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**SATURDAY
February 16th**



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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.



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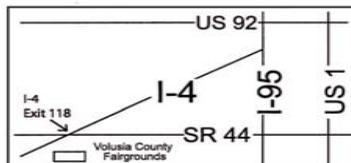
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PALM BEACH CHAPTER**

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11:30 am THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH



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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

WITH THE DELRAY ISSUE BEHIND US NOW, IT SHOULD GIVE A LOT OF OUR CRITICS SOMETHING TO PONDER. WHEN I HEAR REMARKS FROM SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT WE DO AND WHO WE ARE AS MEMBERS OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, I WONDER IF THEY HAVE EVER CONSIDERED WHAT RIDING IN FLORIDA WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT ABATE.

FOR ONE THING, IF WE HADN'T GONE UP AGAINST THE LEGISLATORS THAT PROPOSED RECLASSIFYING MOTORCYCLES AS MOTOR VEHICLES, THERE WOULD BE A WHOLE LOT OF US THAT WOULDN'T BE RIDING IN FLORIDA AT ALL.

THE INSURANCE COMPANIES WERE CUEING UP FOR THE KILL. BASIC INSURANCE COULD HAVE COST YOU UP TO \$3,000 AND IT FULL COVERAGE COULD HAVE BEEN CLOSE TO \$6,000. IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR ABATE THAT BILL WOULD HAVE PASSED AND YOU'RE SCOOT MIGHT BE SITTING IN THE GARAGE. IF YOU CAN IMAGINE THE RIPPLE EFFECT FROM A PIECE OF CRAP BILL LIKE THIS. THE MAJORITY OF THE PRIVATELY OWNED MOTORCYCLE SHOPS WOULD BE FORCED OUT OF BUSINESS, DEALERSHIPS WOULD BE SWAMPED WITH BIKES AND THE BANKS WOULD BE BURIED IN REPO BIKES. SPEAKING IN GENERAL TERMS, BEING A MOTORCYCLIST WOULD NEVER BE THE SAME. WE AS MOTORCYCLISTS CAME WITHIN A PUBIC HAIR OF LOSING THAT PART OF OUR LIFESTYLE AND OUR FREEDOM.

IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR ABATE STATE PRESIDENT AND LOBBYIST DOC REICHENBACK'S EXPERIENCE AND TENACITY THIS VERY WELL COULD HAVE BEEN THE END OF MOTORCYCLING, AS WE KNOW IT. THAT BILL HAD BEEN TABLED AND THERE'S BEEN NO MENTION OF IT SINCE.

THAT'S JUST AN EXAMPLE, MOST MOTORCYCLISTS DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN PRESERVED FOR THEM BECAUSE OF ABATE AND THE OTHER M.R.O.'s, ON THE FRONT LINE FOR THEM EVERY DAY. IT'S A NEVER-ENDING AND CONSTANT VIGILANCE WE HAVE CHOSEN AS OUR POST. AS A GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION OUR EXISTENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS IS MEASURED BY OUR VICTORIES. THAT IS IF ANYBODY EVER STOPS LONG ENOUGH TO REALIZE WHAT THOSE VICTORIES MEANT TO US ALL AS MOTORCYCLISTS.

I WAS ASKED BY FRIEND OF MINE, AN OLE' SALT RIDER, WHY I DO THIS AND WHY I GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THIS STUFF, NOBODY ELSE SEEMS TO CARE ANYWAY. WITHOUT REALLY GIVING IT A LOT OF THOUGHT I ANSWERED "IF I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT, I'M PART OF THE PROBLEM, NOT THE SOLUTION.

I BELIEVE IN OUR CONSTITUTION, I BELIEVE IN STRENGTH IN NUMBERS AND I BELIEVE IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THOSE IN POSITIONS OF POWER THAT WILL SELL THEIR SOUL FOR

President's Message - Cont'd

THE THINGS THAT ONLY BREED CONTEMPT AND DISCOURAGEMENT AMONG THE PEOPLE THEY WERE ELECTED TO REPRESENT.

IT'S LIKE A CLEVERLY CONSTRUCTED PLAN WAS DEVISED TO DISTRACT AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM THE REALITY OF OUR WORLD AND TO PROVE HOW EASY IT IS TO MANIPULATE THE MASSES BY CREATING SO MANY DIVERSIONS NO ONE REALLY KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON, BECAUSE THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN CONSUMED WITH TRYING TO CONFORM AND KEEP UP WITH THE STANDARDS SET FOR THEM BY GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT USES THE MEDIA TO HELP STEER PUBLIC OPINION AND ACTION FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSE. THEY FIGURE IF WE'RE SO BUSY WITH KEEPING UP WITH THE JONES' WE WON'T HAVE TIME TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WELL, GUESS WHAT? IT'S WORKING....

I WONDER HOW MANY OF US WOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT MALICIOUS BILLS LIKE HB 137, GIVING LAW ENFORCEMENT A FREE HAND TO CONFISCATE YOUR MOTORCYCLE. OR MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO TAKE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER OR GRANDCHILD FOR A RIDE ON YOUR BIKE BECAUSE THEY'RE UNDER 12 YEARS OLD. HOW MANY OF US WOULD KNOW ABOUT BILLS THAT ARE CONSTANTLY BEING INTRODUCED AND ARE SPECIFICALLY AND INTENTIONALLY AIMED AT YOU AS A MOTORCYCLIST? IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE GRASSROOTS RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS LIKE ABATE WORKING WITH OTHER M.R.O.'S, THE M.R.F., NCOM AMONG THE MANY OTHER RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS CHANCES ARE WE WOULDN'T. AND THAT WOULD BE THE END OF MOTORCYCLING, AS WE KNOW IT TODAY.

WITHOUT THE POLITICAL SAVVY OF OUR LOBBYIST AND THE EXPERIENCE IN HIS DEALINGS WITH POLITICIANS AND LEGISLATORS WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE EDGE WE HAVE TODAY. IF DOC HADN'T CAUGHT A REPRESENTATIVE ON HIS WAY INTO THE SENATE TO VOTE ON A BILL RECLASSIFYING MOTORCYCLES AS MOTOR VEHICLES, ONE HE HADN'T EVEN READ, WE WERE ABLE TO BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHERS VOTING ON THE SAME BILL, WHICH OBVIOUSLY THEY HADN'T REALLY READ TOO WELL BECAUSE THEY ESSENTIALLY KILLED THE BILL. THINGS LIKE THIS GO ON ALL THE TIME, WE OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED THE FACT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE VOLUNTARILY GIVING THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS AND THE LIFESTYLE WE SHARE.

IF YOU RIDE A MOTORCYCLE AND YOU BELIEVE IN PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS AS MOTORCYCLIST AND YOU CARE ABOUT MAKING RIDING A MOTORCYCLE SAFER, YOU SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE. YOUR \$20 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP HELPS TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS IN PRESERVING OUR FREEDOM AND TO EDUCATE MOTORISTS AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT SAFETY AND AWARENESS. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ABATE CHAPTER AND LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOUR PARTICIPATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR AND THERE ARE ISSUES THAT WERE TABLED LAST YEAR THAT WILL BE VOTED ON IN THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE CELL PHONE BILL IS ONE OF THEM AND

President's Message - Cont'd

ALSO REINSTATING DRIVERS ED CLASSES IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM. WE ARE ALSO FACING ELECTIONS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DOWN TO COUNTY AND CITY

GOVERNMENT. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF AS WELL AS OTHERS TO KNOW WHO, YOU ARE VOTING FOR. TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO SEE WHAT THESE PEOPLE REALLY STAND FOR.

THINK OUTSIDE THE PARTY LINES, THE TWO PARTY SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN STRETCHED TO ITS LIMITS. WE CAN NO LONGER DEPEND ONE PARTY OR THE OTHER TO GET THIS COUNTRY BACK ON TRACK. EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT CHANGE IN THE RACE FOR PRESIDENT. IF THEY WANT CHANGES THEN LET'S START WITH THIS RIDICULOUS TWO PARTY SYSTEM, EACH BLAMING OTHER FOR BREAKING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT TO GET WHAT THEY WANT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ELECTORAL PROCESS TO BE THE FIRST THING CHANGED.

WE HAVE TWO CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT, ONE CALLS HIMSELF A REPUBLICAN THE OTHER A DEMOCRAT. BOTH WITH AGENDAS TO MAKE AMERICA GREAT THROUGH CHANGES, IF WE REALLY WANT TO GET THIS COUNTRY BACK ON TRACK IT SHOULD BE THE ONE THAT WINS THE ELECTION GETS TO BE PRESIDENT AND THE ONE THAT LOOSES GETS TO BE VICE PRESIDENT. EACH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN PARTY'S AGENDA AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUCCESS AND FAILURE. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE VOTE ON THAT CHANGE BEFORE THEY VOTE FOR ANY CANDIDATE.

AS IT STANDS NOW WE ARE GOING TO BE STUCK WITH THE SAME OLE RHETORIC, FINGER POINTING AND IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS OF BOTH PARTIES FOR SELLING OUT AMERICA. IN MY OPINION WE ARE ALL TO BLAME, WE'RE GUILTY OF COMPLACENCY AND TRUSTING SOMEBODY ELSE TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES DURING THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME IN OUR HISTORY. MAKE 2008 THE YEAR YOU GET INVOLVED, VOTE FOR CHANGE, VOTE FOR JUSTICE BUT ABOVE ALL VOTE FOR WHAT'S GOOD FOR AMERICA NOT JUST FOR THE GOOD OF WHATEVER PARTY YOU BELONG TO.

IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE ONE OF OUR GREATEST FOUNDING FATHERS, "IF IT WAS THAT I WOULD HAVE TO GO TO HEAVEN WITH A PARTY, I WOULD NOT GO AT ALL". *THOMAS JEFFERSON*

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**MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY
DEDICATED TO
"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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Vice President's Message

THE VERY FIRST THING I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION IS MY THANKS TO JAG FOR HIS COMMENTS ON MY JANUARY 2008 VP MESSAGE. JAG, YOUR COMMENTS WERE INSIGHTFUL AND APPRECIATED.

NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE FLORIDA HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS THAT BLATANTLY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST MOTORCYCLES. THESE BILLS WOULD NOT ONLY ALLOW BUT WOULD MANDATE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ARREST ANY MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR TRAVELING MORE THAN 30 MPH OVER THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT, TO CONFISCATE THE MOTORCYCLE AND IF CONVICTED THE OPERATOR WOULD LOSE HIS DRIVING PRIVILEGES FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 10 YEARS.

I AM GOING TO PICK THIS APART PIECE-BY-PIECE AND GIVE YOU MY OPINION OF THE LUNACY OF A LAW LIKE THIS.

FIRST LET'S LOOK AT THE SHEER DISCRIMINATORY INTENT OF THESE BILLS BY NAMING MOTORCYCLISTS ONLY. THE VERBIAGE OF BOTH THESE BILLS IS SUCCINCTLY AIMED AT "MOTORCYCLISTS". THE MOTIVE FOR THESE BILLS HAS ARISEN FROM THE DANGEROUS AND RECKLESS DRIVING THAT HAS COME ABOUT IN THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY BY THE YOUNG SPORT BIKE RIDERS. I AGREE THAT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE TO MAKE THIS SEGMENT OF MOTORCYCLISTS MORE RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS BUT I ALSO FEEL THAT YOUTH IS A PARAMOUNT DISTINCTIVENESS TO THIS PROBLEM AND NOT THE MOTORCYCLE. I HAVE SEEN JUST AS MANY(IF NOT MORE) SMALL, IMPORT CARS DARTING IN AND OUT OF TRAFFIC AT HIGH SPEEDS, CAUSING AS MUCH, AND AGAIN, IF NOT MORE OF A HAZARD THAN MOTORCYCLES. SO IF NECESSARY AT ALL, THE LAW SHOULD BE BROADENED TO ENCOMPASS ALL VIOLATORS, NOT JUST MOTORCYCLISTS, BUT THAT JUST WILL NOT HAPPEN. WHY? MONEY!

LET'S LOOK AT THE MONETARY VALUE OF CONFISCATING SPORTS BIKE VS. AN IMPORT SPORTS CAR. PRICE OF AN AVERAGE SPORTS BIKE IS LESS THAN 19% OF AN IMPORT SPORTS CAR. THEN LET'S LOOK AT THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUTHS THAT OPERATE A SPORTS MOTORCYCLE VS. A CAR. I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I DO NOT HAVE A SOURCE FOR ACCURATE FIGURES ON THAT BUT I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN SHEER DOLLARS IS RELATIVE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN MOTORCYCLE SALES VS. CAR SALES AND TOTALS IN THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. OK, WHAT DOES THAT REALLY MEAN? TO TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENS TO ANY VEHICLE THAT IS CONFISCATED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. WHEN A VEHICLE IS CONFISCATED, THE GOVERNMENT, WHETHER IT BE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, BASICALLY SAYS, WE TOOK IT, NOW WE OWN IT AND YOU DON'T. LET'S ASSUME THE BIKE OR VEHICLE IS FINANCED. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE LOAN? YOU ARE! BUT, HOW CAN THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION COLLECT? REPOSSESS THE BIKE? NO, THE GOVERNMENT HAS LEGALLY CONFISCATED IT. SO THEY GO AFTER THE OWNER. CAN YOU IMAGINE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT TO LENDING INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE NO SOURCE TO COLLECT ON A VEHICLE LOAN OTHER THAN CREDIT IMPLICATIONS OR SUIT OF A TEENAGER OR YOUNG ADULT? DO YOU THINK THEIR

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONT'D

POLITICAL LOBBYISTS WOULD JUMP ON A LAW LIKE THAT? I THINK NOT. SO LET'S GO AFTER THE BIKES, IT'S JUST MORE FINANCIALLY UNIMPORTANT.

NEXT LET'S LOOK AT THE YOUNG SPORT BIKERS THAT WE ALL KNOW THESE BILLS ARE AIMED AT. CONSIDER YOUTHFUL REASON, OR LACK THERE OF, WHEN AFTER THEY'RE SHOWING OFF TO WHOMEVER, GOING JUST UNDER THE SPEED OF SOUND ON ONE WHEEL IN COMMUTER TRAFFIC ON INTERSTATE 95 IN MID-TOWN WEST PALM BEACH. ALSO LET'S REMEMBER, THEY'RE MORE LIKELY TO BE WEARING A FULL-FACE DOT APPROVED HELMET THAN ANYONE ON A CRUISER. THE BLUE LIGHTS COME ON SOMEWHERE BEHIND THEM... LET'S ASSUME THEIR IMMEDIATE THOUGHTS ARE...SHIT! THEN YOUTHFUL "REALITY" STARTS TO COMMAND THEIR ACTIONS. "IF, I PULL OVER MY BIKE IS GONE; I GO TO JAIL; I LOSE MY LICENSE FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 YEARS; I STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR MY BIKE BUT I DON'T HAVE IT ANYMORE; THE COP IS IN A CAR AND I AM ON MY BIKE; MY FATHER IS GOING TO KICK MY ASS. DO I STOP OR DO I RUN?

LET'S ASSUME THAT THEY RUN. NOW LET ME CHANGE OUR OUTLOOK FROM THE YOUNG SPORT BIKER TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ARMED WITH THIS NEW LAW. WE ALL KNOW THAT SINCE SO MANY NON-INVOLVED CITIZENS OR BYSTANDERS HAVE BEEN INJURED BY POLICE TRAFFIC PURSUITS, THAT RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DEFINE THE REASONABLENESS OF POLICE PURSUITS. BASICALLY, THAT MEANS THAT A POLICE OFFICER CAN CHASE A FELON A LOT FURTHER AND FASTER THAN A TRAFFIC VIOLATOR. IT MAKES SENSE THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE PLACED AT RISK FOR AN OFFENSE THAT WOULD NOT UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES ENDANGER THEM. SIMPLY EXPLAINED, IF THE PERSON RUNNING FROM THE POLICE IS NOT RUNNING FROM THEM FOR COMMITTING AN OFFENSE THAT WOULD HAVE ENDANGERED THE PUBLIC IN THE FIRST PLACE, WHY CHASE THEM TO THE POINT THAT THE PURSUIT CREATES GREATER DANGER THAN THE OFFENSE. SO THIS LAW WOULD, IN EFFECT, GIVE A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ALLOW A POLICE OFFICER TO CONTINUE A PURSUIT PAST REASONABLE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC FOR WHAT IS BASICALLY A TRAFFIC INFRACTION. THE MOTIVATION IS? MONETARY GAINS BECAUSE THE PROCEEDS OF THE CONFISCATION GO DIRECTLY TO THE AGENCY. ALSO, SPEAKING AS A POLICE OFFICER INVOLVED IN MANY PURSUITS WHEN THERE WERE NO RESTRICTIONS; WHEN THE ADRENALINE GETS PUMPING ALL YOU SEE IS GETTING THE BASTARD!

NOW LET'S LOOK THROUGH THE EYES OF JOHN-Q-PUBLIC. YOU SEE THE A-HOLE KID ON A BIKE, ON ONE WHEEL, TRAVELING THROUGH TRAFFIC AT JUST UNDER THE SPEED OF SOUND. MAN THAT A-HOLE PISSES ME OFF! THREE MINUTES LATER MY CELL PHONE RINGS, MY WIFE IS ASKING ME HOW MY DAY WENT, COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW MY KIDS WRECKED HER DAY AND ASKING ME WHAT I WANT FOR DINNER. DO YOU THINK I STILL REMEMBER THE A-HOLE ON THE BIKE? DO I WANT A COP TO PUT MY LIFE IN JEOPARDY SO THEY CAN STOP HIM FROM BEING AN A-HOLE AND KILLING HIMSELF? I THINK NOT! AND, IF SOME POLITICIAN MAKES THAT ISSUE MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY SAFETY, WILL I VOTE FOR THEM AGAIN? AGAIN, I THINK NOT!

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONT'D

SO WHAT IS THE ANSWER? STOP F'N UP BY WAITING TO TRY TO CONTROL THESE YOUNG MINDS THAT FEEL THEY ARE IMMORTAL UNTIL THEY GET A FEW HUNDRED POUNDS OF METAL AND HORSEPOWER BETWEEN THEIR LEGS AND START EDUCATING THEM TO SAFETY AND THEIR MORTALITY AS SOON AS WE CAN TALK TO THEM.

EDUCATE DON'T LEGESLATE... IT HAS BEEN A GOAL OF ABATE FROM THE BEGINNING. MY OPINION IS THAT IF WE FAIL TO EDUCATE, BY THE TIME WE GET AROUND TO TRYING TO LEGISLATE, WE'VE ALREADY LOST THEM AND IT'S TOO LATE.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I AM REALLY TIRED OF LOSING THESE KIDS. WE MAY BE TOO LATE TO SAVE A LOT OF THEM BUT LET'S AT LEAST TRY OUR BEST AT GETTING TO THE NEXT GENERATION BEFORE THEY THROW A LEG OVER THEIR INEVITABLE DEATH RIDE.

SHOULD YOU HAVE AN OPINION AND THE TIME TO WRITE, I'D REALLY LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

JUST REMEMBER... ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO BE HEARD IS SHOW UP!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO HAVE WHAT YOU SAY TO COUNT IS SHOW UP AND VOTE!

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WRITE ME WITH YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS!

JOHN "PAPA BEAR" OLSEY
YOUR, VICE PRESIDENT
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FEBRUARY

- 2 - Alternative 4th Annual
- 3 - Third Tradition MC Annual
- 10 - AOA MC Ft. Laud Annual
- 17 - States MC Lake Worth Annual
- 23 & 24 H-D Miami's 12th Anniversary Party <date change
- 23 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Annual
- 24 - Wheels on the Road 100th Issue Party at Flossies @ 5PM

MARCH

- Feb 29 - March 9 - 67th Annual Daytona Beach Bike Week
- 16 - Keltics MC Annual
- 23 - CMA Annual
- 30 - Fiasco Brothers Annual

APRIL

- 5 - Outcasts MC Annual
- 6 - States MC Pompano Annual
- 12 - Mystic 7 Mojo's Birthday
- 13 - AOA MC West Palm Beach Annual
- 12 & 13 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
- 20 - Wings of Gold MC Stars & Stripes Run
- 27 - Nam Knights Broward Annual
- 25-27 Leesberg Bikefest

MAY

- 4 - Southern MC Annual
- 18 - Black Pistons MC Keys Annual
- 25 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- 1 - Soldiers for Jesus Annual
- 7 - Alternative MC Run
- 8 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual
- 14 - New Attitudes MC Annual
- 15 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
- 22 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Annual
- 28 - ABATE Palm Beach event
- 29 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual

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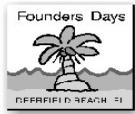
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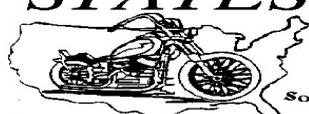
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AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE.....

THE QUOTE OF THE MONTH IS BY JAY LENO:

"WITH HURRICANES, TORNADOS, FIRES OUT OF CONTROL, MUD SLIDES, FLOODING, SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS TEARING UP THE COUNTRY FROM ONE END TO ANOTHER, AND WITH THE THREAT OF BIRD FLU AND TERRORIST ATTACKS, "ARE WE SURE THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO TAKE GOD OUT OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?"

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The car's speedometer was showing 20-30-40 and then 50 MPH, but it was still stuck in the snow, wheels spinning. Trooper Nixon, having a sense of humor, began running in place next to the speeding (but stationary) car. The driver was totally freaked, thinking the trooper was actually keeping up with him. This goes on for about 30 seconds, then the trooper yelled. "PULL OVER!"

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FIRST DATE

IF YOU DIDN'T SEE THIS ON THE TONIGHT SHOW, I HOPE YOU'RE SITTING DOWN WHEN YOU READ IT. THIS IS PROBABLY THE FUNNIEST DATE STORY EVER, FIRST DATE OR NOT!!! WE HAVE ALL HAD BAD DATES... BUT THIS TAKES THE CAKE.

JAY LENO WENT INTO THE AUDIENCE TO FIND THE MOST EMBARRASSING FIRST DATE THAT A WOMAN EVER HAD. THE WINNER DESCRIBED HER WORST FIRST DATE EXPERIENCE. THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION AS TO WHY HER TALE TOOK THE PRIZE! SHE SAID IT WAS MIDWINTER... SNOWING AND QUITE COLD... AND THE GUY HAD TAKEN HER SKIING IN THE MOUNTAINS OUTSIDE SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. IT WAS A DAY TRIP (NO OVERNIGHT). THEY WERE STRANGERS, AFTER ALL, AND TRULY HAD NEVER MET BEFORE. THE OUTING WAS FUN BUT RELATIVELY UNEVENTFUL UNTIL THEY WERE HEADED HOME LATE THAT AFTERNOON.

THEY WERE DRIVING BACK DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, WHEN SHE GRADUALLY BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT SHE SHOULD NOT HAVE HAD THAT EXTRA LATTE. THEY WERE ABOUT AN HOUR AWAY FROM ANYWHERE WITHOUT A REST ROOM AND IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE!

HER COMPANION SUGGESTED SHE TRY TO HOLD IT, WHICH SHE DID FOR A WHILE. UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY SNOW AND SLOW GOING, THERE CAME A POINT WHERE SHE TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD BETTER STOP AND LET HER GO BESIDE THE ROAD, OR IT WOULD BE THE FRONT SEAT OF HIS CAR. THEY STOPPED AND SHE QUICKLY CRAWLED OUT BESIDE THE CAR, YANKED HER PANTS DOWN AND STARTED. IN THE DEEP SNOW SHE DIDN'T HAVE GOOD FOOTING, SO SHE LET HER BUTT REST AGAINST THE REAR FENDER TO STEADY HERSELF. HER COMPANION STOOD ON THE SIDE OF THE CAR WATCHING FOR TRAFFIC AND INDEED WAS A REAL GENTLEMAN AND REFRAINED FROM PEEKING. ALL SHE COULD THINK ABOUT WAS THE RELIEF SHE FELT DESPITE THE RATHER EMBARRASSING NATURE OF THE SITUATION. UPON FINISHING, HOWEVER, SHE SOON BECAME AWARE OF ANOTHER SENSATION. AS SHE BENT TO PULL UP HER PANTS, THE YOUNG LADY DISCOVERED HER BUTTOCKS WERE FIRMLY GLUED AGAINST THE CAR'S FENDER. THOUGHTS OF TONGUES FROZEN TO POLES IMMEDIATELY CAME TO MIND AS SHE ATTEMPTED TO DISENGAGE HER FLESH FROM THE ICY METAL. IT WAS QUICKLY APPARENT THAT SHE HAD A BRAND NEW PROBLEM DUE TO THE EXTREME COLD.

HORRIFIED BY HER FLIGHT AND YET AWARE OF THE HUMOR OF THE MOMENT, SHE ANSWERED HER DATE'S CONCERNS ABOUT "WHAT IS TAKING SO LONG" WITH A REPLY THAT INDEED, SHE WAS "FREEZING HER BUTT OFF AND IN NEED OF SOME ASSISTANCE!" HE CAME AROUND THE CAR AS SHE TRIED TO COVER HERSELF WITH HER SWEATER AND THEN, AS SHE LOOKED IMPLORINGLY INTO HIS EYES, HE BURST OUT LAUGHING. SHE TOO, GOT THE GIGGLES AND WHEN THEY FINALLY MANAGED TO COMPOSE THEMSELVES, THEY ASSESSED HER DILEMMA. OBVIOUSLY, AS HYSTERICAL AS THE SITUATION WAS, THEY ALSO WERE FACED WITH A REAL PROBLEM. BOTH AGREED IT WOULD TAKE SOMETHING HOT TO FREE HER CHILLY CHEEKS FROM THE GRIP OF THE ICY METAL!

THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAD GOTTEN HER INTO THE PREDICAMENT IN THE FIRST PLACE, BOTH QUICKLY REALIZED THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO GET HER FREE. SO, AS SHE LOOKED THE OTHER WAY, HER FIRST-TIME DATE PROCEEDED TO UNZIP HIS PANTS AND PEE HER BUTT OFF THE FENDER. AS THE AUDIENCE SCREAMED IN LAUGHTER, SHE TOOK THE TONIGHT SHOW PRIZE HANDS DOWN... OR PERHAPS THAT SHOULD BE "PANTS DOWN." AND YOU THOUGHT YOUR FIRST DATE WAS EMBARRASSING.

JAY LENO'S COMMENT... "THIS GIVES A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO BEING PISSED OFF."

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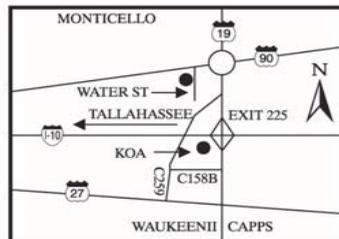
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JAMIN' IN JANUARY

THIS CHAPTER WAS EVERYWHERE THIS PAST MONTH. THE FIRST RIDE OF THE YEAR WAS TO STATES MC POMPANO Bch. FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES, THE WEATHER WAS GREAT AND WE HAD A GOOD GROUP RIDING IN. THIS IS JUST ONE OF THOSE EVENTS I NEVER MISS AND APPARENTLY THERE WERE A WHOLE LOTTA OTHER FOLKS THAT FEEL THE SAME. STATES MC HAS ONE OF THE BEST CLUBHOUSES AROUND WITH A UNIQUE OUTDOOR BAR WITH A HUGE TREE IN THE CENTER, DEFINITELY ONE OF MY FAVORITES. WE HAD A GREAT TIME. ABATE SOUTH EAST HELD THEIR SEMI ANNUAL RIGHTS RALLY SUNDAY JANUARY 20TH, AND THE WEATHER BASICALLY SUCKED, BUT WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT ALL THE SAME. I WAS KIND OF AMAZED AT THE FACT WE HAD SUCH A TURN OUT, I SAW SOME FACES I HADN'T SEEN IN A WHILE AND SOME NEW FACES TOO. I KNOW SE REALLY APPRECIATED US RIDING DOWN TO LUKE'S THAT DAY. THANKS TO BWANA FOR TAKIN' HIS CAGE WE STILL MADE THE RUN.

I COULDN'T RIDE BECAUSE I BUSTED THE RUBBER BAND ON MY SCOOTER THE NIGHT BEFORE ON THE WAY DOWN TO BLACK PISTONS MC' LEATHER & LACE PARTY WITH BWANA AND BOSTON BILL. WE JUST PASSED HILLSBORO BLVD. SOUTHBOUND ON POWERLINE RD. WHEN IT SNAPPED. BWANA MADE A QUICK CALL TO TED C AND FIVE OF OUR BROTHERS OF AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 162 AND 277 WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER ROLLED INTO THE ENTRANCE OF QUITE WATERS PARK. NOT LONG AFTER THAT WRONG WAY ROLLED IN WITH A TRAILER. WE LOADED UP THE BIKE AND WE ALL HEADED ON DOWN TO THE BLACK PISTON'S PARTY. AFTER DROPPING THE BIKE AT THE HOUSE WE HEADED OVER TO TURN 3 SPORTS BAR FOR SOME LIVE JAMS WITH OUR BROTHERS OF COLD IRON AND BREAK A RACK OR TWO. I WANT TO SAY THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR A GREAT TIME AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO WRONG WAY FOR LETTING ME KEEP THE TRAILER UNTIL I COULD GET IT OVER TO DYNASTY CYCLES. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO KAREN THE OWNER OF DYNASTY CYCLES FOR HER ASSISTANCE AND SO GRACIOUSLY MAKING TIME TO GET THE BIKE READY TO RIDE FOR THE DER KRIEGER MC ANNUAL THE NEXT DAY. THANKS FOR GETTING THE JOB DONE PJ, I APPRECIATE THE TIME YOU TOOK TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT BEFORE I ROLLED OUT. THIS IS WHERE TO TAKE YOUR BIKE, THEY TREAT YOU LIKE A FRIEND NOT A CUSTOMER.

SUNDAY THERE WERE TWO EVENTS THAT WERE TOO FAR AWAY FROM EACH OTHER TO MAKE BOTH RUNS SO WE SPLIT UP, BEAR SGT. AT ARMS ABATE PBC LEAD A GROUP UP TO CYCLE PALOOZA AT MOROSO WHERE OUR OWN SLO MOTION HAD ALREADY SET UP A BOOTH THE DAY BEFORE. THIS SILVER TONGUE DEVIL HAD SECURED A VENDOR'S SPACE THAT GOES FOR SOMETHING LIKE \$245 A DAY, AND HE GOT IT FOR US FREE. THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT PITCHED IN TO MAN THE TABLE AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED. THE WEATHER WAS JUST ABOUT PERFECT THAT DAY AND WE HAD A STRONG PRESENCE FOR THE RIDE TO DER KRIEGER'S ANNUAL AT MUDDY WATERS IN DEERFIELD. WE MET UP WITH OUR BRO'S FROM ALR 277 AT THE POST AND HAD A GREAT RIDE OVER AND A GREAT TIME HANGIN OUT WITH SOME OF OUR BRO'S FROM ALR 162. THIS WAS A GREAT PARTY, I WAS SEEING A LOT OF PEOPLE I HADN'T SEEN FOR YEARS BUT WHEN DER KRIEGER THROWS AN ANNUAL YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT. THEY'RE A GREAT BUNCH OF GUY'S AND THEY ALWAYS MAKE YOU FEEL WELCOME.

WE'VE ALSO BEEN TURNING UP AT BIKE NIGHTS ALL OVER THE PLACE IN WEST PALM BEACH AND POINTS NORTH THANKS TO ALL OF YOU HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO SET UP OUR TABLE THERE AND THE FINE JOB YOU HAVE ALL DONE IN SPREADING OUR MESSAGE AND BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS. I HOPE TO SEE MORE OF OUR MEMBERS GETTING TOGETHER FOR THESE RUNS AND BIKE NIGHTS IT SEEMS WE ARE REALLY GAINING A LOT MORE SUPPORT BECAUSE OF YOUR PRESENCE. KEEP THEM WHEELS TURNIN'.2

STRONGBOW PRESIDENT
ABATE P.B.C.

.... AND FINALLY ON JANUARY 31, 2008

A FUN EVENING FOR ALL

WELL THE FAIR IS GONE BUT IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED. THE THURSDAY BEFORE IT ENDS THE FAIR HAS A BIKE PARADE. THE PARADE STARTS IN THE PARKING LOT AND WINES ITS WAY THROUGH THE EXHIBIT BUILDINGS AND PROCEEDS THROUGHOUT THE MIDWAY. FOR THE \$5.00 FEE, YOU GAIN ADMITTANCE IN THE PARADE AND ADMITTANCE INTO THE FAIR (USUALLY A \$15.00 FEE) AND JUST SO YOU KNOW; BIKE PARKING IS ALWAYS FREE AND CLOSE TO THE ENTRANCE.

THIS YEAR SEVERAL OF US MET AND RODE TO THE FAIR TOGETHER. WE WERE MET THERE BY MORE OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM C.M.A. THE PARADE WAS SO LONG THAT WHEN THE FRONT RIDERS WENT TO EXIT THE PARADE ROUTE THERE WERE STILL BIKES COMING IN. THERE WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT THERE WERE 220 BIKES IN ALL.

AFTER THE PARADE EVERYONE WENT INTO THE FAIR TO EAT AND SOCIALIZE WITH ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. I KNOW I SAW SOME FRIENDS I HAD NOT SEEN FOR YEARS. PERFECT WEATHER, GOOD FRIENDS, IT WAS A GOOD TIME FOR ALL, WHAT MORE CAN YOU ASK FOR. NEXT YEAR I WILL GET THE NOTICE OUT EARLIER.

RIDE SAFE

SUBMITTED BY: BILL ON FIRE





Reverend "Rocky" - MONTHLY ENCOURAGER

LISTENING TO GOD IS ESSENTIAL TO WALKING WITH GOD

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS FOR THE BELIEVER IS HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD. IN OUR HECTIC AND BUSY LIVES, NOTHING IS MORE URGENT, MORE NECESSARY, OR MORE REWARDING THAN HEARING WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY TO US.

A TRUE CONVERSATION, OF COURSE, INVOLVES BOTH TALKING AND LISTENING, BUT MOST OF US DO BETTER WITH THE TALKING PART. I WOULD GET SO INVOLVED IN DOING THE LORDS WORK THAT I HAD NO TIME TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO HIS VOICE. I TALKED TO GOD A LOT ABOUT THE NEEDS IN MY PERSONAL LIFE AND MINISTRY. BUT BETWEEN PREACHING, TRAVELING, WRITING AND ALL THAT IS PART OF BEING A CHAPLAIN, I SPENT LITTLE TIME LISTENING TO HIM. I ENDED UP BACK-SLIDING TO DOING THINGS MY WAY, INSTEAD OF HOW HE WANTED THINGS DONE. SO I CAN TELL YOU FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE: IF WE DON'T LEARN HOW TO LISTEN TO THE LORD, WE CAN MAKE UNWISE AND COSTLY MISTAKES.

HEBREWS 1 : 1-2 ASSURES US THAT GOD STILL SPEAKS TO US TODAY. AND HE ALWAYS COMMUNICATES FOR OUR BENEFIT---HE DESIRES THAT WE LISTEN AND RESPOND OBEDIENTLY SO WE CAN LIVE WITH GREATER JOY AND STRENGTH. FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, YOU MUST LEARN A CRITICAL CONCEPT: WHEN THE LORD SPEAKS, HE IS SPEAKING TO YOU. EVERYTHING IN THE BIBLE APPLIES TO YOUR LIFE IN SOME WAY. EVERY COMMUNICATION OR MESSAGE DERIVED FROM THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD CARRIES MEANING FOR YOU PERSONALLY. EVERY SERMON BASED ON SCRIPTURE, EVERY BOOK ACCURATELY EXPLAINING THE WORD, AND EVERY BIBLE VERSE IS FOR YOU. EACH OF US MUST TAKE GOD'S WORD PERSONALLY! CAN YOU REMEMBER THE LAST SERMON YOU HEARD OR THE LAST SCRIPTURE YOU READ? IF YOU LISTEN TO WHAT THE LORD HAS TO SAY TO YOU---AND SERIOUSLY BELIEVE HE INTENDS FOR YOU TO ACT UPON WHAT YOU HEAR---THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REMEMBER. SO WHEN YOU OPEN A BIBLE, OR ENTER A CHURCH, PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU REALLY HEAR THE FATHER'S SPECIFIC MESSAGE FOR YOUR LIFE.

LISTENING TO GOD IS NOT SOME CASUAL ACTIVITY; IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO, FOR YOUR WELL BEING NOW AND ALSO THROUGHOUT ETERNITY.

I PRAY THAT ALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WILL TAKE HEED IN THIS MONTHS COLUMN, FOR IT MAKE YOUR LIFE SO MUCH BETTER.

I WISH TO THANK DR. CHARLES STANLEY OF IN TOUCH MINISTRIES FOR HIS INSIGHT AND HELP IN CREATING THIS ARTICLE.

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FROM: STRONGBOW PRESIDENT ABATE P.B.C.

RE: DELRAY UPDATE

DEMETRIOS KIRKILES AND I MET WITH A DELRAY BEACH CITY COMMISSIONER THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED STIFFER PEANALTY ORDINANCE FOR LOAD PIPES, AFTERMARKET EXHAUST SYSTEMS WITHOUT E.P.A. STAMPS OR ANY MOTORCYCLE FOR THAT MATTER WITHOUT AN E.P.A. STAMP ON THE EXHAUST PIPES.

AS YOU MAY REMEMBER IN OCTOBER 2008, MAYOR RITA ELLIS HAD INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE TO BAN MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC ON A FIVE BLOCK SECTION OF ATLANTIC AVE. IN DELRAY BEACH COMPLETELY, FROM 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM.

HER CALL FOR A BAN WAS OUR CALL TO ACTION, ABATE P.B.C., THE ENFORCERS MC, ABATE SE, THE AMA AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM MANY OTHER MC'S AND INDEPENDENTS RALLIED AT THE DELRAY BEACH CITY HALL FOR THE PRELIMINARY HEARING OF THIS ORDINANCE OCTOBER 16TH. IN STRENGTH OF NUMBERS, CLOSE TO 200 BIKES AND WELL OVER 200 PEOPLE ATTENDED. CITY HALL WAS INUNDATED CALLS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY PROTESTING THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE. THEY WERE OVERWHELMED TO SAY THE LEAST. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY EVER HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK US IN THE EYE, FACE TO FACE AND BE IN THE SAME ROOM WITH US. I THINK WE SHOOK 'EM UP A LITTLE, THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL TO EXPECT.

THIS MEETING WAS SIGNIFICANT IN NOT ONLY A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY BUT ALSO WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. WE WERE THERE TO LISTEN AND GIVE OUR REACTION TO THIS RIDICULOUS ORDINANCE. THE PHRASE "ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS" PROVED ITSELF ONCE AGAIN. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR THE BAN DISAPPEARED AS FAST AS IT APPEARED WITHOUT WORD BEING SPOKEN.

THE ORDINANCE HAD A SECOND PART THAT WAS ALSO INTRODUCED TO STIFFEN PENALTIES TO \$200 FOR MOTORCYCLES WITHOUT E.P.A. APPROVED STAMPS ON THE EXHAUST PIPES. THIS INCLUDED ALL MOTORCYCLES WITH "LOUD PIPES" MOTORCYCLES WITH AFTERMARKET EXHAUST SYSTEMS ETC.

THE ORDINANCE WAS TABLED LARGELY BECAUSE OF OUR PRESENCE AND REQUEST FOR A DEFINITION OF THIS ORDINANCE, UNTIL NOVEMBER 6, 2007 FOR A SECOND HEARING. WE CAME TOGETHER AGAIN THIS TIME WITH A VOICE. IT WAS DECIDED BY ALL THOSE CONCERNED TO GO BACK TO CITY HALL WITH ONE VOICE AND ONE MESSAGE DELIVERED BY OUR LEGAL COUNCIL. DEMETRIOS KIRKILES AND STEVE SESSA ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL AND MADE IT CLEAR, THEIR PROPOSED ORDINANCE WOULD NEVER STAND UP IN A COURT OF LAW. OTHER SPEAKERS, INCLUDED RESIDENTS AND MOTORCYCLE RELATED BUSINESSES WHO ALSO VOICED THEIR OPPOSITION. IT WAS THEN DECIDED BY THE COMMISSION TO TABLE THE VOTE AND RECOMMENDED A STUDY AND SURVEY BE CONDUCTED AND A VOTE WOULD BE TAKEN PENDING THE RESULTS OF THAT SURVEY AND STUDY TO BE TAKEN OVER 90 DAY'S, A REVIEW AND VOTE WOULD BE CALLED AT A MEETING IN APRIL 2008.

AS OF OUR MEETING TODAY, THAT MEETING WILL PROBABLY NEVER HAPPEN. I BELIEVE SOME MYTHS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS WERE SQUELCHED AT THOSE MEETINGS BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE AS

MOTORCYCLISTS. THEY HAD NO IDEA WE WERE SO WELL ORGANIZED AND PREPARED TO CHALLENGE THEM. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE IMPRESSION WE MADE ON THE COMMISSION WILL CARRY ON FOR A LONG TIME.

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IT WAS COMMENTED BY THE COMMISSIONER THAT WE SCORED SOME VERY HIGH POINTS IN THE FIRST MEETING BUT AT THE SECOND MEETING WHEN A YOUNG SOLDIER RETURNING FROM IRAQ WAS PRESENTED WITH AN AWARD AND WE ROSE TO SALUTE HIM AND IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS, THEY REALIZED OUR PATRIOTISM AND OUR LOVE OF FREEDOM AS AMERICAN CITIZENS. IN MY OPINION IT WAS AT THAT POINT THEY REALIZED THIS BATTLE WAS OVER BEFORE IT STARTED. THE STUDY AND SURVEY WERE REALLY NOTHING MORE THEN A GESTURE BY THE COMMISSION TO APPEASE THE MAYOR.

I AM ALSO OF THE OPINION THAT THE COMMISSION WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT WITH DIGNITY, A BACK DOOR IF YOU WILL. I THINK WE PROVIDED THAT BY PRESENTING THEM WITH A DEFINITION OF STATE STATUTES PROHIBITING MUNICIPALITIES FROM INVOKING ORDINANCES THAT SUPERSEDE STATE LAWS.

I THINK WE ALL CAME AWAY WITH A VICTORY BUT NOT IN THE SENSE OF WINNING A BATTLE BUT MORE IN FINDING THE SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM THROUGH DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING. I'M CONFIDENT IN REPORTING TO YOU THAT THE ISSUE AND ORDINANCE IS GOING TO BE LEFT TO FADE INTO OBSCURITY.

I HOPE EVERYONE WILL USE DISCRETION AND COMMON SENSE WHENEVER YOU RIDE. WHEN RIDING IN DELRAY, DON'T GIVE THEM AN EXCUSE AND THEY'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE.

IF YOU ARE STOPPED FOR NO OTHER REASON AND WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE, FOR LOUD PIPES, AFTERMARKET PIPES OR PIPES WITHOUT E.P.A. STAMPS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.ABATEPALMBEACH.COM CLICK ON LEGISLATIVE NEWS, THERE IS A FORM THAT IS A PLEA OF "NOT GUILTY" THAT CAN BE PRINTED OUT AND SENT IN WITH YOUR TICKET REQUESTING THAT YOUR CASE GO BEFORE A JUDGE. YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT ABATE P.B.C. DIRECTLY AT 561-483-4283 OR PRESIDENT@ABATEPALMBEACH.COM DO NOT LET A MAGISTRATE / ATTORNEY DETER YOU, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO HAVE IT BROUGHT BEFORE A JUDGE.

DEMETRIOS AND I ALSO MET WITH THE JUDGE WHO WILL BE HEARING THESE CASES INCLUDING TICKETS ISSUED IN OCEAN RIDGE. HE IS DEFINITELY NOT ONE TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY BUT HE IS WILLING TO LISTEN. "IF YOU ARE STRAIGHT FORWARD AND HONEST, HE IS FAIR". HE IS ALSO VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE MECHANICS OF CARS, BIKES AND BOATS. I GOT THAT FROM A P.B.S.O. OFFICER WHO IS ALSO A MOTORCYCLIST.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR PLEA OF NOT GUILTY, FURTHER LEGAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN IN THE FORM OF A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT IF THE NUMBERS WARRANT IT.

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CRACK FOUND ON GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER
[IMAGINE THAT!]

SOMETHING WENT WRONG IN JET CRASH,
EXPERT SAYS [NO, REALLY?]

POLICE BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO RUN DOWN
JAYWALKERS [NOW THAT'S TAKING THINGS A
BIT FAR!]

BOSTON GLOBE FRONT PAGE STORY "IS
THERE A RING OF DEBRIS AROUND
URANUS"?

[AH, I'M GONNA LEAVE THAT ONE ALONE]

PANDA MATING FAILS; VETERINARIAN TAKES
OVER [WHAT A GUY!]

MINERS REFUSE TO WORK AFTER DEATH
[NO-GOOD-FOR-NOTHING¹ LAZY SO-AND-SO!]

JUVENILE COURT TO TRY SHOOTING
DEFENDANT [SEE IF THAT WORKS ANY BETTER
THAN A FAIR TRIAL!]

WAR DIMS HOPE FOR PEACE [I CAN SEE
WHERE IT MIGHT HAVE THAT EFFECT!]

IF STRIKE ISN'T SETTLED QUICKLY, IT MAY
LAST AWHILE [YOU THINK?]

COLD WAVE LINKED TO TEMPERATURES [WHO
WOULD HAVE THOUGHT!]

ENFIELD (LONDON) COUPLE SLAIN; POLICE
SUSPECT HOMICIDE [THEY MAY BE ON TO
SOMETHING!]

RED TAPE HOLDS UP NEW BRIDGES [YOU
MEAN THERE'S SOMETHING STRONGER THAN
DUCT TAPE?]

MAN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING: FACES BATTERY
CHARGE [HE PROBABLY IS THE BATTERY
CHARGE!]

NEW STUDY OF OBESITY LOOKS FOR LARGER
TEST GROUP [WEREN'T THEY FAT ENOUGH?!]

ASTRONAUT TAKES BLAME FOR GAS IN
SPACECRAFT [THAT'S WHAT HE GETS FOR
EATING THOSE BEANS!]

KIDS MAKE NUTRITIOUS SNACKS [TASTE LIKE
CHICKEN?]

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS CUT IN
HALF [CHAINSAW MASSACRE ALL OVER AGAIN
!]

HOSPITALS ARE SUED BY 7 FOOT DOCTORS
[BOY, ARE THEY TALL!]

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SUBMITTED BY: STRONGBOW ABATE P.B.C.

TEN THOUGHTS TO PONDER FOR 2008- *SUBMITTED BY: TOMCAT ABATE P.B.C.*

- NUMBER 10:** LIFE IS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED. **NUMBER 4:** ALL OF US COULD TAKE A LESSON FROM THE WEATHER. IT PAYS NO ATTENTION TO CRITICISM.
- NUMBER 9:** GOOD HEALTH IS MERELY THE SLOWEST POSSIBLE RATE AT WHICH ONE CAN DIE. **NUMBER 3:** WHY DOES A SLIGHT TAX INCREASE COST YOU \$200.00 AND A SUBSTANTIAL TAX CUT SAVES YOU \$30.00?
- NUMBER 8:** MEN HAVE TWO EMOTIONS: HUNGRY AND HORNY. IF YOU SEE HIM WITHOUT AN ERECTION, MAKE HIM A SANDWICH. **NUMBER 2:** IN THE 60's, PEOPLE TOOK ACID TO MAKE THE WORLD WEIRD. NOW THE WORLD IS WEIRD AND PEOPLE TAKE PROZAC TO MAKE IT NORMAL.
- NUMBER 7:** GIVE A PERSON A FISH AND YOU FEED THEM FOR A DAY, TEACH A PERSON TO USE THE INTERNET AND THEY WON'T BOTHER YOU FOR WEEKS. **AND THE NUMBER 1 THOUGHT FOR 2008:** WE KNOW EXACTLY WHERE ONE COW WITH MAD-COW-DISEASE IS LOCATED AMONG MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF COWS IN AMERICA BUT WE HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE AS TO WHERE MILLIONS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND TERRORISTS ARE LOCATED. MAYBE WE SHOULD PUT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN CHARGE OF IMMIGRATION.
- NUMBER 6:** SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE A SLINKY. NOT REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING, BUT YOU STILL CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE WHEN YOU SHOVE THEM DOWN THE STAIRS.
- NUMBER 5:** HEALTH NUTS ARE GOING TO FEEL STUPID SOMEDAY, LYING IN HOSPITALS DYING OF NOTHING.

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NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM)

EUROPE QUESTIONS THE ROLE FOR MOTORCYCLE "TOYS" ON PUBLIC ROADS A LEADING EU TRANSPORT "EXPERT" HAS QUESTIONED WHETHER THERE IS ANY PLACE FOR MOTORCYCLES ON EUROPE'S ROADS. IN AN OFFICIAL REPORT FROM THE EUROPEAN TRANSPORT SAFETY COUNCIL (ETSC), NORWEGIAN RUNE ELVIK SAYS: "IN NORWAY, I BELIEVE ALL THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED - MANDATORY HELMET USE, STRICT LICENSING, ENGINE TUNING BAN, DAYTIME RUNNING LIGHTS FOR MOTORBIKES. THE QUESTION THAT NEEDS TO BE RAISED NOW IS WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ANY PLACE FOR THESE MOTORIZED TOYS IN THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM AT ALL."

ON DECEMBER 21, 2007 THE FLEMISH PARLIAMENT IN BELGIUM WAS PRESENTED WITH THE ETSC REPORT AS A BASIS FOR LEGISLATION ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY. HOWEVER THE MOTORCYCLE ACTION GROUP (MAG) BELGIUM, WITH THE SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, DEFENDED THE RIDERS' POSITION BY USING THE FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATIONS' (FEMA), EUROPEAN AGENDA FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY, WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF FINDING REAL SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE CASUALTY RATES FOR MOTORCYCLISTS.

AS A DIRECT RESULT OF MAG BELGIUM'S ACTION, THE ETSC REPORT WAS REJECTED AND INSTEAD, MAG BELGIUM'S MOTORCYCLE-FRIENDLY PROGRAM WAS ADOPTED.

MOTORCYCLE ACTION GROUP (MAG-UK) GENERAL SECRETARY, TREVOR BAIRD, SAID, "MOTORCYCLING IS UNDER CONSTANT THREAT FROM THE EUROPEAN SAFETY AGENDA. THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN THWARTED IN BELGIUM BEFORE IT SPREADS FURTHER LIKE A RASH ACROSS EUROPE. MAG WILL CONTINUE TO PROTECT MOTORCYCLING AND DEFEND RIDERS' RIGHTS FROM WHATEVER QUARTER THE THREAT COMES."

MOTORCYCLE BAN ON PHILIPPINE ROADWAYS PHILIPPINE LAWMAKERS WANT MOTORCYCLES BANNED ON MAIN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, DESPITE BEING THE BEING THE MOST COMMON MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE ISLAND NATION.

HOUSE BILL No. 3080 FILED BY REPS. NARCISO D. SANTIAGO III (PARTY-LIST, ARC) AND MARCELINO R. TEODORO (1ST DIST., MARIKINA CITY, LAKAS-CMD) SEEKS TO PROHIBIT MOTORCYCLISTS FROM USING MAJOR PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES.

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ACCORDING TO SANTIAGO, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) REPORTED THAT IN MANY COUNTRIES IN ASIA INCLUDING THE PHILIPPINES, DEATHS AND INJURIES FROM MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS ARE NOW CONSIDERED A "PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIC."

DR. SOE NYUNT-U, WHO REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PHILIPPINES ALSO TOLD A FORUM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON ROAD SAFETY THAT A HELMET LAW WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE HEAD INJURIES AND FATALITIES FROM MOTORCYCLE AND BICYCLE CRASHES. "ROAD TRAFFIC CRASHES ARE THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF INJURY AND DEATH FOR ALL AGES SUCH THAT MOTORCYCLISTS SHOULD WEAR HELMETS WHILE ON THE ROAD."

HEALTH UNDERSECRETARY FOR HEALTH OPERATIONS DR. ETHELYN NIETO SUPPORTED THE STATEMENT OF NYUNT-U THAT HELMET USAGE IS VITAL TO ROAD SAFETY. "ROAD SAFETY IS A MUST WITH 3.5 MILLION MOTORCYCLES IN THE COUNTRY," SAID NIETO. RECORDS SHOWED THAT MOTORCYCLES ARE NOW THE THIRD MOST REGISTERED VEHICLES NEXT TO CARS AT 66.3 PERCENT.

SAFER CYCLING, REPORTS GOVERNMENT STUDY ACCORDING TO THE COMPENDIUM OF MOTORCYCLE STATISTICS, RELEASED BY THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT IN DECEMBER 2007 – AN ANNUAL SET OF FIGURES RELEASED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT - MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC ROSE BY 37% FROM 1996-2006 WHILE THE NUMBER OF KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED (KSI) ACCIDENTS INCREASED BY JUST 8% (FROM 5,717 IN 1996 TO 6,151 IN 2006).

THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT SPEEDING WAS ONLY A MINOR CAUSE OF MOTORCYCLE CRASHES, REPEATING EARLIER FINDINGS SHOWING THAT EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT IS PUT DOWN AS A CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR – AND EVEN THEN NOT NECESSARILY AS THE MAIN CAUSE – OF JUST FOUR PERCENT OF BIKE CRASHES WHERE SOME BLAME IS PUT ON THE RIDER.

THE BIGGEST FACTOR IS "FAILURE TO LOOK PROPERLY", A CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR IN 15 PERCENT OF MOTORCYCLE CRASHES, FOLLOWED BY "LOSS OF CONTROL" AT 14 PERCENT AND "FAILED TO JUDGE OTHER PERSONS PATH OR SPEED" AT 11 PERCENT. "CARELESS, RECKLESS OR IN A HURRY" ALSO RATES AT 11 PERCENT, BUT THIS DOESN'T MEAN ACTUALLY BREAKING THE SPEED LIMIT.

DESPITE UK GOVERNMENT FIGURES SHOWING AS MANY AS 25 PERCENT OF RIDERS GO MORE THAN 10MPH OVER POSTED SPEED LIMITS, "EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT" WAS JOINTLY RATED AS THE BOTTOM CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR, ALONGSIDE "FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE", ALSO AT FOUR PERCENT.

OTHER INFORMATION IN THE REPORT INCLUDES THE FACT THAT MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ARE LESS LIKELY THAN OTHER ROAD USERS TO DRINK AND DRIVE, WITH JUST 1.5 PERCENT OF THOSE TESTED FAILING BREATH TESTS, AGAINST AN AVERAGE OF 1.9 PERCENT FOR ALL ROAD USERS.

INJURY REPORT SHOWS ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES NOT CHILD'S PLAY ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs) POSE A SERIOUS RISK OF INJURY AND EVEN DEATH, ACCORDING TO THE LARGEST STUDY EVER CONDUCTED OF ATV INJURIES IN CHILDREN. THE FINDINGS WERE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA (RSNA).

"OUR EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT CHILDREN'S USE OF ATVs IS DANGEROUS AND SHOULD BE RESTRICTED," SAID CHETAN C. SHAH, M.D., RADIOLOGY FELLOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES AND ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN LITTLE ROCK.

WHILE THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS RECOMMENDS THAT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 BE PROHIBITED FROM OPERATING ATVs, NO LAWS ARE IN PLACE IN MOST STATES. ATV ACCIDENTS ARE SELDOM REPORTED BECAUSE THE VEHICLES ARE UNLICENSED AND TYPICALLY OPERATED OFF-ROAD OR ON PRIVATE LAND.

ACCORDING TO THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC), ATV-RELATED INJURIES IN CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 MORE THAN DOUBLED FROM 1995 TO 2005 WITH 40,400 CHILDREN TREATED IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS NATIONWIDE IN 2005. THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF ALL ATV-RELATED INJURIES TREATED THAT YEAR. CHILD FATALITIES RESULTING FROM ATV ACCIDENTS HAVE ALSO NEARLY DOUBLED SINCE 1995 WITH 120 REPORTED DEATHS IN 2005.

ATV-ASSOCIATED INJURIES CAN BE CAUSED BY CRASHES, ROLLOVERS, EJECTIONS OR EVEN DISREGARD OF SIMPLE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. BUT ACCORDING TO DR. SHAH, ATV USE BY CHILDREN IS INTRINSICALLY DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF THE INSTABILITY OF THE VEHICLES AND THE SMALL SIZE OF CHILDREN. WHILE REDUCING THE SIZE AND POWER OF THE VEHICLES AND WEARING HELMETS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING MIGHT LIMIT SOME OF THE INJURIES, THERE STILL REMAINS THE ISSUE OF WHETHER CHILDREN SHOULD BE RIDING ATVs AT ALL.

"THE QUESTION IS A LITTLE LIKE ASKING, 'HOW CAN WE MAKE MOTORCYCLE USE SAFER FOR FIVE-YEAR-OLDS?'" DR. SHAH SAID. "THE PROBLEM IS THAT FIVE-YEAR-OLDS SHOULD NOT BE USING MOTORCYCLES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES."

CALIFORNIA INSTALLS FIRST-EVER STOP SIGN CAMERAS WHILE RED LIGHT AND SPEED CAMERAS ARE CREEPING INTO OUR TRAFFIC SYSTEM, CALIFORNIA HAS INSTALLED THE FIRST-EVER AUTOMATED CAMERA IN THE U.S. DESIGNED TO TICKET DRIVERS WHO MAKE "BOULEVARD STOPS" OR SLOW TO A CRAWL AT A STOP SIGN WITHOUT FULLY CEASING FORWARD MOTION. THE LITTLE-KNOWN MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HAS BEGUN ISSUING \$100

FINES LONG FRANKLIN CANYON IN THE HEART OF LOS ANGELES, LOCATED OFF OF MULHOLLAND DRIVE, AND ANOTHER AT THE TOP OF TOPANGA.

THE CAMERAS ARE BEING INSTALLED AS A PRELUDE TO THE PARK AGENCY'S EXPECTED INSTALLATION OF SPEED CAMERAS ON POPULAR CANYON ROADS, DESPITE STATE LAW SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITING THEIR USE. IN 2000, THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE BANNED PHOTO RADAR (CVC 21455.6) AND PER-TICKET PHOTO ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT PROVISIONS (CVC 21455.5), BUT THE MRCA BELIEVES THE LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO THEM. "OUR PARK RANGERS ARE CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS AND WILL ALWAYS HAVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AS PART OF THEIR DUTY," MRCA DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS DASH STOLARZ SAID IN A STATEMENT.

AUSTRALIAN CAMERA VENDOR REDFLEX WILL OPERATE EVERY ASPECT OF THE PROGRAM IN RETURN FOR A \$20 CUT FROM EVERY TICKET THE COMPANY IS ABLE TO ISSUE.

THE STOP SIGN DEVICES ARE BASED ON RED LIGHT CAMERA PLATFORMS, BUT THEY DIFFER GREATLY IN USE. THE MORE FAMILIAR STOPLIGHT CAMERAS TYPICALLY PHOTOGRAPH A VEHICLE ENTERING AN INTERSECTION IF A SIGNAL LIGHT CHANGES TO RED BETWEEN 0.1 AND 0.3 SECONDS AFTER THE CAR CROSSES A STOP BAR LINE. WITH THE NEW STOP SIGN CAMERAS, A MACHINE WILL MAKE CALCULATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER A VEHICLE DID NOT STOP FOR A LONG ENOUGH PERIOD AND DESERVES A FINE.

BIKER'S SON SNUBBED BY MILITARY WHEN JESSI LENTI WAS 8 YEARS OLD, HIS FATHER TOOK HIM TO CANADA'S WONDERLAND WHERE HE DRESSED UP LIKE A LITTLE SOLDIER AND POSED WITH A TOY GUN. "DAD, THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO DO," HIS FATHER, FRANK LENTI, RECALLS HIM SAYING AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK NORTH OF TORONTO. NOW 23, JESSI HAS BEEN REJECTED FROM JOINING THE CANADIAN MILITARY BECAUSE OF HIS FATHER'S LONG-TIME ASSOCIATION WITH OUTLAW BIKER CLUBS.

"I'M THE CRIMINAL, SO WHY PUNISH HIM?" ASKED HIS 60-YEAR-OLD FATHER, FORMERLY OF THE BANDIDOS, LONERS, OUTLAWS, REBELS, DIABLOS AND SATAN'S CHOICE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS. FRANK LENTI MADE HIS COMMENTS FROM THE MAXIMUM-SECURITY WING OF A TORONTO-AREA JAIL.

JESSI'S APPLICATION FOR THE MILITARY WAS SUPPORTED BY STRONG REFERENCES FROM TEACHERS. HE ALSO HAS A BLACK BELT IN KARATE -- AND NO CRIMINAL RECORD. "THIS IS ME," HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE TORONTO STAR NEWSPAPER. "I'M MYSELF. I'M NOT MY FATHER. JUDGE ME FOR WHO I AM."

HE SAID HE WAS SHOCKED THIS SUMMER WHEN AN OFFICER IN THE CANADIAN FORCES TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T ENLIST BECAUSE THE CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HAD CONCLUDED HE WAS AFFILIATED WITH ORGANIZED CRIME. YORK REGIONAL POLICE CHIEF ARMAND LA BARGE SAID HIS FORCE HAS NEVER CONSIDERED THE YOUNG LENTI TO HAVE A CRIMINAL

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PROFILE. "TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, HE HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF AN OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANG AND TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, HE HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZED CRIME GROUP OR ENTITY EITHER," LA BARGE SAID.

JESSI, WHO HAS A BLACK BELT IN KARATE -- AND NO CRIMINAL RECORD -- IS APPEALING HIS REJECTION TO THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

CANADIAN MILITARY HISTORIAN JACK GRANATSTEIN SAID HE HAS NEVER HEARD OF A CASE IN WHICH THE SON OF A MOTORCYCLE GANG MEMBER HAS BEEN DENIED MEMBERSHIP IN THE MILITARY BECAUSE OF HIS FAMILY TIES.

FRANK LENTI HAD ALWAYS TRIED TO SHIELD HIS SON FROM HIS BUSINESS; "I HAD A LOT OF FUN BUT IN THE END YOU END UP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS," HE SAID FRANK LENTI, GESTURING AT THE CINDER-BLOCK JAIL WALLS.

IRONICALLY, FRANK LENTI SAID HE OPPOSES THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN, AND SHUDDERS AT THE THOUGHT OF HIS SON RISKING HIS LIFE THERE, SHOULD HE WIN HIS APPEAL AND GET INTO THE MILITARY. "WHY SHOULD WE FIGHT THEIR WAR?" THE SENIOR LENTI ASKED.

JESSI SAID THAT HE HAD PLANNED SINCE GRADE SCHOOL TO ENTER THE MILITARY. "I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO IT, TO SERVE MY COUNTRY. IT WAS GOING TO BE A LIFETIME PLAN."

WEIRD NEWS: VIETNAMESE BIKERS TERRORIZED BY ELEPHANTS AND YOU THOUGHT YOUR LOCAL COMMUTE WAS BAD... THREE WILD ELEPHANTS THAT ESCAPED FROM A WILDLIFE PRESERVE TERRORIZED BIKERS IN VIETNAM, WHERE MOTORCYCLES OUTNUMBER CARS 9-1. THE ELEPHANTS CRUSHED MOTORBIKES IN THEIR PATH AND STORMED INTO RESIDENTIAL HOUSES. IN ONE REPORTED ATTACK, A BIKER TRANSPORTING CHICKENS HAD TO ABANDON HIS MOTORCYCLE TO ESCAPE, RETURNING LATER TO THE CARNAGE. "IT WAS A FRIGHTENING SPECTACLE," SAID NGUYEN VAN PHONG. "THE MOTORBIKE WAS A PILE OF SCRAP IRON AND 20 BIRDS WERE COMPLETELY CRUSHED IN THEIR CAGES. NOTHING COULD PREVENT THESE ANIMALS FROM DOING THAT."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN HA TINH PROVINCE SAID THE WILD ELEPHANTS WANDERED OUT OF VU QUANG NATIONAL PARK DURING THEIR MATING SEASON.

"WE HAVE NOT YET FOUND OUT AN EFFECTIVE PREVENTATIVE METHOD," SAID CHAIRMAN PHAN DUC CUNG. "KILLING THE ANIMALS IS NOT POSSIBLE. PEOPLE MUST BE CAUTIOUS OF ELEPHANTS, TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO AVOID THEM."

TOXIC TANNING IMPORTED LEATHER PRODUCTS MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH, CLAIMS A DECEMBER 29 REPORT IN THE NEWS JOURNAL. WITH THE REALITY OF A GLOBAL ECONOMY AND DIFFERENT COUNTRIES' APPROACHES TO REGULATION, COWBOYS, BIKERS AND OTHER LEATHER

CONSUMERS NEED TO BE MORE AWARE OF PRACTICES OVERSEAS AND THE JOURNEYS THEIR EXOTIC HIDES HAVE MADE.

"MOST OF THE LEATHER THAT'S FOR MOTORCYCLISTS IS FROM PAKISTAN," SAID BARNEY MCCARTHY, OWNER OF BARNEY'S LEATHER ON NORTH BEACH STREET IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA. IN PAKISTAN, THE LEATHER IS TANNED WITH LEAD-BASED CHROMIUM, WHICH CAN BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN. "OVERSEAS IN PAKISTAN OR CHINA, PEOPLE ARE GETTING REALLY SICK; THEY JUST POUR ALL THE CHEMICALS IN THE WATER AND PEOPLE DRINK IT," HE SAID.

TANNING IS THE PROCESS THAT TURNS SKIN, WHICH CAN DECOMPOSE, INTO LEATHER. IT'S DONE USING NATURAL OR CHEMICAL ADDITIVES, OR A COMBINATION OF THE TWO. MOST AMERICAN LEATHER IS TANNED OVERSEAS, SO EVEN IF A PRODUCT SAYS "MADE IN THE USA," THAT MAY JUST MEAN ASSEMBLED HERE WITH LEATHER TREATED ELSEWHERE.

"THE (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY) GOVERNS HOW WE TREAT LEATHER HERE, BUT NOT WHAT COMES IN," HE SAID. "THAT'S WHY CHINA CAN MAKE TOYS WITH LEAD PAINT AND THEY CAN COME IN HERE, BUT WE COULD NEVER MAKE (THE TOYS) LIKE THAT."

AMERICA PRODUCES "THE BEST COWHIDE IN THE WORLD," BUT IT'S GENERALLY SENT OVERSEAS TO TAN BECAUSE DOMESTIC TANNERIES COULDN'T STAY OPEN -- A FEW STILL WORK FOR SHOE COMPANIES BUT THAT'S ALL HE KNOWS OF, MCCARTHY SAID. "PEOPLE BUYING BOOTS FROM CHINA, I'M WONDERING IF IT'S LIKE PUTTING ON TOXIC SHOES," HE SAID.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "ONE OF THE PENALTIES FOR REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN POLITICS IS THAT YOU END UP BEING GOVERNED BY YOUR INFERIORS."

PLATO (429-347 BC) GREEK PHILOSOPHER, STUDENT OF SOCRATES

AND THAT'S ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS!

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