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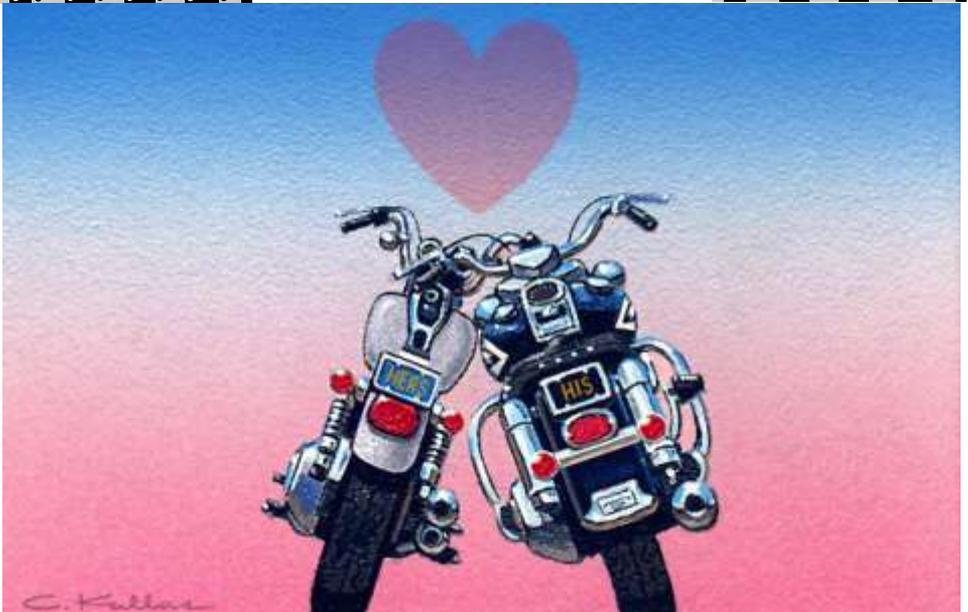
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WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Positive or negative

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ABATE of Florida, Inc.

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.

OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.

To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.

To motivate the bikers to write letters to their legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.

To furnish our members with a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

It is imperative that drivers understand the proper and safest way to share the road with motorcycle riders. Recognizing the need, ABATE of Florida, Inc. created the "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program" to educate the public and help prevent fatalities and crashes and to help save lives. Also known as MSAP, it was developed and copyrighted by ABATE Of Florida, Inc .

Abate of Florida, Inc.'s commitment is strong and we continued to improve the program and expand our reach. With now more than 900,000 motorcyclists coming in and out of the State of Florida the need to reach more of the driving public is even greater.

Trained members of local ABATE chapters, from the Panhandle to the Keys present the MSAP program and provide valuable insight and information necessary to make the roads safer for everyone. We are continuing our efforts to develop more outlets. We are united in our efforts to teach everyone to "Watch for Motorcycles".

ABATE of Florida, Inc. and your local ABATE chapter offer the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program to any organization or school free of charge. For more information or to arrange for a presentation, please call the state office 386-943-9610 or your local Chapter, Estero River 239-825-5848

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Thanks to these individuals who have stepped up to volunteer to become part of the chapter's emergency team. These members and friends will come to you and assist you in transporting your motorcycle, if it breaks down in the area. They have trailers to accommodate you in an emergency situation. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Teddy Simons by email at sscreenprinter@aol.com so we can add you to the list. Thank you for your support.

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Hello Brothers and Sisters

I hope all is good with everyone? Winter is almost over and what a great winter it has been! The weather has been mild and perfect for putting the wind in your face.

State meeting is this Feb. from what I hear there is some changes in the wind Doc Fish is doing a great job.

In March we have legendary party and it is starting to come together for a really fun time. We could use your help with a lot of things. Call Kymn for the sign up. It's so much easier and fun with help from our members.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH – Welcome to Estero River

RENEWALS THIS MONTH

Michael Fontaine, Frank Foster, Glenn Luethje, Ella Mae Luethje
and Anna Poster

DELINQUENT JANUARY MEMBERS – Time is running out!!

Milan Buehler, Guy DesRoches, Dwain Hackworth, Tamara O’Gilvie, Bob Osterhoudt,
Anna Poster, Stella Rendziniak, Laurie Jackson-Smith, Gary Smith, and Len Trujillo

EXPIRING FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Sabrina Hall, Moe Moser, Bob Pennock, Dave Prusak, Kevin Speroni, Travis Speroni,
Lucille Spuhler, and Jules Brunner

EXPIRING MARCH MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Dennis Armour, Vincent Counts, Tamie Holman, Violet Miller, Michael Minton, Michael Mor-
gan,

Kirk Richards, Michael Shaffer, and Sue Shaffer

FEBRUARY LIFE ANNIVERSARIES

Karl Bartling, Michelle Beaken, James Finnegan III, Hugh Galyon, Robert Gleason, William
Groth,

Collette Hackworth, Terry Reed, John Ries, Shelley Ries, and Darlene Shaw

179 MEMBERS – Let's keep this growing

ALL MEMBERS must renew at the chapter meeting or mail a check or money order **WITH** your application so that it is received by the last day of your renewal month. Your application can be found in this Newsletter.

If you are owed a 1 year pin please contact me.

If you are owed an anniversary pin or lost your pins please contact products.

Please contact me if there are any errors or omissions in this Report.

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ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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Hello Everyone,

Happy Valentine's Day! Love is in the air! I'm feeling it all over the place but where I'm not feeling it is from this chapter. Legendary is approaching us very quickly. March 23. There are many things that need to be done and then there are many things that need to be done during legendary, such as, working the gate, security, people games, bike games, 50/50, setting up and tearing down, parking, trash, and many more things. I'm asking for people to step up and help with this Event. It's the biggest event of the year and it's a very good time but if we don't get participation there may be no legendary as I CANNOT do it all on my own. So I ask you to please contact me to help. I know that Kirk is working on getting a couple of other bands and of course we will have our very own Cindy Crowley Allen performing for us also. I'm also working on getting us some new Vendors this year as we have lowered our price to \$30.00 with 2 arm band admissions. So again I ask of you to please Step up. It doesn't take much effort to stand up and have fun, but it takes lots of frustration to do nothing and be bored for the weekend. Let's get involved and have some fun.

Until Next Time, Next Chapter Meeting Feb.17

Piglets Rock!

Kymn (Piglet #1)

Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Real Love

Over our years in the motorcycling community, we have seen the love and camaraderie that exists amongst many bikers. And, we've seen this love extended by many bikers into the communities in which we live.

The most concise and the most beautiful piece of literature ever written, in its highest form, about love, comes from 1 Corinthians 13. If the two of us were to do an assessment of how our relationship was doing... or, if we were to ever wanted to do a reality check-up on our relationship with friends, this is what we would have to base it on.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. ⁴ Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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A test of true love and a great relationship, as seems to be indicated here are:

1. Speaking words without the heart and action behind them is not love. We once heard a world leader say that he was not interested in the words of his neighbors so much, as he was interested in seeing the deeds (and, heart) behind them.
2. One could have all the gifts needed to survive in this world. One could have intelligence and the faith to do anything. However, if he has not true love and use what he has for helping others, than he is nothing.
3. If you gave all you had and/or even some of what you have, they are nothing if not performed with love.
4. If you suffer long with love then you have patience with others. You can

hold up under pressure with your love of others. You can get through what others may do, if they are wrong. Hopefully, your love will hold up to forgive others. You will not keep "a list" of their wrongs so the devil can make it harder for you to forgive. You will not be envious when others receive awards and rewards. Be mindful of the feelings of others.

5. True love, as described here in Corinthians is a gift of God.
6. Love is not centered towards self. It is centered towards others.

God's love for us is no greater expressed than, "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." - John 3:16 -KJV In John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9. Jesus said, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If ANYONE hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in -Revelation 3:30. In John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" - Romans 10:9. WILL YOU OPEN THE DOOR OF YOUR LIFE, NOW? No more excuses! No more preparation. The time has come.

Say this short little prayer and mean every word of it with the conviction and love in your heart. ***"Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, my heavenly Father, the God of Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner and have been separated from You. I receive forgiveness of my sins by the finished work on the cross. I repent and accept this gift of repentance and I wish to be free in you. I confess with my mouth that your son Jesus is my savior and died for me. I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus into my heart and ask Him to become the center of my life. I ask, in the Name of Jesus. Amen."***

If you wish to contact us, to talk about your decision for Him, please email or call. If you wish us to help with prayer for you, loved ones, friends or others, let us know. Blessings,

Pastor Tom (SW ABATE Chaplain and Estero River ABATE Life Member) and Pastor Kathy (SW ABATE Life Member)- www.messiahsmessengers.org - 239-267-8641 or email: tprovenz@comcast.net

Jan. 14, 2013

Report Submitted by William Siminovsky
AKA DocRoad Captains:
Mark Williams
Dan Hollman
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Dave Rimes

Doc and his lovely bride Mary Siminovsky

Motorcycles have always evoked an image of freedom, individuality, and as the case may be, rebellion. With that freedom, there is also the possibility of an injury. Motorcycle safety has evolved significantly over the years and the rudimentary helmet and classic leather jacket have been replaced by modern materials.

Helmets

Interest in developing motorcycle helmets began in 1935, when T.E. Lawrence (better known as Lawrence of Arabia) suffered a fatal motorcycle crash. His neurosurgeon, Hugh Cairns, began the research that would eventually lead to the development of the motorcycle crash helmet. The first patent for a motorcycle helmet was submitted in 1953 by Professor C. F. “Red” Lombard.

The earliest helmets were made of leather, which didn’t do much in the way of impact protection, but did prevent abrasions and “road rash.” Later helmets changed radically in design and materials — in the 1960s, safety helmets had exteriors made of fiberglass, and interiors lined with polyurethane foam or cork. Most modern helmets are made from plastic, carbon fiber or Kevlar, and are designed to be impact and puncture resistant. While the earliest “three-quarters” helmets had an open face, and were designed primarily to protect the skull, later helmet designs incorporated full face protection, and “flip-up” visors. Some helmet designs, like those used by motocross racers, cover the head entirely.

Protective Gear

The right gear is considered one of the most important aspects of motorcycle safety, next to awareness, and rider training. The earliest motorcycle “gear” grew out of the use of motorcycles in the military during World War I. Short coats replaced dusters so they wouldn’t get caught in motorcycle spokes, and heavy boots and pegged breeches protected the legs. While it might have been functional, it wasn’t terribly stylish.

The most recognizable motorcycle gear is probably the leather jacket, first made famous by Marlon Brando in the film *The Wild One*. While a simple leather jacket can help protect from abrasions, modern protective gear may be made of sufficiently thick leather or with ballistic nylon or Kevlar, and some have carbon fiber armor on major impact points, such as the shoulders, elbows and knees. Some high-end motorcycle jackets and race suits even have a built-in airbag system, which inflates to protect the neck and torso. There are also street oriented airbag vests that inflate when a rider has a sudden get-off from his or her machine.

Believed by some to be even more durable – but with limited actual lab tests to back up

assertions – is motorcycle armor, which is usually constructed of foam or hard plastic with foam laminate on the inside, or hard foam plates designed to protect the shoulders, elbows, and knees. Motorcycle armor was specifically designed to increase the chances of survival in an accident.

In the U.S., unlike in Europe, there remain no actual regulations or certification bodies to verify manufacturer safety claims for rider protective apparel such as jackets, pants, boots, and gloves. While helmets must at least meet DOT standards, it is more of a free-for-all in the realm of gear to protect the rest of the rider's body.

Some gear makers that sell their goods in the European market do test their goods to the CE standard and make claims accordingly. However, just because a protective piece does or does not have CE protection is no guarantee of its ultimate efficacy. Further, we've seen some brands that do not jump through the hoops of verifying by Euro standards, but base their designs on actual race experience, and having seen what holds up and protects riders after a crash.

In all, choosing gear in the U.S. is more a case of *caveat emptor*, but without a doubt the gear has come a long way.

The Evolution of Safety Laws

In 1966, the Highway Safety Act required states to pass mandatory helmet laws in order to receive federal highway funding. In that same year, the American National Safety Standard for Motorcycle Helmets was introduced, which set obligatory performance standards that manufacturers were required to meet. However, Congress withdrew this requirement in 1975, and as a result, many states repealed their mandatory helmet laws. Now mandatory helmet laws now vary from state to state.

The Hurt Report, published in 1981, showed that most accidents involving a motorcycle occurred as a result of car drivers failing to see motorcycles. The study also showed that helmets significantly reduced the chance of death or debilitating brain injury. The MAIDS (Motorcycle Accidents in Depth Study) Report, published in 2000, showed that motorcycles were “over-represented” in traffic accidents, and that most motorcycle accidents involved collision with a passenger vehicle.

These studies have left organizations like the Governors Highway Safety Association to encourage the implementation of helmet laws and motorcycle operator training. Many states require testing for a separate motorcycle operator's license before they can ride on a public highway.

The Future of Motorcycle Safety

Motorcycle safety gear has grown dramatically in sophistication over the last century — full airbag suits, durable materials, and even virtual heads-up displays are being developed to increase the safety and survivability of the motorcycle enthusiast. But technology can only go so far. Just as important as gear is the training, awareness, and skill needed to stay safe on a motorcycle.

JANUARY MINUTES

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER
CHAPTER MEETING

Date: 1/20/2013 Called to Order at:10:13 a.m. Location: Wicked Wings

President: Mark Williams

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Thanks to the Wicked Wings for hosting Chapter Meeting

Season in here traffic is heavier now! use caution!

Welome to guests

Vice President: Kinsey Winstead

excused

Secretary: Michele Landry

Motion to accept minutes 1st Lynn 2nd Tamie

Treasurer: Tamie Holman

Motion to accept 1st Dan 2nd Melody

report available upon request

Sgt @ Arms: Dan Holman

need volunteers for Legendary

Asst. Sgt @ Arms: Mark Williams

Quartermaster: Dave Rimes

all good

Asst Quartermaster: Ray Hernandez

PR Communications: Kirk Richards

excused

flyers for legendary are ready

Legislative: William Siminovsky

unexcused

State Delegates: Kinsey Winstead/ Teddy Simmons

no meeting this month/ next one is in February

Alternate State Delegates: Melody Simmons/ Chris Young

Safety Director: William Siminovsky

unexcused

Advertising: Len Trujillo
excused

Products: Lynn Dillard
all shirts are 50% off
read letter of intent

Newsletter Editor: Teddy Simmons
unexcused

Membership: Tamie Holman
1 new/ 5 renewals

Webmaster: Teddy Simmons
unexcused

Special Events: Kymn Rimes
need help for Legendary March 23

Historian: Tabatha D'Alessandro
excused

Sunshine Lady: Sabrina Hall
excused/ cards sent out

Old business:
all has been addressed

New business:
no new business

Good of the Order:
working on a meet and greet
yard sale on the 26th and 27th

50/50 -
T-Shirt -

Next Board Meeting: February 15th @ Len's 7:00 p.m.
Next Chapter meeting: Wicked Wings February 17th 10:00 a.m.
Motion to adjourn: 1st Lynn 2nd Harold @: 10:36 a.m.
Submitted by: Michele

January 14, 2013
Report Submitted by William Siminovsky
AKA Doc

Dec. 13

Motorists are free to blast Justin Timberlake -- or any other music they choose -- as loud as they wish, the Florida Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.
The court unanimously struck down a state law barring drivers from blaring their radios at a volume that was "plainly audible" to someone 25 feet away. Three of the seven justices -- Chief Justice Ricky Polston and Justices Charles Canady and Peggy Quince -- didn't fully support the reasoning behind the decision, but didn't write opinions saying where they differed.
Writing for the majority, Justice Jorge Labarga highlighted a part of the law that exempts commercial and political messages from the ban, saying that amounted to a restriction on certain kinds of speech, a violation of the First Amendment.

Dec. 13

The number of licensed concealed weapons holders in Florida is expected to top 1 million next week, state Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam told reporters Wednesday.
"Clearly it is a popular law and has been taken advantage of by a large number of Floridians who have acted responsibly," Putnam said.
"Floridians who are obtaining these licenses are obtaining them for the right reason and are using them in an appropriate way," Putnam told reporters.
Gun advocates have long argued the legal gun ownership is a deterrent to crime, a message that was repeated Wednesday by Marion Hammer, executive director of United Sportsmen of Florida and former president for the National Rifle Association.
"Criminals commit crimes, but they aren't stupid," Hammer said. "They don't want to get shot."

Dec. 14

All-Electronic Tolling Update

More All-Electronic Tolling is coming to South Florida. Construction of a new Golden Glades all-electronic gantry on Florida's Turnpike in northern Miami-Dade County is underway. The new gantry will replace the Golden Glades toll plaza, and is anticipated to be operational in late 2013. Once all-electronic toll collection begins at the gantry, the existing toll plaza will be demolished over a period of several months.

Dec. 17

BILLS WOULD PREVENT FUNERAL PROTESTS

Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto, R-Fort Myers, filed a bill last week aimed at preventing protests that would disrupt funerals, burials or memorial services. Benacquisto's proposal (SB 118) would apply to services for members of the military, emergency-response workers, elected officials or minors. People who violate the law could be charged with first-degree misdemeanors. Earlier this month, Rep. Patrick Rooney, R-West Palm Beach, filed a similar measure (HB 15), though it would not be limited to services for members of the military, emergency-response workers, elected officials or minors. The issue has surfaced in recent years, largely because a small Kansas church has staged funeral protests to draw attention to its anti-gay views.

Dec. 17

DETZNER: ELECTIONS LEGISLATION COMING

Secretary of State Ken Detzner said Monday that he has ideas on how to improve the elections process in Florida, but will wait until consulting with his staff to unveil them. Many of the counties had unique issues, Detzner said, but there were "central themes" that could be addressed through legislation. "I think we have some ideas that can help the citizens and help the electorate vote a little more easy and convenient," Detzner said. But the secretary of state said he wanted to meet further with his staff and continue to consult with the state's supervisors of elections before passing his ideas on to Gov. Rick Scott and legislative leaders.

Dec. 18

The tragic mass killing at a Connecticut school last week has produced a stream of ideas on gun control and school safety at the national level -- but reaction in Florida has been muted, at least in the form of concrete legislation.
Gov. Rick Scott has called for school districts to review their safety procedures after the shooting, which left 20 students and six adults dead at Sandy Hook Elementary School, in addition to the shooter and his mother, who was killed at her home.
But no gun legislation has been introduced in either the Florida House or the Senate since the tragedy. Legislative Republicans, who have traditionally worked to expand gun rights, have largely steered clear of the issue.

Democrats have also seemed hesitant, mindful that the GOP-dominated Legislature is unlikely to pass sweeping new laws to control firearms.

One Republican who spoke out on the issue of gun control Monday wound up trying to take back statements he made seeming to suggest that guns should be allowed on school property.

"In our zealotness to protect people from harm we've created all these gun-free zones and what we've inadvertently done is we've made them a target," House Judiciary Chairman Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, said Monday, according to the Associated Press. "A helpless target is exactly what a deranged person is looking for where they cannot be stopped."

Even some Democrats say the larger issues, such as whether to limit access to high-capacity ammunition clips that can hold dozens of rounds, could be better handled on the federal level, instead of taking a state-to-state approach that could make rules harder to enforce.

Pafford said the state should at least take a look at the resources it devotes to mental health, where Florida ranks as one of the lowest-spending states in the nation.

Dec. 18

BILL: HOMESTEADERS HIT BY 2012 STORMS COULD GET RELIEF

Homeowners whose properties were left uninhabitable following Tropical Storm Debby or Hurricane Isaac earlier this year would be eligible for property tax breaks of up to \$1,500 under a bill introduced Tuesday. The measure (HB 43) would waive local property taxes on homes for the portion of the year they were uninhabitable. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City. Debby dumped copious amounts of rain in June along the Panhandle and across north Florida. Damage in Columbia County was estimated at \$20 million as high water affected residents long after the storm moved north. Hurricane Isaac swamped Palm Beach County with torrential rains before moving to make landfall in Louisiana.

Dec. 19

Armed citizens would not be able to automatically cite "stand your ground" protections if they provoke or pursue their assailants following confrontations, under a measure filed Wednesday by the Senate Democratic leader.

Responding to the death earlier this year of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old who was shot by a neighborhood watch volunteer, Minority Leader Chris Smith, D-Fort Lauderdale, introduced a bill (SB 136) that would also allow law enforcement officers to arrest suspects who invoke the state's controversial stand-your-ground law under questionable circumstances.

Existing law prohibits authorities from arresting stand-your-ground defendants unless there is probable cause to believe their actions were unlawful. The law is also unclear, Smith says, on whether someone can invoke the stand-your-ground law when they pursue their assailant.

Smith's bill, which is likely to face an uphill battle in the Republican-controlled Legislature, would require the state to set up a database to investigate the use of stand-your-ground defenses, which have come under increased scrutiny following Martin's death.

The law is an extension of the so-called "castle doctrine," which allows residents to use deadly force to defend themselves in their homes or vehicles.

The Governor's Task Force on Citizens Safety and Protection released a draft report in November following multiple hearings around the state that included testimony from 140 citizens and thousands of emails and other correspondence. The final report has yet to be released.

The draft report listed a handful of recommendations that included better education efforts to inform members of the public of their rights, training for law enforcement on the parameters of the law and possible tweaking of language to determine the definition of "unlawful activity."

The task force's first core recommendation was this:

"The Task Force concurs with the core belief that all persons, regardless of citizenship status, have a right to feel safe and secure in our state," the draft report stated. "To that end, all persons have a fundamental right to stand their ground and defend themselves from attack with proportionate force in every place they have a lawful right to be and are conducting themselves in a lawful manner."

Dec. 20

SCOTT DECLINES TO ANSWER GUN CONTROL QUESTION, WANTS TO STUDY

Gov. Rick Scott said Wednesday that he isn't ready to say what changes, if any, to the state's gun laws might need to be considered in the wake of the Connecticut school shooting, insisting in an interview on CNN that the time for that investigation can come later after mourning the deaths. Scott said he didn't want to start the conversation about guns yet out of respect for the families, frustrating CNN's Soledad O'Brien. She asked the question several times, saying that she hopes politicians will have the discussion about whether changes are needed before another school shooting. "There will be plenty of time," Scott said. "I support the Second Amendment, I believe in the Second Amendment," Scott said. "What I want to focus on right now is the families, and to make sure our schools are safe."

Dec. 20

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may no longer require minimum gas purchase at certain pumps

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is apparently scrapping its requirement that all consumers buy at least four gallons of gasoline from certain gas pumps that dispense the new E15 ethanol-gasoline blend, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

On Dec. 17, in response to ongoing AMA concerns, the EPA indicated to the AMA that it would no longer require a minimum purchase of four gallons. Instead, the EPA will now likely require a label on blender pumps that dispense E10 and E15 through the same hose that state the pump is solely for passenger cars and trucks.

The AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and ATV engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available, and has asked that motorcycles and ATVs be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15.

Dec 22.

FASANO CALLS FOR COP IN EVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rep. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, on Friday called on Gov. Rick Scott and fellow lawmakers to place an armed school resource officer in every Florida elementary school as a way to prevent a repeat of the tragic mass shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School last week. Echoing a proposal floated Friday morning by the National Rifle Association, Fasano said the mere presence of an armed law enforcement officer may be enough to prevent a repeat of the recent shooting at the Connecticut elementary school that claimed the lives of 20 children. "While this no doubt will be an expensive proposition, no price-tag can be placed on the lives of the precious children our public schools are entrusted with each and every day of the school year," Fasano wrote.

Dec. 27

BILL: YOUNG DRIVERS SHOULD PUT AWAY PHONES

Sen. Thad Altman, R-Rockledge, filed a proposal Thursday that would bar drivers under age 18 from using wireless phones or other communications devices while they are behind the wheel. Minor drivers who are caught texting or talking on the phone would have their licenses suspended for 30 days, according to the proposal (SB 152). Altman also would take other steps aimed at improving the safety of young drivers, such as placing a new limit on the number of minors who could be in a vehicle at one time. A driver under 18 could not have more than three passengers who are minors unless accompanied by someone over age 21. That restriction would not apply to passengers who are siblings.

Jan. 6

REHWINKEL VASILINDA: END DEATH PENALTY

A bill filed Friday by a House Democrat would end the death penalty in Florida. The measure (HB 4005) was filed by Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda, D-Tallahassee, who said in a statement that it's not cost-effective and doesn't deter crime. "When you analyze the numbers, state sponsored execution is not the correct answer," argued Rehwinkel Vasilinda, who said the state spends more than \$50 million a year on death penalty cases. That, she said, would pay for 450 new police officers and allow upgraded law enforcement technology. "Life without parole is a sensible alternative to the death penalty," she said.

Jan. 6

A South Florida lawmaker filed legislation Friday to repeal the law allowing the use of red light cameras, following a report earlier this week that says intersections where they're used have seen drops in crashes in most places.

Rep. Daphne Campbell, D-Miami, filed legislation Friday seeking to end the use of the cameras, saying they unfairly dole out tickets to people who can't defend themselves, noting that malfunctioning cameras can't be cross-examined.

Meanwhile, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles released a report Thursday showing that crashes were less frequent at red light camera intersections, based on data from 73 agencies. The report said accidents were less frequent in intersections with cameras in 41 jurisdictions but up in such intersections in 11 jurisdictions.

Campbell's legislation (HB 91) would repeal the state law that authorizes their use. The law also sets out how the money from such tickets is allocated. Before there was a state law, some local jurisdictions used them, but there was considerable confusion about whether they were legal. Even since the law has been passed, their use has continued to be challenged in court.

"The red light camera companies exploit victims to push Florida laws to gain millions," Campbell said in a statement. "People are presumed guilty by the picture of the camera. The corporations are the ones making the money." The Florida League of Cities, however, said Friday that keeping the cameras is a top priority of local governments. "Providing cities with the tools they need to keep residents safe is the Florida League of Cities' No. 1 priority, and this technology has been proven to help authorities punish lawbreakers, reduce dangerous T-bone crashes and change the behavior of those drivers who selfishly choose to run red lights," the league said in a statement. Local governments don't want to lose their share of the revenue from the \$158 fines paid by people caught on red light cameras, but also say their law enforcement budgets are strained and the cameras help them enforce laws they otherwise wouldn't be able to. "While the data in this report suggests a significant positive effect on traffic safety, the Florida League of Cities believes the government closest to the people governs best, and nobody knows a city better than its residents," the league's statement said. "Some municipalities have determined that red light running is not a problem in their community and have chosen not to install traffic infraction detectors. Other cities, after holding public hearings and listening to concerned citizens, have determined that red light safety cameras will make their streets safer."

Jan. 8

BILL WOULD ALLOW LOCAL GUN CONTROL AT EVENTS

A bill filed in the House on Friday would allow local governments to ban concealed weapons at public events such as sporting events and concerts despite a law generally pre-empting gun control to the state. The state pre-emption of gun laws would continue, but the measure (HB 97) filed by freshman Rep. Bobby Powell, D-Riviera Beach, would add an exception for when state agencies or local governments decide to prohibit guns at certain events.

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Students return to class in a number of school systems around the state today following the holiday break and in many cases they'll see additional security. In Hillsborough County, which includes Tampa, there will be armed deputies or police officers at every elementary school. Several other districts have said they'll have additional armed security at schools, though few have committed to having an officer at every school. The heightened security follows last month's school shooting in Newtown, Conn.

Jan. 9

BILL: DMV WOULD MAKE VOTER REGISTRATION AUTOMATIC

U.S. Citizens of voting age would be automatically registered to vote when they apply for or renew their Florida driver license under a measure filed Wednesday by Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth. The measure (SB 234) would require the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to automatically register U.S. citizens who reach voting age, but applicants who do not wish to be registered could opt out. Clemens said the bill would ease the burden on local election supervisors and increase the ranks of voting Floridians. He called the measure a non-partisan effort that would help alleviate recent controversy over registration efforts. "I'm not sure I expect the change will result in more people voting, but do I believe it will change some of the hassle we have created over the voter registration process," Clemens said.

COURT SAYS UNION OFFICIAL CAN CARRY GUN

A South Florida appeals court Wednesday said a labor official could carry a gun at his union hall without a concealed-weapons permit, as state law allows permit exceptions at people's "place of business." The 4th District Court of Appeal upheld a Broward County circuit judge's decision to dismiss a concealed-weapon charge against Torrence Little, who was arrested in 2011 after police received information about a man carrying a gun in a union-hall parking lot. Little, an elected financial secretary of his union, said the hall was not open to the public and that he was responsible for such issues as security and safeguarding union money, according to the ruling. Prosecutors appealed the dismissal, but a three-judge panel agreed Wednesday that union halls qualify for the concealed-weapons permit exception. "The facts before us establish that Little's place of business was the union hall," the ruling said. "Little was required to report for and perform duties at the union hall, including providing security in the union parking lot. Under the facts of this case, we find that Little was encompassed within the 'place of business' exception."

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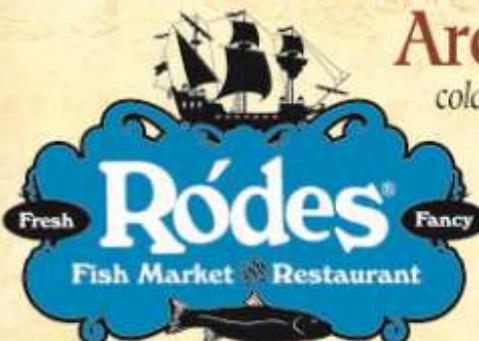
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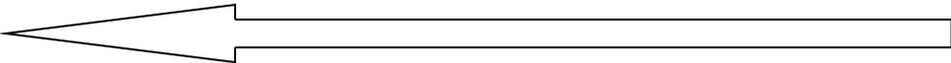
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