administrative costs, the BEMS Union has discovered the potential of over \$7 million of future ambulance fee payments that also should be available for contract funding. Negotiations with the Commission are at a crossroad. The Union's proposals for parity with police and fire are reasonable and long overdue. We have even found the money to make it happen. It is our hope and expectation that the Commission and the City will understand that now is the time to finally afford the Boston EMTs the respect they deserve.

This is a classic case of removing the "middleman". The Boston Medical Center's annual charges to the Commission -- in the form of reimbursement amounts withheld at the end of each budget year -- appear to have no basis in the EMS Agreement. Whatever government subsidies the Commission

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Why is it?

By Police Officer Michael Kane,
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- That illegal immigrants feel they have a right to protest here in this country when their status is questioned by law abiding Americans? A recent picture in the *Boston Globe* showed several of these criminals wearing shirts that said "I'm illegal, so what?" And we wonder why this country is falling apart.
- The *Boston Herald*, in its editorial on 04/16/07 titled "The right moves to secure the hub," finds it a mystery that the State Police aren't brought in to assist the Boston Police with rising crime? How about the fact that the State Police have other responsibilities to the citizens of this state? And of course there is no mention of **Mayor Menino** failing to put more cops on the street several years ago when he knew the department needed them. Instead he allowed cops to be overworked. He spent millions on overtime. This money could have been used to hire cops then instead of rushing to find a solution now.
- That State Rep. **Marie St. Fleur** thinks it's a good idea to re-prepose the foolish bill to allow ILLEGAL immigrants instate tuition? (*Boston Herald*, 04/20/07). Gov. **Deval Patrick** states he supports the bill as a matter of fairness. Fairness to who? My question is this: Why are these people even here and why do we elect politicians who continually reward criminal behavior?
- That the CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) law has to be reformed? During a recent protest march from Roxbury to the State House, Organizer **Wilnelia Rivera** of Neighbor to Neighbor (What ever that is) stated, "People are being denied the opportunity to work" Yeah, Earth to Wilnelia...Earth to Wilnelia!!! If business owners need help they should have the ability to make sure some scumbag career criminal isn't going to be stealing, raping, robbing, or killing their customers.
- Former Department of Corrections Commissioner **Kathleen Dennehy** is viewed as a victim in a *Boston Herald* editorial? (04/20/07). The *Herald* states in part, "the only party that seemed eager to drive Dennehy out is the Mass. Corrections Officers Federated Union, which routinely called for her resignation. (Not exactly putting her in lonely company; the union has never met a commissioner who didn't inspire a no confidence vote) "Same old "Blame it on the union story line" How about

looking at Dennehy and all the past commissioners and realizing they are all self centered political hacks who don't care what conditions the correction officers work in or whether they're safe? Dennehy is just the latest "appointee" who was more concerned about her own image and whether the cons have HBO. She deserved to go!

- No one wants to join the Boston Police? In a published article in the *Herald* (04/11/07) by **Alan Lupo** titled, "Age cap cripples police recruiting" Lupo points out that the City of Boston is having a tough time getting young people to join the ranks of the police department. To combat the problem politicians want to raise the age limit to 35 or even 40. Lupo fails to mention that recruiting around the country has become a major concern for most police departments and the future looks bleak. Why? Because police officers in Boston and around the country have little or no support from the public, politicians, courts, juries, and certainly not the media phonies.
- That **Mayor Menino** got so upset at former Gov. **Mitt Romney** for admitting he is a member of the National Rifle Association? (*Boston Herald* 04/11/07). Menino

states in the published article, "How could you be hoping to talk about public safety in this country when the proliferation of illegal guns is at an epidemic stage and you are proud to say I am a gun proponent?" Uh Mayor....So what if some people like to drink a beer or have a glass of wine during dinner does that mean they support people who are driving drunk? Of course not. You make a foolish statement trying to connect law abiding gun owners to a problem they have no control over at all.

- The Boston Police department is cracking down on ticket scalpers as if it were a twenty year felony? And according to one BPD Captain, "We are also dealing with fake tickets. We are trying to prevent people from being victimized" (*Boston Herald* 04/11/07). Victimized? Have you seen the price of the real tickets at Fenway? Or how about a hot dog and a beer? John Henry, Theo, and Larry should be locked up for charging these prices to the legions of loyal, and soon to be broke fans.
- Dedicated Police Officers like Cpl. **Bruce McKay** of the Franconia N.H. Police department die such a tragic death while protecting their community? Stay safe.

A parable about illegal immigration:

"The bird feeder"

I bought a bird feeder. I hung it on my back porch and filled it with seed. Within a week we had hundreds of birds taking advantage of the continuous flow of free and easily accessible food. But then the birds started building nests in the boards of the patio, above the table, and next to the barbecue.

Then came the poop. It was everywhere: on the patio tile, the chairs, the table...everywhere. Then some of the birds turned mean: They would dive bomb me and try to peck me even though I had fed them out of my own pocket. And others birds were boisterous and loud: They sat on the feeder and squawked and screamed at all hours of the day and night and demanded that I fill it when it got low on food.

After a while, I couldn't even sit on my own back porch anymore. I took down the bird feeder and in three days the birds were gone. I cleaned up their mess and took down the many nests they had built all over the patio.

Soon, the back yard was like it used to be...quite, serene and no one demanding their rights to a free meal.

Now, let's see...our government gives out free food, subsidized housing, free medical care, free education and allows anyone born here to be an automatic citizen. Then the illegals came by the tens of thousands. Suddenly our taxes went up to pay for free services; small apartments are housing 5 families; you have to wait 6 hours to be seen by an emergency room doctor; you child's 2nd grade class is behind other schools because over half the class doesn't speak English; Corn Flakes now come in a bilingual box; I have to press "1" to hear my bank talk to me in English; and people waving flags other than "Old Glory" are squawking and screaming in the streets, demanding more rights and free liberties. Maybe it's time for the government to take down the bird feeder.



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Terrorism in America...GET READY!

By Kevin Doogan

On May 23, 2007, buried deep inside the *Boston Herald*, after articles about sheer stupidity and fluff, I came across a staggering article that should have been run on the front page of every newspaper in America! **Twenty five percent of U.S. Muslims say suicide bombing to defend their religion is acceptable!**

Take a deep breath and let that thought sink in for a minute.

The article penned by the Associated Press quotes finding from the Pew Research Center who report that the strongest sentiment towards considering suicide bombing justifiable is coming from young U.S. Muslims ages 30 years and younger. What a revelation, any fool looking at world events could tell you that same thing in any densely populated area of the world containing a large Muslim following.

Across the world the lowest common denominator to a great deal of the terrorist activities revolves around Young Muslim

Males. Islamic religious zealots have long been at war with the Christian and Jewish population.

This war has been on-going for centuries and there is no evidence it will subside or lessen any time soon. But what enrages me is the failure of world leaders and the world media, especially the U.S. Media to print and publish the truth.

The trouble in the Middle East is a Holy War, not a gas war. The terrorist bombings and attacks in Europe and Asia are nothing more than a piece of this Holy War being directed at the Christian and Jewish populations of those particular countries. With findings such as this, one in every four Muslims believes suicide bombing is justified how much longer can we hold out before the horror of the random attacks in

Europe and Asia reach home here?

What's the answer? Is it closer monitoring of Muslim clubs and mosques? Is it compiling a database of Muslims under 30 years of age? Could the shutting down of

erance is used against us as a way to kill us by the thousands. We should have learned that our open-armed approach to those who wish to annihilate us doesn't win them over, it just enables them to carry out their plan

We found out that our kindness and tolerance is used against us as a way to kill us by the thousands. We should have learned that our open armed approach to those who wish to annihilate it doesn't win them over it just enables them to carry out their plan against us.

our borders and banning admission into colleges and universities be a precaution worth examining? I don't claim to know the answers but what I do know is that the apparent current position of ignoring the problem and hoping nothing happens doesn't work. We found that was the case with September 11th.

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against us.

Finally, and if nothing else, call it what it is! Let the cat out of the bag and stop pussyfooting around. If 25% of American Muslims think it's OK to suicide-bomb the public to defend their religion, we are in deep, deep trouble and this kind of information needs to be thrown in the face of every single politician lobbying for us to turn the other cheek.

Poll: Only Some Muslims Want to Kill You

By Patrick Carnell, Canisius College, Buffalo NY

Apparently, we're supposed to feel safe that "only" 26% of young Muslim males living in America openly admit (read as: didn't lie) that suicide bombing can, sometimes (meaning anytime a Muslim extremist has his feelings hurt), be justified according to the Pew poll taken in May. Keep in mind that this is in America, where supposedly Muslims are more assimilated and less murderously-incensed than in other countries. And 74% is said to be a "good number" in showing how peaceful and well-assimilated these lads are in our society. Want to know my idea of a good number? Anywhere from 99% to 100%. But 74%? Not really leaving me smiling and satisfied.

Imagine if the poll had come out with this instead: "Only 28% of white American males ages 25-40 believe that serial killing, torturing to death, and rape are ever justified." Are people supposed to be relieved upon learning that? Would the media be gushing about how marvelous it is that a "majority" of this group are not raping, torturing, mass killing psychotics? Why isn't anybody giving me credit for my brave moral stance, since I'm in the 72% who disapprove? Or what about this: "Only 27% of all Americans aged 25-40 believe ran-

domly killing and torturing Muslims is ever acceptable." Would the media praise the restraint and tolerance of the "vast majority"? Or would they have a bit of an issue with the fact that more than 1 in 4 would openly admit that they would jump at the chance to kill anything with a turban or veil?

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The latter, naturally. But Muslims, ah, now that's a different standard.

Just look at how our fair, unbiased, nuanced media spins and spins and spins this and other aspects of the poll in their headlines:

USA Today, 5/22/07: Poll: Most Muslims seek to adopt American lifestyle.

Wow! "Most!" Hooray! Although, I was kind of hoping for something like "all."

The Media Line, 5/22/07: Pew poll shows American Muslims believe solution to Israel-Palestinian Conflict possible.

And a *Final Solution* at that, to end the conflict in a way they can be happy with, as opposed to a Temporary Solution to the "Is-

rael Problem."

International Herald Tribune, 5/22/07: Muslims assimilate better in US than Europe, poll finds.

"Better." Fantastic. American Muslims are less likely to kill than their counterparts in Europe.

Voice of America, 5/22/07: Poll: US Muslims feel post-9/11 backlash despite moderate outlook.

By moderate, do you mean "in between rejecting murder and supporting it"? And those damned racists: giving dirty looks, criticizing Islam, and fighting back when Islamic terrorists try to kill them. *How dare they...*

USA Today blog headline 5/22/07: Poll: Muslim-Americans overwhelmingly Democratic, but conservative on many issues.

One issue where I tend to agree with many liberals: *Islamic terrorism doesn't exist. It's all made up by that stupid evil*

genius Bush. Go back to sleep. Although, their respective motives for this policy are quite different, and — surprise, surprise — Islamic extremists use the liberals' version to their advantage. Aren't apologetics fun?

Yes, yes, I know the excuses that will, and have, come pouring in to explain this just plain *unusual* penchant for violence in young Muslim males. "Well, all religions have their extremists." Yes, but do other religions have 25% of their military-age males in favor of attacking civilians for political and religious purposes. "Well, they just support terrorism against Israel." Well, that's a given, but does that justify the murder of Jews, em, Is-

raelis (almost forgot, "ANTI-ISRAEL DOESN'T MEAN ANTI-SEMITIC, SO STOP CRITICIZING ME AND CHALLENGING MY OPINIONS!")? I also seem to recall a number of "suicide bombings" that have occurred in the U.S., U.K., Bali, Thailand, Iraq, Russia, the Philippines, Spain, and a handful of other places...they're not Israel, so I guess by that definition what happened in those places isn't really terrorism. I guess I'm just not nuanced enough to understand such unimpeachable, infallible logic, and I'll have to keep committing a thought-crime until I do. I just have a *problem* with being killed, that's all.

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Monstrous Mickey

By Patrick Carnell, Canisius College, Buffalo NY,
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“Who’s the leader of the gang who kills for you and me! F-A-R-F-U-R M-O-U-S-E!”

“Farfur Mouse” is the Palestinian version of Mickey Mouse... a cheap knock-off of Mickey that looks like the type you would find hired for a birthday party, gingerly patting the kids on their heads lest the hawkish eyes of parents present interpret “inappropriate touching.” But anyway, Farfur Mouse instructs the doe-eyed tykes of Gaza and Nablus on how to be good children, telling them not to cheat on tests, to always obey their parents, and to don an explosive vest and AK-47 and go off to kill some Jews. He also strives to enrich their minds, teaching math, reading, and Islamic supremacist theology. Only the best from Hamas!

On one clip of Death Cult Mickey’s show (which *hasn’t* been hurriedly deleted by Youtube), we find the nightmare mouse, proclaiming “We are setting with you the cornerstone for world leadership under an Islamic leader,” to which Saraa, a small girl wearing a pink hijab responds, “We remind you that we, the Great Ones, started this program to lead the world. The nucleus, with the will of Allah, will be from here, from Palestine.” “Until we win, with the will of Allah, we will resist until we win,” says the rat demon, in a most satanic, impish, high-pitched, and vaguely raspy voice. In another episode, Farfur is caught cheating on a test in school; an adult co-host, Uncle Hazem, asks Farfur why he cheated. “It was against my will, Uncle Hazem,” he cries, “because the Jews destroyed our home, and when the Jews destroyed our home I couldn’t find my notebooks!” So you see, kids? *Everything* bad that happens can be blamed on those wily, omnipresent Jews! You learn something new everyday.

It gets worse. Kindly old Uncle Hazem tells the chil-

dren that, through Islam and the will of Allah, they can spread goodness, love, and justice. How will the will of Allah be implemented to spread goodness and happiness and everything warm and cuddly in the world? Why, through Islamic world domination! Christians and Jews were “safe” under Islamic law during the height of the Islamic conquests of the Dark Ages (depending on how thoroughly you check your historical resources, or if you just skim through it). There was once the glorious Islamic state of Andulus, Hazem tells Saraa, made up of Spain and Portugal. “This dear Andulus will return one day,” he says, followed by Saraa: “We remind you dear kids that the glory and civilization of the Islamic nation, you shall restore!” If you believe in yourself (and Allah), kids, you can achieve anything you put your mind to (or, rather, what is put into your mind by manipulative adults!)

It continues to get worse (yes, **worse**): Farfur Mouse and Saraa take phone calls, usually from children ages 5 through 12, who wish to sing their favorite kiddy songs, such as, “Rafah sings “oh, oh,” its answer is an AK-47/We who do not know fear, we are predators of the forest,” and “Oh Jerusalem, we are coming/Oh Jerusalem, it is the time of death/Oh Jerusalem, we will never surrender you to the Jews, and will never be humiliated/It is the time of death, we will fight a war.”

I’m not going to pretend I like children all that much (because I don’t), but anyone who doesn’t find this sicken-



ing, or, worse yet, actually finds it *acceptable* and *justified* because of the plight of the poor, poor Palestinians, please go stand next to a flight of stairs, so someone with half a synapse snapping in their brains can push you down. It’s exactly what I would do if Mickey Monster was standing there instead. Until an Israeli sniper gets a bead on him or he ends up on the receiving end of a missile, it’s positive to say that Hamas’ line of semtex-belts isn’t going to go out of fashion in the near future.

“Now’s the time...to say goodbye...to all muj-a-hid-
deen.

F-A-R : ...Are you doing enough to kill the Jews?

F-U-R : ...Army — of Allah, is what you want to join!
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Well, what do we have here? Looks like a small case of some people being able to dish it out, but not take it.

Let's start at the top.

The story begins at Michigan State University with a mechanical engineering professor named Indrek Wichman. Wichman sent an e-mail to the Muslim Students' Association. The e-mail was in response to the students' protest of the Danish cartoons that portrayed the Prophet Muhammad as a terrorist. The group had complained the cartoons were "hate speech."

Enter **Professor Wichman**. In his e-mail, he said the following:

Dear Muslim Students' Association:

As a professor of Mechanical Engineering here at MSU I intend to protest your protest. I am offended not by cartoons, but by more mundane things like beheadings of civilians, cowardly attacks on public buildings, suicide murders, murders of Catholic priests (the latest in Turkey), burnings of Christian churches, the continued persecution of Coptic Christians in Egypt, the imposition of Sharia law on non-Muslims, the rapes of Scandinavian girls and women (called "whores" in your culture), the murder of film directors in Holland, and the rioting and looting in Paris, France. This is what offends me, a soft-spoken person and academic, and many, many of my colleagues. I counsel your dissatis-

fied, aggressive, brutal, and uncivilized slave-trading Moslems to be very aware of this as you proceed with your infantile "protests."

If you do not like the values of the West – see the 1st Amendment – you are free to leave. I hope for God's sake that most of you choose that option. Please return to your ancestral homelands and build them up yourselves instead of troubling Americans.

Cordially,

I. S. Wichman

Professor of Mechanical Engineering

As you can imagine, the Muslim group at the university didn't like this too well. They're demanding that Wichman be reprimanded and mandatory diversity training for faculty and a seminar on hate and discrimination for freshman. Now the chapter of CAIR has jumped into the fray. CAIR, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, apparently doesn't believe that the good professor had the right to express his opinion.

For its part, the university is standing its ground, saying the e-mail was private, and they don't intend to publicly condemn his remarks.

That will probably change. Wichman says he never intended for his e-mail to be made public, and wouldn't have used the same strong language if he'd known it was going to get out.

How's the left going to handle this one? If you're in favor of the freedom of speech,

as in the case of Ward Churchill, will the same protections be demanded for Indrek Wichman? I doubt it.

Send this to your friends, and ask them

to do the same. Tell them to keep passing it around until the whole country gets it. We are in a war. This political correctness crap is getting old and killing us.

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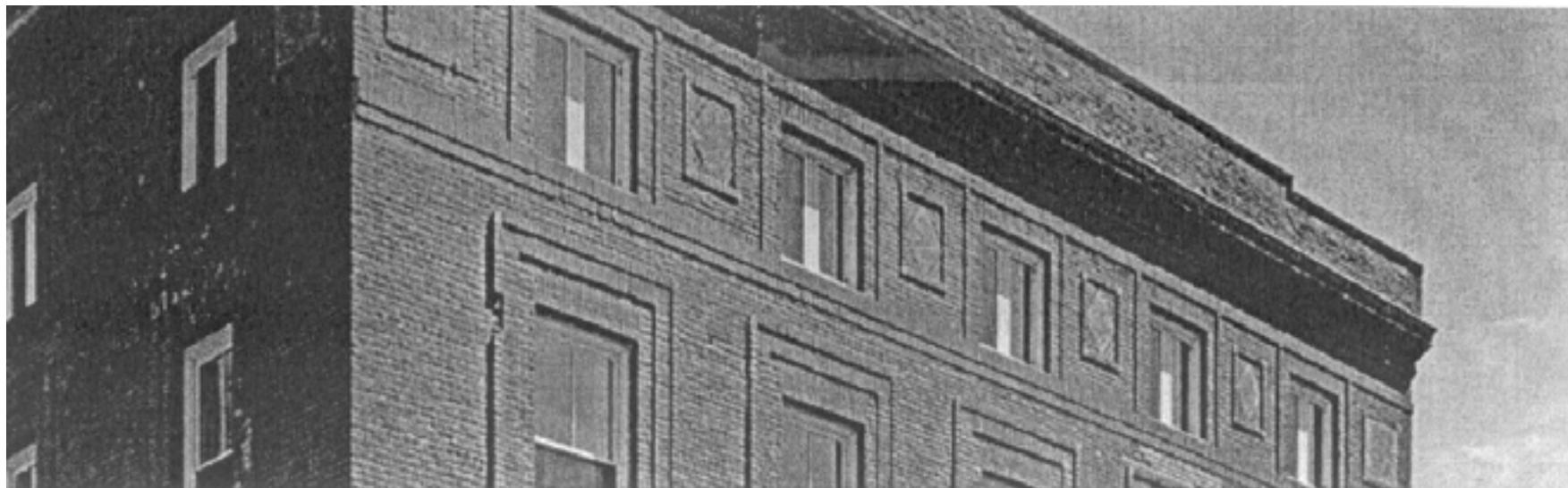
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A Few Father's Day Thoughts

By Kevin Doogan

As the weeks turn into years and the years into decades I'm struck by the progression of life.

As a middle-aged father of three, I found myself thinking back on my youth, my transition into marriage, then fatherhood and now, in what seems like the blink of an eye, my children are in their twenties. I think of the impact and lessons, some hard and some not so hard, that the father figures in my life have bestowed upon me. I was fortunate to have two strong male figures in my life.

First and foremost of course was my dad, a hard working, hard playing, strong willed and opinionated man with a great sense of humor and an unrelenting sense of family. Sometimes my pal, sometimes a wrestling foe, sometimes my judge, jury & executioner but always a teacher, a confidant, a grounding force and a safety valve that kept me safe and on an even keel. He never let me get neither too full of myself nor too low on myself; he taught me humility and pride and how to balance success and failure gracefully. He taught me that it was always better to be a leader than it was to be a

follower, I'm not talking about standing out amongst the crowd but instead to quietly go about your own business and not to fall victim to peer pressure, lead by example not on a soapbox.

I learned many of the lessons needed to become an adult. I learned that a slap in the mouth never killed anyone and that the thought of getting one sometimes was enough to deter me from making a huge mistake and taking the wrong direction.

He taught me to stand up for myself and not to be bullied.

My dad was friendly and playful but never my friend, he was my dad. At the time I was envious of my friends whose dads were more part of the gang than mine was, but now in retrospect I realize children have enough friends on their own, children need parents not buddies. I also learned from my dad that fear is a good thing, whether it's fear of a slap, a harsh look or the disappointment he would display when I slipped up.

My dad for the most part was a great role model and it's funny what sticks with a kid as he goes through life. I'm sure when my dad passed his little snippets of life that stuck with me they weren't meant to be words to live by and were said off the top of his head. But I can't think of an occasion

dads. Pa also taught us through his actions and his metaphors. They've both instilled a drive in me to succeed as a man and earn their respect and approval.

For I believe the true meaning of fatherhood is to nurture, love and prepare your children for what lies ahead of them and

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that has arisen that I haven't heard his voice or that of his father in my head sending me in the right direction. As larger than life as my dad is he became that way from his father, the man I affectionately know as Pa.

I was blessed to live in the same two-family house in Jamaica Plain with my grandparents on the first floor. So when dad was at work, of which he had three jobs to support my mom and the five of us, Pa was the resident male figure that took control in dad's absence. It was almost like having two

give them the tools and knowledge to do better in life than you have.

From where I sit now in life, I wanted to acknowledge both my dad and Pa for only doing and wanting what was best for me as I have always wished for my kids. And, to all the dads out there remember it's the little heart felt things and words of knowledge and encouragement that stick with your children, not the toys or trinkets.

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Crossword Puzzle: *The Wizard of Oz*

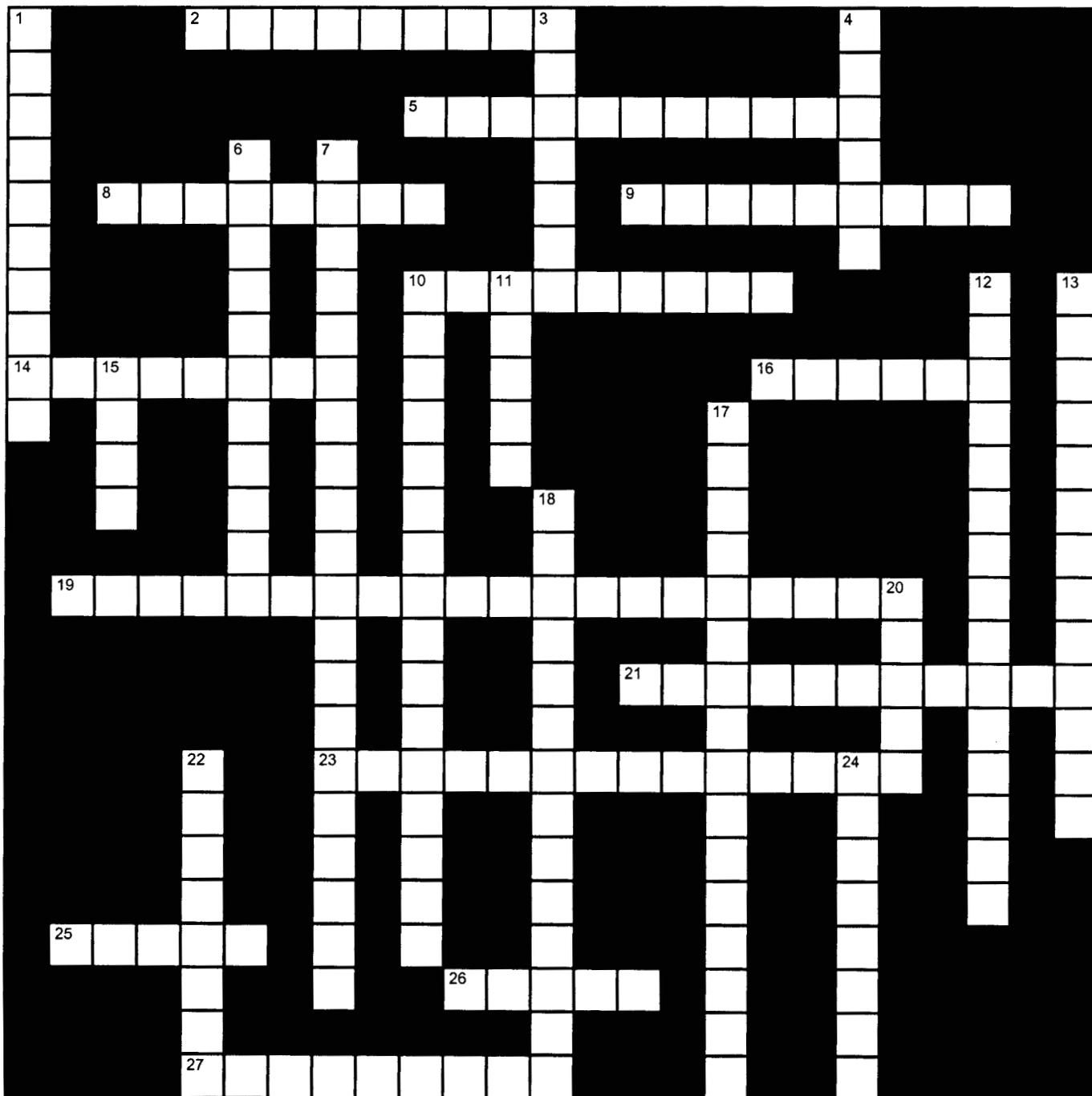
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Across

2. Who did the Wicked Witch set on fire (9)
5. He played the Wizard (5,6)
8. The role of the wizard was originally created for this actor (2,6)
9. He replaced Ebsen as the Tin Woodsman (4,5)
10. Who did Toto bite that got him in trouble in Kansas (4,5)
14. How many months including preparation, filming and editing did it take to complete (8)
16. Who comes and goes in a large pink tinted crystal bubble (6)
19. Who was killed when Dorothy's house fell on her when in landed in Oz (6,5,2,3,4)
21. She played Dorothy (4,7)
23. He played the Coronor of Munchkinland (9,5)
25. What was the name of the head winged monkey (5)
26. What was the real life name of Toto (5)
27. The Cowardly Lion took two weapons with him while on the way to the witch's castle. One was a fishnet, what was the other (5,4)

Down

1. He was originally cast to play the Tin Woodsman (5,5)
3. What was the name of the Wicked Witch of the West's Army (7)
4. Who received a heart shaped watch on a chain (6)
6. She played Glinda (6,5)
7. Buddy Ebsen had an allergic reaction to this and had to leave the movie (8,6,6)
10. She played the Wicked Witch of the West (8,8)
11. How many pairs of ruby slippers were there (5)
12. He played Uncle Henry (7,8)



13. She was cast as Auntie Em (5,8)
15. What was Dorothy's last name (4)
17. What did the Wicked Witch of the West write over Emerald City with her broomstick (9,7)
18. The oil used to oil the Tin Woodsman was actually this (9,5)
20. How many times did Dorothy have to click her heels together to get home (5)
22. Who lip synced the words to their songs in the movie (8)
24. He was cast as the Cowardly Lion (4,4)

(see answers on page C21)



United States Trivia: **Bill Carroll**

How Much Do You Know About Your Country?

1. What is the nickname of the Commonwealth of Virginia?
2. What are the two largest cities in New England?
3. What is the official state beverage of North Dakota?
4. Where was the first emergency 911 communications system used?
5. What state is the only one whose state flag has a different picture on each side of it?
6. What three cities have been the capital city of the Commonwealth of Virginia?
7. What state has the tallest capital building?
8. What other state could fit into the state of Alaska 425 times?
9. What state sent the most soldiers to fight in the Civil War?
10. What state has the most miles of river?



(see answers on page C17)



Sports Trivia: **Bill Carroll**

How Many Can You Get Correct?

1. Who is the only major leaguer to win the batting title in his first two full seasons?
2. Who is the only major leaguer to win a batting title for a first-year expansion team?
3. What major league pitcher has the most career wins without ever appearing in a World Series?
4. What major league pitcher has the second most career victories without ever appearing in a World Series?
5. If a batter hits a fair ball and a fielder throws his glove at the ball and strikes it, what is the ruling?
6. What player led the NFL in fumbles during the 2006 season?
7. Who was the first player inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame who never played a game in the NFL?
8. Who is the only "pure" placekicker enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame?
9. Who was the last woman to win the Grand Slam of tennis?
10. When was the last time the MVP from the American and National leagues played the same position?



(see answers on page C17)

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Another Old Age Test : Older 'n Dirt

"Hey Dad," one of my kids asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?"

"We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I informed him. "All the food was slow."

"C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?"

"It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained.

"Grandma cooked every day and when Grandpa got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. In their later years, they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears AND Roebuck Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11, but my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white, but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was blue, like the sky, and the bottom third was green, like grass. The middle third was red. It was perfect for programs that had scenes of fire trucks riding across someone's lawn on a sunny day. Some people had a lens taped to the front of the TV to make the picture look larger.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called "pizza pie." When I bit into it, I

burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

We didn't have a car until I was 15. Before that, the only car in our family was my grandfather's Ford. He called it a "machine."

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was!

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. I delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which I got to keep 2 cents. I had to get up at 4 AM every morning. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. Touching someone else's tongue with yours was called French kissing and they didn't do that in movies. I don't know what they did in French movies. French movies were dirty and we weren't allowed to see them.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

MEMORIES from a friend:

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle

that sat on the end of the ironing board to "sprinkle" clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

How many do you remember?

Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.
Ignition switches on the dashboard.
Heaters mounted on the inside of the fire wall.

Real ice boxes (with the ice block on top).
Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.
Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Older Than Dirt Quiz: Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about. (*Ratings at the end.*)

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines

8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (OLive-6933)
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Packards
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers
26. Lightning Bugs

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young

If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older

If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age

If you remembered 16-26 = You're older than dirt!

Trivia Answers



United States...

(see questions on page C9)

1. The nickname of the Commonwealth of Virginia is "Old Dominion".
2. The two largest cities in New England are Boston and Worcester, both located in Massachusetts.
3. The official state beverage of the state of North Dakota is milk.
4. The first emergency 911 communications system in the United States was used in Lincoln, Nebraska.
5. The only state to have two different pictures on its flag is the state of Oregon, which has a heart shaped shield with an eagle on one side and a beaver on the other side, hence the nickname the "Beaver State".
6. Jamestown, Williamsburg, and the current capital of Richmond have all been the capital city of Virginia over the years.
7. The capital building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana is the tallest in the United States standing 34 stories tall.
8. The tiny state of Rhode Island could fit into Alaska 425 times.
9. The state of Tennessee sent the most men to fight on both sides during the Civil War.
10. The state of Nebraska has the most miles of river than any other state in the union.

Sports...

(see questions on page C9)

1. The only major league to win a batting title in his first two full seasons is Twins outfielder Tony Oliva who hit .324 in 1964 and .321 in 1965.
2. The only major league to win a batting title for a first-year expansion team is Colorado Rockies first baseman Andres Galarraga who hit .370 in 1993.
3. The major league pitcher with the most career victories without ever appearing in the World Series is retired knuckleballer Phil Niekro who won 318 games.
4. The major league pitcher with the second most victories without ever appearing in the World Series is retired righthander and alleged spitballer Gaylord Perry who won 314 games.
5. If a batter hits a fair ball and a fielder throws his glove at the ball and the glove hits the ball the batter is awarded three bases, however if the ball remains in play the batter can try and score at his own risk.
6. Detroit Lions quarterback Jon Kitna and Tampa Bay quarterback Bruce Gradkowski each fumbled eleven times to lead the NFL in that category.
7. The first player inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame who never played in the NFL was Buffalo Bills guard Billy Shaw who played all of his pro football in the American Football League from 1960 to 1969. The leagues merged in 1970.
8. The only "pure" placekicker to be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame is Jan Stenerud who kicked for the Chiefs, Packers, and Vikings from 1967 to 1985.
9. The last woman to win the Grand Slam of tennis was Steffi Graf, who in 1988 won the Australian, French, and US Opens and Wimbledon.
10. The last time the MVP of both the American and National League played the same position was in 2006 when Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard and Twins first baseman Justin Morneau both won their league MVP Award.

TEACHING MATH

Last week, I purchased a burger and fries at McDonalds for \$3.58. The cashier took my \$4.00 and I pulled 8 cents from my pocket and handed it to her. She stood there, holding the nickel and 3 pennies. While looking at the screen on her register, I sensed her discomfort and tried to tell her to just give me two quarters, but she hailed the manager for help. While he tried to explain the transaction to her, she stood there and cried. Why do I tell you this? Because of the evolution in teaching math since the 1950s....

Teaching Math in 1950:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price. What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1960:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1970:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for

\$100. His cost of production is \$80. Did he make a profit?

Teaching Math in 1980:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

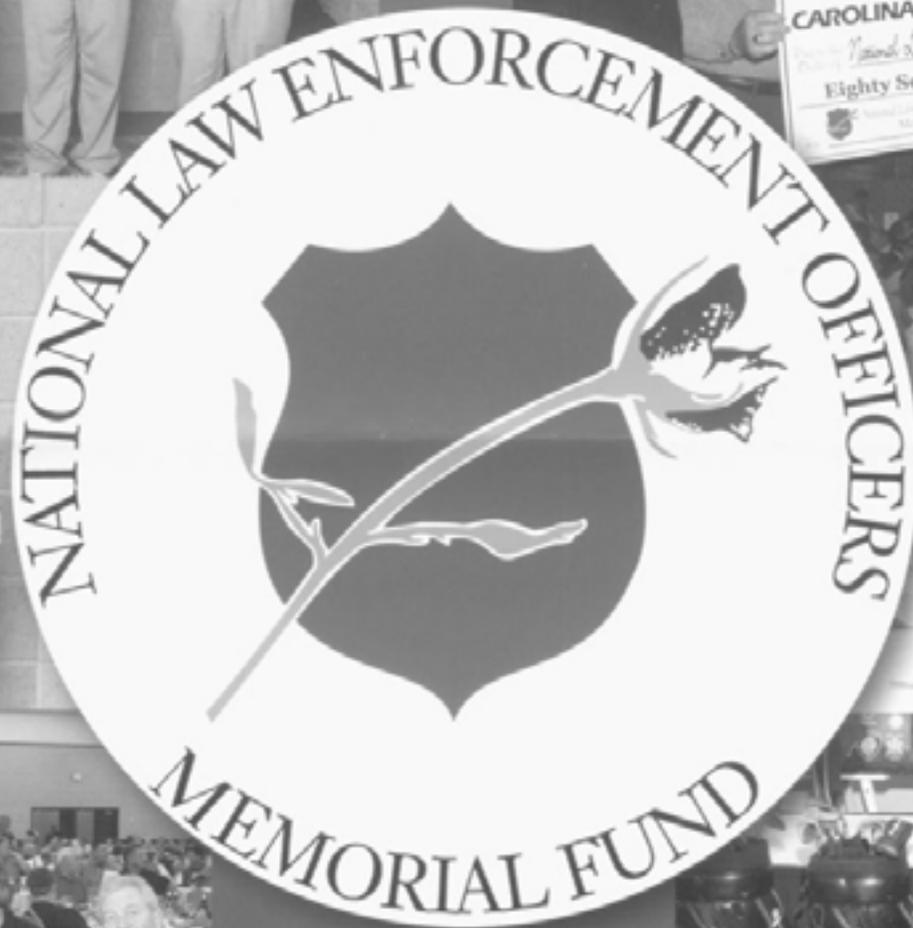
Teaching Math in 1990:

A logger cuts down a beautiful forest because he is selfish and inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands. He does this so he can make a profit of \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down their homes? (There are no wrong answers.)

Teaching Math in 2007:

Un rancho vende una carretera de madera para \$100. El costo de la produccion era \$80. Cuantos tortillas se puede comprar?

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What Happened to the World War II Movie Stars

In contrast to the ideals, opinions and feelings of today's "Hollywonk" the real actors of yesteryear loved the United States...

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With the advent of World War II many of our actors went to fight rather than stand and rant against this country we all love.

They gave up their wealth, position and fame to become service men & women, many as simple "enlisted men."

This article lists but a few, but from this group of only 18 men came over 70 medals in honor of their valor, spanning from Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, Distinguish Service Cross, Purple Hearts and one Congressional Medal of Honor.

So remember; while the "Entertainers of 2007" have been in all of the news media lately I would like to remind the people of what the entertainers of 1943 were doing, (64 years ago).

Most of these brave men have since passed on.

"Real Hollywood Heros"

Alec Guinness (*Star Wars*) operated a British Royal Navy landing craft on D-Day.



James Doohan ("Scotty" on *Star Trek*) landed in Normandy

Guinness



Doohan

tured by the Germans.

David Niven was a Sandhurst graduate and Lt. Colonel of the



Niven

a bomber pilot, his service record crediting him with leading more than 20 missions over Germany, and taking part in hundreds of air strikes during his tour of duty.

Stewart earned the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, France's Croix de Guerre, and 7 Battle Stars during World War II. In peace time, Stewart continued to be an active member of the



Stewart

Air Force as a reservist, reaching the rank of Brigadier General before retiring in the late 1950s.

Clark Gable (Mega-Movie Star when war broke out) Although he was beyond the draft age at the time the U.S. entered WW II, Clark Gable enlisted as a private in the AAF on Aug. 12, 1942 at Los Angeles. He attended the Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. and graduated as a second lieutenant on Oct. 28, 1942. He then attended aerial gunnery school and in Feb. 1943 he was assigned to the 351st Bomb Group at Polebrook where flew operational missions over Europe in B-17s.



Gable



Heston

Capt. Gable returned to the U.S. in Oct. 1943 and was relieved from active duty as a major on Jun. 12, 1944 at his own request, since he was over-age for combat.

Charlton Heston was an Army Air Corps Sergeant in Kodiak.

Ernest Borgnine was a U.S. Navy Gunners Mate 1935-1945.



Borgnine

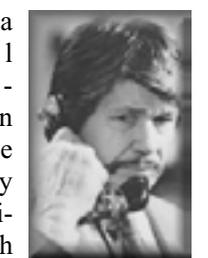
Charles Durning was a U.S. Army Ranger at Normandy earning a Silver Star and awarded



Durning

the Purple Heart.

Charles Bronson was a tail gunner in the Army Air Corps, more specifically on B-29's in the 20th Air Force out of Guam, Tinian, and Saipan.



Bronson

George C. Scott was a decorated U. S. Marine.

Eddie Albert (*Green Acres* - TV) was awarded a Bronze Star



Albert

for his heroic action



Scott

as a U.S. Naval officer aiding Marines at the horrific battle on the island of Tarawa in the Pacific Nov. 1943.

Brian Keith (*Family Affair* - TV) served as a U.S. Marine rear gunner in several ac-

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What Happened to the WWII Movie Stars

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tions against the Japanese on Rabal in the Pacific.

Lee Marvin was a U.S. Marine on Saipan during the Marianas campaign when he was wounded earning the Purple Heart.



Keith



John Russell. In 1942, he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he received a battlefield commission and was wounded and highly decorated

Marvin

for valor at Guadalcanal.

Robert Ryan was a U.S. Marine who served with the O.S.S. in Yugoslavia.



Russell



Ryan

Marines, was a pilot flying supplies into, and wounded Marines out of,

Tyrone Power (an established movie star when Pearl Harbor was bombed) joined the U.S.



Power

Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Audie Murphy, little 5'5" tall, 110 pound guy from Texas who played cowboy parts:

Most Decorated serviceman of WWII and earned: Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, 2 Silver Star Medals, Legion of Merit, 2 Bronze Star Medals with "V", 2 Purple Hearts, U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 2 Distinguished Unit Emblems, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with One Silver Star, Four Bronze Service Stars (representing nine campaigns) and one Bronze Arrowhead (representing assault landing at Sicily and Southern France) World War II Victory Medal Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar, Expert Badge with Bayonet Bar, French Fourragere in Colors of the Croix de Guerre, French Legion of Honor, Grade of Chevalier, French Croix de Guerre With Silver Star, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Medal of Liberated France, Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 Palm.



Murphy

So how do you feel the real heroes of

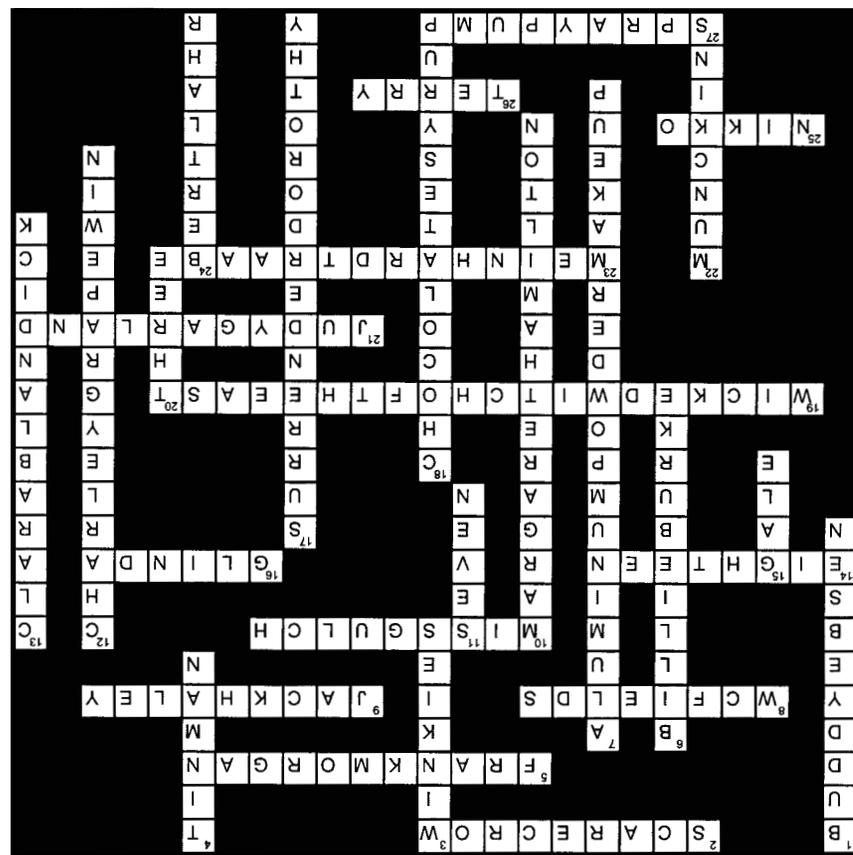
the silver screen acted when compared to the hollywons today who spew out anti-American drivel as they bite the hand that feeds them?

Can you imagine these stars of yester-

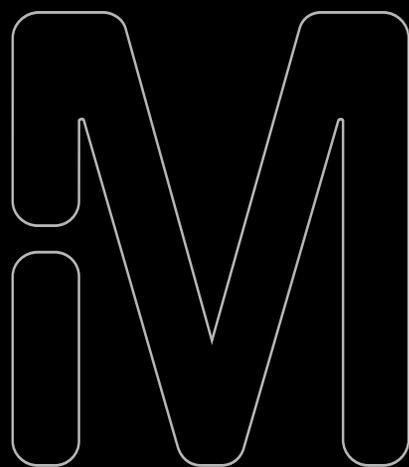
year saying they hate our flag, making anti-war speeches, marching in anti-American parades and saying they hate our president? I thought not, neither did I!

Crossword Puzzle Answers

(see puzzles on page C9)

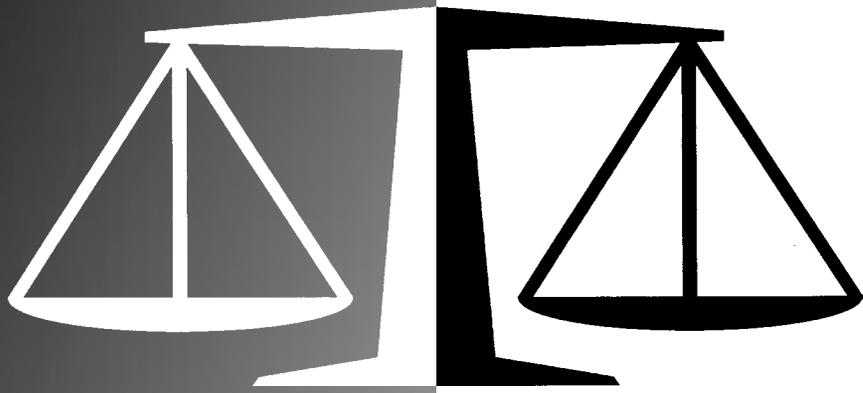


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