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The Night Before Christmas: A Visit from our Friends in the Media

By Clement Clark Carnell BPPA Poet Lauriat Emeritus - E Pluribus Unum (Updated version for 2007, original published in 2004)

was the night before Christmas, and the city lay quiet, No robberies, no rapes and no World Series riot. The prisoners slept soundly in the station-house cell, And their cheesy old feet made an ungodly smell.

We had stopped at the station with a coffee or two, For the Sarge on the desk and the boys dressed in blue. Then we heard screeching tires, saw a big yellow truck, Filled with yellow newspapers, in the snow it was stuck.

Out stepped a reporter in an old yellow robe, Waving recent editions of the Herald and Clobe With a stench you could smell from here to Atlanta, I knew in an instant, t'was Media Santa!

His cheeks they were dimpled, his mouth it was cleft, And politically speaking, he swerved to the left. His elves, too, were yellow, but considerably shorter, And they ran from the truck as he called each reporter:

"On, Margery Eagan!" That cop-hating writer! whose venom for us would make paychecks much lighter. "On, old Rachelle Cohen!" (from the editorial pages), Whose similar hatred would ree-duce our wages.

"On, old Howie Carr," who makes 8-million bucks! "On, fat Virgin Boy," (a reporter who sucks). "On, the *Clobe's* Marty Baron and the *Herald's* Purcell," Why, with all these cop-haters, no wonder the smell!

Then he ran in our station while shaking his fist, And he ripped up the detail and overtime list! "I hate your Quinn bill and I hate civil service" As he screamed like a banshee and twirled like a dervish.

More liberal than Kennedy (or even John Kerry?) Bashing cops in newspapers made this Santa merry. And just try to submit editorial replies – They'll print your response when an elephant flies!

"For the Boston Police we have nothing but hate" (They were students at college in nineteen-sixty-eight.) "Buying ink by the barrel gives us strong liberal power" (Especially when one lives in a tall ivory tower.)

"Now back in the truck," screamed the left-leaning Claus And his elves obeyed quickly, with hardly a pause. "Now dash away, dash away, dash home to bed, To Brookline and Newton, where we rest our head!"

We can always be sure that they're never around, When we're picking some smelly drunk from the ground. But they'll second-guess shootings, and publish your pay, And ruin your reputation in the course of their day.

Then laying a finger aside of his nose He blew out a booger that fell at his toes. And we heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight. "Screw the Boston Police; we hate you, GOOD NIGHT!"

Media bias, hatred motivates "controversy" over paid details

Bottom line: they hate to see cops making money

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

he current "controversy" being heavily publicized by the local media is driven by nothing more than old-fashioned cop hatred and basic jealousy. That's the consensus of opinion from the BPPA's officers and union representatives.

Some longtime media cop-haters with free ink, abundant column space and an axe to grind are behind the current annual/bi-annual assault on

U.S. Judge **Nancy Gertner:** Friend of the drug dealer, destrover of communities

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

ou may have read the most recent atrocity attributed to federal judge Nancy Gertner in a Boston Globe article entitled -"U.S. judge dismisses charges in drug case: raps Boston officer, sloppy prosecution" (11/25/07). But of course, since the article was written and edited by Gertner's like-minded consorts at the Globe, you only got one side of the story. As the lone voice of decency and truth in the liberal wilderness of Boston, the Pax would like to tell you about the true facts in this otherwise typically disgusting ex-(continued on page A10)

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whether details, overtime, the Quinn Bill, civil service, etc. etc. The most recent wave of anti-police rhetoric began a while ago when Herald columnist Margery Eagan (an avid cophater if ever there was one) began her two-pronged attack on cops employ-

anything that benefits the police officer, ing her Herald column and her stint on a WTKK 96-9 FM radio talk-show. During the course of badgering Governor Deval Patrick while being interviewed on live radio, she got the Governor to agree to "review the issue of police details," a pet peeve of (continued on page A11)

A cop's essay to college students A view of the Red Sox riots from our side of the badge

Dear Student Editor(s),

As you may know, Roxbury Court Judge Edward Redd recently ordered many area college students arrested in the aftermath of the Red Sox riots to submit essays explaining their conduct. From this side of the badge, the members of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association thought it might be interesting for your students to hear some earthy observations and suggestions from the police officers who were forced to endure the conduct of these "students," some of whom may be attending your school but escaped arrest during these "celebrations." I/we hope you'll consider printing this missive in your student newspaper. Thank You.

-Jim Carnell, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association Editor, Pax Centurion newspaper

Dear college idiot(s) who participated in the Red Sox riot(s),

he local news media have recently published portions of essays written by your playmates ordered by Roxbury Court Judge Edward Redd in the aftermath of the Red Sox riot(s) following the ALCS against the (continued on page A16)

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necessary staffing levels necessary to protect the safety and general welfare of the public and to preserve the free flow and circulation of traffic. In this particular case, the permit required that the MBTA contractor employ four Boston Police Officers to ensure public safety during the construction (obviously no small project). During the construction, the MBTA refused to use Boston Police Officers as required by the permit and instead used MBTA officers on Boston streets. The city in response to the MBTA's refusal to use their police officers as required, issued a cease and desist order thereby terminating the project. The MBTA went directly to court seeking relief from the city requirements and argued that it was

for purposes of assuring public safety in and around the impact zone. The MBTA complaint sought a declaratory judgment that the MBTA is immune from regulation by the City and that it was not obligated to comply with the Boston city ordinance requiring the MBTA to employ a Boston Police detail on this project. The City filed a counterclaim seeking a declaration from the

court that the MBTA is subject to and in violation of the Boston ordinances and permitting rules that requires the use of city police officers on construction projects that impact public safety on City of Boston streets. The BPPA intervened on behalf of the City of Boston as the result of the litigation obviously impacted our members.

By way of background, the court considered that the Massachusetts Legislature created the MBTA in 1964 as (quasi-government) "a body politic and corporate subdivision of the Commonwealth" responsible to provide "mass transportation service in the area constituting the authority. The Legislature further granted the MBTA numerous powers including, the power to "provide for construction, extension, modification or improvement of mass transportation facilities in the territory of the authority."

Before beginning construction on Huntington Ave. (Area B-2) in 2006, the MBTA applied for and received a permit from the City of Boston. The permit required under the authority of the Mayor through City of Boston Ordinance #11-6.9, which obligates any (operative term) party who seeks "to open, occupy, obstruct and use portions of Boston streets to obtain a permit from the Dept. of Public Works." The proposed construction project in question was projected to close and occupy portions of Huntington Ave. (which is a major artery and public way not MBTA property) impacting public safety in and around secondary roads and neighborhoods. The ordinance in question further mandates that the Boston Police Commissioner further determine the

entitled to a summary judgment because it's enabling statute (that created the MBTA), M.G.L. Chapter 161a, gives it immunity from all local controls, and further argued that it had "absolute" immunity over city ordinances. We argued (City/BPPA) that it would be outrageous for the court to find that absolute immunity from local government control, and that the statute limited the immunity to, "operations" involving "equipment," defined as "all rolling stock, and other conveyances, vehicles, rails, signals and control systems owned and operated by the MBTA required for the mass transportation of persons.

In other words, MBTA property, not the City of Boston's property or its public ways. The judge indicated in her decision that we offered a plausible challenge to the MBTA's claim of absolute immunity though she still ruled in favor of the MBTA. The decision is a great concern for the City of Boston, the BPPA and every city and town in the Commonwealth in that the broad implications regarding the expansive powers for the MBTA and a corresponding denial of local authority and control because if this is allowed to stand the City of Boston as well as every local government will be powerless to enforce their own rules, regulations and ordinances against the MBTA.

Further, the city and other towns should also be concerned that the MBTA will attempt to build on this broad decision to assert exclusive jurisdiction over city streets. The judge in this particular case made no distinction between a lane of traffic on Hun-*(continued on page A5)*

Annual hair test process improved

uring bargaining, there were some changes involving the annual hair test whereby three samples need to be collected. The Bargaining Committee this past contract was able to improve the process with an additional test for any officer that came back with a positive result. Presently, if the initial test is positive, the lab will perform a second test on the second hair sample. If the result of that test is within 30% of the result of the first test, the result of the first test will be deemed confirmed, provided the result meets minimum standards containing norcocaine and benzyleconine. If the first two test results are positive, at the officer's expense, the third hair sample will be tested at an independent laboratory, Quest Laboratories, at that laboratory's limit of detection for the substance in question.

In making these changes there was a need for additional hair to be taken. In the first few months there were a few noticeable consequences resulting from the additional sample. In some cases, officers that keep their hair tight did not have enough hair for testing necessitating the need to visit secondary areas from the chest and armpit for compliance. Some officers have been back three or four times for facial hair if there was not enough in the alternative locations. A few have had results replicating divot-like patches that are unacceptable. A the head and alternative areas. grievance was filed and a remedy for those individual officers will hopefully be worked out.

The last thing the BPPA wants to see is the Department claiming an individual is attempting to circumvent the test and receiving a 45-day suspension which is the equivalent of testing positive... since the inception of the new testing no officer as of this writing has tested positive and no officer has been accused of purposefully avoiding the test.

Officers approaching their birthdays should plan ahead if they do not have enough hair on their head or in the alternative areas. Department personnel are turning officers away if there is not enough hair on the head so as to avoid any further horror shows. The department has a 30-day before and after birthday window to test individual officers. As long as everyone is playing above board there should not be an issue in accommodating additional dates if the amount of hair is insufficient on both

datory. The last thing the BPPA wants to see is the Department claiming an individual is attempting to circumvent the test and receiving a 45day suspension which is the equivalent of testing positive. If there are any issues, please contact your Rep. or the BPPA directly. The grievance process is a long grind and to be avoided if possible.

If officers, in the extreme example, are

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of the officers

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tention to the

Department's in-

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told to grow facial hair they must comply

because there must not be any suggestion

Directions describing the procedural steps in the cutting of the hair are imminent if not already in place in the office where the hair is taken.

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BPD v MBTA Detail Decision

A judgment that the MBTA is immune from the City of Boston ordinance 11-6.9 and that the City has no authority, pursuant to the ordinance, to impose on the MBTA an obligation to accept and pay Boston Po-

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lice officers for details on construction projects on streets within the City was rendered by Judge Hines in Suffolk Superior Court on November 19, 2007. The BPPA was looking for clarification given specific language in the MBTA's enabling statute G.L. c 161A that is definitively clear in that the MBTA is immune from all local regu-



lation with respect only to operations of the authority with the equipment owned and operated by the Authority. Seems clear ... T employees operating T equipment are exempt involving T construction needs or improvements in the territory of the Authority throughout the state.

The BPPA has only made claim to work that is sub-contracted to independent construction companies by the Authority on City of Boston streets. The work generally takes months at a time and in some cases years to complete. The BPPA has not disputed any construction work or emergency responses performed by MBTA employees with Authority equipment such as derailments or any other repair/exigencies involving T equipment.

The judge gives weight to the BPPA's argument but "sees no need to decide this issue" which only further clouds the 'absolute immunity' question that the MBTA argued. Giving the MBTA total exemption from notice, planning and permitting to occupy and obstruct streets within any city or town for projects that include the most demanding, populated locations needs to be revisited if in fact that is what the statute means. The extreme argument forwarded by the MBTA could gridlock downtown Boston or shut down blocks of public ways from access given their interpretation of the statute. Permits between the City and the MBTA require the sub-contractor to adhere to all rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances of the City which includes the hiring of at least one Boston Police Officer under City Ordinance 11-6.9.

Judge Hynes claimed that "the enforcement of the ordinance against the MBTA interferes plainly and obviously with its essential government purpose to provide mass transportation." The reliance of the

judge on the cease and desist order in her decision only avoids the real issue as to the meaning of the language that in effect states that only T equipment being operated by T employees should be immune.

The decision will be appealed and hopefully somebody will bring an understanding to whatever else those words suggest in the MBTA's enabling statute. This might

be time for the Mayor and leaders of other affected cities and towns to seek legislation defining the local role of the municipality in determining relevant policy as compared to the absolute immunity from regulations currently argued and forwarded by the T.

Stay vigilant on the details and keep the reports coming in regarding related arrests. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

The insanity of political correctness

By Jim Carnell, Editor, Pax Centurion

HE PICTURES RELATED TO THIS ARTICLE are actual signs which are posted in the newly-renovated BPD Area A police station. They are made of cast metal and are, as you can see, embossed with raised Braille dots for the benefit of the blind. The question is: WHY?

Look at the signs: "Gun Locker" and "Cell Block." Now, I don't know about you, but I don't want a visually impaired person finding their way to our gun locker or checking on our prisoners, so again, WHY?



right? But at the risk of offending some disability advocate or risk getting sued by for a violation of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), we go overboard, toss common sense out the window, and spend dollars on utterly useless insanity such as this.

And by the way, the real insanity is this: in the new Area A police station, next to the el-

evators, there is NO sign in Braille, even though common sense would again tell us that, at least in that area, there may actually exist a need for a sign for a blind person searching for the elevator.

But what do I know

The answer is that it is due to political correctness run amok. It's insanity gone nuts. In trying to appease and please everybody, the majority must become subservient to the tiny minority, at no matter what cost and at the expense of common sense. Stop and think: will a blind person EVER have a need to locate a gun locker or to check on prisoners? Of course not, that's nuts,





hope all is well and everyone had a great Thanksgiving. The first order of business I would like to start with is the annual scholarship drawing that was held at the union on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at the monthly meeting of the House of Representatives

The winners are as follows:

- Brian Byrne, the son of Danny Byrne, E-18 1
- Emily Barden, the daughter of Michael Barden, E-5 2.
- Caroline Walsh, the daughter of Frank Walsh, Range 3.
- 4 Derek Lamb, the son of Dana Lamb, E-13

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- Richard Harrington, the son of Ritchie Harrington, D-4 5.
- Marisa Shoulla, the daughter of Christopher Shoulla, D-4 6.
- 7. Leah O'Brien, daughter of Jerry O'Brien, C-11
- Joseph Nee, the son of Tom Nee, C-11 8.
- Francis X. Casper, the son of Robert Casper, A-1 9.
- 10 Jessica N. Butler, the daughter of Bobby Butler, D-14
- Jahki DeLoach, the daughter of Tahisha Skeen, C-11 11.
- Jeremiah Pow, the son of Jacqueline Pow, EMS 12.
- Micahyla Young, the daughter of Al Young, DCU 13.
- 14. Matthew Brown, the son of Tab Brown, D-14
- 15. Michael Lockhead, the son of Kevin Lockhead, A-7
- 16. Alison Foley, the daughter of Pat Foley, D-4
- 17. Karyn Rautenberg, the daughter of Gerry Rautenberg, E-18
- Jacquelyn Rose, the daughter of Pat Rose, C-11 18.
- Jenine Hayword, the daughter of Paul Hayword 19.
- 20. Sean McCarthy, Jr., the son of Sean McCarthy, D-4
- 21. Finley Ezekiel, the son of John Ezekiel, Academy
- 22. Ronan Ridge, the son of John Ridge, B-2
- 23. Michael Doyle, the son of Michael Doyle, D-4
- 24. Michael J. Mylett, the son of Mike Mylett, MOP Jordyn Pugsley, the daughter of Jack Pugsley, A-7 25.
- 26.
- Dominic Orsino, the son of Jamie Orsino, EMS 27 Richard Estrella, the son of Richie Estrella, A-7
- 28. Sean Connolly, the son of Cliff Connolly, Bomb Unit
- 29. Sean Moccia, son of James Moccia, D-4
- 30. Ryan Linehan, son of Brian Linehan, DCU
- 31. Griffin Fitzgerald, son of John Fitzgerald, ID
- 32. Ariana Anderson, the daughter of Wayne Anderson, B-3
- 33. Krista Lee O'Neil, the daughter of Steve O'Neal, E-5
- 34. Tadus Corneille, the daughter Adam Corneille, EMS
- 35. Olivia Melo, daughter of Ray Melo, C-6
- 36. Nicolette Ezekiel, the daughter of Nancy Cellucci, YVSF
- 37. Edward Finch, the son of George Finch, E-18
- 38. Kerri Ahern, the daughter of John Ahern, B-2
- 39. Brea Young, the daughter of Robert Young, C-6
- 40. Haley Charbonnier, the daughter of Robert Charbonnier, C-11

Congratulations to both the recipients and their parents from the House of Representatives and the Leadership of the BPPA.

All of the members whose children have won will be getting a call from me on how to receive payment, if you miss the call or the message I left and you see your name listed as a winner of a scholarship, please call me at the union hall, the number is 617-989-2772.

Be aware and diligent when performing a paid detail

s a Patrolman and an elected Representative, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to be aware and diligent when we are performing a paid detail. Once again, the media along with some tax reforming zealots have taken it upon themselves to attack our means of income. They spread lies like how our detail pay is included in our retirement, which it is not. They also state because of details your utility rates are higher, another lie. What they fail to say is how detail officers, while performing details, respond to bank robberies, car accidents, assaults and a whole host of other crimes adding to the number of police officers on the street. We cannot control what the media prints. So if you respond to a situation at a detail, write an incident report and document the service you provided to the community, then either drop it off at the Union Hall or fax it (617-989-2779) so we have a record of the incident.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you

e have now entered into the Christmas Season and the year is almost over. I have just about completed my first year as Treasurer and I just wanted to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve them. If you have any complaints or concerns, please let me know. One last thing, let us not forget our members who are on active duty in the military. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families

So to all, be safe and watch each other's backs.

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secretary spread: Jay Broderick, BPPA Secretary

2007 has been a busy year at the BPPA

t's the end of the year and everyone is pretty busy with Christmas and the usual craziness that comes with the season. What presents to buy and for whom? Where are we eating dinner and what time? The endless nights of Christmas parties and trying to explain to my wife why I "have to go" to this party, even more than I "had to go" the night before. The shock of seeing that first credit card statement and wondering why we had to buy my great aunt (removed two times and who I haven't seen nor spoken to in three years) a present. Fighting off the resentment we begin to feel for Santa when you're doing your third detail of the week and your kids are writing to Santa, kissing his butt!

All joking aside, it's a great time of the year.

2007 has been a busy year at the BPPA. We have settled our contract. This contract touched everyone in different ways. The issue of residency was finally addressed. Was it completely eliminated? No, but it has taken many years and many battles to get to this point. The issue of longevity was addressed and those members who do not have the Quinn Bill will receive additional compensation after hitting their tenth year. I think that this contract will only help us in future contracts with these issues having been pulled "out of play."

The fiasco surrounding the Detective's Exam resulted in many members being upset and not feeling confident in the exam process. Though I do think that the process was a joke, as far as the two exams, the alleged leaks, and the oral boards," I also think that, in the end, the Department scored the exam as fairly as possible. I think the decision to not award the additional 10 points was a smart one and to have given out those points would have led to even more controversy. Congratulations to those members who have been rated as Detective's and good luck in your new position.

The BPPA dealt with the transfers of the Boston Municipal Police as well as the acceptance, for the first time ever, of lateral transfers from departments across the state. Though the process was bumpy and sometimes contentious, I think that for the most part things are running smoothly, although some issues are still being litigated.

One of my responsibilities as the Secretary of the BPPA is to get information out to the membership so that they are informed and involved in the union. Recently, I sent out information about the By-Law Proposals, the BPPA's vote on disaffiliating from IUPA, and the \$20 Annual Dues Assessment for the National Law Enforcement Museum. I sent that information out to the addresses that have been supplied to the BPPA. I also posted this information in the Pax, on the BPPA's website, Please Post's at the districts, and by way of an email tree. As I am writing this article, the vote on these issues is a few days away and people are telling me that they don't know anything about the vote or the issues. One person told me, "I voted for you, you tell me how to vote and I'll vote that way," As flattering as that may be, we need our members to make their own choices.

If you aren't getting the information at your homes, please contact the BPPA and update your information. If you want to get on the email list, send me an email at *jbroderick@bppa.org* and I'll get you on the list. I'm always open to ideas about how to get information out to our membership but I can't force people to read the stuff.

While I'm on the topic about addresses and personal information I want to stress how important it is that the BPPA has accurate and updated information on file in case of an emergency. A few months ago, I was with Boston Fire Local 718 President Ed Kelly when he had the horrible responsibility of notifying the next of kin for the two firefighters killed in the West Roxbury fire. Neither of his members had updated their personal information for a long time and the information on file was not accurate. It made the task of notifications even harder. Please take a moment to call the BPPA and make sure that your contact information is up to date and that your beneficiary of the \$65,000 life insurance policy is correct. I have looked people up the information for some people who I know and they haven't changed their beneficiary although they are now married or now not married. If something happens, the BPPA will only give the money to who you have deemed to be the beneficiary.

As Police Officers, we accept the risks that come with the job. Those risks are escalating nationwide. The FBI reports that law enforcement deaths have increased 26% from 2006 to 2007. There has been an even larger increase in law enforcement murders in the same time period. Not surprisingly, the number of assaults on Police Officers has also risen. Just last month we had a weekend where there were two blatant attacks on our members. One incident happened when plainclothes men attempted to stop an assault but were met with vicious attacks that resulted in both Officers being injured and one facing facial surgery. The assailants were not gang bangers or hardened criminals. They were 22-year-olds from the mean streets of the Cape. The other resulted in B3 Officers being injured when they responded to the domestic violence call and the very people who called them for help turned against them. The attackers were cunning enough to lock the apartment door which forced responding Officers to kick the door in so that they could reach their comrades. My point is that we need to watch each others back.

On a personal note, I want to thank those people who took a moment to show their support over the recent *Boston Globe* article in which a Federal Judge alleged that I lied in Federal Court. For whatever reasons, Judge **Nancy Gertner** is convinced that I perjured myself in a case that involved the arrest of a career criminal, the seizure of two firearms and trafficking weight in Heroin. The Judge insists that I, along with a couple of members of my DCU Squad, lied about statements and observations so that we could arrest this certain individual. She has taken many shots at me, despite the fact that nothing has been produced to show that my testimony was false. Noth-

The view from here

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tington Ave. where the MBTA has an easement and the abutting lanes where there is no easement (what is next a bus stop, air rights above underground tracks or maybe somewhere there is an MBTA sign that somehow impacts a community).

Sound paranoid, I think not, currently there are two cases before the SJC one involving the town of Somerville, the other involving the Town of Melrose where both communities are arguing that they have a right to control commercial advertising that abuts their public ways. Two lower courts found that "commercial advertising" was an essential function of the MBTA. Go figure. The BPPA plans to appeal this Superior Court decision with the City of Boston.

Our understanding is that the mayor is not happy with this decision and that he takes very seriously his responsibility to the citizens of Boston and will not have an outside authority dictate to him the way public safety will be handled in this City of Boston. Our attorneys believe that this appeal has a strong likelihood of success, because the decision is purely a legal one and will be subject to de novo review. Certainly every municipal manager in the Commonwealth has a vested interest in the outcome and we welcome their support. If somehow the court does not find in our favor, obviously we will seek redress in the Legislature. Enough said.

Speaking of details let me clear up a few more rumors that sometimes take on a life of their own if not straightened out. First of all as of this time, our legislative agent **Jim Barry** reports that there is no pending legislation to replace police officers with civilian flagmen. Second, we have been in contact with the leaders on the hill as well as many other elected officials and every one of them acknowledges the value of redeploying maybe thousands of police officers daily back out into the communities at private expense.

But of course while being interviewed by a local talk show host and after being badgered, the governor indicated everything is on the table with regard to creating savings for the Commonwealth and generating revenue to improve bridges and roadways. When specifically asked by the reporter, he said he would review the issue of ing. It's just her opinion. I stand by what I did that day and what members of my squad did that day. Thanks again for your support. I truly appreciate it.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your families and your friends during the Holidays. You deserve it.

paid details.

Now, I am not in the business of making excuses for the governor, but nowhere in that statement can I conclude that he said he was going to do away with paid details. Somehow in the translation, the haters and some members of the media concluded, that is what he said, hence, an orchestrated witch hunt began. To those who have not been here before let me enlighten you with a little of our experience.

We are not out of the woods yet and this discussion is far from over. Our detractors will work feverishly to compromise our profession. We will be the subject of many talk shows and newspaper articles in the near future, promising to save the taxpayers and rate payer's money.

They will work in concert as they have before to degrade our service and embarrass our profession. They will knowingly ignore facts, unleash the paparazzi, intentionally print misinformation, making promises that simply can't be kept.

Your charge and mandate going forward is to continue to guard against this effort and the current campaign, continuing to deliver the high level of service that conceivably no one else in public service can deliver. And when a member of the service delivers above and beyond please make sure a copy of the event is advanced to the BPPA so that we can catalog it in the event that the moment in time arrives, when we are confronted with the lies and rhetoric so that we can one more time put the issue down with reality and facts.

After all that is what we do, and let there be no doubt we are prepared, but we will not continue to be successful without you, the membership.

Thanks for everything that you have done throughout the year. Certainly as I reflect, I must say that you have weathered a difficult year and made us strong through your efforts.

On behalf of my family and myself, thank you all for what you do, and your commitment to doing what others simply aren't capable of doing. Thank you for the blessing of your friendship, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you, your family and loved ones. As always please be safe out there.

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Letters from the Editor:

Re: Police Details

Dear Editor,

An old saying goes "you should never pick a fight with people who buy ink by the barrelful", but after reading your fallacious, contrived, utterly misleading editorials and articles about police details, I am compelled to respond in the interest of having some measure of truth and fairness injected into the issue of police details.

As you yourself finally admitted as a part of a letter to the editor by **Sgt. Rick Pedrini** of the Arlington Police (11/9, pg. 18), detail and overtime pay **ARE NOT** included in calculating an officer's pension, but of course, the damage is done. The Herald's editorial writer has the luxury of printing knowingly false information for public consumption and then sitting back and laughing while hardworking police officers suffer the public's wrath and scrutiny which result from the dissemination of this false and thoroughly misleading "information".

As a 26-year Boston police veteran, I am convinced that a prevailing anti-police attitude is behind this manufactured controversy about police details. Whether it was an arrest at Harvard Yard in 1968 at an antiwar rally or a ticket issued recently by a local cop, today's journalists and editorialists appear hell-bent on inciting anti-police attitudes amongst the general public. The facts be damned, never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

Not that it matters (for I am sure this missive will never see the light of day except in our own *Pax Centurion*), but the following are some facts about police details and my personal observations about your own reporting methods:

1.) The wage rate for a signaler and flagger as published in the Massachusetts Division of Labor and Industries - prevailing wage rates for public construction projects - is (as of 5/31/08) \$37.50 per hour. That rate does not include night, weekend, holiday or overtime pay, which is of course significantly higher. The rate for a Boston Police officer is either \$33.00 or \$37.00 per hour, and that rate remains the same whether night, weekend or holiday.

2.) Contrary to your repeated assertions that "Massachusetts is the only state in the union that uses police details;" that information is similarly FALSE. Many states use a combination of police details and flagmen. Detail officers are employed in ALL of our neighboring New England states, in various capacities as determined by local and state ordinances, laws and regulations. To assert that "Massachusetts is the only state that uses police details" is simply FALSE.

3.) Employing figures in your editorial such as "\$1.1 billion over 20 years" or "\$60.8 million over 8 years" in alleged costs for police details is grossly misleading at best. These figures have apparently been pulled out of thin air and issued for no other purpose than to put a spin on your own antipolice agenda.

4.) Previous *Herald* articles have attacked the fact that police officers get a minimum of four hours pay. That's true. It's generally accepted in most workplaces that people should get paid for either a half-day or a full-day. Does your editorial staff or reporters get paid by the word? Does **Howie Carr** or **Margery Egan** write for free? I sort of doubt it....

5.) Back in June 1993, the Reader's Digest (page 135), quoting Debra J. Saunders writing in the San Francisco Chronicle, reported that flagmen in California were making between \$25.12 and \$41.73 per hour, depending on overtime and specialty rates. (A fact supported by figures obtained by the BPPA from CALTRANS) That was 14 years ago, in a highly unionized state similar to Massachusetts. Yet the Herald continues to perpetuate the myth that minimum-wage, non-union flagmen will be flocking to accept jobs at \$10 or \$12 per hour, and that the prevailing wage law can simply be "rewritten", because the Herald desires it. Years ago, the Herald was also a supporter of utility deregulation, because it would supposedly stimulate competition and reduce prices. Has anyone's gas, electric or cable bill gone down recently? If police details were eliminated tomorrow. there would not be one cent in reduced costs passed along to either consumers or taxpayers. There would, of course, be a reduction of about 20% (in the City of Boston) in the number of officers on the streets.

The vast majority of police details are not paid from taxpayer dollars but are assessed to private companies. Many other states' municipalities and police departments have contacted the BPPA inquiring about establishing their own system whereby the cost for public services (police, fire or EMT) are passed along (rightfully) to the private concerns who use, disrupt or otherwise occupy public roadways for their private gain. A police officer is primarily employed by the state or municipal government, while the flagman would be beholden to the company he is employed by. A police officer can act in a wide variety of roles while assigned to a detail site, while a flagmen can do but one thing in the event of an accident or incident; and that is, ironically, to call a cop.

Throughout our history, Massachusetts

has often done things differently than other states. But simply because Mississippi, Arkansas or Idaho employ \$10. per hour flagmen doesn't mean that Massachusetts has to copy them. The *Herald* editorial board's blatant anti-police/anti-union attitude always seems to be most virulent when this thoroughly contrived controversy rears its head every year or two.

Sincerely, James W. Carnell Boston Police Patrolmen's Association

Re: "Throwing a flag on paid details

Dear Editor,

The Beacon Hill Institute's **David G. Tuerck** has once again used his apparently free ride on the *Globe's* op-ed pages to argue against police details ("Throwing a flag on paid details" 11/9/07).

Would this be the same Beacon Hill Institute that used incompatible insurance statistics in their anti-police detail "study" issued in November 2004? And would this be the same Beacon Hill Institute which produced an anti-Cape Wind "study" which was cited by the Globe's Joan Vennochi in an op-ed entitled "Cape Wind: too "ugly" for the rich? (12/14/04)? According to Vennochi, "the Egan family foundation was the main funding source for a \$100,000 survey done by the Beacon Hill Institute" which concluded (surprise, surprise!) that the Cape Wind project was a bad idea. Just so happens that the wealthy Egan family "owns homes overlooking Nantucket Sound" and was opposed to Cape Wind from the get-go. How interesting....

Mr. Tuerck goes on to compare police traffic control duties to his experience "as a crossing guard in the sixth grade...when he got to wear a badge and stop cars like a real police officer." Sounds a little like Professor Tuerck might be a frustrated policewannabe who failed and had to resort to teaching. I would challenge Mr. Tuerck to attempt traffic duty at a Boston intersection in a police uniform for a day, where he would undoubtedly encounter rude, ignorant motorists, impatient pedestrians, a myriad of changing traffic conditions, and demanding, obnoxious people such as himself who sit in their ivory academic towers and have the luxury of denigrating police officers via the Globe's op-ed pages.

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

Judicial system fails again

By Phil Docket (pseudonym)

Spin it anyway you want, Judge Kathe Tuttman has the blood of that honeymoon couple on her hands. Her blowhard peer supporters jump to her defense, dazed and confused, how dare the public question their rulings? Don't you know who they are? We're Judges! Quiet in the court! You're out of order!

Justice Margaret Marshall and **Robert Mulligan**, birds of a feather, try to use smoke and mirrors to deflect what clearly is Tuttman's responsibility. The ugly truth lies in a fresh grave at a Washington cemetery.

Like her judicial defenders, Kathe Tuttman, was apparently a political sign-holding hack that contributed to the winning gubernatorial candidate. Tuttman obviously fit the stringent judicial qualifications needed to be anointed an all-knowing and ever-powerful courtroom god. As Marshall and Mulligan are blustering their absurd spin, I'm sure you're all wondering what the qualifications are to be a judge.

Well as best I can tell, you've already read the only qualifications needed to be appointed a judge for life: money, and supporting the right candidate or sitting governor. That's it!

Sure, they'll tell you it's a world-wide search, the governor looks for the best lawyers with courtroom experience and no criminal record, but come on! There isn't one piece of paper with any official written guidelines or requirements. The governor has the sole power and he alone appoints the candidate/judge. The governor also appoints a judicial nomination committee to insure the right person gets appointed. It's a stacked deck. The only real requirement besides sucking up to the governor is that there is no requirement. The governor can appoint anyone they want, just like this champion of justice, Kathe Tuttman.

Tuttman, as we all know by now, dropped a \$100,000 bail issued by a lowly District Court judge to let this violent whitesupremacist, cop-fighting convicted murderer out on personal recognizance. Judge Tuttman knew that this murderer, **Daniel Tavares** had a fiancé living in Washington DC. Considering this murderer's stellar prison record, and unlike the District Court judge, Tuttman felt there was little risk of him fleeing to DC.

Come on, who could see that coming? A prisoner locked up for 16 years surrounded by only men; surely he wouldn't be motivated to leave. Maybe he could have stayed in Massachusetts with a family member? Oh, that's right, he hacked mom to death, never mind.

Look, enough is enough in Massachusetts; let's hold these sign-holding political hacks accountable. There seems to be at least two incompetent boobs anointed for every one decent judge that is appointed.

Make no mistake this isn't an isolated incident. There are tons of incompetent self-absorbed hacks in the ranks of the judiciary who are endangering the public daily with their asinine rulings. Before **Judge Kathe Tuttman** there was **Judge Maria Lopez** and her soft spot for pedophiles and rapists.

A top ten list of embarrassments to the bench couldn't be (continued on page A10)

Answers for the widow, questions for the retired Chelmsford Deputy

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor n the aftermath of the recent tragic shooting of corrections officer Marquis Barker by BPD officers, which was necessitated by Mr. Barker's failure to drop what appeared to be a semi-automatic handgun which he pointed at the officers, the Boston Globe printed a November 23rd article, entitled: "Widow wants answers following police shooting"). The article questioned whether the officers acted appropriately. This, of course, is standard operating procedure for the high holy hypocrites at the Globe (reporter David Abel), to secondguess with the luxury of 20/20 hindsight, the split-second decisions and the actions of the officers, who were under intense pressure, while confronting an apparently emotionally disturbed, and very dangerous person waving a firearm in the middle of Fuller Street in Dorchester. (The weapon was later found to be a pellet gun, but the photograph of the weapon later released to the media proved without question that it appeared to be a black semi-automatic handgun.)

Now, it's not at all unusual that a grieving widow, wanting desperately to displace the blame, and to explain the unexplainable actions of her late husband, would "demand answers" from the police, and would offer alternatives to shooting her husband, (i.e.-"tasing", etc.). Alternatives simply were not available to the officers, who were unlucky enough to have responded to this 911 call. Alternatives are almost never an option, when a suspect is pointing a handgun directly at an officer. In the context of grieving people, looking for answers and pointing fingers in all the wrong places, we can understand, though we thoroughly disagree. But it is indeed beneath contempt when one reads a letter to the editor (Boston Herald, Dec. 5th) reprinted on this page) from a selfdescribed "retired Chelmsford Deputy police chief'-Francis X. Roark, who-from the safety and security of his retired ivory tower - preaches to the Boston police department and the officers involved in the shooting about what they should have done differently. Therefore, in response to the widow Barker's demand for answers and Mr. Roark's smary letter to the editor, may I humbly offer the following on behalf of the officers involved in this (and all past and future) traumatic shootings...

First, **Mrs. Sanders-Barker:** my/our deepest sympathies to your family. It's never easy to lose a husband and father, especially not under these circumstances or at this time of year. Mental illness is a terrible thing, and almost every family has someone they know afflicted by it, to various degrees. **But blaming the officers is simply wrong**. No cop ever wants to be involved in a shooting, if it is at all avoidable. You must recognize what the officers confronted when they arrived on the scene: frantic 911 calls from your neighbors about "a man waving a gun", and then, upon arrival, observing your husband waving a gun in the middle of the street, screaming like a madman. Personally, if it looks like a real gun, I'm going to treat it like a real gun. Ma'am, I'm going home at the end of my shift to my spouse, and to my children. I don't take suicidal chances, and by waiting until the armed suspect shoots at me first, until I decide

Retired Chelmsford Deputy Chief Roark, *come on down!*...

Retired Deputy Chief Roark left a lengthy diatribe on my cellphone about the response I had sent to the *Herald* in regards to his letter (printed on page A9 in this issue). In a pompous and arrogant tone which virtually guarantees that, in fact, Mr. Roark must have been a professional police administrator (as opposed to an actual cop) in his previous life, Roark assures me my opinion of him is wrong and cautions me to "check with **Ed Davis, Jerry Flynn** or **Bob Dunford**" if I need to verify his reputation.

The arrogance of Mr. Roark's letter is self-evident. The widow of Marquis Barker can be somewhat understood, if only for the fact that she speaks out of grief and anger. But to sit in the comfort of one's office like the retired Deputy and critique the actions of officers under intense stress and pressure is disgusting and despicable.

whether or not the weapon is real or not. And Mrs. Barker, the BPD doesn't carry tasers, but that wouldn't matter in this specific situation anyway. If somebody pointing what appears to be a handgun, the use of a less-lethal weapon like a taser is not even in the equation. Deadly force is used to meet deadly force - whether real or implied, and regardless of whatever the perceived "intentions" of the perpetrator may be. (In point of fact, a suspect's true intentions will never really be known or understood by the responding officers. We aren't clairvoyant.) And finally, in response to questions posed by your brother-in-law, we don't aim to injure or disable. The armed suspect, who is pointing the handgun directly at officers must be stopped immediately. Officers cannot first attempt to influence the armed suspect into surrendering, with just a minor flesh wound. On TV and in the movies, the police are able to "wing" a suspect, by shooting him in the arm or the leg. But in real life, that's not possible. We aim to hit center-mass and to stop the threat. In this case, an armed man sitting inside of a stolen vehicle behind the car door with the window closed, has no bodily center mass as a target. With just his head, shoulder, neck, and arm as the target, the extremely difficult decision was made. That might not sound nice, but it's a fact of life. Again, sorry for your loss, but your husband's actions dictated the police officer's responses. And in my opinion, they did everything correctly.

Please see the responses to these stories

Ahmmm – Mr. Roark – you don't know me very well. I'm singularly unimpressed when one drops the names of other police administrators as references. Now, if you had mentioned **Bob Guiney, Don Murray, Dick Bradley** or **Tom Nee** as sources, you might have some credibility at this address, but....

Mr. Roark goes on to inform me that "he's something of an authority in the field (I assume he's referring to police-involved shootings?)... having managed or been involved in 25 or 30 of them in [various capacities as a police administrator]." Roark goes on to opine that it's "incredulous" that Boston has not installed kill switches in cruisers".

I always thought that it was just the press or big-mouthed politicians who engaged in second-guessing cops after traumatic shootings, but obviously, I was wrong. Retired Deputy Chief Roark is either padding his resume for an appointment to the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF – a bigger collection of never-actually-performed-police-work-phonies you'll not find anywhere) or he's a living, breathing example of the old saying "How can we miss you, when you just won't go away?" (And if you talk to some of the Chelmsford cops I spoke to recently about retired Deputy Roark, they're not exactly shedding tears about his retirement.)

But seriously, where Mr. Roark gets the unmitigated gall to prattle on about "...containment, the first quartet of steps toward the successful resolution, was quickly lost." How dare you, Mr. Roark? You have absolutely no idea what was going through those officer's minds when they drove up and observed Marquis Barker waving a gun in the middle of the street screaming and yelling. But I can guarantee you one thing: whether or not the BPD has or doesn't have kill switches in their cruisers, the last thing I'd be thinking about was whether or not I'd remembered to activate the switch. That idea under those circumstances is simply ludicrous, except for police administrator types who read lots of text books and manuals. In real life, under those circumstances, with a madman waving a gun in front of me, I'm activating my gun, and to hell with the kill switch....

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Letter to the Editor: **'Kill Switch' now**

ny wizened police administrator comes to a realization that there are two things officers will consistently neglect to do while on calls: wear their hats and shut off or otherwise secure their cruisers, policies and procedures be damned! Like most, I surrendered on the hat issue, but about 25 years ago I became a strong proponent for the installation of "kill switches" in all Chelmsford cruisers, which was done.

These switches are disguised as an ordinary part of the cruiser, familiar only to officers, and allow the cruiser to remain running yet immobile until the switch is deactivated.

During the tragic shooting of Marquis

Barker – that being a classic suicide-bycop scenario – containment, the first of the quartet of steps toward the successful resolution, was quickly lost. Subsequent steps of stabilization, suppression of overreaction and preferably, a negotiated surrender, were quickly marginalized without containment ("Authorities promise probe of fatally shot jail officer," *Boston Herald*, November 23).

"Kill switches" should be installed forthwith as a management prerogative, and the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association's inevitable aggrievement dealt with later!

– Francis X. Roark, Chelmsford

(The writer is retired deputy chief of the Chelmsford Police Dept.)



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Responses to the Mattapan shooting story and Letter to the Editor

Response from BPPA Editor Jim Carnell

As a 26-yr. veteran Boston police officer, I am perplexed as to what prompted **retired Chelmsford Deputy Chief Francis X. Roark** to pen his letter (Kill switch now" 12/5/ 07) which was gratuitously and unfairly critical of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association.

First and foremost, retired Deputy Chief Roark offers his opinion about an issue which is still under investigation by the Suffolk County DA's office and the BPD homicide unit, apparently concluding that the officers are somehow at fault by leaving their cruisers running without knowing the relevant facts. Additionally, the BPPA has never been approached with any issue involving the installation of kill switches on police cruisers. His snide remarks about the BPPA filing "the inevitable grievance" notwithstanding, it is highly unlikely that we would be opposed to such a device anyway.

Retired Deputy Roark mentions that two of his major concerns while employed by the Chelmsford PD were that officers "shut off their cruisers and wear their hats while on call." Perhaps Deputy Roark's hat was covered in impressive gold braid and his shoulders were adorned with politically-affixed stars, bars and feathers, ergo, his obsession with his own sartorial splendor. But here in Boston, retired Deputy Roark, we have so much more to worry about while exiting our cruisers than our hats.

In my humble opinion, it is highly likely that the average Boston police patrolman encounters more in any given eight-hour shift than retired Chelmsford Deputy Chief Roark faced in his entire career.

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

"The Chelmsford Police have contacted the BPPA from their highest level and wish to assure all BPPA members that <u>retired</u> Deputy Chief Francis X. Roark was speaking as an individual and not on behalf of the Chelmsford Police Department. The Chelmsford Police Department expresses their total support of the BPD officers involved in this tragic shooting and would never seek to second-guess from afar the circumstances which presented themselves to these officers."

Response from Chelmsford Police Chief James Murphy

Jim:

The letter to the editor from retired deputy chief Roark was brought to my attention last night. Just to be clear, I think the letter was inappropriate, and it does not reflect the sentiment or opinion of anyone in the Chelmsford Police Department. The writer, who retired back in 2005, is free to write & express his opinion on any subject matter, however, the critical tone taken in his letter, while your department is trying to investigate a tragic incident, is upsetting and disappointing to both me and members of my department. Thankfully, no Boston police officers were hurt in this incident, and I hope all involved are coping with what they went through. Good luck in the investigation and I wish you and all the members of the Boston Police Department a safe holiday season.

- Chief Jim Murphy Chelmsford Police Department

Answers for the widow, questions for the retired Chelmsford Deputy

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The arrogance of Mr. Roark's letter is self-evident. The widow of Marquis Barker can be somewhat understood, if only for the fact that she speaks out of grief and anger. But to sit in the comfort of one's office like the retired Deputy and critique the actions of officers under intense stress and pressure is disgusting and despicable. It is unfortunately typical of how many of today's selfdescribed "police administrators" actually think. Few of them ever actually performed street-level police work answering calls. Most are nothing more than politicians in police uniforms, impressed with themselves and seeking only to inflate their already bloated egos and resumes. And if they can do it at the expense of street officers who actually engage in the down and dirty police work, then so be it.

Those who do – do. Those who don't – teach (or "administer, or whatever it is that that retired Chelmsford Deputy Rourk does. In my opinion, retired Deputy Roark should limit his future critiques to the early-bird specials at Applebee's in Boca Raton.

Further response from retired Chelmsford Deputy Chief Francis X. Roark

Dear Officer Carnell:

The shooting of **Mr. Marquis Barker** presents as a classic suicide-by-cop scenario, and a tragedy for all involved. Reviewing the newspaper reports and watching television reporting of the event caused me great consternation and sincere professional concern, as manifested in my letter-to-the-editor published in the *Boston Herald*. I'm electing to ignore your unpublished vitriolic missive in the interest of discussion; my years have provided me with a thick skin! The sad saga deserves some serious scrutiny and sometimes an outsider, even a rube like myself, can cultivate some dialogue, and catalyze procedural changes that can prevent a future occurrence.

Without dissecting the entire tragic sequence of the facts and circumstances of which I'm not privy to, there is one thing that is crystal clear: containment, the foundation to the resolution of any sort of a hostage or barricaded subject situation, was either never established or lost. Such an evolution is always cataclysmic! The only time it should be ever allowed to happen is to enhance a tactical intervention plan, after all negotiations have failed!

With an armed suicidal/homicidal subject contained (I trust that everyone realizes that a pellet gun can be lethal) and with the first responding officers having established an inner perimeter from positions of cover, the first step towards resolution has been initiated. If the clock is running, everyone's emotions are being reduced; you are making progress! There is no compelling reason to rush things with a guy threatening to kill himself; what's the worst that will happen? Better that he go ahead and kill himself, than he be allowed to manipulate police to the task! No one could ever fault a police response to such a situation if that were the outcome... it happens!

Perhaps I'm a bit naive, but I find it incredulous that the BPD's cruisers are not equipped with a "kill switch!" Morons stealing police cruisers are not an uncommon event, let alone the risk of a cruiser being taken by a terrorist to further his scheme. Had the guy jumped into a cruiser equipped with such (and it was activated) he would have been at least momentarily contained! Maybe then a K9 could have been used (a good option for such a guy), or less-than-lethal munitions, chemical agents or whatever! Hey, I'm sorry, but my actual experiences cause me to feel strongly about that incident.

As I related in my phone message, while you stated that the BPPA has no objection to kill switches, I'm hard pressed to believe that any union would allow such without impact bargaining or its scrutiny of the associated policy and procedures which of course should mandate the activation of such "kill switches" whenever the cruiser is left running unattended. Thus, if I were Chief **Eddie Davis,** an old friend, cruisers would have been equipped with "kill switches" immediately upon cognizance of the deficiency and not pursuant to a calamitous event!

You requested some information about myself, questioning my "standing to comment on the matter." From 1980 until 2002 I was a member of the NEMLEC TPF (RRT), and an original member of NEMLEC's SOU (SWAT) in 1985. I commanded the SWAT Team from 1988 until 2002, and supervised well over 150 call-outs involving barricaded suspects, hostage situations, high risk warrant services, (raids), robbery stake-outs and dignitary protection operations. My training in the area of police tactical operations, hostage negotiations and critical incident management is extensive. I have instructed police, tactical officers, and civilians in such numerous times. My full resume, including training and education is available in the event someone needs an expert witness in the above. I have testified in police tactical operations in Superior Court, as an expert witness, as I have in drug investigations.

I doubt there are many police officers in New England who have directly supervised and physically participated in a real hostage rescue operation such as I have done at least three times. (Not the kid with a knife!)

I hope that this background assists you! Oh yeah, I might mention that I served in the U.S. Army, briefly in the 82nd Airborne Division as an infantryman, but most of my career as a Special Forces medic and diver (1st SFG, later 11 SFG).

Lastly, to you Officer Carnell, I will be forwarding an autographed copy of my upcoming book, "Big City Cop in a Small Town" (title not my creation), with a targeted publication date of no later than December 2008. I think you will find Chapter 5, titled, "Priest, Cop or Bank Robber," amusing. In 1989, the team shot one Charlestown guy and captured two other Townies during their attempted robbery of Diamond Jewelery in Westford. I guess they were misinformed!

Please convey my sincere empathy to the officers involved, my interest in the matter is solely as outlined above, pure and simple.

Could you please forward me a copy of the *Pax Centurion* that contains this? Thank you.

- Francis X. Roark

U.S. Judge Nancy Gertner: Friend of the drug dealer, destroyer of communities

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ample of an activist, elitist judge contributing to the destruction of inner-city communities by her affinity for the criminal element.

The Globe article discussed the case of U.S. vs. Earl Dessesaure. For those of you unfamiliar with Nancy's friend Earl (AKA James Campbell, AKA Jamal Kirk) let me introduce you. Dessesaure is a scumbag drug dealer who plied his trade in the inner-city and lived at either 28 Lawn St. in Roxbury or 270 Quarry St. in Quincy. He is the proud holder of a *lengthy* criminal record for everything from firearm possession to drug distribution to armed and unarmed robbery, A&B on a police officer, assault with intent to kill, a total of some 64 arraignments. Dessesaure was, and is, a worthless oxygen thief who contributes nothing but crime and disorder to a community. He was arrested by the BPD drug unit back in February 2003, and his apartment in Quincy was searched along with the assistance of the Quincy police. As a Quincy resident myself, I am exceedingly grateful that this cancer was removed from my community. I only wish that Gertner's lily-white and liberal Brookline neighborhood could have played host to Dessesaure. If so, I am relatively sure that Earl would not be the object of Judge Gertner's affections, but more on that later. Let me now fill you in on the background of Earl's good buddy and destroyer of inner-city neighborhoods, Judge Nancy Gertner.

According to Judge Gertner's bio, she

attended Yale law school during the Vietnam era and was close friends with one Hillary Rodham (yes, her, and how did I already know that?) She prided herself on being "an outspoken liberal and feminist" (quoting from Boston Magazine, Dec. 2001, 'Courting Controversy") and represented as defense attorney, one Susan Saxe, who, among other things - "was a militant feminist who participated in a string of bank robberies, giving the proceeds to the Black Panthers and various underground revolutionary causes. On September 23, 1970, Saxe and her gang robbed the State Street Bank in Brighton of \$26,000 and fatally wounded police officer Walter Schroeder." According to the Boston Magazine article "Gertner, who was 29 at the time, saw a lot of herself in the 26-year old Saxe...". How interesting. You really don't need to know anymore, but I'll tell you anyway. Gertner's relationship with Hillary Rodham-Clinton resulted in a swift and easy appointment to the federal judiciary (Geez, imagine that! What a coincidence!) Again quoting from the Boston Magazine article: "Gertner was unsure how she would reconcile her beliefs with the role of federal judge...and "...she says the war on drugs makes little sense." Now, I don't about you, but it certainly sounds to me like this alleged "Judge" should recuse herself from any and all cases involving Boston police officers and the BPD drug unit, what with her obvious hatred for the police in

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general and anti-drug efforts in particular. In another article about Judge Gertner ("remarks at VCL forum" – the November coalition, an anti-drug war group – January 29, 1998) she laments that she herself is "*a victim of the drug war, having been subpoenaed, sued and spied upon.*" She also goes on to infer that that the war against drugs only benefits "police officers and [to purchase] fancy gadgets to stop criminals." Yeah, that's a terrible thing Judge Martyr, "fancy gadgets to stop criminals". Of course, those aren't needed when one lives and works in an ivory tower.

So you have now a pretty good idea how Judge Nancy Gertner feels about cops and the drug unit. Earl Dessasaure come on down! Gertner ruled in Earl's case in April 2004 that evidence seized from the search of his apartment in Quincy should be excluded because the search was (according to her) "illegal." But federal prosecutors appealed and Gertner's decision was overturned. Now, for a judge to have a decision overturned is the street equivalent of an open-handed slap in the face. So, for Gertner's next move: (according to the Globe article 11/25) "But with no action after that, Gertner determined that there had been a violation of the speedy trial act... She could have dismissed the case that allowed prosecutors to refile, but instead she filed an unusual decision to dismiss the case with prejudice, which means that no further charges can be filed related to the case.'

But Gertner does not stop her madness there. "In a harshly worded decision... [Gertner] accused Boston police officer John Broderick [of] lying in court, ...discarding notes that could have contradicted his testimony, and rely[ing] on information from unreliable informants."

Now, DCU Officer Jay Broderick does not need me or anyone to vouch for his veracity, his knowledge of the criminal element or how to conduct a proper investigation. His reputation is stellar, and can never be besmirched amongst his friends and peers by the likes of a Judge Gertner. But it is particularly galling to see the unbridled, arrogant, unchecked power of a federal judge to slander a police officer's reputation with impunity. For example, she accuses Jay Broderick of "discarding notes". You want to know what that bogus charge consists of? Jay wrote down the license plate number of drug-dealer Dessesaure which he received from an informant on a scrap of paper which he had in front of him. Shortly thereafter, he conducted a computer/

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complete without including these prizes. Leading the pack on my list is her Highness U.S. District Judge Nancy Gertner, and slithering in a close second is the Court Jester Judge Raymond Dougan. Gaining on the leaders with consistent incompetence is Judge Mark Summerville, and creaking up the rear is Judge Hiller Zobel and registry check of the plate number (which in fact came back to scumbag Earl) and kept the written record produced by the computer, misplacing the scrap of paper on which he had hurriedly written the plate number. (He later found even the original scrap of paper, but too late for Gertner!) According to Gertner, that constituted a form of "destruction of evidence," if you can believe that.

I could go on forever with examples of Gertner's "judicial activism", but the Pax has limited space. Suffice it to say that she, and activist judges like her, are in my opinion the proximate cause of the crime which tears at inner-city neighborhoods. Her rosecolored vision of the world is polluted by her 1960's- era "activism" (translation: she hates cops). In the pristine ivory tower from which she harangues working cops, she searches for arcane legal technicalities in order to release thugs and rogues to ply their trade on the city streets, laughing as they walk out of her court. Sympathy is ladled in heaping spoonfuls to drug dealers while scorn is heaped upon hardworking, streetlevel police officers.

But if Earl Dessesaure and his ilk were ever to move to her lily-white Brookline neighborhood, where (according to *Boston Magazine*, 12/01) she resides "...*[in her] Brookline Victorian in a pleasant, tree-lined neighborhood...overrun by polite dogs...[with] her husband ACLU Director John Reinstein...,*" you can be damn sure that the Brookline police would be called 100 times a day and no expense would be spared to ensure Earl's quick departure from la-la land.

But no, being a liberal essentially means never having to live with the results of the havoc and chaos you've foisted upon the people you purport to represent. It means being a penultimate hypocrite and elitist fraud. It means criticizing those who protect you and your property from the safety and security of a "pleasant, tree-lined Brookline street with polite dogs" while Earl Dessesaure returns to destroy the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester and my own Quincy. According to the Globe article, Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis supported and defended Officer Broderick but also said "We certainly respect the court, and the court's decision "

Thanks for supporting Officer Broderick, PC Davis, but let's be honest: for reasons of protocol and PC, you *have to* say "we respect the court..." I don't. And neither do 99.99% of my fellow officers.

ex-wife **US District Judge Rya Zobel.** I'm sure nepotism doesn't rear its ugly head on those last two appointments.

In the end, until the public stands up and says enough is enough; the guilty and the ruthless will still be victimizing the weak and the vulnerable.

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Media bias, hatred motivates "controversy" over paid details

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Margery's. Giddy with glee that the Governor appeared to cave-in to her relentless questioning, Margery was handed her issue-of-the-day and used the bully pulpit of her talk-show and Herald column to once again attack police details. Not surprisingly, Margery's like-minded consorts in the local cop-hating media (the Herald's Rachelle Cohen, WRKO's Howie Carr, Fox 25's "VB"-Virgin Boy, et al ad nauseum) quickly jumped on board, sensing blood in the water.

And so, we're off to the races once again, another witch-hunt orchestrated and contrived by elitist prigs who reside in tony Brookline, Wellesley, Concord or hail from tough neighborhoods like Petersham and hate cops for reasons known only to themselves.

(I seem to remember a smarmy column written several years ago by Eagan who was absolutely livid that she was stuck in traffic on Marathon Day trying to get home to her upper-class enclave of Brookline (most people with a minimum of common sense know about Marathon day road closures in advance and plan accordingly) and encountered a police officer who apparently didn't realize just how important Margery was. Utilizing her bully pulpit, Margery made her usual snide references about police officers, details, traffic conditions related to the Marathon, etc., etc.)

For those unfamiliar with the ways of the modern media, let me enlighten you a

little by virtue of my experience as Pax Editor: these articles do not - DO NOT appear in our local newspapers or as talkshow subjects by mere happenstance. Many - if not most- of today's alleged journalists are products of Marxist-oriented schools of journalism such as Columbia or Boston University. At these schools, privileged, pliable, impressionable and naïve children are indoctrinated into the 1960's-era "Question Authority"/ "the police are brutal pigs" / "everything is a police conspiracy" dogma taught by graving hippies masquerading as college professors. From their ivory towers, they view us police officers as lowerclass, brutish, uneducated thugs who, though we provide the bulk of their daily work product, remain objects of supreme derision. It is especially upsetting to the elitists of the fourth estate to have to entertain the possibility that a police officer might be able to earn as much (or more! Perish the thought!) than themselves. (Ergo, the resulting voyeuristic pleasure with printing our salaries each year and making fun of us). Naturally, ask a journalist what they make each year, and they'll hide behind the "that's private information" mantra, a la Howie Carr.

Smug and snug behind a talk-show microphone or ensconced in a warm, safe office, our detractors work in unison to first embarrass and denigrate police officers and then create an issue where none existed. They ignore facts and intentionally print misinformation, disinformation, and outright falsities, knowing full well that a gullible public incapable of critically reading most "news" reports will regurgitate what they have been told as the gospel truth, because "they heard it [or read it] in the news". They know full well that, at best, a "correction" or an admission of error will be printed on the bottom of page 46 or blurted out in a millisecond on the 5AM broadcast.

As but one recent example, the Herald printed an anti-police detail editorial in early November alleging that "detail pay was included in an officer's total pension." That, of course, is false. When confronted with this blatant misinformation by Sgt. Rick Pedrini of the Arlington P.D. a few days later, the Herald admitted the information was wrong and included a few lines at the bottom of Sgt. Pedrini's letter to the editor (Nov. 9, page 18). But of course, the damage was already done. Friends, family and neighbors often repeat this misinformation because "they read it the paper", therefore, it must be true, right?

Likewise, the Globe operates in similar fashion. As Pax editor, I used to receive the occasional printing of a letter to the editor in response to a Globe hatchet piece about cops as part of their "throw a bone to a conservative" program. Apparently, this program was recently eliminated, because although I would (90% of the time) at least receive an automated "Thanks-for-sendingyour-opinion-we'll-call-you-when-weneed-you" e-mail reply, recently I haven't even gotten those. (I assume all letters to the editor at the Globe from my e-mail address are just automatically dumped.) The point is that because they own the newspaper and *they* control what is (and isn't) printed, and more importantly, how issues are framed and what questions are asked and not asked- they control the flow of information- and disinformation. They set the agenda, they determine what, why, when and how an issue will be presented. That's not fair, but that's life in the big city, and it's what we have to live with. As editor of the Pax, I'll be the first to admit that we're 100% biased in favor of police officers and the BPPA. I make no pretenses about being "fair and balanced" towards the criminal element or our political enemies. But at least we're honest enough to admit that. Our detractors in the local media, however, masquerade as unbiased protectors of free speech while denying they have any anti-police, political agenda. In other words, they lie.

In a related article in this Pax ("Exploding false arguments about police details"), you will read facts that I have forwarded time and time again to reporters and editorialists at the Globe and the Herald. But alas, you will only read them here, because the facts aren't allowed to get in the way of a good story or a newspaper's political agenda. And now you know how the current "controversy" about details came to be..



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Terrance Burke Tlalac Cutroneo Michael Fayles Berlino Felix Lawrence Hickman Michael O'Hara Andrew Powers John Quinn Francesco Recupero Vladimir Levichev Stay safe!! – Jay Broderick, BPPA Secretary

A different Christmas poem

Lhe embers glowed softly, and in their dim light, I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight. My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, My daughter beside me, angelic in rest. Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, Transforming the yard to a winter delight. The sparkling lights in the tree I believe, Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve. My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep, Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep. In perfect contentment, or so it would seem, So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near, But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear. Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow. My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, And I crept to the door just to see who was near. Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night, A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old, Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold. Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled, Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child. "What are you doing?" I asked without fear, "Come in this moment, it's freezing out here! Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve, You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!" For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift, Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts.. To the window that danced with a warm fire's light, Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right, I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night." "It's my duty to stand at the front of the line, That separates you from the darkest of times. No one had to ask or beg or implore me, I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me. My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December," Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers." My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam', And now it is my turn and so, here I am. I've not seen my own son in more than a while, But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag, The red, white, and blue... an American flag. I can live through the cold and the being alone, Away from my family, my house and my home. I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet, I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat. I can carry the weight of killing another, Or lay down my life with my sister and brother.. Who stand at the front against any and all, To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright, Your family is waiting and I'll be all right." "But isn't there something I can do, at the least, "Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast? It seems all too little for all that you've done, For being away from your wife and your son." Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret, "Just tell us you love us, and never forget. To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, To stand your own watch, no matter how long. For when we come home, either standing or dead, To know you remember we fought and we bled. Is payment enough, and with that we will trust, That we mattered to you, as you mattered to us."

A cop's essay to college students

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Cleveland Indians. (A similar riot occurred after the World Series victory against Colorado). As a 26-year police veteran and editor of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association's Pax Centurion newspaper, I thought it might be interesting to have a similar "essay" published in your college newspaper from us, so that our future brain surgeons and astronauts attending school on Mommy and Daddy's dime might be better able to appreciate what we had to endure during these so-called "celebrations". As police officers, most of my members are precluded from official comment by department rules and regulations, but as a union official freely able to convey the frustration and anger of my members, I would like to communicate to you, our local college population, the following collected remarks from police officers who were pelted with rocks, bottles, spit, urine and endured physical and verbal violence during your "celebrations":

WHAT PLANET DID YOU MORONS GROW UP ON? It is fairly obvious that few, if any, of you grew up in the neighborhoods of Boston, because if you did, you would possess at least the minimum amount of common sense which would allow you to understand the following simple, basic rules:

1. NEVER, EVER PUT YOUR HANDS ON A PO-LICE OFFICER.

18-year old Daniel Peterson, Suffolk University freshman from Ashburnham, MA, was quoted in the Herald (11/9/07) as follows: "Daniel Peterson ... confessed he had "grown up" (no, he didn't) hearing "crazy stories about wild times in Boston" and "...couldn't believe I was finally able to experience it for myself." ... "In his zeal, he explained he made the mistake of patting an officer on the shoulder and telling him "Good job," only to find himself sitting minutes later in the back of a police wagon." Daniel, (and similarly clueless nitwits from Ashburnham and other places with more trees than people) one of the things that police officers who are being pelted with rocks and bottles by idiot college kids least appreciate is when dopey kids "pat them on the shoulder" (to use your version of events). A kid who grew up in Southie, Dorchester or Brighton knows that "patting a cop on the shoulder" during a riot is fairly stupid. If the Patriots win the Super Bowl, would you and your little friends consider "celebrating" in Ashburnham? Go wake up the two-man department in your own little town and dance in the middle of Ashburnham Common to your heart's content, but please leave us alone. We have a veritable plethora of idiots to deal with as it already is....

2. WHEN A POLICE OFFICER TELLS YOU TO MOVE, *MOVE!*

And 18-year-old **Monica Majewski**, Mass. College of Art and Design, *Come on down!* Monica's defiant essay is excerpted as follows (quoted from the *Herald* and the *Globe* 11/9/07): "...*After endless introspective cogitation* (Ed.: meaning thoughtful reflection, Monica's trying to impress the Judge here with her literary effluvium)..." [Monica] complained about her jail cell's "freezing, hard cement bench" and "horribly ugly steel toilet." "Ihad a strong sense of being violated and handled in an unnecessarily hostile manner...After being exposed to this piece of the justice system, sensitivities? Now you declare solidarity and "feel the pain" of the oppressed and downtrodden prison population? Hey, Monica, on behalf of the entire BPD, go get a life, little girl. When you see a line of riot cops moving down the street towards you, it's not time to start a cogitative classroom discussion about the first amendment or compare astringencies with the guy standing in front of the tank in Beijing. Undoubtedly, Monica will be meeting with were as you get bonked on the head. And little Mikey was "angry about the government"? I thought you morons were "celebrating" the Red Sox victory? What unadulterated crap...

I could, of course, go on all day citing more excerpts from these essays-by-idiots, but you get the picture. The overwhelming majority of these allegedly educated, pampered, privileged punks arrested during

these alleged "celebrations" didn't grow up here, couldn't tell you a ball from a strike, and have no respect for anybody or anything. They scream about their rights while having no idea about their responsibilities. They think that the middle of a riot is a good time to play ACLU lawyer and Judge Judy in front of cops being pelted with rocks and piss. And the first thing out of their pansy mouths after arrest is "I'll have your job! Do you know who my Daddy/Mommy is?" (No, kid, let me guess? An important lawyer

from Long Island or Wellesley? If I had a nickel for every time I've heard that one I'd be rich by now. And kid, if you have to ask a cop who your Mommy/Daddy is, you got bigger problems than getting arrested...)

If there's one message that I'd like to attempt to get through to these nitwits from Boston's beleaguered cops, it's this: How about walking in our shoes for a day? How about letting us throw bottles, rocks, urine and feces at YOU? We're not there because we want to be, we're there because of you and your inebriated, uncivilized behavior. If we don't act quickly and decisively, people end up injured or killed and property gets destroyed. But when we do act, we get criticized and accused of being the Gestapo. It's a common cop's conundrum to be summoned to the scene of a drunken brawl by screaming idiots only to arrive in the middle of a donnybrook and then be surrounded by a swarm of cellphone/camera-carrying adolescents looking to get a Rodney King-photo they can post on Youtube. Grow up, act like responsible adults, and when a cop tells you to move or leave the area, do so without argument and immediately. You'll save yourself and your parents a lot of embarrassment, time and money.

Editor's Note: This missive was sent to student newspapers at NU, BU and BC. None bothered responding.

despite its lesser astringency (Ed.: meaning harshness or severity, but as above, Monica the art student communicates with the great unwashed in the abstract like her fellow intellectuals) in comparison with larger prisons... I feel as though I can begin to understand the acute horror it is to actually serve time imprisoned." Monica complained to the Globe "that she was only arrested because she was unable to get out of the way of a line of officers marching down the street." (Please excuse the Pax Centurion editor while he pukes). Oh, Monica, dear sweet, Monica, from what little liberal environ doth we hail? Viva la revolucion, Monique! Declare solidarity with the masses, drag out the posters of Che Geuvara, Fidel Castro and Patrice Lumumba! Fight the power! ATTICA, ATTICA, ATTICA...! (By any chance, did Mommy and Daddy have "QUESTION AUTHORITY" bumper stickers on the back of the Volvo as they dropped you off at the College of Art?) Oh, Monica! The freezing hard cement bench, the horribly ugly steel toilet! Has the BPD offended your tender

our officers sometime in the future, either as a bleedingheart defense attorney, anti-war protester or professional victim of one kind or another. Or perhaps she's busy at the College of Art making blackand-white finger paintings about her "prison experience" for sale at some introspective gallery in the South End. Can you believe this crap?

3. TURNING 18 DOESN'T MEAN "YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT." IT MEANS YOU'RE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING YOU CHOOSE TO DO.

Mathew Jaquet, 18, an Emerson College freshman, was quoted as follows: "I was angry about the government", Jaquet said in an interview. "I tried to be a radical. It didn't work out for me." The Globe goes on to say ... His father, a union carpenter also named Michael, stood by his son and laughed ruefully. ... " I'm very proud of him", his father said outside the courtroom. "His paper, it's extraordinary. Very humble, insightful." Oh, very proud of Junior, are you Mr. Jaquet? Hey, how about I have my two sons in college throw rocks and bottles of piss at you while you and your union carpenters bang 2x4's together? Then I can be "rueful" as I explain to you how "insightful" and "extraordinary" my sons

Boston Police Officer Herbert David Allen

By Ray Melo

t was Christmas Eve, December 24, 1927, and a buzz of activity flourished in the shopping areas of Brighton, a suburb of Boston, MA. Wreaths and garland hung on the city light poles while sale signs plastered each store front window. The Christmas carolers at the corner sang with conviction as last minute shoppers searched through the store shelves. People passed each other in the streets and were glad to say, "Merry Christmas." It was the season of Peace on Earth and Good Will towards men.

It's festive at the household of Boston Police Officer **Herbert D. Allen.** Christmas cards hung from the door trim while decorations and the smell of their Douglas Fir tree greet the guest. The magic of Christmas fills the household.

Officer Allen's two young sons are excited. They anticipated Christmas morning to find out what treasures await them. They jokingly tell their father, who has to unfortunately work this Christmas Eve to, "Hurry up and get home so we can open our gifts" They all innocently chuckle.

Officer Allen and his sons are in cahoots about Mom's gift. Mrs. Allen breaks up their secret meeting and asks, "What are you boys up to?" "Oh nothing" as the three walk off in different directions. Later, Officer Allen hugs and kisses his wife and sons and leaves his 21 Bentley Street residence in Brighton for work.

Officer Allen arrives at District 14 for his morning watch. After roll call he heads to the garage and fires up his Springfield, MA, made 1200cc Big Chief V Twin Indian police motorcycle, number 18. He prepares for his ride by lacing up his spats, buttoning up his heavy wool reefer police coat, putting on his gauntlets, adjusting his goggles, and finally putting his police hat on snugly so it won't fly off.

Officer Allen takes his seat and revs up the engine with the left hand throttle, and hand shifts it into gear. The Indian's unique feature was a left handed throttle that made it a better police motorcycle, as the manufacturer claimed. It allowed the right handed officer to keep up with the chase while being free to shoot at a fleeing suspect with his right hand.

While patrolling the streets of Brighton on this Holy Night at 12:50 A.M., Officer Allen heads easterly down Washington Street towards Fairbanks Street at 25 to 30 miles per hour. His motorcycle cruises along when suddenly the motorcycle's kickstand falls free from its holding clip and drags the pavement. Sparks ignite as the kickstand bounces off the street.

Officer Allen looks down and to the rear to investigate the trouble when the bike starts to wobble and gain momentum. Of-



ficer Allen desperately tries to maintain his balance but loses control of the machine and strikes the pole

of an Edison Electric Illuminating Company. Officer Allen is violently thrown to the cold hard pavement as his fragile body rolls and comes to a silent stop.

Ralph Regan of 21 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton, is driving a Checker Taxi Cab a short distance behind Officer Allen. Mr. Regan witnesses the horrible event in front of him. A Mr. Walsh of 520 Washington Street hears the crash and comes running from his home to help. Both citizens carry the unconscious officer into his house and summons the police.

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A district ambulance responds at 12:55 A.M., and Sergeant Walter Brown and Patrolman Thomas Mundy rush their fallen brother to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Doctor Spellman examined Officer Allen who sustained a fracture of the skull. Boston Police Officer Herbert David Allen died at 1:20 A.M. and was killed in the line of duty on Christmas morning. Doctor Spellman notifies the Saugus Police Department and they have the unpleasant task of delivering the sad news to Officer Allen's father, **Mr. Herbert S. Allen** of Saugus, MA. The magic of Christmas quickly disappears for the Allen family. Jubilation is replaced with sadness and despair. The presents under the tree go unnoticed. The Christmas feast in the refrigerator will serve another purpose. Many will come back to the house after the funeral, but who will have an appetite? Christmas is tarnished for evermore.

A contingent of officers from District 14 escorted the body of Officer Allen to Marblehead, MA. **Captain John Anderson** of District 14 stated, "Patrolman Allen was a first-class officer, he gained the respect from his fellow officers."

Officer Herbert D. Allen was born February 3, 1894 in Revere, MA, and was 32 years old when he died. He left behind a wife, **Wilhelmina** and two young sons, **Kenneth** and **Harold.** He was appointed to the Boston Police Department on April 30, 1926 and worked in District 14. Officer Herbert D. Allen is buried in the Brown Family Tomb of the Green Street Cemetery in Marblehead, MA. Officer Allen, you are gone, but not forgotten.

Stay Alert, Stay Alive.



Arlington Cemetery at Christmas

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the line has held.

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Boston Police Detective Roy Joseph Sergei

By Ray Melo

t was October 2, 1987, when a citizen, Glenn Dawson, was passing through Public Alley 905 behind 371 Commonwealth Avenue about 12:55 A.M. A distraught woman above screams out to a stranger to call police because she is being beaten in apartment 301.

At 1:00 A.M. the D102A's car radio comes alive directing Boston Police Officers Roy Sergei and William Kennedy to 371 Commonwealth Avenue for a domestic violence call. The D103A, Officers Jorge Torres and Christopher Rogers were en route to back up the D102A. Upon arrival, both cruisers park in front of the vintage six story brick building.

The saviors walk up to the front entrance and Officer Sergei scans over the large menu of apartment door bells and picks 301. Over the shoulders of the Officers, the Prudential Building nearby looks impressive even at one o'clock in the morning. Only a speckle of its office lights were on making one think they should be where everyone else is: at home and in bed sleeping. Landmarks surround this upscale neighborhood in the Back Bay such as the Berklee College of Music, Massachusetts Avenue Bridge, and the multi-million dollar condos where the socialites hold their noses high. The abundance of trees that were strate-

gically placed by its visionaries would soon be losing its leaves. The large menacing statues in the Commonwealth Avenue Mall even gave the fearless a cause to look over their shoulder in suspicion. However, even in this enchanted part of the city lay its problems and this night would forever more change the lives of the four responding Officers.

As the Officers patiently waited for a reply, an upset woman's voice comes over the door intercom. The victim explains that she can't buzz the door open because it is broken. She is afraid to open her apartment front door because she believes her male cousin that beat her is in the hallway. Officer Kennedy presses several of the silver buttons announcing, "Boston Police" hoping a concerned soul will buzz them in.

Horribly enough, one of the buttons pressed calls attention to a hell-being. This pariah, Ted Jeffery Otsuki, A.K.A. Mark Taira, David Taira, and John Ling, is temporally renting a second floor apartment. This apartment would serve as a safe house for a small gang that planned to rob local banks.

Otsuki is wanted for a Federal parole violation in the Southern District of Texas, and faces up to ten years in federal prison. When Otsuki's doorbell rings, he looks out his front window and sees the parked cruis-



ers and thinks the officers are there for him. The criminal grabs his Sig Sauer semiautomatic 9mm pis-

tol and makes his egress out the back window, and jumps to the ground below into the rear courtyard. At this time Officers Torres and Rogers de-

cide to head to the rear of the building to search for a back entrance. They walk and turn left onto Massachusetts Avenue from Commonwealth Avenue and turn into Public Alley 905 on their left. As Officer Torres and Rogers walk into the alley with their Mag light beaming, they observe a tall Asian male wearing a jacket standing behind an eight foot high chain link fence that cordons off the rear of 371 Commonwealth Avenue from the alley. The individual appeared to be hiding.

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At this time, the victim yells downs to Officers Torres and Rogers, "He's the one!" The victim saw through her rear apartment window, Otsuki, who she thinks is her male cousin that just beat her up. Officers tell the suspect to walk slowly to them and the suspect states, "I'm fenced in."

Officer Torres announces on his portable, "We have someone back here!" to give officers Sergei and Kennedy the heads-up. The officers start to make their way towards the alley. Officers Torres and Rogers order the suspect to climb over the fence and good and evil come face to face. The villain knows more officers are coming because he hears Officer Torres on his police radio say, "We have someone in the back!" This Chung Qai, a demon, is desperate to escape at any cost, and he is determined not to return to any cellblock.

The suspect immediately attempts to run towards Massachusetts Avenue. However, Officers Torres and Rogers grab and place the individual against the fence with his hands up. Officer Torres places one hand on the suspect to pat him down for weapons when the suspect quickly reaches into his shoulder holster and grabs his 9mm pistol. The outlaw gives Officer Torres a shove and fires one shot behind him and the bullet travels through the law breaker's jacket striking Officer Torres in the chest at close range.

The peaceful evening suddenly erupts into a life or death struggle. Officer Torres hears a bang and instantaneously feels pain rip into his chest. Officer Torres is repelled back by the force of the bullet entering his flesh and he yells out in sheer horror, "I'M SHOT!" The wounded officer immediately creates distance from the shooter and quickly staggers out towards Massachusetts Avenue while painfully trying to remove his 38 caliber revolver from its holster.

For a street cop, bad things go down in

milliseconds. Shit happens faster then you can think. You just react and it's fight or flight. Your outer body experience begins. Time stops; motion is blurred, and sound is distorted. You're sucked into the tunnel of a black hole and then spit out. Your heart pounds like the pistons in a speeding out of control locomotive. Blood races to your extremities and your endorphins kick in.

With the smell of discharged 9mm gun powder burning the air and the echoes of "I'm shot!" ringing in his head, Officer Rogers pushes off the lunatic to remove his firearm and dashes for cover further into the alley. The madman fires twice at Officer Rogers missing him, and turns his focus back onto Officer Torres who is running desperately seeking cover. The assassin chases after Officer Torres and opens fire again on the wounded officer. Fire erupts out of the 9mm muzzle while hot brass shell casings eject in succession and bounce off the asphalt with a hollow ring. The 9mm bullets strike him in the left arm and right buttocks.

Officers Sergei and Kennedy hear the shots and quickly glance at each other baffled and immediately start racing to the alleyway. Officer Torres runs into the street yelling, "I've been shot!" He sees Officers Sergei and Kennedy in the corner of his eye within feet of Public Alley 905. Officer Torres bleeding and in pain finds cover behind a parked motor vehicle and readies his revolver.

Officers Sergei and Kennedy don't realize they are about to collide with a crazed maniac hell bent on killing some cops. The opposing forces nearly run into each other. Sergeant William Kennedy, then a patrolman, recalled, "When Roy and I heard the first shot, we started running towards the alley. I was two or three steps ahead of Roy running closest to the wall when the suspect exited out of the alley. He see us, then unloads his firearm at us. I was just able to hug the wall and I raised my firearm, took aim and fired one shot. I couldn't get another shot. I could see people in the background. I chased the suspect around the corner of Marlboro Street but lost sight of him. I ducked behind a mailbox and realized Roy wasn't with me. I can hear Jorge around the corner in pain so I went back to help him. I then realized Roy was shot too. I had no idea he was shot. Everything happened so fast. It was all over in about a minute and a half."

Officer Sergei is shot three times with one in the chest in the barrage of bullets and falls to the sidewalk clutching his chest. Officer Torres fires off four rounds at the fleeing bastard. Officer Torres goes to Officer Sergei's aid, but he collapses.

Health and Hospital transported Officer Sergei to Brigham and Women's Hospital while Officer Torres was transported to Boston City Hospital. Both officers were in critical, but stable condition. The Boston (continued on page A22)

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We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Police Officer Stephen MacDonald November 18, 2007

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Killed in the Line of Duty: Boston Police Detective Roy Joseph Sergei

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Police Ballistics unit recovered 15 discharged 9mm cartridge cases stamped WIN 9mm, 1 lead fragment, 1 silver tip jacket 9mm lead bullet, and 1 empty magazine brand name Sig Sauer.

The Boston Police, MDC, and State Police saturated the area looking for the son of a bitch. The suspect makes his daring getaway, and a nationwide manhunt is under way. The Boston Police Patrolman's Union later offers a \$25,000 dollar reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the dirty scoundrel.

On October 7, 1987, Boston Police Commissioner **Mickey Roache** promoted Officer Sergei to Detective while in his hospital bed. On October 26, 1987, Detective Roy Sergei was thought to be on the road to recovery when he suffered a fatal heart attack caused by an embolism that was directly related to his wounds. *Boston Police Detective Roy Joseph Sergei dies 24 days after being shot, and was Killed In The Line Of Duty at the age of 42.*

A thousand blue uniforms stood silent in formation as their police badges glistened in the sun. The sparkling ocean of blue pays its final respects as the flag draped coffin goes silently by. Officers walked in cadence alongside the hearse, as well wishers said a silent prayer. The bagpipes resonated in the distance as the American flag whipped in the wind held steady by the Honor Guard. Sergeant Detective **James Fong** was the lead investigator for the A&BDW. He assembled his team and went full force into his investigation. Sergeant Fong recalled, "When I got word that Roy died, I was in shock!. I couldn't believe it. Our investigation turned into a homicide. The Homicide unit let us continue the investigation since we were already deep into the investigation. I made it a personal commitment to seek out the individual who killed Officer Sergei."

Mrs. Mary Ellen Sergei recalls, "When Roy came home after each shift he would tell me about his night: minute by minute, blow by blow. He would remember everything. Then he would fall asleep, and after hearing that, I couldn't sleep. It's tough being married to a police officer. Roy loved being a cop, and he died doing what he loved." Mrs. Sergei went on to say, "When Roy died, everything we planned and hoped for our family went down the drain. My world ended, but I had to climb out of a hole for my children. The support from the Boston Police Department, Roy's co-workers and family made it possible for me to get back on my feet. I miss him."

Officer **Carl Nemes** of District 6 was Officer Sergei's partner for four years. Officer Nemes stated, "Roy was very serious when it came to the job. He was meticulous when it came to note taking. He would file every police report with his notes and after court, he would type out the outcome of the case and file it away. He kept every report, and he remembered everything. Roy's dream was to be a detective. With all the experience and arrests he had, he would've made a good detective. We had many laughs; he was a great guy!"

Retired Lieutenant Detective Stanley Philbin, recalled, "When I was Roy's Sergeant back in District 4 in 1977, I was suspended for refusing to work overtime. When I came back to work and walked through the door, Roy was standing there with a big smile and he handed me a big envelope. After roll call I opened it and it contained more money than I made in a week! Roy took it upon himself to start a collection for me. I wasn't expecting it. I was shocked! That is the kind of guy Roy Sergei was. He was such a genuine and good hearted person. That act of human kindness truly touched me. To this day, I still have the signed Welcome Back card."

Otsuki fled to Guadalajara, Mexico, to seek medical attention after a BPD bullet pieced his inner right forearm. The year long manhunt ended with the capture of the animal by authorities in Guadalajara, Mexico. The cop killer was extradited back to the United States to stand trial for the murder of Detective Roy Sergei and attempted murder of Officers Torres, Rogers, and Kennedy among other charges.

A panel of nine women and seven men deliberated for 11 hours and found Otsuki guilty of first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of Officer Sergei and attempted murder on Officer Torres. The scumbag was sentenced to life, plus twenty years, without the chance of parole and is caged at Walpole State Prison.

Sergeant Detective Fong recalled, "A lot of team work went into capturing Otsuki. The San Francisco P.D., the Dallas, TX, P.D., the Brownsville, TX, P.D., the FBI, and the U.S. Marshals went above and beyond to help us out. We crossed our T's and dotted our I's. We kept things under wrap and tied everything together with the help of our counterparts and brought justice to the Sergei family."

Officer Sergei was born April 14, 1945 in Everett, MA. He served in the U.S. Marines as a machine gunner and saw combat in Vietnam. Officer Sergei was appointed February 5, 1970, and worked in Districts 6 and 4. His badge number was 2886. He left behind his wife, **Mary Ellen**, two teenage daughters, **Michelle** and **Diane**, and an infant son, **Brendan**. Detective Sergei is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Roxbury, MA.

Boston Police Detective Roy J. Sergei, you are gone, but not forgotten.

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Questions for the police payroll publishing voyeurs

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

Dear protectors of the first amendment, high holy hypocrites in the media, nosy neighbors, relatives, friends, Romans, and assorted countrymen,

Lend me your ear,

Recently, under the guise of "informing the public," the *Boston Herald* has installed a link on their website whereby the payroll records of every city employee can be accessed. (Unfortunately, we cannot locate a similar link to payroll records for journalists, reporters and editorialists, which immediately exposes them for the complete frauds that they truly are.) Of course, this website has been used by every unfortunate city employee's nosy neighbors and relatives for the voyeuristic purpose of finding out how much Bob the is...ahem... (wink-wink, nod-nod) somewhat less than what you actually made, *right???* I mean. Let's not play stupid. I understand fully about what the term "under the table" means. I know all about the "cash" jobs that don't quite make it onto the yearly 1040 forms.

And you, my nosy relative who is employed in the private sector as an independent consultant, contractor or who do those "side jobs" repairing computers or working "under the hat" at one kind of job or another, you're not really going to tell me you claim all of those dollars on your tax returns, do you? (wink-wink, nod-nod). No, I didn't think so.

And you, my auto mechanic buddy, lawyer or contractor who lives in a 10-room house in Westwood, drives a Mercedes, sends his kids to Harvard but claims you

The point is this: you phonies who have access via the media to my previously private information can stick it where the sun don't shine. I, and most Boston police officers I know, earned our money by working 70, 80 or 90 hours a week, every week, and often under terrible weather conditions and dealing with obnoxious and arrogant people while trying to prevent ourselves from choking them to death.

cop, Fred the firefighter, or Mary the teacher makes, and not for any critical or useful "public information" purpose.

In the course of "discussing" this issue with my own neighbors and relatives, however, the following thoughts occurred to me:

Every cent that I as a police officer *earn* is recorded and taxed at approximately 33 cents on the dollar. I cannot work any other outside job unless I receive express written permission from the Boston Police Commissioner, and then no more than 20 hours per week. I cannot, for example, drive a cab, tend bar, act as a lawyer in a criminal case, or engage in any business which is licensed by the city or might tend to have the appearance of comprising my position as a police officer.

You, of course, my nosy neighbor who is so interested in what *I earned* last year, can do whatever you desire, under the guise of being employed in "the private sector". Of course, let's not try to kid each other: I know, my neighbor who is a carpenter, plumber or electrician that what you *claim* you earned last year for tax purposes make "only about \$88,000.00 per year", surely *you're* not going to tell me that that's what you *really* made last year, (winkwink, nod-nod), *right*? The point is this: you phonies who have

you phonies who have access via the media to my previously private information can stick it where the sun don't shine. I, and most Boston police officers I know, *earned* our money by working 70, 80 or 90 hours a week, every week, and often under

terrible weather conditions and dealing with obnoxious and arrogant people while trying to prevent ourselves from choking them to death. And don't give me the "I pay your salary" routine either. <u>*I earned my pay.*</u> And by the way, if your company did any business last year with the federal, local or state government, (which is just about all of you) then you know what? I guess *I* paid *your* salary, because I'm a taxpayer, too.

apologize to no one for what I made last year (and to save you the trouble surfing the website, it was \$157,000.) I pay thousands in property taxes, local taxes, state and federal taxes. I have four kids, two in college and two more who will be in the next year or two). I work 80-90 hours a week. I'm mortgaged to the hilt and pay bills through the nose, and I rob Peter to pay Paul, *just like YOU!*

So go ahead and tap around on your computer, talk behind my back and discuss "how much those cops make" over cocktails (and while you're at it, I hope you choke on an ice cube, ya puke). Just remember, I'm onto the BS of "the dreaded private sector" (wink-wink, nod-nod). And while you're talking, make sure to compare what the average Boston police officer does in one day

to what the likes of **Howie Carr** does, and then compare the pay.

Oh, that's right. Howie's salary is "private information," I forgot.....





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Exploring – and exploding – the opposition's myth about police details

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor s the media-manufactured "debate" about police details continues on its usual course, devoid of facts and clogged with demagoguery by the likes of the Herald's Margery Eagan and Rachelle Cohen, self-appointed taxpayer-advocate Barbara Anderson (AKA: "the aging hag from Marblehead"), and the usual cabal of cop-hating yuppies from privileged suburbs, I thought it might be instructive to exploreand then demolish- the most commonly used arguments against the use of police details. Of course, you will only read these facts here in the *Pax*, as the major media is committed to a campaign of disinformation and misinformation in order to further their agenda. But in terms of confronting neighbors, friends and relatives at social occasions who believe everything they read in the papers or hear on TV, perhaps these facts might prove helpful...

ARGUMENT #1

AGAINST POLICE DETAILS: "They're too expensive - flagmen will be cheaper.'

ANALYSIS: FALSE.

We have repeatedly printed publicly available information here in the Pax regarding the fact that Massachusetts has a prevailing wage category listed with the Divi-

sion of Labor and Industries for "Flagman and signaler" which will soon be \$37.50 per hour. As you know, that rate is already above the rate for Boston police officer, which currently stands at either \$33.00 or \$37.00 per hour depending upon street designation. Additionally, the flagman's rate does not include overtime, night, weekend or holiday rates which are, of course, exponentially higher. The Boston police officer's rate remains the same regardless of night, weekend, holiday or length of the detail. Anticipating the argument that "Yea, but private/ non-union flagmen companies will be cheaper than the public-construction/prevailing wage rate," I say "BULL." A socalled private flagman company might very well pay the employee less, but you can bet your bottom dollar that they will charge the state or a private contractor the same or MORE than a police officer. (Example: compare what a private security firm pays its employees versus what they actually charge their customer.) It is also important to remember that police officers are independent of the contractor and primarily employees of the state or municipality. A flagman is owned lock, stock and barrel by their employer and is bound to do what they are told. A police officer can tell a contractor what, where and how they will conduct their work and under what conditions. If you

think it's bad now, imagine a system where **ARGUMENT #3** privately-retained flagmen had control over what streets were closed for work and when and how that might happen. In Boston? Chaos.

ARGUMENT #2 **AGAINST POLICE DETAILS:**

"Yea, but the contractor or utility passes along the cost to the ratepayers, which inflates our bills."

ANALYSIS: FALSE.

Some of us will remember the false promise of utility deregulation in the 90's which promised lower bills as a result of increased competition. Have any of your utility bills decreased? Right, I didn't think so. Utilities and contractors are not concerned with lowering taxes or utility bills. They are concerned with maximizing their profits. If you don't understand that, then I have a bridge in Brooklyn to sell you, just call me at 617-989-2772. If you honestly believe in the myth of the benevolent utility company looking to save money for their customers by eliminating police officers and utilizing lower-paid, illegal-alien flagmen (as I heard one moron call a radio talk-show and actually support), then you are indeed an idiot. If police details were eliminated today, you wouldn't see one red cent decrease in any utility bill, guaranteed.

AGAINST POLICE DETAILS: "We're the only state in the union that uses police details."

ANALYSIS: FALSE.

We are **NOT**, for the ten-millionth time, "the only state that uses police details." Almost ALL states use police details, most with a combination of flaggers and police. And many, many municipalities in other states have contacted the City of Boston and the BPPA to explore our detail system and examine how they might increase the numbers of officers on the street at no expense to the taxpayers. But a \$10.00 per-hour flagman on rural route 984 in Arkansas IS NOT capable of controlling traffic in downtown Boston, as much as Margery Eagan might like to believe that. An interesting tidbit about flagmen was located in the Reader's Digest (June 1993, page 135) about California flagmen, citing an article by Deborah J. Saunders writing in the San Francisco Chronicle, and supported by statistics from CALTRANS.) The article pointed out that flagmen in California (in 1993 – 14 years ago, mind you) made up to <u>\$41.73</u> an hour. Cost savings with flagmen over police in a highly-unionized state like Massachusetts? My arse...

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What's that noise?!?!

By Patrick M. Rose, Area C-11 (Editorial Comment: This article was originally published in December 2005. This article is republished with the following in mind: Considering the amount of new hires within this department and due to the current atmosphere concerning Paid Details conducted by Police Officers and the fact that the article is once again very timely).

o, tell me, what's that noise? That noise that's off in the distance, that noise that's getting closer. Sounds like a beat, a drum beat, why it is a drum beat. Why would someone be beating a drum, today in the beginning of December? December, a month of celebration, the month to spread good cheer, the month of all months to show compassion and lend a hand to our neighbors. It must be the Salvation Army, no? Oh, that's right they use bells, then what could it be? A new song perhaps, no, it sounds too familiar to be a new song.

Oh I get it, I know why it sounds so familiar, it's the annual drum beat to turn the public against the Boston Police. It's the annual drum beat to get rid of the paid detail system in the City of Boston. Wow, look at this, they finally recruited the 'rag' in town, the *Boston Herald*. You remember the *Herald*, it used to be called the *Record American*, it used to be the paper that working people bought to get the truth, to balance the news from reading the other 'rag', you know, the one we wrapped our fish in.

Sorry I didn't recognize the beat, it usually doesn't start until *AFTER* the holidays, (when everyone is focusing on paying their holiday bills, easier to piss off the public then).

The main drummer for the beat is usually the Boston Globe, the beat usually emanates from Morrissey Blvd., (along with other foul smells at low tide). The beat is usually louder from the onset, due to the percussion section, (made up of the lobbyist from Verizon, Keyspan and NSTAR). The percussion section plays background, they like to dabble in back rooms and make deals behind closed doors. You now them, they're the same ones that are owned and or governed by some of the same families that run the media out of New York that now own and or operate some of the local media, (the Globe along with some TV and Boston radio stations etc.). Their stockholders want a bigger piece of the pie; they want to earn more money.

What's this got to do with details? Well my friend, if you stop paying for details, you can put that extra buck into earnings and profit. You might even think about opening up your own '*flagman*' company, thus paying your own subsidiary and bringing that old stock value a little higher. Of course they won't inform the taxpayers and the rate payers that it won't save a red cent, not a single dime will be returned. They won't mention that it will actually cost more to operate their companies after you calculate the safety equipment, safety uniforms, compensation for employees to include the benefit package, insurance, taxes etc. But, their overall worth and value to these companies will raise the bottom line stock and profit margin, (maybe the public should investigate which politicians in the state own stock in these same companies or their parent companies).

Don't believe for one second that any of these companies care that we, the police, provide a legitimate service on paid details.

The FACT is that we, the Boston Police Patrol Officers are not to blame for the increase in crime, that we are not the reason people are shooting each other in the streets. The fact is that officers are ordered to cover **ALL** overtime prior to performing one voluntary paid detail, and then that officer is prohibited from performing a voluntary paid detail.

That we protect the public, that we actually look out for pedestrian safety at these sites, that we reduce traffic accidents, that we enable the flow of vehicular traffic, along with assisting in the overall transportation safety for the city, and assist these same contractors in completing their tasks in a safe and efficient manner looking out for their safety as well and that we represent about the only uniformed presence walking the city streets. Simultaneously being a deterrent to crime and assist in and make arrests. Yes, we actually make arrests. Now some of these same companies have convinced the Boston Herald to take a run at us. They've even convinced a state Representative, ONE State representative that will help them slam us in the papers. Slight problem though, that Representative Martha Walz (D-Back Bay), and the Boston Herald failed to get their facts right (how unusual, why let the truth get in the way of a good story). The FACT is; that we, the Boston Police Patrol officers are not to blame for the increase in crime, that we are not the reason people are shooting each other in the streets.

he fact is that officers are ordered to cover ALL overtime prior to performing one voluntary paid detail, and then that officer is prohibited from performing a voluntary paid detail. That we are already governed by rules and regulations that prohibit us from working excessive hours, **Unless of course we are ordered to** The approximate 300 – 400 uniformed police officers per day that you (Rep. Martha Walz) and others, see on the city streets are the same **'DETAIL'** officers that you like to complain about. Those officers are being compensated by private companies, **NOT** City of Boston taxpayers. **NOT** the citizens of Boston that are already overtaxed, partly due to all of the property owned by our elite Colleges, Universities, State and Media outlets that are **NOT PAYING** their fair share...

work overtime due to the fact of personnel shortage, then those rules no longer apply, (thanks for your 'concern' Mr. Sam Tyler, president of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, who has conveniently forgotten to mention how 'some' people endorse working us on overtime to save on benefits that would be paid to new hires, I'm quite sure, wink wink, that the extra overtime won't have an effect on our effectiveness; I'm sure you can be confident that those officers will perform at a peak level, I'm oh so sure that your concern is for our well being!). By the way, Representative Martha Walz, (D-Back Bay), the district you claim to represent is one of the biggest benefactors of those arrests and that police presence. The approximate 300 - 400 uniformed police officers per day that you and others, see on the city streets are the same 'DETAIL' officers that you like to complain about. Those officers are being compensated by private companies, NOT city of Boston taxpayers. NOT the citizens of Boston that are already overtaxed, partly due to all of the property owned by our elite Colleges, Universities, State and Media outlets that are NOT PAYING their fair share, (hev Ms. Anderson of Citizens for Limited Taxation, remember the taxpayers? Also, don't worry yourself about our image, you and your friends in the media have already done enough to *'help bolster'* our image in the past, THANKS!), but reap the benefits of those same officers.

Oh, and by the way Mr. Tyler, if we seem a little tired on those paid details, it's probably from assisting the on duty officers (which we do), that are probably on overtime, racing from one 911 call to another, one citizen cry for help to another, all at **NO** cost to those taxpayers.

It simply amazes me, that it's *Only* the Boston Police Officer that is the annual target concerning paid details. That some of the same critics that slam the Boston Police force day in and day out are the same people that herald the State Police for keeping the roadways safe, that preach the importance of State Police details on our state roadways.

Oh, but not in Boston, the citizens of Boston do not deserve the same protections that the rest of the state is entitled to. The citizens of Boston aren't entitled to have anyone else pick up the tab, (*so to speak*), for the extra police protection required, due to the amount of people and agencies that travel into the city daily.

By the way, do any of you critics realize just how inexpensive it is to keep these same

400 plus uniformed officers a day on the city streets? Do any of you number crunchers realize that the Boston Police Officer on paid detail is just about the LOW-EST paid detail officer in the state?

Do I need to remind you that Massachusetts is a prevailing wage state, and that a flagman, that couldn't/wouldn't, perform 10% of the functions of a uniformed police officer, would be paid MORE!

It astounds me with all of this concern about persons responsible for the health and well being of the populous, that these critics haven't mentioned doctors that are tasked to work over 100 hours a week or nurses that are so tired they can't keep their eyes open, etc.

I'm not suggesting you now take a run at doctors or nurses, I'm just pointing out what how much verbal garbage is spewed by some of these wonderful outspoken critics and their phony concern about the amount of hours we work.

Forgive me I digress, back to the point at hand and the newest twist, which is the absolutely ridiculous notion that police officers working paid details are increasing crime.

Could someone, anyone, **PLEASE** explain to me, how working a paid detail to earn the extra money that I require, to pay the expense living in the city of Boston, and provide my family with a few necessities and possibly some minor conveniences, increases the chance of a crime being committed.

By donning my uniform, badge and gun, stepping out into the public, and taking on all the responsibilities that comes with that action, actually *INCREASES CRIME??!!*

I don't pretend to be a Rhodes Scholar, or a financial wizard. I don't contend to be the overall expert on how to reduce crime or an expert on predicting what increases crime. I'm just a cop, but I would tend to believe that not too many criminals are going to break the law in front of the approximate 400 extra police officers that the city of Boston is lucky enough to have on the streets without any cost to our taxpayers.

I don't believe that by having those additional officers on the streets, that it is a cause for the increase in violence on our city streets. Conversely, I would hate to think what this city would be like without those officers on the streets daily. I couldn't even imagine what would be taking place in this post-911 era without a uniformed presence on our streets.

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Season's Greetings

s many of you know, the powers that be in the Boston Police Department apparently made a decision recently to request that the State Police take over the entire investigation of a serious cruiser accident which did not occur on a state road. I know many found this to be disappointing insofar as it reflected an apparent feeling on the part of the command staff that this Department is incapable of investigating critical incidents involving its own personnel. Do you agree with that? I have the highest respect for the Massachusetts State Police, and I am aware that they did not ask to become involved in that particular investigation. When a critical incident involving a member of the Massachusetts State Police occurs the matter is investigated by the State Police as you would expect. I have never seen the State Police stand aside and allow a local police department to take over such an investigation. Isn't the BPD capable and talented enough to investigate critical incidents involving its own personnel?

That being said, it occurred to me in this Holiday Season that perhaps if the trend continues in the future the activity level at the Police Department might be very different. So in the spirit of the Holiday Season here, once again, is our faint attempt at humor.

'Twas the night before Christmas, two thousand eleven. Not a cop was stirring from District One to Seven. The gun belts were hung in the guard room with care, In hopes that a radio call soon would be there. It all started back in '07, a cop said. That's when they brought in outsiders instead. The bosses said, "When there's an incident or two, We'll ask for the Troopers, only a few." Then whenever an auto accident caused a clatter, They brought in the State Police, to see what's the matter.

Away from the BPD cases flew like a flash, Torn from the Districts, the decision was rash. The bosses worried about media you know, "If they question our work, we'll ignore the officers below."

The rank and file wondered what next would appear, Lots of other agencies, it was soon very clear. So when a little old pit bull so lively and quick, Was shot by an officer on the eve of St. Nick, More rapid than eagles the bosses proclaimed, "The MSPCA will now run the game."

And they whistled and shouted and called the others by name. "Now building inspectors, housing inspectors, T-police, too. On ATF, FBI, DEA," to name a few. So if someone throws a cigarette butt on top of a wall, Now dash away! Dash away to ATF call. As drug dealers before the wild hurricane fly, Bring in the DEA, upon them we'll rely.

So whenever our objectivity is called into question, The brass punted the cases without reflection. And up to the station top the courses they flew, With the bag full of cases and FIO's, too. And then in a twinkling they heard on the roof, Cases disappearing with barely a poof! Outside agencies arriving, every time you turn around. Down the chimney like St. Nick they came with a bound. So then when someone got robbed near a bus, A Deputy said, "This is not one for us," If crime happens within sight of the trolley, you see, We'll call up Park Square and ask for the T.

If something happens by a bridge or a road, We'll bring in Mass Highway, let them carry the load. If it happens inside a place built with walls, The building inspectors will come make the calls. If it happens in a bar, don't bother calling the sector, Just call the Lottery, they'll send a Keno inspector.

The older cops nodded their heads, white as snow, We used to have Internal Affairs, you may know. That's before the bosses decided instead, Whenever there was controversy, just bring in the Fed. (Of course, to this rule the bosses made one exception, When a boss is under the scope, BPD does it's own inspection.)

And so, on Christmas Eve two thousand eleven, BPD was like working in heaven. New Hampshire State Police patrolled Areas A, B, and C, Environmental police covered Special Ops, D and E. The cops simply sat around every station, While Special Agents outside tried to locate South Station. Outsiders looking at street maps with a frown, Trying to find witnesses who live in Charlestown.

Finally one Christmas a case needed a real break, The powers that be knew they'd made a mistake. And the Super called upon the cops with a twist of his head, And soon they knew they had nothing more to dread. The cops spoke not a word, but went straight to their work, And filled all the case files, then turned with a jerk. And laying one finger aside of their nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney they rose.

We're perfectly capable of doing our own work. Anyone who doesn't think so is just a big jerk. And they sprang to the cruisers, gave their sirens a whistle, And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle.

But I heard them exclaim as they drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

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On the Legislative Front... The phonies continue banging their drums

By Jim Barry, **BPPA** Legislative Agent es it is a circus of phonies. Here is the lineup... if you need a biased story or quote on police details just call one of these folks.

Let us start with **Joe Bergantino**, of hour and told him he was wrong about there WBZ-TV4. Joe, has never let the facts get in the way of a good story. I told Joe weeks before he reported in his EyeTeam report on police details about the prevailing wage requiring flagmen to be paid \$37.50 per

The storm clouds of a recession are gathering

By Jim Barry, **BPPA Legislative Agent** ou don't have to be Alan Greenspan to see the signs of a recession com ing. The sub prime lending crisis, a US dollar that is worth less than the Canadian dollar, (for the first time in 35 years) and here in Massachusetts we are told we face a billion dollar tax gap in the state budget. This is all hanging on pessimism about any surges in state tax collections. In a recession there is not going to be any surge of collections, there is going to be increased program spending. Leaders in the Legislature and the Patrick administration have already projected a gap between likely spending and revenues next fiscal year of \$1 billion.

Our society is not free. Public safety, schools, elderly services and trash pick up is essential for society to operate. If my kids have graduated from school, I'm not off the hook for supporting our schools. If I'm living in a gated community, I don't have the option of not supporting the police and court

system. Taxes must be paid by everyone based on what people make. It is the glue that keeps us going forward as a society.

The BPPA has helped weather this crisis before. Just seven years ago, the BPPA and other police unions assisted the legislature with a statewide radio campaign and spent over \$65K supporting their efforts to fund local aid, when the deficit back then was totalling \$3 billion. The police unions urgently called on the public to support the needed revenue to help protect the public. We are ready, willing and able to again assist the Massachusetts Legislature with the struggle to provide funding to keep people safe on our streets and in their homes. If that is the unpopular track of raising taxes, so be it. We need to do it. Because if you ask most people; do you want to be safe and are you willing to pay for it? They'll answer yes every single time. Well it is all connected, the schools, elderly, roads, and a myriad of other government services. If they don't all work, your not safe anywhere.

Tax abolishment ballot question advances

By Jim Barry, **BPPA** Legislative Agent arla Howell, the former libertarian candidate, delivered nearly 80,000 signatures Wednesday to the Secretary of State's office in support of a referendum to abolish the income tax. The ballot initiative would cut \$11 billion (YES, \$11 billion!!!) out of the state's revenue base. The total size of this year's state bud-

get was about \$26.8 billion.

Asked about criticism that the plan would level state and local government services, Howell said, she hoped it would "dramatically change state government as we know it."

Can you imagine what it would be like on the streets? What planet is Carla living on? Carla shut off the lights because if this passes it will be all over. Can you believe it!

being a state law requiring police details. Knowing the facts though, Joe reported the total opposite. He reported police officers were making \$90 per hour and we are the only state in the country that has a statewide law requiring details. I think it's a lie when you know the facts, yet continued banging the drum. What do you think Joe? With his kind of credibility can't ya just wait for the next EyeTeam report?

Next up, we have not seen her since her silent picture appearances and radio heydays of Jerry Williams, but here she is Barbara Anderson, of Citizens for Limited Taxation. What can you say about Barbs. Now that vaudeville and Jerry are gone, we don't get to hear from her as much. She once was somebody, that would be 27 years ago. Move on Blabs.

Next in line, Moneybags Michael J. Widmer is the mouthpiece for Mass Taxpavers. Mikev is swimming in high \$\$\$ salary from the likes of Liberty Mutual Insurance, Fidelity, Walmart, a host of banks

Citi, Eastern, Sovereign, plus well connected law firms like Mintz Levin. Yes the same folks that we pay for insurance, banking and consumer goods are bankrolling this dope. Makes you think about what your doing with your money doesn't it?

Last, but certainly not least, is the nutty professor, David G. Tuerck of Suffolk University. Don't confuse Dave with the other nutty professor. I don't think Dave has a gun. Dave peddles himself as the man who knows everything. He does know everything if you have the dough. His studies are based on... who is paying for the study. Academia gone mad or worse. Just slide Davey some moola and you'll get it. Just tell Professor Tuerck what color you want it in. He been sighted down in Texas selling snake oil to those poor folks.

In the City of Boston, police details are determined by the Commissioner of Public Works through a city ordinance not a state law. Once again so everyone can hear it... there is no statewide police detail law, ok? Next lesson: prevailing wage.

Senator Tolman and Amesbury Mayor call out CLT's Barbara Anderson

By Jim Barry, BPPA Legislative Agent

t a recent confab at the Parker House of municipal/state officials and others as part of MassINC sponsored speaking program on the ongoing Massachusetts municipalities fiscal crisis. Prevailing theme through most of the speakers was that police details are not part of the problem. But that was not the case with Barbara Anderson of Citizens for Limited Taxation, telling fellow panelists "they are symbolic of the citizen distrust in local and state governments' abilities to cut costs."

Amesbury Mayor Thatcher Kezer interrupted Ms. Anderson, "You're not talking the real issues, you're talking the headline stuff here," noting that police details make up a speck of his budget.

Anderson continued her rant, "almost everything we do is different here in Massachusetts from what they do in the rest of the country. The obvious and best example is we can't say anything negative about the unions because they rush into burning buildings. Another classic example is the police details. Every other state in the United States and country in the world uses civilian flagmen."

Then, Senator Steven Tolman interjected, "that is not accurate. Cite the law, Barbara. There is no law that requires that. It is not a legislative problem."

Even Geoff Beckwith of the Mass. Municipal Association scolded Anderson saying, "lets talk about issues, not seek one-size-fits-all state solutions."

What's that noise?!?!

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All of the authors of these "cops make too much money" articles, "hefty paycheck" articles, "lucrative detail" articles, or the better "OH, WE'RE SOOOOO CON-CERNED" articles are a JOKE! None of them give a hoot about the cops, the city, or anything else except their own agendas. If any of these media outlets, politicians or companies cared at all about the well being of this city, the well being of the police or anyone else for that matter, the reasons for an increase in crime etc., then answer this question, Why is it necessary to point out salaries? Why is it necessary to point out a wage? If it's not about money then why attempt to poison the public against the police with your annual cry "COPS MAKE TOO MUCH" articles. Why attempt to convince people that the everyday cop, the man or woman that puts their life on the line for the public, that guy or gal that works the street and answers those calls for help are the ones making big money.

The answer is simple; the politicians use us as an easy target, when someone looks at them it's easy to deflect 'stuff' onto the cops thus removing the spotlight from them, or better, the politician hasn't contributed anything of substance to help so the only way to get some free press and get your name in the paper is to jump on the old band wagon, shame on you!

The media stopped reporting a long time ago, they now try to create news, and for the most part are owned/or operated by the same outfits that own/operate or share in the profits from very large out of state corporations, (which happen to have some very interesting names for stockholders),

You see it every day, they are oh, so proud getting some working slob fired just before the holidays, to bad they never seem to show the stories about all of the executives from their respective corporate conglomerates partying and living the high life on the working peoples dime or some of those same politicians that like to bang us enjoying the perks from their 'friends.'

The media is no more than another profit producing entity of big business; remember ('never let the truth get in the way of a good story').

The truth is, it's all about money, they don't want you living in *Their neighbor*hood, sending your children to Their schools, eating at Their restaurants, they want to 'keep you down,' 'keep you in your place,' the last thing any of these WONDER-FUL people want is to share what they have with the likes of us, the Boston Police Patrolman.

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The problem with Civil Service

he Massachusetts Civil Service system was created by the Legislature "to guard against political considerations, favoritism, and bias in governmental employment decisions" Falmouth v. Civil Serv. Comm'n, 61 Mass. App. Ct. 796, 800 (2004). Most unionized employees who are also covered by Civil Service, including those in the BPPA, have the option to challenge discipline under either Civil Service or arbitration. While it used to be thought that these two processes operated under essentially the same standard, "just cause," recent decisions by the Massachusetts appellate courts have cast doubt on this proposition.

The Civil Service statute, Mass. General Laws Chapter 31, requires that employers' ("appointing authorities," in civil service parlance) disciplinary decisions be upheld "if by a preponderance of the evidence [it] determines that there was just cause for an action taken" General Laws Chapter 31, § 43. Until a series of decisions from our state appellate courts issued over the past seven or eight years, this requirement was viewed as mandating that an employer present evidence before a civil service hearing that justified the discipline imposed on the employee. But in a series of cases, including Boston Police Department v. Collins, 48 Mass. App. Ct. 408 (2000) and Town of Falmouth v. Civil Service Com'n, 447 Mass. 814 (2006), the Supreme Judicial Court and Massachusetts Appeals Court have laid out a different standard.

Civil Service discipline is determined and appealed in separate hearings. The first takes place before the Appointing Authority or his/her designee. In Boston, this is called a "Trial Board." Although having the trappings of a fair hearing, with witnesses, documents, and cross-examination, it is run by a member of the command staff appointed by the Police Commissioner. The hearing officer makes all rulings pertaining to procedure and the introduction of evidence. Needless to say, those rulings generally favor the Police Department. Only after the trial board has concluded does the Police Commissioner issue his/her discipline. That discipline may then be appealed to the Civil Service Commission.

In the Falmouth case, the public employer suspended an officer for 180 days as a result of the officer's assault on a teenager who had been harassing the officer's son. The officer did not testify at the town hearing, but he did before the Civil Service Commission. The decision not to testify was undoubtedly due to the potential criminal jeopardy the police officer faced and his attorney's concern that his testimony could be used against him in later criminal proceedings. Once the case proceeded to Civil Service, the officer testified that, contrary to the alleged victim's claim that the officer grabbed him by the throat, threw him against the cruiser and repeatedly threatened the teen's life, he merely placed his hand to the teen's chest to prevent the teen from leaving. The Commission largely found the officer's testimony credible, finding that he placed his hand in a way that caused the teen "to fall back into a tree trunk." The Commission reduced the suspension from 180 days to 60 days.

In a decision with potentially very negative results for employees, and particularly police officers, the SJC criticized the Commission and reinstated the 180-day suspension. Public employers will read the case as making it easier for an employer to prove its case before the Commission. First, although the SJC acknowledged that the Commission hearing is "de novo" (meaning that the hearing is conducted anew at the Commission and is not bound by the town's decision), the SJC suggested the Commission must consider the facts as found by the town. If a town decision creates a presumption of validity, then an employee is denied the promise of a new hearing. Second, public employers will contend that under this decision, the SJC mandates the Commission to draw a negative inference from an officer's lawful invocation of his right to remain silent under state and federal law. Here, the Town did not appear to draw any negative inference from the officer's silence; the SJC did so on its own.

Finally, public employers will read the decision as suggesting that an employer's findings and discipline must be upheld unless the Commission finds facts that are materially different. In *Falmouth*, the Town

found that the officer choked the teen and violated the use-of-force policy. By contrast, the Commission found that he only tapped the teen's chest and did not violate the Town policy. Remarkably, the SJC found that these differences were immaterial.

The above decision suggests that employees are more likely to receive a fair hearing under a grievance/arbitration procedure than under Civil Service. Only where an employee can prove that s/he did not commit the offenses charged, does Civil Service remain a good forum for challenging discipline. The fault here lies not with the Civil Service Commission, but with the appellate courts who have seen fit to re-write Civil Service law to give increased deference to employers.



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Exploring – and exploding – the opposition's myth about police details

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ARGUMENT #4

AGAINST POLICE DETAILS: "Massachusetts has the worst traffic-safety record in the nation!"

ANALYSIS: FALSE.

And to explode another myth about construction-zone safety, Massachusetts has THE BEST safety record for workers around construction zones, according to all national statistics. People will usually slow and stop for blue lights, but in Massachusetts, a flagman commands zero respect. Unfortunately, the anti-detail opposition has been successful in using false accident-rate comparisons in order to further their agenda. For example, they will use the total accident rate statistics for Massachusetts (regardless of whether a police detail was within miles) from the insurance industry and then somehow try to relate that to police details, thoroughly ignoring the irrel-

evant nature of those comparisons. The phonies at the Beacon Hill Institute (Suffolk University Professor David Tuerck) attempted to use such false comparisons back in 2004 when they issued their manufactured report slamming details. When they were called on the carpet, they had nothing to say, because they knew they had employed false, irrelevant and intentionally misleading comparisons. Figures lie, and liars figure. The Beacon Hill Institute, by the way, also issued a report a few years ago critical of Cape Wind, the company attempting to install windmills within view of the rich and famous. Boston Globe columnist Joan Vennochi pointed out in an op-ed that the powerful and rich Egan family trust (who just happened to own property around Martha's Vineyard and was opposed to Cape Wind from the get-go, coincidentally) funded the Beacon Hill Institute's "study" with a \$100,000 donation. Sort of ruins your faith in the veracity and credibility of BHI-issued "studies," doesn't it?.....

<u>ARGUMENT #5</u> AGAINST POLICE DETAILS:

"We're concerned about their health, the officers will be too tired to perform their regular duties."

ANALYSIS : FALSE.

Thanks, Margery Eagan / Clara Barton, for being so concerned about our health, but I think ye doth protest too loudly. You people don't give a damn about "our health." *I'll* worry about how much work is enough for me and when I'm tired, thanks so very much. In point of fact, if details ended tomorrow, I'd be out working some other job to pay for my kid's education, my mortgage, my bills, etc. (But current BPD rules limit any ability to work secondary jobs anyway, so that's not really a viable option.) The people who raise this phony argument seem to think that police officers remain in a state of suspended animation awaiting our next shifts, eschewing the requirements of modern-day life in Boston 2007 to make a living and provide for our families. The arrogance and disdain for police officers is plainly evident in this most specious and false of arguments. You're concerned about my health? Yeah, right. "I'm from the government, and I'm here to help." I think not. I'll be concerned about "my health," Margery. You go home to Brookline and organize a garden party.

<u>FINAL SCORE</u>: BPPA: 5 MARGERY EAGAN, ET AL : 0

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- "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop' with your right. (Bet you tried this out mentally, didn't you?)
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt." (Are you doubting this?)
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet. (Now, you KNOW you're going to try this out for accuracy, right?)
- The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes). (Yep, I knew you were going to "do" this one.)
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous. (You're not doubting this, are vou?)
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious." (Yes, admit it, you are going to say, aeiou)
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that

one row of the keyboard. (All you typists are going to test this out)

- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. (Some days that's about what my memory span is)
- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- A snail can sleep for three years. (I know some people that could do this too.)
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. Babies are born without kneecaps They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
- If the population of China walked past you, eight abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors. ٠ Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

- can be made using the letters only on The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
 - The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
 - The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket. (Good thing he did that.)
- The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men

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The voice once again calls out: "One MARINE is better than one-hundred Al-Qaeda fighters."

Furious, the Al-Qaeda commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and instantly a huge gun fight commences. After ten minutes of battle, again silence.

The MARINE's voice calls out again: "One MARINE is better than one-thousand Al-Qaeda fighters."

The enraged Al-Qaeda commander musters 1,000 fighters and sends them to the other side of the dune. Rifle fire, machine guns, grenades, rockets and Cannon fire ring out as a terrible battle is fought... Then silence.

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Drive to Survive

By Gregory Bond

ere we go again, another classic case of the administrations at BEMS and the BPHC wanting their cake and eating it too.

They want us to respond with lights and sirens to every call, regardless of the nature or acuity.

They want us to transport patients in the same manner, again regardless of their condition.

And now they want to take your jobs if you get in an accident.

For all of those members who may be unaware as to our current standing, the administration has been cracking down on those of our members who are involved in a motor vehicle accident and many are now subject to suspensions and other disciplinary actions.

A number of recent incidents have fo- bulance response operations as well as the cused attention on emergency operations driving in the city, both inside our organization and out.

The recent tragedy in South Boston should serve as a somber reminder of the inherent risks involved each and every time we turn on our emergency lights and siren when responding to a call.

Similarly, a fatal ambulance accident in Vermont has drawn criticism and increased attention to the issue of emergency vehicle operations during the transport of non-critical patients.

Although the administration has chosen to treat any and all 9-1-1 calls as the same, time and experience have taught me otherwise.

I have included copies of both the Massachusetts General Laws surrounding am-

PART I. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT TITLE XIV. PUBLIC WAYS AND WORKS CHAPTER 89. LAW OF THE ROAD

Chapter 89: Section 7B. Operation of emergency vehicles

Section 7B. The driver of a vehicle of a fire, police or recognized protective department and the driver of an ambulance shall be subject to the provisions of any statute, rule, regulation, ordinance or by-law relating to the operation or parking of vehicles, except that a driver of fire apparatus while going to a fire or responding to an alarm, or the driver of a vehicle of a police or recognized protective department or the driver of an ambulance, in an emergency and while in performance of a public duty or while transporting a sick or injured person to a hospital or other destination where professional medical services are available, may drive such vehicle at a speed in excess of the applicable speed limit if he exercises caution and due regard under the circumstances for the safety of persons and property, and may drive such vehicle through an intersection of ways contrary to any traffic signs or signals regulating traffic at such intersection if he first brings such vehicle to a full stop and then proceeds with caution and due regard for the safety of persons and property, unless otherwise directed by a police officer regulating traffic at such intersection. The driver of any such approaching emergency vehicle shall comply with the provisions of section fourteen of chapter ninety when approaching a school bus which has stopped to allow passengers to alight or board from the same, and whose red lamps are flashing.

Boston EMS Standard Operating Procedures

5.3. Transport. The use of the siren and rapid transportation of a patient is rarely indicated. While warning lights should be activated during transport, Department members should exercise good judgment and discretion in the use of the siren while transporting a patient to a hospital, taking into account the patient's condition, distance to the hospital, traffic congestion, road conditions, and time of day. If the siren is being used intermittently, it must be in operation continuously when approaching and passing through an intersection with a red light or stop sign.

BEMS SOP with regards to the transport of patients to the hospital.

In the latter, I want to call attention to the first two sentences: "The use of the siren and rapid transportation of a patient is rarely indicated. While warning lights should be activated during transport,'

As you can see, at no point are we required to activate our emergency beacons while transporting a patient to the hospital, and admittedly this is only necessary a small fraction of the time.

The biggest issue at stake of course is safety, not only for the patient, but for the ambulance crews and the general public which is at risk every time the emergency lights are activated.

As anyone who has ever worked in the back of an ambulance can attest, it is not a good place to be in the event of a collision.

In addition to loose equipment and an abundance of sharp corners, seatbelts are rarely worn for the simple fact that we need mobility in order to care for the patient.

In fact, as everyone knows, the primary

reason for activating lights and siren for routine transport has virtually nothing to do with the patients themselves, but more for the ambulance service.

Due to chronic understaffing which has gone unaddressed for decades, the system is reliant upon the rapid turnaround of front line ambulances in order to deal with the call load.

If ambulances were tied up in traffic, thereby increasing their transport times, the whole system would probably shut down inside of a week.

However, if you kill someone while transporting a non-acute patient, don't expect the BPHC legal team to come beating down your door to defend you.

Just my opinion, but I would like to offer this suggestion to those members who don't like getting suspended.

The next time you are transporting a patient whose condition will be unaffected by an extended transport time, turn off your lights, don't use your siren, and follow the rules of the road.

The life you save just may be your own.

EMS gets a donation... Whadda ya know!?!?

great big THANK YOU goes out to **Ken Delise**, the owner of THE BAYSHORE ATHLETIC CLUB in Braintree!!

Ken donated a treadmill to Boston EMS last month and it is busy clocking miles at Station 16. It's a full size, heavy duty, health club treadmill with incline and pulse monitor. We welcome anyone who wants to drop by or who takes the bump to 16 to help yourself!

I think it's important to thank Bayshore because it is one of the few health clubs in the area who give us the same discount as the police and fire! They recognize us as the third service of 911 and know what we do and respect it.

It was Buddy Colligan's sister, Laurie, who brought us to their attention and they've welcomed EMS members ever since. It is conveniently located off Rt 3 South - the Best Buy exit - right behind the Braintree T station. It only takes me 12 mins without traffic from Southie. And Boy is it worth the ride!!

It is 46,000 feet of machines, weights, basketball court, boxing gym, yoga, judo, spinning room and babysitting. No that wasn't a typo...it's really 46,000 feet! You could yell as loud as you wanted at one end of the place and no one would hear you at the other end. Or at least that's what my husband tells me when I call to him...

So obviously, no waiting for a machine EVER! It's clean, they have cardio classes, huge locker rooms and if you forget your lock like I do (I know, Imagine, me forgetting something) there hasn't ever been any thieving - at least that I know of and I've been a member for 7 years. Thought that might be an important point to make in the police newspaper..

So check them out! Go to bayshoreathleticclub.com and take a virtual tour. If you're serious about trying it out, I have procured a number of free MONTH passes from Ken and have them on hand at work. P16 evenings.

If you deduct your \$150 fitness reimbursement from Harvard Pilgrim then the annual is about the price of a Nano. Best deal in town!

Fitfully yours, Laura Lee

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WMD Boycott??

s an instructor, there are two recurring complaints that are generally received from students. Complaint #1, "Can't you teach us something different? Year after year it's the same old mind numbing stuff. Please God give us something new." Complaint #2, "Why are you showing us new stuff that has nothing to do with my job? If there is a Complaint #3 it's usually a mixture of, "Show us something new and different, but make it pertain to what we do."

The last issue of the PAX touched on this point with a well written editorial calling for a 'back to basics" approach. To emphasize this point it went on to call for a boycott of WMD training. I cease to understand how can education be a considered a liability instead of an asset?

In the beginning, the WMD program stressed hot zone, warm zone work. This met with a great deal of resistance and probably rightfully so. That was a new world for most of us and we struggled to grasp new concepts. As time passed however, a shift occurred and the EMS role in WMD incidents became better defined. Look at some of the topics we have covered over the last two years: EMS Response to Meth labs, Triage of WMD Victims, Disaster Preparedness for Families of EMS Staff, Carbon Monoxide Recognition, and this year (in response to several EMS injuries) a module on water reactive chemicals.

Now about this call for a boycott of WMD training. This is not a nice neat world anymore. Whether it is an act of domestic or foreign terrorism, a transportation accident, or a natural disaster, the world of emergency response is not an orderly place. It is confusing, hair-raising, loud, profane, and sometimes lonely. An actual incident is the wrong place to think, "Why didn't they give us some training?

Years ago I was taking a class in Worcester. This was a large auditorium filled with students from around New England. When touting the benefits of this course, the instructor said, "Look at Boston EMS. They take people who are already trained, and then train the hell out of 'em." I sat a little straighter when I thought that this is how Boston EMS is perceived out there. A department that never stops training. That never stops introducing new ideas. – Brian Pomodoro

Fatal ambulance crash highlights dangers

URLINGTON, Vt. - An ambulance crash that killed a passenger and seriously injured an emergency medical technician last week spotlights two major concerns in many serious ambulance crashes: questionable driving and hazardous patient compartments.

The hospital-bound ambulance slid off a snowy highway and rolled over Wednesday, killing Mary Catanzarite, 80, of Massena, N.Y. EMT Michael Guthrie, 39, of Massena, N.Y., was seriously injured.

Police say speed and slippery roads were factors in the crash.

The driver, who was wearing a seat belt, was not hurt. Catanzarite and Guthrie were not belted, according to Vermont State Police Trooper Philip Wagner.

Local and national experts say ambulance services can take steps to improve driving, but making the ambulances safer for patients and EMTs is more of a challenge.

Dan Manz, head of emergency medical

services at the Vermont Department of Health, said ambulance workers now can administer many lifesaving procedures at the scene, cutting down on the need to speed to a hospital.



"Today, in 2007, given the capabilities of every emergency medical service in Vermont, the idea of 'let's apply the lead foot to save this person's life,' I don't think is necessary," Manz said.

Jim Finger, president of the Vermont Ambulance Association and chief executive administrator of the Regional Ambulance Service in Rutland, said drivers in his service are now required to stop at red lights. They also travel with a computerized system that warns

them if they're speeding to or stopping too fast.

The compartments for patients are a great environment to provide emergency care but because of that, "they are dangerous when an ambulance is involved in a crash," Manz said. "Cabinets break off. Cardiac monitors go flying. There is heavy equipment in use that is very difficult to secure.'

Installing airbags in the compartments and harnesses for emergency personnel have been discussed. Many services also secure their equipment or have installed cloth nets where the EMT rides, said Larry Wiersch, of Allentown, Pa., a leader in ambulance safety with the American Ambulance Association.

But he thinks EMTs could wear seatbelts more often. "The majority of the time, you aren't doing patient care that requires you to be standing, so you could be belted," he said. "Human behavior is the most correctable facat least for right now." tor

-Associated Press, December 2, 2007

NAPO takes action to protect personal information of police officers

Dear Members,

In July of this year, NAPO successfully attached language to the Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, H.R. 660, that will protect the personal information of state and local law enforcement officers and their families by prohibiting the posting of such information publicly on the internet. When the Senate passed its version of the bill, S. 378, it did not include this important provision. The House and Senate are now working out the differences in the two bills.

Please see the attached letter from NAPO to Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), the sponsor of the Senate Court Security bill. We are asking him to ensure that the personal information of all law enforcement officers is protected by supporting the inclusion of the Housepassed provision in the final bill.

If you would like more information on this issue or would like to take action yourself, please contact Andy Mournighan, NAPO's Government Affairs Director, at amournighan@ napo.org or 703-549-0775.

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Dear Senator Leahy:

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WILLIAM J. JOHNSON Executive Director

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) represents more than 238,000 rank-and-file police officers from across the United States, all of whom have the right to be protected while on and off duty. I am writing to advise you of our concern that the "Court Security Improvement Act of 2007," S. 378, as passed by the Senate, does not protect the personal information of state and local public safety officers, many of whom live in the communities they serve. The legislation passed by the House of Representatives, H.R. 660, includes language under Title II, Section 202, Subsection 119(b)(2)(C), that will protect the private information of police officers and the identities of their families. NAPO wholeheartedly endorsed the legislation and worked hard to see it pass the House. However, while S. 378 prohibits the publishing of personal information of certain "covered officials", this definition does not include state and local public safety officers. CHRIS COLLINS Las Vegas Police ective Association

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

In 2004, the New York Daily News discovered a website listing police officer addresses and other personal information. NAPO has legitimate concern that the posting of such private information about police officers could easily be used to intimidate the officers and perhaps and again their families. It is important to prohibit the publication of such private information about police officers could easily be used to intimidate the officers and perhaps endanger their families. It is important to prohibit the publication of such information about police officers, as well as other law enforcement and justice officials, on the internet or in any public forum. I hope, with your help, that we can ensure that the personal information about public safety officers and their families is protected from those who wish to do them harm

I urge you to include language in the final version of the "Court Security Improvement Act of 2007" that will prohibit the posting of restricted personal data of all state and local law enforcement officers and their families. NAPO looks forward to working with you on this issue and I thank you for your continued support of law enforcement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or NAPO's Director of Governmental Affairs, Andrea Mournighan, at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely, 2 Min William J. Johnson Executive Director





Off the top of my head.

By Kevin Doogan overnor Deval Patrick has obviously taken sides in the war on crime. He has chosen to forsake public safety and coddle criminals. Recidivism rates are through the roof as criminals hurry through the revolving doors that are the Massachusetts' courts and prisons. Governor Patrick has made the fiscal decision that it is more cost effective for the state to put more criminals on the streets while cutting the number of police officers available to respond to calls for help or on-sight incidents.

The anti-police rag, the Boston Globe, has found a fast friend with Governor Patrick. After the honeymoon period and a little bad press about the Governor's new sled and fancy drapes, Patrick bows to the Globe's incessant pressure and attacks the State Police detail system. Governor Patrick then appoints a bleeding heart liberal to join

the Massachusetts Parole Board insuring that the present rate of releasing almost 6,600 inmates of every 10,000 that come before the present parole board is now surely about to rise.

I'm sure that Leticia Munoz, a behavioral scientist from little old Florence, MA, has her finger on the pulse of criminal recidivism. She chooses to live on the mean streets of Florence, MA braving the perils with immeasurable crime stats. The town is so bad they don't even get their own police department. It must be like a war zone, all those birds chirping, brooks babbling and crickets squeaking.

Another razor sharp decision made by Governor Together-We-Can. That's right; I guess the Governor's slogan meant together we can send Massachusetts into the toilet. Don't forget it was Governor Patrick, prior to being elected, that was lobbying for the release of a convicted rapist. The Governor

Pop Quiz... **Liberals and Media Edition**

> By Patrick Carnell, Canisius College, Buffalo, NY

- 1. Dia al-Kawwaz, a Baathist living in Jordan who runs an anti-Iraq newspaper called Shabeqat Akhbar al-Iraq, claims that 11 of his family members were murdered by American soldiers. How should international media watchdog Reporters Without Borders respond?
 - a. Not bother fact-checking and investigating the validity of the story
 - b. Put a story about the shocking allegations as if they were fact on the front page of their website.
 - Call on others to investigate the story
 - d. Meekly retreat to the shadows when it turns out the entire story was a hoax e. All of the above
- 2. CNN-provided plants, including one working directly with Hillary Clinton, throwing softball questions were exposed at the Democratic debate. CNN claims they were "just allowing ordinary Americans to voice their concerns." How should CNN fix this ?
 - a. Choose genuine, rational, non-lobbyists to question both parties during the debates
 - Use the same plants to throw pointed questions at the Republicans...to, you b. know, make it even
 - c. Choose a gun fanatic, religious Protestant, and Confederate flag advocate to question the Democrats as examples of "average" right-wing questioners for scare value in addition to the plants
- 3. Rep. John Murtha, one of the leading Democrat opponents of the Iraq war, is eating crow and admitting the surge has been working. A House Democratic aide said Speaker Nancy Pelosi will feel a certain way about this. How will she react?
 - "Pelosi is going to be pleased." a.
 - b. "Pelosi is going to be humbled."
 - "Pelosi is going to be surprised." c.
 - d. "Pelosi is going to be furious."
- 4. How should notoriously stupid, knee-jerk leftist Stephen King express his views that waterboarding is "torture"?
 - a. Have someone read one of his books post-1990
 - b. Talk to someone it has actually happened to
 - c. Allow it to be done to himself as an example
 - d. "Allow" i.e., force someone else (such as, he suggests, Jenna Bush) to be waterboarded in order to "protest" "torture"
- 5. If you're an anxious, neurotic environmentalist woman, what's the best way for you to off-set your imaginary, delusional "carbon footprint"?
 - a. Get sterilized. Can't offset your carbon footprint if you're creating another pair, you know!
 - b. The pill, just in case.
 - c. Abort the little bastard if a. and b. fail
 - d. If not a., b., or c., then two words: soylent green.

wrote at least twice to the Parole Board in favor of releasing rapist **Benjamin LaGuer** and even found time to correspond with the rapist twice.

I'm sure with the Governor's policy of trying to dismantle the State Police detail system and the addition of Ms. Munoz on the parole board, the neighborhoods of Boston and across this state will become a much safer place, of course I mean for criminals.

We the public are getting screwed, unless your looking to buy in Florence, MA. Also, I'm getting wind the Gov and his sup-

porters are asking that the general public please leave the sales slips with your Christmas presents so Ms. Munoz's freshly rehabilitated cliental can get face value for your belongings instead of ten cents on the dollar from the drug dealers.

Don't let the soaring crime rates bother you, we'll all be saving a few bucks on prisoner meals and road jobs.

Don't let the rise in highway fatalities throw you off either... people won't be able to speed when you're stopped for hours awaiting the medi-vac helicopter and accident reconstruction team.

International News: Insanity from around the world

Collected by Patrick Carnell, **Canisius College, Buffalo, NY** housands of Islamic fanatics wielding clubs and knives are marching through the streets of Khartoum demanding the execution of teddy bear teacher Gillian Gibbons. As the mother-of-two started a 15-day prison term, protestors left mosques across the Sudanese capital to denounce the "lenient verdict" and call for the death penalty.

–The Daily Mail, 11/30/07 * * * * *

During either the most recent Republican or Democratic debate - can't remember

which-one of CNN's multiple exposed plants, a Muslim woman, asked the candidates how they would improve the U.S.'s image in the Muslim world. I think in light of this, what we can do to improve our image in the Muslim world becomes even more desperate an issue.

Nearly 90 percent of U.S. journalists in Iraq say much of Baghdad is

still too dangerous to visit, despite a recent drop in violence attributed to the build-up of U.S. forces, a (Pew Research Center) poll released on Wednesday said.

- Reuters, 11/28/07 ****

Demoralized by the staggering progress being made in Iraq and the increasingly positive attitudes toward it, the media are forced to turn to the one group they can always count on to give negative commentary-themselves.

But Annie Laurie Gaylor of the Freedom From Religion Foundation said lawmakers shouldn't waste their time debating such trivial issues. Calling it a "Christmas" tree would offend nonreligious people and amount to a government endorsement of Christianity, she added."The state of Wisconsin cannot have a Christmas anything," said Gaylor, whose Madison-based group represents atheists and agnostics.

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Ms. Gaylor (there's a very good chance she's just a "miss") doesn't realize she insults many atheists and other non-Christians with her statements. 96% of Americans celebrate Christmas despite only 78% being Christian. Family drama, pretending to be charitable, vomiting eggnog - these are things which people of all religions and creeds can do.

A grim Christmas message for kids from the mayor of Seattle. Greg Nickels told small children he's launching "Operation Save Santa" to protect the big guy

from global warming. At a Christmas tree lighting,

Nickels warned the kids they had to use energy efficient light bulbs, or climate change could melt the North Pole – and drown Santa, his elves and all his reindeer.

-MyFoxDallas, 11/29/07 It is 19 degrees and snowing as I am writing this.

Global warming ranked at the bottom in the Post's poll of Democratic voters in Iowa who were asked,"What is the single most important issue in your choice for the Democratic candidate for president?" The top response was "the war in Iraq," with 33 percent, while 26 percent said "health care." Ten percent chose "economy/jobs," and others identified a dozen other issues. A smartalecky 1 percent answered, "nothing." But global warming ranked even lower than "nothing," with one-half percent.

But...

– Washington Post, 11/29/07 ****

When the polar bears are feeding upon the hapless reindeer and pitiful little elves, and Santa and Mrs. Claus are huddled together, saying their tearful goodbyes as the toy shop floods from the highest windows with the North Pole's lukewarm waters, then we'll see how much people care about global warming.

-AP, 11/28/07

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inter is finally here, the holidays are just around the corner. People are running around like chickens with their heads cut off and a lot of the day to day mundane chores are left behind.

While observing the decorated homes around the area, I've noticed that a lot of the American Flags that have been flying proudly, showing support for our country and the troops, are in disrepair.

I realize that Flag Day is six months away, however, the Flag should be flown properly and kept in good condition throughout the year.

I talk a lot about our Flag and what it stands for, the symbolism it represents and the history of it. Recently with the deaths of our beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Armed forces, quite a few people raise different questions about our Flag, 'Old Glory', such as why we fold it the way we do, what do the stars and stripes really represent etc. ...

The following are just a few tidbits of information concerning our Flag: On June 14th, 1777, the Continental Congress, seeking to promote national pride and unity, adopted the National Flag. A resolution was adopted that stated: "That the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate

red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

A properly folded flag will fold thirteen (13) times on the triangles, representing the thirteen (13) original colonies. When finally complete, the triangular folded flag

is emblematical of the tricorner hat worn by



the Patriots of the American Revolution, ever reminding us of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines (and in today's era, the Airmen) who served in the Armed Forces of the United States. When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust". There is no official script to folding the flag, however, over the years the following popular script has been used in thousands of ceremonies: The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the Veteran departing our ranks who either died in the defense of our country or gave a portion of their life in defense of the same. The forth fold repre-

> sents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn not only in times of peace, but also war for His divine guidance. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is our Country, Right or

Wrong!" The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through our Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all of her enemies, whether they be found within or out of the boundaries of our republic. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom the flag flies on Mother's Day. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and woman, who have made this country great, have been molded. The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born. The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost. The thirteenth fold symbolizes our beginning as a nation, the original thirteen colonies.

Nothing evokes such a strong emotion as seeing the flag, either a ceremony honoring a great event or draped over a coffin as a sign of mourning for a hero or loved one.

Its unfurled banner, which symbolizes (continued on page C15)



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Is the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York the next stop for former Red Sox slugger Jim Rice (inset right)?

Baseball Hall of Fame: Who will be next?

By Paul Carroll, NESN Sports Tape Library Coordinator (brother of Bill Carroll, hospital liaison unit, HQ) or 86 years, Red Sox fans would chortle and chant 'wait till next year!'

Chortle and chant 'wait till next year!' In 2004, 'next year' finally arrived. Will 2008 be 'the year' that **Jim Rice** enters Baseball's Hall of Fame?

On Thursday, January 8th, the Baseball Writer's Association of America (BBWAA) will decide among Rice and 24 other eligible candidates for election to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Candidates must be named on 75% of ballots cast to gain election and receive at least 5% to remain on the ballot for future consideration. If after 15 years a player is notelected, his name is removed from the ballot.

Since 1995, I have advocated the selection of Jim Rice. This is his 14th year on the ballot with only this year and next remaining for eligibility. Since 1995, the BBWAA has elected 15 positional players, men who played with and against Rice. Among them, Rice ranks 5th with 382 home runs, 7th with 1,451 RBI and 6th with a .298 average. He is also the only player in MLB history with three consecutive seasons of 200+ hits and 35+ home runs. To the writers I say; 'Enough, elect him, he belongs !'

Four other longtime holdovers also deserve election. **Rich 'Goose' Gossage** received 71% of the vote last year. When he retired in 1994, his 310 career saves ranked 2nd most all-time. (He's now 17th). Thirty years after helping the Yankees to the World Championship, he should finally get his reward.

Andre Dawson hit 438 homeruns, drove in 1,591 runs, batted .279 and won 8 Gold Gloves. This is his 7th year on the ballot. In contrast, Jimmie Foxx hit 534 homeruns, retiring in 1945, 2nd on the all-time homerun list, but he wasn't elected to the Hall until his 7th year of eligibility in 1951!!! And I've been thinking all along the writers have been dragging their feet on Dawson!

Lately, **Curt Schilling** has been talked about as a possible HOF candidate upon his retirement. 216 wins, 3,116 strikeouts and a terrific 11-2 post season mark, helping the Diamondbacks and Red Sox to World Championships. But what about **Bert Blyleven?** 287 wins, 3,701 strikeouts, 60 shutouts, (Schilling has 20) and a 5-1 2.47 era in the post season. Bert also helped two teams to titles as well; ('79 Pirates and '87 Twins).

Jack Morris has never received more than 41% of support in 8 years on the ballot. Morris helped three teams to World Titles, won 254 games with 175 complete games, (Schilling has 83) and was the preeminent big game pitcher of the 1980's.

Nine other holdover candidates came up short. Lee Smith (478 career saves-2nd most all-time), Tommy John (288 wins) and Reds shortstop Dave Concepcion were my toughest omissions. Concepcion was a 9-time All-star, won 5 Gold Gloves (until Ozzie Smith took over). This is his last year on the ballot as his fate will now lie with the Veteran's Committee in the future. I feel like I have somehow failed on this one, but I had 15 years to make up my mind, but I was simply unable to convince myself. Perhaps if I had grown up a Reds fan?

The others? Dale Murphy, Don Mattingly, Alan Trammell, Harold Baines, and Mark McGwire all missed out with me for a variety of reasons. McGwire chose not to talk about the past before a congressional committee in March 2005 about steroids, so I see no need to talk about his future with the Hall of Fame either. He received 23% last year, he'll be lucky to get half this time around.

Among new names on the ballot, only **Tim Raines** deserves extended comment. The speedster was a 7-time All-star, 5th on the all-time list with 808 stolen bases, a .294 career average, 2,605 hits and 1,571 runs scored. His best seasons were with the Montreal Expos from 1981 to 1990 and a couple of good years with the White Sox. But he played with five teams in his last six seasons (1996-02) in a reserve role which can hurt your chances unless you compile 3,000 hits or 500 home runs. He does have a lot of stolen bases and runs scored, but many of his other totals are good, not great.

The other first year candidates include Brady Anderson, Rod Beck, Shawon Dunston, Chuck Finley, Travis Fryman, Dave Justice, Chuck Knoblauch, Robb Nen, Jose Rijo and Todd Stottlemyre. Good players all, some had great seasons & moments, but none will probably get 5%.

With no clear cut first ballot Hall of Famers this year, it paves the way for Gossage and hopefully Rice. If you see Hall of Fame stories favoring him leading up to January 8th, then perhaps 'next year' will be 'this year' for Jim Rice!

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If you happen to come upon a flag in disrepair, please correct the problem and or remind the owner of the importance of this symbol of freedom and democracy.

Legislative Update:

Normally in this section of my article I would update you on the positive legislation that is either pending or proposed. However, I have recently been made aware of a situation that begs your attention and outrage! The newest twist in ironic, imbecilic behavior by member representing our government is to send 'DUNNING' letters to wounded Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines! Yes I said dunning letters. You know, the letters of threat you receive from bill collectors and such. The letters that demand payment for supposed debts. Well the debt that the Pentagon is attempting to collect from our sons, daughters, spouses, familv members and comrades is none other than their Enlistment Bonus. The United States Armed Forces, represented by some IDIOT in the Pentagon figured that if a service member lost a limb or two, or possibly their eye sight, half their brain or whatever, (you get the picture), and were forced into a medical retirement, (all but forgotten by the Pentagon and VA), that they, the service member, owed the government a portion of their Enlistment Bonus, (other wise known as the blood money paid to trick some unsuspecting kid into joining), because they didn't complete their contract. Never mind that they were wounded in combat and forced to retire. Never mind that they are in for a life time of fighting for care by another bureaucracy, the V.A. . Hey, I have an idea, why don't we start deducting a percentage of the enlistment bonus from the life insurance policies paid out to the survivors of those killed in combat! Of course I jest, but I'm sure some other moronic idiot in management might actually *believe that to be a good idea!* Seriously, this is absolutely the most idiotic policy that the government has ever endorsed and practiced. What's next, should we charge to bury them also?! I am begging you, the reader, to pick up the phone or send a telegram or an e-mail to our Congressional Delegation in Washington to demand that this practice stop immediately! Call or write every military social or lobby group you can think of and demand that they take action. Call your local media and inform them of this outrages practice and request investigative reporting, Thank You.



Thanksgiving Dinner:

On Saturday, November 17, the Post was proud to sponsor and host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the local senior citizens from Dorchester, Hyde Park, Roslindale and Jamaica Plain. We have been sponsoring this event for the past seven years. This year we were able to feed approximately 150 seniors. With the help of the Ladies Auxiliary, (a lot of help!!), members of the Post and their families, raise the money to purchase the food, (turkeys, veggies, drinks and desert), and prepare the meals, set up the hall and clean up after. With the assistance of the City of Boston providing the transportation, we were able to transport these same people to and from their housing. Just one more of 'those things' your new Post provides to the community. A job well done by all.

Just a reminder that the VFW post is the Boston Police Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1018. We are located between American Legion Hwy and Morton Street with a mailing address of 500 Morton Street. Our monthly meetings are held in the upper hall at 7:00pm on the third Monday of each month. The executive board meeting is also the third Monday at 6:00pm. We offer many types of membership; you do not have to be a Veteran, all memberships costing only \$30.00 per year, all with many benefits included. Drop by, see the new post, join today and support your post. We are open seven days a week from 3:00pm thru 2:00am. We have already started planning the super bowl party, talk to the 'King' (Marty Columbo) for information. We are also planning our annual New Years Eve

Do You Know What This Is? Where This Is? Read and Learn About the Statue

his statue currently stands outside the Iragi palace. now home to the 4th Infantry division. It will eventually be shipped home and put in the memorial museum in Fort Hood, TX.

The statue was created by an Iraqi artist named Kalat, who for years was forced by Saddam Hussein to make the many hundreds of bronze busts of Saddam that dotted Baghdad. Kalat was so grateful for the Americans liberation of his country.

He melted three of the heads of the fallen Saddam and made the statue as a memorial to the American soldiers and their fallen warriors. Kalat worked on this memorial night and day for several months.

To the left of the kneeling soldier is a small Iraqi girl giving the soldier comfort as he mourns the loss of his comrade in arms.

Do you know why we don't hear about this in the news? Because it is heartwarming and praiseworthy.

The media avoids it because it does not have the shock effect.

But we can do something about it.

We can pass this along to as many people as we can in honor of all our brave military who are making a difference.

swing by and let us know if you are going

'Chinese Dinner' downstairs at the post, to stop by, so we can plan enough grub. Hope to see you at the post.



Here she is... the USS New York! Made from World Trade Center steel

t was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center.

It is the fifth in a new class of warship designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept 9, 2003, 'those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence,' recalled Navy Capt. **Kevin Wensing**, who was there. 'It was a spiritual moment for everybody there.'

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the 'hair on my neck stood up.' 'It had a big meaning to it for all of us,' he said. 'They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back.'

The ship's motto? 'Never Forget.'



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Crossword Puzzle: TV Land's 50 Greatest TV Icons



How Many Can You Get Correct? 1. Who was the last Bruins goaltender to win the

- Vezina Trophy which is awarded to the NHL's best goalie?
- Can you name the other three teams Red Sox 2 outfielder J.D. Drewhas played for?
- Who was the last Boston Bruin to win a 3. scoring title?
- 4. What NFL player holds the record for touchdown passes thrown by a player other than a quarterback?
- Who was the leading scorer in the National Hockey League during the 2006-2007 5. season?
- Who holds the American League rookie record for homeruns hit by a shortstop? 6.
- 7 Who was the last Cleveland Indians pitcher to throw a no-hitter?
- How many Major League teams has Indians outfielder Kenny Lofton played for? 8.
- 9. What Major League Baseball franchise has gone the longest without appearing in the playoffs?
- 10. Who is the oldest quarterback to start an NFL game?

(see answers on page C18)

United States Trivia: Bill Carroll

How Much Do You Know About Your Country?

- What U.S President was born in Nebraska? 1.
- What state has the nickname "The Land Of Enchantment?" 2.
- What state is home to the oldest newspaper that is still 3. being published?
- 4. In what state was the first aquarium opened?
- 5 In what state is the International Checkers Hall of Fame? (see answers on page C18)

Contributed by BPPA Secretaries Ann Parolin and Annmarie Daly

Across

- 6. #29 played Jack Tripper
- 9. #42 played Tony Soprano
- 13. #28 1st host of Monday
- Night Football
- 14. #19 was Mayberry's sheriff 16. #18 played Captain Kirk
- 19. #26 played Angel Jill Monroe
- 20. #40 was the Flying Nun
- 24. #48 played Sipowicz partner
- 26. #32 played the Fonz
- 30, #49 played Ally McBeal
- 31. #13 played Ralph Kramden
- 36. #20 played Archie Bunker
- 39. #7 played Laura Petrie
- 40. #31 played Carrie Bradshaw
- 41. #25 played Officer Stacy Sheridan
- 43. #16 hosts the Late Show
- 45, #33 starred in the Ellen Show
- 46. #1 Hosted the Tonight Show for 30 years
- 47. #46 TVs favorite collie
- 48. #2 Ricky loves her
- 49. #37 played Dr. Doug Ross
- 50. #14 his 1st show was The Toast of the Town

Down

- 1. #36 played Julia
- 2. #12 played Rob Petrie
- 3. #10 hosted American Band-
- stand
- 4. #34 hosted The Price is Right #6 ended her show by 5
 - tugging her ear

7. #27 holds the world record for most hours on TV

- 9. #9 has the catch phrase D'oh!
- 10. #15 original cast of SNL was referred to as this
- 11. #3 host the highest rated talk show in America
- 12. #47 is American Idol's favorite judge
- 15. #4 starred in I Spy
- 17. #35 played Alex P. Keaton
- 18. #8 currently starring in the Bee Movie
- 21. #50 played JR
- 22. #21 Sesame Street's famous frog
- 23. #39 played Rachell Geller
- 25. #22 known as Uncle Miltie
- 27. #45 was Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- 28. #5 know as The Most Trusted Man in America
- 29. #17 starred in the Newhart show
- 32. #44 played Erica Kane
- 33. #23 first female anchor on ABC Evening News
- 34. #24 played Little Joe Cartwright
- 35. #41 hosts the Daily Show
- 37. #3 8 played Maude
- 38. #43 created Geraldine
- 42. #30 played Hawkeye
- 44. #11 starred with John Goodman in her TV series

See answers on page C18



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- been to the post season since 1891. Washington Nationals who have not ing the playoffs is the Montreal Exposithat has gone the longest without reach-The Major League Baseball franchise ers, and Rangers.

October 25, 1998. DeBerg was 44 years 279 days old on game was former Falcon QB Steve 10. The oldest quarterback to start an NFL

(see questions on page C17)

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4. The first aquarium opened in Chicago, vant which began publication in 1764. published which is the Hartford Cou-

5. The International Checkers Hall of .£681 ni sionilll

Fame is located in Petal, Mississippi.

(see questions on page C17)

United States

Trivia Answers





2. Besides patroling right field for the Red Vezina Trophy was Pete Peeters in 1983. The last Bruins goaltender to win the

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- title was Bobby Orr during the 1974-75 3. The last Bruin to win an NHL scoring
- thrown by a player other than a quarter-4. The NFL record for touchdown passes uoseəs
- Crosby was the NHL leading scorer dur-5. Pittsburgh Penguins forward Sydney back is held by Walter Payton with eight.
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- name "The Land of Enchantment." 2. The state of New Mexico has the nick-
- nations oldest newspaper still being 3. The state of Connecticut is home to the



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International Pictures of the Year



Second Place Todd Heisler, The Rocky Mountain News

The night before the burial of her husband's body, Katherine Cathey refused to leave the casket, asking to sleep next to his body for the last time. The Marines made a bed for her, tucking in the sheets below the flag. Before she fell asleep, she opened her laptop computer and played songs that reminded her of 'Cat,' and one of the Marines asked if she wanted them to continue standing watch as she slept. 'I think it would be kind of nice if you kept doing it,' she said. 'I think that's what he would have wanted.'

First Place

Todd Heisler. The Rocky Mountain News

When 2nd Lt. James Cathey's body arrived at the Reno Airport, Marines climbed into the cargo hold of the plane and draped the flag over his casket as passengers watched the family gather on the tarmac.

During the arrival of another Marine's casket last year at Denver International Airport, Major Steve Beck described the scene as so powerful: 'See the people in the windows? They sat right there in the plane, watching those Marines. You gotta wonder what's going through their minds, knowing that they're on the plane that brought him home,' he said 'They will remember being on that plane for the rest of their lives. They're going to remember bringing that Marine home. And they should.'



Will you wear blue?

B Iue Fridays. Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing blue every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the 'silent majority' We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home

ganized, boisterous or overbearing. Many Americans, like you, me and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of America supports our troops. Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday – and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that ... every red-blooded American who supports our men and women afar, will wear something blue.

in record breaking numbers. We are not or-

By word of mouth, press, TV - let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of blue much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers. If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, coworkers, friends, and family, it will not be long before the USA is covered in **BLUE** and it will let our troops know the once 'silent' majority is on their side more than ever, certainly more than the media lets on.

The first thing a soldier says when asked 'What can we do to make things better for you?' is ...'We need your support and your prayers.'Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something blue every Friday.

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Police Officers in Massachusetts have the right to wear a union pin

by Leigh Panettiere

n January 2000, the Chief of Police in the Town of Oxford ordered all police officers to remove their MCOP Union Pins. The Oxford Police Association, MCOP Local 173, filed a prohibited practice charge at the Labor Relations Commission, arguing that the Massachusetts collective bargaining law guaranteed the right to wear a union pin.

You can access the decision at <u>http://</u> www.sandullugraceonline.com



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