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work, it kept him quite busy. So he suggested to her to look at a new business venture that they could run together and that she could own herself, and one that would match their love of motorcycles, biker people and the lifestyle. She made the decision to start her own business. She quit her job in August to focus all her attention on getting the business started. Throughout the rest of the summer and fall of 2004, a business plan was written, a store location was selected, a bank loan was secured, suppliers were contacted, the store was setup and merchandise was ordered.

Jackie is now the proud but busy mom of her new child, Black & Chrome Discount Leathers and Motorcycles Accessories. It is located in the Village of Weston, just east of Wausau at 8401 Schofield Avenue (County Highway JJ). It is in the front section of 29 East Mini Warehouses. Just look for the "Black & Chrome" sign on the store. The store will feature a wide range of motorcycle leathers and biker clothing for men and women, motorcycle accessories and motorcycle oriented items such as jewelry, gift items, gloves, hats, tee shirts, sweatshirts, and a wide range of other interesting merchandise. She expects to be open for business in early November of 2004, just in time for the holiday season.

In less than two years, that word MOTORCYCLE has transformed one person's life and set it in a whole new direction. Oh by the way, she has outgrown the Sporty. She ordered her next bike for spring delivery, a 2005 Low Rider – fits her just fine.

And when you visit Jackie at Black & Chrome, you'll see and feel her enthusiasm for the biker lifestyle – something you cannot teach or learn – you experience it and it will change you forever. So stop in and say hi, and check out the newest store in the area. Good Luck Jackie – all your real friends are behind you 100% and wish you the best of success.

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By: Chester E. Brost

Many of us continue on through life trying to figure out who we are, heading in one direction only to find ourselves turned in another when we get to where we thought we might be going, and as John Lennon once wrote: "life goes by as we make plans for our lives." Or something like that. And the question remains, who am I? That certainly was the case with "Indian Larry" Desmedt who adopted the question mark as his business logo, but sadly to say who also died tragically from a motorcycle accident last month while performing one of his famed stunts.

He may be known best for his recent appearances on the Discovery Channel's Great Biker Build-Off. Indian Larry was a chopper guy who styled himself after Ed "Big Daddy" Roth and Von Dutch and believed that the chopper is more an exercise in art than just a motorcycle. And though I never met the man and know only what I've read and seen on television, I can say that one of my heroes has died.

Indian Larry portrayed to me the true essence of brotherhood. I found that most apparent when after winning the Biker Build-Off he would not accept the trophy and cut it into small pieces and gave it to the crowd at the rally. "Who cares who wins?" He says, "It's about building bikes and going for a ride. People have lost track of that, too many people have forgotten what the brotherhood is all about. Billy (Lane) is a good friend; we both did the best we could.....and that's all." They called him an outcast from the streets of New York, well Larry, I'm an outcast from the streets of Chicago and come to think of it, most of my friends are outcasts from somewhere. Rest in Peace, you will be missed.

Another crafty young gun from the outskirts of Miami, the owner and operator of Choppers Inc. in Melbourne, Florida, William "Billy" Lane made his Court TV debut this week. You may know Billy Lane from the Discover Channel's Great Biker Build-off as well. Billy had to testify at the murder trial of Jodi Bowman. Ms. Bowman shot and killed George Jupin a friend of Billy Lane's.

I only hope that Billy's testimony about his own scant use of marijuana won't jeopardize any future appearances on the Discovery Channel. The Nazis at the FCC seem to be censoring all undesirables and undesirable content from the air waves.

Speaking of government officials; as the war in Iraq rages on the role of private companies in Iraq has been widely reported. What isn't getting much play is that, taken as a whole, contractors make up the SECOND-LARGEST armed force there, after the US military. Although this "army" is mostly on the pentagon's payroll, it doesn't fly any flag or belong to any state. It's multi-ethnic, for-profit, post-national force, and its sole agenda is to mind the bottom line. It has no incentive to stand down as long as there's money to be made. It's not afraid of terrorists, and whatever passes as an Iraqi government in the future will likely live at its mercy.

Second only to Saudi Arabia in proven oil reserves, this ancient territory is too profitable for world markets to abandon, no matter what the locals do or say. Oil is the universal contraband, (heroin for squares). Even the UN was on the take for Iraqi oil.

South Africa's Erinys, a force organized by former apartheid tough guys, aren't in Iraq prating about democracy or social betterment, they are guarding oil pipelines. These troops aren't conquering anybody and they aren't liberating anybody. They exist to keep the oil moving, and they'll stay for as long as it pays. Can you hear me now?

Speaking of the money being made, as states struggle to meet budget crunches they are scaling and cutting back. They are closing schools to keep prisons open and they are skimping on the prisoner's needs. I just want to remind you folks that are incarcerated that you're helping the administrations in their cut backs by not taking your vegetables or not getting what you have coming, but what you are actually doing is helping to keep yourself incarcerated!

Whether you realize it or not, the half million dollars that the state saves by not feeding you, by stealing your money at the commissary, by charging your family outrageous phone fees or not giving you your state issue clothing may be the difference in new legislation for good time or a parole board being passed or not being passed. Because at the very bottom of the states balance sheet isn't the prison guards salary it's you the prisoner.

That's for what it's worth. Ride Safe.

Chuck

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