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## BUCKLING DOWN ON DRIVERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE!

By Hitchcock

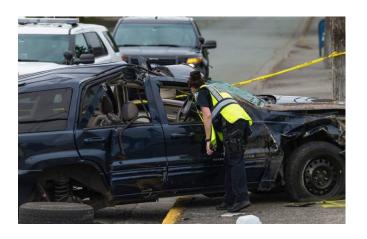
DUI offenses in Lovely have gone up by over 25% this year alone! After loosing another citizen early this year to a DUI offender residents are in an uproar and want solutions and consequences for these offenders.

"Drunk Driving is a Killer Disease, and needs to be treated accordingly!" Says Trish Tate Lovely's Detective.

In the US there have been recent laws changes to make it tougher on drivers who are under the influence. In 2000, President Clinton's transportation appropriations bill required all states to lower their permissible blood alcohol content to .08% by October 2003 or risk losing federal highway construction funds. The government concluded that lowering the permissible limit from .10% to .08% reduced alcohol-related fatalities by 7%, translating to 500 lives saved each year.

By October 1, 2003, forty-five states had passed .08% blood alcohol content laws. Finally, by July 2004, all fifty states had passed legislation to lower their blood alcohol content limits. and a .08% BAC may lead to a conviction. In some cases—those under 21 and commercial drivers—the BAC limit is even lower.

The penalties for a Florida DUI are set by statute, governed by the number of prior DUI convictions and the circumstances of the incident. The judge is permitted to assign jail, fines, and license revocation within the following parameters.



1st offense; Jail Time-Up to 3 months, Finesfrom \$200 to \$1,000, license revocation-60 days to 1 year, and Ignition Interlock Device-as much as 3 months). In addition to the stated penalties, a first-offense DUI requires 50 hours of community service.

2nd offense; Jail Time-Up to 6 months, Fines-\$1,000 to \$1,500, License Revocation-180 days to 1 year, Ignition Interlock Device-2 years and required if BAC of .15% or more. If it's within 5 years of the prior, the judge will order a minimum 5 days in jail and 2-year license revocation

3rd offense; Jail Time-Up to 12 months, Fines-\$1,500 to \$3,000, License Revocation-180 days to 1 year, Ignition Interlock Device-2 years. If it has occurred within 10 years of a prior is a felony and will require 30 days to 2 years in jail and a 5-year driver's license revocation.

'I hope Lovely's court system will enforce and hold these offenders accountable for their actions better than they did in July! This can mean safer roads for Lovely! " says Brenda Baker, MAD's local Director

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#### MIAMI POLICE FIRES TASER GUNS AT CHILDREN

By Zack Zimmerman

he Miami Department announced they will be reviewing

e policy on the use of Taser stun guns. Police ave now used them on two occasions to shoot oung children! On the 20th of October a sixear-old r with a taser that generated a 50,000 olt shock. The boy was reportedly holding a ece of glass and threatening to hurt himself. ast week a 12-year-old girl was skipping chool and was shot with the same 50,000 volt hock. This is a serious matter, as in



Sacramento California, a man died just last week after being shot with a Taser. Ricardo Zaragoza, was the second person in Sacramento County to die after being shot by a taser over the past year. Both victims were on medication for mental illness at the time. The American Civil Liberties Union estimates 76 people have died in the U.S. and Canada after being shot by Tasers since 2001.

#### **IDOL WINNERS UPDATE**

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Take a chance," Kelly Clarkson sings on her new hit single, Breakaway." "Make a change and break away." But her managers, along with many others who have a stake in ne careers of former "American Idol" stars like Ms. Clarkson, re not so sure that is a good idea. And as a flood of their lbums arrive in stores for the holidays over the next few eeks, the singers are wrestling with how closely to link nemselves with the show that made them famous. starting Nov. 16, the RCA Music Group will deliver five new CD's from former "Idol" finalists, including Clay Aiken, Ruben



Studdard and the most recent v Fantasia Barrino. The glut will a pit the singers against one ano jockeying not for praise from Pa Abdul or Simon Cowell but for I slots on radio stations and telev Appealing directly to the show's audience could stoke sales dur season already thick with offeri from established stars like Emil U2, Gwen Stefani and Destiny's

### **HOROSCOPE**

By Heather Hitchcock

Scorpio: Happy Birthday! Someone has a very sharp tongue and you're about to be lashed. Maybe this person has good reason to be angry th you, or perhaps they're on the warpath and you happen to in the wrong place at the wrong time.

agittarius: You're full of confidence today, especially if you ve to take part in a group activity or take the lead in some y. You'll do really well, and will have plenty of reasons to feel proud of yourself. Consider your hopes and dreams for the future and decide whether they really stand a chance of se the light of day, or whether you should scrap them and sta again.

Capricorn: This is a fantastic day for putting yourself in th limelight in some way, and increasing your status and reputation as a result