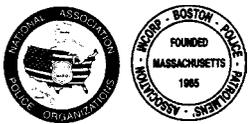


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## The Night Before Christmas: A Christmas poem to our enemies

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

It was the night before Christmas, inside the police station,  
and the economy was lousy across the whole nation.  
The station was filthy, and the cells they did stink,  
While budget cuts made all fear the slips that were pink.

The prisoners were nestled all snug in their cell,  
But overtime cutbacks had made patrol duty hell.  
Morale was abysmal, in the weary blue line,  
But the Commissioner's office insisted "Everything's fine."

The lawsuits and tabs dropped like fresh-fallen snow,  
As veteran cops counted, till the day they could go.  
Our pay and our bennies were under attack,  
"The source of all problems," said a media flack.

When after the roll call, there arose such a clatter,  
We ran to the windows to see what was the matter.  
Then what should appear but an academic old jerk,  
From the Beacon Hill Institute, Professor Dave Tuerck!

His hair was all covered with brylcreem-like grease,  
And his answer to everything was "Blame the Police."  
He put police details on the media's front burner,  
And his sleigh, it was pulled by our good friend Chuck Turner!

Then he ran in our station while shaking his fist,  
And he ripped up the detail and overtime list!  
"I hate all cop details, and the color of blue,  
and I hate civil service, and your cop-union, too!"

His nose was gin-blossomed, his suit it was red  
And he called each reporter, who arrived in his sled,  
Like cop-hating zombies, these reporters they came,  
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:

"Now Margery, Now Howie, Now Rachelle and V.B.,  
Write these anti-cop stories, that I'll feed you for free!  
I'll get those damn cops, I'll slash half their pay,  
I'm the taxpayer's savior, that's what you should say!"

But the funny thing was, as he tore up our Pax,  
Was the school that employed him, well, it didn't pay tax.  
Suffolk University, on top of the Hill,  
Turns its nose in the air to a property-tax bill.

So the hypocrite-phony, who hates you and hates me,  
Was deriving his income from a place that's tax-free!  
The old double-dipper, who makes lots of money,  
Was living off US... GEEZ, AIN'T THAT FUNNY?

"Back in the sleigh," screamed the demented old coot,  
As I wished each reporter the end of my boot.  
"Now dash away, dash away, dash home to bed,  
To Brookline and Wellesley, where we rest our head."

Then we heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,  
"Screw the Boston Police - I'm tenured, GOOD NIGHT."

## Economic woes hit BPD

### Overtime cutbacks, budget concerns greet the New Year

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

Although the possibility of police layoffs has been at least temporarily delayed by the defeat in November of ballot question 1, economic woes at both the state and city levels threaten to impose cutbacks in the coming New Year.

Recently, the BPD announced the elimination of virtually all overtime expenditures with the exception of emergencies, and strict, new moni-

toring of court-time. Parades and special events will be staffed largely by on-duty personnel, putting added stress and responsibility on the few officers remaining to handle the normal daily calls for service. Detective's investigative overtime has also been largely eliminated.

The worsening economy has also put stress on existing detail opportunities, as some construction

projects have been scaled back while others have simply stopped work altogether. With the exception of those few officers who have reached the mandatory retirement age of 65, few officers are choosing to retire, as many a retirement plan has suffered greatly due to the collapse of the stock market. And with the addition of many, many new recruits, the pressure on the availability of extra work is at a level not seen in the BPD in many,

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## If kids only had role models like these...

### Medal of Honor recipients visit with BPD officers

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

Three recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military honor, recently visited with BPD officers on November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Marine Corps birthday.

Currently, there are a mere 99 living recipients of the Medal of Honor (as of 10/18/08). (Three Medals of Honor have been received by veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, all posthumously.) The Medal of Honor society has met twice in Boston for its annual conventions, which in and of itself is a great honor for this city, as normally the society never holds its conventions in the same city more than once. And rumor has it that the MOH society is even considering meeting in Boston for a third time, as they love the reception they are afforded when here.

So to have three recipients of the nation's highest military honor actually request to meet, eat and drink with Boston's finest is indeed a tribute to the entire BPD. The MOH recipients truly appreciate getting away from the formality and stuffiness of the various military ceremonies they attend and kicking back with regular Boston cops, whom they hold in the highest regard.

When one reads of the astounding feats of courage and bravery which these men have performed, one is truly

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Back Row, Major Conway, Medal of Honor recipients Donald "Doc" Ballard, Robert O'Malley & John McGinty and Colonel Grabowski. Front Row, Sean Broderick, Oscar Wahlberg and Jack Broderick. (BPPA Secretary Jay Broderick's sons and friend)

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## The view from here

Global economic crisis, recession, credit freezes, foreclosures, layoffs and stimulus packages were buzzwords and terms commonly heard throughout the recent election cycle. The federal government's \$700 billion dollar bailout efforts are well underway and as a public employee in a seemingly recession-proof profession, why would any of this matter to me or the membership of the BPPA.

This period of economic decline has a profound effect on everything that affect us both personally and professionally. Without a thriving or at the very least a sustaining economy, tax revenues shrink and confidence erodes. Taxes created by employment and sales of consumer goods and properties are shrinking at a record pace both nationally and locally no one can say with any degree of certainty when it will end. I am no economist, but this man's opinion is that there are many structural deficiency's in the "new marketplace" of the American economy that require major overhauls and regulatory changes for it to get back on track, it will not regulate itself as suggested by some. The new economy doesn't need temporary political solutions like one-time money in the form of stimulus checks or tax rollbacks; it needs to find new money, new revenue streams. It needs to close corporate loopholes and dignify its people by creating jobs and putting its workforce to work, allowing them to pay their bills and taxes and have a respectable future. It's the American way.

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Locally, the Commonwealth instead of crippling the City of Boston with a 10% local aid cut as threatened, could rededicate its thought process and find revenue in the sale of some of the Massport property on the waterfront area. Seemingly in the rental/real estate business, which is not their government mandate, Massport has large tracts of land and in that area, that could be developed and sold off in the market place capturing much needed revenue and after conversion offered as a local aid option to the City of Boston in the form of land taxes. Further, the governor must revisit and further explore the development of the casino industry in Massachusetts. Regardless of the concept's shortcomings, it is an industry that brings value and much needed revenue and relief to the table, the value of the licensing alone is worth revisiting the discussion.

Even closer to home, hats off to the

Mayor **Thomas Menino** for not only talking about finding new revenue streams, but actually taking the initiative to close the gap in the responsibility of major landowners in Boston. Maybe you will recall, on at least several occasions I have raised the issue of PILOTS, or the Pay In Lieu of Tax program that is a statutory loophole for places of worship, hospitals and other medical facilities as well as privately-run colleges and institutions of higher learning with regard to their land tax

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# A-15 is up and running

**A**-15 is up and running and awaiting its complement of district officers. The station is practical in that it has much-needed office space to help accommodate additional citywide units. The satellite was not constructed for the housing of prison-

Department has the right to disregard arbitration awards and/or settlement agreements. The rescission of "Notices of Appearance" in court has become an issue. The Department has the right to rescind a "Notice of Appearance" but there are steps to

mind that there has to be a causal relationship with work while in the performance of your duties to achieve injured on duty status. Just being on the clock in uniform does not guarantee IOD status.

For instance, an officer has a cardiac episode at work with supporting documentation. Though that event should be enough for the purpose of retirement (depending on the seriousness of the incident) on the heart bill, that event in and of itself does not guarantee that the officer will be covered for injured on duty status. Two entirely different sets of rules govern each outcome. The burden of proof will ultimately rest with the officer and the reporting of the nexus between injury and work. The injured officer rarely authors the initial report in this scenario, so it is important to get as much contemporaneous information as possible on paper by the reporting officer. Any eyewitness account of the circumstances leading up to the event will lend more credibility to the incident in front of a neutral party if the case must be arbitrated. Litigation should be assumed in all cases. In cases where there are even the slightest of secondary injuries, they should also be documented.

Likely scenario if injury had to go to arbitration would include: The arbitrator deciding whether an underlying condition of coronary artery disease renders the grievant eligible for Section 111F (injured status) benefits here. The City/Department would vigorously argue that the officer suffers from pre-existing coronary heart disease and that any connection between the officer's work activity and his chest pains is either unrelated or incidental to his cardiac distress. The BPPA would argue that the critical question is whether an incident or event at work aggravated the officer's pre-existing health problem. Hopefully, with proper documentation that would be enough to carry the day for the good guys.

**Do not cut corners** or you will be carried "absent pending" while your sick time evaporates and depending on the seriousness of the injury, many have gone into a "no pay" status. Please follow the guidelines and request assistance if needed.

## Cash is King

**T**here at least appears to be an acknowledgment of the financial reality at the city and state levels of government in contrast to the federal attitude regarding the balancing of the books. As **Linda Bilmes** of the Kennedy School of Government points out "If the United States were a developing country, there would be talk of a looming debt crisis and the need to call in the International Monetary Fund to impose financial discipline. We are spared this fate largely because the dollar remains the world's reserve currency. *We can print money to pay our debts, so the likelihood of default is remote.*" That about says it all...  
*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!*

The station is practical in that it has much needed office space to help accommodate additional citywide units. The satellite was not constructed for the housing of prisoners with only two holding cells but that clearly should not be a decisive factor in determining whether this station will have a positive impact in the community. What will help influence the community is the staffing of the district. Currently the outpost is manned with one district officer on days and one officer on the first half... closing at midnight.

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## Finances

**I**t should be fairly apparent that there is some belt tightening going on within the Department. Latest projections for the City have an 80 million shortfall for this fiscal year. That number will grow just as it has from the original 20 million projected earlier in the fiscal year. Municipalities across the country have reluctantly targeted public safety and school budgets which contain the greater overall financial commitment in all municipal budgets. Many cities speak of layoffs, wage reductions or demotions in attempting to make ends meet. Boston is on long-term sound footing but revenues will have to pick up in the second and third quarters of this fiscal year to avoid a nightmare in the spring and that includes the state not balking on their local aid obligations. The local police budget will more than likely suffer the least percentage reduction of all city departments.

## Rescinding Notices of Appearance

**R**ealizing that everything is on the table during this crisis doesn't mean that the

follow: A "Notice of Appearance" once issued by the District Attorney's office is to be forwarded to the officer through the chain of command i.e. Captain, Commander or Supervisor of Cases. There is a settlement agreement and an arbitration award that does **not** indicate that a District/Unit Commander retains any independent authority to screen, or rescind, appearance notices. Instead, the parties agreed that when a commander believed that an issued and received notice should be rescinded, the Commander shall contact the DA's office. The DA's office both issues and can rescind "Notices of Appearance". The District/Unit Commander, in working with the District Attorney's office can mutually agree on the rescission of a delivered Notice but the language is specific; "If the DA's office rescinds a "Notice of Appearance" the affected officer shall be given in hand advanced written notice of the rescission at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled court appearance. If the officer does not receive timely written notice he/she shall be paid."

It has also come to our attention that hours are being rounded back to the nearest quarter hour. Officers signing out of court at say 3:40 P.M. are being rounded back to 3:30 P.M. Contract calls for officers to "be rounded off (and paid for) to the next quarter hour."

Please forward all relevant paperwork through your reps to the Grievance Committee to be part of the on-going grievance and any future settlement. Relevant information would include the date of notification of the written rescission with the ADA's name if 72 hours is in play.

## IOD

**O**fficers are getting better at following the guidelines in attaining "Injured on Duty" status. For the Department to immediately recognize the injury, a visit to the hospital on the date of the incident is essential. When writing the report please keep in

# 2008 sick time usage (once again) afflicts mainly patrol forces Medical experts ask "Why?"...

By **Jim Carnell, Pax Editor**

**O**nce again, a BPPA-commissioned study of sick-time usage has discovered that the BPD's street-patrol units use sick time at a far greater percentage than the BPD command staff and their accompanying retinue of servile flatterers, hangers-on, and coat-holders. The disparity between the apparently always-healthy command staff and the sick patrol force has created a scientific conundrum within the medical community.

**Dr. Vinnie Boombah**, BPPA physician-emeritus, found the results of the study particularly disturbing. "Medical science simply cannot explain how one group of employees uses their sick time while the other group of employees, separated only by their political connections and the wearing of stars, bars and feathers on their uniforms, remains consistently healthy," said the esteemed doctor. "The CDC (Center for Disease Control) in Atlanta is currently studying the Boston Police Department to discover what biological anomalies may be at play which causes BPPA members to use their accrued sick-time while the command staff remains in tip-top condition."

A disgruntled employee (AKA: an anonymous source like those who call media relations and other reporters) told the *Pax* that he believes patrolmen use their sick time because they do not have the ability to "call in to the office" like politically-connected members of the command staff and their related rumpswabs. "We have to call the sick line whenever we're sick or have a family emergency, and get charged a sick day," said the disgruntled cop. "But the high and mighty just (wink-wink, nod-nod) "call in to the office" and tell them they'll be "available by phone, out-of-the-office, at a meeting, etc. etc." when they're sick or have family obligations."

BPD officials immediately discounted these specious allegations made by disgruntled employees. "All of our employees are fully grunted," said Superintendent **Dirk Diggler**, regarding the existence of the allegedly disgruntled employee. "If this were true, it would indicate that there is a double-standard within the BPD, and we assure you that there is no such thing!" A search party was immediately formulated to find the disgruntled source of the anonymous leak to the *Pax*. Tips should be called in to 617-989-2772. The staff of the *Pax Centurion* and the officers of the BPPA  
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# Congratulations to BPPA Scholarship winners and their parents

To our membership, I hope to find everyone in good health and now that the holiday season is upon us, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe Holiday Season. The first order of business that I would like to address are the naming of the recipients of BPPA's Annual Scholarship Awards. Member's children from both the Patrol Force and the EMS division were eligible for these scholarships. The following named children along with their parents are the winners of these awards.

Student	Parent	Unit
Allison Ajemian	Gerald Ajemian	HCU
Thalia F. Taylor	Thomas Taylor, Jr.	B3
Yasmin D. Martinez	David Martinez	D4
Philip J. Kearney, Jr.	Philip J. Kearney, Sr.	D4
Jenay A. Israel	Erica Bradley	HQ
Jacqueline Boyle	John Boyle	C6
Brian O'Connell	Richard O'Connell	EMS
Amanda Kwok	Ed Kwok	CSR
Kyleigh O'Donnell	Thomas O'Donnell	Mounted
Myriah Young	Al Young	DCU 14
Patrick Nee	Michael Nee	B2
Brendan Crowley	Dennis Crowley	C11
Matthew Kennedy	Fred Kennedy	D4
Marin A. Bailey	Christopher Bailey	B3 DCU
Brendan Deary	Francis Deary	EOU
Christopher Tracy	Thomas Antonino	D4
Megan Collins	Carole Collins	C11
Matthew O'Connor	Jill O'Connor	TBU
Taylor Coleman	Tabitha Coleman	B3
Colleen Dalrymple	Patti Dalrymple	E18
Philip Castor	Phil Castor	DAU
Jasmine K. Cole		
Marrow	Stephanie Marrow	E5
Karyn Rautenberg	Gerald Rautenberg	E18
Tegan C. Greene	Daniel Greene	D14
Jahki K. DeLoach	Tahisha Skeen	C11
Alanna L. Lopez	William Lopez	Operations
Lacey Ann O'Neil	Steven O'Neil	E5
Dana MacPherson	Edward MacPherson	A1
Christian Santillana	Mario Santillana	C6
Murphy Peckham	Kevin Peckham	D14
Gina Domenico	Thomas Domenico	A7
Roisin Kearney	Tomas Kearney	C6
Robert C. Young, Jr.	Robert C. Young, Sr.	C6
Ryan Rackauskas	Richard Rackauskas	C6
Dana Lamb	Dana Lamb, Sr.	E13
Kailey Cullen	Vincent Cullen	B3
Danielle Billotte	George Billotte	
Rebecca Murray	Joseph Murray	C6
Christopher Calisi	John Calisi	A1
Joseph Nelligan	Joseph Nelligan	D14

Alternates		
Brianna Marzano	Fred Marzano	A7 DCU
Caitlin Amichetti	Louis Amichetti	EMS
Shane G. Kelley	Thomas J. Kelley	A1
Sean Sullivan	Michael Sullivan	B3
Kathleen Carroll	Chris Carroll	D4
Allison Jordan	Richard Jordan	E18
James Doherty	Brian Doherty	D4
James Spellman	Kevin Spellman	EMS
Grace Boudreau	Teddy Boudreau	D4
Ryleigh Porter	Richard Porter	D14

Congratulations to both the recipients and their parents from your House of Representatives and the Leadership of our association. I will be calling the parents of the winners

on how to receive payment. If you miss my call and see your name in the *Pax*, give me a call at the union hall, 617-989-2772, and we can get the ball rolling. One last thought on the scholarships, I would just like to thank all of businesses that buy ads in the *Pax* that help fund this worthy endeavor.

My next order of business will be the city council hearing that was held on the topic of paid details. The hearing (media circus) was called by City Councilor **Sam Yoon**. I would like to thank some of the heads of the utility unions and building trades who spoke very eloquently in defense of the detail system. They are **Gerry Leary**, Local 2222; phone workers, **Danny Leary**, N-Star; **Jim Coyle**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Building Trades

Council and **Rich Rogers** of the Greater Boston Labor Council. The comments made by these men, were about safety to both the workers and the general public in and around construction sites. I would be remiss without adding that a representative of management from one of the utility companies also spoke in favor of the current system. Even a representative of the Mayor's Office, the current Commissioner of Traffic and Parking is in favor of the current system. Even members of the **Command Staff Chief Dunford and Deputy Greeley** spoke in favor of details and the benefit it brings to public safety. Now! It is up to the officers who work details, including myself, not to screw it up. Remember all eyes are upon us. Everyone has a cell phone with a camera. Do not be that guy, the guy who gets his picture taken at an awkward time or place. Everyone has stepped up their performance at details, but like most things, there is room for improvement. Keep up the diligence and if you see someone not doing the right thing, remind them that all eyes are watching. Now for Councilor **Sam Yoon**, I at one time thought

you were a man of conviction, but now in my eyes you are a man of newspaper headlines and media sound bites your fellow Council members felt no need for a hearing on this particular subject. Sam, I have an idea. Get back to basics. As a city resident, I liked you better when you fought fights on principle not headlines, even though I might have been on the opposing side of an issue. Coun-

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As I come to a close, I would like to say thank you to the members of the Police Relief who put on a great function at Lombardo's on December 7, 2008 at the annual awards ball. I, along with my wife, enjoyed seeing friends who we have not seen in a while. It was also nice to see the pride in the faces of our co-worker's family members when they listened to **Joe Fitzgerald** read why their father or husband was getting a particular award. As a resident of Boston, I, along with my family, appreciate the work you do. On that happy note, I would just like to say Merry Christmas or Happy Holiday and a very festive and safe New Year. Keep your guard up and watch each other's backs and I will look forward to working for you in the upcoming year.

## Economic woes hit BPD

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many years.

The overwhelming majority of BPD officers cannot afford to live on their regular weekly paycheck, and are also precluded from having any outside employment without written approval from the police commissioner. (And even if that were obtained, many forms of employment are expressly prohibited by rules and regulations and all are restricted to a limited amount of hours per week.) Most officers depend on overtime and detail opportunities in order

to support their families and pay their bills, as the weekly compensation is wholly inadequate.

Unfortunately, the current economic outlook is grim. It is feared that the Governor might announce another round of cutbacks in the near future if tax revenues and federal aid does not increase. Police work is stressful enough without the added burdens of financial worries, but it looks as if things will get worse before they get better....

## If kids only had role models like these...

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awed and humbled to be in their presence. MOH recipient **John McGinty** (USMC, 18 July 1966, Vietnam), was in the middle of a bitter assault in which 20 of his own men were wounded or killed and skillfully led a counter-attack during which he personally killed five Viet-Cong animals with his own pistol who were attempting to out-flank his position. At the end of the battle, over 500 enemy dead were left on the battlefield. MOH recipient **Bob O'Malley** (USMC, 18 August 1965, Vietnam) led his squad against a barrage of small arms fire from the Viet-cong scum and single-handedly killed eight communists. While evacuating his wounded men to helicopters, he

was wounded three times. Navy Corpsman **Donald "Doc" Ballard** (USN, 16 May 1968, Vietnam), while treating and evacuating wounded Marines from the battlefield, threw himself over a grenade to protect his comrades from injury.

BPPA Secretary **Jay Broderick's** children were honored to have their photo taken with these men. Sports stars, rock stars and alleged celebrities couldn't hold a candle to these American heroes. If more children had heroes like these instead of moronic nitwits like Paris Hilton, "Fiddy-Cent," Kanye West or Britney Spears, we'd all be better off.



# Merry Christmas and let's stop and remember all of our men and women serving in the Armed Services

**F**irst, I'd like to take the opportunity to tell you how honored I am to have been re-elected to the position of BPPA Secretary. I can't believe that four years have passed since I was first elected. Every day brings new challenges and I hope that I will continue to meet those challenges. I look forward to working with the rest of the leadership and the House of Representatives in continuing to keep this Association strong. I am confident that we will remain strong with the help and participation of our membership. Thank you again for your confidence.

Secondly and more importantly I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. During this hectic time, please stop and remember all of our men and women in the Armed Services who are serving our country especially our fellow BPPA members. We currently have nine members and one civilian, the son of a member, who are either deployed or have just returned home. I wish them the best of health and pray for their safe return. A special thanks to **Rita Foley** and **Gail Carnes** for all the work they did in putting together care packages for our deployed members. They were able to send each member a couple of boxes of some much needed items. Thanks to everyone who brought in items or donated money as

well as the folks at Central Supply who were able to give us some patches to send to our members. Once again the membership stepped up to the plate to help our own.

different in the private sector. Fortune 500 companies are blaming their failure to properly manage on the backs of their employee unions. Is it really the UAW's fault that GM,

government launched an all-out media campaign to blame the city's fiscal problems on the police, fire, and teachers unions. Sound familiar? As the fight continued, the **unions** offered to cut their collective pay by **\$10 MILLION** in an effort to help the City of Vallejo avoid bankruptcy. What was the City's response? Well in open court, they admitted that the only reason that they were filing for bankruptcy was to break the unions' contracts and rejected the unions' offer. What's scary is that this is the exact tactic that was used by major airlines to void existing contracts and strip retirees of their benefits but now municipalities are doing it.

...it is only a matter of time before the State and the City are forced to make serious decisions concerning their workforces. The news remains bleak on Beacon Hill as the State's tax revenue collections continue to be below expectations. If that trend continues then it will eventually trickle down to local aid and that is when all hell will break loose. If, and when, we get to that point it will be imperative that we remain strong and united in order to protect our bargained rights and benefits.

Though I don't think that the City of Boston will ever resort to this type of a tactic, it is only a matter of time before the State and the City are forced to make serious decisions concerning their workforces. The news remains bleak on Beacon Hill as the State's tax revenue collections continue to be below expectations. If that trend continues then it will eventually trickle down to local aid and that is when all hell will break loose. If, and when, we get to that point it will be imperative that we remain strong and united in order to protect our bargained rights and benefits.

The economic crisis continues with the effects being felt on the state and city budgets. So who do the media and city and state managers point the blame at? The most evil and vile people in society, the public sector employees and their respective unions. It's the same song and dance. "Look at these contracts. Look at these benefits." It's no

Chrysler, and Ford are in trouble? Couldn't be the outrageous salaries, bonuses, and corporate perks, that those at the top enjoy, that may have led to trouble.

Now, States and Cities are crying the same tune. A perfect example of a city trying to break their contracts is happening right now in Vallejo, California. That local

## The view from here

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butions given the size of the land we are examining.

In response to the *Globe* report and the aggressive action of Mayor **Thomas Menino**, the consistent critic of the BPPA, **Sam Tyler** weighed in on behalf of the Municipal Research Bureau and the PILOT program. According to the *Globe* report, "The Boston Municipal Research Bureau, a business funded watchdog group said that the city has one of the most aggressive Payment In Lieu of Tax programs in the nation and cautioned city officials against pushing harder, despite the difficult funding cuts the city is facing. The research bureau predicted that Boston could face a budget shortfall of nearly \$85 million dollars in the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2009. The city should be very cautious about how to proceed in terms of trying to generate new revenue from the exempt property, Bureau President **Sam Tyler** said. You don't want to jeopardize the goose that has laid the golden egg in terms of vitality generated by these institutions in the local economy."

I couldn't make this stuff up and believe me when I tell you he says this stuff with a straight face. "Jeopardize the goose that laid the golden egg" he has got to be kidding me. Mr. Tyler has no credibility in this debate. This is the same shill for the business community that lives in Holliston, admittedly his findings and reports are written

by a supporting cast (intern) and has no expertise in municipal finance. He represents himself as an independent watchdog yet draws a salary from the business community, and this guy wants us to believe that he is objective with no agenda. It's hypocrisy, don't believe me, just navigate his organizational website at [BMRB.org](http://BMRB.org) and see who his members are and what his governing body is made up of, they are the very people that obviously don't want to pay their fair share. The Mayor certainly has a very challenging and monumental task in front of him and we commend him for this action, we are certain that the risk will be worth the reward for the City of Boston.

In closing, this is not the type of column that I wanted to write during the holiday season, but these are very historic, sobering and challenging times, not for just the BPPA membership, but for everyone. We are not going to sugarcoat it, you are the union and you will be met with many difficult challenges in the coming months and more specifically the New Year. You don't need to be "Carnac the Magnificent" to know that the media will bang us and report all of your collective bargaining gains, your wages, pension and health care costs as well as management rights and avoidance of responsibilities will certainly become part of the debate. Political figures unlike the mayors recent action, under extreme pressure from the media and others

will talk about subtraction not addition and we will be there on your behalf. It has been said many times that the value of unions are realized in times like these, well recorded and many times said is that the greatest generation in our nation's history came out of the depression. We will get through this, but not without sacrifice. This year unlike many in recent memory, many people have backed away from the materialism associated with the holiday season, some not by choice. For the many families, friends and neighbors that read the pages of the *PAX* and are finding themselves in very difficult times, unemployed, hungry or homeless especially during this holy season, we think of you and pray for you. Merry Christmas to you who, like me, celebrate the birth of our Lord and to those who do not, Happy Holidays, may the New Year bring you greater wisdom, health and happiness.

Please be safe out there.

## 2008 sick time usage (once again) afflicts mainly police forces

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have joined the search for the disgruntled employee and will expunge him/her from our ranks if any information contrary to that which is officially distributed by the BPD regarding this issue is discovered. Nobody who is opposed to the edicts issued by Com-

missioner "**Big Ed**" **Davis** or his friends from various North Shore police departments will be tolerated within the ranks of the BPD.

(P.S. The *Pax* editor will be unavailable as he is reportedly feeling ill.)

## Re: False Allegations vs. Police Responses

Dear Maria Cramer,

Back on May 28th, you authored an article in the *Boston Globe* entitled "Family contends police beat man who was turning in gun." Within the article, you dutifully reported the statements of family members of one **Nathaniel Rivers** alleging that the police "just kept beating him and beating him and beating him," while poor Nathaniel was simply trying to "turn in a handgun he had found and was on the way to the police station."

On Monday, 10/27/08, the *Boston Herald* reported that poor little Nathaniel plead guilty to all charges, including unlawfully carrying a (loaded) handgun and resisting arrest. **Nathaniel Rackeem Rivers** was in fact carrying a loaded .38 revolver and fleeing on a bicycle from police when he drove directly into a police cruiser, and then violently resisted arrest, causing his own injuries. Again, that was the *Boston Herald*. I saw no comparable article exposing Nathaniel's false charges of police brutality in the *Boston Globe* either yesterday or today, nor will I hold my breath waiting for one.

Police brutality stories always make for good, red meat, don't they? Police

officers, of course, are at a severe disadvantage; we're precluded by rules and regulations from commenting, and we're always in the position of simply having to "take a beating," whether physically on the streets or literally in the press. Our reputations are, obviously, fair game for savaging. False charges of police brutality are easily made, quickly reported by the press, and simply forgotten about when the charges are exposed as bold-faced lies. I seem to remember your "re-reporting" last year of the so-called "Silver Shield" case, which was long ago exposed by five (5) separate departmental, state and federal investigations as nothing more than the absolutely false, contrived "visions" of a racist, former detective. You, however, regurgitated the story as if there was something new, once again damaging the reputations of officers who were long ago proven innocent.

I fully understand that since this particular cretin's allegations of police brutality are now exposed as utterly false, nothing will occur. The *Globe* will not do a follow-up, as the matter is no longer "newsworthy." The officers against whom the false charges were made will, once again, simply have to endure these slanderous allegations and bite their tongues. However futile this appeal might be, I implore you to use some minuscule measure of fairness when re-

porting allegations of police brutality in the future. The officers involved in this incident did an outstanding job in removing yet another scumbag and another handgun from the streets. Your rush to print scurrilous – and ultimately false – allegations of brutality serves only to dampen the enthusiasm of otherwise aggressive officers and contributes mightily to many a good officer's burn-out, disgust and frustration with this most thankless of jobs.

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

Hi James,

Happy to talk to you about this in a phone conversation.

Would rather not e-mail.

You know how to reach me.

– Maria Cramer  
Reporter  
*Boston Globe*

w: 617-929-3169, c: 617-291-6008

Dear Maria,

Funny, isn't it? You include your e-mail address at the bottom of every column, inviting e-mail, (or so it appears), but then assert that you "would rather not e-mail." You – and your fellow scribes at the *Globe* – are quick to criticize the police and print unfounded, baseless accusations of alleged police brutality, but then ignore clear evidence that the accuser – and his scumbag family members – lied through their teeth. I think the reason you'd "rather not e-mail" is because what we say in a telephone conversation can be – and often is – "twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools" (*Kipling, Rudyard*). The *Globe's* gross, anti-police bias is abundantly evident to all except yourselves.

– Jim Carnell, BPPA

Jim,

I'm not responding to this. I'd rather have an adult conversation on the phone. If you're incapable of that, then I'm sorry for you.

Best,  
Maria



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# Coming soon to a park near you... public dope-smoking!

## You asked for it, John Q. Public... you got it!...

The following article appeared in the *Boston Herald* on Saturday, November 8, 2008 in "As you were saying" under the title "Everyone musn't get stoned."

By Jim Carnell,  
Editor, *Pax Centurion*

As most citizens know by now, Massachusetts ballot Question 2, concerning the so-called "decriminalization" of marijuana, recently passed by an overwhelming majority of 70%-30%. This binding measure, funded by billionaire **George Soros** to the tune of some \$400,000, featured television commercials starring retired, ex-Boston police supervisors wearing little gold badges on their lapels who expressed their support of this initiative while portraying themselves as "former street cops." (Please excuse the snickering you hear from many Boston police guardrooms; their desks and chairs were long ago expropriated by similarly-situated former "street cops.") Many Massachusetts' starry-eyed nitwits wearing rose-colored glasses, who obviously comprise the majority of our electorate, fell hook, line and sinker for this crap. Well, Congratulations, General Public!

You've basically approved, whether you realize it or not, the public use of marijuana, openly and in front of you, your children and tourists. Proponents of Question 2 presented the argument this way: poor Biff and Muffy, arrested for simple possession of marijuana, would be saddled for life with a criminal arrest record, depriving them of college, loans and jobs. According to supporters, police officers could simply issue a \$100.00 civil citation, seize the marijuana, and quickly return to street patrol. The truth, and the practical realities of street-level law enforcement, is totally opposite.

Previously, the simple possession of marijuana, whether first, second, or even third offense, almost always resulted in a small fine and a standard disposition of "continued without a finding" ("CWOFF") for a short period of time. Few, if any, people who were arrested for simple possession were ever in any real jeopardy of a serious nature, provided they learned from past transgressions. But under this new law, things will change dramatically. First and foremost, nobody in America is required to carry official identification of any kind.



Police officers encountering a group of people openly smoking marijuana on Boston Common, for example, could merely ask individuals for their personal information. Therefore, it is widely anticipated by experienced police officers that Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, and John Doe will be receiving the vast majority of these new civil violation notices.

Furthermore, under current Boston police rules and regulations, the seizure of any amount of illegal drugs, regardless of whether or not an arrest is made, requires the completion of lengthy reports detailing the incident, the seizure, and the chain-of-custody of the drugs involved, absolutely removing the officer from the streets for a minimum of several hours. Also, since the possession of marijuana has now been reduced to the equivalent of a civil parking citation, officers are legally precluded from searching people for whatever amounts of additional contraband they may have on their person or in their car based on the presence of marijuana alone. No sane officer, in this day and age with the ever-present

threat of lawsuits for illegal search and seizure hanging over our heads, is going to do anything more than what the new law allows; which is basically the issuing of a jaywalking ticket to people who are under no legal obligation to positively identify themselves.

Ironically, if a gang of beer-swilling idiots park themselves in public view, they can still be arrested for drinking in public, while the same group of cretins smoking doobies

are essentially given a free pass. But this is what the electorate voted for, and this is what they'll get. So John Q. Public, don't be surprised when you're confronted with the pungent, public smell of cannabis-on-the-common in the near future. And don't be outraged or mad when the police appear to do nothing, because effectively, you've handcuffed your police. Great job, Massachusetts! Ever wonder why we're the laughing stock of the nation?

## And the expected nit-wit response...

**Subject: Thanks!**

Sirs:

On behalf of all the citizens of the Commonwealth, I'd like to thank you for the op-ed you sent to the *Boston Herald*. I always wondered what police officers think of the average citizen, and I'm so glad that you were able to articulate it so well! Here are my favorite parts:

"Many starry-eyed nitwits wearing rose-colored glasses, who obviously comprise the majority of our electorate, fell hook, line and sinker for this... Great job, Massachusetts! Ever wonder why we're the laughing-stock of the nation?"

So that's what we are? Starry-eyed nitwits? I'm a laughing-stock of the nation? I'd like you to remember this column you wrote the next time you wonder why "cops never get any respect from the public in this town."

Thanks again,  
Dave Brown,  
taxpayer

Dear David,

Cops don't need—or want—respect from people like you. Keep your "respect" (which never existed in the first place) and stick it where the sun don't shine. Hopefully, when the new law takes effect, a large contingent of dope-smoking idiots will find their way to the front of your home, or perhaps a local park where you might bring your children. Hopefully, they will blow their smoke your way and laugh in your face. If and when they do, please don't call us. You and your kind voted for this abomination, and you'll suffer the consequences.

If you really think that the police will respond to issue "civil citations" (essentially jaywalking tickets) and simply shoo the offenders away, and then spend hours writing useless reports about seized drugs, then you deceive only yourself.

And by the way, David, I'm a taxpayer too, and so are all police officers. Your self-appointed title of "taxpayer" impresses me not.

— Jim Carnell,  
BPPA



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Letter to the *Boston Herald*

## Subject: police details

**W**hy is it that the devil is “always” in the details? I mean how many times is the *Boston Herald* going to use that headline to attack its very police officers? Your paper consistently criticizes and attacks these men and women for trying to make extra money to pay their bills and put their kids through college. I mean how many “wealthy” police officers do your editors actually know? Because they are always writing about all these “wealthy” police officers that are, according to your publication, “ripping the taxpayer off.” But yet you fail to report about all those taxpayer funded 100K a year, do nothing state jobs for people behind a desk to push a pencil. And who do you think is going to be answering your next 911 call at 3 am? Let me give you a hint it's not going to be that pencil pusher. Nope it will in fact be that police officer (with his \$40k base salary) you know the one that is “ripping the taxpayer off” in working details to support his grossly underfunded salary, who will be coming to your aid.

Want to know what's ironic? If that same police officer saved someone's life while working a detail, you would write that he was a “hero,” but since he didn't today he's just ripping the taxpayer off.

I wish to make two point to you! First off, all of your police officers are also taxpayers in this state. And secondly, did you ever consider what **DID NOT** happen in that neighborhood today just because of the sheer presence of that extra police officer on detail?

As they say their are always two sides to every story. What a terrible disservice the *Herald* does to its readers, when they consistently refuse to acknowledge the other side!

– Paul Cotter, Lynn

## More support from fellow union members

Hi Guys,

**J**ust thought I'd let you know that the Verizon members at the Lynn yard are supporting us big time.

They have placed the

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bumper stickers that I had made up, on the back of the Verizon work trucks in Lynn.

Also the National Grid guys that I have been working with have placed some on there trucks as well, although I was told that their managers ripped a lot of the bumper stickers off of their trucks (guess their managers forgot where they came from.)

Keyspan and other contractors, that I have been handing the bumper stickers out to as well, have made their way onto their trucks as well.. They also told me that if they didn't put them on their work trucks, they have put them on there own cars.

There has been a big demand for the bumper stickers up this way... Just about every time I work with one of these crews, they are always looking for more bumper stickers!

Beverly PD's union also bought 100 bumper stickers off of me to and are handing them out that way as well.

Keep up the fight!!!!!!

*Be safe,  
Paul Cotter, Lynn*

## Boston Police Badges to be returned

**R**ecently, I was given thirteen Boston Police badges that were worn by retired officers and placed in a clear acrylic. Somehow these badges were forgotten and never presented to the officers upon their retirement or to their families when they died. The following is a list of the officers, their dates of service and their badge number. I would like to return these badges to the officers or their immediate family members. Under no circumstance will any of these badges be released to non-family members if the officer is deceased.

**PO Michael S. Flemmi**, Date of Service – 02/14/68 to 07/31/00, Badge #1275

**Det. William G. Hartford**, Date of Service – 12/30/70 to 06/30/03, #569

**PO Steven W. MacFarland**, Date of Service – 06/27/79 to 04/23/82, #2192

**PO William P. McDermott**, Date of Service – 09/25/46 to 04/30/78, #1168

**PO John D. MacDonald**, Date of Service – 12/20/44 to 05/19/77, #1658

**PO Henry Nelson, Jr.**, Date of Service – 10/21/63 to 11/19/84 (Deceased), #1658

**PO John O'Brien**, Date of Service – 12/18/46 to 06/30/77, #958

**Lt. Det. Robert Orr**, Date of Service – Not listed, (Deceased), #83

**PO Joseph A. Patrice**, Date of Service – 10/30/57 to 11/16/78, #2503

**PO Joseph W. Rozario**, Date of Service – 09/27/61 to 11/30/81, #2680

**PO Joseph A. Rydings**, Date of Service – 10/24/56 to 05/01/81, #819

**Sgt. Victor Smith**, Date of Service – 12/13/50 to 05/31/85, #417

**PO Juan R. Torres**, Date of Service – 11/27/89 to 02/17/05, #2326

– PO Michael Kane, District 18

Letter to the *Boston Globe*

## Re: "Clearing a path for the truth"

Dear *Boston Globe* Editor,  
Ms. Yvonne Abraham and Mr. Kevin Cullen,

**D**isgraceful, reprehensible, and beneath contempt are the mildest terms I can use to describe **Yvonne Abraham's** column of 12/10/08 entitled "Clearing a path for the truth," regarding the death of **David Woodman** following the "celebrations" after the Celtics' playoff victory this past June. Obviously, the truth is the farthest thing from Ms. Abraham's intent.

Disgracefully, the *Globe* failed to report the results of the Medical Examiner's findings in either an article or even a news brief; i.e. that Mr. Woodman died of a cardiac arrhythmia, and not a "police use of excessive force," which your columnists (Abraham, Cullen, et al.) have repeatedly attempted to infer through innuendo since shortly after this tragic death. Instead, Abraham was allowed via the bully pulpit of her column to allude to nefarious police misconduct despite the evidence that this was nothing more than a tragic death.

If one has the gall to pull up to a State Trooper, gun his engine, squeal his tires, flip the middle finger and lead police on a chase, one should not be surprised at the consequences. In similar fashion, (according to published reports), when one openly taunts police officers who are on high alert during potentially riotous situations – while drinking from an open container of beer, then

resists arrest while grabbing onto a fence, all the while being fully aware of a lifelong, serious cardiac condition (which the police officers had no way of being aware of), then the consequences, though tragic, are not surprising.

I am sorry that Mr. Woodman had no respect for either the position that he placed the police officers in by his juvenile conduct or for his own serious medical condition. And I am sorry for Mr. Woodman's family, who, in their grief, search for scapegoats to blame for the death of their son. Though misplaced, I and all Boston police officers sympathize with their loss.

But I am disgusted at the conduct of the *Boston Globe* and columnist **Yvonne Abraham**, who routinely uses police officers as convenient punching bags. None of the officers involved in that tragic situation was guilty of anything more than performing their jobs. Unfortunately for them, they are muzzled by the uniforms they wear and convicted through innuendo in **Yvonne Abraham's** column, the "truth" of which she clamors be damned. If only your columnists and editorialists could don our uniforms during similar circumstances and show us all how to perform our jobs...

– James W. Carnell

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

## A flagman could not have done this

By Allan Stein

GateHouse News Service

**P**olice in Stoughton arrested two men on heroin possession charges after a traffic stop on Route 24.

**Joe J. Derat**, 20, of 183 Cabot St., Roxbury, and **Marvin Antoine**, 22, of 883 Main St., Walpole, were charged with possession of a Class A substance, heroin, with intent to distribute, carrying a firearm without a license, unlawful possession of ammunition, and possession of marijuana.

Derat, the driver, also was charged with failure to stop for police and failure to use a turn signal, police said.

Stoughton Police Executive Officer **Robert Devine** said **Sgt. John Bonney** who was working a traffic detail at IKEA on Saturday when he noticed the two men in a vehicle believed by detectives to have been used in drug transactions.

Bonney followed the car as it headed toward Avon on Central Street. The driver made an illegal lane change and Bonney tried to stop it.

Devine said the car sped away south on Route 24 with Bonney in pursuit from Exit 19 in Stoughton to Exit 18 in Brockton. A

box truck driver saw the chase and helped Bonney block the vehicle.

At gunpoint, police ordered the men out of the car, then noticed a bag of marijuana wedged between the driver's door and seat, police said. Police said they found 30 small



bags of heroin inside the car along with a loaded .32-caliber revolver.

Devine said the heroin weighed 13 grams, one gram shy of a more serious heroin trafficking charge.

"That was not by accident. A lot of small level dealers will do that," he said.

The combined street value of the heroin and marijuana was \$1,550, Devine said.

(This article was posted on November 18, 2008.)

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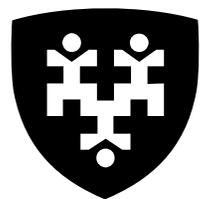


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# Boston Police Officer Peter Paul Oginskis

By Ray Melo

In the late 1800's to early 1900's, thousands of Lithuanians fled their country to escape Czarist persecution. Lithuania came under Russian rule in the 1800's which lead to a large influx of pro-czarist refugees into the country. Over time these Russian refugees took over the native Orthodox Church and replaced it with the Russian Orthodox Church. The Russian Orthodox Church was used as an important tool to change the culture, language, and politics in former Lithuania. The church attempted to eradicate all sense of a separate national identify of the Lithuanians. As a result, Lithuanians fled to all points around the world and many of these pilgrims made it to America.

The movement of people from Europe to America was monumental. Between 1870 and 1910, 11 million immigrants came to America. America offered opportunities unmatched by any other country. Getting these nomads from point A to point B was big business. Shipping companies flourished and their fleets tripled to keep up with the growing demand.

**Joseph Oginskis**, the father and husband along with his oldest daughter, **Lucy**, left their homeland for America prior to the rest of the family arriving in America. They went ahead of the family to get settled in with a house and a job. They worked long and hard on their farm and the time finally came to reunite the family.

The rest of the Oginskis family, **Peter**, and his two sisters **Ursula**, **Vera**, and their mother, **Barbara**, boarded a transatlantic steamship with one way tickets. The four-

some left Lithuania and journeyed several days by train to reach one of the Atlantic seaports that would carry them to the promise land, America.

Once on board ship, the Oginskis family stayed close. People from the same villages, towns, and cities stayed close to their own. These transatlantic steamships were floating countries carrying many multi-ethnic societies that would later make America the ultimate melting pot. The assembled ethnic groups, however, different in language, culture, and beliefs all shared a commonality, America.

In the hull of the ship the air was stale and living conditions unpleasant. Shipping companies were in the moving business, and not so much the luxury business. Hundreds of men, woman and children were packed in like cattle. The merciless ocean pitched and rolled the ship and many got sea sick. It took about 12 days to cross the deep cold Atlantic, and the journey made it at times unbearable. For these expatriates, it was a short time pain for long term gain.

The American shoreline finally broke the plane of the horizon. A new way of life was about to start for the Oginskis family. Before departing the ship each family member had a tag attached to their front shirt bearing their name, birth date, and other vital personal information including their ship name, originating port, and destination. The Oginskis family was processed in at Ellis Island, and finally cleared of any infectious diseases. They boarded a train from New York to Boston's South Station and another train headed to Nashua, N.H.



The Oginskis family was finally together. The hard work and sacrifice was well worth it. In the evenings, the Oginskis family gathered in the living room while their father read from the family Bible. He taught his kids to read and write English and they were enrolled in school. **Mr. Joseph Oginskis** would pave the way for his children to be productive, confident, and respectful.

**Peter Paul Oginskis** came to age and grew up in a happy and loving

household. On June 29, 1918, **Peter Oginskis** joined the United States Navy towards the end of World War I at the age of 22. He was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Saldor stationed in South Boston. He was a cook.

Sailor Oginskis and other Lithuanian servicemen hung out with each. **Peter Oginskis** became good friends with a fellow Lithuanian sailor named **Joseph Paul Zukauskas**. Sailor Zukauskas loved to box and he had a real talent in the sport. Peter and Joseph would goof off and lightly spar with each other. Sailor Oginskis and his Lithuanian band of brothers encouraged Zukauskas to box and he later became the Navy's champion boxer. **Mr. James Karos** of Winthrop, MA, related through marriage, stated, "Joseph Zukasuskas wanted Peter to get into boxing, but Peter's mother, Barbara, immediately intervened and said NO! She didn't want him to get hurt." **Joseph Zukasuskas** went on boxing and changed his name to **Jack Sharkey** and in 1929, he became the United States Heavyweight Boxing Champion, and the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion in 1931.

**Peter Oginskis'** stint with the navy was winding down and the war was over. He



being a Police Officer."

Patrolman Oginskis was stationed in Division 13 in Jamaica Plain. Patrolman Oginskis kept a police notebook. His notebook entries run from Tuesday, January 17, 1922 to April 10, 1923. On page A-19 are some of his daily notes.

It was Friday, the evening of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1923, and one could hear the thunder of a 1200cc big ChiefV Twin Indian police motorcycle rumble down the lower Green Street section of Jamaica Plain. Patrolman Oginskis steered his mean machine down Green Street passing Lamartine Street, then Chestnut Street. His police hat sat snugly on his head and his goggles protected his eyes. Patrolman Oginskis squeezed the bike's clutch and he downshifted giving him a little jolt. He leaned into his right and made his turn onto Centre Street.

The trees and bushes that dotted the local side streets now carried a full blossom after a cold winter's sleep. The motorcycle officer could feel the warm scented air that massaged his body as he rode his motorcycle. It was a reminder that it's

nice to be a motorcycle officer, especially in the spring.

As fate would have it, **James Pausata** of Revere, MA, was traveling in his motor vehicle on the curvy Arborway which connects to the Jamaicaaway. He was heading towards Pond Street. To his left was the Jamaica Pond. The Jamaica Pond was famous for its natural beauty, its walking paths, fishing, and sailing. It was the first reservoir in America and it was 53-feet deep at its center. The pond was part of the park system known as the Emerald Necklace. To his right

*(continued on page A19)*



**Sailor Oginskis and his Navy buddies. The young boxer, "Jack Sharkey" stands behind Oginskis.**

heard the Boston Police Department was hiring and he applied. On March 16, 1921, he was appointed to the Police Department as a Patrolman. The Oginskis family celebrated and were very proud of Peter. Sisters, **Dolores Kozlauska** and **Frances Russotto**, both of Lynnfield, MA, daughters of **Lucy Oginskis**, recalled stories told by their mother Lucy Oginskis. Dolores and Frances stated, "Uncle Peter stood 6 feet tall, blonde, and blues eyes. He was very popular with the ladies and he was very funny. He held his religion close to his heart and he had a strong personality. He loved



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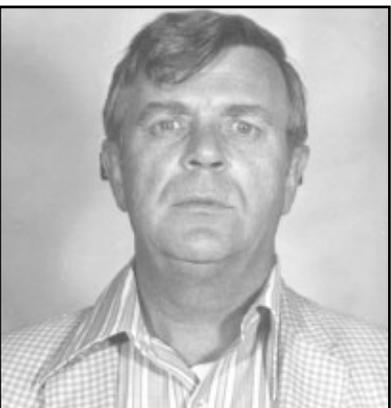
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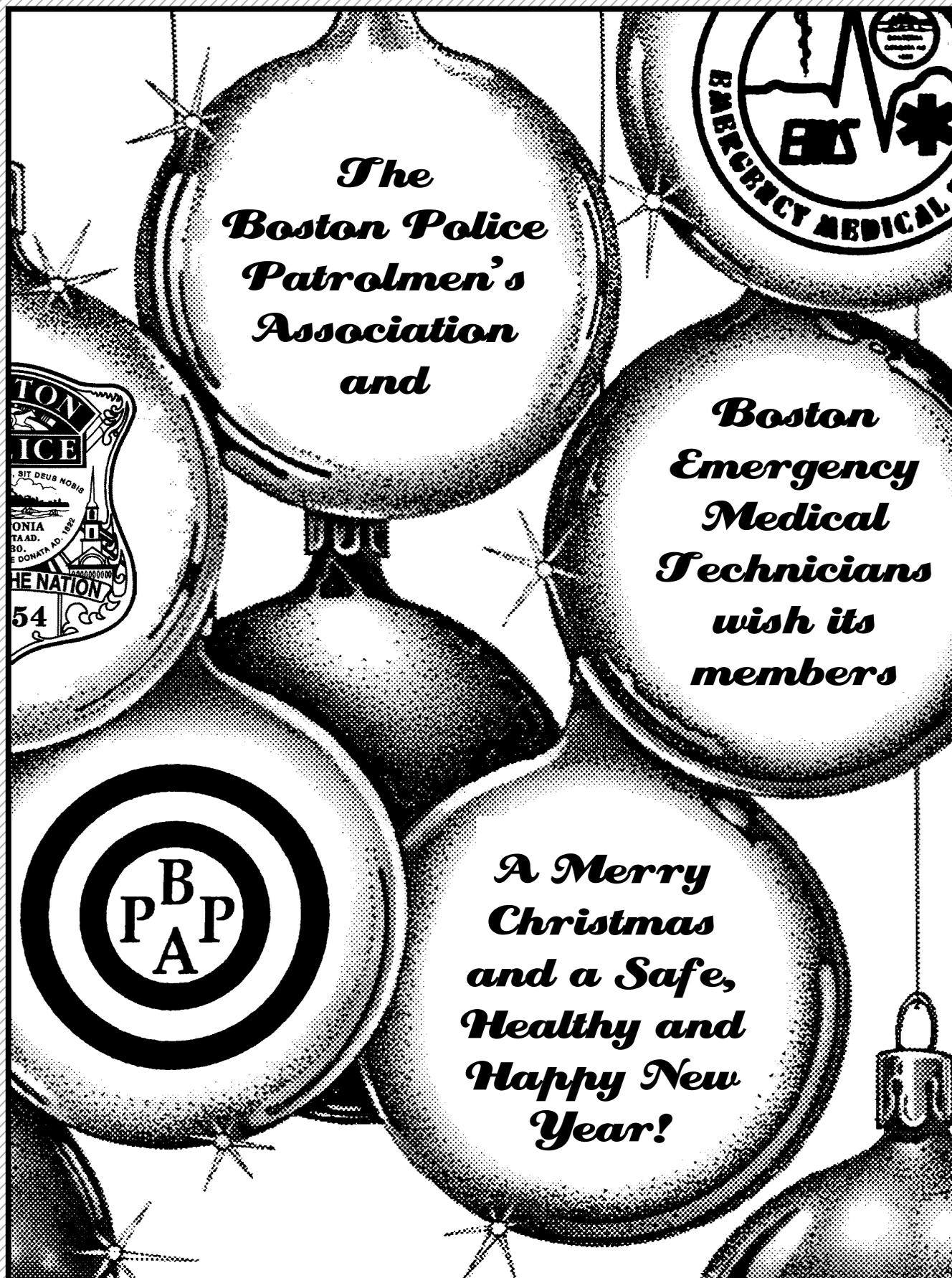
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This was a huge success, and will be much appreciated, by our fellow officers who are serving overseas this Christmas. Thank you for being part of something so important.

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By Jim Barry, Legislative Agent for the BPPA

## State Will Cut Local Aid BOSTON'S IMPACT COULD BE OVER \$50 MILLION

The economy has tanked and nobody knows where it will stop. The bible for investments, the *Wall Street Journal* is saying the American economy has not seen this kind of recession since right after World War II. We have had recessions before and survived including that one. We will survive this one too. When you see these poor families throughout the country getting hit with double layoffs and all you can do is just pray for them. In the end though the U.S. economy has always bounced back. The "normal" term of a big recession is two years. If we base predictions on that two-year term, we could just be in the middle of this economic storm.

Tax revenues from sales, income and capital gains are dropping every month. A hole in the state budget has opened and continues to expand. Speaker of the House has stated we will be looking at local aid cuts of 5-10%. The City of Boston receives over \$525 million dollars in state local aid. A 10% cut to Boston's local aid is over a \$50 million hit to the city's operating budget from just the local aid pool. Put that together with the other sources of the city's tax revenue. Nobody is building anything in the city. Construction of big projects has ground to a halt, so no new real estate taxes. We see less people travelling, so jet fuel tax receipts for the city are down. People are not filling the hotels, so lower taxes from that end. This is not any kind of wisdom. It is a simple observation. Everything is linked. The impact of less tax revenue coming into the city and state will impact all of us.

The unions are partners in this crisis. We are not the answer to the crisis. Our wages, benefits and working conditions are the law of the Commonwealth (Chapter 150E). The anti-union haters will attempt to override all we have bled for at the bargaining table. They will attempt to point to us and make us the solution to this crisis. That will not stand, ever. We shall fight with all we have to protect and preserve what we have negotiated. This crisis will pass and the ship will right itself, but it won't be done on our backs.

### GIC

Speaker **Salvatore DiMasi** is calling for cities and towns who wish to join the GIC (State Health Insurance Pool) be allowed to by-pass negotiations with their unions and go right in. Right now 70% of the unions would have to agree to join GIC in order to be able to join. That 70% convincing requires a municipality to sit down with and through hard work come to an agreement with the majority of its unions in order to proceed to GIC. Not an impossible or insurmountable task for anyone.

The Massachusetts Municipal Association and Metro Mayors Association all are crying about the fact they have to negotiate these changes. This is not something new. Negotiations are required by law.

Chapter 105E is the law and by its nature requires hard work. The Mayor of Northampton, Massachusetts, **Clare Higgins** was at a hearing the other day and was bemoaning the fact she had to sit down with 14 of her town's unions to negotiate their way into GIC. This is one of that same people who sat down with the unions in "Partnership," as they worked together to change the law in order for her town to go into the GIC. Sorry Mayor, but you seem to have plenty of time to spend at the State House. Why can't you sit down and work through this issue with your unions to go into GIC?

Why can't you show them the savings? Why can't you as the chief executive officer show the unions upon realizing those savings, you could pass them along in terms of future wage and benefits? You bemoan the fact that you have 14 unions. I've an idea; all day negotiations for the next two weeks. Basically this mayor is saying, it's too hard, I don't want to negotiate and take the heat off me.

She and a lot of others want the Legislature to do the work they are either unqualified or too lazy to do – negotiate. Don't do it! Unions are part of the answer, we are not the problem. Screwing unions, is not the job of the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth.

## The Christmas financial crunch

By Kevin Doogan

Isn't it funny how we are only five months into the fiscal year and the City is broke? The Mayor is chastising the Commissioner, the Commissioner is chastising the Command Staff and the Command Staff is cutting the legs out from under the workers. The hat-holders and the anointed chosen-few have concentrated their efforts to cure this fiscal dilemma on the backs of the workers. That's right; the patrolmen, detectives and street supervisors who actually do the job who justify the Command Staff's existence. That's who they figure to get their savings from.

Take the anti-crime units and put them in uniform, that's a soft touch position with no impact on gang activities. Threaten to put the drug unit personnel on days, because everyone knows drug activity and the related killings, shootings and crime only happen during the daytime. Have court supervisors review cases and cancel summons, pay no attention to the fact that they don't have the authority to cancel a summon and doing so puts the arresting officers in jeopardy of being sued. Then just universally discourage anyone with any work ethic at all, from doing anything.

The apparent reasoning seems to be that if they alienate the workers they'll stop arresting criminals, if they alienate the investigators they'll stop solving cases, thus everyone stops going to court. Then as the court time goes down and the overtime goes down, the Department will have plenty of money for their bloated Command Staff, their basketball programs, their commu-

nity-coddling exercises and the assisting of convicts getting jobs.

Evidently you have to first commit so many felonies that you're finally sentenced to prison or jail before you qualify for jobs or services around here. The Department can then claim drastic reductions in the budget as well as in crime.

But I caution those idea-men in Headquarters who think they know the answer, because sooner or later, when it finally hits the fan, and it will, you may find yourselves on the outside looking in. Once you floor-flushers are successful and the workers are alienated and embittered it will take decades to bring them back, if ever.

I mean don't try to save money by stripping the civilian hacks of their political take home cars, radios and badges. Don't make any attempt to trim down the Command Staff.

I can't tell you how many times I've been at a crime scene and wished for another Command Staffer to show up and get in the way. Maybe we can hire a couple dozen more analysts for the BRIC, I'm sure the cops in Holyoke, the Troopers and the alphabet boys are dying to find out what we're up to.

But of course don't divulge any pertinent info to the Boston cops; keep hoarding as much information as you can.

It only makes sense that people who either never really worked the streets or haven't worked them in decades are now making the fiscal decisions affecting us all. I could go on and on but what's the sense, Happy Holidays to all you soon to be embittered workers.

## Disorder in the courts

By Kevin Doogan

What was old should be new again. Those chosen for service as jurors in the Grand Jury sit for a minimum of three months. However those chosen to serve as jurors for Superior Court or District Court do so for one day or one trial. It wasn't all that long ago that jurors chosen for Superior Court sat for a minimum of thirty days.

With the regularity of asinine and absurd verdicts being handed down in Superior Court, I feel it is high time we return to the days of old. It has become readily apparent to anyone who spends any time at all in Superior Court that an increasing number of jurors chosen for trials are so self absorbed into their own personal inconvenience of jury duty that verdicts are hurried, evidence is ignored, and the blatantly guilty are walking free because jurors can't be bothered to treat even the most heinous of cases seriously.

I'll give you a thumb nail of a recent travesty of justice. A man is stabbed twice and eviscerated. Surveillance film captures the attack from afar but clearly shows the defendant and then his companions flee from a capacity filled barroom.

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# News Brieflets...

By Patrick Carnell,  
Canisius College, Buffalo, NY

CARACAS, VENEZUELA — President **Hugo Chavez** asked supporters Sunday to petition for a constitutional amendment that would let him seek indefinite re-election and buy more time to build a socialist economy in Venezuela.

— *Associated Press, 12/1/08*

Perhaps Hugo mistakenly believes the “voting process” is an unnecessary formality, or he hasn’t opened a history book, but “presidents-for-life” such as Hussein, Ceausescu, Mussolini, Trujillo, and Hitler have a tendency to end up hanging from a light-post, gunned down during an escape attempt, or committing suicide in a bunker. Maybe someday he’ll retire, either out of boredom or a hail of bullets.

After pardoning a Thanksgiving turkey in a public display of mercy Wednesday, President Bush will be served turkey as part of his holiday meal. Critics call the practice a “charade.”

— *Justin Rood, ABC News, 11/27/08*

Someone really needs to start a calendar to mark every time since Obama’s election when the world seems to become a dumber place. Now that they transparently helped The Anointed One get elected, the media has nothing else to fill up their days, and so they feign offense over a 61-year-old tradition that they just happen to notice Bush is performing. This is what constitutes hard-hitting journalism today. These people are truly insane.

“Barack Obama will require you to work. He is going to demand that you shed your cynicism. That you put down your divisions. That you come out of your isolation. That you move out of your comfort zones. That you push yourselves to be better. And that you engage. Barack will never allow you to go back to your lives as usual, uninformed, uninformed.”

— **Michelle Obama, Co-Messiah and Loud-Mouthed Elitist**

Nope, this isn’t at all a creepy, authoritarian statement that the Obama campaign strenuously, and successfully, tried to hide from the peasantry with the help of their media pals (among many other hideous mistakes and facts that should have sunk Obama). If you think that the role of the government is merely to build the infrastructure, monitor the economy, ensure law and order, and protect the nation, that should stay out of your life as much as possible and allow you to make your own choices, too bad. Dear Leader will not tolerate greedy, misled, trifling tax-haters who believe that volunteerism should be “voluntary” to detract from the National Happiness quota.

President-elect **Barack Obama** hasn’t even moved into the White House yet. But Wall Street is already showering him with praise for injecting confidence into the battered psyche of investors and working quickly to hatch a plan meant to jolt the economy out of its worst funk in decades.

— *USA Today, 11/30/08*

Truly, the Messiah is a miracle-worker, according to the two people in the article who were “showering him with praise”. Even though the DOW went down over 1,100 following his election (the worst since post-election DOW movements were recorded, meaning a lack of confidence in his economic policies), by merely saying, “Rise,” it will rise. In addition, The One will cause the oceans to temporarily recede each day, only to flow back to its original position after several hours, in conjunction with the orbit of the moon.

Researchers say they have located the world’s oldest stash of marijuana, in a tomb in a remote part of China. The cache of cannabis is about 2,700 years old and was clearly “cultivated for psychoactive purposes,” rather than as fibre for clothing or as food, says a research paper in the Journal of Experimental Botany.

— *The Star, 12/1/08*

Also found was the world’s oldest known hacksack, Phish album, and Birkenstocks.

# The day the world changed

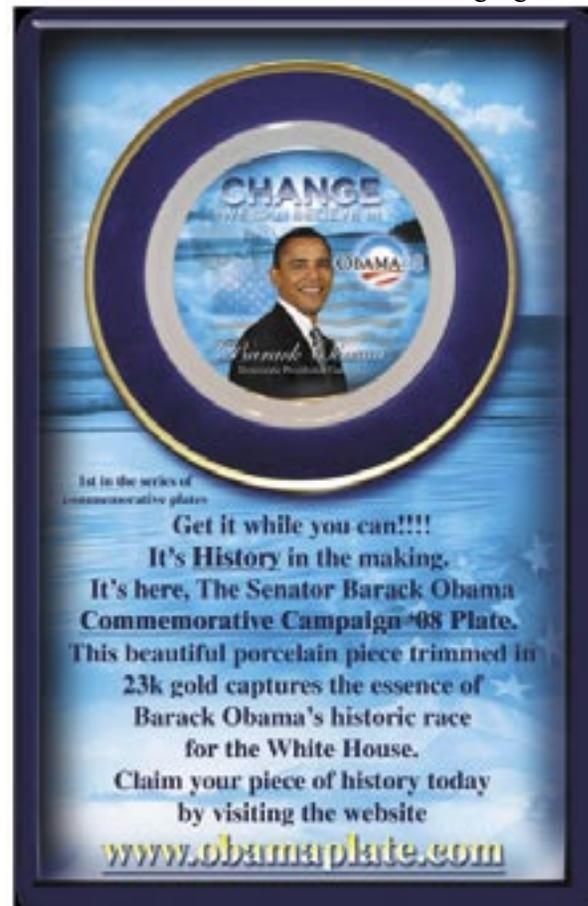
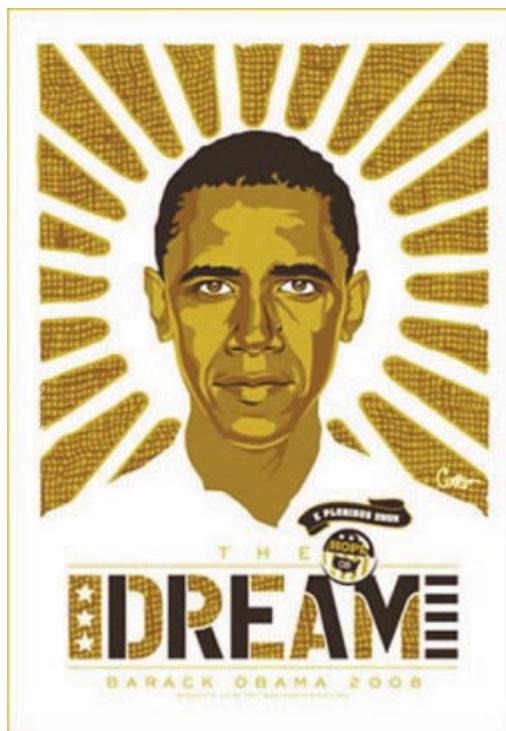
By Patrick Carnell, Canisius College, Buffalo, NY

No, that doesn’t refer to 9/11. Nor does it mean Armistice Day, Pearl Harbor, the surrender of Nazi Germany, the JFK or MLK assassinations, or the fall of the Berlin Wall. It refers to the single greatest achievement in history: the election of **Barack Obama**. It is this election of a corrupt, inexperienced, naïve, terrorist-associating socialist-Chicago politician with a resumé consisting of “community-organizing” and “nothing” and an antagonistic, loud-mouthed, elitist wife that defines the nature of the human race, past, present, and future. Regardless of the unmitigated disaster that his reign of error aims to be, purely by his election is Obama worthy of being counted among the greatest presidents — no, world leaders — in history. And why shouldn’t a charismatic leader with an army of rabid disciples and Praetorian Guard of college activists angrily defending his cult of personality against the slightest criticism, by means of silencing and shaming even the lowliest of peasants, take his rightful place upon his throne, er, office? Now you, too, can commemorate this historic event — the ascension of the Anointed One, the Lamb of Chicago — by allowing his benevolent visage to grace your home for generations: **The Obama Collectible Plate**.

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Even The One Himself knew that God stepped aside to allow the rightful King of Glory to take his place upon the throne of Heaven: “... a light will shine through that window, a beam of light will come down upon you, you will experience an epiphany ... and you will suddenly realize that you must go to the polls and vote for Obama” (*Obama in Lebanon, New Hampshire, January 7, 2008*). Why should you not wish to commemorate the miraculous event, which should bring all of humanity to its knees and weep in joy? Go now, buy your priceless (\$19.99) Obama commemorative plates, even though in four years they won’t be worth fifty cents at yard sales, and place them prominently over your family photographs, with your Obama Christmas ornaments, baby bibs, children’s books, clocks, and colognes (all real items, praise Obama). Then go and sin (criticize Him) no more, whilst singing the YouTube children’s hymn, “Sing for Change”:

We’re gonna spread happiness  
We’re gonna spread freedom  
Obama’s gonna change it  
Obama’s gonna lead ‘em  
We’re gonna change it  
And rearrange it  
We’re gonna change the world.  
Now’s the moment, lift each voice to sing  
Sing with all your heart!  
For our children, for our families,  
Nations all joined as one.  
Sing for joy and sing abundant peace,  
Courage, justice, hope!  
Sing together, hold each precious hand,  
Lifting each other up;  
Sing for vision, sing for unity,  
Lifting our hearts to Sing!  
Yes we can, can, can (repeat)  
Lift each other up  
In peace, in love, in hope  
Change! Change!

It would make even Kim Jong Il or Josef Stalin blush.

# Promotional exam...or political indoctrination???

## "Toward a new breed of police officer?" God help us all!

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

Like many other officers, I, your fearless Pax Editor, took the promotional exam which was held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Of course, since I didn't study, I deserve the poor mark I will undoubtedly receive. Once again (and I should know better), I attempted to substitute common sense, reason, experience and logic in place of actual studying. But, as you all know, logic and common sense have absolutely no place in the promotional exam. Ergo, I and I alone am responsible for my own poor performance.

I did, however, have access to a number of books and study guides. Perhaps this is what fueled my revulsion towards fruitless attempts at studying, but I couldn't help but vomit when I read the following "sample" questions from the "Community Policing study guide – a contemporary perspective," 4<sup>th</sup> edition (Kappler, Gaines, Miller: Anderson Publishing, 2005). The "questions" and "answers," for lack of a better term, were clearly and deliberately skewed toward a politically correct viewpoint, rather than a traditional "right" or "wrong" answer. For example, here are questions and answers taken verbatim from Chapter 11, entitled "Toward a new breed of police officer":

1.) "People who instinctively react in a conservative manner regardless of merit of their position (???)sic) and without reflecting upon consequences of their acts are sometimes referred to as \_\_\_\_\_." (Page 71)

According to the answer key on page 94 is, the correct answer is .... "reactionary conservatives". Geez, how about a "question" like ... "People who instinctively excuse criminal conduct and rationalize aberrant, anti-social behavior while living in comfy-cozy, lily-white suburbs are sometimes referred to as \_\_\_\_\_."

The answer, of course, would be "scumbag, phony liberals."

6.) "\_\_\_\_\_ stifles innovation and breeds immature personalities."

The answer, according to the genius authors of this study guide is.... "paramilitary bureaucracy." Employing their logic, if a paramilitary bureaucracy breeds "immature personalities," just imagine what a full military bureaucracy must do to one's tender self-image. Wow, military veterans must be completely insane! How a police department is supposed to run with anything less than a paramilitary bureaucracy is not explained. One can only assume that assignments and duties should be voted on by the democratic process in the guardroom (which, come to think of it, might not be a

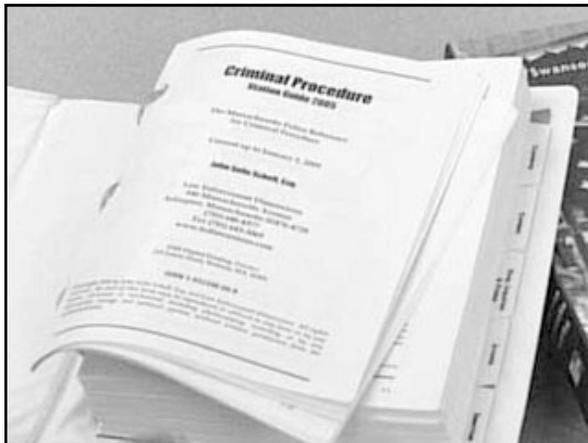
bad idea, as long as I'm in charge of the ballot box....)

7.) "Some who resist community policing are referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ who feel that police departments should deal with serious issues and not broaden its mandate."

The answer, according to the North Korean authors, is "traditionalists." So not buying the community policing line of crap means that one is a "traditionalist?" Consider me a proud traditionalist....

12.) "Many who have entered police work exhibit a tendency toward conformity and \_\_\_\_\_, exhibiting conservative, aggressive, cynical and rigid behaviors."

The answer is.... "authoritarianism." According to this book, "many of us who have entered police work exhibit conserva-



tive, aggressive and cynical, rigid behaviors." No, authors. "Cynical, rigid behaviors" and "conservative, aggressive" viewpoints are the direct result of having to deal with the scum of the earth at the same time as liberal idiots look over shoulders and criticize the manner in which we're protecting their sorry butts. (I'm immediately reminded of Jack Nicholson's famous speech from the movie "A Few Good Men.") We're crazy, not them. Nowhere in this "study guide" is there any mention of the insanity and disorder which is the direct result of liberal ideology. Nowhere will you find disparaging statements about the condescending liberal frauds who have caused crime, disorder and uncivil behavior to propagate. Do you see a pattern here? This is what passes as the fodder required for promotion in the modern-day, "progressive" police department. Answer in the politically-correct manner, or fail. Accept liberal orthodoxy and repeat verbatim, or you will not be promoted. Conservative = bad. Liberal = good. That is the clear message delivered by this required study text.

Obviously, I'm not meant to move up in the BPD. I can't sling the community policing BS with a straight face like those who adorn themselves with stars, bars, and feathers. If this represents the "new breed of police officer" coming up through the ranks, God help us all...

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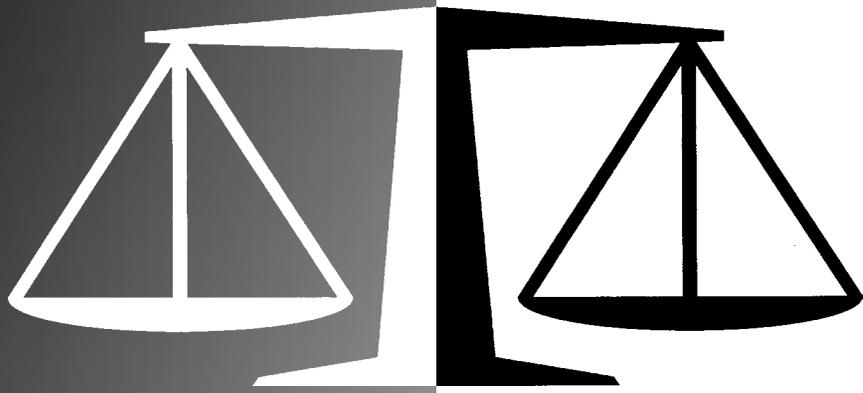
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## ***The Union that saved Christmas***

**T**he **Emma Lazarus** poem engraved on the Statue of Liberty reads, in part, "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breath free . . ." Rumor has it that the bosses down at Schroeder Plaza want to put a similar engraving on the front to headquarters, reading something along the lines of "Give me your complaints, your gripes, your other tired and lousy issues against hard working cops. Give them anonymously if you want. Give them by phone, by fax, by pigeon or by e-mail . . ." In the spirit of the holidays, we wondered what it would be like to live in a world without complaints so welcomingly accepted by the BPD Brass, so with our apologies to Dr. Seuss, once again we put together this loose re-interpretation of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. We hope you enjoy it:

Some of the Grinch bosses liked to process TABs a lot,  
But the cops who worked in the street did not.  
Working cops hate TABs, the entire form,  
Yet some bosses accepted them, as if they were the norm.  
It could be that management was afraid the Globe would bite,  
It could be that of the media they were in fright,  
But perhaps the most likely reason of all,  
Was that some bosses have hearts that are four sizes too small.  
But whatever the reason, lack of heart or fright,  
The Department accepted the TABs, all day and all night.  
We'll take all the complaints, said one boss with a sneer,  
Tomorrow is Christmas, it's practically here.

The BPPA House of Reps sat with fingers nervously drumming,  
We must find some way to stop all these TABs from coming.  
For at Christmas they knew, every criminal or complainer,  
Would file a TAB or two to avoid jail time or a detainer.  
We know they'll use these TABs to suspend,  
The reps and many patrolmen for days upon end.  
For years and years we've put up with it now,  
We must stop these TABs from coming, but how?  
Then the BPPA got a wonderful idea.  
We know what we'll do, they laughed over a beer,  
We'll start the greatest BPPA trick,  
We'll dress up in outfits to look like St. Nick.  
We'll need a police wagon, and the reps looked around,  
But since wagons were being used, there was none to be found.  
Did that stop the reps, "No," they simply said,  
"If we can't use a wagon, we'll use the Blue Goose instead."

Then they loaded some bags and some old empty sacks,  
Into the Goose until it was filled to the max.  
Then President Nee cried out "Let's fly."  
And the Goose started out where the TABs lie.  
As the Districts were dark and quiet snow filled the air,  
All the complainants were dreaming sweet dreams without care.  
At the first District Jay Broderick said with a hiss,  
"This is stop number one," with empty bags in his fists.

Then they rappelled down the chimney, narrowly step by step,  
But if Santa could do it, then so could a Union rep.  
They got stuck only once, for a moment or two,  
Then they stuck their heads out of the fireplace flue.  
There the little TABs were all hung in a row,  
"These form 1920's" they grinned "are the first things to go."

Then they went through the station with smiles quite faint,  
Around the whole station, they took each and every complaint.  
Neglect of duty, conduct unbecoming, conformance to laws,  
Respectful treatment, insubordination, pointing out management's flaws.

They stuffed TABs in bags, then MacGillivray very nimbly,  
Stuffed all the bags, one by one, up the chimney.  
As the reps grabbed the last bag and started to shove,  
They heard a small sound, like the coo of a dove.

The reps had been seen by a cadet following an order,  
He'd left the front desk to get the boss a drink of cold water.  
He stared at the reps and said, "Santa Claus, why?  
Why are you taking all the TABs, why?"  
But the Union reps were so smart and so slick,  
They thought up a story and they thought it up quick.  
"Why, young cadet," the fake Santa Claus lied,  
"These form 1920's were not signed," they sighed.  
"We'll take them to Internal Affairs, have no fear.  
"We'll get them signed there, then bring them back here."  
And his fib fooled the cadet and he patted his head.  
Then he got him a drink and sent him ahead.  
And when the cadet went away with his cup,  
The reps used the chimney to stuff the bag of TABs up.

Then Pratt drove the Goose to the other District houses.  
They took every last TAB that any complainant espouses.  
It was quarter past four, not one form 1920 available for use,  
When they finally shut the last door and started out in the Blue Goose.  
Then they drove the Goose with reckless abandon through the city,  
All those TABs bouncing and shredded, what a pity.  
Finally, they drove over to Charlestown and out to the pier.  
From those TABs the officers had nothing left to fear.  
Into the harbor went every 1920, large and small.  
They dumped every TAB out, until there were none left at all.

On Christmas one Grinch boss drove in Grinchlessly humming,  
Those Union reps are finding out that more TABs are coming.  
They're just waking up, we know just what they'll do.  
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two.  
Then when they see all the TABs, they will all cry "boo hoo."  
"That's a noise," grinned the Grinch boss, "that I simply must hear."  
So he paused and he put up a hand to one ear,  
And he did hear a sound rising up from each station.  
It started in low, then it started to grow.  
But this sound wasn't sad or one of self pity,  
A happy sound came from every house in the city.

Every officer in every District, the tall and the small,  
We're joyously laughing without no TABs at all.  
Then the Grinch boss, with Grinch feet iced cold in the snow,  
Stood puzzling and puzzling, "How could it be so?"  
"Police working without a TAB or a form 1920,"  
"Doing their job on Christmas day like it's warm and sunny?"  
"Department without trial boards, reprimands or suspensions,"  
"Officers working well without a threat of losing a pension."

And the Grinch boss puzzled and puzzled, til his puzzler was sore,  
And then the Grinch boss thought of something he hadn't before.  
High morale and fine police work don't come from civilian complaints,  
The Department's fine image comes from officers working as Christmas saints.

Our apologies to all for this small attempt at holiday humor. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and most of all a safe, happy and healthy New Year!



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concern aspects of employment and unions: unfair labor practices, retirement, disability, unemployment, Civil Service and more. As the BPPA is one of our most esteemed clients, more than a few blog entries celebrate the arbitration and court victories involving Boston police officers, as well as discuss the BPPA's legal efforts to improve the quality of life for its members.

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Thanks to your support, [sandulligraceonline.com](http://sandulligraceonline.com) is becoming the premiere online news resource for legal developments affecting Massachusetts public safety employees. Below are a few highlights from the blog in the past few months.

## Some Boston Sergeants may sit for Lieutenants' exam even if they have less than one year as Sergeant, if Appeals Court case upheld

The Massachusetts Appeals Court recently provided a bizarre interpretation of the amount of time in rank promotional candidates have in order to sit for the promotional exam. Massachusetts General Laws chapter 31, §59 regulates public safety

promotions in civil service communities. Under this law, promotional candidates must have "been employed in such force for at least one year after certification in the lower title or titles to which the examination is open." [For cities and civil service towns with more than 50,000 residents, the minimum length of time for promotional candidates to sit for examinations for police sergeant or fire lieutenant is three years].

In *Weinburgh v. Civil Service Commission* (September 4, 2008), the Appeals Court interpreted G.L. c. 31, §59 to permit a candidate to sit for a promotional exam even if the candidate did not actually serve a full

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year in the appropriate rank. The Court effectively interpreted Section 59 to permit that candidates for police lieutenant may sit for a promotional exam as long as they were certified as sergeant (where the exam is limited to sergeants) for at least one year, even if the candidates did not actually work as a sergeant for the preceding year. In reaching this bizarre interpretation, the Court simply disregarded the view of the Civil Service Commission, the agency primarily responsible for enforcing Chapter 31.

The specific facts in *Weinburgh* may help readers better understand the court's new interpretation. *Weinburgh* concerned the eligibility of a Haverhill fire lieutenant to sit for the captain's exam, which was held November 2004. The captain's examination was open only to fire lieutenants. The lieutenant slated for promotion to captain was certified on the lieutenant's promotion list in Summer 2003. To complicate matters, the City did not actually promote him to lieutenant until December 2003 and then the Commission later backdated his lieutenant's seniority to October 2003. The lieutenant's eligibility for promotion was challenged at the Civil Service Commission. The issue presented in *Weinburgh* therefore is whether a promotional candidate must actually serve for one year in the appropriate lower rank (here, it was fire lieutenant) in order to sit for the promotional exam. In other words, the issue concerned whether

Weinburgh must have actually worked for one year as a lieutenant prior to taking a captain's exam limited to lieutenants. The Commission said yes, interpreting G.L. c.31, §59 to require one year of "actual service" as a lieutenant.

Massachusetts courts are expected to defer to an agency's interpretations of the law. Yet, here the Appeals Court overruled the Commission's interpretation. The Court ruled that the length of time requirement for promotions begins once the employee has been certified for the rank that is permitted to sit for the promotional examination, even if the employee did not serve an

entire year in the lower rank. In other words, Weinburgh was permitted to sit for the captain's exam, even though he did not actually work as a lieutenant for one year prior to the exam. The Appeals Court ruled that Weinburgh met the statutory one-year requirement because he was certified for lieutenant's position more than a year prior to the exam (Summer 2003) and subsequent to this certification he actually worked for one year for the Department, even if some of that time was as a firefighter, a rank that was excluded from sitting for the captain's exam.

*Weinburgh's* emphasis on technical service in rank above actual service in rank stands in provocative contrast to the SJC case of *Boston v. Cecil*, 431 Mass. 410 (2000). In *Cecil*, the SJC interpreted a one-year requirement under Civil Service laws – this time dealing the probationary period of police officers under G.L. c.31, §61. The SJC ruled that the police officer must actually work as a police officer for 12 months in order to obtain tenure, even if the officer had been on the Department rolls for more than one year (the SJC excluded the officer's time spent on paid administrative leave).

The Civil Service Commission has asked the Supreme Judicial Court to overturn the Appeals Court's decision in *Weinburgh*. At time the *Pax* went to press, the SJC has not decided whether to review the case.

## Wrongfully terminated BPPA member wins unemployment benefits

The Massachusetts Appeals Court upheld a grant of unemployment benefits to a Boston Police Officer terminated for testing "positive" for cocaine on the annual hair test. In the October, 2008 decision, the Court ruled that the Division of Unemployment Assistance, the state's unemployment agency, properly found that the officer did not use cocaine as the City alleged, based upon his repeated denials of drug use and his extensive efforts to establish his sobriety. While this decision only entitles the officer to unemployment benefits (as opposed to reinstatement with back pay), it renews faith that a neutral factfinder can disregard drug hysteria and reasonably conclude that hair testing is not a sufficiently reliable method by itself to determine that a police officer abused drugs. The Court, in upholding the agency's grant of unemployment benefits, rejected arguments that the City's hair test is irrefutable proof of drug use.

This officer is one of nearly a dozen African Americans officers and recruits who have been fighting their termination (or bypass) for allegedly "positive" results for cocaine on hair tests. These officers have challenged the accuracy of hair testing, including whether it reliably shows voluntary drug use (as opposed to cocaine that naturally deposits itself into hair from the environment), and whether it produces results that are "biased." They have filed anti-discrimination claims in federal court and at wrongful termination appeals at the Civil Service Commission.

I served as the officer's BPPA-appointed attorney in this case and also represent him and several other former Boston police officers terminated for testing "positive" for cocaine at the Civil Service Commission.

## Negative publicity may cause disability

Recently, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that disabling stress and anxiety caused by negative media coverage and prisoner harassment may be covered by the Workers' Compensation Act. This case may prove beneficial to police officers and EMT's who incur the wrath of the media. Under *Cosmo Bisazza's Case*, SJC-10183 (Nov. 20, 2008), an employee is eligible for workers' compensation if the employee "receives a personal injury arising out of and in the course of his employment." G.L.c. (continued on page B9)

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152, §26. The legislation defines “personal injury” to include an emotional or mental injury if “the predominant contributing cause of such disability is an event or series of events occurring within any employment.” G.L.c. 152, §1.

In this case, a correction officer suffered post-traumatic stress disorder (“PTSD”) and stopped working after he was falsely accused by inmates and the media of abusing prisoners, including **John Geoghan**, the child molester and former priest. Initial media coverage in the wake of Geoghan’s murder by another prisoner included accusations that unnamed correction officers harassed him. Thereafter, prisoners taunted the officer and threatened to “get” him and spread lies to the media about his treatment of Geoghan. Newspapers subsequently reported prisoner allegations that the officer tortured Geoghan and placed excrement in his cell. Though the officer ultimately was transferred and cleared of all misconduct, a psychiatrist concluded that he suffered from PTSD as a result of work-related trauma, including prisoner harassment and negative publicity. The psychiatrist further concluded that the misleading press coverage was more at fault for the PTSD than the actual prisoner harassment.

On appeal, the SJC upheld the grant of workers’ compensation benefits to the correction officer. In doing so, it rejected the employer’s argument that mental and emo-

tional injuries require a higher standard of “work-relatedness” than physical injuries.

The case is interesting because part of the disability was caused by negative and arguably misleading media coverage. The Court declined to rule on whether PTSD caused only by negative publicity related to job performance qualifies for workers’ compensation. While the Court agreed that the negative press was the predominant cause of the PTSD, it also noted that prior

to the media coverage, the prisoners harassed the officer and threatened to spread lies about his treatment of Geoghan to the media. The negative publicity, therefore the SJC concluded, was an extension of the inmates’ campaign of work-place harassment against the officer, rather than an independent phenomenon.

This case arose under the Workers’ Compensation Act, which covers most public employees like EMTs, but **NOT** police of-

ficers and firefighters. Police officers injured within the performance of their duty are eligible for medical coverage and 100 percent of their regular pay under G.L. c. 41, §§100 & 111F. It is likely therefore that similar cases involving police officers would reach the same result.

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## Disorder in the courts

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I should mention that the only people leaving the establishment were the defendant and seconds later his friends. The victim who collapsed with his intestine draped on the ground staggered out a back door, also on film.

Officers not only observed the defendant fleeing alone at full gallop across an empty parking lot but were able to stop him a block or two away from the scene and found his clothes to be spattered with blood. Not only were his clothes blood spattered, but blood had made its way into his pants pocket as well.

Officers recovered a blood soaked knife discarded a mere ten feet from where the suspect was stopped. Bear in mind, the location of attack was almost two blocks away and the victim never made it past the front sidewalk of the bar.

DNA evidence proved the blood on the knife found by the defendant belonged to the

victim. DNA proved the blood on the defendant’s clothes belonged to the victim.

The video clearly showed that the individual fleeing the stabbing scene was wearing the exact same distinctive clothing the defendant was arrested wearing while running away.

Did I mention that on the witness stand the victim, in open court pointed and positively identified defendant as being the person that stabbed him twice?

You would think this was clear cut case, no pun intended, but this is Suffolk County. As fate would have it prior to the jurors sitting for deliberations, the judge told them that if a verdict wasn’t reached by Thursday they would have to return Monday because the court wouldn’t be sitting Friday. So of course, the jurors having listened to testimony Monday and Tuesday and received the

case to deliberate on Wednesday afternoon gave it a good solid hour of contemplation, squeezed around lunch, and apparently followed the point of least resistance and came back *Not Guilty!*

My point of returning to serving on jury duty for thirty days is this. We as a society are increasing becoming so self-absorbed and jaded as to our own comfort and convenience that we are allowing blatantly guilty criminals to walk freely among us because we can’t seem to be bothered.

Shame on us, as in this case the only reasonable explanation for this is they couldn’t be bothered, their time was being wasted. But as a government we need to act to protect ourselves from ourselves.

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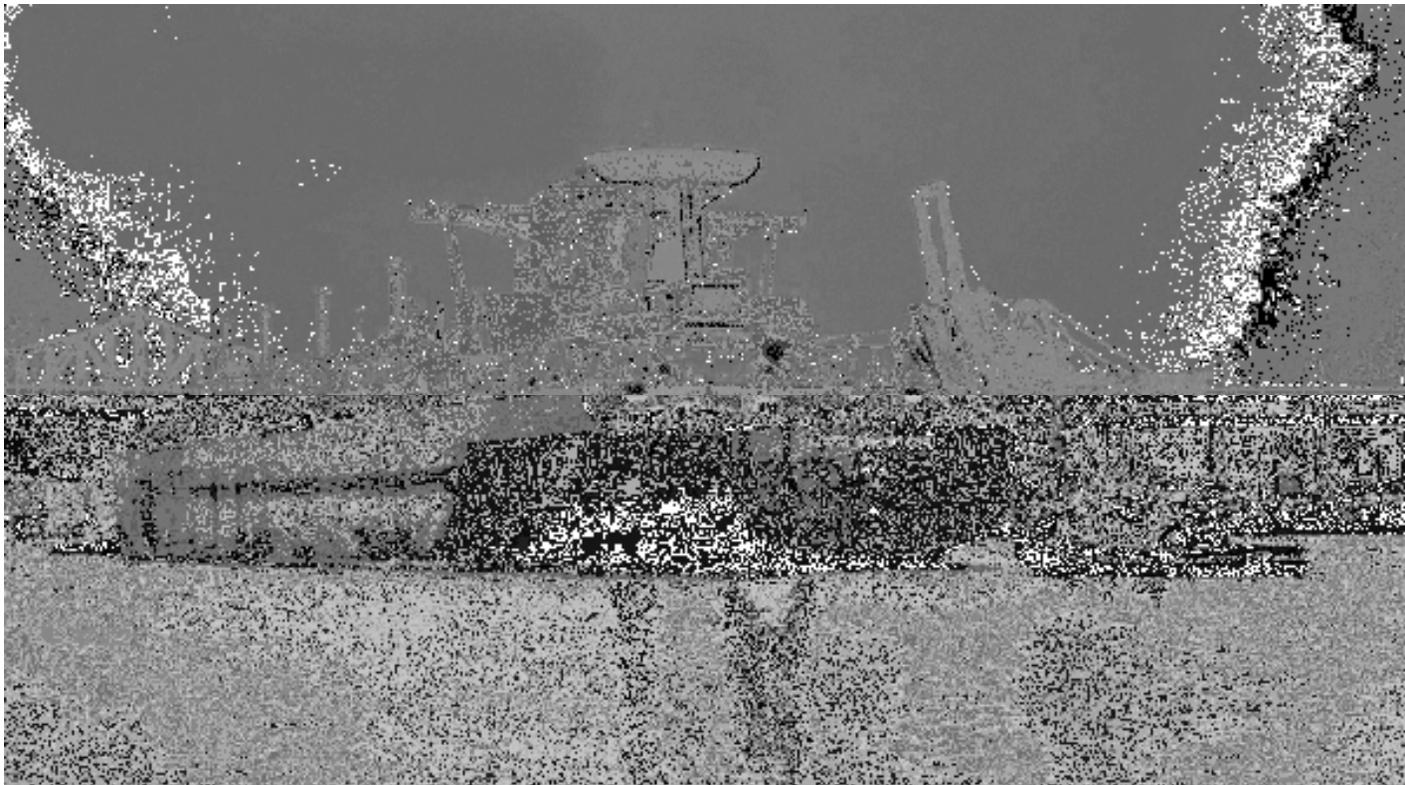
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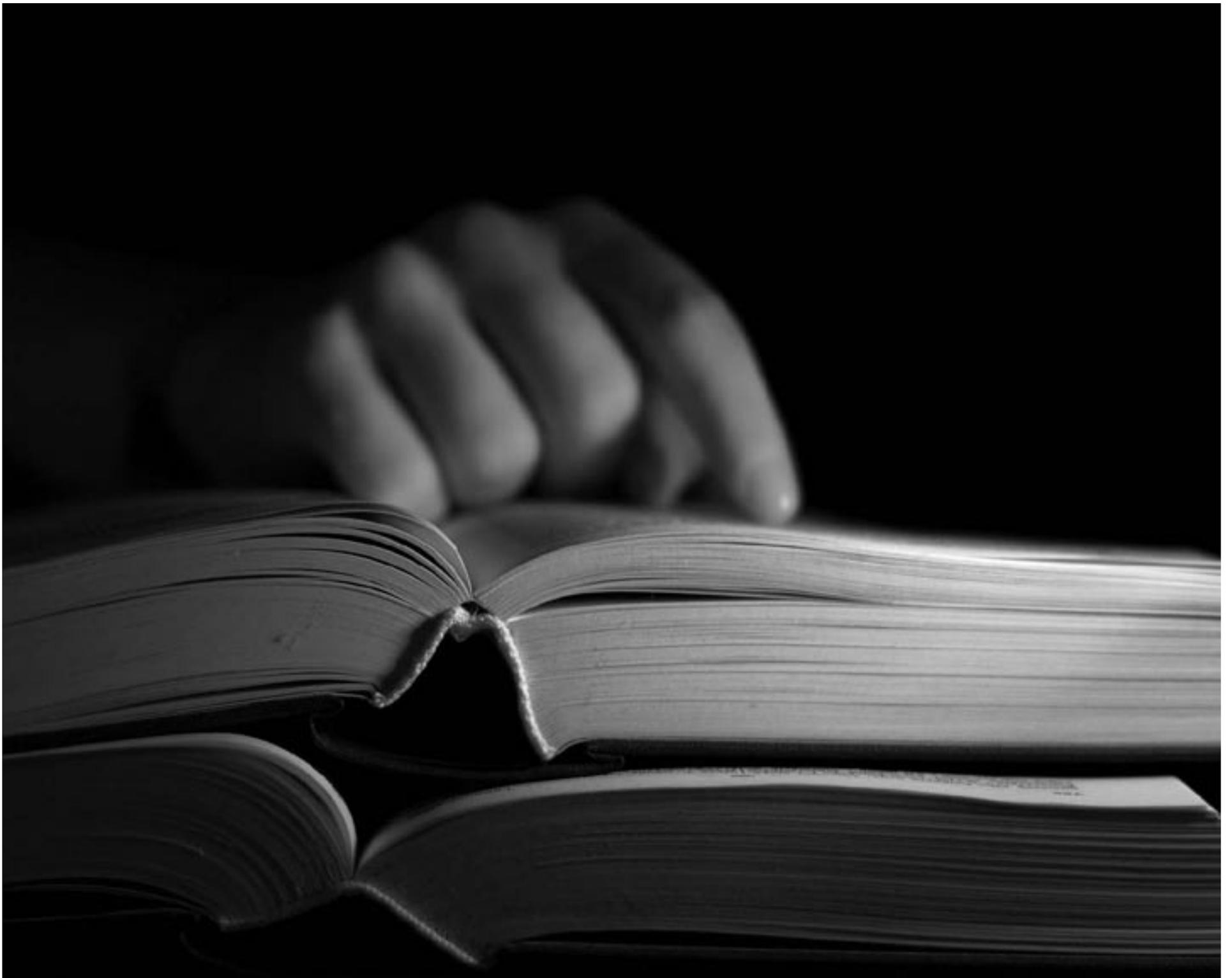


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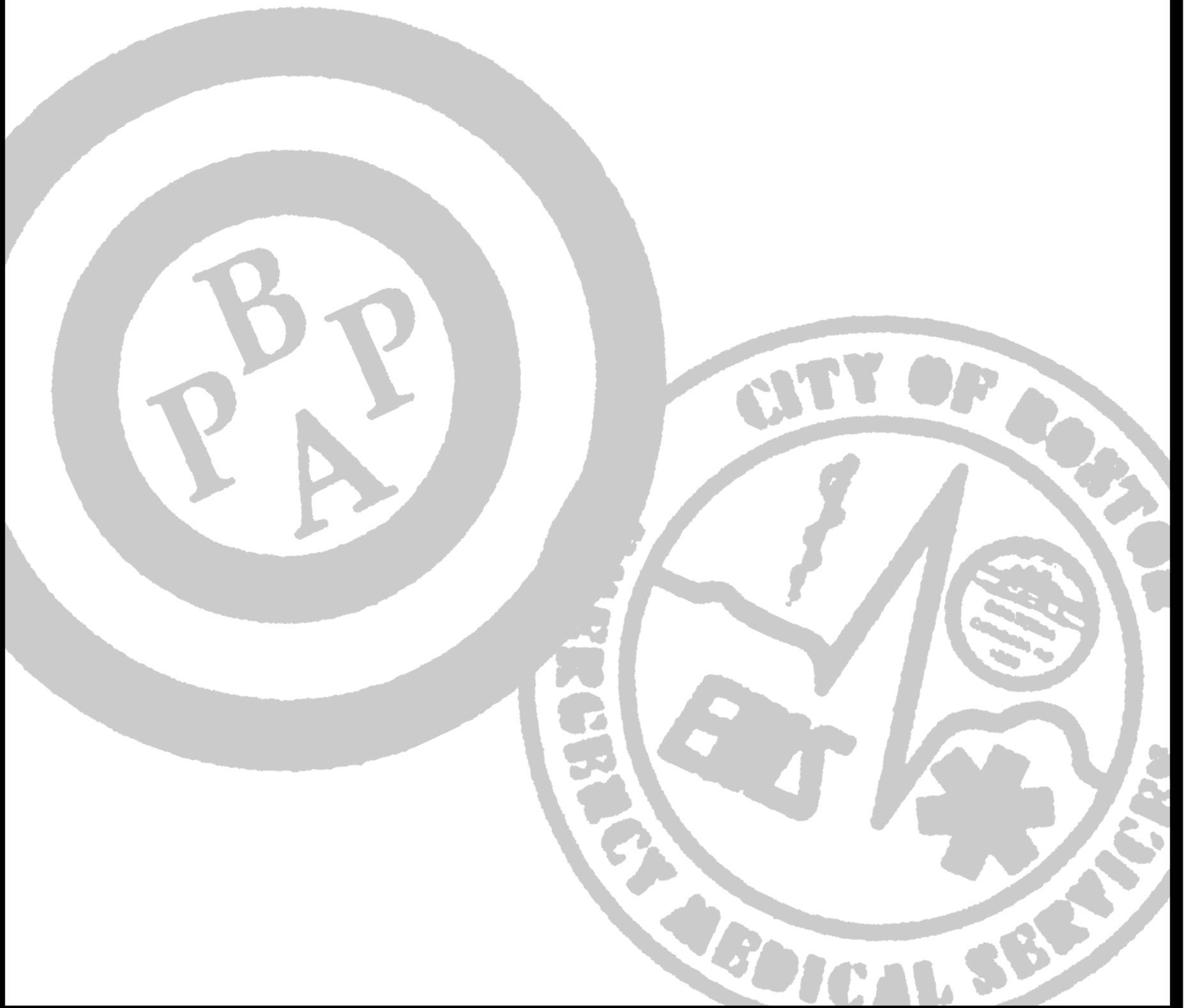


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# A changing of the guard

Well, another season has sped on by, they seem to be getting shorter and shorter. We normally mark the seasons by mentally noting what it brings and what we leave behind.

This year, the citizens of these United States decided to mark this passing autumn with a change in management, or a changing of the guard, (so to speak). Out with the old, in with the new! Not quite satisfied with the gutting of the Grand Old Party back in 2006, an overwhelming number of our brothers and sisters across this great country decided to come out and finally cast their vote, finally speak their mind and finally get involved. Love the results or hate the results, the results are the mandate of the majority of the American people.

Well boys and girls, that's the way we work, a Democracy in action, the majority decides and we make the best of it. We have all agreed that we will support this country. Most of us have taken an oath, an oath to protect and defend this Republic and our Constitution.

With that oath we also take a Pledge, a Pledge of Allegiance to the symbol of our great Nation which flies high and proud.

***"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for ALL!"***

(Borrowing a couple of lines from Lee Greenwood, let me remind you) The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, is a Pledge to the ideals of our forefathers. To the men and woman who fought and died, building and protecting this great nation. It is a pledge to fulfill our duties and obligations as citizens of these United States of America; to uphold the principals of our Constitution. Last but not least, it is a pledge to uphold the four great freedoms cherished by all Americans; freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom for want and freedom from fear.

Yes we are free, we are also free to express ourselves. Freedom of speech is a great thing, but it should be used to enlighten, it should be used to share ideas and spread legitimate discussion, possibly speaking to the problems of the day with possible or even suggested solutions.

Speech is a powerful tool when used by the right person for the right cause. Speech can also be a dangerous thing, when spewed from vindictive, petty and ignorant people.

For those of the latter, I pass along an old saying: "It is better to be thought a fool and say nothing, than to open one's mouth and prove them right!"

It is time for all of us, those who believe in this Democratic Republic, to stand behind our New Commander in Chief and recommit to our Oath, to Pledge Allegiance once again!

We are at a crossroad in our Nation's history. A crossroad, both socially and economically.



## Merry Christmas to our Troops both Here and Overseas!

The elder readers of this article might have lived through and survived economic turmoil in our recent past, but there aren't too many of us that could have predicted the social rebirth of our country.

For the younger readers, I applaud you, I applaud that you finally got involved and decided to cast your vote, to make the changes that you believe are necessary to turn this country around and once again be the world leader that we truly are. I caution you to be patient, however, some of us have lived through hard economic times in the past, and believe me when I tell you, that this ride is far from over. Do not waiver from course you have chosen, That being the course of involvement, of becoming informed and making a decision, that of casting a vote, your vote, the most important thing you can ever do to effect our democracy.

Now is the time for all good men and woman to band together and stand together, to put away our petty political differences and stand united for the good of our Nation. We as a people must give the President-Elect our full support and allow him the time to make the decisions necessary to turn this mess around. The man hasn't even taken office yet and some of the political naysayers have already started counting him out.

Enough is enough, it was wrong, (and hurtful to our Nation as a whole), for the media to bash the previous administration and it is wrong to start the public bashing of the new administration. Regardless of how you voted, regardless of your political persuasion, I ask you, all of the Veterans, along with all of the readers of this missive, to please Pledge your Allegiance not only to our Flag, our Nation's symbol, but to our incoming Commander in Chief: President-Elect **Barack H. Obama**. Congratulations Mr. President, may God Bless you and watch over you during your elected watch, as He has of all of our founding fathers.

Speaking of the founding fathers, I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, Oh yeah, I said **it MERRY CHRISTMAS**, look out, the ACLU will be hunting me down. How dare we wish anyone a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**. I mean after all, it's not considered 'Politically Correct' or is it.

If I'm not mistaken, this country was founded by a group of people that had their religious rights and freedoms oppressed. A group of people, which undertook great and severe hardships to cross an ocean. An ocean, which separated them from oppression and religious freedom. A group of people that came to this strange, hard, harsh and sometimes deadly land, just to be free. All in the name of religious freedom.

Those freedoms have been guaranteed under our constitution and protected by our **Military Veterans** for many years. (You were wondering what this has to do with the Veterans, weren't you). Christmas, not just a day, but a time of year. Christmas, not only a religious holiday but a Federal Holiday. After thirty-three states had declared Christmas a **legal** holiday, the Federal government figured they had better jump on board. The U.S. Government declared Christmas to be a Federal Holiday, way back in 1870. Every one of the original 48 states had declared Christmas a **legal** holiday by 1890 with Alaska and Hawaii accepting its' status prior to becoming states.

Veterans have been observing Christmas as far back as the U.S. Civil War. There have been some notable cease fires over the years and through the many different wars during Christmas, and there have also been some despicable violations of those truces, but the American soldier recognizes the time, not just the day, the holiday, but Christmas time.

Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen alike wish for the feelings of good will towards others. They wish for the ultimate Christmas present of peace and they pray to God, yes God. Because my friend, when you're in combat, no matter what your religion, you definitely believe in **GOD**.

It means more than just a celebration of the Christian faith, it means America, it means home, it brings up all the good that we as a country, a nation are. It's the thoughts of smelling fresh baked pies, turkey or ham coming out of the oven, families sitting and sharing a meal together. People helping people, reaching out to make things better, Believe me when I tell you that there isn't a Veteran out there that hasn't celebrated Christmas.

Whether you are a Christian, a Jew, a Buddhist, a Muslim, a Druid, a Witch, a

Hindu, an Animist or claim to be agnostic, when Christmas time arrives in the battle zone, all Veterans think of home. When the bullets are buzzing by, all Veterans pray to GOD. So with being said; **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**, Please join me in a prayer, that our brothers and sisters are returned to us safe and soon.

I would like to publicly thank some wonderful people who put together a Christmas drive for our fellow Officers who happen to be on active duty fighting the *War on Terror*: **Rita Foley** (acting as Santa Claus) along with a bunch of her *Elves*: **Gail Carnes, Dennis Crowley and Danny Adams**, (just to name a few), slid down the chimney at 9-11 Shetland street and packaged hundreds of items that were generously donated by Officers and Civilian employees of the Boston Police Department.

*Santa and her Elves*, worked feverously into the night to ensure that all items were distributed equally to our Brethren, who will once again be away from home and their loved ones this Christmas. It amazes me to this day, that we have so many people that give of their time and effort so selflessly time and time again, without so much as looking for a thank you.

Well I cannot in good conscience publish another article without stating publicly **THANK YOU, YOU PEOPLE ARE THE BEST!** I know there isn't enough space on this page to list all who gave and all who helped, but you know who you are and should be proud.

A special Thank You for those who stepped up to the plate to pay the \$1,900.00 shipping cost, God Bless and Merry Christmas.

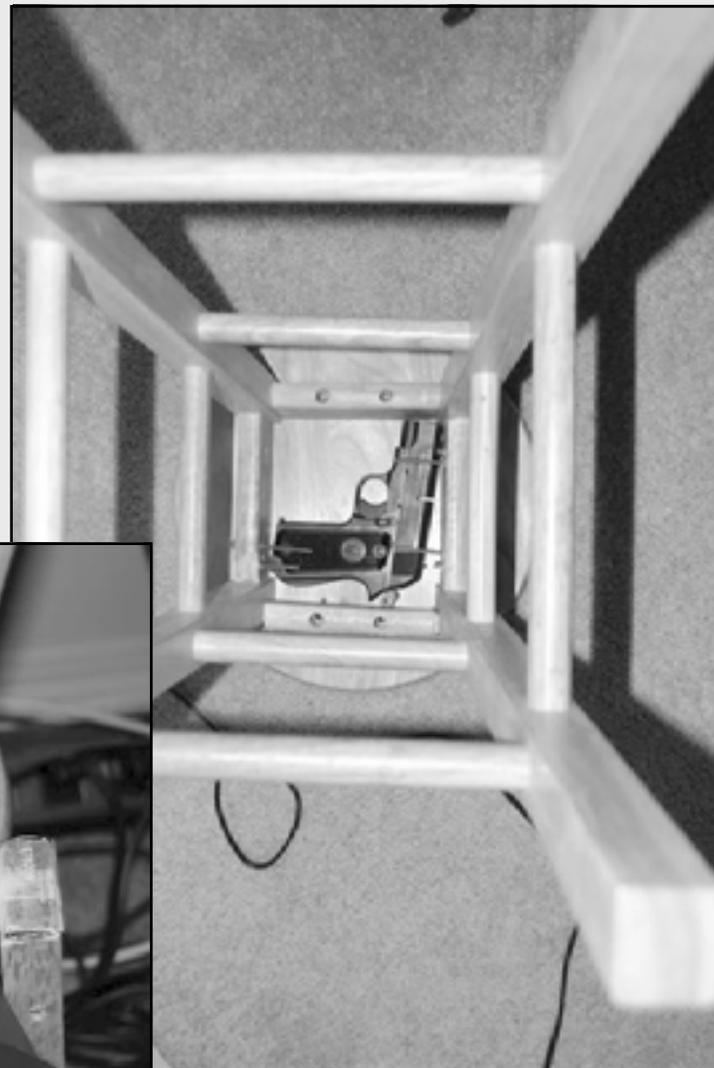
## Reminder

VFW Post meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the upper hall at 1930 hours. The E-Board meets at 1800 hours downstairs. The VFW meetings are open to all members, and we encourage active participation. The E-Board conducts its' annual open meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in July, (per the by-laws).

Once again let me offer an invitation to visit the completely remodeled Post, inside and out. Enjoy a cheap, cold 'one' with some old friends, or make some new friends. Enjoy the game tables, electronic game machine or lottery. The Post is open seven days a week from 1500 hours 'til closing around 0200 hours (Patriot game days we open early).

If you are behind on your dues, come on down and we'll work something out. If you are still not a member, what are you waiting for? The membership cost is still only \$30.00 per year, as long as you're paid prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, please *Be safe out there!*

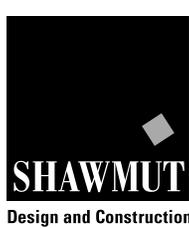
**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS!, OR A HAPPY HANUKKAH!**



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## Politics as (un)usual...

By Jay Moccia

*(Author's note: I'm trying a new format to make it easier to follow my random thoughts.)*

**G**etting into the recent Promotional Exam was tougher than boarding a flight in Baghdad! You would think that after the Draconian punishment dished out in the wake of the scandals from the other tests, who would DARE to try any shenanigans. By the way, that bag wasn't big enough for my dignity.

*Going outside on that first really cold day of the season leaves a chill in your bones that doesn't go away until Marathon Monday!*

Living in a **BLUE** state sometimes makes me see **RED!**

*It would appear that all robbers and thieves are simply following Obama's: "Wealth Re-distribution" policy.*

Funny, when Cops picket, they're portrayed as thugs and bullies. When illegal aliens protest, they're brave.

*I know they say we can't drill our way out of our energy woes, but we can't hope our way out either!*

Two more articles and Pat Carnell is going to have me whacked.

*Margery Eagan is a bitter, vile, liberal hypocrite! There, now I don't have to cancel my subscription to the Herald. Her articles bashing Sarah Palin are a prime example of the double-standard liberals have, although they go hand in hand with her rabid Catholic-bashing. What about your sisterhood? Just because Palin's a Republican, she can't join? You gave Hillary a spa treatment in print, but smeared Sarah Palin with the same ink. You can't understand her appeal to normal working people, because you can't understand normal thinking.*

There is only one thing worse than a trip to the Registry of Motor Vehicles at the be-

ginning of the month, and that's a trip to the RMV at the end of the month.

*I poured over the newest Victoria's Secret Catalog, but I could not find a bra in size \$23G! Apparently Sen. Wilkerson mis-read the name of the café as the Fill-A-Bustier.*

I predict the tragic and heartbreaking accident that claimed the life of an eight year old boy during a legal event at a legal location with legal supervision will draw more sanctions, fines and punishment than the illegal activity that resulted in the no less tragic and heartbreaking accident that claimed the life of a seven year old boy last year.

*I'm driving down a road littered with signs urging me to Pray; Vote Republican; Buy Guns; and All-U-Can-Eat BBQ. It wasn't Heaven but it was close to my idea of it. The place was North Carolina. I recently visited there, and had a great time. I can also honestly say, I didn't meet anyone named Cletus or Gomer, and the folks made you feel welcome.*

Funny thing about a lot of the supporters of Question 3 (Ban on Greyhound Racing): They claim it's cruel to keep a dog in a kennel at the track all day long. These same phonies then get home from work to their cramped 1 BR Beacon Hill or Southie apartment and let FIDO out of the crate in the living room, go for a walk, then put him back in the crate. HYPOCRITES!

*I had parents that raised me with traditional values, you know, right & wrong, treat people with respect, etc., etc. I don't need the Government under the guise of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) mothering me. The BPHC is proposing a smoke-free Boston, by closing all Cigar Bars, Tobacco Shops, banning tobacco sales in Drug stores, and on College Cam-*

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– Photo by Mark Garfinkel, Boston Herald

## Pax Centurion seeks donations for Chuck Turner defense fund

By Pax special correspondent April Phool

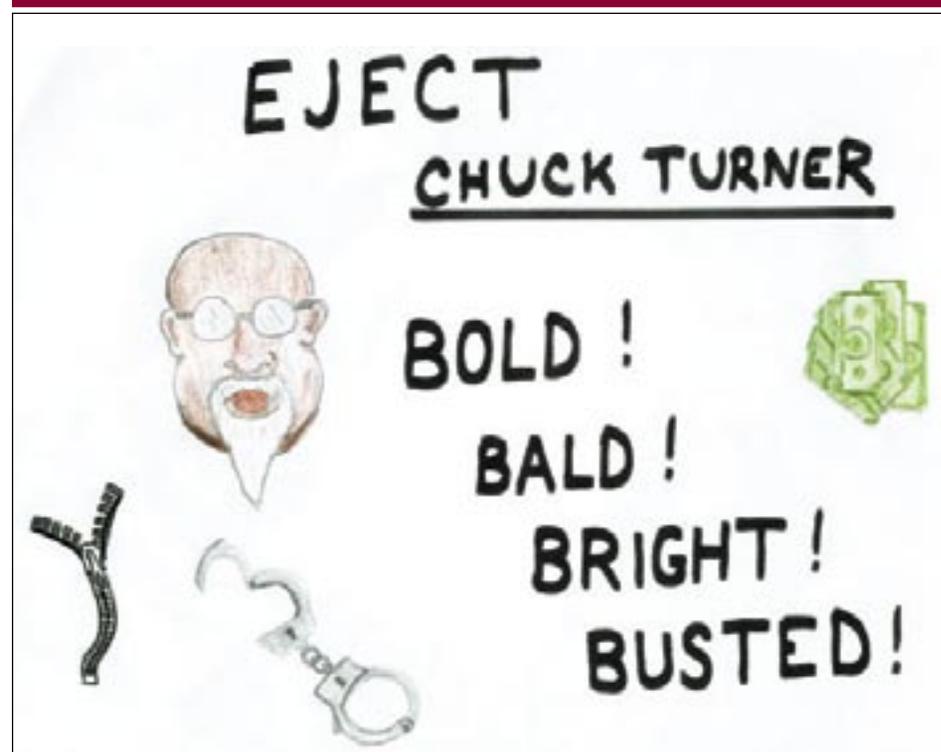
**T**he Pax Centurion is pleased to announce that we will be accepting donations on behalf of a planned defense fund for “embattled” City Councilor **Chuck Turner**, who was recently arrested by the feds on charges of accepting bribes.

Turner, who never missed an opportunity to criticize the police following a high-profile incident (most often making loud and false accusations of “racism” or “excessive force”) has decried the “rush to judgment” by the media in the wake of his recent arrest. The Councilor, who was photographed in 2004 (photo above, reprinted with permission of photographer **Mark Garfinkel** and the *Boston Herald*) keeping company with convicted felon, bomb plotter, and member of the Black Panthers, **Kazi Toure** (who also has gun and bank robbery charges on his rap sheet and served seven years in prison for plotting to bomb locations throughout New England) is a longtime critic of the Boston Police who has frequently been arrested while inciting disorderly conduct at anti-war rallies or other leftist causes.

Ironically, even as Chuck decries the “rush to judgment” in his particular case, he is the same individual who, along with **Sadiki Kambon** (well-known Roxbury racist and conspiracy theorist), held a press conference back in 2004 featuring alleged “photographic proof” of American soldiers raping Iraqi women. (*Editor: you may remember that the brain surgeons at the Boston Globe actually covered the press conference and reported it as a news story.*) It was quickly discovered that the photos were actually gleaned from a pornographic website. Chuck, of course, never apologized for this disgrace which actually put our soldiers in harms way due to the sensitive political situation in Iraq. Instead, he backtracked and tried to portray the photos as “examples of what might be occurring in Iraq”.

And, as all Boston police officers know, Chuck frequently “rushes to judgment” in the aftermath of police-involved shootings, car chases, or high-profile incidents, never missing an opportunity to criticize the BPD before the facts and circumstances are known. A local version of New York’s media – fraud “Reverend” **Al Sharpton**, Chuck loves to toss bombs and watch as our officers deal with the aftermath of his stupidity, arrogance and irresponsibility. In fact, Chuck is so consumed with delusions of police conspiracies that, at his recent press conference, he claimed he was “being persecuted by the police...”, before he caught himself and decided that it was the press ... not the police... who were persecuting him.

But, in the spirit of the Christmas season, the BPPA has decided to let bygones be bygones and do whatever we can to assist **Chuck Turner** in his hour of need. Donations can be left in the dumpster in the rear of the BPPA offices at 9-11 Shetland Street, Roxbury, MA 02119. If the office is closed, please place cash donations in an envelope addressed “donation from a moron to an idiot” and slide under the door. *Libre Consigliere Turner!*



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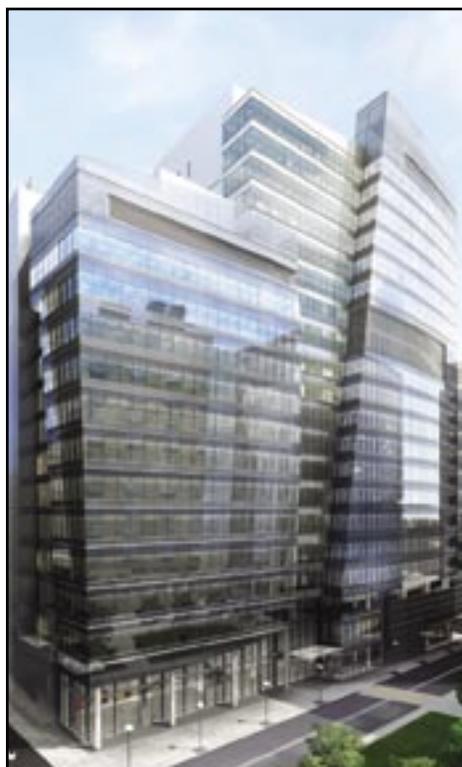
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## Through Their Eyes

By Mark A. Bruno

Once again the Christmas Season is upon us. For those of us with little ones it can be animated and stressful. I'm not sure when they figure out how these toys get under the tree or who brings them, but enjoying the sweet innocence of childhood is truly magical.

My youngest child, Robert, is ten-years-old. He still believes in Santa Claus so I have one more year to play the "The Big Guy."

The list of toys has grown a little bigger since I was a kid. I remember getting toys like G.I. Joe with his foot locker and every kind of outfit you could imagine. For my sisters it was Barbie dolls and all her accessories. I guess girls learn to accessorize early, hence the constant outfit and accessory buying for every occasion that arises. Some of the other toys were sleds, ice skates, hockey equipment, baseball gloves with bats

and balls. There were Rock'm-Sock'm-Robots and hundreds of various action figures to choose from. Matchbox cars with highspeed tracks to run them on. Creepy Crawler makers or Easy Bake ovens. Hula-hoops, jump-ropes and pogo-sticks. Monopoly, Life, Sorry, checkers or chess. It seemed like there was so much to choose from and you would never get bored.

Today we have the internet and high-tech games that cost a small fortune for most parents. Sony Playstation, Nintendo Wii and X-Box are your top sellers. These game consoles when they first came out caused many sleepless nights for some parents who waited in line overnight at department stores to purchase them. Much like the Cabbage Patch doll, Talking Elmo and Beanie ba-

bies which also caused a stir. There isn't anything a parent wouldn't do to make their kid happy at Christmas time. The sky is the limit and road trips and overnight sleepovers at local malls would be the order of the day. Insanity? Yes, but well worth the expression on their faces which beamed with joy when they received their coveted gifts on Christmas day.

Back to my son Robert. We received the annual Toys 'R' Us Big Book of which you would think came straight from Santa's workshop. My son carefully scanned everything in the book and circled those items he would like Santa to bring him for being such a good boy this year. He waits for me to come home so he can show me what items he has selected. I show him how to use Microsoft Word to type up his list for Santa. He types up the list and cuts it down



with a pair of scissors so it will fit in the small envelope of which he addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole. He hands me the envelope and tells me, "Dad, it's a good thing Santa is bringing all these toys because they cost a lot of money!" I looked at him and thought how wonderful it must be to still believe with such innocence. I've been carrying that envelope in my top pocket and picking up the items he selected.

I've shown that envelope to my fellow officers and friends. When they look at it, they understand the heartfelt magic of which it was written. There is a little glow inside of all of us that make us think like a kid for a moment when we see such precious innocence through the eyes of a child. Do you still believe?

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# 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

by Mark A. Bruno

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
or so this gent thought;  
It was really November and  
he had been drinking a lot.

The hour was early,  
about four A.M.;  
The music was blaring,  
to the neighbor's chagrin.

The officers knocked,  
and gave out a yell;  
They tried using their flashlights,  
and ringing the bell.

With a hammer in hand,  
and tack to the wall,  
he hammered away  
with no care at all.

The neighbors were startled  
and woke out of bed;  
The culprit kept banging  
and shaking his head.

When the officers entered,  
the gentleman huffed;  
He cussed and he cursed  
and then he was cuffed.

The peace was restored  
and the neighbors made whole;  
This unruly gent would get  
a sock full of coal.

P.S. This gentleman who police promptly arrested for disturbing the peace was interviewed by the press who promptly portrayed us as a bunch of Grinches. You cannot hammer away or play your pantugalas at 4:30 in the morning. The rules are the same here as they are in Whoville. I'm sure the judge will promptly give this gentleman a lump or two of coal for his bad behavior.

## OH COME ALL YE HOMELESS

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Lyrics by Wolfgang Amajayus Moshezart

Oh come all ye homeless,  
Lazy and fake crazy  
Oh come ye, Oh come ye  
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Come single mothers, with kids from several fathers,  
Oh come and we shall pay you  
Oh come and we shall pay you  
Oh come and we shall pay you  
Ess-Ess-I

Sing smelly alkie, raise your cups of mouthwash  
Sing all ye residents of A-T-M's  
Get your free money, from the gov-ern-ment  
Oh come and we will pay you  
Oh come and we will pay you  
Oh come and we will pay you  
Ess-Ess-I

- Jay Moccia

# RETIRED BOSTON POLICE PATROLMEN'S DIVISION NOTICE

The Retired Boston Police Patrolmen's Division of the BPPA, a subdivision of the BPPA, is holding its monthly meeting at 1:00 P.M. on January 8<sup>th</sup> (the first Thursday in January) at the offices of the BPPA. We invite any and all retired police officers who retired as Patrolmen/Patrolwomen, and as members in good standing of the BPPA at his or her time of retirement, to rejoin the BPPA as a full member in The Retired Boston Police Patrolmen's Division of the BPPA.

As you know, retirement and health benefits are an exploding development in today's economy. With the help of the BPPA, its membership, legal and legislative staff, we will inform you of any planned changes.

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Anyone interested in acquiring more information may call the Union at 617-989-2772. There are currently five (5) directors of this Division and any one of them will be glad to speak with you.

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# Baseball Hall of Fame: Is this Jim Rice's Last Chance?

By Paul Carroll, NESN Sports Tape  
Library Coordinator  
(brother of Bill Carroll,  
hospital liaison unit, HQ)

Since January 1995, **Jim Rice's** name has sat on the Baseball Hall of Fame ballot. On Monday, January 12th, 2009, the Baseball Writer's Association of America (BBWAA), will determine Rice's last chance for election to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown New York. Candidates must be named on 75% of ballots to be elected and receive at least 5% to remain eligible for future consideration. If after 15 years a player is not elected, his name is removed from the ballot.

The latter scenerio is the situation that faces **Jim Rice**. It's his 15th year on the ballot and if not elected, his chance for the Hall falls into the hands of the Veterans Committee, which is comprised of all the living Hall of Fame players, managers and executives. Under this system, he would not come under consideration for two to three years.

So really, what are his chances? The good news... History is on his side. Last year, Rice received 392 of a possible 408 votes, a 72.2 % total. In the history of Hall of Fame elections since 1939, 20 players who received more than 70% of the vote but fell short of the required 75% in a given year have all been eventually elected to the Hall. Sixteen of them were elected the following year by the BBWAA, the other four were elected some years later by the Veterans Committee Among recent electees, "**Goose**" **Gossage** (2008), **Gary Carter** (2002), and **Don Sutton** (1997) all waited that extra year before election, while **Orlando Cepeda**, **Jim Bunning**, **Nellie Fox** and **Frank Chance** waited a bit longer for the Veterans Committee to elect them.

So what's the bad news? It's Rice's last year and you can never predict the fickle nature of the writers. Sometimes a strong class of first year eligibles can hurt one's chances, but this year only **Rickey Henderson** is an automatic choice. Rickey is the all-time leader in stolen bases, runs scored and leadoff home runs. he is the greatest leadoff hitter in MLB history and will waltz easily into Cooperstown.

Two players have been elected by the writers in their last year of eligibility. The last was pitcher "**Red**" **Ruffing** in 1967. Ruffing retired in 1947 with 273 career wins. At the time, he was 14th on the All-time win list, but seventh among 20th century hurlers. 20 years later, on his 15th and final year on the ballot, he was 17th in all-time in wins! The other last chance guy was righthanded pitcher **Dazy Vance** in 1955. Vance had a most unusual major league career; because of arm injuries, he did not win

his first major league game till he was 31 years old! He won 197 career games, a three-time twenty game winner, and led the National League in strikeouts seven consecutive seasons (1922-28) for the Brooklyn Dodgers. The last bit of irony? Driving down a road in Florida in 1955, a policeman pulled him over. Vance asked the officer if something was wrong? The officer then informed Vance that he had been elected to the Hall of Fame!!!

So Rice's wait is not without precedent. Since his first year on the ballot in 1995, 22 positional players have been elected to the Hall of Fame. Among them statistically, Rice is ranked 7th in batting average (.298), 5th in home runs (382) and 7th in RBI



Is this former Red Sox slugger Jim Rice's (inset right) last chance at being inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York?

(1,451). Among his peers, he clearly belongs!

I am still advocating the selection of several other holdover candidates. **Andre Dawson** hit for power, ran well (for a while) and was a Gold Glove outfielder. **Bert Blyleven's** vote total increased 14% last year, as the writers are recognizing his 287 wins, 3,701 strikeouts and 60 shutouts. **Jack Morris** led three teams to titles, (newly retired **Mike Mussina**; none, though no fault of his). My point is, Morris was an ace, a big game pitcher, 254 wins, but support for him has not caught on....

Toughest omissions? **Lee Smith**, **Tim Lincecum** and **Alan Trammell**. I'm not convinced on these three – yet. Those with no chance; **Mark McGwire**, **Don Mattingly**, **Dave Parker**, **Dale Murphy**, **Harold Baines** and **Tommy John**, who like **Jim Rice**, is in his 15th and final year on the ballot.

Among other first time candidates on the ballot after **Rickey Henderson**, only **David Cone** might survive the 5% cut. Cone won 194 games over 17 seasons, pitched a perfect game and was a member of five World Championship Clubs. A tenacious competitor, Cone only had four seasons of 33 or more starts, which helps to explain his low win total. **Mo Vaughn** finds his way on the ballot too. I thought that after his 1995 AL MVP season, he was on his way to a possible HOF career. However, after leaving the friendly confines of Fenway in 1998, injuries scuttled his career. **Mark Grace** was very good too, but not great.

That's why it's the Hall of Fame. Only the best get in. Good things come to those who wait. It did for **Dazy Vance** and **Red Ruffing**. Let's hope **Jim Rice** gets to join this select company!!!

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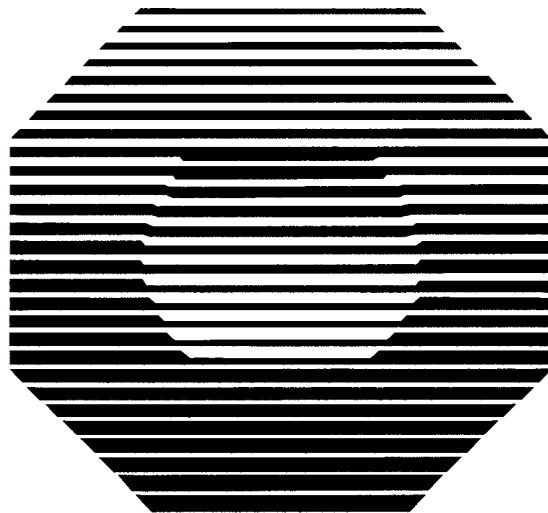
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I would also like to thank all of you who attended and/or contributed to the "event" that was held for me this past Thursday. The kindness and support you showed my family and me was both humbling and overwhelming!

It would be impossible to thank by name all of you who have helped us through my accident without getting in trouble by leaving off an important person or two. But I must mention my family, as well as my

friends, **Mayor Menino, John McNulty** and **Patte Papa!** The constant and unwavering support they have demonstrated since my accident has been something that we will never forget! The character they have shown is an example to Kim, Jaci, Erin, Keighan and me as to what true love and friendship is all about!

Everyone of you continues to help and support us in this journey, and for that we will be forever grateful! The road ahead may be a long one, but with your continued support, we will get there together.

Please pass this along or post this to anyone we may have missed!!

*Thank You!*

*Steve, Kim, Jaci, Erin  
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## United States Trivia: Bill Carroll

### How much do you know about your country?

1. What is the highest point in the lower 48 states of the United States of America?
2. What is the largest county in the United States? (Hint: It is in California)
3. What state never ratified the 18th amendment of the U.S. Constitution which dealt with prohibition?
4. Who is the town of Cody Wyoming named after?
5. What is the oldest university west of the Mississippi River?



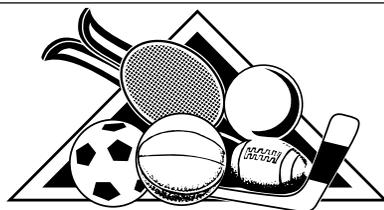
*(see answers on page C21)*



## Sports Trivia: Bill Carroll

### How many can you get correct?

1. Who is the only player to collect 5 base-hits in one World Series Game?
2. Who is the only Heisman Trophy-winning college head football coach to coach a Heisman Trophy winning player?
3. What player holds the NCAA season record for average rushing yards per game?
4. What two current major league managers won the Rookie of the Year award when they were players?
5. What number has been retired by all 30 NHL teams?
6. What college holds the NCAA record for the most consecutive seasons without a losing record?
7. What Red Sox pitcher recorded a win in both the 2004 and 2007 World Series?
8. Who were the last two Heisman Trophy winners from either of the service academies?
9. What two Division I schools have met the most times on the gridiron?
10. How many states in the union are home to at least one NFL, NHL, NBA, and MLB franchise?



*(see answers on page C21)*

## THE OBAMA MAN

(sung to the tune of "The Candy Man" by Sammy Davis, Jr.)

Lyrics: Wolfgang Amajayus Moshezart

Who will raise your taxes (who will raise your taxes)  
Raise your healthcare too (raise your healthcare too)  
Bailout corporations on the backs of me and you  
The Obama, man; the Obama, man  
The Obama man can because he speaks so well  
He makes the moonbats swoon  
Who will take your shotgun (who will take your shotgun)  
Grab your pistol too (grab your pistol too)  
Violate your Rights that are in Amendment Two  
The Obama, man; the Obama, man  
The Obama man can because all Liberals believe  
They know what's good for YOU!  
The Democrats will take all the dough you'll make  
And use it to save bums and fishes.  
Talk about a socialist's wishes;  
The middle class will taste delicious!  
Oh who hangs with Bill Ayres (who hangs with Bill Ayres)  
The Reverend Wright too (the Reverend Wright too)  
And lots of other haters who say "F" Red, white and blue!  
The Obama, man; The Obama, man  
The Obama man can because the Change he means  
is just for me and you!

– Jay Moccia

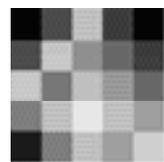
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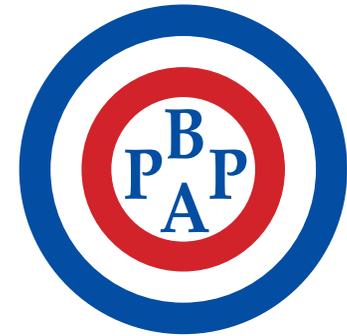
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# Why is it???

By PO Michael Kane,

**Boston Police Academy, District 18**

• Convicted double murderer **Richard Cooley**, of Ohio thought he would get sympathy when he argued that because of his size, 5'7", 267 lbs., he should be spared lethal injection because it would be difficult to find suitable veins to administer the deadly chemicals? Fortunately, Cooley lost all his legal challenges, a nice big vein was located, and the long overdue execution was successful.

(*Boston Herald*, 10/15/08)

• **Donovan Slack** and the *Globe* are now attacking the men and women of the Boston Police Department that have retired after suffering horrible injuries? In a recent front page story in the *Globe* several police officers including, **Billy Griffiths** and "**Doc**" **Welby** were profiled. Basically the *Globe* believes if you did your job and retired at 100% of your pay, no matter what injury you suffered, you're a fraud. The story never mentions that very few police officers and firefighters actually retire on 100% throughout the state each year. Hey Donovan, why don't you interview former BPD Police Officers **Jon Stratton** or **Frank Foley**? Jon was shot and almost killed doing his job and Frank lost an eye when a bomb detonated in 1991. That bomb killed Officer **Jerry Hurley** of the Bomb Squad. The *Globe* and "Slacker" ought to be ashamed of themselves for attacking and attempting to humiliate good people who were nearly killed doing their job for this great city and its residents.

• Anyone still supports Dianne Wilkerson? It is amazing reading how much support this criminal has: "She's a good person," "She always looks out for her people," "She made a mistake"... No, she's a scumbag who has made all the hard working politicians look like criminals and who did nothing but use her position for **HER** benefit. What's your excuse now Dianne? Were you doing your own undercover investigation? Go away! 10 to 20 years would be nice.

• The supporters of Question 2 want you to believe that this won't lead to the legalization of marijuana? It will and they will not stop trying to make it legal in this state. Then law enforcement will have to deal with thousands of drivers operating under the influence of drugs on the same streets you drive and your kids ride their bikes. Do we want that? Well, with the passage of this question the legalization movement will be working overtime to get it on the next ballot. Crazy!

• Good people like **Marie Conley** are taken from their family so tragically? Marie was doing her job as a Boston School Crossing Guard when she was struck by an elderly driver outside the Mather Elementary school while protecting a child ready to cross the street. She was well liked by all who knew her and she will be missed by her family, friends and co-workers. Rest in peace.

• Winter seems too arrive so quickly each year? I'm not looking forward to all the shoveling, or all the ice, or the slush, or really cold days....

• Boston Police Officers are trained as first responders and often arrive to the scene of an accident, shooting or other medical emergency before EMS, and the department still won't outfit Boston cruisers with first aid kits? UPS trucks, taxi cabs, tow trucks and many private vehicles have first aid kits. And we don't? Should we flag them down for assistance? Does this make any sense?

• At every Red Sox home game someone thinks it's a good idea to play music in between innings that is so loud and annoying that it leaves a ringing in your ears for days? Bring back the organ playing.

• I can never win more than a free ticket when I buy any scratch ticket? Where are all the winners?

• Dunkin' Donuts discontinued "blueberry" coffee?



• The Bruins cannot get it together and win a championship? I know, I know, it's the owners. But don't they want to win and join the rest of the teams in the state and get a multi-million dollar "rally" paid by the taxpayers?

• More and more Police Officers are dying in cruiser accidents? So far this year in the United States 112 police officers have been killed in the line of duty. Motor vehicle accidents have killed 33 officers and motorcycle accidents have killed 7. Thirty-three officers have been killed by firearms this year. Police departments

across the country must take a close look at these statistics and make the appropriate changes in their training of new recruits and veteran officers.

• Filmmakers can't make movies as good as the Godfather, Patton or One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest anymore?

• The Red Sox continue to play **Neil Diamond's** "Sweet Caroline" at games? It was a lousy song when it first came out and it still is. Now it's being played at BC football games. A real fighting song and sooo intimidating to opposing teams. *Stay Safe!*

## On Your Next Day Off... YOU HAVE TO TRY...

• Luciano's restaurant in Foxboro. Great food, prices, service and atmosphere. I had the swordfish, one word... awesome!

• Taking a day bike trip to Martha's Vineyard or Block Island. I did both this summer and it was a really great time. Affordable, fun, and a nice safe flat bike route along the beach from Oak Bluffs (where the ferry docks) to Edgartown. (About 6 miles each way). Block Island is smaller and has many more hills but the views are great at every area of the island. Also the kids on Block Island have Kool-Aid stands set up along the bike route.

• Going to a Brockton Rox minor league baseball game. I went to a few games this past summer. The tickets, food, and drinks are very affordable and lots of games for the kids to do. This is a great alternative to the major league games where the prices are out of this world.

• Whitewater rafting in Maine. I have been on about eight trips and each one is an adrenaline rush.

• Climbing the Blue Hills in Milton. Only 600 feet but the view is great on a clear day and if you have kids they'll have fun.

• Skiing at Sunday River in Maine. Definitely one of the best places to ski in the Northeast. Outdoor pools, hot tubs, ski check, all for a good price.

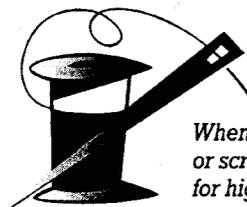
• Playing Bingo at Foxwoods casino. I haven't gone but I hear from a police officer at District 5 that it's a good time.

• Waves Car Wash on Route One in West Roxbury. Friendly service all around and they do a nice job. They even hand dry your car. Not many places still do that.

• Browsing the Bass Pro Shop at Patriot place. Nothing but a big "toy store!" I also hear that the shopping and dining at Patriot Place is phenomenal.

— PO Michael Kane, District 18

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## Eight in the Box by Raffi Yessayan

**A Review by James F. Lydon, Jr.**  
Read a book recently? No, me neither. Life is busy, and I just do not have the time to read as much anymore. When I do commit to a book, I do not really have the time to experiment. If you try something new, and it turns out bad, then you feel that you have wasted your time. Let me help you out; I have a book for you. *Eight in the Box* by Raffi Yessayan, the last book I read, is definitely worth the read.

*Eight in the Box* is a crime thriller that takes place in Boston. It is the story of the search for a serial killer, and the efforts of those trying to get the monster off the street. Unlike most crime novels, *Eight in the Box* contains different perspectives throughout; you are privy to the thoughts and feelings of the police, the district attorney's office, and the killer. Each perspective is very unique and clear, with the kinds of motivations you would expect from the people highlighted in the story.

Whenever I read a book set in Boston, I am always curious to read about the different neighborhoods and locations. Most times, I am appeased, as in the case of **Robert B. Parker**, who barely satisfies my Boston voyeurism with strategic mentions of Greater Boston locations. Sometimes, however, I am impressed by the author, as in the case of **Dennis Lehane**, who has, time and time again, captured not only the

locales, but the culture of Boston, itself. **Raffi Yessayan** has done that with *Eight in the Box*, his first novel. He has successfully captured not only the culture of Boston, but the subcultures of the B.P.D. and the D.A.'s office. I should not lead you to believe that I was surprised by that fact: Raffi Yessayan served as an assistant district attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office for over ten years.

"I wanted to draw the reader into the life of a young prosecutor," **Raffi Yessayan** said in a phone interview. "My main goal was to tell the story of a horrible serial killer and the steps that police and prosecutors would take to catch him. I wanted to show the working relationship between the D.A.'s office and the police. I was assigned to the Gang Unit early on in my career. I rode along with members of the B.P.D. and that allowed me to observe the life of a police detective and make it real. I was able to see crime scenes and how they were really pro-

cessed, opposed to the way it happens on television. When I was at a book club recently, I was approached by the wife of a retired Homicide detective. She told me that I did a nice job of capturing the life of a homicide detective and his family; she said that I showed how the stress never stops."

Using his experience, **Raffi Yessayan** gives the reader an excellently penned story, but he gives the Boston reader a story full of local treats for them to enjoy. And he has gone a step further: he has given the local Boston reader who has a connection to law enforcement and the criminal justice system a clear view to what they do everyday. He talks about K-cars and crime scenes, and arraignments and the homicide response team. He is accurate and happy to tell the

story as it would actually play out, if it were real.

The backdrop of Yessayan's novel takes place in the fictional South Bay District Court in Dudley Square.

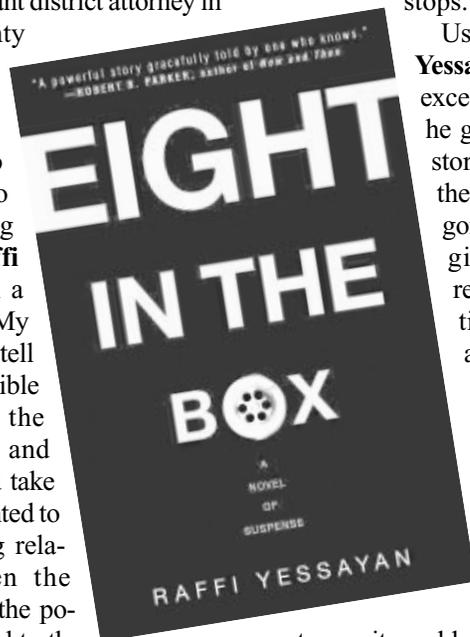
Raffi laughed over the phone.

"As a writer, when you have something good happen in a place, you can leave it the same. There is a scene in Doyle's that was so much fun to write. But when you have something potentially bad happen in a certain place, the situation changes. I didn't want the main action of the book to take place in a real courthouse, so I created South Bay."

**Raffi Yessayan** has used his experience, and his imagination, to craft not only a fine story about crime and murder, but he has molded very vivid characters who not only stand out but spur you to care about them. When you have the skill as a writer to create a scene in which a character comes home from work, eats dinner, and watches the news, and this scene is fulfilling, then you have ahead of you a wonderful career.

*Eight in the Box* is an excellent crime novel that left me wanting more. It did not disappoint with its accuracy or its entertainment value. I recommend *Eight in the Box* to any fan of crime novels, but especially those fans that not only live in Boston, but work in the law enforcement field here. This book is for you: a Christmas present to give you the focus you deserve, instead of the normal, redundant New York City focus. Enjoy!

*Eight in the Box* is **Raffi Yessayan's** first novel. He is currently working on his second, a sequel to the first. (I can't wait!)



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A little boy goes to his dad and asks, 'What is Politics?'

Dad says, 'Well son, let me try to explain it this way:

I am the head of the family, so call me The President.

Your mother is the administrator of the money, so we call her the Government.

We are here to take care of your needs, so we will call you the People.

The nanny, we will consider her the Working Class.

And your baby brother, we will call him the Future.

Now think about that and see if it makes sense.

So, the little boy Goes off to bed thinking about what Dad has said.

Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him.

He finds that the baby has severely soiled his diaper.

So the little boy goes to his parents' room and finds his mother asleep.

Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny's room.

Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny.

He gives up and goes back to bed.

The next morning, the little boy says to his father, "Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now."

The father says, "Good, son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about."

The little boy replies, "The President is screwing the Working Class while the Government is sound asleep."

The People are being ignored and the Future is in deep shit.

## Politics as (un)usual...

*(continued from page C1)*

*puses (that would mean almost all of Allston-Brighton) Why is my right to engage in a legal, and believe, me over-taxed activity being considered for more restrictions? This is the same outfit that uses my dime to give free needles to junkies for illicit drug use! Putting small businesses out of business is BAD business!*

After the historic election of Barack Obama, I woke up on Wednesday and rushed outside with my shovel and rake ready to scoop up the candy and dollar bills that the media promised would fall from the sky with his victory. My wheel barrel remains empty.

*OK, the election is over, the people have spoken and Obama is in. How long will the honeymoon last before we see the NOT MY PRESIDENT, 1-20-13 Obama's Last Day, and Oh Bummer, bumper stickers. How soon before he's treated with the same respect Liberals gave George Bush?*

A nice touch of class from the President, to the President-Elect. Bush provided NSA briefings, tour of the White House and other services to ensure a smooth transition of power during war time. Remember when the Clinton's left and removed the "W"'s from all the computers?

*Question 2 (De-criminalization of Marijuana) passed and the Legislature couldn't get back to work fast enough to put it into law. If they put that kind of effort into other ballot questions that passed, we'd have a Death Penalty, 5% State Income Tax, and don't forget a vote on Gay Marriage. With the passage of Q2, you may now reefer to Tom Nolan and Howie Donahue (both formerly of the BPD) as the Doobie Brothers!*

Another great article on Details in the Herald! The top-ten Patrolmen's salaries were listed, with no mention of the 16 hour rule, or the 90 hour rule. David Turek, from the Beacon Hill Institute, now questions our fitness for duty. Maybe he should trot down to the Mass General Emergency Room and ask the Intern on call how long his shift is. I'd bet he even makes more life or death

decisions in one tour than we do in a week.

*Here's how we may end up as Socialists... Corporate Bailouts, Mortgage Bailouts, Auto Industry Bailouts, Healthcare Bailouts, Bank Bailouts. The Government will have a stake in your life from the cradle to the grave. Taxes will keep going up to pay for this crap, and eventually we, the working people of this country will clamor for a bailout. When the government gives it to us, we will have what we deserve: Socialism! The only good thing about it will be the cheap price of booze, cigarettes and porn to keep us stupefied and docile!*

Obama and the Democrats have promised us "Change we can believe in". This is one campaign promise that will come true! Once they begin to implement their agenda, all you'll have left in your paycheck will be change; and you can believe that!

*The best thing about the record numbers of new voters from this election will be the quantity of new Jurors available to Court-houses around the Commonwealth.*

So the State wants to raise tolls and/or the gas tax to cover the Big Dig costs. Okay, how about this proposal: raise the tolls a meager 25 or 50 cents so you don't bankrupt the suburbanite commuters and local businesses. Raise the gas tax 10 cents. Now here's the catch: Those raises are frozen until the debt is paid, and you split the gas tax 5 for road infrastructure and 5 toward the Dig. All the toll money goes to the Dig also. This money CAN'T be used for ANY OTHER PURPOSE! NOTHING-PERIOD!!

*As the City of Boston faces its own financial shortfalls, here's a proposal for them to ponder...get rid of busing! There is no way you can argue that the quality of schools and teachers has not gotten better in the 30 plus years since forced busing was implemented. Add to that the fact that in these "Green" times, the cost, pollution, and traffic they cause, and it's a "no-brainer."*

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**United States History**

*(see questions on page C9)*

1. The highest point of the lower 48 states of the United States is the summit of Mount McKinley in California at 14,495 feet.
2. The largest county in the United States is San Bernardino County in California and is comprised of approximately 3 million acres.
3. The state of Rhode Island never ratified the 18th amendment of the United States Constitution which dealt with prohibition, however they recognized the law.
4. The town of Cody, Wyoming is named after famous frontiersman William "Buffalo Bill" Cody.
5. The oldest university west of the Mississippi River is St. Louis University which was received its charter from the state of Missouri in 1832.

**Sports**

*(see questions on page C9)*

1. The only player to collect 5 hits in one World Series game was Brewers outfielder Robin Yount who did it in Game one in 1982.
2. The only NCAA head football coach to win a Heisman Trophy and then have a player he coached win the Heisman is Steve Spurrier who won the award in 1966 and while coaching Florida, his quarterback Danny Wuerffel won it in 1996.
3. The NCAA single season record for average rushing yards per game is held by Oklahoma State running back Barry Sanders who average 238.9 yards per game during the 1988 season.
4. The two current big league managers who won a Rookie if the Year Award while they were players are Cubs skipper Lou Piniella who won with the 1969 Royals and White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen who won with the 1985 White Sox.
5. Wayne Gretzky's number 99 has been retired by all 30 NHL teams.
6. Penn State went 49 seasons without a losing record, 1938-1987, the streak was broken in 1988 when they went 5-6.
7. Red Sox righthander Curt Schilling was the Sox only pitcher to record a victory in both the 2004 and 2007 World Series.
8. The last two Heisman Trophy winners from either one of the service academies were Navy quarterback Roger Staubach in 1963 and Navy running back Joe Bellino in 1960.
9. The two Division I schools that have faced each other the most times on the football field are Minnesota and Wisconsin who have played 118 times.
10. The following 25 states are home to at least one NFL, NBA, NHL, and MLB franchise: Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.



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# The Largest Re-enlistment Ceremony – EVER!!!

I'm sure you already know about this. It was shown over and over on TV, right?

OK, so maybe it wasn't shown over and over, but surely it was shown on TV at least one time, wasn't it?

This was the largest re-enlistment ceremony ever held in military history. The ceremony was held on the 4th of July, 2008 at Al Faw Palace, Baghdad, Iraq. **General David Petraeus** officiated. This amazing story was ignored by the 'mainstream' media.

For those who have been in the Al Faw Palace, you'll have a better appreciation of the number of people crammed around the rotunda supporting the re-enlisting soldiers.

American men and women volunteering to stay longer in Iraq, so that when we leave, the new democracy will have a chance of surviving, is the



exact opposite of what the media wants you to think about Iraq. If only a bomb had killed five civilians in a marketplace – now that's the kind of news the media is eager to tell you about.

A pizzeria in Chicago donated 2,000 pizzas that were made and shipped to Baghdad, and were delivered on the 4th.

The media did report that 2,000 pizzas were sent to Iraq on July 4th... The only part they left out of the report was the event for which the pizzas were sent.

I can't help but wonder...

What would the opinion of Americans be if they weren't getting such obviously biased "news?"

– Pat Rose, C-11

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