

Matt O'Malley welcomed as newest Boston City Councillor

New Boston City Councillor Matt O'Malley is sworn-in by Mayor Thomas Menino at a recent ceremony at City Hall. O'Malley recently won a special election for the District (West Roxbury, Roslindale & Jamaica Plain) seat replacing John Tobin. See story on page A6.



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How The GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!



Or, "Why a diminutive, pathetic Governor who was again elected by idiot Massachusetts liberal moonbats hates cops."

**By Jim Carnell,
Pax Editor**

(Instructions for police families: read to children in front of fireplace on Christmas Eve for maximum effect.)

Most residents of Blueville liked policemen a lot,
But the Grinch at the State House,
well, he certainly DID NOT!

The Grinch hated cops! No one quite knows the reason.
(But he especially hates them after post-election season!)

It could be the fact he was an elitist, rich fraud,
Or it could be the fact that he thought he was God!

But I think that the most likely reason of all,
Was he wasn't invited to the police relief's ball!
From on top Beacon Hill, at the House of the State,
He stared down at the cops, his heart filled with hate.
"I screwed them on details, I killed their Quinn bill,
And their union's existence makes me physically ill!"

"I hate them damn cops, in ways I can't mention,
So I know what I'll do now...
I'LL GO AFTER THEIR PENSION!"

"I have an idea," the Grinch laughed in his throat.
And he made a quick Santy Claus hat and a coat.
"All I need is a reindeer," so the Grinch looked around.

But since reindeer were scarce,
there was none to be found.

"To carry my baggage, I need a real jerk,"
And next door at Suffolk,
he found Professor Dave Tuerck.

Did that stop the Grinch? No! The Grinch simply said,
"If I can't find a reindeer, I'll make one instead!"
So he called the old coot, and he found some red thread,
And he tied up some horns on top of his head.
This graying old loon had the ear of the press,
Though his clothing was rumpled,
and his hair was a mess.

"My Beacon Hill Institute will make up a fake study,
And since we both hate cops, Deval,
you'll be my new buddy!"

He hooked the buffoon to the front of his sleigh,
And slid down the street to old Area A.

He ran to the guardroom, and grabbed the fake tree,
Then dashed away, dashed away toward Area D.
He had worked for the feds as a liberal attorney,
So he spit at the cops, and continued his journey.
He dashed past B-2, at the cops he just leered,
(But he dared not stop there,
'cause of crime he was scared.)

At the top of his lungs, he shrieked like a girl,
And his lips were pursed up in a grinchy-ish curl.
He stopped at each station, and stole what he could,
Details, Insurance and even some wood!
Then he dashed for the State House on old Beacon Hill,
Where he hoped that his sleigh-ride
would make the cops ill.

"Pooh, pooh to the cops," he was grinch-ishly humming,
"They're finding out now that no Christmas is coming."

Then the Grinch heard a sound rising over the snow,
It started in low – then... it started to grow.

He stared down at Blueville,
and the Grinch popped his eyes.

Every cop in the town, much to his surprise,
Was outside his window, dressed smartly in blue,
Singing "MERRY CHRISTMAS, Deval...
and by the way, **SCREW YOU!**"

– With apologies to Dr. Seuss

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The view from here

It's official, the hiring practices at the Probation Department has now given birth to the age-old debate of Civil Service. Seems like every year the BPPA is in court or in the legislature fighting to stop the erosion on abolishment of the time-tested civil service merit based standards and procedures.

In 1883 Massachusetts became one of the first states in the nation to adopt a "merit hiring" or "civil service" law aimed directly against favoritism, cronyism, widespread patronage and other forms of corrupt hiring and promotion practices. It was developed as a result of hiring and firing practices that were heavily influenced by politicians and other forms of corruption. While such practices have not been completely eradicated, they have not been as pervasive as the years before civil service. Recently the editorial board of the *Herald* took another swipe at Civil Service in the wake of the Probation Department scandal. Chiefs of Police, municipal managers, elected officials and activist are currently trying to erode the system in the name of "reform". They argue that civil service should be repealed because the system is obsolete, not as relevant in 2010 as it was in the 1890's. Yet few will honestly deny that corruption, cronyism, and favoritism still exist and can be far more costly to the taxpayers than a "merit based hiring and promotional civil service system", even an imperfect one. We've all heard their rhetoric, repealing strict civil service standards would give employers more "flexibility" in hiring or promoting the personnel they believe

are truly the most qualified. Of course no judgment is more biased than the subjective view of an employer who hires or promotes someone because for whatever reason they are far more comfortable with them

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and beyond that discipline or firing someone because they are "not" comfortable with them. We argue that such protections and objective, criteria are essential to predictability and fundamental fairness to "all" regardless of race, creed, color, religion, gender, political affiliation etc. Without the objective time tested protections of the civil service system in hiring, firing, promotion and discipline we will no longer be a viable, valid profession.

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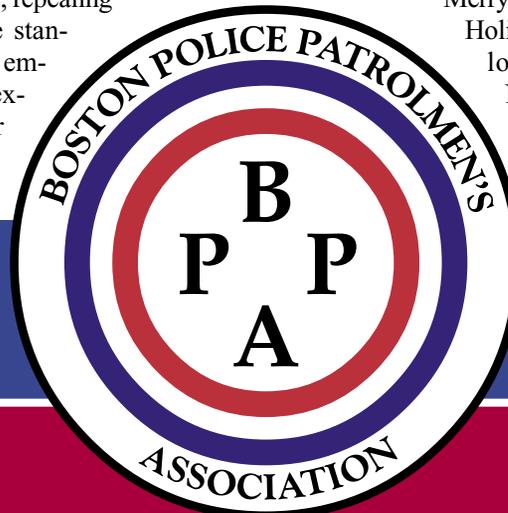
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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones. May the New Year bring you above all else, peace, prosperity and good health.





The year in review

Looking back over the past year the BPPA has had some favorable decisions. In the FLSA case it was determined that the Department failed to bargain the impact of the 28-day schedule versus the seven-day schedule while factoring overtime under the FLSA guidelines. Hundreds of officers benefited over the six year period based on education and night shift differential.

In the Muni case, a stipulated agreement was reached that was all-encompassing including those retired, promoted and anyone considered an active employee for the nine year period between October of 1994 and September of 2003. This affected over 2000 members. Considering the over-all lack of records available, this was the most inclusive and conclusive agreement both parties could expect. Special thanks to the staff at the Department's Payroll Division, the City's Auditor's Office and the Retirement Board for identifying and turning out the settlement in a short period of time.

The Blauer jacket settlement affected approximately 334 members who were the beneficiaries of a Commissioner's Special Order that came out a few years too late regarding the Department's authorization and prohibition on certain uniforms and equipment. Once again the Department is working with the Union in attempting to get the jackets to the officers once a vendor has been identified through the RFP process. Response to the letter concerning officer's sizes has been slow.

The Grievance Committee along with **Tom Nee, Tom Pratt, Pat Rose and Jay**

Broderick all played roles in helping to resolve these and many other cases.

Hanna Awards

Congratulations to Boston Police Officers **Patrick Byrne, Dean Bickerton, John Conway, Stephen Crimmins, Richard Fitzpatrick, Joseph Gorman and Kenneth Reid** who were recognized for the "Meritorious Recognition" Award. Officers **Brian Mahoney and Benjamin Miller** received the "Medal of Valor." Officer **Patrick Champagnie** received the "Medal of Honor." It was a great ceremony honoring the memory of **Trooper George L. Hanna Jr.** and our officers for their continued extraordinary work.

Training, Tactics and Tasers

Recently, an officer was relegated to desk duty after participating in an arrest of a non-compliant, juvenile escapee with outstanding warrants at Roxbury Community College. The incident happened on or about 10-22-10 and was videotaped. Some in the community have complained that the methods used were excessive while some in the police community have referred to the strategies as "textbook" as taught in the Academy. As the Department continues to walk the tightrope as they carefully craft their position, a definitive answer is needed, for both the individual officer and the patrol force. The video speaks for itself, in that witnesses are extraneous and add little if

anything to change one's view of what they observed. Any observer of the tape may differ in their opinion but the tangible question is to the training and tactics employed and are those tactics on tape representative of the tactics taught at the Academy? The answer is "yes" and the Department should not be afraid to say so. The officer should not be the scapegoat for resorting to his training and instruction as the Department continues to delicately fashion a statement so as not to offend.

Were the officers reasonable given the level of resistance... yes, empty hand control and knee thrusts (no baton and no mace). Did the officers follow protocol in attempting to properly cuff a non-compliant suspect... take suspect down, chest to the floor, hands behind his back, palms out and position the cuffs an inch up from the wrist bone. Not easily done without getting physical especially from a suspect who states words to the effect "you gonna have to take me in blood". Given the totality of the circumstances, is this cuffing of a non-compliant escapee something that "shocks the conscience"?

Imagine over a month has passed since the arrest and members of the Academy staff have not been (on the record) interviewed as to the training techniques taught at the Academy for non-compliance. There is nothing else more relevant. The Department assuredly has the answer and continues with their "gotta get away" handling of the incident as if the passing of time will make the inevitable go away.

Ironically, Taser has made 3 calls and committed to sponsor a hole at the Golf Tournament and a dunk tank on a par 3.

Unreasonable Delays

Grievance was recently filed regarding the handling of complaints and the period of time needed for the Department to respond. According to Rule 109, advancing complaints is supposed to be "quick," (Section 5), investigations are supposed to be completed "as soon as practical" (Section 52), and trial board hearing officers are supposed to submit their reports to the Police Commissioner "forthwith" (Section 63). In some cases years went by between dates of alleged rule infractions and the hearings.

As our Attorney stated "What is the point of disciplining someone 5-1/2 years after the fact? Supposedly the disciplinary rules "envision a disciplinary process which incorporates the idea of training both for effective self-discipline and for group discipline, or *esprit de corps*" if Rule 109, Section 2 is to be believed. Isn't punishing someone so long after the event purely punitive at this point?"

In a recent BPPA case, an Arbitrator stated "Procedural fairness is, after all, an element of just cause; and it includes the imposition of discipline after a *reasonable time* after the incident in question." This type of commentary can only help going forward where timeliness comes into play.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Councillor Mike Ross accuses cops of misconduct in Roxbury Community College case

...but conveniently "withholds" judgment on convicted felon/fellow councillor Chuck Turner for two years?...

By **Jim Carnell**,
Pax Centurion Editor

Most Boston police officers are aware of the highly-publicized "YouTube" video regarding the apprehension of a violent felon resisting arrest at Roxbury Community College. Some, however, may not be aware of the reprehensible comments made by City Council President **Mike Ross** shortly after the incident became public.

Officers had been called to the college to arrest the juvenile on numerous outstanding warrants and for escape from a DYS (dept. of youth services) facility. When the officers attempted to place handcuffs on the suspect, he began violently resisting, according to published accounts. With one cuff on and the other off, the juvenile felon began flailing his hands and resisting arrest, refusing to obey officer's orders to stop and simply submit. Officers were then required to employ physical compliance/ negative stimuli to overcome the resistance encountered, as instructed by the Boston Police

Academy. No weapons, no batons, no mace were used by any officer.

As all experienced officers know, one of the hardest things to do is to handcuff a person - of any gender, age, weight, height, etc. who does not want to be handcuffed, without employing physical force. The person resisting arrest is in full control of exactly how much force must be employed, not the officer. All the person being arrested need do - to avoid ANY use of ANY force - is to comply with the officer's orders. But when a person chooses to resist and disobey, he/she is responsible for the ensuing consequences.

Unfortunately, there are a plethora of nitwit members of the general public who think that handcuffing a person is like they see on a TV police drama, i.e. "Adam-12" or "Law and Order." In a word, stupid, it's not. By way of example, I vividly recall many years ago on Plant Court in the Heath Street projects in Jamaica Plain trying to handcuff an elderly EDP (emotionally dis-

turbed person) armed with a can of insect repellent. My partner, **Joe Toomey**, and I were both young and physically fit at the time. (Note: Joe has since become ugly and decrepit and not very good looking, while I maintain incredible youthful vigor, stamina and remain dashing handsome. But I digress...) We struggled mightily to handcuff her in order to cart her off to the hospital, all the while being sprayed with repellent and attempting not to hurt her, knowing full-well the accusations that would undoubtedly come from community-activist types if the crazed woman was in the least bit injured.

But Councillor Ross, seeking to curry favor and ingratiate himself with the cop-hating elements in the community, saw a political opportunity in bashing the cops, especially with the racially-charged expulsion of fellow City Councillor/convicted felon **Chuck Turner** looming in the near-future. Always a political boost by jumping on the "damn the cops" bandwagon,

right Councillor Ross? Said the Councillor to the press: "I was outraged by what I saw in the video...of an unarmed teenager laying on his stomach, subdued by Boston police officers, while being severely and repeatedly beaten by one of the officers in what appears to be an unmeasured use of force", he said in a statement. "I spoke to Commissioner Davis, who pledged to conduct a full and fair investigation into this incident. I will await the results of the investigation, as well as his subsequent action." The statement not only condemns the cop and accuses him of using excessive force and "beating" the prisoner resisting arrest, but also pre-supposes that there is some sort of "action" which should or will be taken by the Commissioner against the officer.

First and foremost, Councillor, a prisoner who is flailing a loose handcuff at officers who are attempting to arrest him is not "unarmed": the handcuff has now become a

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Congratulations to our annual scholarship award winners

To our membership, I hope to find everyone in good health. Now that the holiday season is upon us, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season. The Annual Scholarship Awards is the first order of business that I would like to get into. The recipients were drawn at our November 17, 2010 House of Representatives meeting. Children of Members from both the Patrol Force and the EMS division were eligible for these scholarships. The following named children along with their parent are the winners of these scholarships. I have also included the names of the alternates. I would like to thank all of the businesses who purchased advertisements in the *Pax*, our Union newspaper. These advertisements fund the scholarship program. If your child is a recipient of one of these awards, you will need to either provide a tuition bill or an account number for a college 529 savings plan. If you do not have a college savings plan set up, the Union can assist with doing so.

The next order of business is fitness. Yes, fitness! Over the last couple of months some of our members have called the Union and inquired about gym memberships that were family affordable and somewhat geared towards police work. This is what I have come up with, two places that are easy to get to. The first is **The Bay Shore Athletic Club** located in Braintree. Detective **Tim Stanton** of the Drug Control Unit, along with his partner, **Tim Fitzgerald** run a strength, boxing and an overall conditioning program out of this gym. They teach a workout system called Core Box Training. Both Tim and his partner are former golden glove boxers and take the curriculum they teach very seriously. Their company name is **TNT Boxing**. If you or someone in your family would like to attend a trial class or enroll in one of their fitness programs call, **Tim Stanton** at 1-781-760-4873 or e-mail him at tntboxinginfo.com for details and pricing. Both TNT and the Bay Shore Athletic Club give discounts to public safety personnel. The address for the Bay Shore Athletic Club is 14 Plain Street, Braintree, MA 02184. The telephone number is 1-781-356-5303.

The next workout facility is **Peter Welch's Gym** which is located at 380 Dorchester Avenue, South Boston, MA 02127. The phone number is 617-269-4641 and the website is peterwelchsgym.com. Peter is a former professional fighter and has trained some fighters for television reality shows. Peter and his staff have just moved to this new location. They have expanded the workout area to over 9,000 square feet to accommodate a better work out for their clients. Peter is offering a free fighter conditioning class and if you complete it, he will give you a free T-shirt. I have known Peter for some years now and he also takes his commitment to getting you into shape very seriously.

My next order of business is the recent "Turkey Bowl." Every Thanksgiving for the last several years, members of the Boston Police Department play the Connemara Gaels in a flag football game. The Gaels are a Gaelic football team who taught many of us how

to play Gaelic football. They are a bunch of great guys. The BPD were the winners of this years game and the score was 21 to 13. The final touchdown that put the BPD over the top was made by the Mayor of Dorchester, **Craig Galvin**. He stiff-armed some poor unsuspecting Irish footballer as he crossed the end zone. Craig (and his hair) were sworn in as honorary members of the Department for roster purposes prior to the game by **Gerard Bailey**. Also, recognition should go out to **Bob Griffin** for an

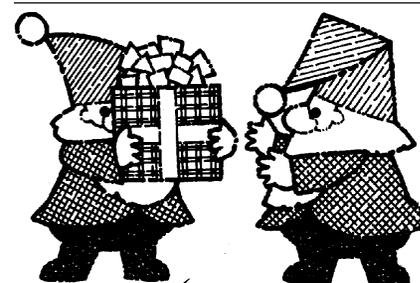
I would just like to say remember to keep in your prayers and thoughts our co-workers in the military and also the other men and women and their families in our armed services serving in the Gulf.

excellent job quarterbacking, **Mike Devane** for his cat-like moves and **Bob Merner** for being the best dressed, wearing an all "Under Armour" ensemble. A shoutout to **Mark Stokes** who did the officiating for the game. Mark was a former Gaels player and did an unbiased job. The game was great to watch and catch up with current events and see people you usually don't see. I purposely left **Sugar Bill Traft's** accomplishments out of this article just to aggravate him!

If you didn't notice, I kept things kind of light for this issue of our paper due to the onset of the Holiday Season. There was one thing that did bother me prior to writing this article though. **Justin Bieber**, a teenage pop singer received a front page story in the *Boston Herald*. Army Sergeant **Sal Giunta**, our country's latest hero to be bestowed the Congressional Medal of Honor for acts of heroism in Afghanistan, was put on page 14. Has the *Boston Herald* really become that shallow?

In closing, I would just like to say remember to keep in your prayers and thoughts our co-workers in the military and also the other men and women and their families in our armed services serving in the Gulf. Remember if you have any problems or concerns, give me a call down at the union hall. Do not let things fester. Thank you for allowing me to work for you over the past year. As always keep your guard up and continue to watch each other's backs.

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Some things never change!

The more things change, the more they remain the same. I am simply amazed at the audacity of some elected officials that think they have a right to 'Monday Morning Quarterback' Police Officers actions, all the while admitting that they (the politicians) do not have the facts, etc. etc. You would think that these so called officials might have taken note of another, who not so long ago put his foot in his mouth attempting to give uninformed opinion concerning a police action in the city of Cambridge. With his stated "I don't know all of the facts" that politician's insistence that the Cambridge Police Department acted "stupidly," managed to set police relations back 50 years.

So, here we find ourselves once again, with an uninformed politician attempting to gain notoriety at the expense of a hard-working dedicated Police Officer that was conducting himself in a professional, lawful manner while attempting to place a very violent drug dealing escaped convict into custody. This Officer was following procedure to the letter! This Officer was using the exact methods instructed in the academy!

But let's not let the facts get in the way of some free press for a politician, no let's not let the facts get in the way of bashing the police, I mean after all, isn't that the thing now a days? Bash the cops; blame the cops for all of society's ills. City Councilor **Mike Ross** seems to think so.

Mike Ross, just another politician that didn't have the facts, stated to the *Boston Globe*: "I was outraged by what I saw in the video..., (speaking of a YouTube video), of an unarmed teenager (I guess swinging an open handcuff that could cut your throat or slice open someone's face or abdomen doesn't qualify as being armed) laying on his stomach, subdued by Boston police officers, while being severely and repeatedly beaten by one of the officers in what appears to be an unmeasured use of force," he said in a statement. "I spoke to Commissioner Davis, who pledged to conduct a full and fair investigation into this incident. I will await the results of the investigation, as well as his subsequent action."

Ross's statement about the Commissioner's subsequent action is code for: the Officer better be disciplined or I'll make your life miserable. Well councilor let me explain the facts of life, you're a little fish in a big pond that thinks he's going to make his bones on a hard working young professional cop, guess what, it isn't going to happen! You're just another wanna be that has a grand vision of himself. Well, you just showed the entire city what you're made of.

The city in which I speak are the residents that are sick and tired of being held hostage in their own homes by maggots such as your "unarmed teenager," who by the way happens to have a lengthy violent record, but why should that matter to you?!

The city residents that I speak of are the

ones that we will petition to vote you and your ilk out of office! I am a lifelong resident of the city, not because I have to be, but because I want to be. I love this city and work its streets because I love the city and the people in it, along with my colleagues we will continue to attempt to rid it of these maggots that you profess to protect from our supposed brutality. You make me sick! You're another lightweight that thinks he's going to move up in class by beating up on the cops! You admit that you do not have the facts, and then give an uninformed opinion to the media, hoping and praying it will

independent state agency governed by a fifteen-member Commission *appointed by the Governor*.

If you are enrolled into the GIC, your health care is completely removed from your collective bargaining and you have absolutely no say in whom or what company can offer health care or what plan you can choose that best suits your individual and family needs.

The companies and the plans are bargained by the 'Commission' with the needs of the Commonwealth coming before the needs of the user (you!). The Mayor's request

...let's not let the facts get in the way of some free press for a politician, no let's not let the facts get in the way of bashing the police, I mean after all, isn't that the thing now a days? Bash the cops; blame the cops for all of society's ills. City Councilor Mike Ross seems to think so.

propel you into some type of Mayoral prominence. Realizing you screwed up, you sneak behind closed doors with another city councilor attempting to pervert the process in which you yourself asked that the Commissioner conduct, (yes Mike, I know and a lot of others know that you had your secret meeting along with another city councilor attempting to pervert the investigation to find fault with the Officer's actions, because you know you stuck your foot in your mouth and are looking to screw anyone you can to protect your image).

Well Mike, your 15 minute of fame have come and gone, we will be looking for a suitable candidate to replace you very shortly. Oh, by the way, if you think that this is a personal attack, it's as personal as yours was against an Officer that was conducting himself in a lawful professional manner attempting to place an **ARMED FELON** into custody, an attack against an Officer whose only crime is caring enough to do his job and protect the citizens of this city, those are the facts!

The proposed GIC

What is the GIC anyway? What are all the complaints about the GIC? The 'Group Insurance Commission' (GIC) was established by the Legislature in 1955 to provide and administer health insurance and other benefits to the Commonwealth's employees and retirees, and their dependents and survivors. The GIC also covers housing and redevelopment authorities' personnel, participating municipalities, and retired municipal employees and teachers in certain governmental units. *Initially the GIC was formed for the benefit of the employee to ensure competitive rates; however that was long ago in land long lost when the occupants of the State House actually showed RESPECT for and towards their public employees.* The GIC is a quasi-

to pass a 'Home Rule Partition' to adopt a City of Boston GIC would be no better.

We, as public employee unions have bargained for our health care for decades and have taken reduced percentage wage increases over those same years to ensure adequate health care through our collective bargaining agreements. When bargained in good faith, we have agreed to increases in our share cost and have been willing to discuss insurance costs with management.

The current media onslaught and political backlash against public employees has taken its toll on all of us. The media and certain politicians have used this current fiscal crisis to 'roll back the clock' on us insofar as our salaries, pensions and now our health care. Do not be fooled or cajoled into believing that the GIC is for your good or is good for you. If you have family coverage your co-pays will go through the roof. If you need specialized care, it's a flip of the coin if you'll get it. If you require prescription medication you better dig out the savings, you're going to need it! Promises of 'dollars back to you' or reduced premium cost are outright lies!

The only people that benefit from a GIC are the Employers, The Insurance Company and if you are young, healthy and single requiring absolutely no care, doctors visits, emergency room visits or prescription medication, then maybe you, the 1 in 500 that make out in the deal.

Please believe me when I tell you, if we lose our health care, you might as well walk away from these jobs, they'll no longer be worth anything!

The 'Muni' Case

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the settlement will have been paid and you have a jump in catching up to your bills for a change. However, there still appears to be a lot of questions on how the

amounts were figured and who was eligible for a share.

As I have previously stated in different forums and written on, the settlement was agreed to by the City and the BPPA. However, the formula used to value each 'quarter' was dictated by the Hearing Officer (Judge) overseeing the case. The hearing Officer was very specific as to the exact dates, time lines and individuals who were eligible for a share in the settlement. She was also exact on how the monies would be divided into equal shares for each and every quarter. The leadership has gone to great lengths to ensure that each and every question has been addressed, but in the interest of the majority, we had to move it along so that you all could be paid. There is a \$100,000.00 'safety' amount that has been put aside to ensure any possible errors are addressed. Once we are certain that all issues have been addressed, that remaining money will be distributed according to the same formula as the initial settlement payment.

Active military service

Just a reminder that your association passed a motion in 2002 to help financially support individuals activated to fight the war on terror. Just a reminder of the basic motion and information and documentation required for us to assist you with that financial promise. The motion was to assist members in good standing with a financial stipend of \$500.00 per month for a period of not more than five months and a total of \$2,500.00. That a member would have to be activated to duty in the recognized force of **ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES** or **COAST GUARD** (to include reserve forces) for a minimum of ninety days prior to becoming eligible. (**ADT is not considered active duty**) Further that if a member met those requirements, that the association would refund Union Dues and Dental Payments to those members for the life of their activation. You need to help us help you, when you are notified that you are going to be activated, please forward a copy of your orders to the union, attention to the secretary. When you receive new orders or post mobilization orders, please forward those copies as well, (we need to know where you are stationed to include addresses/APO's, AFPO's etc.). Please let us know who will be handling your affairs back home and who is a good POC with a telephone number and an address, (this information will be kept confidential). A lot of good meaning and caring people want to ensure that you and yours are taken care of in your absence, please help us with that information so we can help them help you.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, or a Happy Chanukah and a very Happy and Healthy New Year! I hope that the coming year is a safe one for you and yours. God Bless!

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- Chris Boyle,
Patrolman, Drug Unit

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- Bobby Murphy, EMT,
Boston EMS

Matt O'Malley elected new Boston City Councillor for District 6

By Jim Barry,
BPPA Legislative Agent

Voters in Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury overwhelmingly voted for **Matt O'Malley** (with about 60 percent of the vote) over **Jim Hennigan** as the next District 6 Boston City Councilor in a special election for **John Tobin's** seat back on November 16.

Matt O'Malley lives in Jamaica Plain and he beat Hennigan, by an even wider margin in JP, taking just over 70 percent of the vote. The only precinct Jim Hennigan won in JP was Ward 19, precinct 2. That precinct mostly covers Jamaica Hills, the neighborhood where Hennigan grew up, and where many members of his politically active family, including his sister, former District 6 City Councilor **Maura Hennigan**, still live.

O'Malley also won in West Roxbury. He took about 55 percent of the vote to Hennigan's 44 percent. Not as huge a margin but when your talking 70% of the vote in one area and then 55% of the vote in another. Yet a very clear cut win, leaving little doubt Matt had won the district solidly. 55% is a landslide!

West Roxbury trounced JP in terms of turnout. Close to 26 percent of registered voters cast ballots in that neighborhood. In JP, just over 11 percent of voters made it to the polls. The 3,508 votes cast in JP counted for just 40 percent of the overall 8,811 votes cast. Overall district total O'Malley 5283 vs. Hennigan 3487.

"We were number one in both neighborhoods by a significant margin, thanks to a broad-based grassroots campaign," O'Malley said.



**New Boston City Councillor
Matt O'Malley**

Boston Police Patrolmen were out in droves. As many a pair blue striped pants was observed entered polling places in order to cast their votes for Matt O'Malley.

O'Malley received The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association endorsement plus a number of high-profile endorsements including one from former District 6 City Councilor John Tobin. John left the city council last summer to take a job with Northeastern University. Matt also told praised the BPPA members who helped supported the campaign by writing checks, holding signs and was "blown away" by the antique patrol wagon known as the Blue Goose. The goose was manned by **Bill Flippin** for a few Matt O'Malley stand outs and delivered sandwiches to BPPA members and O'Malley poll workers on election day.

New Councillor Matt O'Malley says thanks for BPPA support

Dear friends,

Last week I was sworn in as the District 6 Boston City Councilor at a ceremony in the City Council Chamber at City Hall. I was overwhelmed and humbled by the number of family and friends that attended the ceremony and offered their congratulations. I was especially grateful to see Tom Nee, Jim Barry and other members of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association among the well-wishers.

I am proud to have the support of the BPPA as I begin my term on the Boston City Council. Your membership has stood with me since I first sought elected office seven years ago. We share similar principles and we are committed to the same ideals: ensuring social and economic justice on the job and in the workplace.

I look forward to working with you in the year ahead. Please feel free to contact my City Hall office at 617-635-4220 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing friendship and support. I will not let you down.

Sincerely,
Boston City Councillor Matt O'Malley



Boston's proposal for its own Group Insurance Commission: A curse not a cure

On November 30th, Mayor Thomas Menino filed a Home Rule Petition with the City Council seeking to create a "City of Boston Group Insurance Commission." Although the petition was filed under the guise of management and unions "working together to control rising health costs," the real purpose of the legislation appears in Section 5 of the bill which reads:

The negotiation and purchase of insurance, including ... applicable premiums, deductibles and co-pays ... shall not be subject to collective bargaining under chapter one hundred and fifty nor shall it be subject to any statutory impasse proceeding.

If this Home Rule Petition is passed, City employees will lose many of the protections afforded to them under Chapter 32B, the municipal health insurance law. In addition, the City will no longer be required to bargain about changes in your health benefits. Specifically:

- The City will be free to increase your percentage contribution towards health insurance without bargaining.
- The City will be free to implement changes in health insurance plan design that save the City money in premiums by shifting costs to you and other City employees in the form of increased co-pays and deductibles.
- The City will be free to eliminate its contributions towards retiree health insurance altogether.

The legislation exempts the City from Section 7 and 7A of Chapter 32B - provisions which require the City to contribute a minimum of 50% or more toward insurance premiums. Because Boston adopted Section 7A, it is required to contribute greater than 50% and is now contributing 80% of the premiums toward HMOs and 75% towards PPO health plans. Under current law, the City may not alter its premium percentage share without negotiating in good faith with the BPPA and reaching an agreement to do so as part of the overall contract.

If this home rule petition is passed the City will be exempt from Section 7A and the collective bargaining law with respect to decreases in its contribution towards insurance. So it conceivably could reduce its contribution towards your health insurance to 50% or even lower. If that occurs, your health insurance costs would more than double.

Currently, the law requires the City to negotiate any plan design changes and refrain from implementing them until the contract is resolved. This bill permits unilateral implementation of increases in your out of packet insurance costs without negotiations.

This means that the BPPA will have no input into the co-pay and deductible increases – no way to alter or delay them. The City will have no incentive to offer anything in return for these insurance cost increases because the bill allows them to simply implement such changes.

The bill also undermines retiree health insurance benefits. Section 9 of the proposed legislation would allow the City to be exempt from contributing anything towards the health premiums of retired officers. It would also allow the City to avoid offering an optional Medicare extension ["medigap"] health plan to retirees.

The sole restriction on the City's ability to implement increases in your health insurance costs appears Section 4 of the bill. The City's health insurance benefits must be at a level that is "at least equal to the actuarial value" of the GIC plans which cover state employees. The state plans are much more costly because they have higher co-pays and deductibles than your current plan. For instance, state employees are required to pay the first \$250 of all health insurance costs. This is true for their family members as well – each one must pay \$250. State employees are also required to pay \$100 for imaging tests, like MRIs in addition to the \$250. The author of this article is on one of the state GIC health plans through her husband. Thus far this year my family has paid \$550 out of pocket in health insurance deductibles in addition to our co-pays. This is because the level of benefits under the GIC plans is substantially lower than the benefits you now enjoy under the City's current health plans.

Comparison of Boston vs. GIC Health Plans

To the right are two charts comparing GIC plans to plans presently offered by the City. The first chart compares the Harvard Pilgrim PPO offered by the City to that offered by the GIC. The second chart compares two indemnity-type PPO plans. If the Home Rule Petition is passed, the City will be free to lower your health benefits to the GIC level. As you can see, the out-of-pocket costs for employees are substantially greater under the GIC health plans.

BENEFIT COMPARISON – HARVARD PILGRIM PPO GIC vs. BOSTON PLAN

Benefit Comparison	City of Boston	GIC	Difference
	Harvard Pilgrim POS	Harvard Pilgrim Independence Plan (POS)	Additional Cost under GIC
Deductible	In Network: \$0 Out of Network: \$200 per member, \$400 per year	\$250 per member, \$750 per family for all health care before any benefits are covered	\$250 to \$750 additional whether in or out of network
Office Visit	In Network: \$10 Out of Network: 80% Coverage after deductible	Regular MD: \$20 per visit Specialist: \$35 or \$45 per visit	Between \$10 and \$35 additional
Prescription Drugs Co-Pay	\$5/\$10/\$25	\$25/\$50	\$20 and \$25 additional per Rx
In-Patient Hospitalization Co-Pay	In Network: \$0 Out of Network: 80% Coverage after deductible	Tier 1: \$250 Tier 2: \$500 Tier 3: \$750	\$250 to \$750 additional
Outpatient Surgery Co-Pay	None	\$100 per occurrence	\$150 additional
Emergency Room Co-Pay	\$30 per visit	\$100 per visit	\$70 additional
High Tech Imaging Co-Pay MRI, CAT, PET	No cost	\$100	\$100

BENEFIT COMPARISON – UNICARE INDEMNITY vs. BLUE CHOICE GIC vs. BOSTON PLAN

Benefit Comparison	City of Boston	GIC	Difference
	Blue Choice	Unicare Indemnity	Additional Cost under GIC
Deductible	In Network: \$0 Out of Network: \$50 per member, \$100 per year	\$250 per member, \$750 per family before any benefits are covered	\$250 to \$750 additional whether in or out of network
Office Visit	In Network: \$10 Out of Network: 80% Coverage after deductible	Regular MD: \$15 to \$35 per visit depending on tier Specialist: \$25 to \$45 per visit depending on tier	Between \$25 and \$35 additional per Office Visit depending on MD
Prescription Drugs Co-Pay	\$5/\$10	\$10/\$25/\$50	\$15 and \$40 additional per Rx
In-Patient Hospitalization Co-Pay	In Network: Covered in Full Out of Network: 80% Coverage after deductible	\$250 deductible	\$250 additional
Outpatient Surgery Co-Pay	None	\$110 per occurrence	\$110 additional
Emergency Room Co-Pay	\$10 per visit	\$100 per visit	\$90 additional
High Tech Imaging Co-Pay MRI, CAT, PET	\$0	\$100	\$100 additional

On December 2nd, the BPPA filed an unfair practice charge against the City, challenging the Mayor's action in placing the Home Rule Petition before the City Council on the grounds that the City is unlawfully bypassing the Union by resorting to the Council to avoid its obligations to bargain over health insurance – a mandatory subject of bargaining. In an analogous circumstance, the Supreme Judicial Court held that the public employee unions in Wrentham could not effectuate an increase in the Town's contribution towards health insurance by placing the matter before the Town Meeting for a vote, because health insurance is a mandatory subject of bargaining. The Court observed that such a practice would "render the bargaining process an empty formality" and "it would undermine the purposes of Chapter 150E to permit and end run around [the bargaining] process." *Anderson v. Town of Wrentham*, 406 Mass 508, 512 (1990).

While we will vigorously pursue that change, it is unclear whether we will be able to "put the genie back in the bottle" if the City Council and the legislature approve the Home Rule Petition since it will amend the City's collective bargaining obligations with respect to health insurance under Chapter 150E. Accordingly, we will be doubling our efforts to try to prevent its passage at the City Council hearing on the Home Rule Petition.

Saudi "college students" chase BPD officers down city streets

By Jim Carnell, Pax Centurion Editor
At this most charitable time of year, I suppose I should be extending good cheer to mankind in general, including those who detest us.But how stupid would that be? Whether it's Christmas time or not, there are still many people who suck, such as....

RICH, ENTITLED ARAB "STUDENTS" AT RITZ CONDOMINIUMS CHASE DOWN AND INSULT BOSTON POLICE OFFICERS: CC# 100626955, 11/20/2010, 10 Avery St. Boston: On November 20th at 3:08 AM, BPD officers were **AGAIN** called to the swank and posh Ritz condominiums located at 10 Avery St. for yet another loud party call disturbing their likewise-rich and entitled neighbors (Always put the police in the middle of your problems is a cardinal rule-of-thumb amongst the rich and elite- never have the guts to knock on your own neighbor's door (God forbid!) and tell them to shut up or else...). The officers were confronted with arrogant, entitled "college students" from the Arabian peninsula, who allegedly eschew alcohol and other such western excesses and tools of the infidels (That would be US!) but who were all drunk and carrying bottles of alcohol. (Allah Akbar!) The officers had been there the night before to break up another gathering of the God-fearing followers of Allah. (CC# 100624857). Naturally, the officers encountered the usual tirades from the entitled, rich residents of the sandier countries. There were about 35 people present who were in the process of praying to Allah/and/or drinking themselves into oblivion with demon rum supplies by the infidels. (The condo was estimated to be worth \$3.8 million.)

The officers were forced to first arrest one "Sultan Alhokair" (it is unknown which emirate this Sultan controls as of this writing) due to his refusing to obey the officer's commands and then struggling with the officers as they tried to arrest him. Another suspect, **Angelos Markakis**, a 22-year-old piece of work, tried to interfere with the arrest and then stated "You have no idea who you are &^%#\$@ with- you are going to be in big trouble". (Angelos might have a point- if this were anywhere else in America except Massachusetts, the police would be applauded. But since we reside in **Deval Patrick's** People's Republic of Massachusetts, the cops are usually considered wrong before the suspect is...). Another resident of the warmer and more pungent climates (as any who have been there can attest to), **Abdul Aziz Alathim**, next attempted to interfere with the officers, and he too was subsequently arrested.

As the officers transported the suspects to the station for booking (Allah Akbar!), a 2010 Porsche registered to Abdullah Al-Saud of Cambridge (no doubt another "student" HA!) literally chased the cruisers down the street and followed them to the rear of Area A-1. The young Al-Saud did not, alas, have a valid Mass. driver's license, and was also subsequently arrested for operating without a license. During the booking process, suspect Markakis is reported to have said "you don't know who my

friends are, you guys are going to pay for this", and "I have friends in New York who will take care of you".

Now, what do you think would happen

Always put the police in the middle of your problems is a cardinal rule-of-thumb amongst the rich and elite – never have the guts to knock on your own neighbor's door (God forbid!) and tell them to shut up or else...

to rich, privileged American student-nitwits in Saudi Arabia who had the gall to bring alcohol to a country where alcohol is allegedly forbidden and then challenge the Saudi police officers? Geez, ya wanna take a guess? I'll bet Daddy and Mommy would

be hard-pressed to come up with enough ransom to get Junior's butt out of the hellhole of a prison they'd have ended up in. That's if they were even heard from

again, that is. But these arrogant pieces of human garbage come to this country and believe they have "rights" because of their parent's wealth and this country's lack of a moral spine to kick their asses out of here on the next flight home to sandy city. I'm

sure that their wealthy parents will hire expensive lawyers to plead their cases and excoriate the cops, blaming all on "over-aggressive law enforcement", etc. etc. I'm sure that "diplomats" will intercede on their behalf via the political channels, so that little Sultan and Abdullah won't be sent home to the place where a certain cigarette brand derives its name from a local beast of burden.

But during this most festive time of year, let me take the high road by wishing Abdullah, Sultan, AbdulAziz and co. a very Merry Christmas. Allah might inflict terrible punishment upon those who consume alcohol from the western infidels. But thankfully, in this country anyway, Jesus Christ (and the Massachusetts courts) will probably forgive you. Merry Christmas, scumbags....

Police, Fire, EMT's, Teachers, ARE NOT the cause of the economic mess; welfare, entitlements and freebies ARE

By Jim Carnell, Pax Editor

Are you sick and tired of hearing the **Marjorie Eagans'**, the **Howie Carrs'** the **Michael Grahams'** and the other radio talk-show cop-haters pontificate about how police/fire, municipal-employee pensions are somehow the cause of the economic distress we find ourselves in? So am I, and it's way past time for somebody at the head of the alleged labor movement in Massachusetts to say so, but for the right reasons – which are somewhat politically incorrect..... (hence, the reason why nothing is said...)

Police, fire, teachers, EMT's and public works employees are the most visible arms of the government which most people will encounter or observe on a daily basis. Consequently, we are scrutinized – and criticized – by an increasingly cynical general public far out of proportion to what we actually "cost" in terms of taxpayer dollars (which, by the way, we also pay, although much of the **Barbara Anderson** crew has been led to believe otherwise...). In fact, if anyone would simply take a look around, it is the social-welfare/entitlement benefits that are the true cause of busting the various states' budgets, and not the people who actually provide vital, crucial services such as police/EMT's/ firefighters/ teachers and other public employees.

As almost any police officer can attest to, take a walk through any public housing project in the city of Boston. Let us take one alleged "family" as a "for instance": How much does it cost the taxpayers (US!) to place some dysfunctional junkie and her brood of illegitimate spalpeens in an apartment? How much does it cost US to heat and electrify that apartment? How much does it cost US to provide that dysfunctional family with a bi-weekly welfare check or EBT card, food stamps, clothing allowance, and taxpayer-supplied health insurance? Now multiply that junkie, dysfunctional family times millions, and you may begin to understand why this country is in the condition it finds itself.

You have all heard of President Obama's **Aunt Zeituni**, an illegal immigrant from Kenya who parlayed her famous nephew's political connection into a taxpayer-supplied apartment in an elderly/disabled housing project in South Boston and a monthly welfare check as well as free medical care and free legal services. (How can that even begin to happen when we have homeless American veterans living in a shelter at 17 Court St. on downtown Boston???) President Obama is fond of saying that "we are our brothers and sisters keeper's". Really? Then why don't you take care of your own freeloading, illegal immigrant Aunt, Mr. President? The point is, multiply Aunt

Zeituni times millions, and you now see why we're sinking into an economic abyss.

Almost any Boston cop or EMT or firefighter can tell you anecdotal stories – all of them **TRUE** – about entering apartments in taxpayer-supplied housing projects where we observe flat-screen, wall mounted TV's in each bedroom and brand-new appliances, courtesy of the taxpayers. Check out the expensive cars parked in the parking lots of the housing projects – and they're actually registered there! (You never used to be able to own a car if you lived in public housing, the theory being that if you could afford a car, you didn't need free public housing!)

I was recently called to a taxpayer-subsidized housing project in East Boston to secure an apartment where the resident was being carted off to the hospital for **FREE** medical treatment, again-courtesy of the taxpayers. While waiting for the arrival of the housing department locksmith (guess who paid for that? Look in the mirror, stupid!) I couldn't help but notice the brand-new washer and dryer (Bosch brand), the new kitchen cabinets, stove, computer, flat- screen TVs in two rooms, and apparently brand-new furniture and bedrooms. I also noticed that the resident was apparently a recent arrival from foreign shores. Meanwhile, I and every other working-class sucker pay through the nose, scrape and save in order to make a purchase which would rival the treats showered upon these leeches. But by no means is this story unique-almost every cop and EMT can tell you about experiences and observations made when interacting with the so-called "most vulnerable among us". Most vulnerable, my arse. They are the world's biggest scam artists, and have simply learned how to adroitly game the system in order to reap the most benefits. If you don't think illegal aliens and welfare-cheats have their own network consisting of how to drain the benefits from the most social programs, then you are indeed an idiot. Every welfare recipient has been well-schooled in participating in the "crazy-check" scam, the "disabled" alcoholic/drug addict scam, or the "Attention Deficit Disorder" scam in order to maximize how much they bleed from the taxpayers. The rest of us who work for a living are just too busy to notice...

But, according to the **Marjorie Eagans'**, the **Howie Carrs'**, and the **Michael Grahams'** of the world, it is police officers, EMT's, firefighters and teachers who are responsible for the economic mess the state is in. Nothing could be further from the truth. Focus in on the mendicants who have learned to scam the system, the 47% of people who no longer pay a dime's worth of taxes, because they're allegedly "poor". (By the way, how come we have the fattest "starving" people in the world? Did you ever

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Just a little safety note from the Secretary

By Patrick M. Rose, BPPA Secretary

Just some 'heads up' information that you should be aware of in this day of electronic socializing: First of all, I think we are all aware by now that **EMPLOYERS** are monitoring **Facebook**. I think we should be aware by now, that others, such as newspaper reporters and other such friendly people are monitoring face book to develop, not so flattering stories about public employees! I don't think I have to warn you that some information that some individuals feel that they just have to share **SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON THEIR PAGE!** Please think before you write and share. Anyway, Facebook has added a feature without receiving permission from their subscribers. This newest application to your face book account allows individuals and employers, specifically **POLICE DEPARTMENTS** and **PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS** (some very close to us!) to track **WHERE** you are sending your messages from in real time. Some agencies have already started to discipline their employees for utilizing the social network during work hours and at work locations. Further, some individuals have been charged with lying when asked to answer about their locations on a specific date and time. Additionally, there is great concern from our military, that enemies of ours could actually pinpoint locate military members using face book to communicate with friends and family from the war zone. I am asking that for your own safety and the safety of those you care about, that you please take the time to disable this feature. Please follow the instructions enclosed below that were provided by the United States Military Academy:

It is requested that this document is distributed as widely as possible, on the proviso that it is **advising and not instructing** personnel to disable the application.

FACEBOOK PLACES I CHECKED INTO APPLICATION

1. **Introduction.** Facebook have recently launched a new application called "PLACES I CHECKED INTO", which is automatically active on all Facebook accounts until disabled. This application utilises the IP address, to identify where the user logs onto their Facebook profile from. The application then posts the status on the wall of the user's profile, as shown below in Figure 1. A more detailed description, including a map of the location, as at Figure 2, is then provided by clicking on the location (highlighted within the red circle).

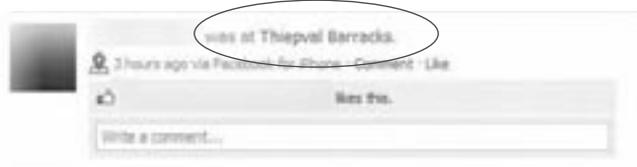


Figure 1 - Wall Post.



Figure 2 - Application Open from Wall Post.

2. **Aim.** The aim of this document is to give guidance to Military users who wish to know how to disable the Facebook "PLACES I CHECKED INTO" application.

3. **Concerns.** The main concern relating to the use of the application, is that it may inadvertently compromise the locality of a military user. Of significant note, users on operations or in Northern Ireland, are potentially putting themselves at risk by drawing attention to their exact whereabouts.

4. Social network sites already provide an extensive open source intelligence gathering tool. This application is almost creating a one stop shop targeting pack, which could potentially be used to target, military personnel, family and friends.

5. **Summary.** Any users of Facebook therefore, should be made aware of the increased risk of using social networking sites and the potential risks associated with leaving the 'PLACES I CHECKED INTO' applications active.

6. It is requested that this document is distributed as widely as possible, on the proviso that it is advising and not instructing personnel to disable the application.

"PLACES I CHECKED INTO" HOW TO DISABLE IT.

1. A new software application has been introduced in to Facebook called "PLACES I CHECKED INTO" This is an automatic service which will post your current location which depending on the privacy settings of your account, which display this information to all users. The following steps enable this function to be disabled:

Step 1. Click Account then Privacy Setting. On the first page that appears click Customise settings.

Step 2. Under Things I share Heading, disable "Include me in "People Here Now" after I check in" box by un-ticking the box. Then change the "Places I check in to" tab to only me by clicking on the drop down menu on the right, choosing Custom, then Only Me, then Save Settings.



Step 2

Step 3. To stop other users from posting your location on Facebook, under the "Things others share" section click the Edit Settings tab to the right of "Friends can check me in to Places". Click the drop down menu, and choose "disabled".



Step 3

Step 4. The final stage is to stop the application itself from automatically posting your location. You do this by going back to the first page entitled "Privacy Setting". At the bottom of the page is a section entitled "Applications and Websites". Click "edit settings" which is highlighted blue. Click the Edit Settings tab next to "Info accessible through your friends".

Step 5. Then untick the boxes as indicated below, once completed click on Save Changes, then Okay on the confirmation screen.



In Memoriam

**They Served With
Dignity and Honor
We Shall Not Forget Them**



**Police Officer
Donald Levesque**
October 16, 2010



**Police Officer
Francis J. Connolly**
November 2, 2010



**Police Officer
William R. Barnes**
November 4, 2010



**Police Sergeant Detective
William D. Mahoney**
November 9, 2010



**Police Detective
Roy E. Prout**
November 11, 2010



**Police Officer
Daniel L. Sheehan**
November 20, 2010



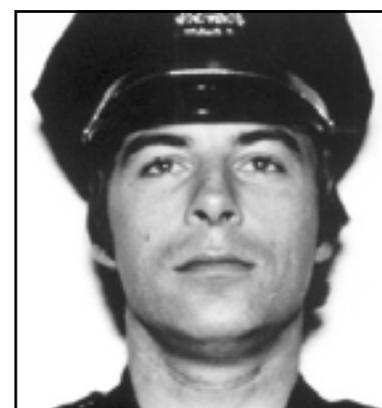
**Police Officer
Walter J. Kasper**
November 23, 2010



**Police Detective
James F. Mullin**
November 27, 2010



**Police Sergeant
Averill E. Sparks**
November 20, 2010



**Police Lieutenant Detective
Paul Crossen**
December 3, 2010

We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Call the City Council Today and Stop the Attack on Collective Bargaining

By Jim Barry, BPPA Legislative Agent

Mayor Menino has proposed huge changes to your health care for you and your family. The proposal filed as a home rule petition would circumvent the collective bargaining agreement and void your rights under the law.

Read the coverage, co-pays and deductible comparisons in Amy Laura Davidson's *Pax* article on page A7. Amy takes the current City health plan (the one currently offered by the city) and does a side by side comparison against the state GIC plan (a good example of which the home rule petition would allow the city to offer).

There needs to be a vote of the Boston City Council in order for this proposal to go forward. The BPPA urges all members and City of Boston employees to call **ALL** the councillors. Ask for their position on the issue. Professionally and politely ask for their support of your collective bargaining rights and their vote to kill this proposal.

The power of your call and your family's calls can not be underestimated. You have the power to kill this measure by picking up the phone and making a call. Kill the hijacking of your health insurance! Call the councillors today!



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2010 sick time usage (once again) afflicts mainly patrol force Medical experts ask "Why" ...?

By Jim Carnell, *Pax* Editor

Once 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."

Some BPPA members have openly

speculated that the healthiness of the command staff (as opposed to that of the patrol force) may be somehow related to the requirement that patrol officers need to call official Boston police department extension "4590" (the sick line) while "favored" individuals need only "call the office" when sickness or family commitments require the need to be absent from a tour of duty. (The *Pax Centurion* eschews and rejects such negative comments, believing them to be antithetical to the theory behind progressive community policing and cohesive departmental harmony.)

Another disgruntled employee echoed these sentiments. (His identity is being withheld until such time as it becomes politically expedient for the *Pax* Editor to turn him in to the command staff so as to obtain political favors himself). He 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 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 **Commissioner "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.)

Police, Fire, EMT's, Teachers, ARE NOT the cause of the economic mess; welfare, entitlements and freebies ARE

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notice the alleged "poor" waddling into yet another "give-me-the freebies" handout line at Thanksgiving or Christmas?) It's not the fault of the police or the firemen or the teachers that we're in this mess. It's the fault of screeching idiot liberals who hand out freebies to leeches who not only don't work-

but never have and never will. We're simply the scapegoats who people see every day and associate us with the waste and fraud which we've been complaining about for years, because we see it as part of our everyday duty.

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Killed in the Line of Duty: September 4, 1929

Boston Police Patrolman John Ivar Jackson

By Ray Melo

My father was handsome. He had blue eyes, and light brown hair. He stood over six feet tall. He grew up on a farm so that made him strong. At a young he knew what hard work was all about. He served under **General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing** during World War I. He was a loving father and husband. He enjoyed being a Boston Police Officer. He had a lot of friends, and they all called him Jack."

"It's a shame I never knew my father. I only know what my mother told me of him. It was very painful for her to talk about him. She was devastated when he was killed. I was one year old when he was killed by a drunk driver. I believe he was a rabbi or a Reverend?" said **Ms. Lorraine Jackson O'Connell** as a smile left her face....

"I better get going sweetheart," explained **Patrolman John Ivar Jackson**. He picked up his one year old daughter, **Lorraine**. He squeezed her gently, and gave her a loving kiss on her cheek. "I love you Lorraine," gleamed Mr. Jackson. His baby girl looked into his blue eyes, and marveled at her gentle giant. His eight year old son, **George**, ran into the kitchen asking, "Can I come with you Daddy, and catch some bad guys?" "Maybe when you get a little older son," laughed Mr. Jackson. He bent down, rubbed his head and gave his son a kiss. The man of the house wrapped his strong arms around the lady of the house, **Mrs. Blanche Jackson**. He lifted her off her feet as he gave her a hearty bear hug and a soft kiss. "I'll see you in the morning Honey. I love you!" "I love you, too, John. Don't forget your sandwiches." sighed Mrs. Jackson.

In their own little world, John and Blanche Jackson's dream of growing old together would never happen. There would be no more kisses, hugs, and smiles between family members. Patrolman John Jackson exited the front door never to come back home. Hours later the Jackson family would

be thrown into a world of pain and uncertainty.

It was Tuesday, September 3, 1929, when the patrolman assembled in the guardroom at District 17 in West Roxbury. The officers gathered in a circle, and they still talked about the St. Valentine's Day Massacre that happened last February. Seven gangsters, rivals of **Al Capone** were lined up and gunned down in cold blood in a Chicago warehouse.

A brother officer walked into the guardroom, and joined the circle of friends. "Hey Jack, did you pick up Blanche's birthday present yet?" stated the officer. "I sure did. I finally saved up enough money, and I picked it up the other day. Her birthday is this Monday, the 9th, and I just couldn't wait to give her the present. I gave it to her early. I bought her a mandolin harp, and Blanche loved it. When she plucked the strings it sounded magical. My gift really surprised her," gleamed patrolman Jackson. The duty sergeant walked in, and the patrolman quickly popped to attention.

The officers received their assignments, and headed off into the night. Patrolman Jackson's walking beat covered the Forest Hills Station area of West Roxbury. The station had one squad car so he would either be transported to his walking beat by car or he would catch a ride on the street trolley. Patrolman Jackson made his rounds checking the security of the local businesses, homes, and he noted non working utilities. He kept a sharp eye out for illegal activities and for persons lurking in the dark.

Later in the evening patrolman Jackson made his way back to the station to write a report. After his report he ate his sandwiches, and he mingled with fellow officers. His break was over so he headed back to his beat.

The squad car was out patrolling so Officer Jackson waited patiently for the Forrest Hills Trolley. The trolley finally made its eerie approach from the darkness. From around the bend the trolley wheels grinded hard against the steel tracks squeaking out in pain. The irritating sound would make one cringe. The trolley's headlight flickered to the smallest vibration. The Forest Hills trolley picked up its passenger, and Patrolman Jackson was on



Patrolman John Ivar Jackson

his way.

Prohibition was in full force since 1920. The sale, manufacture, transportation, and the consumption of alcohol were banned nationally. However, the black market for booze and the underground bars flourished. The Volstead Act did little to curb the consumption of alcohol. The Boston Police made numerous raids on the illegal gin mills, but that didn't stop or deter many people like **Alexander Syski**.

Mr. Alexander Syski was a Polish Priest with an evil streak. He spent this September evening sharing some quality time with his friends, Johnnie Walker and Moonshine. Reverend Syski enjoyed their company, and he met his spirited friends as often as he could. He raised his glass and whispered, "Do as I say, and not as I do; Bottoms up."

It was late when the rebellious priest stumbled to his car to head home to Hyde Park. The renegade was feeling no pain. He blinked his eyes quickly, and hoped to correct his vision thus his path. Father Syski wrestled with his demons as they forced his car to the left and to the right. His heavy company car charged forward into the darkness.

Patrolman Jackson sat in the dimly lit trolley car as his body jostled with the movement of the trolley. His stop was approaching so he stood up. He stretched and a yawn escaped from his mouth. He walked over to the door, and he towered over the seated motorman. The operator slowly applied the breaks. From the motorman's window both men could see the distant glow of an approaching vehicle still several blocks away. Patrolman Jackson looked at his wristwatch when the trolley passed a street gas light. It's a few minutes after 2:00 A.M., and September 4th, 1929, was just two hours old.

The Forest Hills streetcar came to a grinding halt as the electrical wires above

popped and sizzled. The motorman stopped the trolley at the designated spot not far from the Forrest Hills Station. The door swung open to the calm night air, and the motorman said, "Have a good night, Jack." Officer Jackson replied, "You too, Mack, I'll see you tomorrow."

Patrolman Jackson stepped off the streetcar, and he made his way along the deserted pedestrian walkway. The trolley car rapidly moved on as officer Jackson headed to his walking beat. The holy-roller was fast approaching Officer Jackson from the rear. The car headlights illuminate Officer Jackson like a searchlight. Suddenly the lumbering vehicle abruptly swerved into his path. Officer Jackson barely had enough time to look over his shoulder. There was little time for the patrolman to react. The boxy vehicle devoured the officer like a tidal wave eating a small boat on a tranquil sea. The front grill of the vehicle threw Officer Jackson over the hood, and into the windshield as his limp body violently bounced off the sedan. The horrible impact caused a life-threatening skull fracture.

The deafening thump and bang caused the intoxicated driver to lose control of his vehicle. His vehicle slammed into the curbing on the opposite side of the street. His car was disabled, and it came to a smoking rest. Patrolman Jackson lied motionless in the street as his crumpled hat lie off in the distance.

The neighborhood dogs began to bark to the suspicious sound. The crickets stopped singing from the comfort of their hideouts. The suspect shook the cobwebs out of his head, and stumbled out of his vehicle. He looked at the damage on his vehicle with disgust, and then he looked out into the street. He saw a shadow of a figure lying in the street, and he realized he hit someone.

He took a couple of steps towards the figure lying helplessly in the street. Fear engulfed the priest. He scanned the area to see if anyone witnessed the accident. Instead of summoning help, giving first aid, comfort, or last rites, the sinner fled into the darkness to hide his transgressions.

Minutes later another glow came from

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Killed in the Line of Duty September 4, 1929: Boston Police Officer John Ivar Jackson

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the horizon. It was another motorist on a journey. The motorist approached, and his headlights revealed a bad accident. The stunned Samaritan stopped and surveyed the carnage. He saw a contorted body in the street, and the abandoned car up on the curb. Nervously the citizen crept up to the unknown body. "Hello, are you okay?" He moved closer, and he saw the badge and uniform. "Officer, are you alright?" The citizen saw blood streaming out of the lifeless officer's ears, nose, and mouth. The good citizen managed to pick up Patrolman Jackson, and place him in his vehicle. He drove to Forest Hills Hospital less than a mile away. He frantically raced into the hospital, "I have a police officer in my car, and he is hurt really bad. Come quickly!" cried the citizen.

The citizen and a nurse ran to the car. "What happen to him?" replied the nurse. "I don't know? I think he was in a car accident. He was lying in the street, and I brought him here," exclaimed the citizen. Patrolman Jackson was brought into the emergency room and he was examined by a doctor. The doctor shook his head, and said, "He has no vital signs. He's gone!" **Patrolman John Ivar Jackson was killed in the line of duty serving and protecting the citizens of Boston.**

The hospital called the police station, and the desk sergeant sounded the alarm. The squad car was radioed, and it raced to the hospital. The district police call boxes lit up like a full moon, and the patrolman raced to the scene after answering their call box.

The squad car then raced to 168 Orange Street in West Roxbury, home of Patrolman Jackson. The sergeant walked up to the front door and straightened his hat. He took a deep breath and looked over his shoulder at the accompanying patrolman who stood behind him. He firmly knocked on the front door as both men stood quietly on the dark porch.

Suddenly the upstairs hallway light came on. The parlor light flickered on. The front window curtained moved, and the silhouette of a woman's face quickly disappeared from the window. Mrs. Blanche Jackson cautiously opened the door as she peeked from around the door. "Is there something wrong officer?" she nervously said. "Are you Mrs. John Jackson?" replied the Sergeant. "Yes." "Ma'am you need to come with us. Your husband was hurt, and he's at the Forest Hills Hospital." "Is he hurt badly?" trembled Mrs. Jackson. "Ma'am we need you to come to the hospital. A neighbor was summoned to care for the sleeping children.

The squad car hurried its precious cargo to Forest Hills Hospital. When the squad car approached the hospital Mrs. Jackson saw a team of police officers down the street with their flash lights. She saw a car up on the sidewalk, and she was to afraid to ask the officers what had happen.

Mrs. Blanche Jackson was escorted into the hospital. She was met by more officers and police inspectors. The doctor and the sergeant walked Mrs. Jackson into a side room, and the doctor gently told her of her husband's fate. She was in shock and

couldn't believe it. She then had the grim task of identifying her husband. The doctor slowly removed the white sheet that covered her soul mate. She immediately sobbed uncontrollably into her handkerchief. The sergeant summoned the department priest to give comfort.

The suspect stammered into the darkness. He made his way to anywhere but at the crime scene. The long walk home helped him to somber up. He knew the police would be knocking on his front door soon. It was only be a matter of time when the police traced the vehicle plates back to him. "What have I done?" thought the priest.

Mr. Syski figured he is as good as caught. He surmised the best thing to do is to get cleaned up, put on his uniform, and head to the police station. Several hours later the fugitive made his way to District 17 to report he hit someone.

"Good morning my son, how are you doing?" replied Reverend Syski to the Desk Sergeant at District 17. "Morning to you Father, what can I do for you?" replied the mournful sergeant. "Well, my son, I was driving home late last night, and I believe I hit something...ah, or someone alighting from a street car. The accident caused me to swerve my vehicle up onto the sidewalk, and my car was disabled," explained the wolf in sheep's clothing.

The sergeant's eyebrow rose with alarm, and he asked more question about his involvement. The sergeant told Father Syski to have a seat. The sergeant called headquarters, and the police inspectors responded to the station to question the suspect.

The investigators told Mr. Syski that he hit and killed a Boston Police Officer. "I didn't know he was hurt that bad!" replied the holy man. The investigators placed Father Syski under arrest for the manslaughter of Patrolman John Jackson.

Patrolman Jackson's casket was placed in his living room of his Orange Street home. Family, friends, co-workers, and well wishers stood patiently outside as the viewing line stretched far down Orange Street. People brought food, and flowers jammed the living room. The American flag draped the polished coffin as police officers and military personal saluted the casket. Family members from both sides of the family stood close to Mrs. Blanche Jackson.

Attending the wake was **Mayor Malcolm Nichols, Boston Police Commissioner, Herbert Wilson, Captain James Smith** of District 17, and other command staff officers. Captain Smith praised patrolman Jackson as being "Dedicated to the city of Boston and to his family. His job performance was outstanding. He was respected, and liked by all of us. He was a fine man, and he will be truly missed."

Later that day Patrolman Jackson's coffin was placed in a hearse for the solemn journey to his birth place in Millville, MA. The long procession made it to the Norden Cemetery in Millville. Loved ones gathered around the casket one final time holding each others hand. They prayed and sung

hymns. Boston Police Officers, Army soldiers, and several VFW Post members stood in formation. An Army bugler played Taps as the military honor guard fired their rifles into the air in honor of the fallen officer.

Patrolman John Ivar Jackson was born in Melville, MA, on Christmas Day on December 25, 1892. He was a World War I veteran who enlisted in the United States Army on October 5, 1917. After the war he was honorably discharged on July 1, 1919. He was a Stable Sergeant serving with the

301st AM Train in France. He received the Victory Medal.

Officer Jackson was appointed to the Boston Police Department on November 19, 1928. He was assigned to Division 17 in West Roxbury. He is buried at the Norden Cemetery in Uxbridge, MA. Patrolman Jackson was survived by his wife, Blanche, an eight year old son, George, and a one year old daughter, Lorraine. **Patrolman John I. Jackson, you may be gone, but you are not forgotten.**

Thank you

There are a number of wonderful people I need to thank for helping and leading me in the right direction in my quest to find members of Officer Jackson's family. Thank you, **Jill Kenrick**, of the Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee. Jill did ancestral research on the Jackson family, and she is also a genealogist. She was able to provide me with vital documentation that would get me closer to members of the Jackson family.

Thank you, **Ms. Margaret Carroll**. Margaret is the town historian of the Melville/Blackstone area. Your research into the Norden Cemetery was valuable. I enjoyed our conversations about the town. Your eagerness to help me locate the Jackson family was most appreciated. Thank you, **Mr. Robert Strand**, for taking the picture of Patrolman Jackson's gravestone.

Another big thank you goes to **Ms. Janice McWeeny**. Janice contacted me last year about the stories of Boston Police Officers killed in the line of duty. Janice has a special interest in the police, because her husband, **Mr. Michael McWeeny**, was on the job for years and he passed away in '97. It turned out that Janice is also a genealogist. I told her about Patrolman Jackson, and she wanted to help. I gave her information on Patrolman Jackson and within the week Janice was able to solve the rest of the puzzle for me. She provided me with more information including the phone number of Patrolman John Jackson's daughter, Lorraine. Awesome job!

Thank you, **Ms. Judy Wilson**, Lorraine Jackson's cousin, for making copies of the military records and photo's. It was nice meeting you too.

Finally, let's give **Mrs. Lorraine Jackson O'Connell** a standing ovation! It was truly a thrill for me to meet you at your house. You made me a delicious lunch, and it was very relaxing to talk with you. Thank you for bringing me into your world. I found you to be a very charming lady. You struck me as being quite sophisticated, and you have the deepest blue eyes.

It was fascinating looking at your father's military records, his civil service letter, and his Boston Police Diploma when he got on the job. The picture of your brave father was a huge bonus. I am proud and ecstatic to reintroduce **Patrolman John Ivar Jackson** to the department with a never before seen picture of him in his police uniform. Now we can place a face with the name that is inscribed on the Wall of Honor at Police Headquarters.

Lorraine recalled, "My mother was distraught when my dad was killed. It was painful for her to talk about it. She cried and cried. As I grew older I realized that I was sorrier for my mother than for myself about losing my father. The loss of my father took a heavy toll on her. During Christmas my brother and I would decorate the Christmas tree. My mother didn't participate in dressing the tree, because it reminded her of my father and it hurt."

"I owe a lot of gratitude to the Boston Police Department, and to the officers of District 17. They helped us in many ways. For many years the Boston Police Relief Association put flowers on my father's grave."

"When my mother went to the hearings at the West Roxbury Courthouse about the accident she was very disgusted. She got the runaround, and it looked like this guy was going to get away with murder. She got no sympathy from the courthouse."

"To help ease her pain my mother got involved in veteran's affairs. She visited soldiers in the hospitals, joined various organizations in support of the military. She was very patriotic. She never remarried and she passed away in 1986."

Lorraine, your stories were very moving. Your family went through a lot of adversity, and to make matters worse the Great Depression started one month after your father was killed. Your mother was a strong woman. Thank you again Lorraine, and God Bless you.

Reverend Alexander Syski was shortly released from police custody. Weeks later a hearing in West Roxbury District Court found no probable cause to charge Father Syski with manslaughter. The accident was tight-lipped for the most part. The local newspaper had an article consisting of only four paragraphs. I have the suspicion that the incident was swept under the rug. I have no doubt that the power and influence of the church may have affected the outcome.

— Ray Melo

BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division News

A look back at the BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division

Merry Christmas to all!

In the summer of 2008, the BPPA House of Representatives voted to establish a new branch "BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division" under By-Law Article XIX... members of the corporation (BPPA) who retire from the Boston Police Department may maintain non-voting membership in the Corporation for an annual fee of twenty-four (\$24.00) dollars. Retired members may be represented by Corporation in retirement matters and may be advised as to changes or proposed changes in any retirement law which may affect said members.

Our first meeting was held on October 2008 at the BPPA union hall. A Board of Directors was elected. They are **John Murphy, David Mackin, Joe Vannelli, Joe**

O'Malley and Billy Flippin with Master at Arms **Mike Dowd** and **Jack Fee**. **Billy Flippin** was elected our representative to the BPPA House.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 1:00 pm** at BPPA headquarters. Any news updates can be found in the *Pax Centurion*.

Through our President **Tom Nee** and the BPPA House of Representatives, we will also be members of NAPO (National Association of Police Organizations) with a strong voice in Washington. **Tom Nee, Ron MacGillivray** and the BPPA Committees are watching our interests at City Hall as will **Jim Barry** on Beacon Hill. BPPA President **Tom Nee** has formed a coalition of all police departments in Massachusetts

to monitor the changes in the benefits we have earned from years of contract negotiations. This month, Mayor **Thomas Menino** is delivering his form of the State GIC (Group Insurance Commission) to the City Council. This would change our coverage and eliminate health care bargaining rights and shift more insurance costs to you. "We worked hard for our retirement and we are not going to take this." We hope by this time the Municipal grievance award has reached you.

Members of the Retirement Division are entitled to enroll in the dental plan sponsored by the BPPA. Open Enrollment is in April. The BPPA also has passes to the Children's Museum, Aquarium and the



Directors of the Retired Patrolmen's Division of the BPPA:

John Murphy
David Mackin
Joe Vannelli
Joe O'Malley
Billy Flippin

Franklin Park Zoo (available upon request).

To be placed on the mailing lists for the *Pax Centurion*, as well as retirement and health updates from our Legislative Aide **James Barry**, please contact the BPPA.

The BPPA overwhelmingly represented us in our past careers and will continue to do so with this Retired Division.

— The BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division Board of Directors



Councillor Mike Ross accuses cops of misconduct in Roxbury Community College case

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metal weapon with which to strike the officers, until it is neutralized. Was Councillor Ross present during the incident? **NO**. Has the diminutive Councillor from the tough streets of Beacon Hill ever attempted to place handcuffs on somebody who didn't want to be handcuffed? **NO**. Did Councillor Ross dare criticize – or even comment – upon Councillor Turner's bribery arrest or conviction in a negative way for the past two years? **NO**. In fact, even *after* Turner's expulsion (which was the only thing the council *could* do, for Christ's sake, without looking completely inept), Councillor Ross appeared on FOX-25 news (December 2, 2010 morning news) and sang Turner's praises as an "effective advocate for his community" and a "hard worker." No such withholding of judgment was reserved for the police officers who were attempting to arrest a violent juvenile resisting arrest, however. According to Ross, they are already guilty of "beating" the juvenile.

No, as always, the cops are expendable, in political terms, at least as far as Council-

lor Ross and his fellow elitists from his la-de-da Beacon Hill district are concerned. Of course, they are the first ones to **DEMAND** police presence – and **IMMEDIATELY** – if some homeless bum decides to occupy their front stoop or a "suspicious" person (wink-wink, nod-nod, - we know what you mean, Councillor and company...) happens to traverse through their well-manicured neighborhood. And wasn't it hilarious – not to mention utterly hypocritical – to see that during and after Councillor Turner's raucous, racially-charged expulsion hearing (Note: the *Boston Globe's* description (Page 1, 12/2/10, Andrew Ryan), by the way, not mine...) the brave councillor quaking in fear of the boisterous, threatening Chuck Turner-supporters.

Thank God the police were there, Councillor, to protect you and your fellow liberals from the Turnerites. Just imagine if any of them had to be arrested. Thankfully, we'd have had you there, Councillor Ross, to show us stupid cops how it's done without using any force....

The BPPA Retired Patrolmen's Division and Santa Flippin Wishes a Merry Christmas to All!

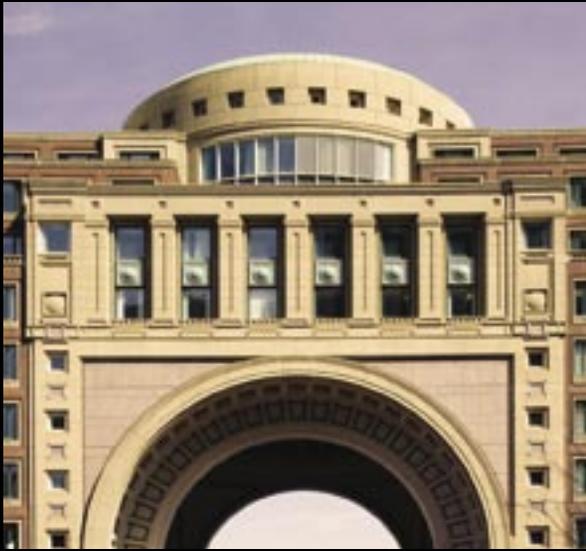
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Sen. Scott Brown votes against 9-11 Police, Fire and EMT's bill

by Jim Barry, BPPA Legislative Agent

Senate Republicans on Thursday, December 9th, derailed a bill to aid people who got sick after exposure to dust and other elements from the World Trade Center's collapse in the September 11th attack. The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 got a "NO" vote from Massachusetts Senator **Scott Brown**.



618 constituents of Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown are included in the health registry. These constituents included police officers, firefighters and emergency medical workers that were exposed to chemical, biological and environmental agents at ground zero that are now causing cancers and other catastrophic illnesses.

The bill offers health care, monitoring and in the case of death from exposure, in the line of duty death benefits for police, fire and EMTs who were exposed while working at the World Trade Center's and the Pentagon

attacks. These heroes were rushing in as everyone else was running away. They were just from doing their job. The bill has full support of N.J. and N.Y. Senate delegations, Senator **John Kerry** and even Republican NYC Mayor **Michael Bloomberg**.

Tax cuts for millionaires appears more important to the Republicans than helping these heroes and their families.

The Senate Republicans also killed the collective bargaining for police and fire bill.

In the light of this day...Senator **Scott Brown** has shown the country he is no friend of the public safety workers. These votes can not be forgotten or forgiven.

Giving to those in need

By Mark A. Bruno

I'm sure all of you are happy to have the holidays behind us. It seems every year that we are overwhelmed with various charities looking for donations. For most of us we are catching up on bills and just trying to put away enough for the lean winter months. If we make it through November and December, we are doing well. Each year we plan on cutting down spending, and each year we spend the same if not more. With recent cuts in the Quinn Bill some of us will be looking toward creative financing to help weather the storm. Losing several thousand dollars a year in income is never easy to make up, especially when everything around us is going up in cost. Let's face it, keeping up with budget cuts and the high cost of living increases can be stressful.

Unfortunately, for some us trying to keep up with the magic act of balancing our budgets tragedy strikes at the worst time. Try as we may to resolve the issues, our backs are firmly against the wall. I believe we have all been in this position one time or another. For some of us resolving the issues means making life changing decisions. There is no easy answer. Life has handed you a lemon and you must make due.

What is fortunate is that we are part of a brotherhood/sisterhood that is second to none. Police officers are very generous individuals when it comes to those in need. Sure some of us may whine and kvetch, but ultimately we dig deep and give. We rise to the occasion to support our fellow officers and their families. There is no better feeling than that of putting one's needs aside to help out others. It is a selfless act that at some point in our lives may come full circle.

This past year we have had a number of tragedies for our members and their families. Insurance does not always cover the loss or incapacitation of a loved one. Some of us are too proud to ask for help and we try to weather the storm. We are only human, and we all have our breaking point. Sometimes it takes a close friend to realize that help is needed. We have all been good friends at one time or another. We don't ask why, we just do. It is this generosity that all of you have shown throughout the year. Your unwavering support to your fellow officers has not gone unnoticed.

All those who have been helped are very grateful for the support they have been given. It is through your kind support that some one's life has been made a little easier. You were there for those in their most dire moments. Your kind generosity for giving to those in need will always be appreciated.

A Christmas Wish List



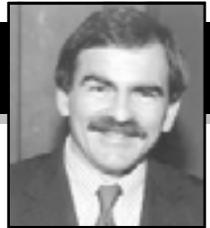
Dear Santa Claus,

I know you are very busy, but if you would be so kind, could you please take a look at this Wish List and see what you can do? I know most of the folks on this list are on your Naughty List but Christmas is about faith and forgiveness.

1. Santa could you get Governor Patrick a new sharper knife to cut more State Aid to Cities and Towns? His present knife is dulled from stabbing State Workers and Law Enforcement into the Intensive Care Unit.
2. Santa, speaking of the ICU, could make sure that Mayor Menino gets forced to use the same subpar rationed out Health Care system he proposes for his City Employees? We wouldn't want him to feel left out.
3. Santa could you please get the City Council a spine? This wishy-washy group is in dire need of spine to throw their felonious cohort out of Office.
4. Santa could you please send Commissioner Davis an endless supply of Media Cameras? He has an insatiable thirst for public attention.
5. Santa could you please give the City's Bargaining Team some morals and honesty? They are in dire need of both as we continue to attempt to negotiate a contract.
6. Santa could you get the *Boston Globe* a plug to pull, to put them out of their liberal, leftwing nightmare? Maybe they could share Governor Patrick's new knife, a sharp knife cuts the fastest and hurts the least.

Santa – any help with this list would be greatly appreciated because God forbid the Governor cut pork instead of vital services and programs. God forbid the Mayor bargain honestly instead of trying to illegally backdoor Healthcare reform through the Legislature that doesn't personally affect him. God forbid the City Council rid themselves of its convicted felon. God forbid the Commissioner tries standing up for his workers instead of serving them up for Media execution. God forbid the City Bargaining Team actually tells the truth and treats Union Bargaining Teams with respect and honesty. And finally, God forbid that leftist socialist rag is put out of its misery and we are spared from their purported news spins instead of the truthful journalism we deserve.

Merry Christmas!



Legal thoughts

In recent weeks, Boston Police Officers have again been subjected to unfair media attention which always seems to suggest that the police somehow acted inappropriately. Last year it was the completely unfounded conclusion that Mr. Woodman died at the hands of Boston Police Officers after the Celtics' championship, even though all of the medical experts agreed that he had died of natural causes unrelated to police conduct.

This year we had an incident at a community college in which a person who was the subject of numerous warrants fled and then resisted the police, ignoring repeated verbal commands to get on the ground and to put his hands behind his back. Someone took a video of the incident which showed, in fact, that the officers were acting in a manner completely consistent with their recent training. The video, of course, fails to show the force initiated by the arrestee. We echo the comments of BPPA President **Tom Nee** in the media to the effect that there never seems to be video of all of the unsolved homicides and other violent events in the city. If those videos exist, why are they not forwarded to the police? Watch the T.V. video accounts of the college incident carefully. Sometimes it appears that the same short sequence is re-run three or

four times in a row on T.V. so that it appears that more blows were being struck by the police officers, with bare hands, than actually occurred.

After watching these one-sided and distorted portrayals, we wait and hope to hear the following response from the Police Commissioner. This is what we would like to hear and what we believe we should hear: "I have reviewed the videotape that was posted on You Tube and then run by the various media news outlets, and after watching this video I would like to tell you all that at all times the officers seen on this video acted professionally and according to the training they received from the Boston Police Department and, as Police Commissioner, I'd like to personally thank these officers for their work and to commend them for their restraint. As the video proves, sometimes an arrest is not a pretty thing to watch. On a daily basis my officers deal with violent individuals who often carry weapons that, if used in a public setting during an arrest, could not only injure or kill a police officer, but could also injure or kill innocent members of the public. Knowing that once they are arrested they will likely be incarcerated – oftentimes re-incarcerated – these individuals resist or fight with the police. Although watching a number of po-

lice officers try to handcuff a lone suspect may offend an uneducated observer's notion of fairness, the safety of the officers dictates that the suspect be outnumbered, as was the case here. In this video, the length of the struggle was controlled exclusively by the suspect, who repeatedly failed to comply with verbal commands to give the officers his hands. Many of the officers' commands to the suspect to give up his hands and to go voluntarily to the ground occurred before the videotaping even started. I want to make clear that the knee strikes and hand blows seen in this video are tactics that the officer in the video had been trained in at the Boston Police Academy on two separate occasions within the past six months, and they were performed in the manner in which they were taught. Of course, the Boston Police Department will continue to monitor and adapt our training as we feel is necessary so officers are trained in the best techniques to safely arrest individuals without the suspect or the officers being injured, but it is important to note that the techniques seen in this video are currently being taught at the Boston

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Police Academy and at police academies throughout the country. As you will see in the video, as soon as the suspect was handcuffed, the striking tactics were stopped immediately, a testament to the professionalism of these officers. Having said this, I now wish that the media would focus on all of the improper things the suspect was shown to have done, not only on the video itself, but in the months and years before this video was taken to get himself into this situation in the first place."

Within days of that incident at the community college, a completely separate incident occurred when the owner of a dangerous pit bull decided that it was appropriate for the pit bull to run loose in front of the local YMCA where young children were attending a Halloween party. A young girl ran in fear from the pit bull right in front of a police cruiser. She was almost struck, but due to the skill and professionalism of the officer who was operating the vehicle a tragedy was avoided. The pit bull bore down on the 9 year old child, apparently biting her backpack. The child was terrified and the pit bull, unmuzzled and unleashed, presented a clear danger to the child's safety and life. The officer had no choice but to fire at the pit bull. What were the headlines in the *Globe*? The headline read: "Owner

upset after officer shoots, kills pit bull in Dorchester." The owner of the pit bull criticized the officer saying that the pit bull "was playing" and that the officers used excessive force. Why did they have to shoot the poor dog? After all, wasn't the dog just turning his life around and going back to dog obedience school? The dog owner was totally in the wrong, but the media did not

print that in their headline. You can never win. Had the dog inflicted serious harm or injury to the child or any other citizen, the police would have been criticized for not preventing the incident.

However, in the spirit of the Holiday Season we once again make our feeble attempt to present an updated version of an age old Holiday carol:

Season's Greetings

This must be sung to the tune of the venerable Christmas Carol, "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

Beware you cops who wear all blue
Who work so hard each day,
The *Boston Globe* has urged a few
To up and cut your pay,
To get the Quinn you'll have to sue
Though contract said okay.

Oh-oh, flag men will really make more pay, m-a-a-k-e more pay,
Oh-oh flag men will really make more pay.

The news blames you for using force
They run the film four times,
Three blows then look like twelve, of course
Then with the *Globe* it chimes,
From warrants he ran like a horse,
They mention not his crimes.

Oh-oh, flag men will really make more pay, m-a-a-k-e more pay,
Oh-oh flag men will really make more pay.

The pit bull it was running loose
It bites the kids who cry,
The cops they must end the abuse
The bullets they must fly,
The owner who has no excuse
Asks, "Why'd you shoot it, why?"

Oh-oh, flag men will really make more pay, m-a-a-k-e more pay,
Oh-oh flag men will really make more pay.

For violence and the rising crime
They'll fault the Union too,
The problem is that in this clime
Of cops there are too few,
We need more units every time
Dressed up in suits of blue.

Oh-oh, flag men will really make more pay, m-a-a-k-e more pay,
Oh-oh flag men will really make more pay.

Another year has passed us by
We watch the same old game,
The critics comment on the fly
"It you who are to blame,"
But we all know the more things change
The more they stay the same.

Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
oh tidings of comfort and joy.

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Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year from everyone here at Byrne & Drechsler to all of you in the law enforcement community and your families. Most citizens really appreciate your

work and the effort that you make every day to make us all feel safe.

From all of us, then, have a very Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

With "friends" like these, who needs enemies?

(Editor's Note: This article was submitted prior to the November Elections)

By Joe Abiciano, C-11

Well here we go again, another young buck who doesn't understand "how things work" in politics vis-a-vis police departments. And what it means to be quote, unquote "a friend" to police. I really wish someone could explain it to me better, because so far I'm lost as to the meaning.

Let's start at the top shall we...

President **George W. Bush**, supposed 'no friend of the police,' expanded homeland security and strengthened federal and local law enforcement with grants and prosecutorial support/power. Not to mention and maybe most importantly appointed a plethora of truly cop friendly conservative judges.

President **Barack Obama**, supposed 'friend of the police,' had his political infancy sponsored by **Bill Ayers**, co-founder of The Weather Underground. This is same Anti-American, Anti-police terrorist group who shot and killed Boston Police Officer **Walter Schroeder**. As

to name a few.

But President Obama and Vice President **Joseph Biden** saved and created police jobs with the stimulus package. Really... last time I checked homeland security budgets have been slashed and this state has a net loss of officers and

cials, witnesses and rivals. And then put their heads on stakes as a message to all who stand in their way. But hey at least our city council has an opinion on the matter. To bad they are supporting the cartels over officer safety. Again are you surprised?

Really, are we willing to sell our children's souls to the Marxist devil and forego officer safety so that future hires can retire at 55, rather than at 58 or 60? And I'm not just talking about us, but everyone, janitors, tolltakers etc. ... Are we willing to give up another \$10,000 a year in increased taxes? Are we willing to allow our state/country file bankruptcy, nullifying all public sector contracts' anyway? (Just ask local departments in California how that has worked out for them.)

This leads me to all of our local 'friends.' Friends like Governor **Deval Patrick**. I know he isn't our 'friend' anymore, but during his previous campaign I remember asking... How is an ACLU lawyer who has made a career suing local municipalities and jails on behalf of society's worst criminals to include rapist going to be more of a 'friend' to law enforcement agencies than **Kerry Healey**?

Again I was told "you don't understand kid... **Mitt Romney**, a Republican (insert gasp sound), was no 'friend' of ours (correction officers) so by proxy the same must true about his Lt. Governor." (*How much do we miss Romney now...but I digress*).

So I sat back and watched a governor rescind contracts, ignore promises, jeopardize officer safety, increase taxes and slash the budgets of essential services, to include our cherished Quinn Bill. But all the while advocate tax payer subsidies for illegal immigrants like the President's Aunt. And according to most estimates they are costing the state at least 55 million dollars a month in direct subsidies. About what it costs to fund the Quinn bill for a year. And according to Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) it is costing the American tax payer \$113 billion a year – an average of \$1,117 for every "native-headed" household in America and considering only 48% of the country pays taxes – you do the math.

But hey, according to our Attorney General, Governor and almost every other democrat in this state "it's not illegal to be illegal."

Really well let's break this down at the state level shall we:

According to the Center for Immigration Studies, there are 220,000 illegal immigrants in the Commonwealth and 25% are collecting welfare. That means we have 55,000 collecting benefits. If each get \$1,000 in taxpayer funded benefits each month that totals to \$55 million and \$600 million per year. More likely they are collecting \$2,000 per month which brings the total to \$1.2 billion.

And this doesn't take in the account the human toll of criminal immigration activity. Over the 4th of July weekend a 4-year-old girl from Springfield was brutally raped by a illegal immigrant for which state and federal officials refused to detain and or deport when he was arrested prior to this tragic incident. Now let me remind you again what AG **Martha Coakley** said and almost all Democrats concur with "it's not illegal to be illegal

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My wish list for the new year

By Mark A. Bruno

With 2010 almost behind us, I'm looking forward to 2011. Last year did bring a couple of good wins for the BPPA. We had the FLSA and Municipal case settled. For many of our members the Municipal case looked like it would never come to an end. The City kept dragging this case through every court they could. In the end it cost them dearly. This could have been settled way back when for about two-million-dollars, but ends up costing the city sixteen-and-a-half-million dollars. This was a nice win for our members and their families, and I'm sure for many this win-fall came in handy.

The Governor's election was another story. Many members are angry and confused as to why we backed **Tim Cahill** when it became obvious he wouldn't win. Tim Cahill was the only candidate who promised not to come after our retirement or healthcare. These are the two most important benefits we have as police officers. Voting for the other two candidates, regardless of the outcome, made no sense. They both came in hard on both these issues. What voting for Cahill did was tell both candidates, especially **Charlie Baker**, that we are still the difference maker in the end. Many may not want to hear that, but in the end my conscience is clear. I voted for the person who was looking out for my best interest.

What I would like in 2011 is for a contract that would be equivalent to that of which the Firefighter's received. I would like to see our Quinn Bill benefits restored, or just scrap it and put everyone on the same pay scale with only longevity and specialty rating being the only difference. Adding a t-cap to our contract would help out tremendously in trying to keep up with what Fire gets. Don't get me wrong, I take nothing away from the job they do, but certainly

well as the bombing of the NYC police headquarters, Chicago Police, San Francisco Police, U.S. Capitol and Pentagon

the potential for danger is a little bit higher every time a police officer answers a call. The stress levels and shock to our systems over years of answering 911 calls takes its toll.

I would wish all the best to those who have moved on to become detectives or supervisors. Please never forget the grace from which you ascended to this position. Knowing the plight of your underlings having been in that position is one of the most important assets you will take with you as you move on. Absolute power corrupts some of us as we move on. Nothing can be more important than having the respect of those who serve you. Now having said that as nicely as I could, the bottom line is never forget where you came from.

I hope the upcoming year brings more police officers to replace those who have retired, and those who have moved on to become detectives or supervisors. God knows we could use the help on the district levels. I hope for plenty of detail work to go along with these extra bodies. I hope the state does not cut any more local aid to our cities and towns which have had to weather the storm through these tough economic times. I wish for a white Christmas, but a mild winter.

I wish those of our members and their families, both past and present the best of health through the New Year. I wish those who lost family members this past year my deepest condolences. Losing a loved one is never easy because the grieving process takes time. Look around you and maybe invite some of these individuals to share the holidays with you if they are going to be alone, I'm sure they could use the company. Please say a prayer for our soldiers that God may bring them home safely to their families.

Finally to all, have a Happy Holiday Season.

salaries since the supposed stimulus. A stimulus package which was outsourced and written by a NY group called the APOLLO alliance.

Who sits on this panel/board of directors? Well a number of liberals, progressives, communists and Democratic Party leaders to include... Yep, you guessed it **Jeff Jones** the other cofounder of The Weather Underground... a coincidence I'm sure. Another key author of the stimulus and person of influence in the Obama administration is **Van Jones**.

Who is Van Jones? Well he is a lot of things most notably a self proclaimed communist founder of **STORM** who advocated the release of cop killers in California and wrote...

"Revolutions need to be militant in the street actions... Marches were militant and confrontational, **REGULARLY DE-FYING POLICE COMMANDS AND OCCASIONALLY PLUNGING THROUGH POLICE LINES AND BARRICADES...**"

Well at least President Obama hasn't jump to conclusions and interjected himself into local police matters "without knowing all the facts." Oops I'm sorry am I acting "stupidly?" Oh well, at least this administration is showing concern for officer safety by not supporting Arizona illegal immigration law.

Two fun facts while the President (and most other Democrats) are busy promoting amnesty and holding border security "hostage," 87% of Arizona police officers killed in the line of duty last year were killed by illegal immigrants. And Phoenix has become the kidnap capital of the country (number two in the entire world only behind Mexico City). And in most border counties all off duty police officers are strongly encouraged to carry their firearm at all times. The reason is because the Mexican drug cartels have now issued standing bounties on the heads of American local and federal law enforcement officers.

And when I say "heads" I mean that literally and figuratively. Did you know to strengthen their power of intimidation these cartels literally behead police offi-

News Brieflets...

Compiled and commented upon by Patrick Carnell,
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"In a letter sent to fellow Democratic lawmakers Saturday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California expresses confidence that she will be elected minority leader and calls for the party to "further modernize" and "communicate" the message that helped them win the House in 2006....Her focus on message implies that Democrats lost at least 60 seats and the House because of a failure to communicate effectively about the agenda the party delivered rather than public disapproval of the policies."

- Politico, 11/6/10

Ah, yes, "messaging" and salesmanship were the primary reasons the Democrats lost the House. Well, that and the fact that this picture... certainly didn't help.



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"Shortly after finishing their protest at the funeral of Army Sgt. Jason James McCluskey of McAlester, a half-dozen protesters from Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., headed to their minivan, only to discover that its front and rear passenger-side tires had been slashed. To make matters worse, as their minivan slowly hobbled away on two flat tires, with a McAlester police car following behind, the protesters were unable to find anyone in town who would repair their vehicle, according to police."

- Tulsa World, 11/14/10

It's always a pleasure when the Westboro Baptist, a.k.a. the "God Hates F*gs/Catholics/Jews/Swedes/America/Soldiers/Mr. Rogers/the entire world" church, finds out that karma has a spiteful sense of humor. They probably could have replaced the tires themselves, but the cranking and pumping and inflating was a little too "brokeback" for them.

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"If it came down to a vote, South Korea would resolve its latest conflict through diplomatic and economic measures. But it would be a very close vote. 45 percent of South Koreans support a stern response to the artillery attack "even if it would escalate arms clash with North Korea," according to the Korea Times"

- Business Insider, 11/27/10

In light of South Korea's vow to retaliate against any future North Korean attack, it might be fun to have SK and US aircraft "accidentally" repeatedly enter NK air space for a few seconds per day, just to see if they complain to the "international community." If anything, the "peace movement" will suddenly find something objectionable about the whole situation.

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"There were injuries, damage and arrests as thousands of students gathered in London for a second protest against higher tuition fees and university budget cuts....Protesters, upset with the Liberal Democrats for breaking a pledge to vote against higher tuition fees, had planned to demonstrate outside the party's headquarters."

- Digital Journal, 11/24/10

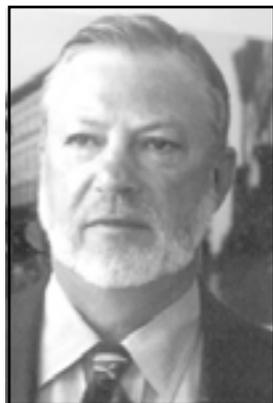
Yes, low tuition is certainly a good thing, but judging by pictures of the events, it'd be nice if the protesters could decide what exactly they stand for. For example, why do people demanding more government regulation and funding always whip out the anarchist symbolism?

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"After billions of years the Sun finally has an owner - a woman from Spain's soggy region of Galicia said Friday she had registered the star at a local notary public as being her property....Duran, who lives in the town of Salvaterra do Mino, said she now wants to slap a fee on everyone who uses the sun and give half of the proceeds to the Spanish government and 20 percent to the nation's pension fund."

- AFP, 11/26/10

Well, now we know whom to sue for skin cancer. On an unrelated note, I have registered some items recently myself, and I demand a yearly tax of an as-yet-to-be-determined amount from anyone who wishes to continue breathing the air or living in this dimension.



Don Green

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

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

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SJC overrules 30 years of legal precedent by outlawing "evergreen clauses"

In late October, the state's highest court issued a decision that stunned union officials and labor lawyers across the Commonwealth. In *Boston Housing Authority v. National Conference of Firemen and Oilers, Local 3*, 458 Mass. 155 (2010), the state Supreme Judicial Court ruled that evergreen clauses were no longer valid if they had the effect of extending a public sector collec-

tive bargaining agreement (CBA) beyond three years. Evergreen clauses state that the provisions of an expired collective bargaining agreement shall remain in full force and effect while the parties bargain a new CBA. Because most labor agreements in the public sector contain evergreen clauses, this decision has wide-ranging ramifications for unionized public employees. Fortunately,

the leadership of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association has already taken swift and effective steps to minimize the impact of this decision on its members.

The case began when the Boston Housing Authority violated a minimum manning provision contained in its collective bargaining agreement with Local 3 of the National Conference of Firemen and Oilers, which represents some of its employees. The breach of the minimum manning clause took place after the CBA had expired, but since the CBA contained an 'evergreen clause', all the provisions of the CBA were still in full force and effect while the parties negotiated a successor agreement. The union filed a grievance over the violation of the minimum manning clause and the grievance went to arbitration. The arbitrator ruled in the union's favor, but then the employer appealed to court. Eventually the case reached the Supreme Judicial Court, which overturned the arbitrator's decision.

To fully understand the case, it is important to look at Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws, which contains the public employee collective bargaining law. A crucial provision of Chapter 150E for this case is Section 7(a), which states that public employee unions and public employers may only negotiate collective bargaining agreements with terms of three years or less. According to the SJC, this three-year limitation serves several beneficial purposes: (1) it gives employees a chance to reevaluate their choice of bargaining representative on a regular basis; (2) it forces the parties to frequently reassess the terms of their CBA; (3) it allows public employers and their successors leeway in dealing with changing and challenging circumstances; (4) it protects the public interest by allowing public employers to properly manage limited public resources and provide government services efficiently. Note that this list of "benefits" seems to benefit the employer more than the employees. Because of Section 7(a), most public employee collective bargaining agreements are for three-year terms.

The Boston Housing Authority took the position that the evergreen clause in their agreement – the agreement they had bargained for and signed – was illegal because it effectively extended the life of the CBA beyond the three-year limit in Section 7(a). The union responded that the state labor agency – which is charged by law with interpreting Section 7(a) and other provisions of Chapter 150E – has for 30 years ruled that evergreen clauses are not illegal. According to the Labor Relations Commission as far back as 1977, an evergreen clause does not extend the term of the CBA; it merely provides a "mechanism and procedure to be followed prior to the execution of a successor agreement." *Town of Burlington*, 3 MLC 1440, 1441 (1977). The

Labor Relations Commission (LRC) and its successor the Division of Labor Relations (DLR) recognized that having an evergreen clause in place helped to preserve the status quo in labor relations and provide for a continuing code of conduct while the parties bargained a new agreement.

Nevertheless, despite the labor board's precedent and the policy interests favoring evergreen clauses, four members of the seven-member SJC found that evergreen clauses violated Section 7(a) by illegally extending the term of the CBA beyond three years. Three judges, led by the recently-appointed Margot Botsford, dissented. They agreed with the DLR that evergreen clauses did not violate the three-year term rule. But majority rules, so the legacy of the *Boston Housing Authority* case is that every evergreen clause in every collective bargaining agreement is invalid if it purports to take effect at the end of a three-year contract. (Note that even after this case, evergreen clauses would still be valid if they take effect at the end of a one- or two-year contract, for up to a total of three years.)

What does the *Boston Housing Authority* case mean for the future? In the absence of any remedy, such as an interim agreement or a change in the legislation, the major implication is that the grievance and arbitration procedure may not be valid during the period after the CBA has expired and before the parties bargain a new agreement. Some management attorneys have already begun to challenge arbitrations where the CBA has expired. However, if the grievance arose before the CBA expired, there is a good chance that it is arbitrable, even if the arbitration takes place after expiration. Some public employee unions may choose to take grievances to the DLR and reconfigure them as unfair labor practice charges.

Even without an evergreen clause, employers cannot change wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment without bargaining first to impasse. This is because the right to bargain in good faith comes from Chapter 150E, not the CBA. Still, there is more likelihood that some employers will seek to reach impasse and impose their last best offer on the employees, especially where financial circumstances are difficult. As a result of these implications, public employee unions and their representatives across the Commonwealth are working on ways to solve the problems that this new case represents, both at the bargaining table and at the State House.

While not a wholesale disaster, *Boston Housing Authority* has put public employee unions and those they represent in a difficult position. Fortunately, the BPPA is working hard on behalf of its members to make sure that the *Boston Housing Authority* case does not damage their ability to maintain a strong position at the bargaining table.

Solitude and suicide

By Mark A. Bruno

On November 15 and 16, 2010, the Boston Police Department held a seminar to deal with critical incidents with law enforcement officers. The seminar focused in on PTSD and suicide, and what we as officers and supervisors could do to see the signs and intervene before someone hurts themselves or others. Too often we take things for granted when it comes to our mental health. We do not realize the trauma our bodies go through when we respond to some horrific crime scene. We are trained to respond and make the proper notifications without absorbing what has actually taken place, or unfolding in front of our very eyes. We fail to process the episode at that moment which leads to mental health issues. Often these issues are not addressed and we find ourselves not being able to sleep, and suffering from nightmares and depression as a result of. Anything traumatic can trigger these emotions. We need to see the signs and help those in need.

Stephanie Samuels, a psychotherapist who deals exclusively with police officers in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, who suffer from PTSD, hosted the seminar. Her credentials are second to none. She is a leader in this field which recognizes what officers go through every day, and how they suffer from PTSD. She was very blunt and to the point. For many of us suicide is a taboo subject that no one cares to talk about. This was obviously evident by a show of hands, or lack there of, on several personal questions thrown out there on the subject. Sitting in this room full of my peers watching video taped testimonials of fellow officers who tried to, or watched others who committed suicide, was very emotional. Like it or not, we are human and prone to stress like everyone else. But not like everyone else we see more horrific things than the average citizen. We see the bad side of life in all its entirety. Sometimes we are part of this bad side of life. We could be going through a divorce, suffering from PTSD, or maybe become hooked on prescription drugs as a result of being out injured. We sit quietly and try to weather the pain on our own. The truth is we are sliding into an abyss of solitude. We are reluctant to reach out to others and talk about our problems. Some times

we watch from the sidelines as others fall apart. We do not want to get involved in someone else's affairs. Unfortunately this is not good enough. We need to step up and help others who appear on the verge of emotional distress. Over the past several years we have lost several fellow officers who took their own lives. Some of us view this action as "selfish" for leaving others to grieve, and ask the question why? Just think about the pain these individuals were feeling to have been brought to this point? For some of them you could see it coming like a freight train, while others suffered silently. Stephanie Samuels stated, "with suicides the mind dies one day, while the body dies another."

Part of this seminar dealt with management and how they could better step up their efforts when it comes to helping individuals who are suffering from PTSD or depression. Stephanie Samuels complimented the Boston Police Department for having a good Peer Support Unit (phone # 617-343-5175). Sgt. Brian Fleming and his staff have done a fantastic job for those who have sought their help. It is never easy to reach out and ask for help when your going through this pain. Depression for some can be a silent killer with no way out. This unit is confidential and can only help those who wish to be helped. There are other ways to get people help that you feel may need it. You can call in anonymously at the Boston Police Crisis Hotline at 617-594-9091. We can look around us and figure out that some of us are hurting and need a little crisis intervention. Do not be afraid to ask your fellow officer if they need help. Even if all they want to do is talk, just listen and be a good friend. This seminar was not for finger pointing, but rather a means to talk about and try to resolve and reach out to those in need. I applaud the Peer Unit and the Boston Police Department for putting this seminar on. It is a subject we need to talk about more, but don't. We are all human and have our thresholds when it comes to depression. With the holidays upon us I ask that you all look around and reach out to someone who may need it. Invite them to spend the holidays with you. Maybe this is all it would take is for someone to show they cared. Step up and be that person. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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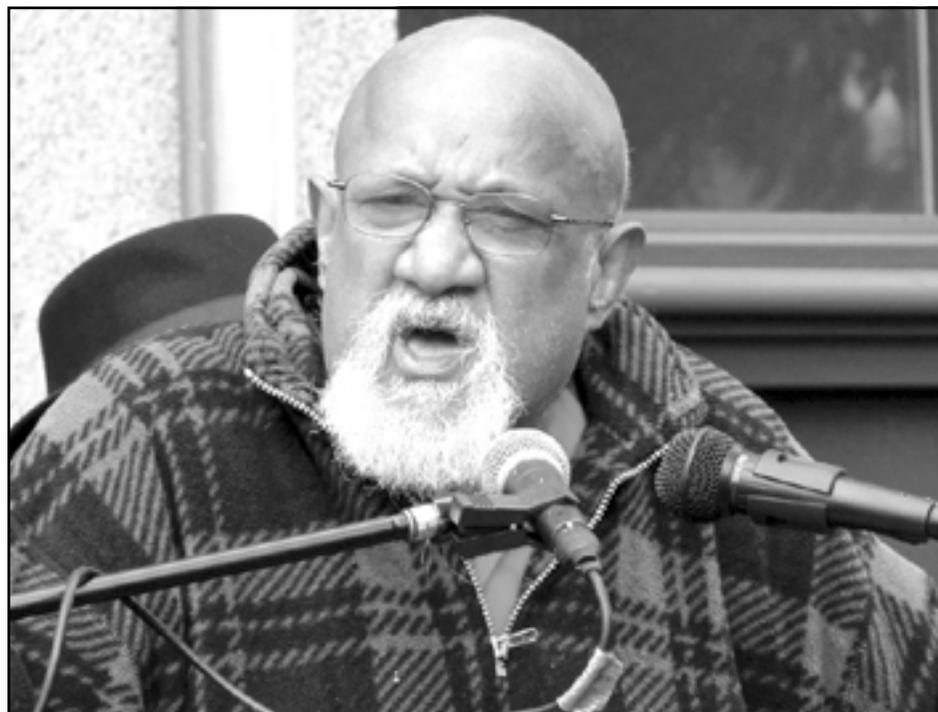
Why is it?

By Det. Mike Kane, District 18

- As smart as those kids are at Harvard University... they aren't smart enough to realize that making fun of a murdered Yale student in a video is not a good idea?
- "Up Chuck" Turner won't go away? And how come Mayor Menino states "I liked his style?" Really Mayor? Maybe you should have a nice going-away party for Chuck so all the politicians can say how much they like him.
- Some people now think we need less security at airports? Have we forgot 911 and the weaknesses that were exploited by our enemies?
- If you took all of the news stories in any daily *Herald* and grouped them together



it would take up about four pages? The rest is all car ads, stories on **Justin Beiber**, **Randy Moss** and **Paris Hilton**. And they wonder why newspapers are soon to be a thing of the past.



Chuck Turner apparently has no shame.

Media hypocrites and cowards

By Kevin Doogan

Where is the media outrage? Where are the protests? A convicted felon, has for the past 30 days, remained a Boston City Councilor.

Where are the remaining City Councilors and their public displays of outrage that a comrade and co-worker has disgraced the City Council with greed and treachery? Yet this pompous, felonious thief is making fools of the City Council, the Mayor and this City.

Where are the public outcries of outrage from mainstream media editorialists? Where is the public condemnation of his peers and from racial groups? Isn't Chuck Turner's conviction a slap in the face to every hard-working, law-abiding person of color in this City?

Isn't the fact that **Chuck Turner** betrayed the trust of this City, his supporters and his Office enough to move this felon into resigning? If not, then where are the City Councilors, the Mayor and the Media to throw this thieving bum from Office?

Chuck Turner now compares himself to **James Michael Curley**, a historic figure that was convicted of mail fraud in 1947. What Turner fails to mention in the com-

parison, is that Curley also is credited with pushing through the presidential candidacy of **Franklin D. Roosevelt**, pushing through a 48-hour workweek for the middle class, strong arming the millionaires of the day, as well as the Federal Government to financially support public works projects for the poor and middle class. Curley pushed into place limits and regulations onto banks and businesses to lower rates for the public.

Turner, whose only claim to fame is in self-serving fashion to fan the flames of the racial discord in this City. Turner compares himself to an iconic political figure that helped lead this City, State and Country out of the Great Depression.

Chuck Turner apparently has no shame, no sense of morality and no dignity. Let's hope the Federal Court stops dragging its feet and sentences this clown in January. If this set of facts and circumstances happened to a corrupt individual in law enforcement I dare say the public execution would be swift and sure, as it should be in this case.

The mainstream media and the politicians of influence are apparently cowards and hypocrites, but that's just business as usual around here.

- Airlines are charging for every little thing now?
- Benefits are being denied to returning veterans but an illegal alien seems to have an advocate for every public program?
- All the local television stations have "breaking news" every time they begin their newscast? And it's always four hours old.
- The high school kids who get into trouble after a hazing incident all seem to take their punishment, unless you go to high school in Needham where the parents ask a court to intercede to help out their kids who are being unfairly targeted? Can you say pampered? Take your punishment!
- Each time I watch TV I see so much foolish, unoriginal, mind-numbing trash? "Cash Cab" is now considered an intellectual show.
- People driving Smart Cars seem to take so many chances when they drive? Seriously would you run a yellow light in one of those cars?
- I just know that the construction company that was working in the area of the house explosion in Hyde Park will simply go out of business then rename itself in order to continue working in the City of Boston? Construction companies did it all the time during the Big Dig.
- I just can't resist a Dunkin' Donuts pumpkin muffin?

- After several recent high-profile murders, isn't it time the voters in this state bring back the death penalty?
- More people don't take their kids to see a Providence Bruins game? Great time and very affordable.
- The NFL wants to limit the helmet to helmet hits during each game, but when there's a big game coming up all you see on TV are the huge hits from the last time the two teams met?
- I could live without my cell phone, but not without my car starter?
- Fall never seems to last that long?
- It use to be gas prices dropped during the winter months, but it doesn't seem to happen any more?
- When broadcasting a story on the Gulf oil spill all the media outlets fail to mention the eleven men who died when the fire broke out? Only about how there aren't as many seagulls and ducks in the area.
- I predict in ten years no one will be able to read a map? People will need a GPS even when they go for a walk.
- After the election **Gov. Deval Patrick** again starts promoting his plan to give **ILLEGAL ALIENS** in state college tuition rates? Could it be he wants to give even more of our money away to these freeloaders through additional government run programs? Another four years of this clown and we are sure to go broke!
- I'm so sick of hearing how each gang member that gets shot is "turning his life around"? Maybe because I have never actually seen one turn his life around.
- The *Herald* now says it was such a bad idea for the voters to de-criminalize pot? Isn't this what the public wanted and didn't the *Herald* run stories on the benefits of de-criminalization a few years ago?
Merry Christmas and stay safe!

Statistics we can all do without...

With the holidays upon us it is important to understand what can kill law Enforcement Officers most frequently. The following stats were taken from the ODMF (Officer Down Memorial Page website).

So far this year:

- 145 Law Enforcement Officers have been killed in the line of duty.
- The average years of service of these officers: 12 years
- The average age of these officers: 40 years old
- Number of female officers: 5
- Number of LEO's who have suffered fatal heart attacks while on duty: 11

- Most dangerous month(s) for LEO deaths: January (19) and June (19)
 - Number of LEO struck by vehicles: 5
- Please don't be a statistic. We all want to go home at the end of our shift. Take measures such as wearing your body armor, asking for back up, and never underestimating who you are dealing with so that you decrease your odds of becoming injured or killed while working. In future *PAX* articles I will be securing statistics from the FBI concerning officer injuries and deaths so that all of us can be safer every time we go to work. Stay Safe.

— Det. Mike Kane, District 18

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Condemning their actions gets us far, huh?

By the time you read this, I would hope that North Korea is now a parking lot, but I doubt it! The new world politics is great isn't it? Just lob over 180 artillery shells onto a fishing village and kill a few people civilian/military whatever, destroy hundreds of thousands of dollars in personal property and a Government Military Base (paid for by us of course).

What the hell, politics as usual, after all we let them sink a South Korean Ship and murder 46 sailors just a few months ago, remember March? This latest attack is a supposed warning about US/South Korea Naval exercises in the Yellow Sea. What do we do? We condemn their actions, yah just what we did in March, condemn their actions, that got us far huh?!

I'm not a warmonger, but there are times when we have to stand up for what's right. We are supposed to be the only remaining 'Superpower' and we can't even get rid of a mental case like **Kim Jong II** or his son, another psychotic sociopath bent on releasing nukes on South Korea and Sothern California as well! People will say that the Chinese are the North's ally and we don't want to 'get into it' with China. Give me a break, we owe China so much money all we have to do is threaten not to pay them back if they get involved, believe me they'll back down immediately! Nothing says *we'll mind our own business* like money.

We have been talking about this country for years and have done nothing. We know that this nut ball and his kid are hell bent on getting nukes and will spend their entire GNP to get them. For crying out loud, this nut case is starving his own people, withholding medical care and denying them basic services just to raise the dollars necessary to buy nukes to drop on us and our allies. Are we going to wait until it happens or are we going to make a preemptive strike and save a few million people, not to mention Alaska or our west coast? I realize that Alaska has a high Republican to Democrat ratio, but still it's a great vacation place and I'd hate to see it get blown up!

Okay I'll get serious; we as a nation have to knock off the BS. We're sitting in Iraq letting a sheep herder named **Maliki** dictate when we are to leave. We're in a no win situation in Afghanistan fighting the same tribes we armed and trained to fight the USSR. We are shipping our supplies through a shithole named Pakistan (and paying them for it) allowing our Soldiers and Marines to get blown up daily because we allow the corrupt government over there to stop our supply convoys long enough for **Ahmad Ahmad** and his band of murderers to blow up our supplies. I mean really, what the hell is going on?!

We're taxing the air we breathe, every-



thing we eat, drive, wear and sleep in so we can keep on funding other countries, illegal aliens, Nancy Pelosi's health care law, supporting the President's redistribution of wealth dream, wars that the government won't allow us to win and we're ignoring legitimate nuclear threats. Is it me or are we upside down and going bass ackwards?

The President runs around on these world win tours attempting to get the Muslim world to love and respect us. Hello, in case you haven't figured it out, it isn't going to happen.

Why don't we take the Aussie approach? "The country was found on Christian values, we speak English, we don't offer the dole (welfare), if you're coming here you can adopt our ways or leave, we didn't ask you to come in the first place!" I believe that was the quote from the Australian Prime Minister last year, gotta love that guy, (Balls of an Elephant!)

Excuse me, I digress, the question of the day, when the hell are we going to wake up??!! Only two short years to the next election, better start thinking now, hell Sarah can't be this bad. Only kidding.

For BPPA members that have been activated

For those of you that don't read the entire *PAX*, please note the following information. Just a reminder that your association passed a motion in 2002 to help financially support individuals activated to fight the war on terror. Just a reminder of the basic motion and information and documentation required for us to assist you with that financial promise.

The motion was to assist members in good standing with a financial stipend of \$500.00 per month for a period of not more than five months and a total of \$2,500.00.

That a member would have to be activated to duty in the recognized force of **ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES** or **COAST GUARD** (to include reserve forces) for a minimum of ninety days prior to becoming eligible. (*ADT is not considered active duty.*)

Further that if a member met those requirements, that the association would refund Union Dues and Dental Payments to those members for the life of their activation. You need to help us help you, when you are notified that you are going to be activated, please forward a copy of your orders to the union, attention to the secretary. When you receive new orders or post mobilization orders, please forward those copies as well, (we need to know where you are stationed to include addresses/APO's, AFPO's etc.). Please let us know who will be handling your affairs back home and who is a good POC with a telephone number and an address, (this information will be kept confidential).

A lot of good meaning and caring people want to ensure that you and yours are taken care of in your absence, please help us with that information so we can help them help you.

Good news for women veterans

The Veterans Administration's priority to improve health care for women will include 217 Million Dollars for fiscal year 2011, which began on October 1st, 2010. That is a whopping 21% increase from FY 2009 and represents a new focus on female veterans who comprise a growing segment of the military. **Eric Shinseki** has admitted that the VA is very late in catching up with the surge of women in the military and agrees that the trend will continue. Although

the VA has not been timely in supplying the specific needed health care to females, I believe the new VA Secretary is truly committed in getting the VA up to speed. Some 245,000 female troops have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Women currently represent 8% of Veterans and they will reach an estimated 16% within ten years. Shinseki stated that the VA wants to provide more privacy, better security, expanded access to sexual trauma services and more attention to women's musculoskeletal problems along with improving gender specific prosthetics.

More job assistance for exiting veterans

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans who are preparing to leave the military now have a program at their disposal to assist their move back into the civilian world. It's called the TAP (Transitional Assistance Program), it prepares the soon to be discharged troops and or retirees with services like resume writing and financial planning.

Over 300,000 troops leave military service annually. Retirees can start the process up to two years prior to retirement. For other active duty troops, the new law requires that the process start no later than 90 days prior to ETS, which includes employment workshops and seminars run by the department of labor. Even though the jobless number for all Veterans runs better than the National average: 8.4% vs 9.5% the averages for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans was 11.5% back in July 2010 or about 185,000 Veterans which is nearly as many troops that are deployed between the two countries.

Younger Veterans in the 25 to 29 year old age group had it even worse with an unemployment rate of 14.9%. You can also access TAP on-line @ www.turboTAP.org. Please pass this info along to any unemployed Veteran you meet.

Thank you!

Once again, a big Thank You to **Rita Foley** and her 'Elves' for coordinating donations, picking up, packing up and shipping off Christmas Packages to the troops. It's people like you that make the world a better place. To you and all your helpers a **VERY BIG THANK YOU!!!!!!**

Well Christmas time is here again. Another year and our brother and sisters are still away on foreign soil fighting the good fight and working against the odds. We love you all and miss you all! Want you all home ASAP. I want to wish them and you a Merry Christmas or Happy Chanukah and a safe and prosperous New Year. God Bless You All! (*Maybe next year I can be writing about reunions and not wars?*)

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With "friends" like these, who needs enemies

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in Massachusetts." I wish she and they would go to that girl's bed side and explain that stance to her.

Almost every one of our elected officials (with a few election year epiphanies/

reversals) has supported higher taxes to supplement pet projects and things like in state tuition for illegal immigrants. That is all except for a handful of the states republicans. The same state Republicans

who voted against their own pay raise and lead the charge to stop cop killer **Raymond Luc Leveseur** from speaking at our Flagship University.

Yet another example, Leveseur... Where were our supposed 'friends' then? Besides hiding and acting like Pontius Pilate (Governor Patrick). And considering the President's associations with other similar terrorist groups/cop killers from that era is there any surprise the Governor, the President's good friend and virtual "mini-me," didn't throw the full weight of his office behind stopping this cop killer from speaking, on the taxpayer's dime, at our flagship university and shamefully where I am a alum.

And how about taxes where our supposed 'friends' have raised our property, sales, meals, alcohol and income taxes and voted for their own raises they have sat back and watched our Quinn bill and other essential services/funding go by the wayside. And now our federal 'friends' are talking about a 20% value-added tax on top of allowing Bush's tax cuts to lapse. So that means marriage and other middle class tax increases are coming January 1st.

Brad Williams, my neighbor and Republican candidate for State Senate has told me over and over again "this state does not have a revenue problem it has a spending problem...and what they (meaning Beacon Hill Democrats) have done to police is not right."

What does he mean by that? Well without putting words in Brad's mouth, he is advocating for lower taxes and prioritization of the budget. Where money spent first would and should be on essential services, as opposed first place to cut under Deval and the Democrats.

How exactly are the Democrats "redistributing the wealth" if not on essential services?

Well they have increased social services for the indigent and criminals of societies. They made sure these same criminals can receive the same quality of healthcare for which we risk our lives and pay increasing higher rates for. They have made sure illegal immigrants can have taxpayer housing before our disabled vets. They have added trillions in debt and deficit which will burden our children. They have made sure public defenders' budgets have quadrupled while prosecutorial budgets are slashed. Prosecutorial budgets, at the federal level which has been spent on prosecuting Navy Seals and the state of Arizona. But radical racist groups like the modern day Black Panthers get a free pass. And terrorist from foreign lands are given constitutional rights and mirandized on the battlefield.

Let's face it, our President, Governor and their corresponding AG's as well as majority of today's Democrats are more concerned that **Osama Bin Laden** and illegal immigrants have rights over police officer and troop safety. The party of JFK

is long gone. Let me repeat **THE PARTY OF JFK IS DEAD!** It is now the party of Obama and Patrick.

But hey all that is small price to pay if our 'friends' ignore pension reform and pass off that unsustainable proverbial 800 lb. Gorilla in the room onto our children.

Really, are we willing to sell our children's souls to the Marxist devil and forego officer safety so that **future hires** can retire at 55, rather than at 58 or 60? And I'm not just talking about us, but everyone, janitors, tolltakers etc. ... Are we willing to give up another \$10,000 a year in increased taxes? Are we willing to allow our state/country file bankruptcy, nullifying all public sector contracts' anyway? (Just ask local departments in California how that has worked out for them.)

Are we willing to have rioting in the streets like Greece to protect that sacred cow? Because if we continue on this suicide pack with the Neo-Marxist running the Democratic party then we will look like Greece in a few short years.

Meaning instead of retiring a year or two later with a full pensions our state/country will be so bankrupt we will have no pensions at all just like Greece.

But you know what don't talk to me about pension reform until all funding for partisan criminal enterprises' like ACORN (billions of dollars) or nonsense wasteful pork projects like a shrine for the late **Ted Kennedy** (\$68 million) and Democratic Party propaganda stimulus signs (\$500K in Massachusetts alone) are cut from the budget.

The bottom line is this I may not have been around on this job for very long. And I certainly don't claim to know everything about anything. But this certainly isn't my first rodeo and I know who my friends are.

The Democrats in this state are no longer our 'friends.' At best they are drinking buddies. Drinking buddies who never pick up the tab but always expect you to buy the first round and flirts with your wife every time you go to the bathroom. Like I said, with friends like that, who needs enemies?

I would rather vote for the "other guy" who says he can't afford to come out but at least remembers my kid's birthday. And when I need to move that sofa sleeper up three flights of stairs he is always there.

So remember in November what my father's father told him and then me. "Son you have very few 'friends' in this world everyone else are just buddies and always take care of your family first." Well ask yourself this... Are those who support this President and this Governor our 'friends' or are they drinking buddies who expect us and the rest of the taxpayers to pick the tab. Because I guarantee you this whether it be your Congressperson or your State Rep., no matter what they tell you, they have voted in lockstep with this President and our Governor. And any friend of theirs is no 'friend' of mine.

Pop Quiz: End of 2010

By Patrick Carnell,

Canisius College graduate, Buffalo, NY

- Why were Barney Frank, Harry Reid, and Barbara Boxer re-elected during the 2010 mid-terms?**
 - They are plainly the most qualified and worthy of their posts
 - Their voters have only a cursory understanding of how economies work
 - Their voters slept through history class
 - Both B and C
- Why did the Democrats still manage to lose the House?**
 - Voter frustration with failed policies, ever extending government control, and the pure contempt the political class holds for the public
 - Voters were *clearly* too stupid to see how pure as the driven snow the motives of their intellectual superiors are
 - Voters unaware that the Soviet Union would have worked out great if *just* the right people were in charge...just saying.
 - Voters not entirely convinced the Democrats were being truthful when they promised to rob them last.
- Why was Nancy Pelosi retained as House Minority Leader?**
 - She and she alone possesses the wisdom, honor, and humility for the office
 - Because Democrats are highly in favor of empowering the mentally challenged.
 - Because the rictus of demented glee permanently botoxed into her face serves as a gruesome reminder of what led the Democrats to their defeat in the first place.
 - Both B and C/I'm not sure even her supporters completely know why.
- Is there any explanation for failed Republican senatorial candidate Christine O'Donnell...any at all?**
 - A *good* explanation? No, afraid not.
 - "She's a witch! May we burn her?"
- What lesson can be learned from the load of documents recently released by Wikileaks?**
 - The United States is the single most wicked nation to ever scourge the earth
 - The United States is no more wicked or underhanded than most other nations, that Israel is actually quite a reasonable country, and the world – surprise, surprise – has reason to fear Iran and North Korea.
 - The Obama administration has no clue how to approach problems with the Middle East or Russia
 - Hillary Clinton is the only member of the administration with any sort of guts.
 - Creepy, silver-haired Australian muppets with names like "Julian Assange" have wildly inflated egos, delusions of grandeur, and no moral reservations about leaking information that could (and, in the past, has) put people in mortal danger, so long as he has throngs of leftists licking his shoes and hailing him the new liberal messiah.
- Why did North Korea set off an international crisis by launching an unprovoked attack upon South Korean military personnel?**
 - You lie, capitalist pig-dog. No such thing could ever happen.
 - Democratic People's Republic of Korea is peaceful, honorable, prosperous, and free nation, unlike misled and trifling South.
 - Dear Leader is greatly saddened by such falsehoods. All the world rely on him, and it is better to fall on one's sword and die than to provoke a frown upon his glorious face.
 - DPRK intends only to shower Seoul with a thousand rounds of peace per minute, not artillery. Those who say contrary-wise are shameful frauds. Of this, there is no question. None. Stop questioning now.
- What will be the next TSA regulations?**
 - Patting down children still in the womb
 - Injection of sentient nano-bots.
 - Injection of slow-acting poison, with antidote administered following successful clearance.
 - "Sir, we're going to have to ask you to remove your skin."
 - Medieval Torture Device Checkpoints.
 - Blood to be analyzed for traces of drugs, microscopic animals, and bitter, resentful thoughts.



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"What good fortune for governments, that the people do not think," or as I like to call it "Welcome to Massachusetts"

by Jay Moccia

First and foremost, on behalf of myself and my family, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to our readers a heartfelt and sincere "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!" Yes I DID drop the "MC" Bomb in print, which brings me to my first topic – what a segue...

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During this Christmas Season, please feel free to greet all you encounter with a warm "Merry Christmas" (MC). Drop the MC bomb as often as you can, and if the response is a Happy Hanukah, or Happy Kwanza, accept it with all the joy this season brings. Do not fall prey to the PC Grinches who want to marginalize Christmas with "Happy Holidays" or "Seasons Greetings". To them I say "BAH HUMBUG!"

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Speaking of Grinches and the PC crowd (another awesome segue) Governor Deval Patrick was re-elected in November, and immediately began his full court press on the taxpayers of Massachusetts. He's pushing for In-State tuition (read: F-R-E-E) for Illegal Aliens (IA). Remember, they're only going to colleges that US students don't want to go to. Further cuts to the Quinn Bill and the Flag Man issue are sure to be on the horizon. You can be certain that higher taxes and fees will be in store to pamper all those folks sitting around with their hands out and their feet up.

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As for a re-cap of the November Mid-Terms, the Republican wave rolled across the US only to crash on the Democratic rock that is Massachusetts. I don't get it, we have seen the corruption of the one party Democrat rule, and people still won't get over their "not MY rep" mentality. We should be at the least seeking term limits or throw the bums out all together. This state is one big chicken coop guarded by foxes. Pretty soon there'll be nothing left but feathers, and not the kind you use on your nest egg. Thank you so much, Moonbats layabouts, and liberals.

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WAR STORY ALERT: The other day on Boylston, I had the occasion, with my partner, to arrest two shoplifters. An all too frequent occurrence these days. They had hit H&M and Marshall's, and although both had cash, they didn't bring ID with them. On further investigation it was determined these two miscreants were students, from Kazakhstan, attending a local school. One of them even sported a BOP with previous FELONY arrests. Now, I ask you gentle reader, how long do you think you would be allowed to remain on Foreign soil (if you weren't lucky enough to get kicked out immediately) for committing a crime? Probably about 5 years with time off for good behavior.

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I am always leery of groups whose names end in "With Peace", "For Justice" or "Without Borders"

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That disgraced soldier who forwarded sensitive top-secret documents to Wikileaks should be tried and executed as a traitor. If what PFC Manning did was not giving aid & comfort (not to mention propaganda) to the enemy during wartime, I don't know what is. This piece of excrement should be wiped off our shoe ASAP, the American People shouldn't have to waste another penny on his worthless soul.

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Another disgrace (S-E-G-U-E) is convicted Councilor Chuck Turner. It appears his saga has finally come to a close. The Profiles in Courage that make up the City Council actually grew some and voted him out. Chuck, always full of himself, did not go gently, and ranted and raved about "The Man" being out to get him. Newsflash to Chuck-the "Man" didn't put money in your palm, a man did and YOU TOOK IT! And invoking the Church with your "Preacher's handshake" defense was appalling. The Old Testament God would have turned you into a pillar of salt you wretch. A preacher is allowed to accept donations, an elected official is not, at least not in that manner. You are responsible for your actions, and I can only hope the Feds send you to jail for at least the remainder of your term.

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If you've traveled through Downtown, you may have noticed the City put in special metered parking for scooters and motorcycles. They say it's due to the vehicles soaring popularity. I think it's due to the soaring popularity of the City putting their hand in your wallet.

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Upper Crust, a yuppie pizza chain started in Boston, is embroiled in an ugly Federal Lawsuit with its employees. It seems in order to keep labor costs down, the founders knowingly hired illegal aliens (IA). Time passed and the company grew, hiring more and more IA's. Now to show their appreciation at being exploited, the employees are suing to seek back wages and compensation (HAHAHA). I hope the Federal Judge rules in favor of the employees, with a hefty fine and settlement upper the Crust. Then, he should compel the mainly Brazilian victims to buy a one way ticket back to Rio, and a big fine for being here as an IA. That would be the best way to slice that pizza pie.

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Big problems at our nations airports after TSA Officials introduced Full Body Scanners which transmit a "Nude" image of the passenger to an agent (several if the gal is hot) monitoring in another room. If you don't want to bump and grind through the scanner, you can subject yourself to a thorough full body pat down, after which you are allowed to tip the TSA agent. A buck or two placed in their belt is OK.

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On the recommendation of a friend (Thanks, Elaine) I read the book, "Prince of Thieves", which has been filmed as "The

Town" on the big screen. It was an entertaining story about a gang of Charlestown Bank Robbers, and included perfect geographical, police, and criminal references. Prevalent among these was the "Code (of Silence)". I was working in Area A when the Code was broken. It came to its end through hard work and cooperation between Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement. An alphabet soup of Fed agencies (FBI, DEA, ATF, etc) along with USAG, County DA's and State AG's put their egos in their pockets and absolutely HAMMERED everyone involved in these criminal enterprises. Now I wonder why leaders in other Boston communities aren't clamoring for a reunion of these forces for their neighborhoods. You know the ones where good people are terrorized by hoodlums, stores sell "Stop Snitching" T-shirts, and people are gunned down in the street like dogs. Forget Season of Peace, let's put a Season of Fear into those urban terrorists before another generation of kids are lost to the streets. As one local Reverend put it in the papers recently; these kids need a real "come to Jesus" meeting from Law Enforcement. Couldn't have said it better myself.

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A funny thing has happened on the way to December 25th. I've noticed a lot of liberals are tossing around the MC bomb. Guys and Gals who would have burned at

a stake of Mistletoe are throwing out Christmas like Jesus called wondering about His birthday card. Unfortunately, it's being done to garner support for more give-aways at the expense of the taxpayer. Yup, the Holiday tree, and Crèche-less Poles deserve a big lump of coal for this morbid use of Christmas. Now I know the economy is tough, and people are hurting but to extend bennies past the end of the year (I'm no Scrooge) isn't fair to those who are working and struggling too. Fix the mess you got us into, before you go into my pocket.

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How come when a guy gets transferred from any Area, he claims he was launched, bounced, punished, etc, but when a cop gets transferred from Area B, they ALWAYS say they "got out"...

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Finally, to end on a lighter note, I ran into a guy I grew up with. He works as a cop in another area and married late. He has a very young son, and chuckled when I pulled out my glasses to get a better look at the lad (just like his Pop at the same age if you wondered). As we talked, he dropped this gem: he said he knows he's getting older, because any time he sees a pretty girl now, his first thought is: "Does she babysit?" And on that note, with a thanks, Rick, I wish you once again a "Merry Christmas: Be safe..."



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Am I a racist, or is the PHC just crazy?

By Tony O'Brien

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) recently released a 417 page report titled "Health of Boston 2010". As a health care provider I was excited to read the report and see where we as a city are experiencing good patient outcomes and where we need to increase or improve our clinical application. What I got was an agenda driven pile of social engineering crap. The BPHC claims "the primary purpose of this report is to provide descriptive information about the health status and factors that influence the health status of Boston residents." Bull! This document has one purpose and one purpose only. It is intended to highlight "Racism at the institutional level". Well Barbara et al, fasten your seatbelts because I am about to do much more than highlight this alleged racism. I'm going to expose it for the myth that it is.

Before I get started, let me give you a little background on myself. I have been an Emergency Medical Technician for Boston EMS for over 10 years. In July of 2009 my life was changed by an anonymous allegation that I was a racist. I am not a racist, never have been. Nevertheless I was placed on administrative leave pending the conclusion of an investigation. 39 days later I was back to work, still not a racist.

Why am I telling you all this you ask, well to be honest, until this episode I have never paid much attention to race. Of course I'm aware of racism, I understand that it exists but I am more familiar with discrimination. I know that not so very long ago, in this country and in others, people were treated differently because of how they looked, or spoke, or prayed. I have experienced discrimination first hand. I attended an all Protestant school in the North of England. I am a Catholic. My surname is O'Brien and I spent my summers in Dublin with my father's side of the family. During my school years the Irish & English people were, well, shall we say, not getting along? As a result I would receive a decent beating each time a pub or a shopping center would blow up in Britain, and they blew up A LOT! Barbara and her cronies will tell you "that's not the same" or, "It's different" What a load of CRAP! Let me tell you something, discrimination is discrimination, no matter what the reason may be. That was an awful time in my life, it sucked. My parents were aware of the situation; they knew I was being singled out by hateful people. With their love and support I was able to

survive. Fast-forward 25 years or so, while I was out of work for allegedly being a racist, I was touched by so many people. Friends and coworkers of all backgrounds, races and ethnicities called me to see how I was holding up. They asked if I needed character references, some even offered to help with groceries. These people know me. Like my parents had all those years ago, they saw I was being treated unfairly and they offered to help in many, many ways (thanks JL!) This time I was not being discriminated against, but discrimination was the weapon used. Instead of the fists and boots I was beaten with as a kid, this time I was clob-

If Institutional racism exists, it needs to be exposed and stopped immediately.

bered with the worst title you can give anyone: a racist. The cuts and bruises from school have long since healed. I fear the wounds these cowards inflicted will remain open for a very, very long time.

Looking back at this latest situation I am glad it happened. It helped me realize the issue of race is irrelevant here at Boston EMS. I have attended many meetings at 1010 Mass. Ave. and at City Hall. At these meetings we hear time and time again how we as a department "do not reflect the diverse population we serve" and how we are not "as diverse as we could or should be". Really? I'm not buying it. In fact by percentage, compared to the 2010 US Census, Boston EMS' racial makeup **EXCEEDS** the national average. No one (as far as we could ascertain) had ever run the **ACTUAL** statistics on the diversity of the Boston EMS workforce so we did. **Myth #1...BUSTED.**

Back to the report, in the first paragraph (53 words in to it, to be precise) the reader is educated about racism. This continues throughout the entire document. In fact if you take all the racial data out of this "health" report you are left with 21 pages of text and 9 graphs. Not bad from a 417 page original. In contrast to this heavily biased report, Boston EMS issues frequent reports about call volume broken down into such categories as Priority 1, clinical incidents, Shootings, Stabbings etc.. We do not break these down further into races & ethnicities because **IT IS NOT IMPORTANT!** To a clinician administering emergency care, the race of your patient is irrelevant. Furthermore, I'm quite sure our patients don't care what color our EMTs & Paramedics are, all they want is great clinical care by the best possible providers. In

fact, I'd be willing to bet our patients would be alarmed if they were aware of Barbara Ferrier's twisted logic that we need "more people of color" at Boston EMS. I agree that we need more people, but it does not matter **WHAT** color they are. The Boston Public Health Commission has become obsessed with race. If you have a spare moment, check out the BPHC's "Center for Health Equity and Social Justice". Tell me how **ANY** of that relates to health in any way at all? Or their "**REACH**" program which boasts about "working together to improve the health of Black Bostonians". I'll ask the question most of us are afraid to; What is the title of the BPHC program which is working to improve the health of white Bostonians? Is there one? I'll bet you there isn't

and I'm **FINE** with that, because the BPHC should not be singling out any race at all. They should be working to improve the health of **ALL** Bostonians regardless of color!

If this sounds like the ranting of a mad man, Please take a moment to visit www.bphc.org and check out some of their educational materials. Try to remember as you go from one power point to the next that you as a taxpayer are funding the social engineering schemes and outright offensive programs the Executive Director & her staff are engaged in. Try to remember also that these wing-nuts are supposed to be looking out for the health and well being of you & your family. I need to be careful about calling them "wing-nuts" as I might be labeled a racist. I have heard people being accused of racism for using such inflammatory terms as "Idiot" and "lazy" so I'm sure "wing-nut" will be offensive to someone. **GOOD.**

Next for your viewing pleasure I have compiled a brief list of words from the power point titled "Racial Justice as a Public Health Issue," a lecture given at the BPHC's recent Health Equity Summit (April 21, 2010.) The following 4 words are categorized as "Coded Racism" which they define as "Words, phrases and images that don't explicitly mention race, but evoke racial fears and prejudice" I think they are crazy and I will give my own personal interpretation below each word:

1) Illegal alien

I am an alien, a **LEGAL** alien. If I had not completed the necessary paperwork with the US Government and been granted

residency I would be an Illegal alien. If you called me that you would **NOT** be a racist, you would be stating a fact.

2) Welfare queen

I think this is a non race-specific term for anyone who is able but unwilling to gain employment. In England we used the term "dole-heads" for people who collected unemployment despite the fact they were able to work and work was available.

3) Foreign terrorist

This one cracks me up! I think we can all agree that anyone who fits this description is a piece of sh*t whatever color they might be. But my definition would be: someone from outside of the USA who wants to kill us all.

4) Gangbanger

This is the most uncomfortable example for me. It means something **way** different where I come from! Anyway, the dictionary defines a gangbanger as "a member of a violent street gang." There are lots of violent streets all over the world in all racial & ethnic communities. People in those communities who belong to violent street gangs are, by definition gangbangers. **REGARDLESS OF RACE!**

5) Communist/Socialist

I give up. I cannot for the life of me figure out how the crackpots at the BPHC think these titles are racist?

This is the kind of madness we have at the highest office in the BPHC. This latest report talks about "racism at the institutional level." This is one of the most beloved buzz words these crack-pots throw around. Let's look at the allegation. The Boston Public Health Commission defines Institutional racism as something which "occurs *within institutions*. Institutional racism is discriminatory treatment, unfair policies and practices, and inequitable opportunities and impacts, based on race." Question, can you name any institution where this is taking place? I'm not talking about the KKK, the New Black Panthers or any of those other whacko organizations. I mean here, in Boston, in the health industry? Neither can I.

I will make you this promise though, if you can show me that it is happening here I'll put it on the front page of the *Pax* and I'll do my best to get it in every media outlet I can. If Institutional racism exists, it

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Honor Soldiers and Veterans

Your cell phone is in your pocket.
He clutches the cross hanging on his chain next to his dog tags.
He knows he may not see some of his buddies again.



You walk down the beach, staring at all the pretty girls.
He patrols the streets, searching for insurgents and terrorists.
He's told he will be held over an extra two months.



You call your girlfriend and set a date for tonight.
He waits for the mail to see if there is a letter from home.

You hug and kiss your girlfriend, like you do everyday.
He holds his letter close and smells his love's perfume.



You roll your eyes as a baby cries.
He gets a letter with pictures of his new child
and wonders if they'll ever meet.

You criticize your government,
and say that war never solves anything.
He sees the innocent tortured and killed
by their own people and remembers why he is fighting.

You hear the jokes about the war, and make fun of men like him.
He hears the gunfire, bombs and screams of the wounded.

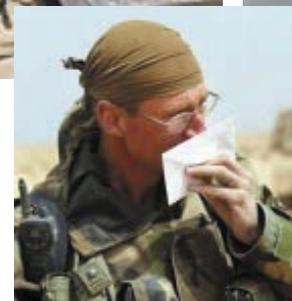
You see only what the media wants you to see.
He sees the broken bodies lying around him.



You are asked to do some thing by your parents. You don't.
He does exactly what he is told even if it puts his life in danger.

You stay at home and watch TV.
He takes whatever time he is given to
call, write home, sleep, and eat.

You crawl into your soft bed, with down pillows,
and get comfortable.
He tries to sleep but gets woken by
mortars and helicopters all night long.



Strength and honor! – The Boston Police Fitness and Strongman Challenge

By James F. Lydon, Jr.,
Boston Police Academy

Last year, the mornings of the two inaugural Boston Police Department fitness events looked fairly similar: cloudy skies and rain. This year, however, the morning of the 2010 Boston Police Strongman Challenge looked absolutely nothing like the morning of the 2010 Boston Police Fitness Challenge. Gone were the warm rays of the sun, and gone were the cloudless skies. The morning of Sunday, November 7th, 2010



– Photo courtesy of the Boston Herald

was all about clouds and cold. The weather did not deter anyone, however. The parking lot of the Boston Police Academy was full of motion as preparations for the Strongman event were finished. Athletes, and their families, began arriving at 8:00 am, ready to warm up for the grueling challenge ahead.

After some words from academy registrar Sergeant **Gary Eblan**, and a beautiful and stirring performance of the National Anthem by Police Officer **Kim Tavares**, the 2010 Boston Police Strongman Challenge began. Last year's first two events, the bench press and the squats, were gone, replaced by two other events: the Log Clean and Press and the Car Pull. The Tire Flip, a returning favorite and one of the most well-known events in professional strongman sports, was moved to the first slot. The competing athletes had to flip giant truck tires weighing up to four hundred and fifty pounds across the parking lot of the Boston Police Academy, going a total distance of one hundred feet within a ninety second time limit. After the tire flip, the leaders were **Megan Lee**, **Lynette Praileau**, **Eddy Chrispin**, **Sean Martin**, and **Robert Robichaud**, in their respective weight classes.

The next event was one of the two events new to this competition: the Log Clean and Press. Athletes had to pick up a bar and lift it over their head until their elbows were locked out. When the judge told them they completely lifted the bar, they were able to lower the bar and attempt another repetition. Depending on the athlete's weight class, the bar was loaded with increasingly heavier plates. The heaviest "log" lifted was one hundred and fifty-five pounds. After the Log Clean and Press, **Nora Baston** had tied **Megan Lee** for first, but all the other leaders remained in their spots.

The next event was the second new event, and another event popular with professional strongman competitions: the Car Pull. Female athletes pulled a cruiser, which was listed to be twenty-four hundred pounds, while the male athletes pulled a prisoner transport wagon, which was listed to be ten thousand, three hundred and fifty pounds!

Inside each vehicle, an officer sat (weight recorded in secret), ready to apply the brake in case of an emergency. The vehicles were pulled across the parking lot to a total distance of one hundred feet by the competitors, and driven back by the safety officer. The crowd was very loud and supportive of the athletes throughout this particular event. **Megan Lee** pulled ahead of **Nora Baston** to reclaim the lead, and the rest of the leader board looked the same.

The next event was the Farmer's Walk. Athletes would have to carry a metal cylinder in each hand, aiming to travel two hundred feet in the shortest amount of time possible. The cylinders were weighed down with different size plates, with the heaviest load carried being three hundred and thirty pounds (one hundred and sixty-five pounds in each hand). The apparatus for the Farmer's Walk, as well as the tires and the Atlas Stones for the other events, were once again provided by **Art McDermott** of Matrix Strength and Fitness. Professional strongman **Dan Ford** made a second appearance as the coordinator and judge for the events. The leader board remained unchanged after this event.

The final event was the Atlas Stone. Last year, competitors lifted the stones up and over a bar that sat at chest height. All the athletes used a seventy pound stone until the heavyweight men stepped up: the stone was then switched out to one that was twice as heavy. This year, the event was modified to more closely represent how the event is conducted at professional strongman competitions. This year, the athletes lifted the heavy stones up onto platforms. The female competitors had to lift an eighty pound stone up onto a platform and then pull it back down. They would repeat as many times as they could within the time limit. The male competitors had to lift increasingly heavy stones up onto different platforms scattered in a semicircle around the parking lot. The final stone, which was made out of actual stone, was one hundred and forty pounds,

but every competitor who attempted to lift the stone succeeded! It was very hard to hear in the parking lot as the spectators cheered on the athletes in the final drive of the day. When all the chalk had settled, the first place winners in each category were chosen.

Megan Lee went on to claim the female middleweight division, beating **Nora Baston** by one point! **Lynette Praileau** claimed the

female heavyweight division. **Evelyn Yancey** won the female Masters division.

For the second year in a row, **Eddy Chrispin** won the lightweight division. Event newcomer **Sean Martin** won the middleweight division. **Garrett Mitchell**, who won the middleweight division last year, won the Masters division. And for the second year in a row, **Robert Robichaud** won the heavyweight division.

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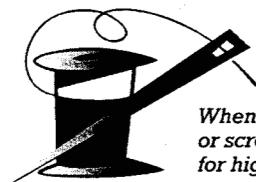
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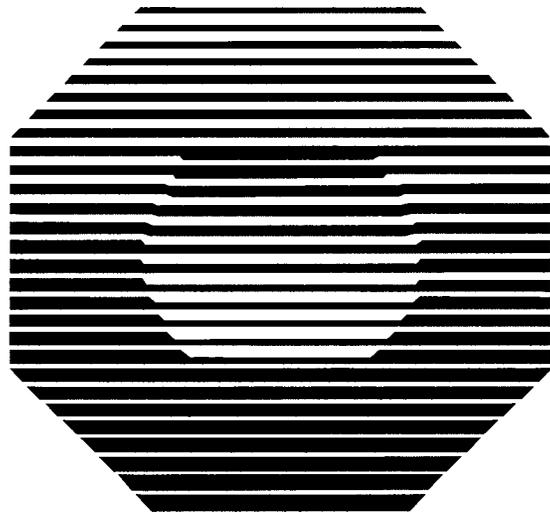
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United States Trivia: Bill Carroll

What do you know about the U.S.A.



1. What is the only state to celebrate an Arbor Day holiday?
2. What year and where did Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" show open?
3. What was the first state to enact Workingmen's Compensation Laws?
4. In what state were Harley-Davidson Motorcycles first manufactured in?
5. What is the only state that does not have any National Park System Units, such as National Parks, Seashores, Battlefields, Historic Sights, Memorials, or Monuments?

(see answers on page C14)



Sports Trivia: Bill Carroll

How many can you get correct?



1. What European born player holds the NHL record for games played as a forward?
2. What European born defenseman holds the NHL record for games played?
3. Who holds the NHL career record for most playoff games played?
4. What European born player holds the NHL career record for points scored?
5. What goaltender holds the NHL record for career points scored during the regular season?
6. What is the only father-son combination to be inducted into a North American Hall of Fame?
7. Can you name the NFL teams that Brett Favre has played for?
8. Who led the NHL in goals scored during the 2009-2010 season?
9. Who was the first University of Alabama football player to win the Heisman Trophy?
10. Can you name the Heisman Trophy winners who are also members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame?

(see answers on page C14)

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needs to be exposed and stopped immediately.

And don't get me started on "Structural Racism" (who knew there were so many kinds!?) The BPHC teaches us that structural racism "is racial bias *across institutions and society*. It's the cumulative and compounded effects of an array of factors that systematically privilege white people and disadvantage people of color." I was initially confused, but they were good enough to give an example of this particular flavor of racism in "the racial wealth divide - where whites have many times the wealth of people of color." They say this results from generations of discrimination and racial inequality. I think that's terrible, but what the hell has that got to do with the public's **HEALTH**? The answer is nothing but it advances the BPHC's agenda of race based initiatives and drives a wedge between friends & coworkers instead of unifying them. They are so obsessed with race that they will go to lengths no person with a soul would ever think of.

Take my case for example, I was branded a racist. Based solely on a piece of paper this was mailed anonymously. By the end of business that same day **EVERYONE** involved in the investigation who looked at the physical evidence knew it was a set up (including the upper levels of the BPHC) but as long as I was out of work it was stirring-up the rumor mill, getting people talking about racism and that was great for the BPHC so I stayed home for 39 days. Un-

fortunate side effects were the stress endured by my wife and children, the loss of income and the fact that to this day some people still treat me differently than they did before. This tactic was pulled straight from the lessons taught by Terry Keleher at their equity summit in April. His lecture included such gems as "Using the term racist

focuses attention on the individual rather than the institution" and "We need to illuminate racism to eliminate racism" My favorite of Keleher's

slides is titled "Techniques for Revealing Racism" and instructs the reader to:

- Name it!
- Frame it!
- Explain it!

Well Barbara and Co, you got the naming and the framing part down. I wonder if you'll ever have to explain it?

I would like to end on a positive note, I am **VERY** proud to say the City of Boston is in good hands. If you or someone you love should have a medical emergency anywhere in our City at any time day or night, you will meet and be treated by highly trained medical professionals. They will assess, treat and transport you to an appropriate medical facility. They will be courteous, kind and caring. They will be Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Protestants, atheists, Buddhists, men, women, heterosexuals, homosexuals, immigrants, etc, etc.. They come in all shapes & sizes and at that moment in your life they will be your best friend. No matter what color they happen to be.



An Internet gem: Britain mimics U.S.A.

Submitted by Kevin Doogan

The following is adapted from a British internet posting, it struck me how it appears that life in Britain mimics life here in the United States. Enjoy!

★★★★★

Let's put all our Senior Citizens presently in Nursing Homes in jail and put our convicted criminals in nursing homes.

This way the seniors would have access to showers, hobbies and walks.

They'd receive unlimited free prescriptions, dental and medical treatment, wheel chairs etc and they'd receive money instead of paying it out.

They would have constant video monitoring, so they could be helped instantly, if they fell, or needed assistance.

Bedding would be washed twice a week, and all clothing would be ironed and returned to them. A guard would check on them every 20 minutes and bring their meals and snacks to their cell.

They would have family visits in a suite built for that purpose.

They would have access to a library, weight room, spiritual counselling, pool and

education.

Simple clothing, shoes, slippers, PJ's and legal aid would be free, on request. Private, secure rooms for all, with an exercise outdoor yard, with gardens. Each senior could have a PC, a TV, a radio and daily phone calls.

There would be a board of directors to hear complaints, and the guards would have a code of conduct that would be strictly adhered to.



The "criminals" would get cold food, be left all alone and unsupervised. Lights off at 8pm, and showers once a week. Live in a tiny room and pay about \$1000.00 per week and have no hope of ever getting out.

Justice for all we say.

The brothel

The madam opened the brothel door in Miami and saw a rather dignified, well-dressed, good-looking man in his late forties or early fifties.

'May I help you sir?' she asked.

'I want to see Valerie,' the man named Richard replied.

'Sir, Valerie is one of our most expensive ladies. Perhaps you would prefer someone else,' said the madam.

'No, I must see Valerie,' he replied.

Just then, Valerie appeared and announced to Richard she charged \$5,000 a visit.

Without hesitation, Richard pulled out five thousand dollars and gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs. After an hour, he calmly left.

The next night, Richard appeared again, once more demanding to see Valerie. Valerie explained that no one had ever come back two nights in a row as she was too expensive. But there were no discounts. The price was still \$5,000.

Again, Richard pulled out the money, gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs. After an hour, he left.

The following night Richard was there yet again! Everyone was astounded that Richard had come for a third consecutive night, but he paid Valerie and they went upstairs.

After their session, Valerie said to him, 'No one has ever been with me three nights in a row. Where are you from?'

The man replied, 'Delray Beach.'

'Really,' she said. 'I have family in Delray Beach.'

'I know,' Richard said. 'Your sister died, and I am her attorney.'

'She asked me to give you your \$15,000 inheritance.'

The moral of the story is that three things in life are certain.

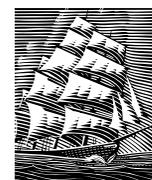
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2. Taxes
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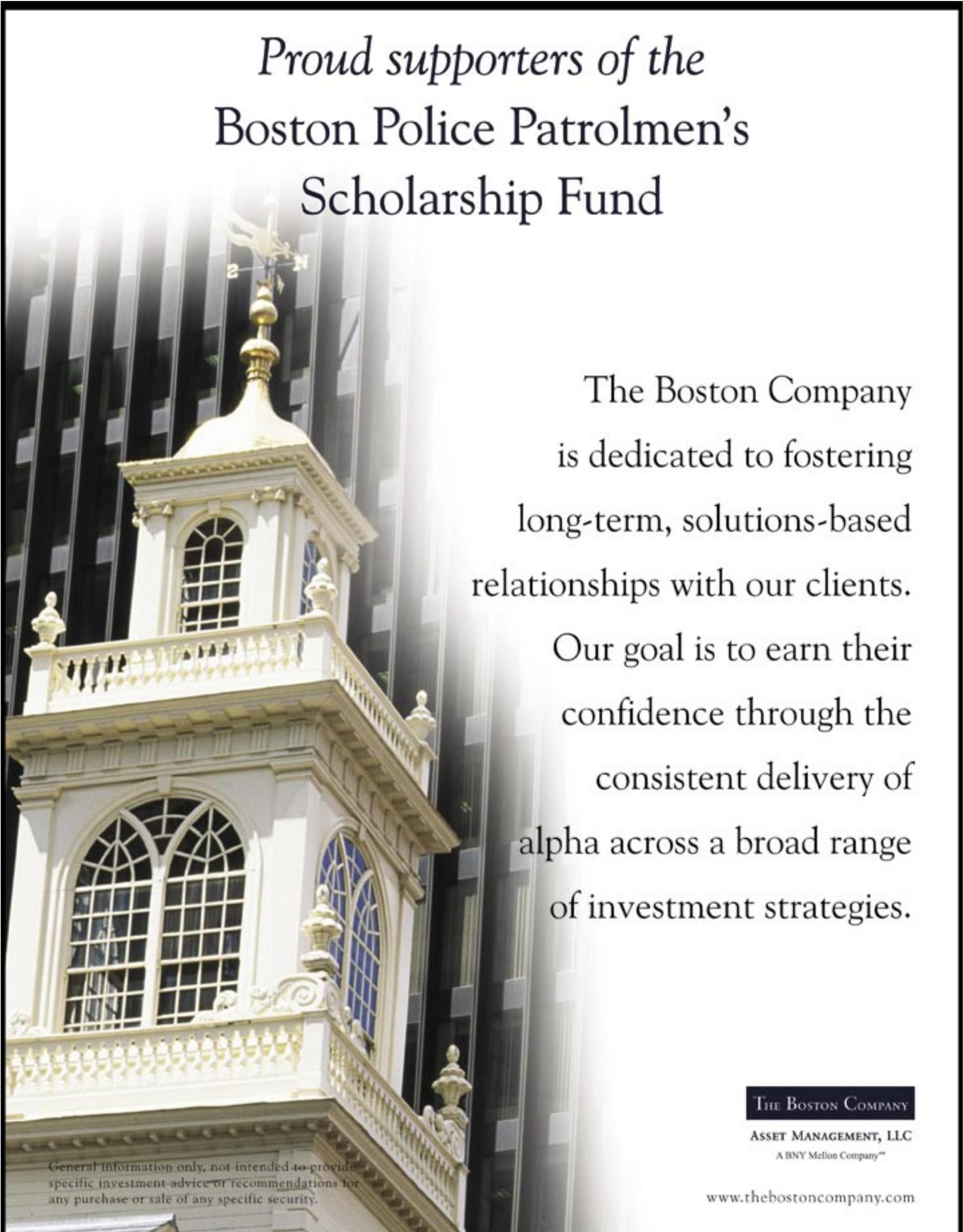
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Who in the hell is “WE?”



President **Barack Obama** said in Turkey, “We do not consider ourselves a Christian nation or a Jewish nation or a Muslim nation. We consider ourselves a nation of citizens who are bound by ideals and a set of values. I found this very interesting.

Do you know the Preamble for your state?

Be sure to read the message at the bottom!

Alabama 1901, Preamble

We the people of the State of Alabama, invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish the following Constitution...

Alaska 1956, Preamble

We, the people of Alaska, grateful to God and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land.

Arizona 1911, Preamble

We, the people of the State of Arizona, grateful to Almighty God for our liberties, do ordain this Constitution...

Arkansas 1874, Preamble

We, the people of the State of Arkansas, grateful to Almighty God for the privilege of choosing our own form of government...

California 1879, Preamble

We, the People of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom...

Colorado 1876, Preamble

We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of Universe...

Connecticut 1818, Preamble

The People of Connecticut, acknowledging with gratitude the good Providence of God in permitting them to enjoy.

Delaware 1897, Preamble

Through Divine Goodness all men have, by nature, the rights of worshipping and serving their Creator according to the dictates of their consciences...

Florida 1885, Preamble

We, the people of the State of Florida, grateful to Almighty God for our constitutional liberty, establish this Constitution...

Georgia 1777, Preamble

We, the people of Georgia, relying upon protection and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution...

Hawaii 1959, Preamble

We, the people of Hawaii, Grateful for Divine Guidance... Establish this Constitution.

Idaho 1889, Preamble

We, the people of the State of Idaho, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, to secure its blessings...

Illinois 1870, Preamble

We, the people of the State of Illinois, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy and looking to Him for a blessing on our endeavors.

Indiana 1851, Preamble

We, the People of the State of Indiana, grateful to Almighty God for the free exercise of the right to choose our form of government.

Iowa 1857, Preamble

We, the People of the State of Iowa, grateful to the Supreme Being for the blessings hitherto enjoyed, and feeling our dependence on Him for a continuation of these blessings, establish this Constitution.

Kansas 1859, Preamble

We, the people of Kansas, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious privileges establish this Constitution.

Kentucky 1891, Preamble

We, the people of the Commonwealth are grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberties...

Louisiana 1921, Preamble

We, the people of the State of Louisiana, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberties we enjoy.

Maine 1820, Preamble

We the People of Maine acknowledging with grateful hearts the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe in affording us an opportunity... And imploring His aid and direction.

Maryland 1776, Preamble

We, the people of the state of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberty...

Massachusetts 1780, Preamble

We... the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging with grateful hearts, the goodness of the Great Legislator of the Universe In the course of His Providence, an opportunity and devoutly imploring His direction.

Michigan 1908, Preamble

We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, establish this Constitution.

Minnesota, 1857, Preamble

We, the people of the State of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings...

Mississippi 1890, Preamble

We, the people of Mississippi in convention assembled, grateful to Almighty God, and invoking His blessing on our work.

Missouri 1845, Preamble

We, the people of Missouri, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and grateful for His goodness. Establish this Constitution...

Montana 1889, Preamble

We, the people of Montana, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of liberty establish this Constitution...

Nebraska 1875, Preamble

We, the people, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom. Establish this Constitution...

Nevada 1864, Preamble We the people of the State of Nevada, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, establish this Constitution...

New Hampshire 1792, Part I, Art. I, Sec. V

Every individual has a natural and unalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

New Jersey 1844, Preamble

We, the people of the State of New Jersey, grateful to Almighty God for civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing on our endeavors.

New Mexico 1911, Preamble

We, the People of New Mexico, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of liberty...

New York 1846, Preamble

We, the people of the State of New York, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure its blessings.

North Carolina 1868, Preamble

We the people of the State of North Carolina, grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, for our civil, political, and religious liberties, and acknowledging our dependence upon Him for the continuance of those...

North Dakota 1889, Preamble

We, the people of North Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, do ordain...

Ohio 1852, Preamble

We the people of the state of Ohio, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, to secure its blessings and to promote our common.

Oklahoma 1907, Preamble

Invoking the guidance of Almighty God, in order to secure and perpetuate the blessings of liberty, establish this...

Oregon 1857, Bill of Rights, Article I Section 2

All men shall be secure in the Natural right, to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their consciences...

Pennsylvania 1776, Preamble

We, the people of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and humbly invoking His guidance...

Rhode Island 1842, Preamble

We the People of the State of Rhode Island grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing...

South Carolina, 1778, Preamble

We, the people of the State of South Carolina grateful to God for our liberties, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

South Dakota 1889, Preamble

We, the people of South Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberties...

Tennessee 1796, Art. XI, III

That all men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their conscience...

Texas 1845, Preamble

We the People of the Republic of Texas, acknowledging, with gratitude, the grace and beneficence of God.

Utah 1896, Preamble

Grateful to Almighty God for life and liberty, we establish this Constitution.

Vermont 1777, Preamble

Whereas all government ought to enable the individuals who compose it to enjoy their natural rights, and other blessings which the Author of Existence has bestowed on man...

Virginia 1776, Bill of Rights, XVI

Religion, or the Duty which we owe our Creator can be directed only by Reason and that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian Forbearance, Love and Charity towards each other...

Washington 1889, Preamble

We the People of the State of Washington, grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for our liberties, do ordain this Constitution...

West Virginia 1872, Preamble

Since through Divine Providence we enjoy the blessings of civil, political and religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon God...

Wisconsin 1848, Preamble

We, the people of Wisconsin, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, domestic tranquility...

Wyoming 1890, Preamble

We, the people of the State of Wyoming, grateful to God for our civil, political, and religious liberties, establish this Constitution...

After reviewing acknowledgments of God from all 50 state constitutions, one is faced with the prospect that maybe Obama, the ACLU and the out-of-control federal courts are wrong! If you found this to be 'Food for thought' send to as many as you think will be enlightened as I hope you were.

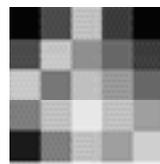
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Lots of us out there are not playing with a full deck...

ON TEENAGERS, ADULTS:

Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.

Mary Anne Toledo, Republican state senator from Colorado Springs (contributed by Harry F. Ponce)

get 50% off or half price, whichever is less.

QUESTION OF THE DAY Question: What constitutes a millionaire? Answer: A millionaire is someone who has \$1 million, according to Jerry Beto, branch manager and senior vice president of investments at AG Edwards and Sons.

JAY CRONLEY One-armed man applauds the kindness of strangers

Army vehicle disappears AN Australian Army vehicle worth \$74,000 has gone missing after being painted with camouflage. Police are seeking pub-

Fish need water, Feds say By Phil Hayworth While conservation groups and others wel-

Police checked the area and found an open door in the back of the building. An officer went inside and called out, "Marco." The man's name was not Marco, detective Tim Dohr said. Instead, "the officer was trying to inject some humor into the situation." Police found the suspect after he responded, "Polo."

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correction Due to incorrect information received from the Clerk of Courts Office, Diane K. Merchant, 38, [redacted] SW, was incorrectly listed as being fined for prostitution in Wednesday's paper. The charge should have been failure to stop at a railroad crossing. The Public Opinion apologizes for the error.

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County to pay \$250,000 to advertise lack of funds BY MATT COOPER The Register-Guard

Alton attorney accidentally sues himself

Caskets found as workers demolish mausoleum We had no idea anyone was buried there. By William H. Wilson



County spending on publicity this year public picture, in hopes that voters approve higher taxes for public-safety

Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons Store Owner Arrested Previously By Brian Barber Wood Staff Writer

Utah Poison Control Center reminds everyone not to take poison "Children Act Fast, So Do Poisons" is the theme for National Poison Prevention Week, arch 20 - 26. The Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and caregivers that poisonings can be prevented.

FOR SALE - heavy duty money safe, 3' x 3' x 3', LN, \$600. CALL 787-... FOR SALE - collection of old people. CALL 253-... FOR SALE - pair of black cowboy boots size 10 1/2D, VGC, \$5. CALL 934-... FOR SALE - 3/4 HP Sears electric

WANTED: Somebody to go back in time with me. This is not a joke. P.O. Box 322, Oakview, CA 93022. You'll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. Safety not guaranteed. I have only done this once before.

1995 NISSAN Maxima, green, leather, loaded, CD, auto start, sunroof, 4-door, good condition, \$4500. Not for sale.

TIRES: 4- Michelin Pilot Low Profile. 500 miles, brand new 225/50R16. \$399 Firm. 508-413-... TOMBSTONE: Standard gray. A good buy for someone named Grady 508-375-... TOY: POWER WHEELS JEEP

...and one for all of us to remember

Lower Third Street Debra Jackson said she likes shopping at the Dollar Palace because it is convenient and casual. "I don't have to get all dressed up like I'm going to Wal-Mart or something," she said, adding she shops at Williams' store to

It's time again for the "Stella Awards!"

It's time again for the annual "Stella Awards!" For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old **Stella Liebeck** who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right? That's right, these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head. So keep your head scratcher handy.

Here are the "Stellas" for the past year:

Seventh Place

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

Start scratching!

Sixth Place

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

Scratch some more...

Fifth Place

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, who was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut.. Forced to sit for eight, count 'em, **EIGHT** days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish.. We should all have this kind of anguish.

Keep scratching. There are more...

Double hand scratching after this one...



Fourth Place

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered Fourth Place in the "Stellas" when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbor's beagle – even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

Pick a new spot to scratch, you're getting a bald spot...

Third Place

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument. What ever happened to people being responsible for their own actions?

Only two more so ease up on the scratching...

Second Place

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000... oh, yeah, plus dental expenses. Go figure.

OK. Here we go!!

First Place

This year's runaway First Place "Stella Award" winner was: **Mrs. Merv Grazinski**, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, (*are you sitting down?*) \$1,750,000 **PLUS** a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

Are we, as a society, getting more stupid... or are more members of Congress serving on juries these days?

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Trivia Answers



United States

(see questions on page C5)

1. The only state to celebrate an Arbor Day holiday is Nebraska which designates the last Friday in April every year as "Arbor Day".
2. The Buffalo Bill Wild West Show opened in Platte, Nebraska in 1882.
3. The state of Maryland was the first to enact Workmen's Compensation Laws in 1902
4. The Harley Davidson motorcycle was invented in Wisconsin in 1901.
5. The only state that has no National Park System Units in the United States is Delaware.

Sports

(see questions on page C5)

1. Chicago Blackhawks Hall of Fame Center Stan Mikita who was born in Slovakia holds the NHL record for most career games played by a European born defenseman with 1412.
2. Entering the 2010 season Red Wings Defenseman Nicklas Lindstrom who was born in Sweden held the NHL record for most career games played by a European born defenseman with 1412.
3. Chris Chelios played in 266 playoff games during his NHL career with the Canadiens, Blackhawks, and Red Wings to set the record.
4. Czechoslovakian born Jaromir Jagr who played for the Penguins, Capitals, and Rangers scored 1,599 points during his NHL career to set a record for a European born player.
5. Massachusetts native Tom Barrasso who played for the Sabres, Penguins, Senators, Hurricanes, Maple Leafs, and Blues, tallied 48 assists in his NHL career during the regular season to set an NHL record. He also had 7 assists during the playoffs.
6. The only father-son combination to be inducted into a North American sports Hall of Fame are NHL greats Bobby Hull (1983) and his son Brett Hull (2009) who were inducted into the hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.
7. Bret Favre has played for 4 teams in the NFL, the Falcons, Packers, Jets, and Vikings. The Penguins Sydney Crosby and Steve Stamkos of the Tampa Bay Lightning each scored 51 goals during the 2009-2010 regular season to lead the NHL.
9. The first University of Alabama football player to win the Heisman Trophy was RB Mark Ingram in 2009.
10. There are eight Heisman Trophy winners in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, RB Doak Walker, QB-RB Paul Hornung, QB Roger Staubach, RB O.J. Simpson, RB Earl Campbell, RB Tony Dorsett, RB Marcus Allen, and RB Barry Sanders.



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