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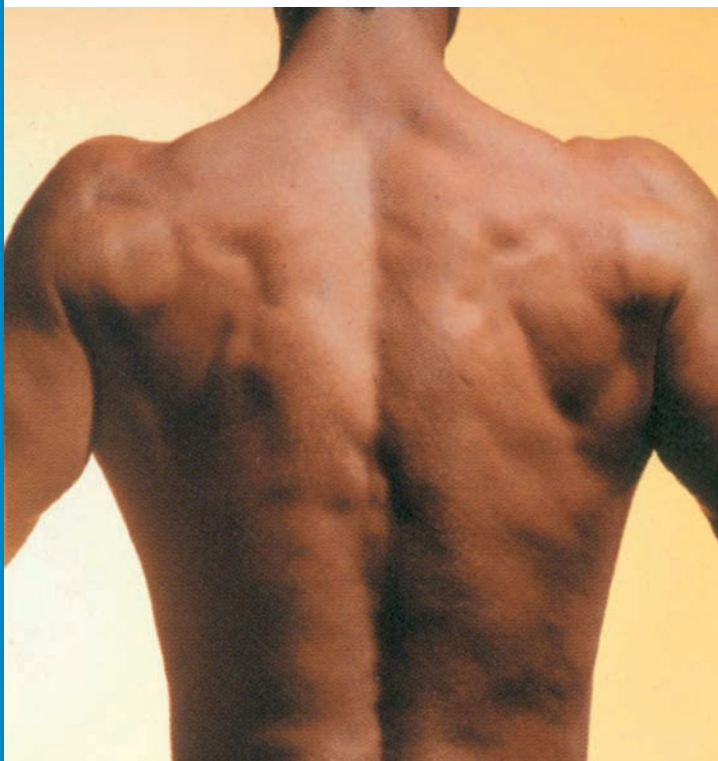
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# From the Editor...

by Brian Engelhardt

As of the writing of this article, the rescue plan of the county by the unions has not been completed. Although closer than ever to putting this crisis behind us, the PBA can not rest until every I is dotted and T crossed.

During this process many members voiced their concerns and ideas to the PBA. Every scenario conceivable was discussed and dissected ad nauseam to save the jobs of our newest brothers and sisters. Countless meetings with the county were held where our negotiating committee continued to say no to pay reductions and permanent benefit give backs. But once the nuts and bolts of our agreement were hammered out, there was one sticking point. A guarantee the county would not come back and threaten, not just the new cops but every cop on this job, with more concessions. But the county wouldn't give any assurance they would not be back for more next year. Without this guarantee the union could not and would not agree to sign off on the agreement that would put us in the same position next year. So the union invoked the no layoff clause which sent the whole issue back to the arbitrators. The arbitrators ruled and there is now at least an assurance that if the county even talks about layoffs again the arbitrators will determine whether to impose a no layoff clause and the length of said clause or return all concessions.

This has been an extremely stressful time for every cop on this job. And this includes every union officer of the PBA. Everybody experiences the same pain. That's fair and that's the plan.

## Legal Report

by Richard J. Brandenstein, Esq.

For those of you who may not have heard, Milan recently underwent heart bypass surgery and is home resting comfortably and recuperating nicely. He reports that St. Francis Hospital is an excellent place to have such surgery and that he has nothing but complimentary things to say about the care and treatment he received. (of course, the advantage of being a heart hospital is that it is only those patients who have had successful heart surgery get the opportunity to give critiques of the services they received) In any event, he expects to be up and around by the time the next PBA Legal Report is ready for printing. I will leave it up to him to regale you with the details leading up to, during, and after his surgery when he writes the next report.

In the interim, there are a few thoughts and observations I would like to share with you. On many occasions in the past we have used this legal report to discuss the need for "underinsured" insurance coverage on your personal automobile liability policy. At the risk of boring those who have heeded our advice already, please be aware that this type of

coverage is very important to make certain that you and members of your household are fully protected in the event that you are involved in a motor vehicle accident which results in personal injury. Briefly, such coverage provides a guarantee that if you bring a lawsuit against someone who negligently caused you or your family injury, that there will be at least as much insurance coverage available as you purchased on your own policy. For example, if the negligent driver has only a minimal \$25,000.00 limit on his coverage and you have purchased "underinsurance", then your own company will pay the difference between the \$25,000.00 and the limits of your policy. If you have \$300,000.00 underinsured limits then you would get an additional \$275,000.00 from your own insurance company. It is very common that those who cause the most serious accidents have little or no insurance coverage and virtually no personal assets. Your only protection against those drivers is underinsurance. It is relatively inexpensive and your insurance carrier must provide it to you upon request. Insurance carriers prefer that you do not have this coverage and do not make much effort educating consumers to its existence. Too often we represent people who have sustained serious injuries and the lack of available insurance coverage limits their recoveries to almost insignificant amounts. Please do not let this happen to you or your family.

We often get calls from Police Officers who have gotten dunning notices and collection letters for unpaid medical bills. Sometimes these bills are several years old. When we investigate we usually learn that it is for treatment rendered in an emergency room. Such bills can sometimes be for thousands of dollars despite the fact it was a quick ER visit. Usually the bills were never paid because the officer never filed a formal Workers' Compensation claim and simply assumed that it was covered and the county would take care of it. Do not assume. If the injury, or even suspected injury, was severe enough that you went to an Emergency Room, you should file a formal Workers' Compensation claim to make certain that if nothing else, the medical bills are paid. Your failure to file could result in you being personally responsible for such bills. By the time you find out it is too late to file it as a Workers' Compensation claim, it is also too late to submit the bill to your private insurance carrier. Please protect yourselves and give us a call if you have an injury so that we can protect your rights by properly filing your claim.

On March 25, 2009, I am attending the Seventh Annual Triangle Factory Fire Memorial Dinner at the Fire Museum in Manhattan. It is a very nice affair in an interesting setting. If you've never visited the Museum of New York at 278 Spring Street (near the Holland Tunnel), it is worth a few hours of your time to see the antique fire engines and displays. The dinner was started by attorneys who handle Workers' Compensation, accidental and disability claims. Our law firm has been supportive of the memorial dinner from the very beginning. The purpose of the dinner is to

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# **PBA PENSION ESTIMATE PROGRAM**

Your PBA has instituted a Pension Estimate benefit for all FULL Dues paying Members. This benefit will entitle each member to one Pension Estimate during the course of his or her career. As a part of this service you will be entitled to have your pension estimate updated for 3 years after the initial estimate. We have hired Lynn Ang Pension Estimate and Projections L.L.C. to perform these estimates for the members. To take advantage of this benefit you will have to obtain a Pension Estimate Voucher at the PBA office. This voucher will then be given to Lynn when you meet with him to perform the initial estimate.

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**REVIEW FORM**

Your PBA is interested in knowing how you feel about your interaction with the District Attorney's Office and the various judges in the court system. If you have had a good or bad experience involving the court system please take the time to complete the following Judicial Review Form and return it to the PBA Office, Attention Bob Rettinger.

These forms will be used to help evaluate the members of the court system. Your input is both needed and greatly appreciated.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COMMAND: \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL #: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF COURT: \_\_\_\_\_ COURT: \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPARTIALITY: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL RATING: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** \_\_\_\_\_

DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

CASE PREPARATION: \_\_\_\_\_

WAS ENOUGH TIME PUT INTO THE PREPARATION OF THE CASE? \_\_\_\_\_

WERE YOU CONSULTED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE CASE? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS YOUR INPUT IN THE CASE AND/OR PLEA BARGAINING USED OR HONORED? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

OVERALL RATING:

EXCELLENT      GOOD      FAIR      POOR      UNACCEPTABLE

# Nassau County



# Police Department

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## NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT A REQUEST FOR RESTRICTED ASSIGNMENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Doctor:

You are treating \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
(Rank) (Name) (Serial #)

a member of the Nassau County Police Department, who is providing you with this form and who was on sick leave from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. It has come to our attention that many doctors do not know that a Restricted Assignment may be available to members of the Department. Restricted Assignment is a status authorized by the Police Surgeon. The work assignments can be administrative or clerical in nature, (e.g. sitting at a desk with ability to change position at will). The only prohibition is on reclining while on duty. Feet or legs may be elevated. Brace, crutches and other devices may be used. Medications for symptoms control may be taken. Prisoner contact is not required. Driving is **NOT** a requirement. With these factors in mind, would you please provide the Department with the following information.

Please provide the specific PHYSICAL limitations which prohibit a Restricted Assignment as described above during the dates the member was on sick leave:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list medications and/or treatments prescribed for this occurrence:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DIAGNOSIS:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Illness/Injury Started      Date Recovered or      Anticipated Return to Restricted Assignment

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provider Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provider Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Signature  
(Stamp Not Acceptable)

# MAO / POLICE SURGEON QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to evaluate members' police surgeons visit and MAO investigation the PBA requests that the following information be provided:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL# \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ COMMAND \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHEDULED TIME OF APPOINTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ TIME SEEN \_\_\_\_\_  
I# \_\_\_\_\_  
EXAMINED BY (NAME OF SURGEON) \_\_\_\_\_  
MAO SUPERVISOR VISITED (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was a medical exam conducted? Yes No
2. What did the medical exam consist of (What did the doctor do?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Did the Police Surgeon perform any medical tests as part of the examination? (feel for spasm, test for sensory loss, use a tape to measure for atrophy, test for reflex loss, make you walk on heel/toes, test straight leg raising, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How long did the medical exam take? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Were you ordered to either Restricted Duty or Full Duty? Yes No
6. Was the Police Surgeon aware of the duties and responsibilities of your position before you were assigned back to full duty? Yes No
7. If you were ordered back to work, who gave the order, Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7a Did this order conflict with any of your doctors evaluations? Yes No
8. Do you feel the Police Surgeon treated you fairly and professionally? If not, please provide details. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you feel the MAO Supervisor / Staff treated you fairly and professionally? If not, please provide details. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Were you asked to complete any forms by the Police Surgeon? Yes No  
If yes, what forms? \_\_\_\_\_
11. After completion of any forms, were you asked, ordered or in any way coerced into making any changes on any of the forms? Yes No  
If yes what forms? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Did the Police Surgeon discuss your symptoms, such as pain that you might have? Yes No  
Did you feel that this was a full and complete discussion? Yes No
13. Did the Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor make any suggestions that you seek treatment with any doctors or physical therapists? Yes No

*If you feel that you were not treated professionally by any of the medical staff of the Police Surgeon's office, or MAO please complete the form and then contact a PBA representative.*



# THE PBA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RECRUIT

## N.C.P.D. SUPPORTERS

THE N.C.P.D. PBA IS CREATING A DATABASE OF ANY NASSAU COUNTY RESIDENT OR BUSINESS THAT WILL BE A SUPPORTER OF THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE AND THE PBA. THE PBA NEEDS THE ASSISTANCE OF EVERY PBA MEMBER IN THE CREATION OF THIS DATABASE. WE NEED YOU TO SUPPLY AT LEAST 10 NAMES (MORE IF YOU KNOW THEM) OF ANY RELATIVE, FRIEND, OR BUSINESS PERSON THAT LIVES OR WORKS WITHIN NASSAU COUNTY. THESE NAMES WILL BE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE PBA AND WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR THE RESIDENTS OF NASSAU COUNTY.

#	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	TOWN/ZIP CODE	PHONE #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

THE INFORMATION YOU SUPPLY IS GUARANTEED TO ONLY BE USED BY THE PBA FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMING THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OF ANY CHANGES WITHIN THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT MAY EFFECT THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT BE GIVEN, TRADED OR SOLD TO ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION FOR ANY REASON. OCCASIONALLY THE PBA WILL SEND THEM A LETTER AND/OR E-MAIL, (IF ADDRESS IS SUPPLIED), UPDATING THEM ON ANY INFORMATION THAT THE PBA FEELS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THEM ABOUT A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. AT THAT TIME THE PBA MAY ALSO REQUEST THEM TO WRITE A LETTER OR MAKE A PHONE CALL TO SUPPORT THE PBA'S POSITION TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF NASSAU COUNTY A NUMBER ON PRIORITY FOR ALL.

**PO- \_\_\_\_\_ CMD- \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL#- \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR PBA REP A.S.A.P.**

## LEGAL - cont'd from page 4

remember the Triangle disaster and to raise money for scholarships for the children of workers who have become permanently disabled as a result of work accidents.

For those of you who haven't been in a history class in a while, the Triangle Factory Fire occurred (not far from where the fire museum is today) on March 25, 1911. It was the worst factory fire in the history of New York City. One hundred forty six (146) young immigrant women were killed because they couldn't escape. The employer locked the exit doors so that the workers couldn't leave for breaks. Coincidentally, the first Workers' Compensation law passed in New York State history, had been found unconstitutional by the New York State Court of Appeals the day before the fire. Spurred on by the outrage of people because of the Triangle fire, the New York Legislature quickly amended the state constitution to permit Workers' Compensation to help injured workers. It was too late for the victims of the Triangle fire, but, it resulted in passage of the Workers' Compensation Law in 1914, which we still have today. It was a reform measure to protect workers from unscrupulous employers who didn't protect their workers, so, for those of us who practice law in the disability field, it is an appropriate event to memorialize.

If you have permanent disability as a result of a work related injury, and have a child who will be in senior high school next year, you may want to apply for one of the available scholarships. Feel free to contact me at 516-496-0400, extension 4402, and I'd be pleased to get you the appropriate forms to apply. You should call me right after you check your auto policy to make sure you have underinsured coverage. The goal of the firm is to have everyone we speak to contact their insurance carriers and get this very important coverage.



## First Precinct

by Maureen Mazur

Sorry for the lack of newsletter last month – I was away and missed the deadline.

In February we saw the passing of one of our members Kenny Wilkinson, known as Wilky to all of the members of the 1st precinct. With 30+ years on the job, all in the 1st precinct, Wilky was without a doubt a legend in the 1st precinct. Known for his grumpy nature and the "Wilky Loop" amongst other things, he will be missed by all the members in the 1st as well as his friends at the Friendship Firehouse where he relieved with RMP117. Wilky knew everyone in Roosevelt, generation after generation. When he responded to a call – there was never a call back – he always handled his calls and he handled them well. "117 to HQ that's my post I'll take that call"...is something we've all heard over and over again. For a seasoned vet – he handled

his post.

Wilky has definitely impacted a great many of us, he even inspired a few impersonations. Bobby Pescatelli imitated Wilky to a "T" and Pesco even attempted to prank Wilky with his impersonation – Wilky did get a kick out of it.

Wilky did have a few other partners in 117 prior to Carl...Dawn Madsen (retired), Frank Allaire (retired), Bobby Annese (now in Gang unit), Cindy Ford (retired) and Paulie Greisheimer. Those that worked with Wilky I'm sure remember getting into and leaving 117 car in a big cloud of black smoke, his unfiltered cigarettes definitely left an impact on the RMP.

One of my favorite Wilky stories was when on a midnight he arrested a guy walking down Nassau Rd. in Roosevelt in a full French maids get up. The guy begged to change into "normal" clothes before going to jail.... Wilky called him a "Sick human being" and told him he deserved the humiliation of going to jail the way he was dressed. To me – this was classic Wilky! I'm sure everyone in the 1st has Wilky story.

To the family of Wilky – our deepest sympathy from the members of the First Precinct.

## 1st PCT REUNION

A 1st precinct reunion is in the works with a possibility of it being June, Sept or October of 2010. The reunion will be for all past and present members of the First Precinct. For all you rookies, this is a chance to meet the legends you have heard so much about since coming to the First Precinct.

A committee is being formed now, so if anyone is interested in being involved please contact me. So far the committee consists of myself, Tony LaRocca, Jeannie Lobello, Rick Fischer and Richie Lohwasser.

## IS IT TRUE THAT...

On a recent arrest, the arrestee thought Boccio and Tortoso were married because they fight sooo much!

A DWI, under arrest at the hospital, moaned "Barbuck, Barbuck", over and over again?

Tommy Connor and John Rosati were promoted to "doctor" status on a recent fit for confinement when they were asked/told by a doctor to assist in a spinal tap on a prisoner?

Stiklickas' inside crew had a contest who could eat the spiciest food?.....Ramos won hands down.....Tommy Connor and Schultz looked like they'd pass out they were sweating so much.

Emptying garbage & vacuuming the stationhouse have been added to the admin staffs duties due to lack of laborers in the precinct?

## WHAT P.O...

What new SRO received a warm welcome by the students when he got shoved in a locker 3 times, received 2 swirlays and 1 atomic wedgie?

Is "hot and saucy"?

Snorts when she laughs?

Ate another PO's auto accident?

Was afraid to put out a notification because he was “screaming like a girl”?

Fell asleep, in a chair, while he was talking to another PO in the stationhouse.

Who recently came off of light-duty, got a 360 on his/her 1st day out on patrol.

### WHAT ROOKIE ...

Is a close-talker and sounds like he has marbles in his mouth?

Had an auto accident with army tanks and para-troopers?

### WHAT LT...

Is notorious for his signal 10 to 30's?

### CONGRATS

To former First Precinct member Donny Brown on the birth of his son Luke.

### WORD OF THE DAY

(by Joe Stassi)

Positive Buoyancy

### SHOUT OUT TO MARINE BUREAU

Timmy Leake – what is a Texas catheter?

Kevin Tierman – how many MB guys are wearing buttoned down shirts – not tucked in?

## Second Precinct TRUSTEE REPORT

by Ken Cortes

I would like to thank all those second precinct members who took the time out of their day to attend the informational meetings regarding the arbitration decision that was recently handed down. I know there are various aspects of the decision and or the process that disappointed some of you, but I know it is comforting that those affected by the threat of layoffs will keep their jobs.

The discourse during these times was much improved when contrasted with 10 years ago. Many of the guys that were affected by layoffs threats last time around let me know that they didn't feel supported by their fellow Police Officer. This time around you made your fellow police officer affected by this know that they were supported.

Again, I am proud to represent the kind of people that came together to support their fellow brothers and sisters in need. When one of our own is in trouble, like in the Kenny Baribault accident, or John Hillman's illness, members of the second precinct were there to help. The case of lay off threats is no different. It's what being a Police Officer is about.

This is does not mean that we are not all frustrated at some level. There is plenty of blame to pass around. Putting

aside the worldwide financial mess, the department has failed all of us in this process. Time and time again, they should have and could have taken various steps to make the department more efficient before offering up the jobs of 250 new Police Officers.

If they didn't violate the contract on a continual basis over the past years, millions of dollars of penalties, and lawyers' fees could have been averted. But instead, they offer up new police officers jobs. The department goes out and pats you on the back for the job you do, but gives you no radio cars to get the job done.

When the County gets into financial trouble due to outside forces and asks the department for help, they offer up your jobs. And while Suozzi announces the dismantling of the department, they applaud.

The county spends countless millions of dollars on a golden domed county executive building, and then offers up your jobs. They spend countless more on what is essentially a punch clock, (In Time Live) and then they offer up your job.

What gets me most of all, when things go wrong, the county and the department look to the Unions to clean up the mess. When they didn't order Radio Cars, the PBA must get it done. When the economy collapses, Tom Suozzi looks for the PBA to come out first to start to clean up the mess. I know this frustrates many of you. I feel the same way.

If your union leadership does nothing, nothing gets done. When nothing gets done, the public's safety and most importantly, you or your safety will suffer. This is what leadership is supposed to be about. I just wish the Department and the County Executive acted in the same matter.

Until Next Month, Onward and Upward!

### NEWS FROM THE 02

Brought To You By

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Danny Cebollero AKA The Beef

Pushing the boundaries

in good taste and professionalism every month



They Say A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words  
So what do you think, remind you of anyone we know?

Many of you out want to blame somebody for this mess the county is in and the overall feeling is that Tommy-boy here is numero uno on that list. Our free spending, worry about it later, county executive has left a paper trail of spend and forget that is better suited for the toilet bowl than the county achieves. I suggest that every county employee who is looking to squarely place the blame on someone, look no further than Nassaucounty.Gov

Follow this link

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OLBR/documents/FY08OutlookandReviewoftheUpdatedMulti-YearPlan.pdf>

This link will provide you with the 2008 budget review written by Eric Naughton wherein you find such eye-opening statements, such as:

“ The county’s 2008 adopted budget contained numerous risky items. Many of those items remain at risk and some definitely will not be achieved”

And the ever popular “ The 2008 budget that was adopted in Oct 2007 was flawed”

Reading this report I had an amazing flashback. I remember taking my daughter out one day wherein she noticed a 99-cent store. She confidently stated to me “come on dad lets go in the store I have \$1:00 and I can buy anything I want” I guess I now know what it is to be Eric Naughton!

She went in to spend her money only to find out that when it came time to pay the bill she never contemplated the sales tax factor. The only difference between my daughter and the county is (and by the way it’s written in plain words that even I can understand) the county had someone who actually warned them of impending doom and they still put all their eggs in the Christmas revenue sales tax basket.

The county leadership here easily and most accurately can be viewed as the band that continued to play while the Titanic sank! With the housing market shifting into reverse – Gas prices going through the roof – Me switching from Grey Goose to Smirnoff - Unemployment at an all time high, this county leadership spent money like a drunken sailor.

\*\* No offense to any drunken sailors out there, I didn’t mean to compare you to our C.E. It’s the imagery was just so accurate I couldn’t help myself \*\*

## **BEEF’S MOVIE QOUTE QUIZ OF THE MONTH**

Now when the Reverend Mr. Playfair, good man that he is, comes down, I want us all to cheer like Protestants.

I loved that line and with St Patrick’s Day so close it just happened to remind me of what ticked me off so much while reading the Newsday article. With last months newsletter photo of our very own D.A. Rice and Howard Weitzman clapping and cheering like protestants upon hearing the news that Tommy-boy was going to layoff 250 cops and even more county workers, you can imagine my surprise when I read these statements in Newsday, talk about a doing a 180. He wasn’t talking about us was he?

It is unclear how much authority Suozzi has over the staff of independently elected officials such as the district attorney, comptroller, county clerk and the legislature.

Beef says—Is Newsday laying the groundwork for a Nada?

But Comptroller Howard Weitzman seemed lukewarm to any idea of cutting staff. “The Comptroller’s office is already operating at 10 below its budgeted head count,” Weitzman said. “... ”

Beef says – golly-gee batman I’m sure glad you don’t have a full staff there Howie; Just imagine how much deeper in a budgetary hole the county would be if you had ten more employees working for you!!

A spokesman for District Attorney Kathleen Rice, said she will continue to fight for her employees, but “she also will do the responsible thing and work to be part of the solution.”

Beef says – I’m sure the right thing will be done the previous statements just look bad!

## **AND THE MILES KEEP-A-BUILDING UP**

Last week I had the joy of operating a county ambulance that had 175,000 miles on it, Mercedes-Benz would have been proud of that. I know what HQ is going to say “it’s a diesel” true but the rest of the ambulance is not and it wears a bit.

The nurses at Syosset Hospital had a good laugh watching me return the trundle to its place in the bus. They’re selling tickets to a grudge match between me and the 1000yr old trundle that put up such a good fight , I hear they’re calling for WWF - cage match. Seriously this piece of metal has got more time on the job than I do. Talk about lack of confidence occurring every time the patient has to watch you perform a flying elbow drop at their feet in order to secure them in the bus.



## **Third Precinct**

by Mike Covais

250 Jobs Saved! Great job by the Executive Board and the Negotiating Committee. Special thanks to President Jimmy Carver, 1st Vice President Pete Paterson and 2nd Vice President Kevin Tobin, your indefatigable work has not gone unnoticed.

Some of the County’s terrorist revelations were:

Layoff 250 Police Officers

7% permanent pay reduction

Reduction in vacation percentage and days used  
OT for straight time

.....the list of idiocy continued....

We were able to help the county without losing one police officer! We did not take a reduction in pay. We did not lose one benefit. We made sure that pensions would not be negatively influenced. We also made sure the threat of layoffs would not materialize again.

As these last discussions were going on with the County some questionable behavior took place. Before I discuss that I would like to say that I have no problem with people

stating their opinion on a subject. After all this is America and you do have the right to express yourself, no matter how unenlightened you are on the subject. That being said I will tell you where I and every judicious person should draw the line. A person who has 20+ years on the job (and is still has a job thanks to the PBA) should not turn and say "bye-bye" to a brother officer who is in danger of being laid off. This was a deplorable act by an addlepate.

The next act that I will discuss is so distasteful it will infuriate you on many levels. A letter of concern was being circulated among the members of the Third Pct. addressed to President Carver. The foundation of the letter was incorrect due to a lack of knowledge of the bargaining process. That was not the dilemma. As I stated earlier everyone has the right to express themselves. It has been revealed to me that a member of this command tried to force another to sign the aforementioned letter. This in itself is dishonorable. Now I will take this act one step further. This untrustworthy member threatened another by stating that he would not "back this person up" if he did not sign the letter. You may want to take a break and think about what you just read. Are there any words to describe this? If there is a supreme force in this universe that will not let this dastardly deed go unpunished.

Superfluous perlustration, just my way of saying hello to the C.O. of HPB.

Be cognizant when it comes to your RMP. RMP 313 was taken to a DPW garage to have a door hinge welded. While at the DPW garage it was determined by a DPW mechanic that the vehicle needed rear brakes, so they did a brake job on the vehicle while it was there. As the RMP was brought back out to post and the Police Officer who is transporting the RMP hears a noise from the rear brakes and is having trouble properly stopping the vehicle. The car is brought into the precinct mechanic who checks the brakes and finds that the rear brakes had been worked on. He also discovers that whoever did the brake job at DPW did not replace the rear rotors, the emergency brake pads were removed, and there was no backing plate on the rear brakes. The RMP was unsafe to drive!! The PBA is presently investigating. The RMP's are old and in bad shape make sure they get their proper maintenance. If you do not feel safe in your RMP bring it in to be checked. If the proper work is not being preformed notify the PBA.

Thank you to everyone who attended and gave from the heart to raise money for John Failla. I know it was tight at Tin Alley Grill but everyone got in to see John and donate. John is going for treatments in Boston to eliminate his cancer. John you are in our thoughts and prayers. We know the outcome will be positive.

Wednesday May 6th  
3rd Pct Retirement/ Reunion Party  
Verdi's  
Old Country Road Westbury  
Retirees:  
Tom Kennedy  
Zach Palega  
Bill Handworth

## **Fourth Precinct TRUSTEE REPORT**

by Todd Gerbasio

April is here and all the nonsense of layoffs is gone. What a stressful time for all. I don't think people understand the lasting effect the stress has on our members. All you can think about is what you are going to do. How your life will change. What will my future be? How will I make it? You still have to come to work and keep your head in the game. We don't have a job like the politicians or the brass of this job. We don't get to sit behind a desk and not think or pay attention to what is going on. We do that and we get hurt or killed. Our job is stressful enough and for the county to put our members through this is cruel and careless. Then when it's all over you are just supposed to go back to work like nothing has ever happened. Good luck. It has been almost 10 years since they threatened to lay me off and I have not forgotten and never will. I would like to thank MOST of the members of the 4th Pct for the support they gave the members that would be affected by the layoffs. This truly is a family like no other. Several members called me or one of the Delegates to tell us we need to do something to save these guys jobs. Guys were giving us ideas on what we can do. All ideas were brought back to the negotiating committee. I have never seen this before, coming to the union willing to give back something to help out fellow cops. (I HATE THAT GIVE BACK WORD) It truly means a lot to me and the members that are affected. So thank you. The Award is out and the PBA tried to make it as painless as possible. No matter what you think of the Award or the way the PBA handled the situation it was THE RIGHT THING TO DO. It's easy to think differently when it's not your job that is going to be lost. It's easy to gamble with someone else's life. At the end of this mess we are still family and need to take care of each other.

### **PBA TOP COPS LIFESAVER**

Three of our own Fourth Pct cops were honored last month as the PBA Top Cops / Lifesavers. John Giovaniello, Ryan Hayden and Mike Schwaner were dispatched to a restaurant in Oceanside for a unresponsive female. Upon arrival, a quick assessment was performed on the woman and she was found to be in full cardiac arrest. CPR was initiated immediately. The three cops, working as a team, were able to administer lifesaving measures until the AMT arrived on scene. Once there, the AMT began further treatment of the aided and she was quickly loaded onto the ambulance. CPR was continued en-route, as the patient was rushed to South Nassau Communities Hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, patient care was transferred to the hospital where the patient's condition was stabilized. Congratulations on a job well done!!

## **ATTA BOY LETTER**

AMT Richie Rung dropped me a note and a copy of a to/from/subject letter he wrote to the Inspector. The note asked me to give the following P.O.s an "honorable mention" for a job well done at an aided scene. Ryan Hayden, Vinny Adamo, Ryan McGauley, Mike Sandre, Tony Vaccaro and a PO he couldn't recall responded to an aided call for a patient with a long asthma history who had collapsed. The patient was in respiratory arrest and rescue breathing, via a BVM, was initiated. ALS treatment was begun by the AMT sat scene and the patient was 'tubed'. All the officers at scene, working together, were able to move the patient down multiple sets of stairs, quickly and efficiently. The tube remained in place and direct ventilation was continued uninterrupted. An escort was provided as the patient was rushed to SNCH. Unfortunately despite these continuous efforts, the patient died after further efforts by the staff at South Nassau. Richie felt that the job performed by these POs was worthy of recognition and took the time to write a letter acknowledging their efforts.



## **Fifth Precinct**

by Joe Nocella  
pbanewsletter@yahoo.com

### **JOB WELL DONE**

First things first, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jimmy Carver, Kevin Tobin, Pete Paterson and everyone else involved in our recent negotiations with the county. These negotiations laid a solid foundation from which the arbitrators were able to make their ruling. Thank you guys, you really did a terrific job.

### **WHAT NOW?**

The show is over. The hatchet man has been given his savings so we can all breathe easy now that the threat of layoffs is gone. So what now? Will Tom Suozzi be able to achieve stability for Nassau County or will we continue along the path of fiscal disaster? It's one thing to continually quote a great leader; to hunker down and achieve the goals great leaders often can is what the county needs now.

## **THANK YOU TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 1033**

A special thank you to Chuck Carlucci, Bill Ost and all the good people at the Hill Ave. American Legion Post for helping us with shipment of our care packages to Iraq for Jim Bonasia and Tanya Tucker. Their generosity is greatly appreciated!

## **PRECINCT MEETING**

We're going to have a precinct meeting soon so keep an eye on your email for the date and time. For our new offi-

cers, once a year, the PBA hosts a meeting for each command at the PBA hall. Jimmy Carver will be there, we invite the CO ... it's a good opportunity to sit down and discuss anything that's on your mind or just familiarize yourself with what's going on. Hope to see you there.

## **EVERY THIRD THURSDAY ...**

Still have questions about the recent arbitration decision? Come to this month's open meeting and get answers. Thursday, April 16 at 8pm. See you there.

## **Sixth Precinct**

by Ed Conroy

Hello all. I know that the last few months have been a difficult time for many of us. The threat to layoff 250 of our members, the drop in the stock market and the process of coming up with an agreement with the County to help them but at the same time prevent layoffs. I believe that the negotiating team and the PBA as a whole did an excellent job in preventing layoffs and preserving our contract. I know some of you are saying, "But we had give backs". Well, we didn't have give backs, we deferred monies that we are contractually entitled to and we will see that money down the road. In a time when we had to and I mean had to do something this was the best possible outcome. I'm sitting writing this article only several days after the Arbitrators ruling has come out and fast approaching the deadline for the submission of my article. I am writing it with great optimism that nothing else comes into play that puts the recent events in jeopardy. I like many of you, am looking forward to putting this behind us and moving forward. The SOA and the DAI as of this moment have not settled their agreements and those not coming to one could put ours and the County's stability in jeopardy and we will be dealing with this for a little longer and the longer it takes, the worse it will be for everyone. Let's hope that they are able to come to an agreement and get it done. In getting past what has happened recently I do need to comment on the callus insensitivity shown by some of our members over the last couple of months. Knowing that 250 Police Officers basically had their lives on hold and their future hanging in the balance some could not get past thinking about themselves. This selfish, cold and insensitive behavior goes against everything I believe a Police Officer should be and it is further proof that this is just becoming like any other job to some of you. A job where you come collect your check and have no ties to anyone you work with. Some say it is the tours that are creating this change in the job, the change in morale but I don't believe that to be true. It is what we make it and if you don't try to have friendships, relationships or get involved with the people you work with you are missing out on the best side affect of being a Police Officer, the camaraderie, the Police family and friends that will be their to help and support you through anything.

## **FYI**

Just a couple of quick notes on some recent situations that you may need a reminder about or if you're new haven't heard about before. Sick leave- If you are assigned to day tours and you are on sick leave you must see the Police Surgeon to sign off of sick leave if you are out for more than 3 calendar days. For night tour people it is more than 4 calendar days. Jury Duty- If you get a Jury Duty notification you must present a copy of it to the Department via the Clerks Office. You get a one day excusal for Jury Duty which for most of us is sufficient. Anything past one day you must use time. If the notice is for Nassau County, see the Clerks to have an excusal request form filled out. If you get a notice and have questions ask one of the Reps. Change of personal information- If you move, change your Phone number or get married you must change this information with the Department. This is especially important in marriages and children due to health benefits. If you are in a domestic relationship and are cohabitating with your significant other and want to try and get benefits, contact me. There is specific documentation that you will need to prove the relationship and trust me you will need assistance in doing this.

## **NEWSLETTER**

If anyone has anything that they want to submit to the news letter let me know. If there are any announcements, births or gatherings I would be glad to submit them. Sometimes things do get by me so drop me a note. On the same note if anyone else would like to submit an article let me know.

## **TOP COP INFO**

The Precinct Top Cop committee needs your help. If you know of an Officer or Officers that deserve recognition, please submit the information to me, the clerk's office or Sgt Ward our Top Cop Committee Supervisor.

## **OPEN MEETING**

The PBA open meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month (Except for July and August). Come down, stay informed and get involved. Hope to see you there.

Until next month, be safe and stay healthy.

## **DISPATCHES FROM OUTPOST #6**

by Scott Blanshan

There's been a lot of stress going on in the last several months. The County Executive threatening to layoff 250 of our brothers and sisters plus the layoffs of members in other county employee unions. It's made these recent weeks more than a little hectic for everyone.

If anyone watched the County Executive's speech back in February, you may have noticed all of the police brass in

attendance giving Tom Suozzi a standing ovation at the end of his announcing his financial plan including the lay-off of these 250 cops. I wonder just how much clapping would have gone on among our top cops had the County Executive gone just a little further in announcing additional restructuring? Streamlining and The Center of Gravity Being that everyone is supposed to be doing his or her part in meeting this financial crisis head on with the police unions expected to "give back", why is it that nothing was ever mentioned about any of the brass doing their part? I know I touched on it at the end of my last article when I made mention of the redundant administrative costs and that's where I ended. I know in their hearts the brass really wants to do the right thing in feeling some of the pain we're experiencing and I think I may have a solution to their dilemma... There are approximately 10 positions in this department that are reserved for the rank of Chief. There are also about 20+ positions for the rank of Inspector and another 10-12 reserved for the rank of Deputy Inspector. Now let's say there are at least 40 positions of rank above the rank of Captain with another 390 or so from the rank of Captain down to sergeant. All told that would bring us to approximately 430 members of this department who are in some position of authority. The size of this department right now is somewhere in the area of just a tad under 2,700 total strength in police personnel. So, that would mean that for every 6 members of this department, one is a boss of some rank. Is it me or do we seem a little top heavy? All I can say is that if the Nassau County Police Department was a bus, we'd never be able to make a turn without toppling over. Being that everyone wants to do the right thing, at least from behind closed doors, here's an idea that might help the brass in alleviating all that pent-up frustration about what to give in this time of Nassau's financial need.

I know this isn't going to be too well received, never the less, here we go. Let's face it, if you're going to be trimming the ranks, you should be trimming all the ranks from top to bottom. Instead of having 10 Chief positions, we have 4. Instead of having the Chief of the Department as a 4 star rank, the position becomes a 2 star rank. The division chiefs would go from a 3 star to a 1 star rank with their subordinates as Inspectors thereby eliminating 6 chief positions plus salaries right at the top in addition to reducing the ranks and pay of those remaining. Here's suggestion number 2. Replace all the Commanding Officer positions with the rank of Captain and have the Administrative Lieutenants as subordinate seconds in command. Again eliminating more positions and those salaries. I'm sure that if anyone really wanted to make legitimate cuts to save money, all he'd have to do is look around. These cuts may not equal the salary and benefits of 250 newly hired police officers but it would be a good start if one was serious. *The Circle Jerk of Life.*

I don't know how long it's been. Doesn't seem that long ago that the Department feared the formation a Civilian Complaint Review Board (C.C.R.B.) in Nassau County and

came up with its own form of justice to show the public that the police are being policed. The “360”.

Normally when someone outside of the police department mentions those numbers there’s a completely different understanding as to what those numbers represent: full circle. So why would the department use those numbers for a disciplinary form? You’d think that if anything, the Department would want someone to reverse course, commonly referred to as a 180, and correct himself after receiving this type of discipline, which of course it does. Why not just call the discipline a 180 and if the cop in question doesn’t make the necessary adjustments in his attitude or demeanor or whatever and after a time reverts back to his old ways, then it could be bumped up into a 360. Does that make sense? Just something I’ve been pondering. A lot of the newer guys are somewhat overly concerned about this form and I don’t know why. It’s the lowest common denominator when it comes to being disciplined. No one likes getting a black mark against them but after being a cop for a while you begin to realize that’s its just another part of the circle of life in the police world and throw up your hands to fate. During my career, wait a minute, I’m only a cop, so I don’t have a career, I have a job, at least that’s what one of our retired elevated minds stated at a retirement dinner I attended several years back. So, during my years on this job, I’ve received my share of 360s. Yeah, it bothered me at first but then after a while the Department began to change the rules on how 360s would be taken and with that my concern diminished measurably and for some reason my complaints increased. I chalk it up to coincidence. Initially, they could only be taken in person at the station house. As time went by, they were taken over the phone. Then the forms were brought to the complainant’s house for verification of his/her side of the story and a signature and voila... another 360! One of the guys I used to work with got a complaint for wearing his hat on a car stop. The complaint? He looked like Gestapo while she’s sitting there in her Mercedes Benz! Imagine that? I wonder what would have happened if he referred to this summa cum laude of European history as fraulein? Mein Gott! Das sh\*t’s, das geht, den Ventilator zu schlagen! (go to Yahoo BabelFish for text translation).

It’s gotten to the point that if a motorist got a ticket from someone else a few days earlier and he’s still fuming about it and you’re stuck in traffic next to him and you happen to look over and he doesn’t like the way you looked at him, he could fabricate an incident and the next thing you know is you’ve gotten yourself a complaint for doing nothing more than minding your own business and some desk officers would be more than willing to take it.

The point is you can get a 360 for just about anything. One C.O. told a group of us at turnout that if anyone gets a 360, that means he’s doing his job. Well, alrighty! The same goes for training ledger entries. It’s just part of the process. So for all you new guys/girls out there, don’t get all worked up over it, just go with the flow.

## Seventh Precinct

Brian Dieterich would like to thank the members of the Seventh Precinct for all of your support and heartfelt condolences that everyone expressed during the recent passing of his father.

## Eighth Precinct

by Marisa Caroselli

The much anticipated and feared arbitration decision is upon us and emotions are understandably high. Although all loss of money is a deferment and nothing is gone forever, there are many among us (recent homeowners with big mortgages included) who will feel the impact of the loss of funds over the next three years. That being said, what bothers me most is not the delayed money but the climate in which said compromise was reached. Specifically, the hostile and adversarial environment created by the County to achieve the economic concessions they sought offends me as it should you.

Whether in actual words or deeds, the County sought to inflict “pain” upon the members of this Department and repeatedly let it be known that we are “lucky” to have our jobs. This is where I must say, I beg your pardon, but it is the County who is “lucky” to have us as police officers. I boldly retort that we, the sworn officers of Nassau County, are honored to be members of this Department and to serve the citizens of Nassau County but we are not lucky to have our jobs. Luck has very little to do with the arduous application process to which every Nassau County Police Officer is subject. We started our journey with a competitive civil service exam and continued on with polygraphs, interviews, investigations, physicals, ink blots, drug test after drug test, and literally sprinted, sidestepped, sit-upped, and squat thrust ourselves to the finish line and then there was the Academy. And from where did we come? Before we started our service to the people of Nassau County we were medical doctors, lawyers, CPA’s, firefighters, paramedics, All-American athletes, Olympic hopefuls, teachers, stockbrokers, skilled craftsman including electricians, masons, carpenters, and plumbers, business owners, stay-at-home moms, and yes, law enforcement—police officers, detectives, and supervisors from other jurisdictions along with court officers and federal agents from the Secret Service, Customs, and others.

My father-in-law always says that police officers are not paid for what we do on a daily basis but for what we may have to do on any given day and in this truth is the only justification we need for earning a living wage. A recent Newsday editorial addressed civil service salaries versus comparable private sector jobs. Such a comparison begs the question, to whom do we compare the police? The answer is simply, there is no comparison. While I criticize



the County for creating an us (the police) versus them (the public) setting in which to play out our contract concessions, the truth is that to some extent such a divide preexisted the County's propaganda and is a naturally occurring phenomena. There are many aspects of this job that just cannot be explained to a civilian. It only took one round of simunitions to convince me that a non-cop could not possibly fairly deliberate over a cop involved shooting. This experience divide is why the public will never fully support our police salaries and why it is exponentially more important for our elected officials to bridge the experience gap with knowledge and education. If the public can never understand why it is important to pay for an elite police force than it is up to elected officials who tout accomplishments like the "lowest crime rate in 30 years" and "the safest place in the nation with over a million people" to bridge the knowledge gap between police and citizen by supporting and praising the police and not by attacking us publicly. Such attacks make no sense when, as County Executive, you negotiated said salaries mere months before.

There was never a doubt that the County is in economic trouble; there was only a question as to how to fix the problem. The shame of the matter is that we were cast as part of the problem and not harnessed to be part of the solution. The divide between the public and the police has been widened by no fault of our own but we will continue to serve the people of Nassau County because that is just what we do.

### COMIC RELIEF

by Paul Mangione

The weekend of February 6-8 was the first annual Clauss-fest in Killington, Vermont. There are many rumors floating which I will now confirm or deny:

Spads came to ride.....True!

Burleson and Diteri have a special bond.....True!

Mangione is an athlete.....True!

Zylinski needs a proctologist, OHHH-HHKAYYYY!!!!.....True!

Clauss wears women's deodorant.....True!

Arcuri auctioned off a \$10 pizza for \$20 to a large lady, Merrrr and.....True!

A local poured beer on Collins' head and his hair looked better.....True!

Locals told us to "Go back to Jersey" and then called us tools!.....True!

We killed and disposed of above said locals.....False!

Quote of the weekend, "You had me at happy hour!" by Brian Law.

Thanks to the #1 wife and expecting mom April Clauss for putting the weekend together.

Next road trip is the Yankees in Boston, so start begging the wives ASAP!!! I'M JUST SAYING!!!



## Headquarters III

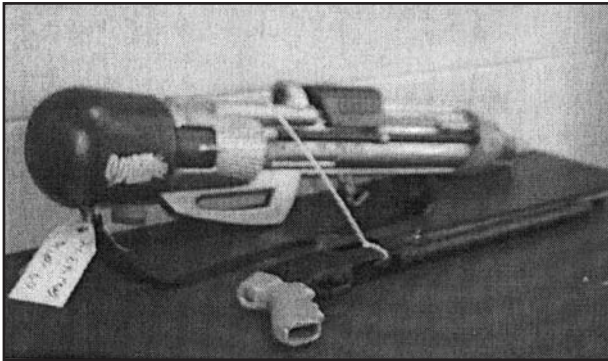
by Anthony Paolicelli

Welcome back campers! Here we are in April and hopefully not too many showers. HPB would like to welcome its newest members to the road team they are: Bobby (welcome back) Riordan, Matthew Davis, Connor Walsh, Mike O'Connor, Eric Zaug, Matthew Schmidt, and Zolt Poroszlay. You have joined an elite and dedicated group of officers in this command, if you have any questions even if it's 0300 hrs feel free to contact, 1 such guy, our training officer John Greulich. I'll start off right away with the impressive outpouring of support that was shown to the family of Suffolk Police Officer Glen Ciano. For those who attended it was an unfortunate occasion, but a proud display of the Police Family and what we're all about. My brother who is a SCPD 2nd PCT delegate as was the deceased officer wanted me to relay his thanks on behalf of his Precinct and Department for the turnout. Although the brothers and sisters of Nassau filled the ranks only a total of 8 HPB members including supervisors were in attendance. Members of the MCY Platoon turned out in full force with members of ESU who were also assigned to the detail. I'm at a loss for printable words but here are few that I can print! In a command that has the highest rate of accidents involving DWI drivers and at least 3 officers that are permanently disabled due to DWI drivers we had the poorest turnout of any command. I'm not Pro-Job or Pro-PBA, but it was the right thing to do. DWI operators are a menace to the roadways and are part of our enforcement duties and we should do our best to remove them and the risk they pose to civilians and police officers alike. Unfortunately PO Ferrandino did his part of the equation by arresting this individual just over a month earlier but our laws did not provide a strict enough punishment to deter a repeat offense. I believe Suffolk legislatures are talking about mandatory sentences for DWI violators which includes mandatory jail time and not just a few days and probation. As usual it takes a catastrophic event and the loss of a life to get their heads out of their back pockets!

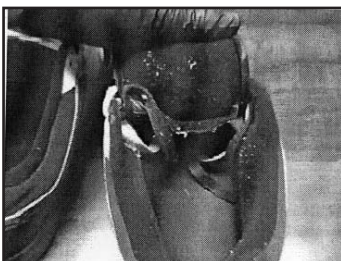
Officer safety: It might not be water gun weather just yet but for those of you that check your department emails via

the laptop or desktop computers you might have seen this officer safety bulletin. One recent posting was from Hillsborough County Fla. regarding a Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun that was concealed as a super-soaker water gun. Don't let your guard down even in the most innocent of circumstances. See photo below.

On a lighter note, I know there are some of you that are probably wondering how to order one of these bad boys!!!



Again, this information is available on your department email but for those of you who don't regularly check it, take a look at this next genius! After being arrested in another southern jurisdiction it was found that the guy had a loaded .22 cal. revolver in a secret velcro compartment in his sneaker. My feet hurt after 12 hours sitting in the car some days, let alone if I had a gun in my shoe! If these guys would put half that energy into finding a job and keeping it the world would be a better place and we'd pay less in taxes!



We're down to the Atta-Boys for the month: For legal reasons I'll add the following before we get into it: All subjects or alleged subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Acting on a notification (hot potato) from Suffolk County, PO McPartland observes the vehicle on the Big Road traveling w/b back to NYC. Earlier these upstanding citizens decided to go to the new Tanger Mall in Deer Park for a little shopping spree only they left their money home. After stealing \$10,000-\$15,000 in clothing and merchandise from numerous name brand retail stores they drove right into HPB Territory and directly into the clutches of PO McPartland, aka Mesojim. Upon conducting a VTL stop he observed the treasure trove of items w/o receipts for such in the rear of the vehicle. Also found were burglars tools used for removing security devices and

so forth from clothing. After their notification, Suffolk Dets. decided they would let us have the honors of processing the arrestees. Nice job Jimmy! Please forward any items of interest to me for future newsletter articles.

It seems recently retired friend Jimmy Sisti has been seen hanging around the lunchroom:

PO Hudson reports with the latest from ESU: First of all congratulations to P.O.'s Rob Blum and Billy Evans for receiving the HPB Cop of the month for December

2008. They grabbed an E.D.P. who had set fire to his house and was apparently intent on committing suicide by cop. The subject was uninjured as he was taken into custody. Our own Rob Blum suffered smoke inhalation and was out for a few days. He is back and almost as good as new. More ESU news next month. I want to add something personal. I have a long time personal friend who is terminally ill. He lives within the confines of the 4th Precinct. He is a doctor. His wife has had to call for an ambulance numerous times. Both he and his wife say great things about the quick and professional response of the P.O.'s in the 4th and also the County A.M.T.'s from the 4th who respond. We have our detractors out there but the cops on the street and the ambulance personnel do a fantastic job and the MAJORITY



of the public knows it and acknowledges it. I just wanted to add my two cents and say thank you to all the men and women of the 4th Pct.

In closing, I'll leave you all with something to put a smile on your face and a warm fuzzy feeling in your heart! Stay Safe and Visible, Tommy does!

P.S. Yes that's his good side!

**Next Open  
P.B.A. Meeting  
Thursday  
April 16, 2009**

# Nassau County Legislature Report

by Bob Delsignore



# Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion

by Dan Scheidel

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Seven years ago, we had a change in the Nassau County Legislature from Republican to Democrat. At the time, it was said that the Republicans had mismanaged the county and the Democrats were now taking over and were going to save the day. Some bills got paid, our bond rating went up, interest rates went down and the future looked bright.

Fast forward 7 years. We now find ourselves in exactly the same position that we were in seven years ago and for exactly the same reasons. The only difference is who is at the helm. Waste, mismanagement and a refusal to address a broken system of taxation have brought the county to its knees yet again.

This time however the situation is a little different and it's because the entire nation is feeling a financial pinch. Make no mistake, our mess is mostly caused by poor decisions on a county level, but the federal situation doesn't help. Our problems are due to what I like to call Suozzonomics.

Seven years ago, when we ushered in the age of "Suozzonomics" we heard that the reason we had so many problems was due to a refusal to raise taxes in light of escalating expenditures coupled excessive numbers of patronage jobs that cost the county too much money. Today we have cut services at a time when they are needed most, refused to raise taxes and have increased the number of patronage jobs way beyond anything that we have seen before. Can we honestly expect a different outcome? Of course the county is going to be in sorry financial shape. A boy scout with personal finance merit badge could have told you that.

This situation has been occupying most of the time of the legislature for the past several weeks. These people are in a tough spot. They have few options and our county executive has limited their options further. This is a time that tries the souls of the people we elect to office, and when a person's true character becomes apparent.

The legislatures on both sides of the isle are faced with very difficult decisions. These decisions will affect our lives for the foreseeable future. We can only hope that they are willing to put personal ambitions aside and continue to represent the interests of the people who elected them. I am not so sure that the county executive has the ability to do the same.

We live in interesting times. Next month I will resume the cop of the month coverage.

After almost 40 years some closure will come to four families whose sons had been reported missing in Vietnam. A team of searchers from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Person Office, DPMO, while in a small village in Vietnam, heard a story of a villager wearing a set of dog tags. When investigating the incident the villager acknowledged the fact and stated that he knew where more tags were. Upon a further search the team found a grave site near what appeared to be a Vietnam era Huey helicopter. The search led to the discovery of the remains of four American soldiers, with dog tags and other identification. Upon further investigations they discovered that said helicopter was on a mission to extract other GI's when it was reported down and missing, location, unknown. The remains of the four GI's were returned to the United States and proper ID was made and their remains were interned, with honor, in one of our National cemeteries. This is just one of the stories of the dedication of the previously mentioned organization that still seeks to bring home our missing or interned veterans. While their mission is of course to identify and return those reported as POW/MIA's bringing closure to the families of these POW's or otherwise missing will serve to bring closure to the parents or loved ones of the missing military.

The American Legion and other veteran organizations have always had this effort as one of the most important goals of their organizations. We must never forget those who served. Vietnam has over one thousand unaccounted for while the Korean War total is near six thousand and believe it or not World War Two reports show over sixty six thousand military personnel missing or unaccounted for. While the first two conflicts mentioned were within certain physical boundaries, World War Two was fought in many areas of the world and the loss of records make it almost impossible to search for any remains, even with today's technology.

The Nassau Police Post 1050 will be conducting its annual appeal for funds to help us continue our support for both local and national agendas of the American Legion. Please be as generous as you can. We, as police officers, active and retired cannot go out into the communities and solicit funds. We can only rely on the police family for our support. So, even the price of a pack of cigarettes or a bottle of beer from each member of the "family" will go along way to help us meet our responsibilities to the veterans we serve, the community we help and keep us in the front of all efforts to help and protect veteran rights and care.

Our Post has been dwindling each year as our members age and leave us for the big turnout in the sky. We could use new members and we can't depend on too much support from the members we have for most have retired with much less than some of you make in a day. But we will survive.



## Columbia Police Association

by Carmine E. Soldano, President

I wish everyone and their families a safe and blessed Easter Season. Congratulations to past President Robert J. Cannataro on his service retirement effective January 30th, 2009. After 26 years and 3 months, Bobby decided it was time to go. Bob has been an important part of the Columbia Police Association and is one of the people largely responsible for its success over the years. On behalf of the entire Board and membership we wish him a long and healthy retirement.

The Columbia Police Association is in full swing with our 2009 membership drive. By now you should have received your 2009 Membership dues renewal notice. Please sign up for direct dues deposit and promptly get your membership dues in. Now that Tony Graziano is retired, he will be concentrating his efforts on dues renewal and recruiting new members. The transaction for the automatic dues deduction will take place on April 1st for Columbia Police Members. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th, 2009 at 7:30pm at Verona Restaurant in Farmingdale. Our 300 club Raffle Tickets are still available for \$10.00 each. You have a 1 in 300 chance of winning \$1000.00. The raffle will be drawn at our May 11th meeting.

On Monday, March 9th, 2009, the Association hosted Dr. Mario Macaluso. Mario gave a fun and interesting talk on Italy and Pompeii and showed a slide show. We had close to 40 guests that evening including Inspector Jay Caputo of the DD and Det/Lt John Azatta, C.O. of the Homicide Squad. Guests had a superb Italian dinner including calamari, baked clams, an anti-pasta platter, and stuffed mushrooms. The first course was followed by penne alla vodka, and a mixed salad. The entrée was a choice of Chicken, Veal, or Fish supplemented by all the beer, wine, and soda you can drink. To complete the dinner, the staff at Verona served platters of Italian pastries and coffee. Presentations were made to both Mario Macaluso for his lecture and Trish O'Neil of Port Washington for her hard work in the association. Thank you to John Azatta for donating back his 50/50 winnings to the association.



## Police Emerald Society

Nassau County, NY

by Tom DeSane

[www.ncpdemerald.org](http://www.ncpdemerald.org)

Greetings to all our members and friends. The parade season has come and gone. Our members had great times at the parades and parties and we are now gearing up for some of our signature events. Let's start with the parades.

The Garden City St. Patrick's Day Parade and Party were held on Sunday, March 1st. We had a fair turnout for the parade, considering that it was cold enough to freeze a leprechaun solid. There was a better turnout for our annual party at the Mineola Knights of Columbus. Attendees enjoyed food, drink, music and a Pipe Band performance. Admission was free to all marchers and their immediate family. Thanks to Past Presidents Willie Costigan and Pat Crowe and all the volunteers. It was a splendid job by all. Thanks again to Mike Bartlett and the members of the Emerald Society Pipe Band for making the events of the day special.

The New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade took place on Tuesday, March 17th. The Emerald Society Pipe Band hosted their annual Breakfast at Savannah Lounge in East Meadow. After all these years, the cost was still \$10 per person. You really can't find a better deal than that. Our Society hosted our annual Saint Patrick's Day Party following the parade. The party was held at Savannah Lounge. Those who attended were treated to a great time, including food, special prices on refreshments, music, raffle prizes and a performance by the Emerald Society Pipe Band. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the party a great time. Special thanks to Jimmy Ahern and Kathy Pinelli for all their help over the years. Thanks again to Mike Bartlett and the members of the Pipe Band for their participation.

Representatives of our Society will be attending the events of Police Memorial Week in Washington from May 13th through 15th. I recommend that, at least once during their career, everyone should attend. It gives you a chance to show support for the families of our brothers and sisters who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It is also a sobering reminder that what we do is not just another job.

Our Installation Dinner Dance will be held on Thursday, May 21st at the Crest Hollow Country Club. Our honorees will include Man of the Year William "Joe" Baker and President's Award recipient Kevin Tobin. If you are unable to attend, purchasing a journal ad is an inexpensive option to show your support.

Our annual Golf Outing will be held at the Timber Point Country Club on Thursday, June 4th. Check our website for full details. Other future events will include our annual Fishing Trip in July, our annual 200 Club in October, the

National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Convention in Baltimore in November and our annual Christmas Party in December. Please support our events during the year. Your support of these events is what enables us to keep the membership dues so low while providing member benefits.

Up to date information on all events and additional information, including membership applications, flyers and photos of all events can be found on our regularly updated website: [www.ncpdemerald.org](http://www.ncpdemerald.org). BE SAFE.



## Nassau County Guardians Assoc.

by John Nedd

Every two years, in the month of April, the Guardians select its members of the executive board. Through the election process, the members get to decide who will represent their best interest, as every position on the board is open for debate. Vocal members actually campaigns for a position, some silent member's just slide their way into the position of choice through nomination, and the veterans are just not interested. It's good to see our younger members getting involved, good luck to Arline Butts, Rhubens Toussaint, and Ed Phillips as they step up and got nominated to positions of significance on the executive board.

Our 2009, Feed the Family Project has become very successful, thanks to our membership. The turnaround with donations has been astonishing, and the families we have donated to so far are very grateful. I commend you, our membership, for your participation in this effort.

We are in need for some fresh ideas for our workshop, street encounters with the police and what to do when you are stopped by the police. Please feel free to reach out to Steve Bellamy who is now the Chairman of the workshop committee, and has scheduled a few up coming events to perform.

Every one is up in arms about the pressure the County Executive has placed on the Unions to negotiate in good face, even though his leverage is only a show of force for him to look good Nationally for higher office. Remember you have a job, be a good professional. The people we serve are probable hurting a little more than we do. The pendulum has swung and it has to come back the other direction, so grin and bear the pain, and reap all the benefits you can in the future. It appears the powers to be are forcing the rank and file with twenty plus years to leave the building. That opens a lot of spots on the ladder; sergeants and lieutenants will be replaced after the mass exit. We are still waiting the results of the last sergeant test, so hopefully a few of us are within reach on that list placing us on the first rung of the ladder of supervision.

Until Then, Keep The Faith.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

Retired Member Ronald Pinckney is Rehabilitating in a Nursing Home

## GUARDIANS IN MOURNING

The Family of Pecolia Allen

The Family of Roosevelt Hendricks

## CONGRATULATIONS

Detective Sergeant Keechant Sewell 1st Squad

Grand Council Guardians Women of Distinction Award

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 04 – NOBLE NY Chapter Meeting, Brooklyn New York

April 13 – Guardians Election Meeting. Westbury Community Center

April 17 & 18 – NOBLE Region One Conference, Newark New Jersey

April 22 – Nassau County Sheriff Guardians Installation Dinner, Verdi's

April 24 – NOBLE Long Island Chapter Meeting, Hempstead New York

April 25 – African American Civil Service Dinner, Astoria Queens New York



## Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

The club held its first meeting of the year at Sideline Grill in Hicksville. I thought by showing up just 15minutes past the 7 pm meeting time I would still be early but I arrived to see a good turnout that had already gone through two pizza pies. A few other members arrived later than I did, so even if it is past 7 p.m. come on by. We generally have dinner first before discussing club news. Our club is growing in size and we would like to see a bigger turnout for our meetings. Lesli Hiller sends out emails on a weekly basis both through the departmental email system and personal emails. If you don't regularly check you departmental email (boy are you in for a surprise in the amount of emails that get sent by this department) make sure Lesli has your regular email address. You can contact her at Legal Bureau 573-7210. You can also get club updates at our website [www.nprc.net](http://www.nprc.net) <<http://www.nprc.net/>> Our next meeting is scheduled for May 14 at the Sideline Grill. In this issue is also an application for new memberships and renewals. Sign up and take advantage of all the club benefits. I have a few weeks before the Boston marathon on April 20th but as I am writing this in March I am not too optimistic about running in it. I have given my body two weeks rest in order for my sciatica to diminish. It does appear to be doing me some good. However running and working a patrol car for 12 hours has tended to aggra-

vate the problem in the past month. Other activities that I do such as taking spin or playing badminton (its a lot more competitive than you are thinking) and volleyball don't seem to be affected at all. I can participate in those activities without any discomfort. With a trip all paid for I am going up to Boston that weekend no matter what. Though not a Red Sox fan, I can catch a game that weekend at least. And for those who don't know and might be interested in playing volleyball, the department has a volleyball league on Monday Nights at the Nassau Community College. Michelle Clifford of the 1st Squad runs the program if you are interested in playing. April is gearing up to be loaded with races on just about every weekend day.

Upcoming Races:

- 4/11 Northport - 5K Trail Run
- 4/18 Port Jefferson - 4 Mile run
  - St James - 5 Miler
  - NYIT Old Westbury - 5K Run
- 4/19 Huntington - 4 Miler
  - East Islip 4 Miler
  - JFK Airport 5K
  - (yes they use the inactive runways)
- 4/25 Dix Hills 4 Miler
- 4/26 Wantagh 5K run
  - Merrick 5K run
- 5/2 Eisenhower Park 5K
- 5/3 Long Island Eisenhower Park - 10K/Half/Full Marathon.

We will probably have a courtesy area with our friends from the LIRR in the parking lot southwest of the finish line. Look for the clubs banner.

## St. George Association

by Bob Baumann

In the last few months, life dealt us a mix of the good and the bad, as it's often wont to do.

The first hit came in an announcement right around Christmas/New Year Holidays that our beloved Chaplain of many years, the Rev. James G. Anderson, had been brusquely informed that he and Msgr. John Alessandro were being unceremoniously and involuntarily "retired" and that the recently appointed Rev Milton Rochford was being "removed from service" all eff 2400, 12/31/08.

That insensitive move made at what could be called one of the worst examples of crude, thoughtless timing, if not the worst, in memory came ostensibly as a economy measure, conceived, reportedly by someone in county government who apparently thought the anticipated "savings" would have some positive impact on the county's huge, multimillion budget shortage! (So much for bureaucratic "thinking")

Deputy commissioner Harry E. Andersen 1921-2009. The second hit came on February 23 with the passing of one of

our strongest most faithful, longest-serving members; former Dept. comm. Harry Andersen, who'd long been in and out of hospitals, suffering from a series of strokes.

Fellow dinosaurs may recall that in the post W.W.II era, America's traditional, centuries-old, religion based culture began its depressing slide toward what is, lamentably today's increasingly immoral, perverted, widely corrupt, almost universally accepted, "anything-goes, no one's responsible for anything any longer" excuse for what now passes for "society."

Given that government and the governed tend to reflect each others' values and principles (or lack thereof) it's not surprising that our society's growing cultural deterioration, back then, began to influence the department, at large, and more alarmingly too many members of its three, officially recognized, religiously oriented line organizations the St. George Assn. and the Holy Name and Shomrim Societies formerly called the Magan Society.

Disturbed by this decline the then commissioner, whose name has long escaped me, asked Harry to rescue our organization from the torpor into which it has unfortunately slipped. (Dunno why, but as a group we Protestants seem to take our religion more casually than our Catholic and Hebrew brothers. Shame on us!

Harry quickly immersed himself in re-establishing our annual Holy communion Services and Breakfasts, at which memorial Scholarship checks were awarded to our members most deserving children and grandchildren.

Throughout his remaining years, both pre- and post-retirement, Harry continued to support and encourage us to perpetuate our traditions, for which we are eternally grateful. His absence leaves a great, unfillable void.

Fitting tributes to Harry were afforded him, by members of our association, ARPO, the American Legion Post, friends and family at the funeral home on Wednesday, Feb. 24 followed on Friday, Feb. 27 by an impressive funeral ceremony conducted by Chap. Anderson, assisted by Msgr. Joseph D'Angelo, in Chap Anderson's Faith Lutheran Church in Syosset.

Before, during and after that service, Harry's final one, of many, in Chap. Anderson's church, the department's Ceremonial Unit and HPB Escort detail performed flawlessly as is their custom for which we thank them sincerely.

May you rest in peace good and faithful servant, eternally protected by God's perfect love.

On Wednesday, March 4 about 50 friends, officials, retirees and fellow officers gathered for lunch in the Westbury Manor at which our departing spiritual guides; Chaplain Anderson, Msgr. Alessandro and the Rev. Milton Rochford were appropriately honored.

**Open PBA Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 16**



## ARPO

by Bob Livoti

Being in Florida creates some special problems writing this article. I don't get much news about what is happening back in Nassau County from people so that makes its own problems of what is going on back there. I hope that the PBA is able to resolve their problems with the county regarding layoffs and reductions in manpower. We all know that a bad economy results in more crime and more cops are needed on the street.

Down here in the Keys, the logistics of the Keys themselves creates their own special problems for policing. How do you police an area that is 125 miles long and less than one-quarter mile wide in spots. The Keys are a string of coral islands connected by bridges and in many areas, if you stick your hands out both sides of the car windows, you could practically touch the water. There is one road, US 1, and it stretches the length of the Keys and it is a state highway patrolled by the Florida State Police. Monroe County Sheriff's Department patrols the whole length of the Keys and Key West has its own police department. When something happens on the highway, it isn't uncommon to see four or five police cars from the sheriff's office at the scene. When I look at that I wonder how they distribute their patrol force. There are a total of 497 officers employed between the patrol, corrections and court security divisions. With all I see at an accident scene I often wonder how many posts are left uncovered and how far the other cops had to travel to get to that scene. Officer safety can surely be a problem at a police incident in which another officer needs assistance. The State Police work closely with the Sheriff's office and also in the area we have the US Border Patrol and ICE officers. When we first started coming down here, I wondered why the Border Patrol was here. Then I read numerous articles in the local paper about Cuban's coming across from Cuba trying to gain access to the U.S.

## Dino Doin's

by Bob Bumann

Six (count 'em Six!) deranged, er dedicated, yes, that's the word, dedicated Dinos. Campaniello, Beach, Lee, Witthohn, Weinum & Urz Troolee, braved the elements to continue our time honored tradition by slip-slidin' their way through the drifts and along the hazardous roads to assemble at 1000, Mon. 3/2 at Massapequa's Nautilus diner (where else?) for a few hours of mutual masochism, tall tale tellin'n' random reminiscin'.

The somewhat disappointing though understandable smaller gathering was balanced by the abbreviated group's ability to actually hear what each was saying in his turn and by the absence of the usual background cacophony of clat-

tering dishes, rattling silverware and frequent, across the room, hootin 'b' hollerin; a welcome change, from the customary chaos.

All told it was a very pleasant morning, shared by half a dozen survivors, gentlemen all, of the rigors of many years of chasin' the bad guys.

Wish more of you had been there. Why not catch up, next time around Mon. 3/6, same time and place?

27 former H.P.B. stalwarts met, at 1000 in the Paradise Diner, Hauppauge for their monthly exercise in gross exaggerations, elimination of old misunderstandings and assorted allegations of their years of (imaginary) heroic feats, faithfully performed in defense of the public's welfare and safety. (No harm done, of course, most regulars have long since learned it's always wise to slip on appropriately high footwear, for these events!

## GOOD & WELFARE

Bob Morse walked in, albeit somewhat slowly to tell us his predicted, lengthy recovery from back surgery (which involved some tedious bone grafting) is on schedule, Kevin Pleasant's gait has improved considerably, now that he doesn't have to spend so much time wearing his Frankenstein boot. Kevin happily reported that Bob Wenzel's cancer appears cured and extended Bob's sincere thanks for our prayers. Rich Bolton sez his son, Christopher (a Broward county (FL) Sheriff's deputy for the past 18 years has been seriously ill with glandular cancer as mentioned her e in Nov. 08 and has steadily improved. Rich, Christopher and their families extend their sincere thanks and appreciation for our help prayers and supportive calls, which they believe, attributed much toward Chris' recovers. Chris, now well enough, thank you, God to return to duty is thinking of retiring at the end of this year, if his healthy continues to improve, as expected. For additional info, call Rich at 352—596-8667.

Dick Winwood, who spent the last 18-odd years moving about, from NY to SC and back (dodging apprehension?) dripped in from his latest retreat in upstate NY to say "hello and promised to brave the long drive again, from time to time. Ken Olsen, who retired in Dec., took this month's 1st-timer award a scattering of half hearted applause, mixed with the old-timers "Ken who?" comments.

For the third time within a suspiciously short interval, Andy O'Connor won the \$1.00 @ man drawing raising calls of "Fix, Fix!" and demands for his immediate deportation or other serious consequences, which will be considered next month! In the door prize drawing, Bob O'Brien won Frank Catalano's most recent donation; a beautifully crafted gnome, which Bob will probably have to enjoy in his basement or garage!

C U next mo., same time and place? Hope so.

# Retired Members

by John Nosovitch

**NASSAU BLUE ATTENDEES** .... Jan 23 thru 26, 2009 - Kip Alden, Beth Agha, Bill Aufrecht, Bill and Maryann Bialkoski, Bea Bowling, Russell Brendel, Jack and Ann Carson, John Clarke, Vince and Jean Cloonan, Marty and Maria Condon, Glenn Cooper, Pete and Rosemarie Corrao, Wallace Cottrell, Ed and June Cullen, Donna Culver, John Daly, Marilyn Doane, Richard and Marge Daunt, Michael DeBenedetto, Fidel Balan, Fred DeBois, Jim and Bea Devlin, Charles Donisi, Bill and Doreen Downes, Jim Ellis, John Falbo, Bob and Barbara Farley, Frances Filoso, Dorothy Forte, Jim and Pat Gardner, Tom and Bobbi Goelz, Edwin and Helene Graham, Joe and Arlene Grella, Clayton Gunderson, Guy and Patricia Hammersmith, Howie and Patty Hartman, Bob and Joan Hayes, Jerry Hunter, Jim and Joanne Iulo, Herman and Edna Jorgensen, Jack Juppe, George and Alice Anne Kenny, Fred and Nancy Kerlinger, Joe and Carola King, Andy Kull, John and Janice Leahy, Walter Lewan, Bob and Dianne Livoti, Al Livoti, Thomas and Carol Lynch, Fred and Joan Manney, Judy Marco, Lou Marcus, Jim and Maria Mason, Frank and Maureen McCabe, John and Elise McMahan, Harry Megara, Betty Miller, Joe and Carol Milroy, Frank and Tim Mott, Paul and Pat Murray, Larry Neushotz, Ted and Peggy Nickerson, Cookie O'Connor, Bill and Joan O'Loughlin, Pat Parker, Joseph and Eleanore Pavlowich, Bill and Bea Rea, Gerrie Riggs, Al Sarro, Paul Scheibelein, Al "Cannonball" and Al "Cabanna" Schulze, Frank and Jeanne Sielaff, James Peterson, John and Jayne Sluus, George and Patti Smalling, Donald and Caroline Smith, Shaun Spillane, Bill and Pat Stegmuller, William Stehling, Bob and Marilyn Suhr, Bryon Sullivan, Thomas and Sandy Sullivan, Walter Swenson, George and Joan Thoman, Vinnie and Edna Toner, Ralph and Dolores Torres, Charles and Chris Varney, Joe and Pat Vollaro, Walt Waring, Ed and Kay Watson, George and Susan Weick, Jack Wichmann, Anne Wiley, Mark and Linda Wittich, John Yanch, William Zirk, Nick Baudo, Brian Ahearn, Ronald Graef, Robert Wheeler, Raymond Rizzo, Santa Rizzo, Dan Parker, Paul Hersh, Jim Flynn, Bill and Addie Yussuk, Don Pesca, Bob Putco and Vic Dolgos, John Bruns, Ken Smith, Jack Kluger, Gary Ruff and Andy Schneider

**JOE GRELLA**...jgrella@tampabay.rr.com Hi Y'all, Just a few lines. Here in Hernando Co.(Fla.) we will be laying to rest tomorrow a young Deputy Capt., one Scott Bierwiler, he was 42 years old. Scott was the son of a retired N.Y. State trooper who became a Hernando Co. sergeant and retired. I met this young man in 1995 as he was assigned by the Sheriff at the time Tom Mylander to assist me in an investigation here in Florida. This investigation took almost sixweeks to complete - both day and night. There was not a

single word of dissent uttered by him. He took on the assignment with enthusiasm. This was a guy who loved police work. He helped bring my case to a successful end. He moved up in the ranks quickly due in no small way for his love of THE JOB. I called the Commissioner, who was at the time of this investigation the Co. of P&A and very much aware of the cost of the investigation. I informed him of Scott's untimely death in a line of duty auto accident. Commissioner Mulvey sent an official notice of sympathy to Scott's family and the now sheriff Rich Nugent. It makes me feel real proud to have been a member of the Brotherhood of Blue and grateful to Commissioner Mulvey to acknowledge the death of a young deputy who worked along with our Dept. years ago to bring to a close a long and complicated case. February 25th, It has been an emotional day; Arlene and I attended the funeral today. It was long from 11:30 to 4pm. It was a sight to behold. I did pretty good until his 10 year old son put his hand on the flag which was presented to his mother and when the radio dispatcher called his dad's car over the radio and announced car 106 does not respond. I guess I am just getting old. Tom Organ said he sure will try to be there at the reunion next year. Hey, you never know, today makes next year look like today I best take care of business today. Tomorrow may get here, but we may not be here to say hello

**JOHN NOSOVITCH**.... Betty and I spent a week touring Las Cruces, New Mexico and surrounding areas including Truth or Consequences named in honor of Ralph Edwards who exceeded that show. Took in several museums and historical sites. Had a great time.

**ODDS AND ENDS:** Guy and Pat Hammersmith returned from their cruise in time to go to Connecticut from their home in Georgia for their grandsons Eagle Scout ceremony (Congratulations).... So sorry to hear the news about the accident in Arizona that took the life of the daughter of John and Gerri Neary.. Heard Richie Buchan is finally home from the hospital and slowly recouping as is Ed Cullen and Tom DeBeche. My wife, Betty Nosovitch also is now home after giving us a scare and receiving another stent. Her second one in less than a year.

**Health and Welfare:** Get Well Wishes to Bob Hayes and Mario Vari - get well soon. Deepest Sympathy to the families of William J. Dunn, Robert L. Witzig, Robert L. Van Nostrand, Harry E. Anderson, Charles W. Raftery and Arthur R. Primm. Also to James F. Garside on the loss of his mother, Grace and to John and Gerri Neary on the loss of their daughter, Susan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Writers thoughts:** As you can see only one person took the time to write this month.. Well, where is your contribution ??????????

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# NOTICES

## ★ ATTENTION ALL MARINES ★

### Nassau/Suffolk USMC Association Meetings

First Thursday of Every Month

Tun Tavern, 1st Marine Corps District

605 Stewart Avenue, Garden City  
2000 Hours

Yearly Event: USMC Birthday Celebration

Assn. Chaplain - Fr. Joseph D'Angelo

Annual Scholarship drawn at Birthday Celebration

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**Dues: \$10/Year**

## ★ THE FIGHTING FIFTH ★ FIFTH PRECINCT

NASSAU County Police Dept.

Long Island, New York

on the World Wide Web @

[www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/9063](http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/9063)

## ★7th Precinct Website★

The 7th Precinct now has a website for active and retired members.go to:

**[www.the7thpct.org](http://www.the7thpct.org)**

and register.

## ★4th Precinct Website★

**[the4thprecinct.org](http://the4thprecinct.org)**

The new 4th precinct website for all present and past members of the 4th Precinct is now up and running.

Log onto **[the4thpct.org](http://the4thpct.org)** to register and find out about precinct events and happenings

## ★3rd Precinct Website★

**[www.the3rdprecinct.com](http://www.the3rdprecinct.com)**

Photos • Upcoming Events  
Squad Calendars • Turnout Notes  
Time Section Info...and much more

To gain access to the "Members Section"  
You must enter a user name & password

The first letter of your last name MUST be capitalized.

There cannot be any special characters in your password such as a apostrophe (O'Donnell). Type our name without these characters.

any problems, email  
[stan321@optonline.net](mailto:stan321@optonline.net)

## Do You Remember "E" Building?

If you do, you are probably retired.  
Did you know Commissioner Mulvey has established an email group just for reitred members?  
Want to join? It's simple, all you need to do, is send your name, serial #, and current email address to:

**[retiredemail@pdcn.org](mailto:retiredemail@pdcn.org)**

The above address is only for incoming mail.

If you have a question or comment feel free to write to:

[foconnor@pdcn.org](mailto:foconnor@pdcn.org)

Frank O'Connor , Office of Commissioner of Police

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**Retirement/Reunion Party**

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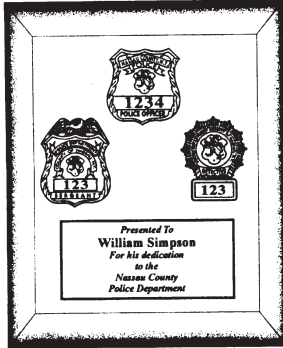


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Dear Member,

As a past participant in the PBA outing we would like to inform you of the change of venue for next years event. Enclosed is a brochure for Skytop Lodge as well as a reservation form. We urge you to take the time to go to [skytop.com](http://skytop.com) and take a look at this place. This is a class A resort!!

All reservations will be done through Skytop Lodge and not the PBA office. There is a limited number of rooms being offered in the cottages at no extra cost. Each of these rooms has a patio area where you can relax outside. They will be offered on a first come basis so do not wait to make your reservation. Early booking will help us to make this event more successful than ever.

Upon completion of the reservation process please advise us who will be in your foursome.

The cost of this years outing works out to \$500 per person for 2 nights, 3 rounds of golf and 6 meals. I can assure that you will not be disappointed.

On behalf of the committee I hope you will consider joining us in 2009.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Hartmann/ Brian Engelhardt  
Golf Committee Chairman



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**Nassau County PBA**  
 June 1-3, 2009

Please cooperate by making your reservations by March 17, 2009. Guests arriving early in the day are reminded that rooms are often not ready for occupancy until 4:00 p.m. Every effort will be made to accommodate early arrivals, but as our check-out time is 1:00 p.m., there will be times when early occupancy is not possible. All reservations should be made directly through Skytop. **DO NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE.**

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Payments of bills required at departure can be made by cash, personal check, travelers check, VISA, Master Card or American Express.

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TO: Reservation Manager                      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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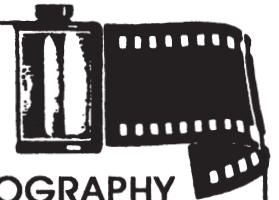
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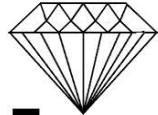
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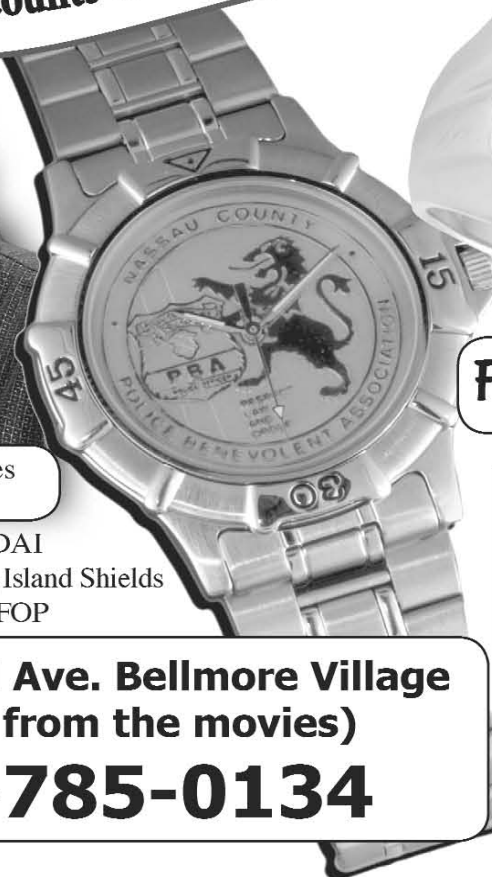


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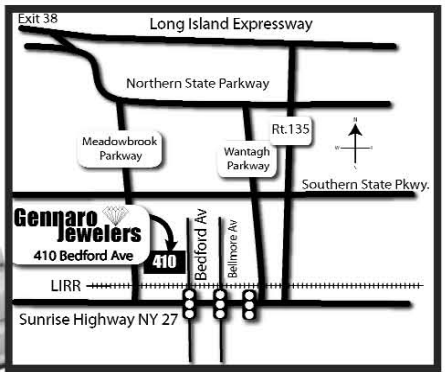
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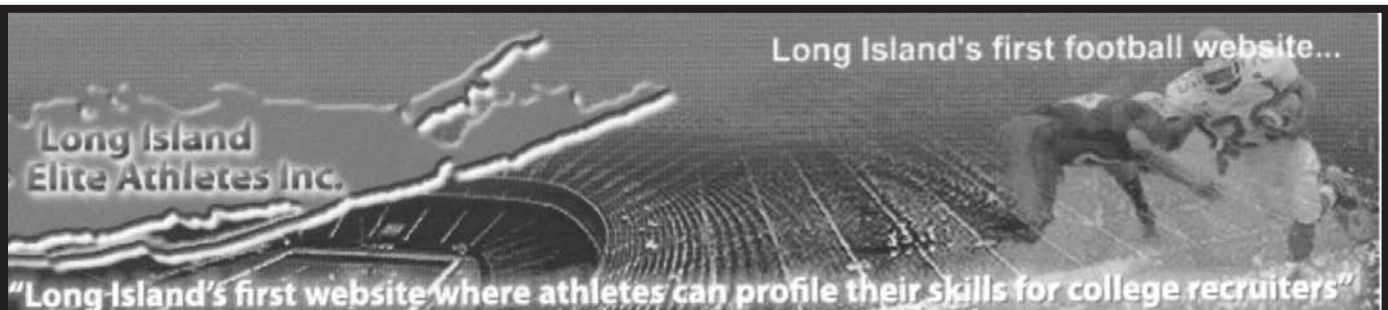
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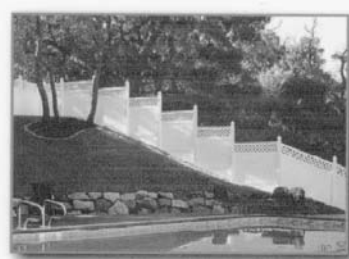
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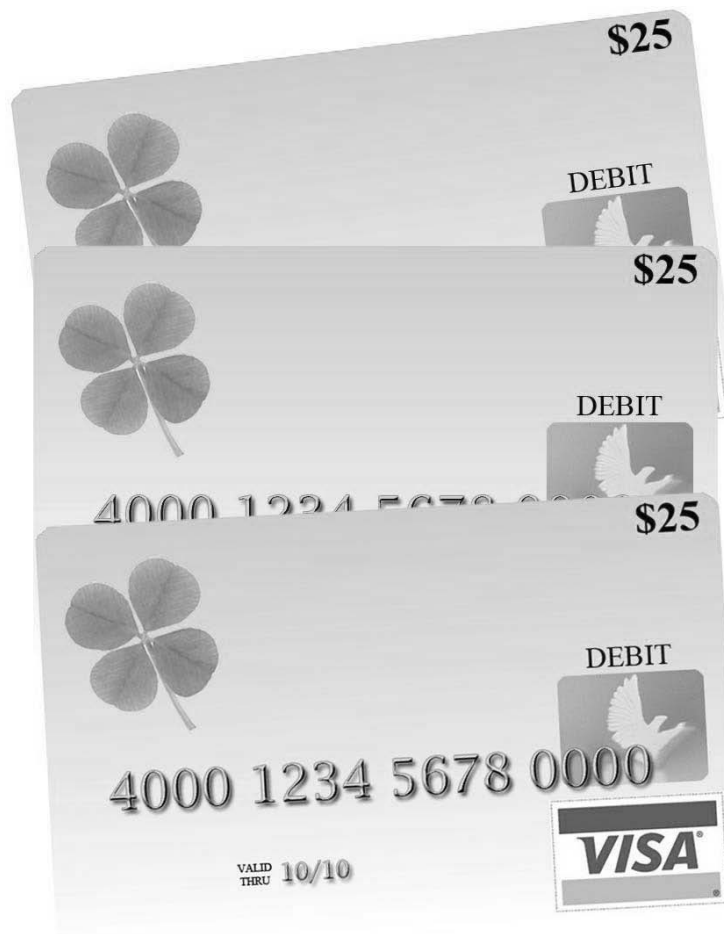
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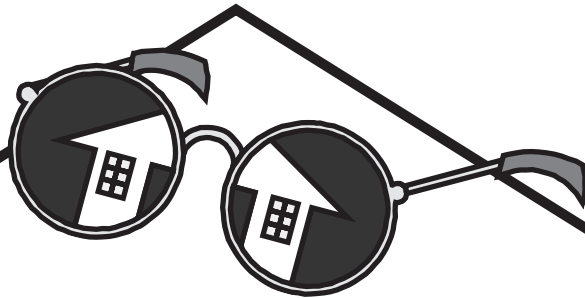
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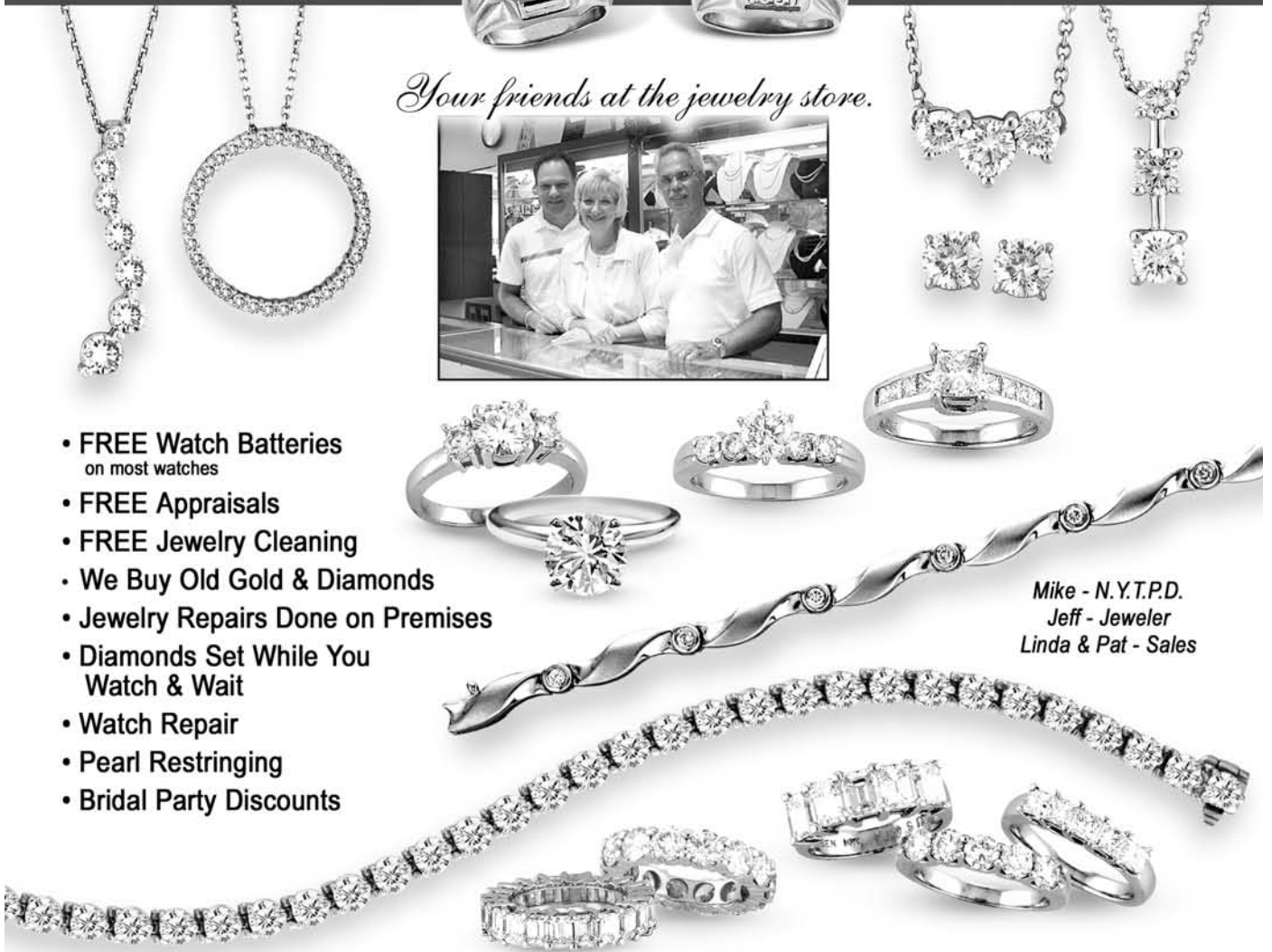


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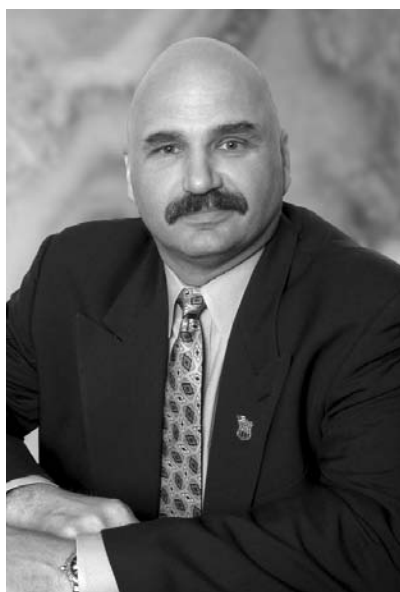
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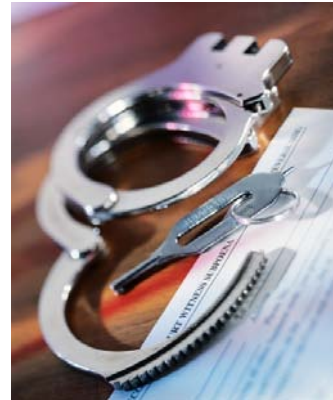
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