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Local Government Humor

Courtesy of Local Government Resources

The Oldest Profession

It was a hot August Saturday afternoon; the staff and elected officials from city hall were all at a city park enjoying the annual summer picnic. The City's Medical Examiner, the Public Works Engineer and the Mayor were enjoying a cold beverage. While they sat and enjoyed their beverages they became engaged in a discussion as to which one of their professionals was the oldest.

The Medical Examiner said, "Gentleman, let us not forget that on the sixth day God took a single rib from Adam and made Eve; therefore it is clear that God was the first surgeon on earth and thus you'll have to admit that medicine is the oldest profession."

The Civil Engineer chimed in "Not so fast Doc. Remember before that day God had already created heaven and earth from chaos and confusion; therefore you'll have to concede that God was really the first engineer. Therefore, engineering has got to be a profession" After tipping his can up to savor the last drop the Mayor wiped his lips and said "But who gentle do you think created all of the chaos and confusion that God had to deal with?"

Do you have a Second.

A question by Gabe Gabrielsen, OEO

The following reflects an actual event that took place in a community. Read the issue then discuss the options with a friend.

Imagine you are a Local Public Official

During the late 1950's a wealthy local resident donated a sizeable tract of land to your city for the sole purpose of having a city airport. Though the airport today is small and used only by a handful of private and transient pilots the FAA recently cited your city with "an approach violation". Several trees on the south end of the runway are exceeding the maximum height limits and are interfering with the glide path approach.

All the trees exceeding the height limit are located on private properties which boarder the city airport. Conservative estimates are around \$8,000 to trim the trees. One of your colleagues believes any costs to trim trees should be borne by property owners whose trees are violating the FAA height requirement. Another colleague believes the costs to trim the trees should be assessed to the pilots, both local and transient, who use this airport. Finally, a third colleague believes it's a city airport and therefore a city responsibility to pay the cost to trim any trees. If you were a member of this city council which motion would you second

A) Assess the private land owners the cost of tree trimming

B) Assess the pilots who use the airport for the cost of trimming

C) Have the city pay the cost for the trimming the trees Over the years many of the lakes in your local government's jurisdiction have become infested with invasive aquatic plant life such as Eurasian Milfoil. Fishermen, recreational boaters, kayakers, canoers and property owners are all encountering problems with the explosion of these invasive plants in the water. Since tourism is a major contributor to your local economy the vast majority of citizens agree something must be done to clean the lakes. Several remedial options have been explored unfortunately all are expensive. Though your elected body agrees a lake restoration is needed there is no consensus on how to fund a lake clean up project. If you were a member of this public body what revenue source would you support?

A) A special assessment for all waterfront property

B) Create a special taxing district to include all properties within one (1) mile of waterfront areas?

C) Include the clean up costs in the general budget and levy all properties within the county?

D) Institute a 1/2% county wide sales tax?

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Last month's survey involved the Eurasian milfoil entering many into local lakes. The question was asked was who should pay to eradicate the milfoil from the lakes. One motion was property owners who live on the lake? Another was property owners within one mile of the lakes - a third was the entire county population and the fourth was do nothing - let the DNR worry about this problem. In real life the fourth motion "do nothing and let the DNR worry about this" was seconded and motion passed 3 to 2.



Who I Am

I am a biker chick. I love to wear leather. My designer clothing brand of choice is Harley-Davidson. Even in 90 degrees I will still have jeans and riding boots on. I like sexy lingerie and revealing clothes. I flash my tits and have one pierced. I have a tattoo above my ass and would have tons more if I could afford them. I smoke cigarettes. My hairdo is by Harley and it shows that I really ride. My husband is my old man and I am his old lady and it has nothing to do with age. I belong to him, and he belongs to me. Yet I have learned that by marrying a biker I am everyone's wife and mother and we all take care of one another, even on the first meeting. I know I am always safe when I am with my sisters and brothers. I know that leather is the great equalizer. Behind the leather one will never know your credit score, bank account balance, educational level, living arrangements, or history with the law. like live bands and drinking. I love to dance and sing even though I am not good at either. I like music from the 70's and 80's, rock, country, or pop. I love the open road and solitude of the ride. I like being with hundreds or thousands of other bikers at rallies. I like to be outdoors camping, or indoors at a corner bar. I enjoy parties, and raffles. I like greasy spoon restaurants, truck stops and mom and pop establishments. I can never eat enough pig roasts, corn on the cob, corned beef and eggs, or BBQ. I ride for charity and will always be there to help a downed brother or needy child. I am fiercely loyal to those who are close to me. I have more friends that I can count, but know I can always count on every one of them. I kiss and hug everyone each time I see them. We share the joys of the birth of a new bay and tears of a lost loved one. I have been to more funerals than anyone should ever have to attend I have learned that loud pipes DO save lives and helmets don't. I don't always remember everyone's name, and will know people for years by nothing more than their riding handle. I am a hard worker. I am patriotic, period. I am political and will always stand behind my beliefs. I believe in God, but not in religion. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. I am a biker chick.

Queen Caliente'