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2009 Nassau County Endorsements

Comptroller	
County Clerk Maureen O'Connell (R)	
District Attorney	
County Legislator 1stKevan Abrahams (D)	
County Legislator 3rdJohn Ciotti (R)	
County Legislator 4thDenise Ford (R)	
County Legislator 5thJoseph Scannell (D)	
County Legislator 6thFrancis Becker (R)	
County Legislator 7th Jeff Toback (D)	-
County Legislator 8thVincent Muscarella (R)	
County Legislator 9thRichard Nicolello (R)	
County Legislator 10th Judi Bosworth (D)	
County Legislator 11thWayne Wink (D)	
County Legislator 12thPeter Schmitt (R)	
County Legislator 13thNorma Gonsalves (R)	
County Legislator 14thDavid Mejias (D)	
County Legislator 15thDennis Dunne (R)	1
County Legislator 16thJudy Jacobs (D)	
County Legislator 17thRose Marie Walker (R)	
County Legislator 18th Diane Yatauro (D)	
County Legislator 19thDavid Denenberg (D)	
Hempstead Town SupervisorKate Murray (R)	
Hempstead Clerk	
Hempstead Town Council 1stDorothy Goosby (D)	1
Hempstead Town Council 4thAnthony Santino (R)	
Hempstead Town Council 6thGary Hudes (R)	
No. Hempstead SupervisorJon Kaiman (D)	

N. Hempstead Town Council 1stKarin Campbell (R)
N. Hempstead Town Council 3rd Angelo Ferrara (R)
N. Hempstead Town Council 5thLee Seeman (D)
Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto (R)
Oyster Bay Town ClerkSteven Labriola (R)
Oyster Bay Town CouncilJoseph Pinto (R)
Oyster Bay Town CouncilChris Coschigano (R)
Oyster Bay Town Council Elizabeth Faughnan (R)
County Court JudgeMeryl Berkowitz (D)
District Court 2ndTerrence Murphy (R	()
District Court 3rdSondra Pardes (D)
District Court 4thAnna Anzalone (R	()
Supreme Court JudgeStephen Bucaria (R)
Supreme Court JudgeThomas Phlean (R)

Election Day Tuesday

November 3, 2009

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Suffolk County Endorsements

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County Legislature # 3rd	County Legislature # 15thDuwayne Gregory
County Legislature # 4thThomas Muratore	County Legislature # 16thSteve Stern
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County Legislature # 6thDaniel Losquadro	County Legislature # 18thJon Cooper
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County Legislature # 8thWilliam Lindsay	County Treasurer
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County Legislature # 10th	Councilman, Town of HuntingtonMark Cuthbertson
County Legislature # 11thJames Alcus	City Court Judge (Long Beach)Frank Dikranis
County Legislature # 12thJohn Kennedy	Supervisor, Town of Huntington Frank Petrone

Bryan Gowen 18 Windsor Street Islip, NY 11751

Officer O'Reilly

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous award from the PBA. I've recently changed my major to Justice and Law Administration at Western Connecticut State University. This is in hopes of following my father Tom Gowen HPB, and my grandfather Lawrence Gowen retired NCPD31 years. Thank you again for this award.

Sincerely,

Bryan Gowen

Ptl. Richard B. Rose Scholarship Fund Inc.

P.O. Box 2461 New York, NY 10163 (Try to Remember)

September 17, 2009

Dear Brian,

Please publish the following winners of a Ptl. Richard B. Rose Scholarship for 2009. Also attached is a picture of the committee at dinner with Mrs. Rose in Florida. If you can send me your email address I can forward the picture.

Thanks as always.

2009 Ptl. Richard B Rose Scholarship Winners

Winner	Parent	Command
Danielle Hastings	PO Dan Hastings	Police Academy
Kevin Parker	PO Kenneth Parker	6 th Pct
Diana Petrella	PO Joseph Petrella	MAB
Erin Rogan	Det. Edward Rogan	5 th Sqd
Patricia Skrzypek	PO Patricia Skrzypek	Records Bureau

Sincerely,

Charles T. Meade

Chairman

516-398-2798 Cell

Brian Engelhardt Nassau County PBA 89 E. Jericho Tpke. Mineola, NY 11501



Pictured at the annual scholarship selection dnner (L-R): Scott Blair Rose Family: Charlie Meade (NCPD DAS Ret) Chairman; Mrs. Rose; Mike Meyer (NCPD BSO Ret) Treasurer; Steve Hoinachi (NCPD BSO Ret.) Co-Chairman; Ken Rose, Richie's brother.

From the Editor

by Brian Engelhardt

Joseph Pulitzer said, "Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it, picturesquely so they will remember it and, above all, accurately so they will be guided by its light."

On Sept. 1, 2009 the New York State Department of Labors' Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau (PESH) issued a Notice of Violation and Order to Comply to the County Executive in regards to the Depts. Exposure Control plan. This relates to members exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials.

During inspections of Dept. records which occurred in 2009 PESH found a lack of proper record keeping and training. The notice cited among other things that the Dept. did not include specific procedures surrounding exposure incidents and their follow-up. In one specific incident in the First, members were exposed to arterial blood spray and the notice cited the lack of proper masks and eye protection. The Dept. has until Dec. to correct the violations cited.

The seriousness of an incident like the one described above is unquestionable. If it wasn't for the union holding the Dept's feet to the fire, who knows when, if ever, change would occur. It's the dept's responsibility to make sure you have the proper equipment and training before you start every tour. It's the Dept's job to protect you and if they fail then it's the union's job to make it right. It starts with you the cops on the street who notifies a rep and ends with the proper filing of a complainant from the executive board. If you think you were exposed to a blood borne pathogen ask for an exposure number and if you're denied call a rep. Being exposed with the possibility of contracting an infectious disease is upsetting enough but to have the job treat you with apathy is just not right. Everyone should error on the side of caution and make sure we all go home safe and in good health.

President's Message

by James Carver

On September 17th there were nominations for the Executive Board and Pete Paterson, Kevin Tobin, Wayne Hartmann, Bob Rettinger, James McDermott and I ran unopposed for re-election to our respective positions. I would like to thank everyone for the trust that shows this board that we are heading in the right direction. There will be an election for the Recording Secretary position that will be vacated with the retirement of Joe Failla at the end of this year and you will be hearing from all the candidates running for that position. I want to thank Joe for all he has done for the membership over the years. There is more to the job than making sure the PBA cards are distributed each year. Everyday there is a new issue that needs to be addressed and each member of the Executive Board is assigned to take

care of it and Joe was an asset to the union in that respect. There is no better job in the world than to represent the people who protect and serve the people. Because of that we are always on the right side of the issues and you have our commitment to keep on fighting the fight.

Although we are secured with a contract through 2015, as we go forward there is always more work to be done and due to the nature of this business there will always be more disputes that we need to fight on behalf of the membership. There still remains the issue with the pension status for new hires. By now everyone should be aware that Tier 2 was vetoed by the Governor and the likelihood of an override is bleak at best during these times. This veto has no affect on any current member and would only affect new hires. The Senate and Assembly should be reconvening to address the new found 2.1 billion dollar Sate deficit and with that will be looking into a new Tier 5 for Police and Fire. We will keep you up to date as things progress. Another issue on the state level that we will need to keep an eye on in the years to come is legislation that is known to us as "anti police" legislation such as "the shoot to wound" bill that would require officers to shoot the gun out of the subject's hand. Believe it or not, there are some that feel we can do just that which is very scary. Our presence is strong in Albany thanks to the work of Pete Paterson and the 2 of us have met with many legislators to express our concerns over these issues and will continue to do so.

2nd Vice President Report

by Kevin Tobin

Elections were held at the PBA office on September 17th for executive officer positions of the PBA. Your executive board(President Jim Carver, Vice President Pete Paterson, myself, 2nd Vice President Kevin Tobin, Treasurer Wayne Hartmann, Corresponding Secretary Bob Rettinger and Sgt.at-Arm, James McDermott) of the PBA were re-elected. I would like to say Thank You to all, for your valued support. I have often stated that the only true measure of what type of job we do as your representatives is at election time. This election was a very humbling statement to all of us, especially that we have been elected unopposed. I can only pledge that we will continue to work as a TEAM, with the Trustees and delegates, and YOU the membership supporting us. We will continue to strive to make this job the best it can be. This not only means salaries, but working conditions and terms of employment. We will continue to keep you the cops and your families our primary goal.

NOW THE BEAT GOES ON: In the following pages you will see that the Department and the County were served with violations and orders to comply with NYS Dept. of Labor, PESH (Public Employees Safety and Health Dept.) This complaint was filed in January 2009. After numerous discussions and some meetings with the county became fruitless. The PBA was yet again forced to file an action

against the Department on our members' behalf. The result of PESH findings are 8 SERIOUS violations regarding your safety and health, as it pertains to Blood Bourne Pathogens and the training for our members. The department has not informed us, as of this writing how they intend on rectifying these citations. I urge you to utilize all safety equipment available to you on all calls. If the equipment is nonexistent or not available, make sure you notify your PBA representatives. You can be assured that we will continue to follow up on these complaints.

AND ON AND ON: In August of 2008 the PBA filed a notice at PERB of an Improper Practice Charge against the County and the Police Department. The PERB violation was filed on behalf of the BSO members, and take home cars. Under County Ex. Suozzi order and police dept. order 08-019, in order for the county to save money, BSO members cars were stopped from being brought home for those members who reside in the county, his has been the practice for over 30 years in the Dept...This is also a common sense approach to cut down on response time for a call out of our BSO to a scene. We explained this to numerous chiefs and to the County Exec..... It boggles my mind that the department followed through with this order. They clearly knew this is a very real safety issue. This resulted in your PBA once again to file at PERB. The Stipulation of settlement is in the following pages. The result is exactly what we in the PBA were absolutely sure it should be. The cars were returned. Once again your PBA prevailed but what had to be done to get the result. The time, energy and common sense should have been applied as soon as the order was issued. The road to resistance once again was applied. Who makes these final decisions is still up in the air. This much I know, we as a team have always given the Department an opportunity to fix issues like these very early on. Why the department chooses to expend time and energy to avoid settling things like this is a question we should all be asking????

We have had numerous hearings on the fireaarms recerti-

fication grievance. The arbitrator has directed both parties to submit their written briefs to him. If you recall, this grievance was filed in regard to training police officers once a year on their weapons. In 2008 we met with the department several times and explained that they were violating the contract with regard to firearms. The answer we received was we don't have the staff and we can't pay the overtime to get it done. We were told to file a grievance if we chose to. WE DID. We will be awaiting the arbitrator's decision. We will keep you posted as to the result.

There are over 25 grievances still pending, that we will continue to pursue on your behalf. As of this writing, the director of Labor Relations has left the county's employ. I can't say Iblame him. He is the only person who can bind the county on their behalf. Needless to say everything has slowed down. He, for lack of a better term was the department's administration negotiator. We are waiting for the county to appoint a new director. Absent a director, or an authorized person on behalf of the county to sign off on any agreements or awards we must continue to push forward, regardless. It just makes the overall job that much more difficult.

As always feel free to call or stop in the office at anytime to discuss any past or present grievances. We are available for your input or suggestions. You may bring your concerns to any of your PBA representatives at any time. It is often, that good ideas coming from the membership develop into all of the success that we continue to achieve on a weekly basis.

Lastly, THANKYOU once again for your continued support. We believe that all of the successes the PBA achieves, ultimately makes all of members' day to day jobs much more tolerable. After all, a happy worker is a productive worker. That is good for both management and Union!!!! You have to wonder if that is always the common goal.

STAY SAFE!!! Don't be hesitant to ask for assistance on any call at any time!!!

NEXT OPEN P.B.A. MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2009 P.B.A. OFFICE

Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau 400 Oak Street, Suite 101

Garden City, NY 11530-6551

Phone: (516)228-3970 FAX: (516)794-7714



Notice of Violation and Order to Comply

To:

County Executive County of Nassau 1 West Street Mineola, NY 11501

Inspection Site: Nassau Co PD Hdqtrs 1490 Franklin Avenue Mineola, NY 11501

Inspection Number:

311645303

Inspection Date(s): Issuance Date:

01/22/2009 - 08/28/2009

09/01/2009 CSHO ID: 12279

The violation(s) described in this Notice of Violation and Order to Comply is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Notice of Violation and Order to Comply (this Notice) describes violations of the Public Employee Safety and Health Act of 1980. You must abate the violations cited in this Notice by the dates listed below. An employer who wishes to file an appeal of the violation(s) cited, including but not limited to appeals which raise issues concerning the application of the cited standard(s) to the employer or to the violation(s) cited, as well as issues concerning the appropriateness of the abatement period(s), must do so within 60 days of the issuance date of this Notice by filling a petition with the Industrial Board of Appeals. Appeals of the violation(s) cited, including but not limited to appeals raising the issues listed above, will be considered time barred if not filed within the 60 day period. The details of such appeal process are set forth at 12 NYCRR Part 65 et seq and Section 101 of the Labor Law. Additional information may also be obtained from the Industrial Board of Appeals.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Notice be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited below. This Notice must remain posted until the violation(s) cited below have been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and State holidays), whichever is longer. Failure to comply with any violation listed on this Notice by the abatement date is subject to a PER DAY penalty assessment.

Informal Conference - If an informal conference is desired, a request must be made to the nearest PESH district office by telephone or letter, within 20 working days from the date of issuance given on this Notice.

Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been

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discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the PESH district office at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities - The enclosed booklet (DOSH-907) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Notice to Employees - An employee (or an authorized employee representative) may object to the abatement date set for a violation if the employee believes the date to be unreasonable. The objection must be filed at the nearest PESH district office within fifteen (15) working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) from the posting of this Notice.

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Establishment:

Nassau Co PD Hdqtrs

Inspection Site:

1490 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1)(ii)(A): The employer's Exposure Control Plan did not include the exposure determination required by 29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(2):

a) Nassau County Police Department did not determine the persons or job titles that could be exposed to blood on a routine basis (refer to Nassau Co PD Procedure Number 7120).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

12/03/2009

Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1)(ii)(B): The employer's Exposure Control Plan did not include the schedule and method of implementation for 29 CFR 1910.1030(f), Hepatitis B Vaccination and Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-up;

a) Nassau County Police Department's Exposure Control Program did not include the schedule and method for 29 CFR 1910.1030(f), Hepatitis B Vaccination and Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-up for all officers who are expected to be exposed to blood and other potentially infectious materials...

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

12/03/2009

See pages 1 through 2 of this Notice of Violation and Order to Comply for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.

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Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1)(ii)(C): The employer's Exposure Control Plan did not include the procedure for the evaluation of circumstances surrounding exposure incidents, as required by 29 CFR 1910.1030(f)(3)(i):

a) Nassau County Police Department did not include specific procedures to be used in the evaluation of circumstances surrounding exposure incidents involving police officers and Emergency Medical Technicians (refer to Nassau County Police Procedure 7(20).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

12/03/2009

Citation 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1)(iv): The employer did not review and update the Exposure Control plan at least annually:

a) Nassau County Police Department did not review and update their Exposure Control Plan annually. There was no provisions for annual review within their exposure plan.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

12/03/2009

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Establishment:

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Inspection Site:

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Citation 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(2)(iv): When provisions for hand washing facilities were not feasible, the employer did not provide either an appropriate antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth/paper towels or antiseptic towelettes:

a) Nassau County did not provide either an appropriate antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth/paper towels or antiseptic towelettes for first precinct officers that were exposed to blood on September 20, 2008. Officers were assisting in the transport of a stabbing victim.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

10/20/2009

Citation 1 Item 6 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(3)(x): Masks in combination with eye protection devices, such as goggles or glasses with solid side shields, or chin-length face shields, were not worn whenever splashes, spray, spatter or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials could be generated and eye, nose, or mouth contamination could be reasonably anticipated:

a) Nassau County Police Department did not ensure that face and eye protection devices were worn whenever splashes, spray splatter, or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials may be generated and eye, nose or mouth contamination can be reasonably anticipated. On September 20, 2008, Officers from the First Precinct responded to an incident involving exposure to blood. The victim had an arterial bleed in which there was blood spray and the officers did not wear face and eye protection.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

12/03/2009

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Citation 1 Item 7 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(2)(ii)(C): The employer did not ensure that annual Blood Borne Pathogen training was provided to employees with occupational exposure to Blood or Other Potentially Infectious Materials (OPIM).

a) Nassau County did not provide annual training to Police Officers on blood bome pathogens. Some officers claim that they had received training several years back at the Police Academy.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

12/03/2009

Citation 1 Item 8 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.1030(h)(3)(i): The employer did not ensure that all records required to be maintained by this section shall be made available upon request to the Assistant Secretary and the Director for examination and copying.

a) Nassau County Police Department could provide a copy of bloodborne pathogen training records that were requested by the New York State Department of Labor on January 22, 2009.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

12/03/2009

James Cutrone

Supv. Safety & Health Inspector

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STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD In the matter between POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERB Case No. U-28831 OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU Charging Party-Union, -and-THE COUNTY OF NASSAU Respondent-Employer. WHEREAS, the Nassau County Police Department issued Administrative Order 08-019, dated August 22, 2008 ("Administrative Order"); WHEREAS, the Police Benevolent Association of the Police Department of the County of Nassau filed an Improper Practice Charge with the New York State Public Employment Relations Board regarding the Administrative Order; NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between the representatives of the respective Parties, that the above-captioned matter is settled under the following terms and conditions: Improper Practice Charge No. U-28831 is withdrawn with prejudice. Effective August 24, 2009. Police Officers assigned to the Bureau of Special Operations who reside in Nassau County shall be permitted to take their assigned, unmarked police vehicles home.

 Police Officers assigned to the Bureau of Special Operations who reside in Nassau County shall be permitted to take home their assigned, unmarked police vehicles in the same manner as they did prior to the issuance of the Administrative Order.

date: 9/3/09

- This Stipulation of Settlement is subject to ratification by the Police Benevolent Association.
- This Stipulation of Settlement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the Parties.

DANIEL MCCRAY

DIRECTOR OF LABOR RELATIONS

JM (Muyon date: 9/2/09

DEPARTMENT



ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

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Date

Re:

Dear Dr.

Police Officer is protected by a contractual provision known as "medical review". As part of this process, the Nassau County Police Surgeon will call you to discuss the officer's ability to return to work in a "light duty" capacity. Please be advised that all officers are required to work 10 - 12 hour shifts answering phones and interviewing complainants that enter the station house. If the surgeon articulates any reduced work schedule or special accommodations for your patient, please request that this information be put in writing and submitted to you for agreement before you state your opinion on your patient's ability to work.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,

FUSCO, BRANDENSTEIN & RADA, P.C.,

Milan Rada, Esq.

MAO / POLICE SURGEON QUESTIONNAIRE

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

N/	AME	SERIAL#		
D/	COMMAND		_	
SC	HEDULED TIME OF APPOINTMENT	TIME SEEN		_
Ι# <u>.</u>		_		
EX	AMINED BY (NAME OF SURGEON)			
M	AO 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?)			
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3.	Did the Police Surgeon perform any medical tests as part of the exam	•	•	SS,
	use a tape to measure for atrophy, test for reflex loss, make you walk	0 0	,	
	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 yo	our position		
	before you were assigned back to full duty?		Yes	No
7.	If you were ordered back to work, who gave the order, Police Surgeo	on 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 profe	ssionally? If not, please provide detai	ls	
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 w			
	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 yo		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 the	nat you seek treatment		
	with any doctors or physical therapists?	-	Yes	No
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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.

PBA PENSION ESTIMATE PROGRAM

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

Lynn Ang

Pension Estimate and Projections L.L.C.

Cell Phone: 516-946-1696

Retired HPB

Formerly - PAB-Payroll Section

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.

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Corresponding Secretary

by Bob Rettinger

NYSHIP DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROGRAM

NYSHIP has begun the second phase of their Dependent Eligibility Verification Process. Everyone should have received a letter from NYSHIP explaining this second phase. It is imperative that everyone return their verification information by the November deadline. Failure to do so may result in a loss of benefits for your spouse/dependants.

If you have not received the forms for the Verification Process by now, you should call the NYSHIP Dependant Eligibility Project Service Center at 1-888-358-2198.

Please read all of the information in the packet carefully and follow the instructions in regards to submitting proof of eligibility. Pay particular attention to the forms of proof that they will except for different types of dependants and the dates that must be reflected on any of these forms. If you have any questions call the NYSHIP Dependant Eligibility Project Service Center at 1-888-358-2198.

Once again it is imperative that you fill out the forms and submit the proof of eligibility to avoid any lapse or loss of coverage for your spouse/dependants.

UPDATE ON DA'S OFFICE AND ASSAULT 2ND REVIEW

In the spring of 2008 the PBA had a meeting with DA Kathleen Rice. At this meeting DA Rice stressed her commitment to the aggressive prosecution of all cases involving the assault of a Police Officer. As a result of this meeting the DA's Office began a new procedure for the handling of all cases involving an assault of a Police Officer. As part of this program they put ADA Dan Looney in charge of reviewing all the assault 2nd cases. Since that meeting and the beginning of this new procedure there has been a great improvement in the handling and the final disposition of these types of cases.

The stats listed below are from a review of the District Attorney's Office performance relating to cases in which Police Officers have been assaulted. These stats reflect a significant improvement in the dispositions of assault 2nd cases since the inception of this new process.

-% of cases in which the disposition included a top-count conviction for the years 2005 and 2008.

	2005	2008	% Difference
Top Count	17.1 %	35.2 %	UP 105.9 %

-% of cases in which the disposition included a felony conviction, a misdemeanor conviction, a violation conviction, or a dismissal/acquittal for the years 2005 and 2008.

	2005	2008	% Difference
Felony	28.7%	42.4%	UP 47.7 %
Misdemeanor	55.0%	48.5%	DOWN 11.8 %
Violation	10.1%	6.7%	DOWN 33.7 %
Acquittal/Dismis	ssal 6.2%	2.4%	DOWN 61.3 %

Legal Report

by Milan Rada, Esq.

The main reason for denials of accidental and performance of duty disability pensions is because the Retirement System decides that the applicant is not disabled for the performance of his/her duties. This is a medical denial and many cops wonder how this happens when their own treating doctor has told them that they are too disabled to work and they should receive disability retirement benefits. So, how does it happen?

In order to qualify for either a 3/4 accidental disability benefit or a 1/2 performance of duty disability benefit, the cop must prove that he is permanently "physically or mentally incapacitated for performance of duty." In order to meet this burden, an applicant will have to collect all relevant and material medical documentation from all treating sources, which may include: medical doctors, hospitals, clinics, physical therapists, chiropractors, acupuncturists, podiatrists, optometrists and psychologists. In addition to the treatment or office notes provided by the treating sources, it is usually necessary to obtain a narrative medical report from the treating source as well.

A narrative medical report, provided by any of the applicant's treating sources, should set forth the medical information needed by the Retirement System to evaluate the claim. This medical information will include: history of the accident (how the cop got hurt); complaints related to the injury, such as pain, restricted motion, or stiffness; past medical history (prior injuries, particularly to the same body parts now being claimed as the cause of disability); clinical findings on examination (spasm, atrophy, muscle weakness, etc.); diagnosis; prognosis; statement as to the degree of disability (is the cop permanently disabled for the performance of the full duties of a police officer; is the cop capable of restricted duty or a sitting type of job); and, is there a causal relationship between the disability and the date of injury. Although some doctors charge a great deal of money for a narrative report, some charging in excess of \$1,000.00, these reports are required because the doctor's notes usually do not address degree of disability, prognosis or causal relationship.

In addition to making sure that reports and records are submitted from all treating sources, the applicant's medical submissions must also include all objective test results (MRIs, CT Scans, X-rays, myelograms, etc.), laboratory test results and operative reports. It is also very helpful to submit a list of all medications, who prescribed the meds and

the dosages being taken. If there are any significant side effects from the meds, these should be brought to the attention of the Retirement System also.

In many cases, the applicant has also been examined by a doctor at the request of the Workers' Compensation insurance carrier. These exams are characterized as "independent medical examinations" or IMEs. Sometimes these IME doctors find that the cop is not able to engage in the full duties of a police officer. All IME reports detailing the cop's inability to engage in full police duties should also be submitted to the Retirement System.

So now the cop has submitted his/her application for 3/4 accidental disability or 1/2 performance of duty disability retirement benefits, supplemented by his treating sources' reports of causally related permanent disability, hospital records, laboratory and objective test results, and supportive IME reports. It looks good – the treating doctors' opinions are consistent with each other and are supported by the objective test results. Moreover, the treating doctors' opinions are further consistent with the reports of the IMEs. The applicant thinks to himself, "All my medical evidence is in order, all my treating sources say I am disabled, my medical file appears to be complete, I have to get approved."

At this point enter the Retirement System's medical expert, in the person of Dr. Mazella, Dr. Illman, Dr. Toriello, Dr. Dermksian, Dr. Jeffrey Meyer or Dr. Tambakis. The Retirement System has the right, pursuant to Section 374 of the Retirement and Social Security Law, to have an applicant examined by a doctor, or doctors, in connection with a disability application. The Retirement System's medical expert will provide a narrative report to the Retirement System containing the required information. If the Retirement System's medical expert fails to provide any of the required information, the Retirement System will send the doctor a request for an addendum specifically addressing the missing information. When the Retirement System's medical expert informs the Retirement System that the cop is not disabled or that the cop is disabled but not as the result of the claimed accident, the Retirement System virtually always accepts the findings of its medical expert, to the exclusion of all the medical evidence provided by the cop in support of his claim.

This happens because there is no requirement that the Retirement System give any greater evidentiary weight to the treating sources as opposed to the medical expert hired by the Retirement System. Unlike the Social Security law, which has a "treating physician rule," no such rule exists in claims involving the Retirement System. To better understand this situation, the Social Security law's treating physician rule provides as follows: "Generally, we give more weight to opinions from your treating sources, since these sources are likely to be the medical professionals most able to provide a detailed, longitudinal picture of your medical impairment(s)s and may bring a unique perspective to the

medical evidence that cannot be obtained from the objective medical findings alone or from reports of individual examinations, such as consultative examinations [another term for IME] or brief hospitalizations. If we find that a treating source's opinion on the issue(s) of the nature and severity of your impairment(s) is well-supported by medically acceptable clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques and is not inconsistent with the other substantial evidence in your case record, we will give it controlling weight." It would make great sense for the Retirement System to adopt a "treating physician rule."

After the cop is denied retirement benefits because"(s)he is not permanently incapacitated for the performance of duties," on the basis of the Retirement System's medical expert's opinion, the cop can request a hearing and redetermination. If the cop is denied again at the hearing (appeals) level, the next step is bringing a special court proceeding under Article 78 of the CPLR.

The Appellate Division, Third Department has repeatedly decided in these cases that on applications for accidental and performance of duty disability benefits, the Comptroller "possesses the authority to resolve conflicting medical evidence and to credit the opinion of one expert over that of another, so long as the credited expert articulates a rational and fact-based opinion premised upon a physical examination and consideration of the relevant medical records."

The same medical evidence that will get you an approval on a federal claim for Social Security disability benefits might not be enough to win your claim for accidental or performance of duty disability benefits, even though the Social Security definition of disability is far more strict and narrow than is the definition of disability for accidental or performance of duty disability retirement.

Switching to another matter, a recent situation illustrates the importance of understanding that Workers' Compensation benefits, now \$600.00 per week for accidents after July 1, 2009, are paid in addition to performance of duty disability benefits. However, this Workers' Compensation benefit can be defeated by the insurance carrier on a theory of "volunteer withdrawal from the labor market," meaning that the cop voluntarily retired because (s)he had reached the time when he was able to do so. Be very careful about submitting an application for service retirement or performance of duty disability retirement because under some circumstances doing so can be the kiss of death to your Workers' Compensation weekly payments. Recently, President Jimmy Carver and the PBA came to the rescue of a cop who filed a performance of duty application and was denied Workers' Compensation payments because he had done so.

If you have any questions or concerns about disability retirement, Social Security disability benefits, or Workers' Compensation, please contact me at 516.496.0400, ext. 4403, or at mrada@fbrlaw.com.

First Precinct

by Maureen Mazur

The summer has flown on by; with it we have seen Damon Schultz getting trans-

ferred to Community Relations, now he will be alongside former 1st pct PO Dan Johannessen. A transfer party was organized by newbie Sammy Malone for Damon, (yay Sammy!) but there was a miserable turnout. This is deplorable – Damon deserved better. The crossing guards, who make a 1/4 of our salary, had a better turnout at their party for Damon and the price was the same. Summer date or not – the 1st used to be better than this. Camaraderie is obviously gone.

Aside from that - the members of the 1st will miss Damon in the time office, a proper replacement is next to impossible. Civilianization is inevitable, but it's just not the same. It's just not working...10 months and counting for a computer to be down in the arrest room, and another computer in the 32room down 3 months, not to mention a broken toilet seat in the ladies room (the only 1 on the 1st floor) and the topper – an admin room with no air conditioning...it was rrrreal pleasant this summer in this heat. Civilianization...way to go!

On a more pleasant note...Tim Cestaro will be back stateside come November after serving for our country for a year and we look forward to his arrival.

Farewell to PO Massaro who is headed back to the 3rd pct after his brief stay in the 1st and to PO's Gibbons and Hardiman to BSO – congrats guys!

Welcome to the 1st Sgt. Schmaeling from CB, who may or may not be staying as he is filling in for Lt. Begis who is out on extended sick leave and PO Acquilino from the 3rd precinct.

IS IT TRUE THAT...

Bresnahan had his chance to break leather – and restrained himself?

Jimmy Friel looks like Hugh Grant with his latest hair-style?

Sammy Malone knows all...

Danny Clarke was looking at the pics from Stik's party, commented on how old a former 1st pct cop looked, then came across his own picture and couldn't believe how old he looked himself!

WHAT P.O...

Former 1st pct female cop – did not know what grade her daughter was going into?

Is scared to death on the aspect of becoming a dad? Is an authority on EVERYTHING!!!

Is retiring and opening a pharmacy? Apologized to the CO after getting involved off-duty chasing a burglar....whom he didn't catch, and then got hurt in the process?

Pulled over Boomer Esiason for VTL's? (and didn't know who he was)

WHAT SGT...

Is known as Sgt Marshmellow?

CONGRATS

There were quite a few births to members of the 1st pct during the summer months – to mention a few....congrats to Tommy Bruckbauer, Steven McPhail, & Sammy Augello (who also got married). I know I'm missing some – congrats to all. Also Congrats to Hillman on his recent marriage.

QUESTION

Where is Lt. Begis?

Who is more of a germ-a-phobe......Ciaccio or Andoos?

Who are the blonde twins?

RETIREMENT COLUMN

by Neil Marconi

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 0900 hours (summers included) at the Mediterranean Grill, 195 Bedford Avenue, Bellmore (2 blocks north of Sunrise Highway on the right hand side). Our next 3 breakfasts are October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd. Great company, good food, and a fun time had by all.

Our attendance at the summer breakfasts continued at very high numbers. We averaged between 30 - 40 retirees at the breakfasts each month and the breakfast just keeps on growing.

We had 3 new retirees (Chief George Gudmundsen, Inspector Al Jaskot, and Lt. Linda Stiklickas) join us at the retiree breakfast! The department lost a wealth of experience when these 3 retired. Congratulations and best of luck on joining the retirement club (you will find out it is better than getting up for work every day). We hope to see you at all of our breakfasts.

It was good to see Richie Thompson and Al Cole at the breakfast. I keep telling them to stop running in their 26 mile marathons and they won't be complaining about their bad knees.

Richie has been retired over 26 years (longest retiree at the September breakfast) and still looks the same as the day he came on. Rich has only another 26 years to go to enjoy full retirement. (The 1st Precinct retirement motto is to collect your pension for twice the number of years you were on the job).

We are planning a big 1st Precinct reunion in the fall of 2010. Watch here for further details.

Any 1st Precinct retiree can give me information that they want published at our monthly breakfast or contact me at 516-433-1465 (31's Limousine number where I am most likely to be reached). We look forward to seeing everyone at the next month's breakfast.

Second Precinct

TRUSTEE REPORT

by Ken Cortes

Hello again. I first like to start off welcoming back Frank Quinci from Iraq. There was a welcome back party last month at the Nutty Irishman that was well attended. Thank You Frank for your service to the Country!

Speaking of the Nutty Irishman, I have heard your call for a more casual Holiday Party; I have booked the 2nd Pct party at the Nutty Irishman tentative date December 16th. It should be the more casual party you asked for. Stay tuned, I will e-mail and post the date when all the arrangements are made. I am currently organizing the Children's Christmas Party and will get back to you with the details.

WHAT IS OLD IS NEW AGAIN

As I write this month's story, I have just read the 100 thousand dollar cop story that Newsday just put out. As there are many newer folks out there, I am here to tell you this is nothing new. Newsday rolls out this story when the county is in fiscal trouble, or the economy sours, or when we get a new contract. This particular story seems to be more aimed at the arbitration Suffolk is now in.

What bothers me is the sister article that singled out one of our members (A Highway Patrol Officer), who as an active cop happens to make more money than most. In America if you work hard, you get rewarded. This individual cop didn't invent the system, he just follows it.

Taking DWI's off the street has always been a priority in our Department. I at least give the Commissioner credit for saying so in the article. (The remark about putting cops out on Labor Day was unwarranted however) To single out one working cop for the goal of selling newspapers is a despicable act.

As I read the comments posted on newsday.com along-side the article, I see the usual hatred against the police. For your consideration I have included a few of the comments. They include: "What's the criteria? The bigger XXXXX XXX they are the larger paycheck they receive?" And "Someone has a gun. They say give me your money. You give them your money. What is the problem? "And "What a disgrace - COUNTY COPS DO NOTHING BUT BILK THE TAXPAYERS!!!!!!!!!!!", "Stop this madness. Cut the pay of the SCPD officers!"

My point is why does Newsday post things in such a way, to provoke hatred against the ones who serve the community? What goal does this serve? As stated earlier, this is America where you have a right to work hard to earn money to sell widgets, gizmos, and newspapers. In the most successful professions you make money providing services that people want and need. We as Police Officers provide an essential service that the community has a need for. I can defend what we do to earn our money all day long.

As you know, Newsday has dwindling sales, which says to me they are not providing a service that the people are willing to pay for. So with this, they pick on an individual who did nothing but come to work and keep the community safe to fill their own coffers. I hope Newsday is proud of the way that they make a living. To you newer folks out there don't be discouraged, keep your head down, and continue to serve the community. President Theodore Roosevelt once said "Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Our job is definitely worth doing. Can Newsday say the same?

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

NEWS FROM THE 02

Brought To You By Danny Cebollero AKA The BEEF email me thebeef@the2ndpct.org And www.the2ndpct.org

The Only Delegate To Be Officially Labeled "Persona non gratis"

For A Inside Spot On OT — Go Figure.

Those of you who had trouble finding my

Vita-Meata-Beef-Vegamin-Videos heres the address again, last month everything got all thrown together.

www youtube.com/watch?v=wKW_jHrAyKY

Beef's Movie Quote Of The Month Dedicated To The Liberal Media And Those Acorn Workers Caught On Tape.

No I didn't. Honest... I ran out of gas. I, I had a flat tire. I didn't have enough money for cab fare. My tux didn't come back from the cleaners. An old friend came in from out of town. Someone stole my car. There was an earthquake. A terrible flood! Locusts! IT WASN'T MY FAULT, I SWEAR TO GOD.

WELCOME HOME FRANK QUINCI

Yes, Frank is back from Iraq. We thank Frank for serving his country and protecting our families from terrorism; In between snacks of ice cream and fruit pies of course.



Frank's welcome home party at the Nutty Irishman was well attended with everyone having a great time.

2ND - 7TH - 8TH PCT PICNIC

Great weather – Cold Beer – And Smoked Beef Brisket. Who can guess how much fun I had!

Thanks to all who attended, the little ones really enjoyed the bird - bikes - bounce pits - cotton candy and snow cone machines.

I ended up with a few extra "Red Coleman Camping Chairs" so if you don't want me giving your chairs the official Beef endurance test I suggest you email or call me before I park myself in one of them. This was a terrific location with plenty of seating and shade with a monster pool I hope we find ourselves at this location next year.



SCPD GLENN CIANO DUCKS GAME BENEFIT THANKS BIG ERNIE!

In between complaining about everything under the sun, Big Ernie was instrumental in organizing and getting 2nd Pct members to attend the SCPD Officer Glenn Ciano Foundation Benefit Ducks Game. NCPD and SCPD members participated in a softball game prior to the Ducks game. A portion of the ticket sales went to the foundation. Special thanks go out to Sal Curcio aka "il Duce" for dragging his whole little league team out for the benefit. On a side note the Police Surgeons Benefit car show raised about \$11,000 for 2nd Pct PO Ken Baribault.

NEWS-RAG AT IT AGAIN!

Well-well looks like Jack fell in the well.

As much as I hate to refer to Little Rascals Quotes, this one just seem to fit as every time tommy-boy needs an excuse around election time Newsday goes back to the well.

I guess Newsday had nothing better to dwell on, oh say like The Tea Party March On Washington or better yet the Acorn workers helping folk cheat the tax system.

Amazingly Newsday put a cop salary above the retiring chief's payouts and pensions. "It's good to be the King" or at least close to Tommy. What Newsday had nothing to do all summer? Is that a ringing in my ear or am I just happy to see you? Relax S.O.A I'm not calling for this action I just want it fair and balanced and not tainted by your proximity to West Street but it's nice to see Newsday and Tommyboy putting cops first.

Third Precinct

by Mike Covais

I hope this column finds everyone and their loved ones in good health. Let me update you on just a few things the PBA has been doing lately. Due to complaints by the PBA to PESH (Public Employees Safety+Health Bureau) the county now has to have an exposure control plan. This plan has to include a method of implementation, vaccinations when needed, post exposure evaluation and follow up. We must be provided with proper cleaners and washing facilities. We must also be provided with proper protection for eyes, face and hands. This plan must be reviewed annually. The county has until 12/03/09 to comply or they will be in violation and face fines. The PBA will continue to monitor this serious problem.

New RMP's are making their way to the street every week. We will continue to monitor our fleet. We will not take vehicles out on the street that will compromise our safety or the public's safety.

BSO officers who live in Nassau can once again bring home their department vehicles. Thank God during the time when it was forbidden no lives were lost to save a couple of dollars.

One last interesting fact. Does anyone remember "Lockergate" in the 5th pct.? That grievance has come to resolution. I enjoyed the part where 209's that were issued to officers were withdrawn. I was thunderstruck where it states that Insp. Kirby must be retrained...WOW!! New Uniforms"

You will have a better chance of getting struck by lightning, while holding a winning power ball ticket than seeing a new style of uniform any time soon. If you remember, some time back we field tested (thank you Alex) a new type of uniform. The Department then tried to issue a completely different uniform that was not field tested (thank you Chief Rocco). This, of course did not happen. Now the process will start all over again, some time in the future.

By now you should have received a questionnaire from NYSHIP in a large white envelope. Do Not Throw It Away! It must be filled out and received by NYSHIP no later than 11/25/09. In order for your dependents to continue to be covered for health insurance this must be completed.

VACATION SELECTIONS

If you have not already received, you will soon receive a form from the time section that is labeled 2010 vacation selections. On the reverse side are the guidelines. Toward the bottom of the page you will see the word REMINDER in bold print. Disregard every single word in the next three lines after that word. Columbus Day, Election Day and Veteran's Day are still holidays when it comes to vacation picks and will be treated as such.

Thanks go out once again to James Doherty. His annual fishing trip and barbeque was a success as usual. Jimmy

does a great job and we all appreciate it.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chris Bendetto on the birth of his beautiful baby girl Olivia Anne.

Tracy Cabey on the birth of her handsome baby boy Aiden James

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ...

Gary Boulanger...Gary does an exceptional job with the Ryder Cup,but it does not end there. Last year Gary raised almost five thousand dollars for the Barribault Fund. This year Austin Musselwhite son of Brian Musselwhite is the beneficiary of Gary's good deed. It was a very touching moment with Brian's sister Lee Anne in attendance.

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To all my special friends... A closed mind is like a closed book; just a block of wood.

Fourth Precinct

(the4thpct.org) by Frank DeResto

Hello again. Sorry for last month's article being so short. It was the end of the summer break and even though I've been writing this article for some time now, I'm still bad with deadlines. Even now as I write this article, it's do today! Anyway, this summer flew by and there's not much to report. The weather and the economy have impacted what we do and how we do it. I won't go into it here, you know what I'm talking about.

There have been some changes over the summer that need to be mentioned. First and foremost, we have a new boss. Insp. Capece has come back to the 4th, again, this time as our CO. I had the pleasure of working with him when he was here as a Lt. and I can tell you he's a good person and will be a great boss. Speaking of great bosses, Insp. Clark has moved on over to the Detective Division. We've also said goodbye to quite a few members of our Fourth Pct family. Joe Cuccolino, Anton Dreher, Gary Monahan, Ron Waskowiak, Rich Fogelson, Joe Madden And Tom Lavin have all called it a career and moved into civilian life. You guys will be missed. Don't be strangers. Hopefully we'll see some of you at the Christmas Party or at least at next year's F-Troop. Their retirements leave the Fourth with the loss of a great deal of experience, friendship and leadership, all the things that help to make the Fourth the great command that it is. Speaking of friends with experiences, I'd like to welcome Bobby Cirino back from the war overseas and to remind you all, after this 8th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks, to keep all our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

NYSHIP- By now you should have received paperwork from NYS Health Insurance Program for the second part of

their "Dependent Eligibility Confirmation" program. If you are married, have kids or are claiming someone as a dependent under our insurance program, you must provide the proper documentation to prove the eligibility of those dependents. The NYSHIP form and all copies (DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS) of required documentation must be faxed or received by them by November 25, 2009. If you are mailing them the info, remember to give 7 -10 days for the mail to arrive.

DeRESTO'S DESK

Well, we've just had another F-Troop this past month and it was great to see some of the old faces that I look forward to seeing every year. We were able to get together and talk about the old days and share the re-live some of the old war stories. This year's F-Troop was a big success, probably because of the great cops and bosses that we've said goodbye to this year. Unfortunately, the turnout of current members was pitiful once again. To those who made it, I and the rest of the F-Troop family thank you. To the rest of you, you will be hearing from me!



Fifth Precinct

by Joe Nocella pbanewsletter@yahoo.com

BURGLARY "REPORT ONLY"

If you hear a call for a burglary report come out and headquarters is sending only one car, back up the unit responding and notify a delegate as soon as practical.

Here's the issue ... If you're the one who gets the call, are you going to check the house for bad guys before you conduct your investigation? Should you be conducting that search alone? I think you see my point.

We're currently working with headquarters to correct the oversight and I'm confident it will get done. Until it does, be sure to get me the incident number of the call so we can print it up and have something to refer to.

AN INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD



I worked the 32 room last month and needed a little pick me up so I thought I'd have myself a cup of tea. I opened the cupboard above the sink and the sight before me made me sit up and take notice. Is it just me or is something oddly out of place here? Some might say there are two things you wouldn't expect to see but I'm a soup lover too so I understand how the can of Progresso made its way in there. The other items are, of course, fifth precinct staples. Hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol, several different options to relieve the pain that will inevitably occupy your head by the end of tour ... But folks, there is one thing that's about as out of place as a shoe in a punch bowl. So let's play a little game. You may remember this from Sesame Street, it's called ... One of these is not like the other. Can you pick out the item that is just so out of place?

Just one side note, it's obvious we have an anarchist in our midst so I've enlisted the services of the fifth squad to track down the devilish fiend who is intent on disrupting the natural order of the precinct. I trust their investigation will clear up this curious conundrum.

PRECINCT MEETING

Watch your email for the date of our next precinct meeting. It's coming up soon so keep your eyes peeled.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY ...

Bratwurst, potato pancakes, sauerkraut, and Spaten ... no it's not Oktoberfest at the Plattduetsche, it's the makings of this month's open meeting. See you there!

Sixth Precinct

by Ed Conroy

Hello everyone. It's October already, the kids are back at school, the pools are covered, our gardens have died back and we get ready for fall and all its splendor. With that mentioned be careful on those wet and rainy days, wet leaves make for tough stopping. We will be into vacation picks followed by payback selections soon so be prepared. Please have your vacation picks turned in promptly, delays only hold up the entire process. With the implementation of the single day vacation requests this will be the first time it comes into play during the vacation selection process so if you have any questions about them ask. A word of advice, if you have certain single days that you know that you are going to need throughout next year pick them now. Don't wait until during the year because you might get closed out during the initial picks. The NYSHIP Dependant Eligibility survey is underway so please complete it promptly and return it so you don't jeopardize coverage and yes you must complete it.

PRECINCT PICNIC

The Precinct picnic was a success and we look forward to putting next year's together. While the weather was questionable it held out for us with the exception of a five minute shower. The day was enjoyed by all who attended and we hope for an even better day next year. I'd like to thank Aviation for showing up; the helicopter was enjoyed by both the kids and the adults. For those who pitched in and helped and those who showed up with deserts and other food items thank you. If any one has ideas for next year's picnic let me know. I already have some thoughts for some things but Precinct input is always wanted.



The Cooks hard at work.



One of our bigger kids.



We're not leaving till we get a ride.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Brian Scibilia and his wife Rosaria on the birth of their daughter Briana Rose was born on August 4, 2009 and weighed 7lbs 11oz and was 21 inches long.

Congratulations to Carlos Rivera and his wife Maria on the birth of their daughter Katerina Jennie Rivera who was born on August 20, 2009 weighing 8lbs 2 oz and was 20 inches long.

TRANSFERS

Congratulations to Laurie Crane on her recent transfer to P.I.O. Good luck Laurie it was a pleasure to have worked with you, I wish you the best of luck.

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 who deserve recognition, please submit the information to me, the clerk's office or Sgt Ward our Top Cop Committee Supervisor.

OPEN MEETING

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

Until next month, be safe and stay healthy.

DISPATCHES FROM OUTPOST #6

by Scott Blanshan



"ONE MORE THING?"

Last month, while I was at the P.B.A. office for our P.A.C. (Political Action Committee) interviews of politicians for this union's coveted endorsement, there happened to be a lull in the action and I was approached by another union officer.

He had asked me if I had read The Shield? My first response was, "What's the Shield?"

"It's the S.O.A.'s newsletter", was his answer.

"Yeah, that's right", I remembered. I told him I hadn't and usually don't make a habit of it. He told me there was an article from the Sixth Precinct that I might find interesting. I had stated to him, they were pretty hard to come by because it seems that the bosses like to keep them hidden, he told me that he had a copy and walked off returning moments later with his copy in hand and opened to the Sixth Precinct article.

After handing it to me, I began to read the first paragraph.

"No, no... go to the second paragraph", he told me. As I started the second paragraph, I stopped and looked at him, who had a big Irish grin on his face. "He's talking about my last article!", I told him. "Keep reading", was his reply. After finishing, I said, "This has to be answered." So, here's the response...

As you may recall, or maybe not, the title of my June article was "Apathy vs. Common Sense vs. Officer Safety".

Now everyone knows that officer safety is paramount when it comes to the concerns of not only the cops but also the supervisory staff, at least that is until overtime rears its ugly head. When that happens, some of the supervisors (thankfully not too many) seem to become a little squeamish and try to cut monetary corners resulting in an inappropriate (less than mandated) number of police officers assigned to a given task. That's not a fabrication, it's common knowledge. The author of this article said that my criticisms, I'd rather call them constructive critiques, were "petty and unwarranted". Is that so? Now I'm beginning to understand the train of thought that some or at least one supervisor has towards the health and safety of the cops out on the street. It would seem that doing their jobs is now considered insignificant by at least this supervisor. Let's face it, when a cop is out there and things might start getting ugly, he wants more friendly faces, not fewer. He or she would have them too if it wasn't for the reluctance of some people to spend a little more cash when there's a need and stop worrying about his superiors "Monday morning quarterbacking" his every move. Only then will things get done in the proper manner. This Shield article then enters into another area of complaint that apparently aggravates that author's poor tormented soul that I had touched upon in my article. It had to do with police officer overtime being entered into the computer by the desk officer. A cop gets called in for overtime, he completes his assigned duties for that tour and expects to get paid his wages for that day. Simple concept, right? Well, it used to be, that is until the computer came into being. Apparently computers and desk officers don't mix, at least that's what the reader's being told. In this segment of supervisory jocularity (I only say that because he's got to be kidding!) I am accused of berating and making fun of "certain supervisors" because they were having trouble with the overtime data base. While it's true that I did make mention of some of the basic fundamentals followed by some of the less fortunate of that other union, I wasn't joking, particularly when it was the same people making the same errors week after endless week. I gave two actual events as examples and The Shield author's response was that I was again being petty. I have yet to see any supervisor get short changed in his check and not complain about it and rightly so. But because a cop gets his overtime entirely left out of the data base, that's considered petty. Well excuse me but I wasn't aware that in order to make those overtime entries you first had to be a member of Mensa International! Finally, the killer of this entire article was the complaint of taking on "one more thing." The Shield author went on to say how the time office used to make the overtime entries but with the cutback on overtime it now falls on the supervisors to carry the burden. "Now with all the D.O. has to do, he is given 'one more thing'." He even underscored his statement to make his point. One more thing? You mean besides ordering breakfast and lunch, now you have to enter overtime into the computer? That one more thing? Is that what you mean? Good Gawd! Is there no end to the stress a desk officer must endure? With all the desk officer has to do during his busy tour of duty (yuk, yuk!), properly entering the name of a cop into the computer along with the amount of overtime hours to be worked and the date is evidently beyond the capabilities of some of his members? Sure sounds like that's what he means. At least that's the way it reads. He calls it "a big learning curve" and an added duty. You'd think he was being asked to make revisions to the Pythagorean Theory.

Not for nothing but if I was a supervisor in the 6th Precinct, I wouldn't be too happy with the way this union official chooses to characterize some members of his own union, particularly those members of his own command he is attempting to defend. I never thought I'd ever hear a supervisor complain about his job...



HQ'S III / Highway Patrol

by P.O. Paolicelli

All in all it's been a quiet month in HPB. The usual road-way activity of summonses, accidents and DM's with the occasional overturned truck with trapped occupants, but otherwise quiet. We'll get right into the Officer Safety aspect of our job, and again I must remind you all that all subjects in this article are innocent until proven guilty. Most recently P.O.'s Heilig and Cassamasina (along with several other fine HPB officers) responded to a motorcycle accident on Route 135. Upon arrival they found a male motorcyclist with some moderate road rash injuries and in an allegedly impaired or intoxicated condition. Upon trying to conduct their investi-

gation into the accident the subject was not so forth coming with his pedigree and vehicle information and responded back to what was left of his bike to get it. P.O. Heilig responded back to the motorcycle with him and upon the subject opening his storage compartment a .45 cal semi-auto handgun was observed in plain view. (Note to Bad Guy: Do not open compartment with gun in front of Police Officer). The subject was immediately subdued by the officers and the weapon secured. Further investigation revealed that the subject was an ex-serviceman (I could only imagine, with plenty of weapons/combat training) who was up in NY from down south. Just a routine accident, right? How many times do we send people back to their cars for their information and not think twice about it! For some reason the officers went back there with him and it's probably a good thing they did! This situation could've gotten real ugly, real fast, fortunately the members were on their toes and quelled a potentially volatile situation. Nice job to all the officers involved my apologies for not listing everyone. The new I-Mobile CAD system has recently been installed in the RMP's for HPB and I believe the 8th Pct. I know nobody, whether it's the police, civilians or otherwise likes to think that someone is watching them at all times, but hopefully the system will be put to good use in looking out for the members on patrol. As far as the GPS system part of it, I know an officer who had a VTL stop where certain ludicrous allegations were made against him/her and when it came down to it the GPS proved that the allegations were false. As far as the CAD part of the system, I'm sure everyone is saying the same thing we said when we put the MDT's in the cars, "What do we need these things for, they just make our job more complicated, they're a pain in the neck and take up space." 2258 was the last HPB post car to have the I-Mobile installed in it and I was dreading the day because of hearing many complaints. We could only dodge the bullet for so long, as I showed up for work and saw the updated system installed. It was rough trying to figure it out because most HPB members received the training in early January if I remember correctly. After a frustrating morning the afternoon went a bit smoother and the next day was even easier. I spoke with the CAD Supervisor in regards to a couple of questions that I had and if you have trouble they are more than happy to help you just give them a buzz at ext. 7536. This is all new for them also so as frustrated as we get out on the road try not to take it out on them. By the way the booklet isn't the most helpful, they're also taking constructive criticism on making the system easier to operate and more user friendly so once again that's ext. 7536. I guess it's another one of those things that we will have to get used to and before long (like Tracs) we'll be bent when we get a car without it and have to hand write tickets. In other news I'd like to correct one of the prior month's articles (no not the spelling errors) but the Top Cop part, P.O. Kyle Poppe was actually the March 2009 recipient not February and once again congrats Kyle. Has anyone ever been driving down the road and seen a cop in a marked car on the cell phone (not in Nassau County of course), I know official business right? I'm looking for HPB photos of whatever please get them to

me either on a CD, thumb drive or by email for the 2nd DVD for the bubble and this one will have a GPS tracker on it so don't even think about playing Houdini with it again!

A big thank you to the numerous members who emailed me back in response to the straight leg striped pants issue. A large majority of officers are in favor of them and this has been communicated with the powers to be within HPB and the Department. Hopefully we will see some action in response to this in the near future. It was brought up as an officer safety / uniformity issue, all in all it's not a monumental task or an expensive fix so let's think positive and see what happens. Along those lines was the issue of a change in the current R/P's for the expressway units. Just so everyone knows, this idea came about from a guy in the bike room (that's right a Bike Cop) and for all the right reasons. If you think I'm wrong call Vonnes and have a chat with him. On this issue, I as well as a 2/3 of the command are in favor of the changes and the location. These members also feel it would be in the best interest of HPB for everyone to have a central place with lockers, bathroom facilities and other basics rather than having to drive to work in uniform or perhaps have to change in a parking lot without any shelter especially during the winter months and poor weather. Also on the positive side would be the possibility of having spare cars on hand in the event of a car going out of service, this would greatly reduce the amount of out of service (10-30) time that is spent ferrying cars to BHR for service (obviously day tours only) which is another issue. Of course there are a few members opposed to the idea and the main reason was the fact that they would have to travel anywhere from 1-5 miles extra to the new R/P. I think we should all look at the big picture here. Since going to 12 hour tours everyone will agree that the chart is great but it has made a negative dent in camaraderie and morale. Currently you could work in a command for several years and not know half of the officers you work with, due to opposite squads and tours. It is no different in HPB even though it is a smaller group of officers. I just met PO Larson from K9 by a fluke the other day when we were both at Motorola which is now in the rear of HPB, (for those that weren't aware). I asked "Did you just come to K-9?" I believe his response was "No, I've been here for like 2 years!" Yes, I felt like an idiot. Having a central R/P like we had in the past would encourage interaction between officers on both tours. I know this might go against some anti-social personalities but overall it would be a positive thing for the membership. I don't believe things will be bright and rosy the very next day when it comes to personal attitudes as well as I know that anywhere we have the opportunity to move to will need some work on our part to make it our own. The alternative is that we continue to complain that the R/P's and morale stinks and we have no lockers etc. Human nature is to be negative about situations when they take a little bit of effort and negativity spreads like wildfire. Some have responded with "Well I don't really care either way." Well you should care because this directly impacts your attitude and the attitude of the officers you work with. We have the chance to try and make a change for the better not only for us

but for the future of Highway Patrol. Again, this is not only my opinion but a large majority of the command and I have been asked to include it in this month's article. If you polled the officers that use to relieve together at BHR or the Bellmore building they would tell you it was a good thing and they were disappointed when that came to an end. I don't think the positive voters have been properly represented. If you are for or against possibly moving the R/P's, (depending on location and availability) please make it a point to speak to the Command level of HPB as soon as possible and voice your opinion. I think it's safe to say that the Inspector has the best interests of the members and HPB in general as a top priority.



Here's a photo taken at the HPB picnic. Since we wouldn't want to set a bad example when it comes to law enforcement and alcohol we imposed a one drink per person rule. Nice

job to the Cup Committee! This year there was absolutely no tripping or attempted tripping of base runners allowed on the softball field. What is the world coming to? On a serious note it was another great job by the Social Committee and everyone who helped out in the planning and execution of the picnic and if you didn't attend please make every effort to get involved next year.

In the Officer Safety corner, I know in the academy we were all taught on VTL stops to approach on the driver's side of the auto. In HPB unfortunately that leaves us standing on the edge of the right lane and the shoulder. When approaching on the passenger you have a couple of advantages, 1-You're away from the speeding traffic, 2- you have a place to retreat to in case a car drifts towards the right shoulder, 3-You have the element of surprise because they aren't expecting you there and 4- Many times you have an unobstructed view of the entire interior on the vehicle. No matter how you choose to conduct your stops be careful and use your head. I was recently speaking with an officer in this command who wrote a thesis (I don't know if I even spelt that correctly but Smitty wrote one) about a study he did at a correctional facility with individuals who were locked up for assaulting police officers. All of them said that the officers appearance and how he/she approached the situation was a key factor in whether or not they would try to take advantage of the officer. This stuff is not made up and everyday you can see it first hand on VTL stops and other interactions with the public. Don't put yourself behind the 8 ball just by the way you look. You only get 1 chance to make a 1st impression. Along the same lines is the appearance of our vehicles. Let's face it your Rmp is not gonna get cleaned and serviced on time unless everyone chips in, especially the regular ops. It's always been the day guy's responsibility to get the car serviced between BHR and FSB as well as go to ITU and Motorola and whatever else needs to be done which can take hours on end out of the day. We need ALL ops to help out and keep up with the cleanliness of the cars. How someone can sit in a car with garbage, dirt and ashes all over it for 12 minutes let alone 12 hours is beyond me! We are an elite unit and should look like one in all aspects of what we do! In layman's terminology this translates to:

If your uniform stands up on its own...Have It Cleaned! If your Rmp is gray not white......Wash the Car! If this is too hard to do......Walmart is hiring!

Don't worry we'll still have plenty of time left to write/print up a stack or 2 of tickets. There are facilities at the 2nd, 7th and HPB for you to wash the cars. At HPB there is a new Shop Vac and cleaning supplies in the wash bay and the County even hired an officer to guard the supplies, stop in and have a laugh! The DPW mechanics (I still like to call them FSB guys) have started turning out a some new Rmp's for the road. 2251 was just replaced about a month or so ago and I saw the new 2256 which has been a sight for sore eyes for a long time. Retired PO Jimmy Sisti is still bent about the rapid deterioration of his baby the old 2270 which was renumbered as 2265 and put on post E-6 over a year ago when PO Ferrarro was hit by a drunk driver. Sisti might come out of retirement since they got a new car. I know everyone misses Jimmy's voice on the radio. All kidding aside they really did a nice job with the cars. A new 2254 just came out as well and has a big "No Smoking" sign in it! Thanks to the mechanics for the continued hard work that they do for us here in Highway Patrol. Back in the Academy there was an instructor (can't remember who it was) that used to say "Big Show...Big Doe" In other words give the public what they pay for, and no I'm not on the Suozzi/CoolAid committee payroll. If anyone has questions, comments or concerns to any of these topics feel free to give me a buzz.

Next Open

P.B.A. meeting

Thursday

October 15, 2009

P.B.A. Office



Marine/Aviation Bureau

MARINE BUREAU

by John Connor

The US Coast Guard's 2008 recreational boating statistics showed 709 fatalities, 3,331 injuries, 4,789 boating accidents and over \$54 million in property damage. There were 510 drowning victims, of that 459 were not wearing life jackets (PFDs). Only 10 percent of all boating fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction. This proves that boating education leads to a safer experience on the water.

Speaking of PFDs, on July 11, 2009, Governor Paterson signed legislation requiring mandatory wearing of personal flotation by all persons on board vessels less than 21 feet in length between November 1st and May 1st. This includes rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and sailboats, as well as, mechanically propelled vessels less than 21 ft. in length. Your PFD can save your life as the water temperature starts to drop.

WHAT A SUMMER!

The summer saw below-average temperature and above average rainfall. Meteorologist Tom Kines said "You're looking at one weekend a month that was not interrupted by rain in June, July and August." "There has been more than 21.5 inches of rain in Central Park- about 8 inches above normal. Remember 1 inch of rain is equal to 10 inches of snow. Let's hope for a Jet-Stream change."

SALTWATER LICENSE

Starting October 1, 2009, NY Anglers over the age of 16 will be required to purchase a saltwater fishing license for a \$10 fee to cover October 1st to December 31st. January 1st you must buy a 2010 license for \$10 good for the entire year. This seems to be a shell game to help pay for the marine related Department of Environmental Conservation salaries and expenses previously paid by the State's general fund. I feel most Anglers wouldn't mind a licensing fee if the money was used to improve marine habitat, launching ramps and piers to make fishing more accessible to all. ...Just one fisherman's opinion....

This new license can be purchased online at www.dec.ny.gov.com or phone 1-866-933-2257. D.E.C believes there are 250,000 saltwater fishermen. Governor Paterson, that's a nice piece of coin you're going to get. Mr. Suozzi...no surcharge please. You will not need a license to fish on a charter boat. Owners will purchase a blanket license to cover customers.

9-11 MEDICALS

If you have been going to the W.T.C First Responder

Medical screening and monitoring program, they will now be screening you for heart disease if you are over 40. This is for both active and retired members. If you just became eligible due to the legislative change of being at the W.T.C. site in the first 48 hours, you can enroll to be screened by calling 1-888-702-0630 or www.wtcexams.org .

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to Tom Dolan and family on the loss of his father.

GET WELL

PO Paul Vatter had brain surgery on September 10, 2009. Feel better soon Paul. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

AVIATION

By Ted Plezia

WORDS FROM ABOVE

First of all, Aviation welcomes our new members, Dennis Angermaier from the 7th, Darin Costello from the 1st, and Matt Perlungher from the 5th. These guys came over in May and we welcome you to your new home. Few have come, and fewer have escaped the insanity.

Speaking of escape, our congratulations go out to Darin Costello and his new bride Pamela...(only kidding)...We wish you many years of happiness and love. We also extend our good wishes and prayers to Matt Perlungher's son Jack on his recent battle with cancer. Jack's courage, strength, and his smile is truly an inspiration to us all.

The summer was a busy time for us with a large increase in medivacs. Many were water related, but there was a marked increase in the amount of motorcycle accident transports. We want to thank all units who secure a safe landing zone for us. You are greatly appreciated.

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



Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion

by Dan Scheidel

Sorry I missed last month's newsletter but there wasn't much to report anyway. I still have the same old complaints about membership and support from our "Police Family" but that only seems to fall on deaf ears each month so I'll let it pass this month. Post 1050 is getting older, both in its members and its longevity as a Nassau Police Organization. Next year will be celebrating our 79th year as a certified American Legion Post. It almost seems as though some of our members are some of the original members. We lost 11 Nassau Police Officer Legionnaires

since June of 2008. But we still try to carry on thanks to an influx of city cops who are willing to work along with us as we fulfill our responsibilities to the community and welfare and support for all veterans, police officers or otherwise.

Members are reminded that chance books and scholarship applications will soon be mailed out. Applicant sponsors must be paid up members on the day of the drawing, this year at the November meeting. As our membership decreases we ask that you be a generous as possible so we can continue to bring some support to the young children and grandchildren of our members. I know this is early but if you have a young lad who will be a Junior in High School this coming year consider having him take part in the American Legion's Boys State Program. It is an outstanding accomplishment for the young man and it also can be reflected in his resume when entering college. I will be having more on this in the beginning of the year so keep it in mind. Student Counselors at the boy's High School are aware of the program and most are willing to give the parent and student more information on the program.

Here is a nice story about one of our fellow officers and Legionnaire. Lenny Romano and his wife were attending a Memorial Day parade in their community when they passed a bank flying a rather worn and tattered American Flag in front of that establishment. Lenny approached the bank manager the following week and explained his background as a veteran and his family's military service and wished that the flag be replaced. The bank, "Smithtown Savings", had the flag replaced later in the week and sent Lenny a letter of gratitude and apologized for the lack of respect. Lenny was only carrying out just one of the goals and aspirations of a good Legionnaire when he asked for respect for our National colors. We thank Lenny and the bank for their prompt response.

Recently the Dept. of Veterans Affairs started to distribute a pamphlet entitled, "Your Life, Your Choice" to returning wounded or handicapped veterans. It is basically the same advice that, then President George Bush had taken off the shelves back in 1997. "Your Life, Your Choice" presents end-of-life choices in a way aimed at steering users toward predetermined conclusions, much like a political "push pull". For example, a worksheet lists various scenarios and asks users to then decide whether their own life would be "not worth living". Some circumstances listed include being in a wheelchair, living in nursing home or not able to shake the blues. There is a section that asks, "Have you ever heard anyone say, "If I'm a vegetable, pull the plug'?" Even guilt including scenarios are added, "I'm a severe burden on my family" or "I can no linger contribute to my family's well being."

Can you imagine a soldier coming home from Iraq or Afghanistan without all his limbs encountering a veteran's health-care system that is intent on his surrender. America's 24 million veterans deserve better. These men and women volunteered to serve their country. They weren't drafted as in some other wars.

The American Legion, along with the other veteran

organizations, are opposed to such unconscionable directives and it's time the spineless congress steps up to join us with our objections. That's one reason I've asked our veteran police officers to join our Post or other veteran organizations. We need your voice now more than ever, come stand with us and your fellow brothers and sisters in arms.



Columbia Police Association

by Carmine E. Soldano, President

The Columbia Police Association will be again participating in the Town of Huntington Columbus Day Parade. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2009. Tony and Lucy Graziano have graciously volunteered to host a post parade barbecue at their house. Please let us know if you are going to join us at both the parade and the barbecue. Detective Frank Ruvolo in the First Squad for more details. Joy Watson from the District Attorneys office will be our guest speaker at the October 12th meeting. The Association will also be presenting Tony Rocco with his retirement plaque. Again, please let us know if you plan on attending this meeting for a dinner count.

The Association hosted guest speaker Daniel Burns from David Lerner Associates in Syosset at our September 14th meeting. Also present was retired Detective Al Barnych. Dan and Al gave the members a presentation on solid investments that do not involve the stock market or mutual funds. The presentation was very informative and we appreciated their time.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at Verona Restaurant in Farmingdale. Details to follow.

The Association website has been improving with time. Please browse the site and look at some interesting history, photos, etc. We encourage all comments for improvement. Our next two meetings are Monday, October 12th and Monday, November 9th at Verona Restaurant in Farmingdale. Please join us and have a safe Halloween.

Employee Assistance Office

by Harry Reddan

ADDICTION

In life we all have our addictions. Whether it be to a physical substance, like food or to alcohol, our certain ways of dysfunctional thinking, or sometimes even addictive relationships. Even our mentality for our addictive thinking has a lot of commonality. In this article, we will focus on the abuse or addiction to alcohol.

Alcohol is a drug, but it is a legal drug. Alcohol is abused the most, compared to other drugs. Alcohol creates more crime and destroys more lives than all the other drugs. It is the number one most abused drug in our society. It affects equally all cultures, social groups and occupations.

The criteria for addiction to alcohol includes the following: tolerance – which is a need for an increased amount of alcohol to achieve intoxication or desired effect, alcohol is often taken in larger amounts or over a longer period of time than was intended, there is a persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control alcohol use, alcohol becomes the main theme in your life – you are constantly striving to get into situations where you are drinking, important social, occupational or recreational activities are given up or reduced because of alcohol use, and drinking is continued despite the fact that it is affecting you either psychologically (depression) or physically.

When we see friends, co-workers or family destroying their lives with alcohol, we tend to think that they are totally at fault and that they are the only person that can stop the problem. This is not particularly true. It is not that the person is not responsible for their own behavior, but we will often enable them at times to continue living their lives as an addict or alcoholic. We will tolerate, cover -up, support them financially and mentally, or just accept their behavior, without trying to set strong boundaries that this behavior is intolerable. If we see someone who is an alcoholic, they will need at times, tough love. Tough love is not accepting or allowing an alcoholic to do certain things that alcoholics will do. Alcoholics will lie, be undependable, will be late for work, their work performance will be substandard, they will test family relationships, and they will squander their funds on alcohol and expect others to cover up for them. If we cover up for them, we become part of the problem; we are indirectly encouraging them to continue their destructive behavior. So therefore if you want to help them, do not accept this behavior on any level.

If you have an addiction to alcohol there are plenty of options that you can use to get help. This does not mean that the road to sobriety is easy, it is actually at times hard work and can be difficult. People do succeed in stopping their addictive behavior. This is a problem that many of us have; you are not alone in your addiction. The options are the following: come to Employee Assistance, and we will refer you to the appropriate program which will help you. In future articles, we will describe in more depth the types of programs that can help you lead to recovery. In order to begin the process of recovery from alcoholism, it takes asking others for support, this is not something that you can do alone.

Police Holy Name Society

by Neil J. Delargy

The fall season of 2009 is in full swing and the Department and our respective families have glided back into their regular routines and structured lives. The end of summer is celebrated by honoring the American worker by setting aside a day to reflect on their labor and value to society. Police Officers contribute to society in many ways; including protecting and ensuring that people can safely go about the business of adding to our country's greatness through their labor.

Bishop William Murphy, the Bishop of The Diocese of Rockville Centre, gave the annual Labor Day statement for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Murphy highlighted Pope Benedict XVI's assertion from his new encyclical "Charity in Truth", that the "primary capital (workers) is to be safeguarded and valued". Police Officers provide a great deal of that safety and reassurance that people can flourish and continue to grow our economy and rescue our nation from possible economic depression.

The men and women of the police departments in Nassau County are committed to the people of our communities and they should be able to draw on the associations and societies of member organizations to help them strengthen their commitment. With that in mind; I invite any and all police department members in Nassau County to join and attend meetings of their respective organizations and become involved in the function of their chosen association. The member organizations are the fabric that holds our departments closer and reveals to the public how we interact as police officers.

The Police Holy Name Society contributed to the positive public perception of police officers by supporting our Annual Scholarship Awards. The HNS's Scholarship Committee Chairman Dan Danzi arranged to have Bishop Murphy present our winners their scholarship and the Long Island Catholic Newspaper covered the event.

The scholarship winners were chosen at random from the 175 applications received:

Student - Emily Simeone, Member - Matt Simeone and Gilma Simeone

Student - Kathleen Kimmons, Member - Robert (Jake) McDermott

Student - Greg D'Alessandro, Member - Artie D'Alessandro

Student - Kristen Shaffer, Member-Connie Morreale

Student - Michael Puka, Member-Robert Puka

Studen t- Mary Miller, Member- Willard Miller

We had a nice cross section of active duty members and retirees that support our organization and had eligible dependants that we could support.

Please make an effort to support all the Police Departments of Nassau County organizations and continue to help us serve you.

Nassau Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

Twenty miles. That seems to be the distance mark you are expected to hit at least twice when training for a marathon. As if that last 10K is going to be any easier.

I have been training for my 2nd NYC marathon which is on November 1st. Having run the 20 miler several times these past few months I no longer dread those days I have to put the time and miles in. I am not sure other than Rich Stein and myself, if any other departmental members are entered to run the marathon. If you are, don't forget to get in touch with the NYPD running club which provides transportation from midtown that morning. They also have a secluded warmup area with its own facilities. WWW.nypdrunningclub.com And you can track run-very popular Oyster Bay Tobay Triathlon was held. Competing were Fintan McCormac, Eddie Coddington, TR Hughes and Adam Wor. Linda Byrmer won her age group at the Long Beach Labor Day 5 miler. Lesli Hiller won her age group at the Sands Point 5K and placed 3rd in her age group at the Brentwood Cookie Run.

Upcoming races:

Nov. 8

Oct. 10 Inwood 5K Oct. 17 Oyster Bay 5K Oct. 18 Elwood 5k, Greenlawn Malverne 5K Oct. 24 Ocktoberfest 5K East Rockaway Oct. 25 Bohemia Elite 8K Sleepy Hollow 5K Massapequa Park Nov 1 NYC Marathon Nov. 7 Rockville Centre 10K Duck Waddle 5K East Islip



Blazing Trails 4 Miler Great Neck

Photo Courtesy of Kevin Kane. Marcus Workplace challenge

Retired Column

by John Nosovitch

HERMAN JORGENSEN...Jorgyh3777@aol.com Recently I went thru several years of documents pertaining to Nassau Blue and thought that the readers of the Retired Column may be interested in some history of the Club. On September 26, 1992 a group of forty two (42) retirees met at a bar called "The OK Korall" in Hudson, Florida. During a discussion on organizing a club consisting of retired cops, John Bruns suggested that a good name for the club would be "Nassau Blue" the name his Bowling Team was using. A vote was taken and Nassau Blue was born.

The first team of officers selected to lead the club were:
Frank McCabe - President
Bill O'Donnell - Vice President
John Collier - Corresponding Secretary
Richie Buchan - Treasurer
Ray Pace - Recording Secretary
Otto Schaefer - Sergeant At Arms
Ray Handwerker - Editor

Over the seventeen years of the club's existence there have been some changes in members at the helm of Nassau Blue with a few exceptions. The exceptions being that Frank McCabe and Richie Buchan have held their positions the whole life of the club and John Collier who gave up his position for a time, returned and still holds it. Nassau Blue was incorporated as a not for profit Social Club on September 29, 1993 and copyrighted it's Logo with The Library of Congress in June 2004. The first Reunion of Nassau Blue was in February 1994 and a total of seventy five (75) members attended. (Betty and I were there). The Sixteenth Nassau Blue Reunion will be held on January 21-22-23-24, 2010 at the Radisson World Gate Resort, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, Florida. Particulars are available in this and other publications. In all of the years of Nassau Blue's existence, Frank & Maureen McCabe and Richie & Kathleen Buchan have been involved in the planning and negotiating necessary in carrying out contract requirements with the facilities used for our Re-unions. They deserve the thanks of every member of Nassau Blue for their efforts!!!!!!!! Of course behind every successful club, such as Nassau Blue, there are a number of other dedicated members without whom a successful Re-union would not be possible. Taking the risk of getting into trouble for overlooking anyone, the members I am aware of are Joe & Arlene Grella, George & Alice Anne Kenny, and Joe & Carol Milroy. As an aside, Frank McCabe and Ed Graham are believed to be the only members who attended every Reunion. When you see a wooly white bearded guy at the Re-union that's Ed. I do not know how he can stand that wooly face in a place as hot as Florida (ONLY KIDDING ED) I believe Richie Buchan missed one Re-union due to illness so I guess he can be excused. Hope to see you at

the Reunion. I may not remember your name so I will be trying to read your name tag without it being too obvious.

J. VIC DOLGOS...PO. Box 19 Albertson, NY 11507-0019 - 516-747-0138. I was born at a very early age and then joined the NCPD, but first I was drafted in to the U.S. Navy on 12-5-55. I was 20 years old and was sent to boot camp in Bainbridge Md. After training I was assigned to the Everglades. Wow!! I am going to Florida for 2 years, not so. It was the USS Everglades AD24, destroyer escort in Norfolk, VA. On board I was out in the foundry, I can't do this for 2 years. Then someone asked who can type, no one answered, so I put up my hand. Not that I can type, but I will learn fast (hunt and peck). I was assigned to the disbursing office payroll and leave time. Just like the time office in NCPD except we handled cash only, bundles of money. I was discharged in September of 1957. I had to get a job so I went to the post office took a test on Tuesday and was told to report on Monday. I said I just got out of the Navy - no good starting on Monday. Jobs were easy to get in 1957, I was with the post office for 7 years and I was told I'd get a day off to take a civil service test, I took the NYPD test and passed, went to Van Cortland Park in the Bronx for a physical. That is when I said "what am I doing in the Bronx", so I declined. I took the test for NCPD, I passed, but I never followed up. In 1964 I took the test again, now I am 29 last chance, I passed and was hired within one year. On October 30, 1964 I was sent to the fifth precinct, there I met Don Prescia, we are still good friends. I rode the 3 wheel Harley, the Cushman and the Rabbit myc. Older guys will remember these. I was in the 5th for 10 years, I worked the 13sq. (2 midnights) and the Belmont Track detail. In 1975 it was time for a change, I tried to get into HPB, I did not know any Kirks. I met Lt. Varney and he got me in on a special order. I worked one day and I met Harry Nichols, he was a clerk in CTU and retiring from the time office. I was in CTU for 1 year and I met Tony Komaroski (John Nosovitch's cousin) who was retiring from the time office. He asked what did I do in the Navy - disbursing office (time clerk). Now I had to find someone for CTU, I then met Bob Buoneto who was looking for a day job. The rest is history. I almost went on the bikes, Inspector Ketchem said he had openings, the catch was to find someone for the time office - there were no takers. I met Bob Putko in Highway, but that is another story. I retired on February 2, 1996 after 31 years on the job. My son James is in the 8th Pct. He will have 19 years in this month, October. He does Tax Returns in season. My daughter Susan is a math teacher and is married to a dentist (free dental). My son Peter is a CPA and a partner for Deloitee Touche investment firm. I have 9 grandchildren and also still have my 1964 VW I bought it new. I still ride my motorcycle. I married my childhood sweetheart, Betty, she was 14 when we met and we will soon be married 52 years. I belong to HPB Breakfast Club, Nassau Blue in Florida, we meet once a year, Holy Name, FOP, Columbians, Centurian Car Club, PBA, ARPO, Blue Knights, RPA. I go to 6 meetings a month, I can't make them all. Lots of guys retire and you never hear from or see them again. (how true) Stay Well Join up and keep in touch

TERRY BROWN...caroljo@optonline.net, 516 798-8675 The summer is coming to completion. Its amazing how fast time goes, the flowers are loosing their luster, the grass is growing slower, but life is speeding by. The last time I wrote in this column was in the January's issue. I discussed the D.E.A. Task Force Reunion which will be held again this November according to Gregg Quinn. I also wrote about my hearing about Mike Ford and his dealing with Alzheimer's. I have been visiting Mike at Harbor House in Oyster Bay, and was surprised to see that only a small group of his friends have come to visit him. His family has told me how he appreciates your visits. I was very happy to hear Scott from post car 204 took time out recently and paid Mike a visit. Thanks Scott! I also hope that those of you who know Mike will take time out to visit him, his time is long and our time is a gift. I am writing again because I feel a need to invoke thought. As we get further into our retirement, many things occur in our lives: illness, divorce, the loss of loved ones, even old age, which in time catches all of us. These things tend to isolate us from friends and even family and need to be addressed. I have come to the conclusion that the S.O.A., D.E.A., and P.B.A. both active and retired, need to band together and develop a system of communication and support for the health and welfare of members who have fallen into isolation. There are over five thousand retired members scattered all over the county, the state and the country. In my travels I have discussed this with different organizations: the AFD, Neil Brogan, ARPO, the PBA Bob Rettinger, and Sgt. Saldano of the administrative Inspection Bureau, all of whom have showed interest in the idea of developing a support group. There are many of us who know members who are either ill, alone and in need of support. I am proposing the development of a web site that will help support these individuals through information and volunteerism. We as a group need to realize that as we get older and become more isolated, technology can be a useful tool in aiding those of us in need. I would appreciate any feedback you can offer me regarding this important issue. P.S. All members don't forget to vote for "JOY WATSON" Nassau District Attorney. Respectfully yours Terry30th

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Buffet- 3:30 PM - 5:30PM ** Saturday- 11-7-2009 **8:30 AM Breakfast Buffet**(Buffets will be served down stairs) 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Hosplitality Room Open 6:00 PM Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar, Hors d'Oeurvers) 7:00 PM Dinner Served-Dinner will be a garden fresh salad with assorted dressings, marinated vegetablesalad, pasta salad vinaigrette, rice pilaf, oven roasted new potatoes, seasonal vegetable medley, chicken picatta, ried flounder, beef burgundy, warm rolls with butter, chef's fanfare of desserts. Tables will be set up with 10 persons/ table. Seating will be on a first come first served basis. Dinner- 11-7-2009

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NASSAU BLUE REUNION: January 21- 24, 2010.... All retired and active members from every Department that served in Nassau County are welcome. Bring your family and friends and have an extended vacation.

You must make your own reservations by calling the Hotel at 1-866-705-7676 between 9 AM and 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday and tell them you are attending the Nassau Blue Reunion. Hotel room rate is \$82, plus tax per night and includes a breakfast buffet each morning at the Savannah Grill. Rates are for two and good for 3 days before and after reunion dates. Cut off date for a guaranteed Nassau Blue room is December 22, 2009. No shows or cancellations for rooms are based on Hotel policy. Check in time is 4 PM. If you arrive early please come to the Hospitality Room until your room is ready. Our Saturday evening Dinner will feature a presentation of fine foods to be followed by a delicious dessert.

The festivities and a Cash Bar will start at 6:30 PM, dinner slightly later. Get together with your friends, make sure they all wish to sit at the same table. Indicate names on form below or see Kathy or Maureen at the Nassau Blue Check In table upon arrival. Our entertainment this year will be provided by Debi G with music for all ages. Cost per person will be \$46.50/50 winners will be announced during the evening. Hospitality Room Hours: Thursday 11AM till 1AM; Friday 7 AM till 1 AM; Saturday 7 AM till ??? (CLOSED DURING DINNER SHOW 5 PM until 10:30 PM) and Sunday 7 AM till 10 AM. A Hospitality Fee of \$20 per person is required from ALL Nassau Blue Registered guests.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE: ODDS and ENDS... Henry and Inga Saul just returned from UpState NY attended a weddding and a visit with his brother..... Guy and Pat Hammersmith are off to their High School Reunion in Myrtle Beach, that is if Guy is back on his feet. Don Kain sends greetings from York, PA., he is hoping to get back on the big road once again after problems with his motor home are repaired.

Get Well Wishes: to Guy Hammersmith who has been in the hospital once again.... Get Well soon. Deaths: Deepest Sympathy to the families of John A. Marmaro, John D. Cuthbertson, Waldemar Freyre and to Ray French on the loss of his mother Eva, who was one month short of 99 years of age. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Writer's thoughts.. Let's hear from some of you retirees out there, once again I say this is your column John Nosovitch. 7445 Live Oak Lane North Zulch, Texas



Retired PO Jack Sommer, BSO, and Retired Sgt. Kevin Matthews, 2nd Pct, participated in a "9/11 Remembrance Ceremony" on September 10th at McManus Park in Astoria. Jack and Kevin are both members of NYS FOP Lodge #69, one of the participating organizations with the PAPD and Department of Corrections. Jack is a member of the "Blue Knights"; Kevin is a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans, Northport VA Hospital. In addition to several FOP members, Mrs. Arlene Howard (a World War II veteran) and her daughter (Air Force) were driven to the event by the DAV. President George W. Bush proudly carries the shield of the late Sgt. George Howard, son of Arlene Howard. Mrs Howard gave the shield to President Bush prior to the night that he addressed the nation after 9/11. George Howard, who was killed on 9/11, was a member of the Port Authority Police Department and a volunteer with the Hicksville Fire Department

Dino's Doins

By Bob Baumann

Several years ago, it became quite evident that meeting on the first Monday morning of every month, on those dates when holidays vied for our members' attention and presence, presented some problems. Some members who were told, at the previous meeting, or by word of mouth, later, by others, forgot or misunderstood. Others were confused over who had said what, triggering additional confusion.

As you might surmise, the few who came on holidays pursuant to the confusion, were often disappointed by the smaller-than normal attendance which cut down the usual number of former, fellow crime fighters available to be insulted, lied to and otherwise abused. This of course, reduced the fun significantly. Others, who'd misunderstood when we'd meet and stayed away were unhappy because they'd missed what little fun the few attendees had enjoyed.

So important a problem demanded a prompt solution so the unelected unofficial "officials" of the Unelected, Unofficial 7th Pct, Dinosaurs' Club conferred and quickly decided our policy will be: "'We'll meet on the first Monday of every month, regardless of any holiday!" leaving the individual members to make their own choices. (Howzzat for a quick, clear, executive decision?)

The policy seems to have taken root for 25 stalwart, former Pct. defenders of the public's trust, welfare and safety rallied, at (where else?) the Nautilus Diner, Massapequa, on Mon.; 9/7 (*) at 1000, where they immediately picked up right where they'd left off on 8/3, spreading and sharing lies, boasts. lousy jokes, and failing memories. (*) OK, So half of them wandered in late with puzzled, "Am I in the right place, at the right time on the right date?" looks on their faces! So what? They got it right this time didn't they? Let's cut 'em some slack, huh?

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the usual pause to reflect on those who have gone before us and ask for guidance and protection for those in harm's way. "(President Tyrrell reported on everyone's main concern, Kevin Pleasant's condition.

Kevin, recently admitted to New Island Hospital, Bethpage, for treatment of injuries he suffered. in a fall at home, relapsed there and was transferred to Columbia Presbyterian Hosp., NYC, where he recently underwent 8-10 hours of surgery, to replace a faulty heart valve. His condition is very serious: Phone contact, with his family is sketchy at best. Your prayers for Kevin's recovery and for Russ Damm and his family on the passing. on. 9/4, of Russ' wife, Lillian, after 48 years of marriage, will be greatly appreciated.

Remember when, years and years ago, burning figures etc., into odd scraps of wood, with an electric "pen was all the rage'? Jobn Witthohn proudly displayed a unique wooden plaque, made by Bill Octera, showing graceful

scrolls, at the edges and the inscriptions "25." to commemorate John's service time and "NCPD 109" to preserve the memory of the sector car in which John spent most of those 25 years. (Talk about bringing back the past! Nice work Bill.) Frank Napoli, absent, with medical problems for the last six months, or so, surprised everyone by shuffling in with his walker to a rousing welcome, John and Terry Guarascio dropped by, also to a warm welcome to show us how well Terry's recovering from her long struggle with her medical problems. A word of thanks to Bob Ploth for driving Frank here, as he's done so often in the past, when Frank felt up to it. Frank Fortuna is recovering from his stroke and regaining his voice in his FL home. (See? All the news isn't bad!)

Urz Trooly warned about the similarity between the U.S. quarter and the EU (Euopean. Union's) Euro They're identical in size and thickness which at a glance, can appear to be just another quarter, until a shopkeeper tells you that despite its current worth (about \$1.40, US) he can't/won't accept it!

The Euro's minted with a distinct gold sheen which nor-

mal handling tends to darken, adding to the confusion. If you find one, mixed in your pocket change look on the back for "1 EURO" to confirm it but don't waste time at the bank teller's window; they don't know beans and will tell you they can't won't take it. True enough: Go directly to the bank's supervisors (the suit and tie folks sitting at the desks, opposite the tellers' windows, usually doing little or nothing) to unload it.

Bill Nolan, here for the first time in quite a while took the \$1.00 @ man drawing but ran out before he could be heckled into picking up part of everyone's tab!

Greg Vasquez, Jack McMahon and Urz Troollee left with bags full off fine, fresh, plump beautifully red home grown (Bellmore) tomatoes, courtesy of Vinny Jackelaitis, who could never bring himself to abandon his long productive, WW II, backyard, Victory Garden! (They made a great salad, last night! Thanks Vin, and keep 'em comin!)

C U all same time and place: 1000, Monday, Oct. 4th. Hope so. Meanwhile Semper fi, buddy!

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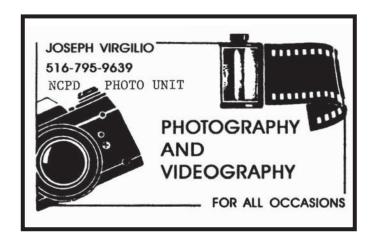
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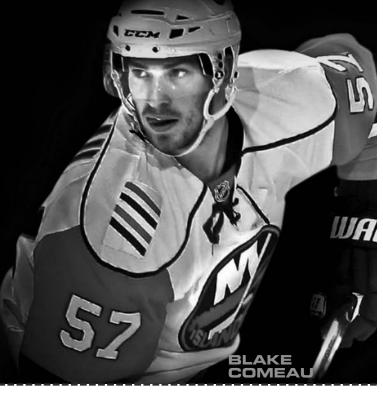
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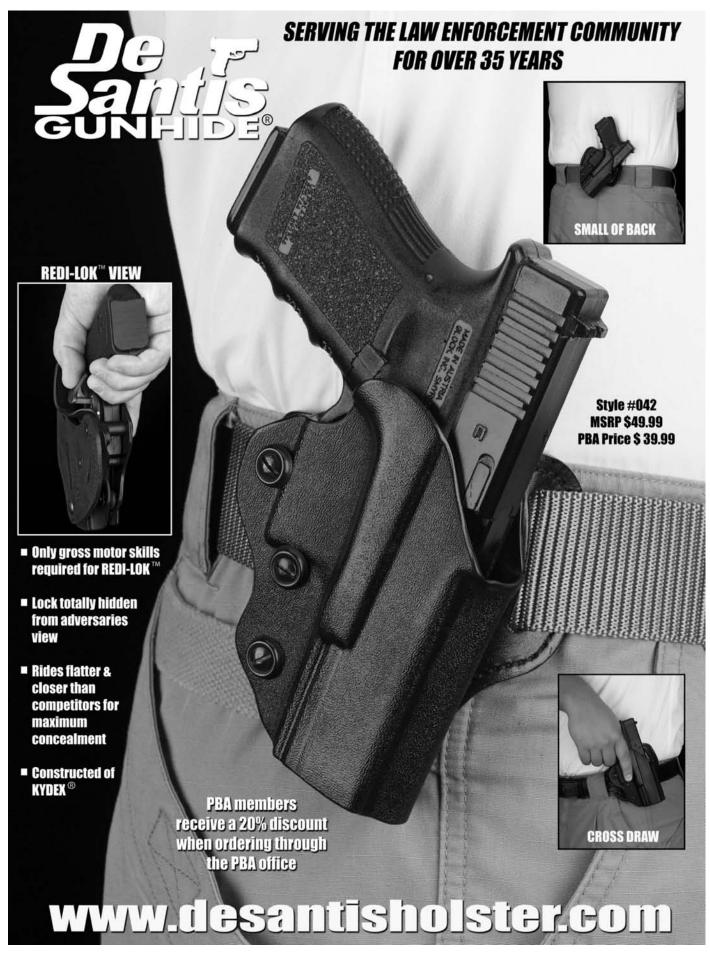
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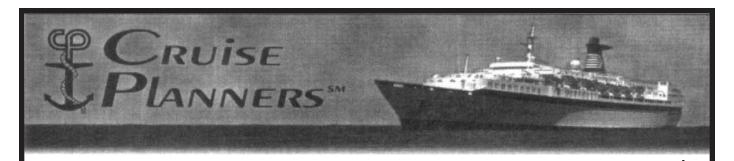


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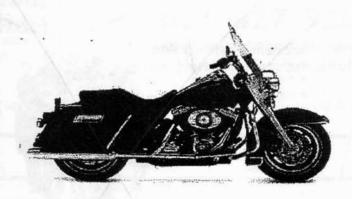
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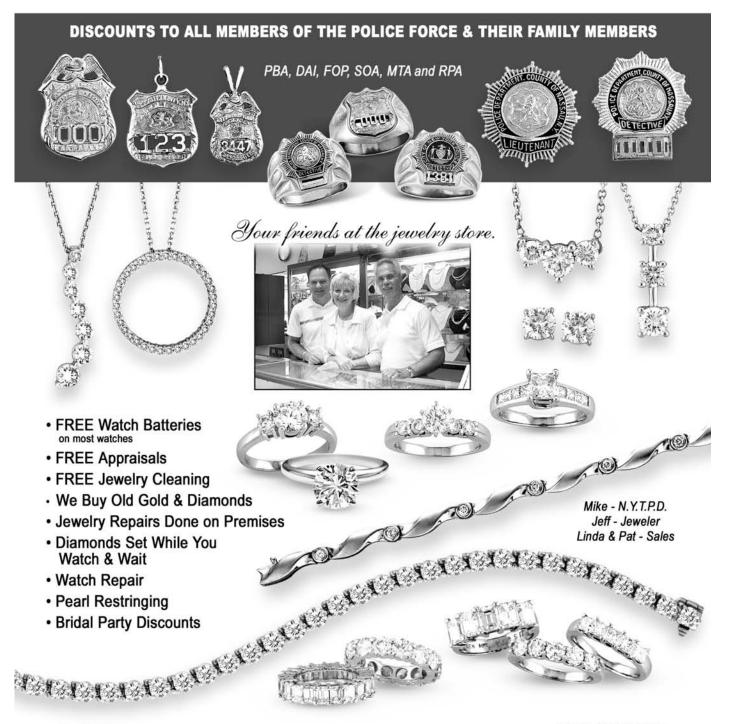




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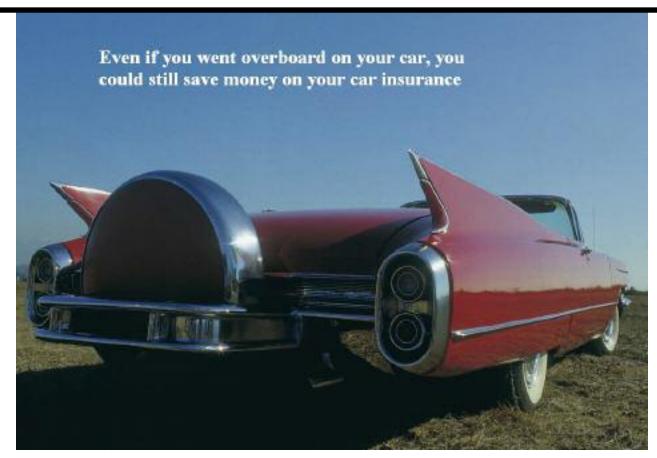
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