

OUR YOUNGEST DAUGHTER IS AN AUTHOR, WITH HER FIRST BOOK COMING OUT RIGHT ABOUT NOW. SHE HAS TOLD US ABOUT WHAT AN AUTHOR GOES THROUGH TO GET A BOOK PUBLISHED. FIRST, YOU NEED A PLOT OR SUBJECT, THEN YOU HOOK UP WITH PEOPLE WHO HELP WRITERS BY READING THEIR MANUSCRIPTS AND GIVING CRITICISM-CONSTRUCTIVE WE HOPE. THEN YOU READ AND REREAD AND SO ON, UNTIL EVENTUALLY IT'S PUBLISHED. COMMUNITY COMMENTS-AT LEAST, MINE, GO THROUGH A SIMILAR PROCEDURE. I HAVE MY SUBJECTS AND I WRITE AND READ AND CHANGE THIS AND THAT UNTIL I'M SATISFIED WITH WHAT I'VE WRITTEN, OF COURSE. THEY'RE NOT PERFECT, AND AS WITH ME, WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET! SO-ON MY LAST COMMENT CONCERNING COLORS AND VENDING MACHINES, I WROTE, READ AND REREAD, AND IT WASN'T UNTIL I HEARD THE COMMENT ON WED. AM, THAT I REALIZED I'd MADE AND MISSED, A MISTAKE. WHO'DA THUNK IT? I ~~SAYED~~<sup>SAYED</sup> MOST VENDING MACHINES DON'T TAKE QUARTERS, WHEN I INTENDED TO SAY-MOST VENDING MACHINES DON'T TAKE COINS<sup>OR</sup> LARGER VALUE THAN A QUARTER. SO, I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. IF ANY OF YOU READ THE WEB PAGE<sup>MINE</sup>, YOU CAN READ THE COMMENTS-YOU'LL SEE THAT I IT AND WRITE MINE, AND TWO FULL PAGES IS THREE MINUTES, GIVE OR TAKE A FEW SECONDS. I USUALLY WRITE MY COMMENTS ON MONDAY, ~~AND TAPE~~ THEM ON TUESDAY FOR BROADCAST ON ~~TUESDAY~~ WEDNESDAY. SO, THIS MONDAY MORNING ABOUT TWO A.M., I WAS UP TREATING MY SINUSES AND MY THROAT, AS THEY WERE KEEPING ME AWAKE. I WAS JUST ABOUT READY TO CRAWL BACK ONTO MY RECLINER WHEN THE DOOR BELL ~~RANG~~ RANG. I WAS ALMOST AFRAID TO ANSWER IT, BUT I CRACKED THE DOOR AND LOOKED OUT. IT

WAS MY NEIGHBORS OR SARAH, TELLING ME THAT SOMEONE  
HAD JUST BROKEN THE WINDOW OF THE JEEP! HER HUSBAND,  
JEREMIAH, GRABBED A BASEBALL BAT AND WENT AFTER  
THE THREE OF THEM. JERE <sup>BUT</sup> MENTION IT WAS IN HIS CAR, ~~AS THEY WERE ON FOOT~~  
HE LOST THEM, ~~AS THEY WERE ON FOOT~~ WE CALLED THE PO-  
LICE AND THE OFFICER SHOWED UP WITHIN A FEW  
MINUTES. OFFICER GOODALE WAS VERY HELPFUL. A COUPLE OF  
TIMES, WE'VE FORGOTTEN TO LOCK THE VEHICLES AND THE  
~~OFFICER~~ GOT AN <sup>OPPORTUNITY</sup> ~~NOTICE~~ JUST A SHORT TIME AFTER  
WE HIT THE JEEP, HERE THEY ~~BREAK OUT~~ <sup>WANTS</sup> BREAK OUT THE WINDOWS. MIGHT  
JUST AS WELL STAND OUT THERE AND GIVE IT TO THEM. I THINK  
MOST OF US ARE PRETTY MUCH FED UP WITH THE "SKIN-  
HEADS" AND OTHER VANDALS AND THIEVES THAT ARE TAKING  
OVER OUR TOWN. LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA GET WORSE!  
WE NEED TO RAISE THIS MONEY IT TAKES TO DEAL WITH THESE  
BURNS AND BUILD MOREAILS AND PRISONS! // SOME OF YOU  
MAY ~~REMEMBER~~ REMEMBERED MY GRANDSON, NATHAN MADSEN. NATE  
IS DOWN AT FRESNO STATE, WORKING ON BEING A "BULL DOG".  
HIS COACH SAYS HE IS ONE OF THE BEST FRESHMAN MEN  
HE'S AND NATE WILL BE RED-SHIRTED THIS YEAR, SO HE'LL  
WORK OUT WITH THE TEAM, AND BE AVAILABLE WHEN HE IS  
IN HIS FIRST YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY. HIS SUMMER SCHOOL  
GRADES ARE ALL A's, SO IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GONNA BE  
O.K. // EVERY TIME I READ THE PAPER OR HEAR ON THE <sup>NEWS</sup>  
ABOUT THESE IDIOTS CARRYING, DEALING AND TRADING MARJIU-  
ANA - AND DRIVING RADICALLY WITH BROKEN HEADLIGHTS, TAIL  
LIGHTS AND OTHER DEFECTS AND THEN GETTING ARRESTED. AND  
WHAT DO YOU FIND IN THE TRUNK? THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS  
IN CASH! HOW DUMB IS THAT?