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Top Cops 2011

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TOP COP OVERALL - (L-R): P.O. James Schmettan, First Precinct; Sgt-at-Arms, James McDermott; P.O. Joseph Albergo, First Precinct; P.B.A. President, James Carver.



SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR - (L-R): Sgt-at-Arms James McDermott, Sgt. John Lezamiz, First Precinct, P.B.A. President James Carver



LIFE SAVING AWARD - (L-R): P.B.A. President, James Carver; P.O. James Nellis, Fifth Precinct; P.O. Kerriann Hovert, Fifth Precinct; Sgt-at-Arms James McDermott.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: (L-R): HQ3 Trustee, Bill Staker; P.O. Paul Caiaccia, Seventh Precinct; P.O. Michael Schneider K-9 Unit; P.O. Dean Reiter, Seventh Precinct.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - (L-R): First Precinct Trustee, John Carroll; P.O. Kwame Innis, First Precinct; Sgt.-at-Arms, James McDermott; P.O. Ronald Annarumma, First Precinct; P.B.A. President James Carver.

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From the Editor

by Brian Engelhardt

On December 15 the PBA held its annual Holiday Party at the Long Island Marriott Hotel. The PBA's Top Cops were honored. Below are condensed versions of the outstanding jobs done by our members.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2011
POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL SCHNEIDER
POLICE OFFICER DEAN REITER
POLICE OFFICER PAUL CAIACCIA
K-9 UNIT / SEVENTH PCT

On March 1, 2011 Communication Bureau dispatched a call for an auto accident in which a car struck a pole and wires were down across the roadway in Bellmore. Minutes later a second notification came out that shots were fired at the scene. Seconds later K-9 Officer Michael Schneider, who was on patrol in the area, notified CB that he was at scene. Also responding to the scene were Officers Dean Reiter and Paul Caiaccia from the 7th Pct. At this point in time the Officers didn't know that a Bellmore Firefighter had been shot. The firefighter was responding to render aide to the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident.

Upon arrival at the scene Officer Schneider was informed by a civilian that the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident had a gun. Officer Schneider told the civilian to seek cover. He drew his weapon and scanned the scene. He observed Officer Reiter approaching the scene. At this moment Officer Schneider observed a laser sighted on his chest. Now realizing he was in imminent danger he took evasive actions while yelling to Officer Reiter that the subject had a gun. The subject fired multiple rounds from a rifle, and Officer Reiter immediately returned fire while taking cover. Officer Schneider moved to gain cover and a better tactical position. Officer Caiaccia arrived at scene and was immediately warned by Officer Schneider who was yelling that the subject had a gun. Officer Caiaccia was in close proximity to the subject who was pointing the rifle at him. Officer Caiaccia knowing he was in imminent danger dove to the ground and crawled to cover on the side of his RMP. Officer Schneider fearing for the safety of his fellow Officers, who were pinned down, risked his own safety by stepping away from cover and confronted this dangerous individual. Officer Schneider fired upon the subject terminating this life threatening situation.

Police Officers Schneider, Reiter and Caiaccia encountered a heavily armed extremely dangerous individual. This subject had already shot one person and attempted to shoot the Officers. They reacted remarkably using sound tactics and making fast decisions. Their heroic actions under fire, while putting them in harm's way to stop this deadly threat, saved an unknown number of lives. We are proud to honor them as our TOP COPS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2011
POLICE OFFICER RONALD ANNARUMA
POLICE OFFICER KWAMI INNIS
FIRST PRECINCT

On June 10, 2011 Officers Ronald Annarumma and Kwami Innis were working together in plain clothes assigned to the First Precinct Community Response Team. They were conducting intensive patrol at a known gang and drug location. They received information from a confidential informant earlier in the tour that a local street level dealer would be in the area possessing large amounts of crack cocaine. Several hours into their tour they observed a suspicious vehicle with two male occupants. They observed the passenger reach across the driver side of the vehicle pointing an M-11 handgun out the window. They immediately notified CB and requested assistance. While the vehicle was moving the subject fired his weapon at a residence located on Union St. Multiple rounds were fired at a high rate indicative of full auto fire. The Officers followed the vehicle as the subjects fled the scene. The Officers activated their lights and sirens in an attempt to stop the subject vehicle. In an attempt to flee, the subject vehicle lost control and struck a parked car. The Officers quickly exited their RMP with their shields displayed and announced "police don't move", the subjects ignored their orders. One passenger fled on foot and the driver crawled across the front seat to exit the passenger side. The subject was holding a gun and pointing it at the Officers. Again the subject refused to comply with the Officers commands to drop the weapon and stop moving. The subject pointed his weapon at the Officers and they were forced to fire to stop the imminent threat of deadly physical force against them. The subject was struck by two rounds and the threat was stopped. Officer Innis was able to move in and place the subject under arrest. Officer Annarumma was able to track down the other subject who fled on foot in the rear yard of a residence and placed him under arrest.

Police Officers Annarumma and Innis were able to use their expert police experience to gather information about serious criminal activity. When confronted by these violent dangerous perpetrators, they reacted valiantly making quick decisions using sound tactics which resulted in a successful conclusion. We are proud to honor them as our TOP COPS.

TOP COP LIFE SAVING AWARD 2011
POLICE OFFICER JAMES NELLIS
POLICE OFFICER KERRIANN HOOVERT
FIFTH PRECINCT

On April 14th 2011 Police Officer James Nellis along with Officer Kerriann Hoover were assigned to RMP 509 when they were assigned to a call for a baby not breathing at a Day Care Center in Franklin Square. They received further radio information that CPR was currently in progress and that the

child was two years old. They arrived at scene moments later.

The officers made a quick assessment of the situation. They discovered that the child had fallen, hit his head and began to have a seizure. During the seizure the child stopped breathing and became cyanotic, his skin color changed and was turning blue. The officers relieved the teacher who was performing CPR. While performing CPR, Officer Nellis administered a finger sweep of the child's mouth. This technique cleared the tongue which was obstructing the airway. The child began to gasp for air and began to vomit. The Officers picked up the child turned him over to dispel the vomit from his airway. The child was placed on a stabilizing board and taken to a local hospital. The child made a full recovery.

Due to both officers' immediate response to this scene as well as calling upon their training and experience they were able to take quick decisive actions which saved a child's life. That is why the PBA is proud to call them Nassau County Top Cops.

**TOP COP OVERALL AWARD 2011
POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH ALBERGO
POLICE OFFICER JAMES SCHMETTAN
FIRST PRECINCT**

Police Officer Joseph Albergo along with his partner Police Officer James Schmettan have distinguished themselves throughout the year by initiating investigations, making outstanding arrests and providing excellent service to the community.

Over the past year Officers Albergo and Schmettan worked together in the First Precinct Gang Initiative Detail. They have made numerous arrests. 36 of those arrests were gang leaders. These Gangs include CRIPS, BLOODS, MS-13, and FOLKNATION. Their arrests have accumulated over \$70,000 in asset forfeiture money for the county. These arrests stem from cases involving drug sale, bribery, search warrants, and vehicle seizures. These two Officers have also received honors for making the most gun arrests in Nassau County, 17 in total this past year alone.

Police officers Joseph Albergo and James Schmettan have demonstrated a consistent high level of performance and professionalism while helping remove crime from our streets and has earned them the right to be called Nassau's Finest.

**SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
SERGEANT JOHN LEZAMIZ
FIRST PRECINCT**

On September 19th 2011, Sergeant John Lezamiz while on patrol heard a notification of a home invasion that occurred in North Bellmore. In the notification there was a description of the subjects and vehicle used in the crime.

The incident involved four subjects who displayed a knife and gun. They physically assaulted the residents of the home. They threatened to kill them and tied them up as they looted the house. One of the victims managed to escape and notified the police. At this point the subjects fled the scene.

Sgt. Lezamiz observed the vehicle traveling into Freeport. He notified C.B. that he was making a car stop. Sgt. Lezamiz attempted to arrest the four subjects. As he was attempting to handcuff and place the first subject into custody, the subject fought and resisted arrest. As this struggle was ongoing the three other subjects attempted to flee the scene. One fled on foot and two inside of the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle drove the vehicle directly at the Sgt. Fearing for his life he fired at the subject in an attempt to stop the threat. One round struck the driver in the leg. This stopped the threat and the subject drove away from the scene. All four subjects were apprehended a short time later.

Sergeant Lezamiz's keen observations and heroic actions made it possible for the eventual arrest of four extremely dangerous violent criminals. This is why The Nassau County PBA is proud to Honor Sergeant John Lezamiz as our SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR.

**TOP DETECTIVE 2011
DETECTIVE TIMOTHY RONAN
DETECTIVE FRANK LEAKE
DETECTIVE PETER WRIGHT
NARCOTICS/VICE SQUAD/DA SQ**

Detectives Timothy Ronan and Frank Leake of the Narcotics/Vice Squad and Peter Wright of the District Attorney Squad were involved in an investigation dating back to November 2007. These three Dedicated Detectives began a long and dangerous undercover investigation of a loan shark and drug dealer with possible links to organized crime. This investigation stretched across the Country involving multiple states and multiple jurisdictions from New York to California. These Detectives remained patient and worked tirelessly spending up to fourteen hours a day in a windowless room for over thirteen months collecting information from wire taps.

All their hard work and persistent efforts came to fruition on April 6, 2010 when over 100 Detectives, Agents, and Marshals executed 26 arrest warrants and 11 search warrants.

To date over \$7.2 million in assets have been seized.

These Detectives used their expert investigative abilities in this extended and complicated case. These three professionals worked together as a team to bring it to a tremendously successful conclusion.

We are proud to call you our Nassau County PBA TOP DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR.

Legal Report

by Richard J. Brandenstein, Esq.

HOW TO PREVENT THE NANNY FROM OWNING YOUR HOUSE

The Legal Report has done numerous articles dealing with the Retirement System and disability benefits. Accordingly, we felt it might be refreshing, and informative, to take a look at another topic by another writer, a practical topic to help you avoid a potentially major problem.

Many police officers have several income streams, perhaps a second job, a working spouse, maybe even rental or investment income.

Like most people who have accumulated any assets, police officers are usually wise enough to obtain insurance to protect those assets and their families. It's likely that most readers of this article have several insurance policies. You probably have life insurance, car insurance, homeowners' or apartment owners' insurance, possibly disability insurance, medical insurance and any number of other insurance products designed to safeguard you from the various calamities of life.

Be careful if your spouse jokes, as does mine, (at least I hope it's a joke) that because of all the insurance policies we have, the greatest risk my family runs is if I live. I'm sure everyone feels that way at times. Sometimes it seems that we are "insured" to death.

The purpose of this article is to describe yet another type of insurance that you may need. Fusco, Brandenstein & Rada, P.C. doesn't sell insurance. But, unfortunately we do make a percentage of our income by representing people who don't (or refuse to) purchase this one type insurance – that is the uninsured employer who failed to get a workers' compensation policy for their employees.

Think this doesn't apply to you because you have no "employees"? That's what many of our clients thought. You may regard yourself as an employee and not an employer. Don't be so sure. One of the greatest risks to your assets is the failure to recognize that there are situations where the law treats you as an employer. It's up to you to put in place the appropriate insurance to protect yourself.

Think about this: families today often have two parents in the work force. So, it isn't uncommon to have full time nannies, home health aides, housekeepers, babysitters or "au pairs" in the home. Maybe you hired a kindly neighbor to look in on your sickly mother-in-law or your elderly Uncle Harry and you pay them weekly for the service. If such people are working on a full or mostly full time basis—they are considered by law to be your employees.

Maybe you do side work as a housepainter or handyman on the weekends and hire a young man from the neighborhood to work by your side, and that individual falls off a ladder while working "off-the-books" on one of your side jobs. That person, if working under your direction and control on your jobs, is your employee. Labeling them a subcontractor or independent contractor may be your defense, but in most cases, if you are running the job, you are con-

sidered the employer. If any of the aforementioned persons, be they nannies, or housekeepers, or companions for the elderly, or house-painters, get injured while doing work for you, they can make a Workers' Compensation claim against you.

This is true even if the person is being paid off the books or happens to be an illegal alien. Neither of those circumstances would change their status as an "employee". If such a Workers' Compensation claim is made the "employer" (you!) would be responsible to pay all their medical bills for that injury for the rest of the worker's life and also to pay a substantial percentage of the worker's salary for as long as he or she remains disabled, possibly for life, if the disability is "total."

Keep in mind that an "accident" under the Workers' Compensation Law can be something as simple as a person's back "going-out" after lifting a heavy object. One need not slip on a banana peel or have the roof fall on his-or-her head for there to be an "accident" under the law. This is not the Retirement System definition of an "accident."

To add a little insult to injury, the failure of an "employer" to have workers' compensation insurance subjects them to criminal penalties and also makes them liable to pay very substantial fines to the State.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that their Homeowners' Insurance provides such coverage. It Does Not! Yes, your homeowners' insurance certainly does charge a premium of a few dollars per year for "Workers' Compensation" coverage. However, (always watch out for the "however's"), that coverage only protects a category of worker classified as "casual employees." A casual employee would be someone like a babysitter you hire on a Friday night, or the kid cutting your lawn on Saturday morning and persons such as that. A full time worker is never considered a casual employee and would not be covered by your homeowners' policy. A part-timer helping you out on work you do for pay or profit is never covered under your homeowners policy either.

The moral to the story is this: if you have a full time worker—even off the books—or a worker who could possibly be construed as a full time worker or a worker who, although part time, assists you in a for profit enterprise—obtain a Workers' Compensation policy from your insurance broker or call a Workers' Compensation carrier such as the "State Insurance Fund" directly. A policy covering a domestic worker in the home may cost as little as about \$250 or \$300 per year. (About what a lawyer might charge for an hour!). Workers' Compensation coverage may be the best, and most economical, insurance protection you ever buy.

Over the years our law firm has represented many "Uninsured Employers" before the Workers' Compensation Board. Quite frankly, we never enjoy handling these matters. Generally, these "employers" are hard working people (like you) who come to us for help after they have been called down to the Workers' Compensation Board where they were advised of the tremendous financial exposure they now faced once their "employee" had been injured on

the job at their house.

Often they have already given statements to the Workers' Compensation Board or to the injured person or the injured person's lawyer. At that point there is often little we can do to help them except delay the inevitable and work at damage control.

In cases where an "uninsured employer" perhaps should have known better, as in the example of someone running an actual small business who fails to get the needed insurance coverage, these cases can be financially devastating. Sometimes small-business owners fail to secure proper Workers' Compensation coverage out of ignorance. Maybe they were just starting the business or perhaps were having

financial difficulty and had to choose between meeting payroll or paying the Workers' Comp insurance bill. The law recognizes no excuses. Such failure is a crime.

Unfortunately, when a compensable accident occurs, even if the "uninsured" business is a corporation, the owners' personal assets as well as their business assets are at risk.

If you have any questions feel free to contact our office at 516 496-0400. Ask for Richard Brandenstein, extension 4402.

The law firm of Fusco, Brandenstein & Rada, P.C. extends very best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to our devoted readers, clients and the entire PBA membership, their families and friends!

Retirees

by J. Vic Dolgos

Listed are P.B.A. members who retired in 2011

Good Luck



James Grenelle
Serial 4779
7/70 - 12/11
31 years service



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6/82 - 6/11
29 years service



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25 years service



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25 years service



Steven Minervini
Serial 6724
7/86 - 6/11
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Serial 6737
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24 years service



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24 years service



Robert V. Corapi
Serial 7070
10/87 - 4/11
24 years service



James DeMeo
Serial 7152
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Lisa R. Cerar
Serial 7223
10/90 - 10/11
21 years service



Joseph M. Turchi
Serial 7389
7/92 - 8/11
19 years service



John C. Wozniak
Serial 7588
8/93 - 11/11
9 years service



William R. Thorn
Serial 7747
10/94 - 9/11
7 years service



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Serial 7778
10/94 - 10/11
17 years service



Frank Berlanga
Serial 7842
10/94 - 5/11
17 years service



Daniel H. McKenna
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3/95 - 7/11
16 years service



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16 years service



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3/95 - 4/11
15 years service



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16 years service



Peter Zayas
Serial 8061
3/95 - 1/11
16 years service



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Serial 8155
8/97 - 9/11
14 years service



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12/96 - 11/11
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1/04 - 10/11
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Re:

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Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,
FUSCO, BRANDENSTEIN & RADA, P.C.,

By: _____

Milan Rada, Esq.

NASSAU COUNTY PBA
JUDICIAL/D.A.'S OFFICE
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

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.



First Precinct

by Maureen Mazur

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 1st pct had their annual children's Christmas party on Dec. 11th. Once again it was a resounding success. JB and his crew did an amazing job with the food. This year for entertainment for the kids, aside from Santa, we had a face painter – who was amazing. We had a whole bunch of little Spider-men and princesses running around. The turnout was a little light, but a nice group of people showed. The night crew had a nice showing this year. Next year should be a big year for this party with all the babies that were born this year.

Special thanks to our Santa – Mike Moran and all of our chefs.....JB, Vito, Knox, Gill, Sean Mulligan, O'Mara, Moran, Myer, Marin & Doherty. Thanks to Dan Johannsen and his crew of Explorers who lent a helping hand. Also thanks to Damon Schultz on entertaining the kids with a sing-a-long, doing his best Tony Orlando impression with his new stache!

IS IT TRUE THAT...

Eddie Wahl deputized an auxiliary PO and gave him post 122B?

That you should NEVER let Biggers shop at Bed Bath & Beyond!

Mahepath was "featured" at NASTAT?

Bresnahan and Crawford are the same person/cop?

WHAT P.O ...

Almost failed his computer test at In-Service?

Likes to hear himself talk on the radio?

When caught in the rain, looked more like superman than he normally does?

Finally did a tracs accident?

Is Hickman's "recruit"?

Was "motor-boated" at his squad Christmas party?

Refers to himself as "a-hole"?

WHAT BOSS...

Red-lined a 241 from the C.O.?

Makes a huge mess at the front desk consistently?

Stalked his wife until she finally agreed to marry him?

QUESTION

Is there really a Mrs. Segretto?

CONGRATS

Tobin & his wife on the birth of baby (unknown sex).

Matt Mulligan & his wife on the birth of their daughter.

Bourke and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

Laura Sventoraitis on the birth of her son.

Second Precinct

TRUSTEE REPORT

by Ken Cortes

While you read this through the lens of the New Year, I sit here in the unknown of the end of 2011. As of this writing, there is no resolve to our current difficulties. I can only hope that some resolution can be obtained. Time will tell.

REPORT FROM THE "B" HOUSE

As you know, the cutting and gutting team of Nassau County ponders further cuts into the diminished Police Service that the county residents pay for. As Police Services decline the cutting and gutting teams exclaim they didn't raise taxes. The residents of Nassau County are the ones getting less and paying more.

In case you haven't noticed, we have been taking more burglary reports year over year as per the current week 49 of 2011. This week is significant because, we had plainclothes in the same week of 2010. It looks to me like a window into the future of the cutting and gutting team on West St.

In this week in time, we had 11 more residential burglaries in the 2nd pct. Those on west St will tell you it is a normal fluctuation in crime, and has nothing to do with having no precinct plainclothes units out on the street. I'm sure that no one in the Department gives the commanding officers a hard time at the NASSTAT meetings. (Yeah Right)

So to the 11 extra people who reside in the 2nd pct., who had someone walking around their house when they weren't home, going through their private effects, and losing cash and jewelry just before the holidays, the cutting and gutting brigade on West St. sends you their condolences, I'm sure.

As I have written before, putting all police resources in a big pot, you will be forced to triage crime. We are beginning to see the effects of this now. As the department attempts to address the Burglary problems in the precinct, other problems will crop up.

As those of us on patrol take more burglary reports we will be directed to do something about the problem to pick up the slack for the lack of plainclothes units. The cutting and gutting brigade likes to tell you to get your butt off your seat and back on the streets.

All the while you will be taking aided cases to the hospital, taking accident reports, taking criminal mischief reports, arresting shoplifters, checking ringing burglar alarms, transporting prisoners, and the many other things we do during our tour. While we are sitting down in our car for some of these activities, I count these activities as working on the street. But I digress.

All the while, West St. will tell the public that the taxpayer is getting more for less. In fact the only people that are getting less are the taxpayers themselves.

That's it for this Month, until next time Onward and Upward!

NEWS FROM THE 02

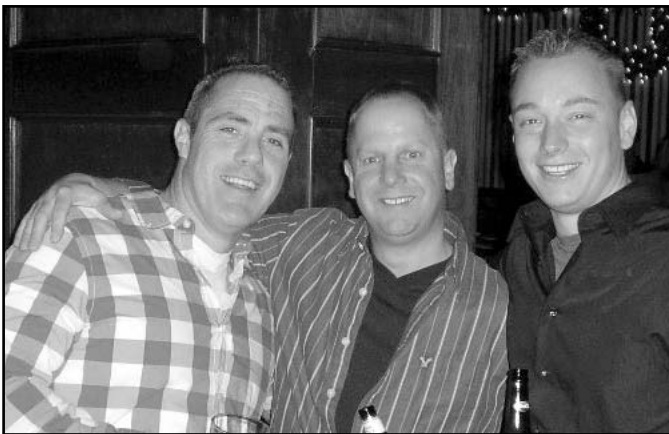
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Dedication To Semyon The Shnayd

When I was a young boy
My father took me into the city
To see a marching band.
He said "Son, when you grow up
Would you be the savior of the broken
The beaten and the damned?"
He said "Will you defeat them
Your demons and all the non-believers
The plans that they have made?
"Because one day I'll leave you
A phantom to lead you in the summer
To join the black parade."

THE 2ND PCT HOLIDAY PARTY

Good times had by all. I guess it was good timing to have the party before the Leg voted to go ahead with layoffs and demotions of county employees and Nassau bond ratings being downgraded by Fitch.



SPEAKING OF FITCH

Did you know our very own retired Second Pct officer Jeff Fitch was still out there doing police work years after he hung up his gun belt. Apparently a bad guy who managed to temporarily evade capture by NCPD/ BSO/ K9 and uniform officers made the mistake of hiding in the shed in Jeff's rear yard. What the bad guy didn't know was that Jeff – who by the way usually happens to be the strongest guy in the room at any given time had a vicious dog.

(A Dachshund) yes a wiener dog! Well the Hotdog went nuts, K-9 moved in and Jeff lept into action. As much as Jeff could leap that is. Seriously; Jeff jumped in and assisted in restraining a dangerous suspect who didn't want to get locked up.

Jeff gets my vote for 2nd Pct retired guy Cop Of The Month.



Third Precinct

by Bill Purcell

GRIDLOCK: (according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary

1: a traffic jam in which a grid of intersecting streets is so completely congested that no vehicular movement is possible

2: **a situation resembling gridlock (as in congestion or lack of movement) <political gridlock>**

gridlock transitive verb

Examples

An accident caused gridlock at rush hour yesterday. We were caught in a gridlock.

Disagreements about funding have caused legislative gridlock in Congress.

First use: 1980

Synonyms: deadlock, impasse, halt, logjam, Mexican standoff, stalemate, standoff, standstill.

Gridlock is exactly what you have when a man on one side of an argument is so unreasonable that a reasonable conclusion can not be met, nothing gets done, people suffer and nobody wins. Jimmy Carver has told the County Executive many times that his labor savings of \$150 million was unattainable. Our union president has told the County Executive that we understand the financial troubles the County is in and that we are willing to discuss reasonable solutions, while still in the midst of a three year rescue plan, to help the County succeed, as long as the County Executive is willing to share the pain. Ed Mangano is failing the people of this County with his stubbornness.

The County Exec. has created a fiscal mess. Yeah, we know Ed, things are bad all over, the sales tax revenue has dipped, the tax assessment system is a mess and the rest is Tom Souzzi's fault. So with all that said, I have a great idea, let's repeal the energy tax and take away \$60 million in existing revenue and let's refuse to raise taxes a small amount until we figure out how to get back on track.

Instead, let's lay off hundreds of your hard working constituents just in time for the holidays, and then hire a hundred of your friends and supporters into newly named patronage positions. And while you are doing that, let's spend two million dollars on a coliseum referendum to see if those same people you laid off and are protecting from a minimal tax hike would be willing to spend \$38 a year in taxes to help you get chummy with Charles Wang. Well, that didn't work out so well. But no worries, you are boozing with great ideas like, turning the coliseum into a casino or selling the sewer system, oh wait, how about we build a new coliseum at Belmont, no wait, let's turn Belmont into a casino, hey, I've got an idea, let's build a new indoor pool, this is going to be great, hey, I can not believe how many great ideas you have, let's put artificial turf on the fields at cantiaque and Eisenhower park, oh oh oh oh let's Turf the whole park then we can sell all of the lawn mowers and lay off the parks maintenance crew, that will save a bundle and all the people from Queens who use our parks are going to love it.Oh wait a minute, I don't want all of these laid off workers to be mad at me because I want to get re-elected, wait, I have another great idea, how about we refurbish all of the cabanas at Nickerson beach, maybe my friends who I just hired and can afford the cabanas wont mind if the fired employees use their cabanas during the week while they are at work supporting their families. Yeah, when they are at the beach, enjoying themselves, it will take their mind off of the little problems like paying the mortgage and feeding their kids. It is amazing how many ridiculous ideas this man comes up with to waste money in trying to do everything, but fix the problem at hand. It is December 13th as I write this article, hopefully by the time it comes to print, the County Executive has come to his senses and a reasonable conclusion has been met that is acceptable to the membership.

FOOD FOR THE FRONT LINE

Every year the Commissioner provides \$250 toward holiday meals. This money comes from the Commissioners fund. Inspector Canavan and Inspector McCarthy this year have decided to donate \$250 additional dollars out of their own pockets as well. In addition to that, The Third Precinct Flower Fund has donated \$250 to the cause. The Inspectors is making arrangements to have food for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve (you will unfortunately have to supply your own noise makers) and New Years Day. So, leave the brown bags at home this year and thank the big guys upstairs when you see them.

TOP COPS – AUGUST 2011 P.O. BRIAN O'SULLIVAN AND P.O. VINCENT LOGIUDICE

On August 2, 2011 at approximately 2010 hours, Officer Logiudice and Officer O'Sullivan while on routine patrol in RMP 319 did observe the defendant seated in the driver's seat of a white Nissan, stopped on Post in Westbury. The defendant was observed handing a clear plastic bag con-

taining a white rocklike substance believed to be cocaine to an unknown male in exchange for an unknown amount of US currency, and then driving away at a high rate of speed. Upon conducting a VTL stop and approaching the defendant, Officer Logiudice observed 5 clear plastic bags imprinted with the image of a yellow car and 4 clear plastic bags, all containing a white rocklike substance believed to be cocaine, inside an open brown sunglasses case located on the rear passenger seat of the vehicle driven by the defendant. Defendant was then placed into custody and transported to the 3rd Precinct for arrest processing.

The defendant who was charged with violation of PL 220.39 Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd and PL 220.16 Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd.

TOP COPS – SEPTEMBER 2011 P.O. MOHIT ARORA P.O. LASHAUN CARR P.O. PAUL SOROCO

On September 3, 2011 at approximately 9:29 PM, Officers Arora and Carr were doubled in RMP 320 and Officer Sorocco in RMP 314 did receive a 911 call for a Suspicious Person in Westbury. Upon arriving, the Officers knocked on the door and were met by the home owner, who advised the Officers that she called the Police because there were 2 males knocking on her door and attempting to gain access into her house. The Officers asked the complainant to step outside and were speaking to her about her open garage door when they heard a commotion inside the house. The Officers observed a male inside the house at the window. The Officers asked the complainant who the male was, and she told them that it was her son. The Officers then approached the front door and began knocking on the door asking the son to come outside to speak with them. The son then went upstairs to his bedroom and retrieved a loaded Marlin Firearms 22 Caliber Rifle and returned to the front door. The son then opened the door and pointed the rifle at the officers and yelled to the officers to get off his property. Fearing for their life, the officers drew their weapons and ordered the son to drop his gun. The defendant did not comply with the order, he instead ran back inside the house and slammed the front door shut. The Officers were able to talk the defendant into surrendering and the defendant was transported to the Third Precinct for arrest processing. The defendant was charged with Menacing a Police Officer and Possession of a Dangerous Weapon.

**Next Open
P.B.A. Meeting
Thurs., Jan. 19, 2012**

Fourth Precinct

by Greg O'Neill

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday. The 4th Precinct hosted two parties in December, the Kids Christmas Party and the Precinct Holiday Party. The Kids Christmas Party was a hit. Attendance was great and everyone, most importantly the kids, had a great time. The 4th Pct PBA would also like to thank the Kohlmiers' and Mike Velte for helping set up and run the party. The Precinct Party was hosted at Kasey's in RVC. We had a very good turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy the night. Most people attended to hang out with co-workers and take advantage of the "all inclusive" package, which was at a reasonable price. A small contingency complained about the lasagna (really?), the "odd" shape of the room (HGTV room makeover anyone?), no Red Bull (gross), the choices of vodka (drink whiskey or beer) and a bar on wheels (who cares – everyone got taken care of). Whatever side you were on, hopefully you enjoyed. We are always open to suggestions for future events.

Articles for the newsletter are usually submitted by the 15th of the previous month. As I write this article we are still frozen and rumors are going around in regards to concessions, incentives and layoffs. While our PBA President and Board are trying to work with the County Executive a lot of other real changes within the department have taken place. Most important, the announcement of our new police commissioner. Commissioner Thomas Dale takes the reign after a long tenure with the NYPD. His last endeavor was serving as a 3 Star Chief for the personnel of the NYPD. County Executive Mangano supposedly interviewed dozens for the spot. Mangano cites the need for "fresh eyes" due to the department's failures to manage the crime lab. Is that the reason he is here or did he say yes to Mangano's idea of dismantling the department piece by piece and to violate the contract? Commissioner Dale has already publicly criticized minimum manning and he hasn't officially started the job. History has taught our members that previous outside personnel who have been put in charge of our department, with no prior time in the NCPD, have been a disaster. It's only fair to give someone a chance and only time will tell if this hire will work out.

Acting Commissioner Krumpster will be given the spot of 1st Deputy Commissioner. Supposedly he is getting a raise for being demoted. Our pay is frozen and he is getting a raise? In Krumpster's final weeks as Acting Commissioner he openly bashed the 4th Pct at an Island Park Civic meeting. After giving in to some residential complaints, he told the few in attendance that the problems in Barnum Island would be solved in the first couple of weeks of the summer. He will take the club detail away from the 4th pct and designate the assignments to BSO. He then stated that if he has to, he will go down there and write summonses himself. Don't worry, if you need BSO because you have a barricade situation or some other heavy call in the county that requires their specialized training, they will be at the clubs. All the time and preparation spent on training our BSO officers will be put to

use when they have to handle the aided cases and numerous case reports (harassment, larcenies, criminal mischief, etc.) that come along with the detail. Maybe Krumpster will be standing next to them with pen and pad ready to write! The 4th Pct has been handling this detail for years and we have been doing a great job at it. The officers who are assigned to the detail understand the dynamic of the working conditions and work well together to make sure it is a safe environment for them as well as for the patrons and the residents of the area. Each year mixed messages are given to 4th pct officers about activity. Most years we had a checkpoint but the hierarchy of the department requested that stop because business owners complained it was taking away from their business. Now the department only wanted certain types of activity (ie: appearance tickets or arrests). Some nights, people act up and the officers handle the given situation by making an arrest(s) or issue appearance tickets. Other nights, people go out, have fun and the 4th pct officers make sure they remain orderly by their presence alone. This is a detail comprised of approximately 6-8 officers and a supervisor, and they will oversee the well being of approximately 1500 – 3000 people (majority intoxicated) in a small confined area on any given night. No matter what anyone thinks or says, the 4th pct officers have always done a great job and will continue to do so. Even after bashing us our newly appointed 1st Deputy Commissioner Krumpster attended our holiday party and we all still wonder what his intent was. I think he heard about the lasagna and wanted to try it!

F TROOP

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to those members, past and present, of the Fourth Precinct, for all their efforts put into hosting the F-Troop reunion held at the Sands in Atlantic Beach on October 06, 2011. During my career I was fortunate enough to be assigned to the Fourth Precinct as a Patrol Sergeant and Detective Sergeant. After having the opportunity to work with and get to know many of the finest police officers, detectives, supervisors, and civilian personnel assigned there, I soon realized why the Fourth Precinct was referred to as, "The best kept secret." Together you have all contributed to the great success and fine reputation of the Nassau County Police Department and continue to do so today. It was my privilege and honor to work with all of you.

Walter SCOTTY Anderson

Fifth Precinct

by Joe Nocella

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THE BEST OF 2011

James Carver – PBA President ... At a legislative budget hearing, Carver points out the lack of shared sacrifice in the Mangano administration, after which Majority Leader Peter Schmitt asked, "what would you have

us do?" Carver's response ... "You know, you were a lot smarter when you were in the minority."

Jerry Laricchiuta – President CSEA Local 830 ... "We're not only defending our rights here in Nassau County, we're defending the very sanctity of contracts which has a ripple affect throughout the entire country."

Kirk Fowlkes – DPW Fleet Services ... "As a combat veteran, I have never seen the type of disregard for the working class (by government) as I'm seeing today."

John Durso – President, Long Island Federation of Labor ... "Across this country, we are standing up for the rights of working men and women to go to work, each and every day, and know that their agreement, that their hard work, is protected, and respected. It goes to the dignity, and respect that all working people are entitled to."

Anonymous experts with knowledge of the new RMS System ... "The software is literally archaic, dysfunctional and runs on an obsolete platform." "The RMS system is still not working and probably never will."

Christopher Twarowski of the Long Island Press regarding Team Mangano's play to privatize the county sewage system ... "Economists, law experts, environmentalists, watchdogs and a voluminous, easy-to-find, documented track record of similar schemes, paint a picture of a process tailored to protect the private entities that assume control of the once-public assets, in Nassau's case something as basic and necessary as sewage and water services, while short-changing the taxpayers and literally robbing them of their future, among a litany of other negative ramifications—including less transparency, less accountability, more costs for the public and potential public safety and health concerns."

George Marlin – NIFA Board Member ... "In my judgment, the county (Mangano) has no credibility because time and again in dealing with fiscal matters, they have been disingenuous, deceptive, and delusional. With this checkered history, they now want me to believe that this time they are really, really, really, serious."

TOP COP

Congratulations to John Wellenreuther on being named Fifth Precinct Top Cop for October of 2011. Here's the scenario ... John finishes up a night tour and on his way home, stops at the Elmont Liberty Gas for fuel. As he's gassing up, he hears someone yell the station is being robbed. John takes a look inside the store and sees the clerk standing behind the counter with his hands in the air. He also sees a second person behind the counter with him ... What John was not able to see was that the second guy was holding the clerk at gunpoint.

As the bad guy leaves the store, the victim follows him out, alerting everyone of the robbery. John uses verbal commands for the bad guy to stop. Bad guy, who is in possession of a handgun, turns towards John. Fearing for his safety, as well as the safety of the civilians at the scene, John fires one shot at the bad guy. The bad guy turns and runs. A foot pursuit ensues and the bad guy turns towards John and reaches

into his waistband. John fires a second shot. Bad guy drops his gun and heads for the backyards. The troops gather and during the canvas, Jason Gaertner notices an SUV that is parked off-angle. Upon inspection, he notices what looks like blood spatters on the vehicle. He takes a peek inside and sees money strewed about the interior and a pair of boots sticking out from under a sheet on the back seat. With the aid of BSO, bad guy is placed into custody.

Some time later, Queens Robbery Squad was notified of the incident and they confirmed, the case and the bad guy fit the description of a subject wanted for multiple gas station and convenience store robberies.

When we go through the academy, we're all taught that if you find yourself in a situation off duty, at the very least, be a good witness. Be alert and gather as much information as you possibly can about what's going on. John went above and beyond what was required of him in this situation. He could have just taken cover, watched, and been a good witness, but in a true act of altruism, he got involved and got the job done.

I had the opportunity to speak with John's father at a charity event shortly after this incident and I have to say, the man was beaming with pride. Mr. Wellenreuther is a war veteran so to listen to him draw parallels between his own experiences and what John was involved in was ... Well, lets just say it was humbling.

"Job well done" is a bit of an understatement here. Your actions are a testament to the quality of police officer we have on our job and you deserve the highest praise that can be bestowed upon an officer for the way you conducted yourself. You have the respect of every cop in the precinct. Congratulations.



FIFTH PRECINCT PRIDE HITS THE ROAD

Going on a trip? ... Snap a picture of your coin wherever it is you go. This month's destinations ... Block Island, Rhode Island and Lancaster, PA. Thanks to Barry Bausch and Mike Lamiroult for taking the time to snap the photos. Don't have a coin yet? Talk to Bill Hussain, he'll be happy to hook you up with one.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY ...

New year, same issues still linger ... Come down to this month's open meeting and get the latest.



Sixth Precinct

by Ed Conroy

Happy New Year, I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Although it almost didn't happen, the Kids' Christmas party was a huge success thanks to Andy Von and Vannesa. There are a few other Precinct members that deserve a big hand because of their generosity this past Holiday season. We had a Secret Santa who along with his Mrs Clause donated Christmas trees to some of our Police widows. Laurie Crane was the winner of the Holiday 50/50 raffle that was to benefit Jeff Ryans' family and she donated back her share so that we could help Nancy and the kids during Christmas. Ed Sokolski had won a Tiffany's bracelet during this year's PBA Charity picnic that benefited the Califano and Breitkopf families. Ed paid it forward by giving the bracelet to Nancy Ryan when we gave her the money from the Holiday raffle. I know that none of these people did it for the recognition or the thanks and they more than likely didn't want me mentioning their names in the newsletter but I think that they deserve a round of applause for their selfless generosity. It makes me proud to be a member of this Precinct and of this Department knowing that time after time my Brother and Sister Officers step up to help others out. You are the Angels in blue.

NEWSLETTER

If anyone has anything that they want to submit to the newsletter 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 the clerk's office or Sgt Ward our Top Cop Committee Supervisor. There is also a new TOP Cop folder at the Desk Officers spot in which anyone can submit something for review.

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.

Next Open P.B.A. Meeting

January 19, 2012

8:00 PM

Seventh Precinct

by Tom O'Reilly

Happy New Year, wishing you and your families a healthy and prosperous 2012, it's hard to believe that another year has gone by so fast. Yet here we are another year gone by and the county is still being mismanaged and continues to present budgets that are so out of whack with unrealistic revenue collections and outrageous demands from the county workforce for givebacks, while they continue to hire more patronage jobs for all their political hacks.

The republican administration will blame past county executives and administrations, they will blame the recession, and they will blame anyone they can for the debt they have accumulated, for their failed policies and initiatives. The problem is the only people they think should pay for all this mismanagement and failure to govern are the county unions. The workers of this county should bare all the brunt for over 20 years of failure, to them it's fair that the average workers should take a pay cut anywhere from 15 to 30k a year. This doesn't even include the money that members going through the steps are losing. So when they say share the pain or everyone needs to sacrifice, it's perfectly clear that only the 8,000 to 10,000 members of organized labor are to carry the load for everyone else. Is that fair? The county's workforce has time and time again been willing to do their share to make sure the county does not fail; this has become nothing more than a power grab by the County Executive with the help of NIFA.

Recently we have seen the dangers of our job first hand; things can change in an instant. As we all know one of our very own police officers was involved in a serious auto accident. At the family's request I am not including her name in this article, but they have all expressed their thanks for the visits, well wishes, and prayers. The outpouring of support to the family by the members of this department has been second to none; the rally of support you have shown has been very comforting during these trying times. Everyday our friend gets stronger and stronger, she is walking and talking and hopefully will be out of the hospital when this article goes to print.

I would like to thank all the members for all their help and support, especially the PBA president Jim Carver and the executive board, the Acting PC Thomas Krumpfer, Chief of Department Steve Skrynecki, and Deputy County Executive Vic Politi. To the members of Squad 5, Lou, Chuck and Jason The whole command thanks you for your extraordinary actions on that day, your ability to remain composed and focused during such a critical incident is a true testament to you all.

Remember to take care of each other out there!



Marine Bureau

by Dennis O'Sullivan

The holidays have come and gone and once again the members of Marine Bureau have pulled together to make our Christmas luncheon and kids party a success. The luncheon had a total of ninety attendees, a lot of which were retired members. Retirees who also helped out with the prep work this year were John Connor and Artie Merrill, (John Clarke, we apologize for not notifying you and will rectify that next year) and Bob Steinroeder, thank you for providing the sheet cake as you have done for many years. On another note, Joe Vafeades, we don't get to see you down south that often so that's why it seemed that we rolled you for all your cash at the door, but you still owe for the coffee fund. The kid's party this year had about fifty kids visit with Santa, and was also a great success. Due to Santa's sleigh not being able to fly this year, Santa made his entry by water instead of air. I would like to thank Rob Cernilli, Casmir Cegelski, and Joe Nappi for all their work, especially in the kitchen, preparing for these events. (The food was outstanding). A big thank-you also goes out to the rest of the Marine Bureau for all the prep work, like setting up and breaking down of the tables and chairs provided by In-tents and all the regular shop work on our boats and building, which makes everything possible. The Marine Bureau would like to extend their utmost thanks to Anthony Cianciulli for years, and I mean years, of assistance with everything from the cold cuts to the ice-cream truck, to donning a big white beard for us. We would like to thank Teddy Plezia for performing his magic act for our kids, they had a great time. Lastly, we cannot forget Chief Kirby, Inspector Salz and Sergeant Owen, because without them this place would not run as smoothly.

AWARD WORTHY

Prior to the start of our luncheon, the US Coast Guard was present to bestow a Certificate of Merit recognizing our unit for all the assistance they have received in the past few years from the members of the Marine Aviation Bureau. The certificate referred to Notable services which have assisted in furthering the aim of the US Coast Guard. Examples such as the Goose Island Accident, Operation Gateway and the Felony Weapons Charges that stemmed from the arrest in the Atlantic Ocean. The presentation was made by the Captain of the Port of Long Island Sound, Captain Joseph Bojbodich. Also present was Sector Long Island Sound, Commander Doucette and Officer in charge of Jones Beach Coast Guard, Master Chief Terrence Lathrop. There to receive the award were Chief Kirby, Deputy Inspector Salz and Sergeant Owen. Our unit appreciates the recognition and looks forward to working with them in the future.

PROGRESS

As of the printing of this article the new cleaner running diesel engines, transmissions and controls, courtesy of a

Federal grant should be installed in Marine 1. After Marine 1 is retrofitted the rest of the fleet is scheduled to receive the same. Also moving along is the grant for the purchase of a new vessel, the contract has been awarded and details are being ironed out.

Have a safe and Happy New Year

NOTES FROM THE E.S.U. CORNER

by Clarence Hudson III

By the time this article appears in print the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday season will be over. I hope everyone and their families had an enjoyable Holiday season. I happened to have been fortunate to have both Holiday's off this year. So, I would like to thank those of you who worked on those days. Being away from your family on those days can only be described as difficult. To be putting your life on the line for the citizens of Nassau County, even as you are getting paid for it, is noble. As a resident of this county I thank every man and woman who was out there getting the job done.

I would like to also thank those of you who have served in the military, or, have family who are serving at this point. The United States has troops stationed in at least 150 countries. While I worry if the heat is high enough, or, is the A.C. working, some young man or woman is on a post or sleeping in a small dirt hole. They are out there protecting my right to drone on in this newsletter and express an opinion. They are also doing it for far less pay. So, when you see someone in the military, please take the time to thank them for their service and sacrifice on our behalf. Here is also a little reminder: at the end of the Army-Navy football game on December 10, 2011, we were reminded that 94 graduates of the West Point Military Academy have died on our behalf in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2002. To see the joy and happiness on their faces during the game, and, to realize that some of these young men and women will leave and not come back alive is, well....

On to some E.S.U. news. Rob Blum and Richard Lester are on the disabled list. Rob, with his right wrist and Richie with his right index finger. His trigger finger. Hmmm. We could be without these two outstanding Officers for possibly six months or more. We need them back and the quicker the better. So, I am hoping their doctors are experts. To see them trying to cope without being able to work is the very definition of stir crazy. Seriously, get well soon fellas.

One final thought. It seems after the mayhem in Huntington Station, Newsday, the paper of record, in an editorial, advocated for more Police resources in that area. Yes, they actually suggested putting more Police in the area, more cops dedicated to Gang enforcement and more Detectives to do the appropriate follow-up work. I can't imagine that this is the same paper that advocates doing more with less and doing more for less. I guess when the

bullets are flying and crime is going up maybe having more Cops is not such a bad idea. Let's just remember to throw our support behind the P.B.A. and all they do on our behalf. And, please; be careful out there. The criminals seem to be emboldened. They seem to be running from the police more, fighting and resisting arrest more, and they are shooting at us more. Wear your vest, get your backup there and be vigilant. That's all until next month.

Words from Above

by Ted Plezia

Happy New Year to all. I hope the holidays were great and the New Year is blessed.

First off I forgot to congratulate the winners of the BSO Bass Tournament. Our very own Sea Captain Jim Sarnataro with his team of Ralph Spinola, Mike Gangarossa, and Andy Tedesco won the tournament. Andy reeled in a bass weighing 26.91 lbs. This was done under gail force wind conditions. Great job guys and thanks for not getting yourselves in a position that you needed to be rescued.

Congratulations also go out to Darin Costello for getting his private pilot license. Darin is presently in the market for an R-22 to cut down on his commute time to work. Awesome job, because we know the amount of work and money needed to accomplish this goal.

On Nov 27th, the 8th pct received an assignment for a robbery with a gun at 485 S. Broadway in Hicksville. There were possible barricaded subjects in a building with over 50 people. While we covered the building rooftop and perimeter, we observed the 8th pct, ESU, BSO and other units secure over 50 persons and BSO cleared the building. There was an arrest made. I tried to add Infrared photos to this article. If anyone wants to see video of that day, stop by the office. We would be glad to show you. Great job by all.

Anyone interested in the position of 'Tactical Flight Officer' in this unit please stop by or give a call. All that is needed is your EMT certificate. We will send you for your EMT-cc while you are working in this unit.

Well folks, until next month, Be Safe and 'we'll see you from a distance'.



Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion

by Dan Scheidel

Nassau Police Post 1050 ended the year at a rather nice occasion when on December 10th we participated with three other American Legion Posts in sponsoring a special visit to the VA Nursing Home in Northport. I would like to say the Post was well represented but only three members of our Post showed up. I was somewhat embarrassed because there were two other Posts with half the membership of our Post and they showed up with seven or eight Legionnaires. I know the excuse I will hear from our members, "We didn't know about the planned visit." Well, if you don't come to a meeting once in a while or read this article in the PBA newsletter you'll never know what goes on.

Our Post did donate over twenty-four lap robes to the residents of the home thanks to the ladies of the Mineola AARP Chapter. Each year the ladies work all year long to produce these robes and are able to extend their gift to us so we can serve the veterans at the home and other facilities that deal with the elderly and less fortunate.

At one of our previous meetings the members discussed how we will run our annual fund drive, scholarship program and the annual dues collections. It does seem that it has been a burden on some members to have all these events come so close together at one time or at least too close together. As you and other members of this department should be aware, we are solely dependent on our members, members of the department and our brother and sister fraternal organizations for support. We cannot go out into the community to solicit funds. Only our POLICE FAMILY can help.

As far as our members are concerned we will be having the fund drive in the early part of the year, the scholarship award program in late summer and the membership dues drive in the fall. Hopefully this will enable all our members participate. Now comes one of the most difficult parts of my usual ravings. We know there are many veterans out there within the department. Due to the recent military actions that our country has witnessed there are many returning veterans that have come on the job upon their return. After visiting the VA Nursing Home and hospital

one realizes the need to keep pressure on government officials not to reduce funding these operations. The American Legion and other veteran organizations are at the forefront on seeing that the veterans are taken care of. Your voice, thru the American Legion, by being a member of Post 1050, can assure that cause.

Our meetings are being held at the Bellmore Post 948, Royal Street, Bellmore. Meetings this coming year are now scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month and begin at 2000 hours. Come down and visit, keep informed and join other police officers who have both served their country and the various police departments in our community and the city.

I guess I've ranted long enough and sometimes don't realize that the extent of those ravings may turn people off. But I believe in the American Legion and the goals of all veteran organizations and limited as we are to where the base of our membership can come from I can only address that base, the active and retired members of any accredited police department. So bear with me.



ARPO

by Bob Livoti

Boy, how time flies. No sooner do I get finished with one column when its time to do another one. Well here we are in 2012. I don't know about you but we're on our way south and headed for the Nassau Blue Reunion. Yeah, yeah, I've been talking about it for months, but hey! It's never too late to attend a great affair. Come on down, it's always warmer there. Did you notice the page on the new calendar of the Nassau Blue attendees from last year? Hope to see your picture there in next years calendar.

We are now into our annual trek to Florida to get away from the cold and snow that is headed to New York. Remember last year? Before we got out we had two big snow storms. Anyway, we enjoy heading south for the winter. George Maher will take care of the ARPO business until I return. You got your dues notice, cards, decals and calendar in a packet, now all you have to do is pay your ARPO dues. It is a bargain at \$20. Where else can you go to spend a night with friends, get your fill of pizza and go home with a grab bag courtesy of Dave Fisher and all the supporters of ARPO.

If you have some old photos from something on the job, why not send it to me and share with others for a story in the ARPO newsletter. I know you have something hidden away in the closet.

Before leaving for Florida, we made the move out to Suffolk County. Moved into a 55 plus community. Haven't had too much time out there before we left but found a great bunch of people living there and will get to know more of them in the springtime when we head back. It's like living out in the boonies. We looked out the kitchen window one day to see a flock of turkeys scurrying around for food.

Going to be a short column this month as I have many things to prepare for the next few months. Remember the ARPO meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the PBA hall. Come on down and meet some of the people you used to work with.



Columbia Police Association

by Carmine E. Soldano, President

The Columbia Police Association wishes you and your family a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. The Association held its annual Christmas Dinner Party at Verona Restaurant in Farmingdale on Monday, December 05, 2011. We had a nice turnout of between 30 to 35 people. Appetizers included baked clams, eggplant rollatini, and fried calamari. The family style dinner was second to none including rigatoni in tomato sauce, breaded grouper, veal scallopini, chicken cutlet, and mixed vegetables. No good Italian meal comes without fresh baked bread, assorted condiments, and good wine. The staff at Verona then offered our guests coffee, tea, espresso, and cappuccino. Guests were then presented with platters of assorted Italian pastries including cheesecake, napoleons, and cannolis. Again, Trish O'Neil from Port Washington PD made special chocolate pretzels for everyone. A special thank you to Trish for making these treats for the past four years. Lou Monteleone and Frank Ruvolo co-chaired the party and provided many bottles of wine as door prizes. I thank them for all their hard work. Father Joe D'Angelo joined us and Chief Jay Caputo stopped in to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

On November 9th, 2011, The Columbia Association attended the retirement party of Detective Sergeant, Anthony Repalone. The party was held at the Fox Hollow Inn in Woodbury. We presented Tony with a plaque from the Association. Also present were Chief of Detectives, Jay S. Caputo and D/LT Louis Monteleone.

At our November meeting, we hosted guest speaker, Jim Marino from Oyster Bay Travel. Jim spoke about different ways to see Italy and gave the membership many ideas on how to make a vacation in Italy work for them.

The association will host guest speaker, Christopher Callagy at the February meeting. Chris is the Senior Vice President of Investments at Janney, Montgomery, Scott in Garden City and will show investment strategies during these difficult economic times.

Our 2011 membership drive is in full force. I would like to thank those of you who have been supporting the Association by renewing your membership year after year. It is through your efforts that the association is able to provide scholarship awards to paid members and to continue recognizing the efforts and sacrifices of Italian-Americans in law enforcement and our community. I urge members to sign up for direct dues payment through the NCPD Federal

Credit Union. Applications are available on the credit union website under links.

It is that time of the year to prepare for our Scholarship Program. The applications are now available on our website and will also be available in the PBA Scholarship book in April. There will be between two and four active member scholarship awards presented in the memory of past Commissioner, Daniel P. Guido and between two and four regular member scholarship awards in the memory of past Commissioner, Samuel J. Rozzi. Please see our application for more details on requirements and filing.

Last but not least, the members of the association welcome our new Police Commissioner, Thomas Dale. We wish Commissioner Dale only the best in guiding our Department through these rough economic times.

Our next two meetings are scheduled for Monday, January 9th and Monday, February 13th, 2011.



Guest Speaker - Jim Marino, Oyster Bay Travel. (L-R): Jim Marino, 2nd Vice President, Frank Ruvolo.



Retirement Party - Fox Hollow Inn. (L-R): Jay Caputo, Tony Repalone, Carmine Soldano, Lou Monteleone

Get involved...
attend P.B.A. meetings!

Holy Name Society

by Neil Delargy

Come Celebrate the Eightieth Anniversary HNS Communion Mass and Breakfast

I hope everyone had a safe and memorable Christmas season and a blessed beginning to the year 2012. The Chaplains, Executive Board and members of the Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County join me in wishing nothing but the best upon you and your families for 2012.

The Nassau County Police Holy Name Society, which includes all the Village/City Police Departments in the County of Nassau, will hold its annual Communion Mass and Breakfast on Sunday March 25, 2012. This will be our 80th. Annual Celebration! The Mass is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre. Our Chaplains will participate in the development and celebration of the Mass.

The church is located about 2 miles from our breakfast site: Knights of Columbus Hall, 2985 Kenneth Place, Oceanside. The trip to the catering hall from the church should take about 10 minutes and the breakfast will begin directly after Mass, as soon as our guests arrive. The program flows with coffee/tea/juice, fruit, pastries and rolls available upon arrival and shortly later a bountiful breakfast featuring everyone's favorites.

Our program is very time conscious and child friendly. Please, feel welcome to bring your family and experience a comfortable, religious event. Tickets are only \$25.00 (kids under 12 are free). For reservations, call my work number 573-7125 or cell 516-945-5625 with the details, organization name and number of attendees. We can be contacted by mail with a check made out to the Police Holy Name Society and sent to Police Holy Name Society C/O Neil Delargy, IAU 1490 Franklin Ave., Mineola, NY 11501. Any HNS Board Member can assist you in purchasing a ticket.

The 37th Annual Police HNS Retreat is set for March 26-March 28, 2012 at Saint Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset. Our Chaplains and Fred "The Retired Skull" Seiling handle this event. It's geared for members of Police Departments (civilian, sworn) and retired members. Complete details with cost and program details will be available shortly.

Contact Fred Seiling at: home- 516- 352-8957 or work 516-773-5284 (USMMA)

The following is an article that is scheduled to appear in the Long Island Catholic newspaper. It was written by our Department Chaplain, Father Gerard Gordon. Fr. Gordon provided our pilgrims with spiritual guidance and quite a few laughs on the trip.

During the first two weeks of November, members of the Nassau County Police Holy Name Society made a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Europe. This is the second trip for the Catholic fraternal order. Two years ago the group traveled to The Holy Land. The pilgrimage is the result of the inspiration of Nassau County Police Inspector Neil Delargy and Nassau County Police Officer Daniel Danzi. Over the past year they worked to put together a most successful trip

though the Long Island based Catholic Tour Company "206 Tours" located in Hauppauge. The trip began in Lisbon, Portugal with a visit to the Church of St. Anthony. St. Anthony was not Italian, he wasn't originally a Franciscan and his name was not Anthony. He was Portuguese, he began his life with the Benedictines and his name was Fernando. After leaving Lisbon the pilgrims made way to the shrine of Fatima where the Blessed Mother appeared to three little shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in 1917. There the Blessed Mother called for reparation for the sins of the world and for penance. At Fatima the Rosary was recited in five languages, with Officer Danzi leading the decade in English. After the Rosary the group processed with hundreds of pilgrims throughout the square. While at Fatima the group toured a most interesting exhibit of Rosaries donated from around the world to the Blessed Mother of Fatima, and the crown containing the bullet extracted from the body of Blessed John Paul after the assassination attempt of 1981. Most interestingly the group learned that when they placed the bullet in the crown it fit exactly into its spot, as if the crown had been created with the expectation that the bullet would one day be placed there. The pilgrims moved north-east stopping at the holy site of Santarem to have Mass at the site of the 13th century Eucharistic miracle. While there they were able to venerate the blessed host. The trip proceeded to Avila to tour the holy places of the 16th century mystic and doctor of the church, Saint Teresa of Avila. The next day the pilgrims spent the day at Loyola, the home of Saint Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits. The group was privileged to have Mass in the "Room of Conversion," the place where St. Ignatius recuperated from his wounds after the Battle of Pamplona and where he came to know of Jesus and the saints. The group's final days were spent in Lourdes where the pilgrims participated in every spiritual exercise offered: Confession, Processions, Rosaries, Masses, the Holy Waters, and silent prayer time at the holy grotto of the Immaculate Conception. At both Lourdes and Fatima many hundreds of names and intentions were left at the foot of the Blessed Mother. Perhaps most meaningful to the group were the names of Police Officer Geoffrey Brietkopf and Police Officer Michael Califano who died this year in the line of duty.

Each pilgrim was moved by this profound experience which focused on the reality that a pilgrimage is the microcosm of the great pilgrimage of life: the journey toward holiness, toward God and toward sanctity. Lourdes and Fatima taught the need for constant prayer and penance for the salvation of souls. It was, however, the saints met along the way: Teresa, Anthony and Ignatius who may not have started off as saints, but became saints. Both Teresa and Ignatius were ensnared by the things of this world, and it was only through their misfortunes that God was able to enter deeply into their souls and eventually make them saints. Life lessons that teach us we are all called to become saints. Some like Jacinta, Francesco, Lucia and Bernadette who had the simple saintliness of children from the very beginning of their lives and some, like Teresa and Ignatius who were transformed into saints.

Details for these two annual HNS events are available on our website: www.policeholyname.com

Please look for our membership letter and application that will be mailed to registered Police HNS members during January 2012. The membership dues and raffle proceeds are the major funds that fuel our charitable programs and scholarship awards.



Police Emerald Society, Nassau County, NY

www.ncpdemerald.org

by Tom DeSane - President

Happy New Year to all of our members and friends. This year we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary. We will have many special events planned during the year. We hope to see all of our old friends and some new faces during the special events that we have planned for our Golden Anniversary celebration.

Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 14th at the Nutty Irishman. Members attended free of charge. All who attended had a great time. Thanks to Mike Pitcher for running another great event.

As part of this year's celebration, we are having a commemorative challenge coin minted. There will be a limited number of these coins made and they will be available to our members at our meetings.

This year's major events will kick off during parade season. Our representatives have already been attending parade meetings and planning after parade events. We will start off by marching in the Garden City Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 4th. We will also be hosting a party following the parade for those who march. We will follow that up by marching in the 251st New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 17th. We will also be hosting a party that night for all our members and friends.

Other events this year include our annual Golf Outing in June, our annual 200 Club Raffle in October and our Christmas Party in December.

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at Peppercorn's in Hicksville and are free for our members to attend. Non members are welcome to attend and sign up at the meeting. Please bring a coworker. Now is the time to get involved. We are very receptive to new members and new ideas. Check us out, you won't be sorry. We are planning to feature more guest speakers at our meetings during this year. If you know anyone who would like to speak about any topic of interest, please let us know.

Remember, up to date information on all events and additional information, including important notifications,

membership applications, flyers and photos of all our events can be found on our regularly updated website: www.ncpdemerald.org. You can also check us out on Facebook. STAY SAFE.



Nassau County Guardians Association

by Arline Butts
Corresponding Secretary

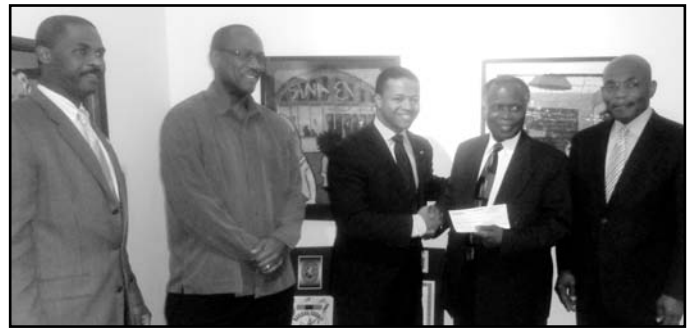
Hello Everybody, Happy New Years 2012! Remember in the 90's when you questioned how would it sound living in the years of 2000? Well here we are in the 12th year of the cycle. How amazing. I hope everyone had a great holiday 2011. So here we are in a new year, with new opportunities, and new commitments. What goals have you set for last year that you have yet to complete? I challenge you to restate those goals and complete them. You can do it!

At our December meeting, newly elected Legislator for the 3rd District of Nassau County Carrie Solages was present with assisting us in presenting our Bowling for Haiti donation to Dr. Fitzgerald Kerr, Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Service Director. The final total of the monies fundraised was \$6,500. We are SO proud as an African American fraternal organization to help support the residents of Haiti. Dr. Kerr expressed his gratitude to the NCGA and stated that a plaque in our name will be placed on homes that these funds will go to help build. THANK YOU to all who came out to the bowling event, those who purchased tickets and those who simply donated (individuals and other fraternal organizations).

We have been working hard to play an active role in the various communities that we serve. On World's Aids Day, the NCGA partnered up with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and presented a very informative program at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative building. There were a variety of speakers, poets, and films that discussed the current levels of HIV/AIDS research, treatments and programs to assist in the continuous fight against this disease. The Long Island Association for Aids Care (LIAAC) was present and offered free rapid testing. The program was very informative.

The weekend of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday at the African American Museum of Nassau County in Hempstead there are various events scheduled. All are welcomed to attend. On Martin Luther King Jr. day we will be present at the Annual Nassau County Birthday Luncheon. If any other members would like to attend this event please speak to any board member.

Our monthly meeting will be on January 9th, 1930 hours at the African American Museum in Hempstead. Mark your calendars February 4th will be our Black History Celebration Program. Until then stay safe and blessed.



(L-R): P.O. Glendon Riley, 4th Precinct, NCGA President Steve Bellmany, County Legislator 3rd District Carrie Solages, Dr. Fitzgerald Kerr.

Nassau Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

On the road again. Philadelphia marathon. I bypassed the NYC marathon this year to head down the turnpike and try a new city this year. The Philadelphia marathon, which has a companion half marathon, is comprised of about 20,000 runners. Small corral waves meant it took me just ten seconds to cross the starting line. The course is basically flat and ventures throughout Philadelphia and the outer regions where crowd support can be minimal. The course has two turnarounds which allows you to see the runners both ahead of you and behind you. So coming off a less than satisfying time at the Chicago Marathon six weeks prior I rebounded quite well running a personal best for the marathon finishing in 3:02:30. Not the sub three hours I keep looking for but slowly drawing closer to that mark. A return visit next year is already on the schedule and hopefully a club member or two will sign up for the full or the half marathon as well.

Thanksgiving weekend as always proves to be the most popular race weekend of the year on Long Island. The Garden City 5 miler had 3300 runners including Mark Spottiswood, Lesli Hiller and Joann Distler. The Port Washington 5 miler attracted 2600 runners. The Huntington 4 miler had 1700 runners. Taking part in The Run Your Turkey Off 4K was Jim Skopek.

Rob's Run was held that same weekend and the club had an all male team and a mixed masters team. The mixed masters team of Joann Distler, Lesli Hiller, Frank Borgi and Rocco Sinisi placed 3rd overall in that category. The male team consisted of Mark Spottiwood, Frank Decicco, Danny Decicco and George Danenzo.

Lesli Hiller and Joann Distler were busy at other races as well. Lesli took 3rd in her age group at the Seaford Hot Chocolate 5K and ran in the Lynbrook Fly with Owls as well. Joann took 2nd in her age group at the Evelyn Knapp 5k and ran in the Hot Chocolate race as well.

The NYS Winter sereis starts up in January, The four race 5K series consists of races on consecutive Sundays

starting on 1/8/12 at Heckscher State Park. Followed by Robert Moses (1/15), Caumsett (1/22) and Jones Beach (1/29).



**Rob's Run
Mixed masters
team**

Retired Column

by John Nosovitch

LOU MARCUS...nassaubl@gmail.com Hi Guys. Got the new newsletter and read your column first thing. I gather that you are coming to the reunion. That's great news. Looking forward to seeing John's new hat. Glad you mentioned the casual western wear. I'm bringing my Tony Lamas and I'll see if I can get my hat cleaned and blocked. I went to the labor rally last month and wanted to let you guys know that there was a significant showing by retired members in support of the PBA and other labor unions. On a sadder note, I am sure you saw that Stan Shapiro passed away. I made a phone call to HPB on behalf of the family asking for an escort for the funeral. The supervisor I spoke with was very nice and told me he would be able to send 2 bikes. He had never heard of Stan or the Swan Club. The day of the funeral 6 bikes manned by PO's Anderson, Buckley, Zelazny, Thomas, Vannes and Greer were there for the escort. Considering the state of the NCPD and the budget problems this was a great turnout. The Highway cops did an outstanding job getting the funeral procession from Woodbury to the cemetery. They were, as always, highly professional. Stan's funeral was very well attended by people from all walks of life. Restaurateurs, business people and even Mr "G" the weatherman was there. Stan and "G" were long time friends. I saw a number of retired NCPD guys there to pay their respects. Stan was a gentleman and a man of great character. He was kind and did a lot of favors for many people over the course of his life. He will be missed by all who knew him. Looking forward to seeing you in January.

BILL DOUGHTY.... potsy864@optonline.net ... Once again thank you for the retired column. We look forward to reading it each month. Gladys and I are still perking along. She is in home hospice care at the moment and I just had an ICD (defibrillator) implanted in my chest. Now I can claim to be a bionic man. Gladys had hers implanted about 9 years ago and had it replaced 2 years ago. I was jealous so I got one too. Our one granddaughter in Pennsylvania just got her first

job as an Accountant after graduating with her degree in accounting. Needless to say we are very happy for her. She has been working as a waitress in the interim. There are fewer and fewer of us old timers who remember the days before the PBA came into its own and we finally received some good benefits. I remember when I was a delegate from Headquarters and we just got the OK for payroll deduction for PBA dues. { many many moons ago} I sure signed up a load of guys. Thanks again John and God bless.

RAY RENNEBERG...rrenneberg70@sc.rr.com. Thanksgiving is over, Christmas is around the corner, a busy time for everyone. Gail and I went to Las Vegas for Thanksgiving this year. My kids and their families as well as my brother and sister had other plans, so we flew back to LV and got a free meal from Walter and Barbara Tlockowski. (3rd pct, HPB, 8th Sq.) Walter and I worked In HPB together a long time ago and became close friends after we both retired to Las Vegas in 1991. As is customarily said "a good time was had by all". Barbara doesn't know small, we had a turkey big enough for the 3rd army with all the trimmings and Walter's tapped beer keg was in full swing. They were, as always, great hosts. After 4 days American Airlines wanted to charge me extra for the pounds I put on.

We are back in South Carolina for just a few days and will be off to Cape May, NJ for my Grandson's graduation from the US Coast Guard boot camp on December 9th. He'll be stationed in Jacksonville FL after graduation, and wants to work at interdiction, boarding & search party for drug smuggling and such. He has interest in a law enforcement career and figures this to good training. I rather he make a career of the Coast Guard, but ultimately it's his decision. After we return from that adventure we have a Christmas party with the retire Law Enforcement group I joined here in Sun City Hilton Head. Retired guys from all over who live here, the "big job" to Mayberry RFD. Their intentions are to benefit the families of slain officers from the area, scholarships for their kids and support of local charities. There are two NCPD alumni living here but I haven't run into them yet and don't know them personally from the job. Christmas day itself should be quiet and peaceful, I hope. All the best to you and yours. Wishing all the retired guys out there a safe and healthy 2012. Loyalty above all else, except honor.

JOHN RIORDAN...51 Lincoln Ave. Apt D21 Rockville Centre NY. 11570-8704... 516-678-1653.. Thanks again for writing the Retired Column if it weren't for you, we would be "out of touch" it is sad to read of the passing of so many members recently, Wally Connell and Don Rooney. Wally was the serious type, so it was shocking when the "Local Gad Fly" who was arrested for disturbing town meetings, blocking traffic, (much like the Wall Street protesters) was led away in handcuffs - Wally said: Have a nice arrest, sir !! Don Rooney Shield number 2401. I was serial number 2400 sat side by side in the "Police Academy" recruit class A.K.A Headquarters Auditorium Training Bureau (Remember Lt. Donlon's jokes). Don got married during the training period, so, needless to say, he took a "ribbing": if the instructor caught him napping. He took it well, but got even at the "Rookie Party" when the class ended. I never found out what

he did. Since this is Veteran's Day month I would like to say a word of thanks to all "Vets" especially WWII servicemen. While a student at LHS, I met many WWII vets who returned to receive their diplomas, many were drafted or faked their age before graduation. The girls preferred older Mature vets. Later when I was drafted during the Korean Conflict, our officers and "noncoms" were mostly WW II vets who had fought it, had again in Korea. These were the same men who fought on Iwo Jima, Battle of the Bulge, Midway and many other fronts during the "Big War" When I entered NCPD, the superior officers were mostly WW II vets. In 1957 (Rookie year) there was men in their 60's still "pushing the PD's, doing the tours etc. Being 30, I marveled at their stamina!! One "oldtimer" walked Woodmere around the clock, he carried a "special nite stick". It was Hallowed out with a secret compartment, secreted inside the stick was a "vial of spirits." He said you know, "kid" it gets cold on the night tour and the old P.D.'s didn't have heaters!! "kid". "Hey, pop I was "30 at the time". During WW II these "Oldtimers" (many of the younger men were serving) were the force doing traffic, school crossings, etc. They were referred to as "Sunshine Cops" At the wars end, WWII vets returned to fill the ranks of a growing department. October 1946 thru 1948 contained large classes. There was an urgent need to get them out of the Academy and many went out of the Academy without complete uniforms. They left higher paying jobs which gave bonuses and other "perks". They wanted to Serve and Protect. We owe a debt of gratitude to our early PBA leaders - Ed Lecci, Dan Greenwald and Cliff Schmidt. There was no special time off. In addition to regular duties, they didn't have the luxury of "Company Cars"and offices like today. They had to use their personal cars, after a regular tour, they were picked up, changed their uniforms to "civies" in the rear of the car being driven up to Albany to "fight" the legislators. We can thank them for securing social security, night differential, holiday pay and uniform allowance. I pray for them always.

ODDS AND ENDS

Marc and Fran Needleman were on a cruise for Thanksgiving....If you have not signed up for the Nassau Blue Reunion depending on when this newsletter arrives, you still may be able to make it.Call Ricie Buchan at 352-688-1610 or Joe Grella at 352- 596-2596.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family of Walter C Jennings (WWII Vet) our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

GET WELL. Remember Gladys Doughty and George Kenny in your prayers.

WRITER'S THOUGHTS

The holiday are over and now you have time to write, so please do. Happy New Year.

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by Charlie Meade

I entered the Police Academy June 11, 1970; one week after another class of 60 had been sworn in. We were immediately tagged as the dumb class. Both classes completed their training together and we graduated in September of 1970. About a dozen of us were assigned to the 8th Pct and immediately put on dog senses; don't ask. We worked a 20-squad chart at the time and I was assigned to squad 20, the only rookie in the squad. Talk about feeling lonely. At the time rookies were barely acknowledged, mostly avoided and never trusted. In October of 1970 a cadet named Richie Rose, turned 21 "Made Blue"and miracle of miracles for me, he was assigned to squad 20.

Richie had worked in the 8th Precinct for 3 years and knew everybody. We became good friends, two rookies trying to survive, but because of his cadet experience, I was accepted more quickly than my other classmates. The other great benefit of my friendship with Richie was he lived in Farmingdale, 10 minutes from the 8th, while I was living out in Suffolk County in Nesconset. Also at this time it was pre 911 there were four inside positions each tour: a signal monitor who answered the telephone & dispatched the cars, a blotter recorder and 2 spots in the 32 room. The way our system worked, Richie would go to the Precinct early to get a look at the upcoming roll call, see who was out sick or had a day off, he would then try and get us assigned working together, either inside or with adjoining foot posts somewhere. This system worked pretty well most of the time. As we became a little more experienced; we would get first crack at an open car seat, a huge opportunity. We were growing, learning, keeping our mouths shut and gaining the reputation of being good cops. We progressed thru our Rookie year unscathed and were feeling hopeful of getting close to a permanent car spot in the near future.

I should probably provide a little history of the times, it was a turbulent time in America, the Vietnam war was raging, the Civil Rights movement was in full swing, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King had been recently murdered, and a group of criminals calling themselves the Black Liberation Army (BLA) had declared war on America and the Law Enforcement community. NYPD Officers Joseph Piagentini & Waverly Jones were ambushed and assassinated in uniform on May 21, 1971 in the 32 Pct. One month after Richie's death on Jan 27, 1972 NYPD Officers Gregory Foster & Rocco Laurie were assassinated in uniform in the 9th Pct. All told 9 Police Officers from NY to San Francisco were murdered by the BLA. It was a scary time to be a cop especially a young one.

It was a cold December Midnight two weeks before Christmas 1971, Richie had worked his magic and gotten us assigned to adjoining cars in Hicksville, I had 801 he had 802. It had been pretty busy early on, with a Peeping Tom call on his post and a 3 car accident on mine. He drove the ambulance with two aided to the hospital while I took care

of the accident scene and report. It was well after 3 when he finally got back. We decided to get something to eat, so I went to the Parkway Diner for some egg sandwiches and coffee; the same Parkway Diner made famous in the Billy Joel song. I returned to the gas station on Newbridge Rd & Stewart Ave, across from Holy Trinity HS and we ate breakfast, parked driver's side to driver's side. We never went on meal; nobody we worked with ever took a meal period. It was really strange because the conversation got around to what would happen if one of us got killed. I was newly married and Richie was engaged. We each made a promise if it did happen to one of us the other would never forget. Two weeks later December 29, 1971 it happened.

We were working 4x12 that night and as usual he called me up and said he was working in the 32 room would I like to work signal monitor, I said OK and left for the 8th. When I arrived I learned Bobby Kolmer had called in sick and Richie jumped at the chance to take his spot in 810 a Farmingdale car. I spoke to him twice when he called in for his rings. The second time he was a little upset because; Commissioner Ketchum had caught him with a footman in the car. At the time and incredibly that was considered a capital offense. You spent half your tour illegally doubled-up playing this cat & mouse game with some supervisors so as not to get caught. I have to say most of the Sergeants we worked with were really great guys and looked the other way, it seemed it was always the Sergeants who had been inside guys their whole career who were the problem. Anyway, shortly after I spoke with him there was a robbery at the County Line Deli in Farmingdale, as the name would suggest it was 2 blocks from Rt 110 in Farmingdale. The two Farmingdale cars were assigned 810 & 817. Richie was at the booth in Farmingdale when the call came over with his footman Pete Oggeri. Pete said he would go with him, but since they had been caught doubled-up earlier Richie said no. Since Richie grew up in Farmingdale he correctly deduced the robber was probably heading into Suffolk County and he was right. While 817 arrived at the scene and put out a notification Richie passed the deli and went to the parking lot of the County Line Bowl, now an Ace Hardware on County Line Rd & Rt 110. He saw a suspect fitting the description trying to hide under a car. Richie confronted the suspect and at gun point got him spread eagle on the hood of one of the parked cars, the suspect had been armed with a single shot sawed off 22 rifle which he also had placed on the hood of the car. At this point Richie and the suspect were on opposite sides of the car. As Richie approached the suspect walking around the front of the car he began to lower his gun preparing to holster it so he could handcuff the suspect. As he did the suspect picked up the rifle from the hood of the car and fired the one shot striking Richie in the chest. After firing the shot the suspect fled, Richie made his way back to his car. I was in the precinct and I heard someone on the radio say, "I'm shot." I yelled for everyone behind the desk to be quite telling them someone is shot, but no one else heard it. I called CB and asked them, they thought they heard it also. The next thing I remember is Vinnie Pannone from 816 on the radio

saying he is responding to Brunswick Hospital in Amityville with a shot officer. Richie would be pronounced dead at the hospital, the bullet inexplicably passing between his ribs and severing his aorta.

I don't remember whom the desk officer was that night, but I do remember asking him if I could go to the crime scene, I was convinced I would be able to find the shooter. At first he said no, but then said OK you can go and you can take my car. I left the precinct and raced to the deli. I really had no idea what I was going to do, but when I got to the deli I was the only cop there, all the rest had left the scene and were out looking for the shooter. One of the 8th Squad Detectives, I believe it was George Lechner, asked me to take a 32B from the complainant. I remember thinking it is almost an hour after the robbery and we don't have a 32B. I took the 32B from the deli owner and as I walked away to give it to the detectives, he said, "Hey officer, 'I'm really sorry, I never would have called if I knew this was going to happen." I didn't know what to say to that, I thought a second and then finally said, "Thanks, it wasn't your fault." I didn't realize then but that little exchange started me on the healing process. I left the deli and headed out to the streets to find the shooter.

I headed south on County Line Rd towards Amityville and when I got to Rt110, I couldn't believe what I saw. Suffolk County had roadblocks up on Rt 110 and Rt 109, they were stopping everybody; I can't say enough about the Suffolk County PD, they went way above and beyond that night. It was also thru Suffolk Officers from the First Pct. that the shooter Edward "Fast Eddy" Gladman was identified. Seeing what was happening in Suffolk I realized there was little else I could do, so I returned to the Precinct. I'm sure there were lots of conversations going on, but I don't remember any. I do remember once relieved, it was the longest and loneliest ride home of my life. The whole ride and for years after it was always the same "what if" questions. What if Bobby didn't bang in sick, what if I had been assigned to 810 instead of Richie, what if Pete had gone on the call with him and a million more.

When I arrived at work the next night, the wake and funeral arrangements had been made; it was then I was asked if I wanted to be an honorary pawl bearer to which I of course said yes. As I am writing, I realize I don't remember the funeral home where Richie was waked. I do remember the funeral at St. Killian's in Farmingdale. After the service, we assembled in the parking lot. I was assigned to be the first of four officers walking on the right side of Richie's hearse. The plan was to walk with the hearse West on Hempstead Tpke to Wantagh Ave and then past the 8th Precinct. We would then ride to the cemetery for the burial. Because I had been inside the church, I didn't realize what was going on outside, so as the procession began to move and we turned onto Hempstead Tpke. I was shocked at what I saw. There were thousands of cops lined up to pay their respects to Richie. The Helicopters from Nassau, Suffolk, State Police & NYPD did a flyover; but other than that the streets were dead quiet. It took quit a while to pass all the Police Officers who were lined up, and they came

from all over, as we passed the last of the Police Officers I was amazed to see hundreds of people, citizens also lined up holding American Flags and bowing their heads as the hearse passed by. I could see people on both sides of the street all the way to Merritts Rd. where there is a LIRR overpass, I couldn't see pass that because Hempstead Tpke. runs down hill from there towards the Rt 135.

When we passed under the LIRR overpass I was again amazed at what lie before me, thousands of people lining both sides of Hempstead Tpke. All the way to Wantagh Ave. It was amazing, the people were so respectful, we walked past thousands of Nassau County residents, accompanied by the beat of the Pipe Band's drums, paying their respects to one of their own. I always remembered that scene when guys would start complaining about the people of Nassau County. Even today when a Police Officer is killed you always see thousands of cops show up to support their fallen comrade, but rarely do you see the citizens line up also.

I remember the ceremony at the cemetery and how really sad Mr. & Mrs. Rose looked, as did his two brothers and of course his fiancée Jill. After the service everyone began drifting away, but I couldn't leave. I remember telling Richie when we were alone, I would continue our rookie idealism and be a good cop, a working cop, like we both aspired to be. I also told him I wouldn't ever let my guard down, and I wouldn't forget him. To that end, I still get really mad when I see cops make a traffic stop and only one guy gets out to approach the stopped car; if Richie only had a partner that night. I am reminded of the ending scene in "Saving Private Ryan" when Pvt. Ryan, now on in years is visiting his Captain Tom Hanks' grave and says he hopes he's lead a good life, well I hope I was a good cop Richie and did you proud.

In the next several years after his death there was a yearly Gala Diner to honor Richie, all he politicians were there, Bast Chevrolet donated a new car as a door prize, we sold chances and made some money which the Rose family declined to take, instead they asked it be put into a scholarship fund in Richie's name one of the first of it kind. At first the PBA wanted to put the money into a general scholarship fund and issue a scholarship in Richie's name, but those of us closest to him formed our own scholarship fund in his memory. As time passed so did the support so that by the tenth anniversary there were four of us left running the scholarship fund, myself, Steve Hoinachi, Mike Meyer and Dave Purdy. Dave has since retired his position. To date we have provided over \$70,000 in scholarships to member's kids. Our sole line of support has become a \$500 yearly donation from the Richie Rose Bowling League at Farmingdale Lanes, run by Bob Thomas another 8th Pct Alumni.

Each year the scholarship committee flies to Vero Beach to where Mrs. Rose has retired, where we pick the years

winners and take Mrs. Rose and her son Ken and family friend Scott who lives nearby to dinner. It is a great way to keep in touch and she is forever thankful for the support the department, PBA and we have given the family over the years. ***We promised to never forget.***

A note about the title if you go to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC you will find Richie's name inscribed on Panel 1 West, line 13. As the anniversary approached I also heard from some other retirees who have included their remembrances.

Charlie Meade, Chairman, RRSF

I spoke to Jim Waters and he remembers about the same as I do. I never meet Richie Rose but it is one name I will never forget. The night he was killed I was working CPU and Jimmy was my partner. We were having dinner along with Richie Hipp and Eddie Lindberg, pre walkie-talkie days. When we got into or cars we heard the bad news. All the CPU units working that night responded to the scene. We would drive around and start pulling over any cars that would be in the area. That night we worked the 6PM to 2AM tour and worked past 2. The next day Jimmy and I responded to Farmingdale and learned that a suspect was identified (Gladman) and CPU units found the weapon that was used by Gladman. Later that night Jimmy and I was assigned to respond to NYC in the vicinity of 125th St Harlem along with Doug Evans and Jim Ash CPU officers. With them (Ash and Evans) was SCPD informant in the back seat who was to point out Gladman if located. We were told Gladman cut his hair short and changed his clothes when he left the North Amityville area. The plan was if Gladman was spotted the four of us in two cars (one being a Mustang the other a Camero). Two of us would have the modified CPU shotguns one from each car, apprehend Gladman and the CI would exit the car and leave the area. We were in plainclothes and our cars fit in the area without drawing attention to us sitting there or driving slow. The CI saw Gladman in a doorway of a closed store.

Evans and Ash were behind us, jumped out of the car and rushed him there were many people on the street and started to close in on them and Gladman when Jimmy and I ran up (with the shotguns) the locals moved out. Gladman was in thrown into the unmarked car in less than a minute we were out of there. Some of the locals yelled out they are hitmen. We believed that they did not know we were cops. When Portable Two (CPU radiobase) was notified Gladman was in custody we heard the yelling of members in the back ground. What a great feeling to catch this murder within one day of Richie Rose murder.

I later learned that the SCPD CI was very helpful on breaking this homicide. Hope I was helpful. It is a great thing what you are doing to keep the memory of Richie Rose alive.

Bob Kopke.

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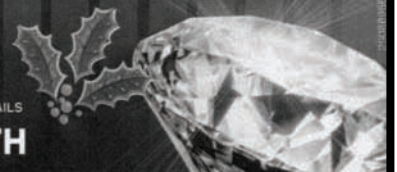
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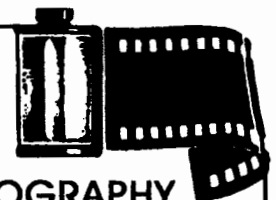
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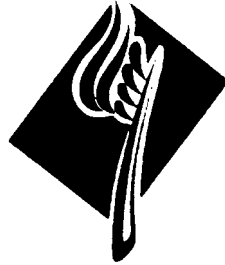
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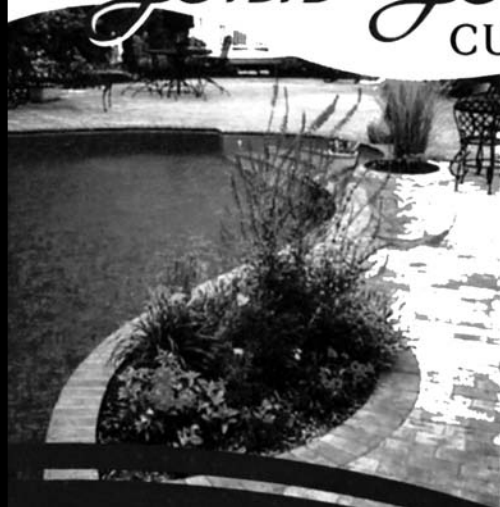
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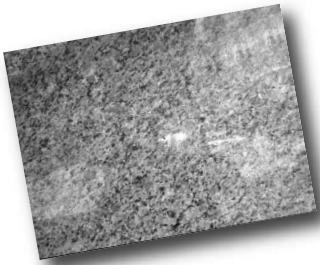


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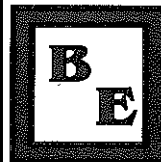


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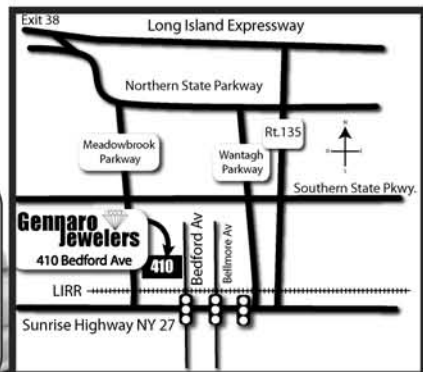
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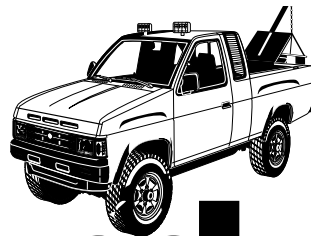
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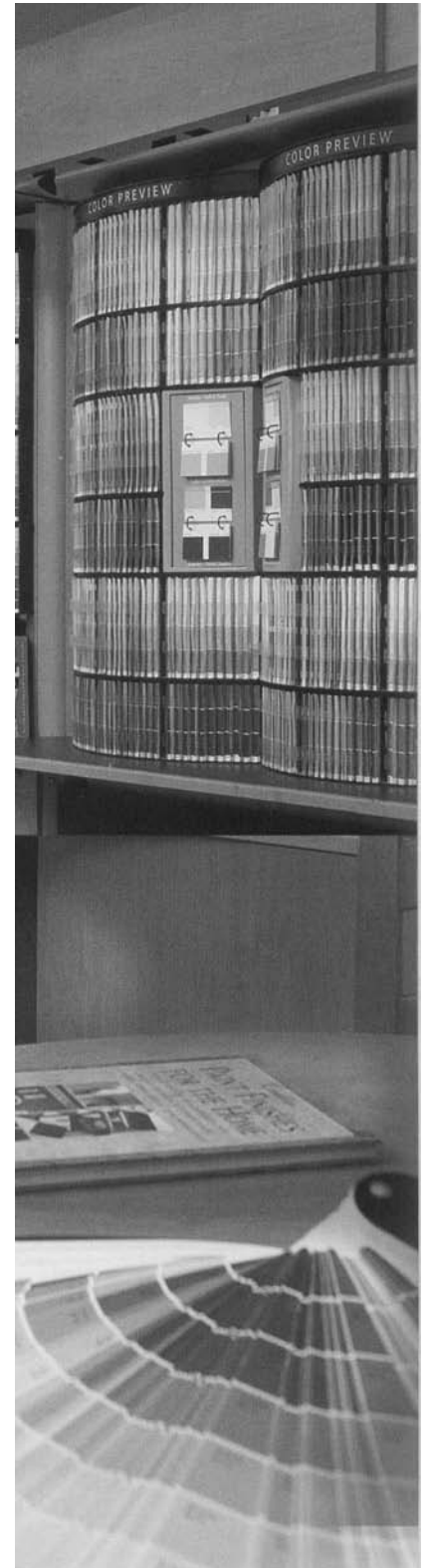
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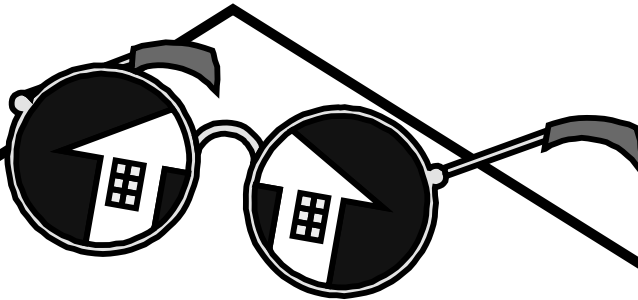
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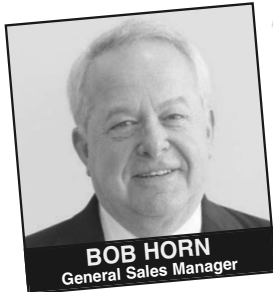
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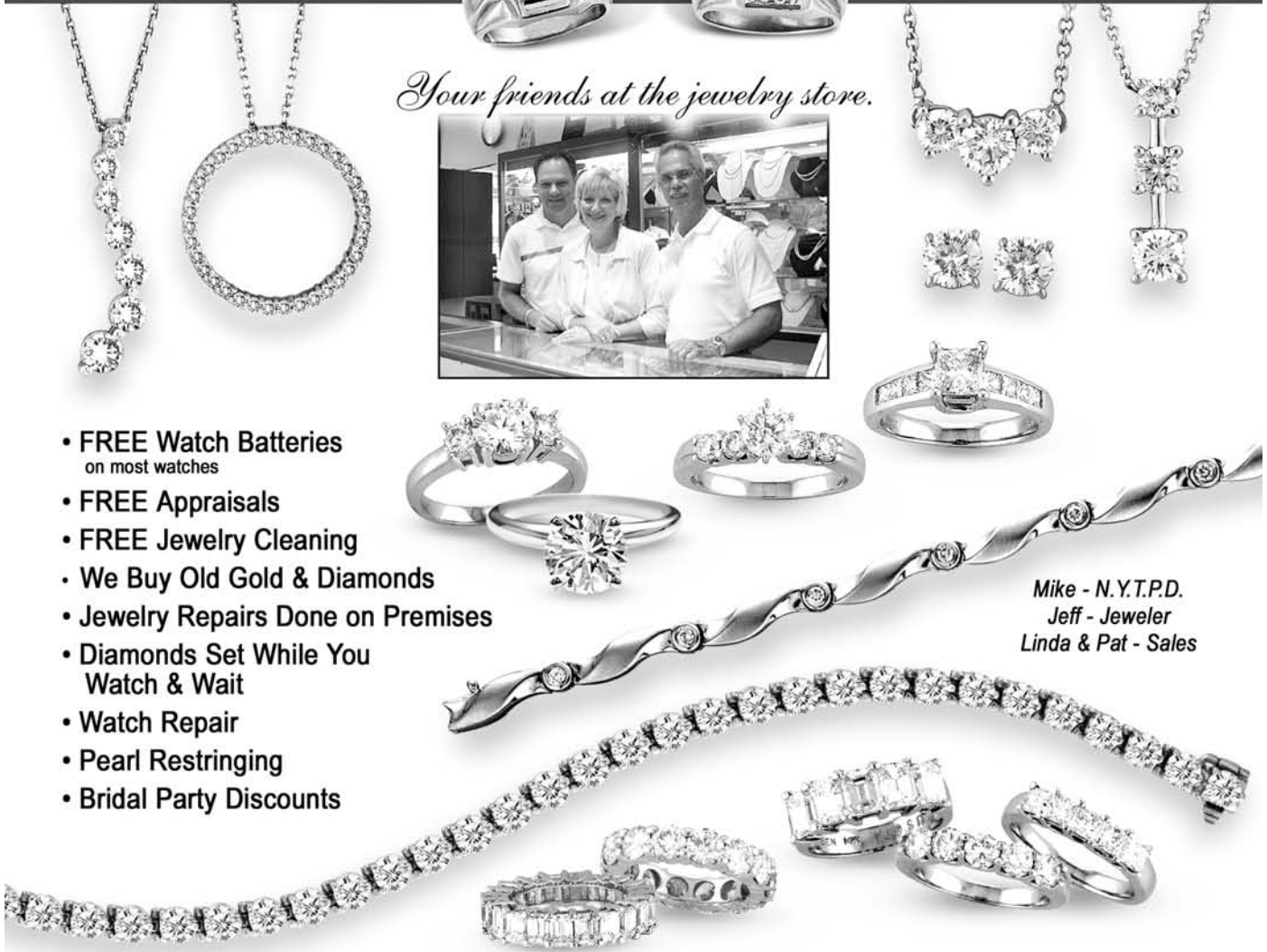


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