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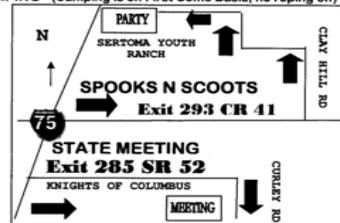
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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

I don't know about you but I can't believe it's September. It seems like we just got back from Tallahassee had a couple meetings, went on a couple rides, made a few party's and it's Labor Day weekend.

We are getting into the season for some of the best riding weather you'll find anywhere in the USA. Some folks say "it's why they live in Florida". I agree, some of the best rides we have had as a chapter happened in the fall. I personally am looking forward to getting out there with you all again. If anyone has a destination they would like to share with the chapter please contact any board member with the date and time and we'll be glad to help organize the ride. You can find the contact information on the inside cover of the newsletter.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our Brothers of LAMA and thank those members of the Palm Beach Chapter for their support in becoming members of our chapter. I look forward to working closely with them in planning interactive functions. Of course we would also like extend our invitation to any and all organizations and independents to join us in promoting motorcyclists rights, safety and awareness but also in forming and maintaining a solid working friendship and a genuine sense brotherhood in the Palm Beach motorcycle community.

It appears the cell phone issue is gaining more support, new studies have been conducted and their preliminary results are encouraging. I'll try to outline their findings based on an excerpt from one experiment.

Dear Two-Wheeled Friends,

"I have prepared an original scientific review article on the subject of cell phone use while driving, substantiating the huge safety implications for all motorists, and the even greater safety implications for motorcyclists. I reviewed the landmark epidemiological studies and the controlled experimental studies, as well as converging studies from other disciplines of science, such as neurology and psychology".

President's Message - CONT'D

"We believe the article is also important for the "freedom fight," in particular to undermine the efforts of NHTSA to "create evidence" to support their failed "motorcycle safety" policies focusing so myopically on "what bikers wear." Most importantly perhaps, the information presented in the article effectively undercuts NHTSA's comparisons of raw fatality data "before" and "after" the repeal of helmet laws. Very quickly, the escalation of cell phone use while driving has been literally epidemic over the past 10 years. During the past 6 years rising from 4 percent of all American drivers on the road at any given daylight moment in time actively engaged in cell phone conversation as of the year 2000, rising to 6 percent in 2002, then to 8 percent in 2004 and then to 10 percent by 2005. To make the implications plain, in the year 2000, four percent of all the drivers on the road at any given moment were driving as impaired as a DUI drunk driver, four times more likely to cause an accident than those who were not involved in cell phone conversation.

The percentage has risen steadily over the past 6 years so now when we ride, one out of every ten of the cars we encounter on the road is being operated by a DUI level impaired driver. These cell phone impaired drivers are actually substantially more dangerous to motorcyclists, as we make the case in the review article. But the inescapable fact is that there has been a huge increase in the incidence of accidents generally and motorcycle accidents in particular, which is what scientists would call an very powerful "independent variable" which NHTSA and the states failed to control for in their rush to blame the rise in motorcycle fatalities on the repeal of helmet laws.

I think the majority of motorcyclists are aware of the politically fueled media smokescreen reports that constantly insinuate that the motorcyclist killed or injured was at fault for the accident because they weren't wearing a helmet. The most recent incident 8/30/06.

A Boynton Beach motorcyclist died after a car struck him Wednesday, Davie Police spokesman Lt. Bill Bamford said.

Scott Williams, 37, was riding a Honda 600 southbound in the 800 block of Southwest 148th Avenue shortly before 1 p.m. when a Toyota Camry driven by **Daulton Johnson, 24, failed to yield the right-of-way**, Bamford said. Williams was ejected and thrown about 40 feet.

Who's fault was it?

President's Message - CONT'D

Bamford said **Williams was not wearing a helmet** and died on the way to Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale.

Would a helmet have saved his life after being struck hard enough to throw him 40'? Doubtful! Was it head trauma or internal injuries from the impact that killed the rider? Does any reporter ever ask? What was the driver doing at the time the accident occurred? Was he on a cell phone? Did Lt. Bamford ask, during his on the scene investigation? Probably not, because Florida police officers are not required to fill out the part of the accident report designated "Distractions". Why?

Johnson, of Miami, has not been charged, Bamford said, and investigation continues.

Why not? What part of "the car struck the motorcyclist after failing to yield the right-of-way" is so mysterious that it warrants further investigation. Why do we never hear about the outcome of the investigation or the findings of the court? Is anyone ever charged? Why is it never reported?

This accident was reported in the Sun Sentential 8/31/06. Does it sound familiar? We've all read and heard the same story over and over since the helmet law was repealed. Even more so since the insurance companies were denied the huge profits projected by their marketing guru's who helped plot the extortion of millions of dollars from motorcyclist, making it a law that in order to exercise your freedom of choice you'll have to pay for it. Obviously they were even more enraged when a Bill to raise the minimum amount of health insurance from \$10,000 to \$50,000 died on the table. Another failed ploy to recover the loss of projected profits they never had from the first extortion plan.

I believe, there are many among us who have survived this kind of accident and never rode again, either because of physical disability from injury or from the psychological effect of nearly being killed through the negligence and irresponsibility other motorists. Only to find that no charges were filed against the person that caused the accident.

What ever happened in the Ben Roethlisberger case? He's been bagered by the media and criticized by reporters for not denouncing his belief in freedom of choice and essentially asked to apologize for not wearing a helmet even though it wouldn't have lessened his injury and quite possibly could have resulted in a more severe

President's Message - CONT'D

injury if he had been wearing a helmet according to doctors interviewed. I applaud his decision to stick to his guns. What ever happened to the woman who caused the accident? Was she charged with the accident? It's likely we'll never know.

I know we all have heard enough about how things are emphasized by the media on certain aspects of a story, often the real story is hardly mentioned or so deluded it goes unnoticed.

If a course of action is to be planned, we will need to gather as much information as possible to prove our case. We can't rely on the media to accurately report the facts so maybe it's time to form a task force. Possibly a group of people with a background in law enforcement or law to follow up on these incidents and accidents.

In closing, we don't have much time but this is an important statement for all Americans. If you remember the days following the attack on our country, our flag was being flown everywhere.

I saw an emergence of patriotism, the likes I had not seen in a long time. I was angry but I was proud, it was so incredible to see our flag everywhere. I saw kids with huge flags at intersections shouting "God bless America"! Cars passing by blowing their horns, shouting back, God bless America!

Let's do it again. Let's let 'O! Glory fly in the face of those who envy us because we're free.

Say a prayer for our troops everyday.

God Bless America, the most benevolent and powerful nation in the world.

Strongbow President

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**Motorcycle Rights & Safety
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"Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road"**

You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year. ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Because we are not a club there are no mandatory rides or meetings to attend. We do not require our members to wear our patch. If you are currently a member of a motorcycle club or any other motorcycle association or organization we welcome your support as a member.

YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE

Our most recent victories include the passing of Bill HB1697 requiring stiffer penalties for a motorist turning left in front of another motorist, one of the leading causes of injury and death to motorcyclist'. A reformed bill regarding "Ape Hangers" has also been passed, handlebars are now to be measured from the riders shoulders rather than the seat. We also helped beat down legislation proposed by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) on an amendment to the transportation, reauthorization bill (SAFE-TEA) that would re-institute a federal helmet law for all riders by denying federal transportation and safety dollars to that state.

WE ARE NOT ANTI-HELMET, WE ARE ANTI-HELMET LAW

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are "anti-helmet law" if you chose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

There are over 7,000 members of ABATE in the state of Florida with over 30 active chapters. We feel Palm Beach County has huge potential in becoming one of the largest chapters in the state. With its large expanse and thousands of motorcyclist', a Palm Beach County chapter would become a viable and influential voice in raising motorcycle rights, safety and awareness. This chapter borders will be primarily Northern Broward County and all of Palm Beach County.

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SEPTEMBER
 3 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Annual
 10 - States MC 13th Annual Key West Tuneup Party
 15-17 - Phil Peterson's 34th Key West Poker Run
 24 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run

OCTOBER
 1 - Mystic 7 MC Annual
 8 - BBRA ANNUAL
 15 - Bobby B's "Boss" Hrlly's Grand Octoberfest Party
 19-22 - Daytona Bikeoberfest
 22 - 2nd Annual Katics for Kids Fun-Raiser
 28 - 32nd Annual Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party
 29 - SE ABATE 26th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally

NOVEMBER
 5 - US Military Vets MC National 19th Annual Party
 11 - Nat's Toy Run Bike Drive
 12 - Alternative MC Annual
 19 - CMA Memorial Event
 26-Heaven Cycles 29th Annual-29 FREE Kegs! <MOVED>

DECEMBER
 10-19th SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run
 16 - 7th Annual SFLCOC Christmas Party
 16 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-O of Miami
 17 - Peterson's Toys in the Park Event (Bayside, Miami)
 17 - Calvary Chapel MM Services

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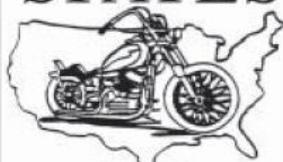
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***From: Rocky
Chaplain, ABATE P.B.C.***

RECONCILING LOVE & JUSTICE

Skeptics ask, "How can God be Loving and Full of Wrath at the same time?"

Many believers avoid replying because they wonder the same thing. To answer, we must understand two things: God's Love & the way His Love interacts with Divine Justice.

Love is often considered an emotion, but for God, it's a commitment that began before the first man ever drew a breath. Scripture tells us God is Love (1 John 4:8); therefore, His Love cannot be restricted to certain people who practice a "Perfect" Faith. He Loves both the Sinner & the Saint, regardless of their actions.

Unfortunately, people latch on to one characteristic of God and use it to question other aspects of His nature. Justice & Unconditional Love do not contradict each other as some suggest. True justice will be meted out with Love and Love cannot be genuine without Justice. In a similar way, human suffering exists under the umbrella of divine care - Believers don't like God's divine discipline, but it is needed to return us to the right path. (Hebrews 12:5-6)

God's justice includes Righteous Anger: Wrath is His holy determination to punish sin. Christ's death - the one acceptable sacrifice that can pay sin's penalty - has been rejected by the unfaithful. As a result, unbelievers are subject to divine anger. The Lord still loves those experiencing His forceful wrath, but His Holiness demands sins punishment.

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NCOM NEWS BYTES

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CYCLE SALES ON RECORD PACE Expanding popularity and fuel prices in the first half of 2006 have put motorcycle and scooter sales on track toward a 14th straight year of record growth. Compared to the first half of 2005, among the 15 leading brands, bike sales jumped 10.9 percent through the second quarter, according to Motorcycle Industry Council statistics. Sales of on-highway motorcycles (not including scooters) rose 11 percent in the first six months of the year, and scooter sales alone are up 19.7 percent compared to the same period last year.

"It's exciting to see continued, growing interest in motorcycling across America, and that there are more and more reasons for the demand," said MIC President Tim Buche. "There has been a lot of attention paid to motorcycle and scooter sales this year because of rising fuel prices. The reality is that a long-time trend of increasing motorcycle sales, now more than a dozen years strong, just continues revving along. Sales have gone up every year since 1993. That's when the first 'Jurassic Park' was the summer blockbuster and you could buy gas for under a dollar-fifty."

"Rising fuel prices are just another reason that millions more Americans have purchased a bike, or are seriously considering one," Buche said. "With many motorcycles capable of 50 to 70 miles per gallon, and many scooters getting 60 to 80 mpg, dealerships and manufacturers are fielding a lot more inquiries about fuel economy," he said.

"But during the past 14 years, motorcycling also has found its way into the fabric of American culture," Buche continued, "with two-wheeling getting past old stereotypes and gaining acceptance and traction as a great form of transportation and recreation."

"The motorcycling demographic is widening, from baby boomers who are coming back to bikes, to Generation Y Americans into adventure sports, entire families and growing numbers of women who ride," Buche said. "Motorcycles, scooters, even gear and leather riding jackets are more fashionable than ever. We used to have to look hard to find positive motorcycle imagery in pop culture. Now you see bikes everywhere, spicing up advertisements for a wide range of major industries, in fashion

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layouts, in runway shows, in store windows, in art museums, in the form of toys at the local department store and with many celebrities, CEOs and folks from all walks of life."

"Another factor with the soaring sales has to do with the bikes themselves," said Ty van Hooydonk, director of product communications with Discover Today's Motorcycling.

"Motorcycles and scooters are simply better than ever, in performance, style and variety, and still very affordable," he said. "The latest Cycle World Buyer's Guide lists more than 400 models. And it's not just sportbikes and cruisers and touring bikes. There are emerging niches between these broad categories, appealing to a wider array of personal taste in bikes. There's a fun little \$3,000 sportbike that gets 74 miles per gallon. There are beautiful big cruisers that cost \$12,000 or less. There are many desirable bikes at these prices and beyond that Americans aspire to own and enjoy."

"Whatever the reasons for buying motorcycles and scooters, safety comes first," van Hooydonk said, stressing five key messages for all riders: 1) Get trained and licensed, 2) wear all the proper protective gear, and that includes a helmet made to Department of Transportation (DOT) standards, 3) ride unimpaired by alcohol or other drugs, 4) ride within your own skill limits and 5) be a lifelong learner by taking refresher rider courses.

In 2005, motorcycle and scooter sales topped the one-million level for the third straight year, high marks last seen during the 1970s. The MIC lists 1973 as the zenith for annual motorcycle sales, when Americans bought more than 1.5 million bikes. Sales for 1979 topped the one-million mark, then cooled in the 1980s and early 1990s. Motorcycling began its 13 years of increasing success back in 1993, with sales growing every year since:

U.S. New Unit Motorcycle Sales

1992 - 278,000	1999 - 546,000
1993 - 293,000	2000 - 710,000
1994 - 306,000	2001 - 850,000
1995 - 309,000	2002 - 936,000
1996 - 330,000	2003 - 1,001,000
1997 - 356,000	2004 - 1,063,000
1998 - 432,000	2005 - 1,116,000

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FUEL PRICES DRIVE INCREASED MOTORCYCLING Motorcycle enthusiasts expect to use their Harleys, Kawasakis and Hondas more often and for longer periods of time than they did a year ago. Gas prices and a strong passion for riding are two of the main driving factors behind the increased desire to ride, according to a new survey by Nationwide Mutual Insurance.

According to the survey, 35 percent of motorcyclists said they will ride their bikes more over the next year as a result of fuel prices. Enthusiasts are also turning their hobby into an everyday form of transportation. Survey respondents reported they spent 26 percent of their total riding time last year commuting to work.

"Motorcyclists know that riding is more than a hobby -- it's also one of the most efficient means of transportation available," said American Motorcyclist Association Chief Executive Officer Patricia DiPietro. "As more Americans discover both the joys and the cost-effectiveness of motorcycling, we're sure to see more motorists dedicating their time, and their financial resources, to the passion of riding. But before hitting the road, it's important all riders make sure their insurance is up-to-date."

The survey conducted by Brandware of 2,544 motorcycle, power boat, bass boat and ATV owners shows that both male and female motorcyclists expect to ride their bikes for approximately 22 more hours than they did in the past year. Male motorcyclists expect to ride 172 hours over the next year, while female riders expect to ride 146 hours.

Motorcyclists are so passionate about their fuel-efficient bikes they indicated they will pay \$3 to \$4 more per gallon before they stop riding.

According to the survey, both male and female motorcyclists committed over half of their total money spent on leisure activities to accessories and improvements to their motorcycle over the past five years. Male riders invested more than \$7,000 on their bikes over this time period, more than any other group of powersport enthusiast.

As motorcyclists invest more financial resources and increasingly rely on their bikes as a form of daily transportation, the question of adequate financial protection becomes a concern. While most motorcyclists are insured, more than one in ten surveyed indicated they are not. And even those who have insurance may not have enough. Among insured riders, one in five said they are not covered for liability and one-third are not covered for collision or medical payments.

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More than 30 percent of motorcyclists surveyed don't believe they have enough insurance to cover the replacement value of their bikes and 14 percent said they would rather take their chances than pay to fully insure it.

EPA ISSUES GUIDANCE FOR CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE BUILDERS The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently released a Letter of Guidance for the "Certification Procedure for Highway Motorcycle Engines," which will allow the use of certified EPA-compliant engines without restriction.

Under EPA regulations issued in 2003, custom bike builders are limited to building only 24 non-compliant motorcycles per model year, and individuals are allowed to own only one EPA exempt kit bike in their lifetime. But now, following a year of successful efforts between the EPA and industry and consumer groups, the "Certification Procedure for Highway Motorcycle Engines" will allow builders of aftermarket engines to provide EPA-compliant engine packages to individuals, dealers and small volume motorcycle manufacturers, thus circumventing the strict regulations applied to non-EPA compliant motorcycles. Therefore, the new Certification Procedure will permit certified engines installed in new highway motorcycle chassis to be operated or re-sold without onerous construction and ownership restrictions, provided the requirements of the procedure, as well as the federal Clean Air Act anti-tampering requirements, are met.

By using motors that are certified to meet emissions regulations, individuals and builders can now build EPA compliant motorcycles without having to go through the complicated and costly emissions testing procedures themselves, thus allowing small volume manufacturers to build and sell as many custom motorcycles as they want to, and individuals can now own, ride and sell them without prior restrictions as long as the engine package is not altered in any way that increases exhaust emissions.

BIG BEN WON'T PROMOTE HELMETS Ben Roethlisberger, the Super Bowl XL winning quarterback whose June 12th motorcycle accident made worldwide headlines when a car turned left in front of him, says he won't be promoting helmets any time soon.

Following his release from the hospital after undergoing facial reconstructive surgery, the Pittsburgh Steelers star released a statement saying that, "If I ever ride again, it certainly will be with a helmet," immediately raising hopes among pro-helmet law

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advocates that he would barnstorm the country making speeches and filming public service announcements to promote helmets. But don't count on it.

In an exclusive interview with "Good Morning America," the quarterback told Robin Roberts why he wouldn't become an advocate for helmet use:

"I don't think that that's my place," he said. "You know, I think that some people feel that, you know, I probably should be doing that and being a big advocate for that. But for me, you know, I'm going to let people make their own decision 'cause I think that's what it's about...So I don't think you'll see me doing any kind of billboards or advertisements."

INDIA RELAXES HELMET RULE Many motorcycle riders look happy about relaxing the rule of wearing helmet for motorcycle passengers. For them, they say, it is an escape from carrying around an extra helmet and makes it easier for giving lifts.

Not wearing helmet by backseat rider is more risky than the joy it brings. Doctors, who have to attend those injured in accidents, look at it differently.

The making of wearing helmet optional for pillion rider was not a good decision, said senior medical consultant and chief of medical education at National Academy of Medical Science of Bir Hospital Dr. Madhur Dev Bhattarai.

He said that pillion riders are more at risk of head injuries and even deaths than drivers in motorcycle accidents.

Talking to The Rising Nepal, Dr. Bhattarai said he saw no reason in scrapping the compulsory wearing of helmet for both riders. There is no rationale in easing the rule at this time. "If it was done when the security situation was more critical that would be understandable," he added.

Helmets were made compulsory even for pillion riders about three years ago, but traffic police have eased the rule for pillion riders despite pleas from the medical community that easing of the rule might make women become more vulnerable as most of them are passengers and also because of their seating position.

However, SSP at the Valley Traffic Police Office Bhisma Prasai said that the option was given because of public complaints. He said they have taken public opinion during one-month period before the decision was taken and most of the riders opined that it would be better if it was made optional rather than compulsory as we have

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limited road length and the traffic speed is also slow.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD: Man Breaks Moving Violation Record -- An Italian scooterist in Turin has shattered the previous record for moving violations with a whopping 144 points in less than 15 minutes.

His crimes include: not wearing a helmet, riding without rear-view mirrors, speeding, running a red light, not stopping when police ordered, riding the wrong way down city-center streets, riding without lights, riding on pedestrian footpaths, riding without insurance, and worst of all, incorrectly attached license plates.

The previous Italian record had stood since April at 116 points in a single night.

Not to be outdone, an American woman recently racked up 70 speeding tickets in 5 months. As a mortgage broker in Phoenix, Arizona, Francesca Cisneros is used to working with big numbers, but it's the double-digit speed limits she has trouble with.

Speeding cameras in Scottsdale, a suburb of Phoenix, snapped pictures of the 32-year-old woman as she tore through the sun-baked city in her Honda Civic between March 2 and July 31, and she has been issued 70 speeding tickets.

"She told arresting officers she was speeding because she seemed to be late for client meetings all the time," Scottsdale Police Department spokesman Mark Clark told Reuters. "I guess she's got some time management issues."

Police said Cisneros said she threw her speeding tickets away because she thought nothing could happen to her if she didn't pay them. Clark said Cisneros faces some \$11,000 in fines and could have her license suspended.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Liberty and freedom and democracy are so very precious that you do not fight to win them once and then stop. You do not do that. Liberty and freedom and democracy are prizes that are awarded only to those people who fight to win them and then keep on fighting eternally to hold them."
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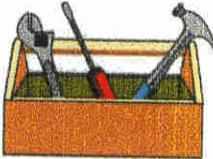
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Riesfeldt (Paderborn, Germany)

Overzealous zookeeper Friedrich fed his constipated elephant Stefan 22 doses of animal laxative and more than a bushel of berries, figs and prunes before the plugged-up pachyderm finally let it fly, and suffocated the keeper under 200 pounds of poop! Investigators say ill-fated Friedrich, 46, was attempting to give the ailing elephant an olive oil enema when the relieved beast unloaded on him. "The sheer force of the elephant's unexpected defecation knocked Mr. Riesfeldt to the ground, where he struck his head on a rock and lay unconscious as the elephant continued to evacuate his bowels on top of him" said flabbergasted Paderborn police detective Erik Dern. With no one there to help him, he lay under all that dung for at least an hour before a watchman came along, and during that time he suffocated.

It seems to be just one of those freak accidents that proves that "Sh*t happens!"

Bhopal India

"A farmer in India has been charged with manslaughter after allegedly killing a police officer with his rancid breath. While attempting to arrest Raji Bhattachra of Bhopal, the officer smelled the curry on the farmers breath and died from an asthma attack".

Glendale, Ca.

Gun enthusiast, Robert Stovestall 37, died from an accidental gunshot wound. According to news reports, he placed a .45- caliber pistol he thought was unloaded under his chin and pulled the trigger. The incident took place" after his wife's complaints about his collection of 70 guns prompted him to demonstrate they were safe.

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