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JUST A QUICK COMMENT ABOUT THE HOSTAGE TRADE. IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE OUR PRESIDENT IS PRONE TO BYPASSING CONGRESS IN MANY CASES AND TRYING TO RUN THINGS LIKE A MONARCHY INSTEAD OF A REPUBLIC OR DEMOCRACY - WHICHEVER ONE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE. IN THIS CASE, ACCORDING TO WHAT I'VE HEARD, HE SAID "HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO INFORM CONGRESS" GIVE ME A BREAK! THESE THINGS DON'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. MY PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT ACCORDING TO WHAT I'VE HEARD - THE SOLDIER PUT DOWN HIS WEAPONS AND WALKED AWAY - THAT MAKES HIM A DESERTER. WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF A SOLDIER DID THAT IN BERLIN OR TOKYO DURING WWII OR HANOI/VIET NAM? ANOTHER COMMENT THAT I HEARD ABOUT WAS THAT IN DISCUSSING WHAT HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS KNEW ABOUT THE DESERTER, CONDOLEZZA RICE SAID - "OH THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!" I'M AFRAID SHE'S THE ONE THAT DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING! NO MATTER WHAT - TURNING <sup>LOOSE</sup> A FIVE TALIBANS, WHOSE MAIN PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO KILL AMERICANS OR ANY ONE ELSE THEY DON'T LIKE, WAS ALMOST A TRAITOROUS ACT. I DON'T THINK MUCH OF IMPEACHMENT BECAUSE ~~OF~~ <sup>BY</sup> THE TIME YOU GET IT DONE, HIS TERM WOULD BE OVER, BUT THE <sup>THOUGHT</sup> ~~OF~~ CERTAINLY CAME TO MY MIND! // ENOUGH OF THAT! I WAS QUITE DISAPPOINTED IN THE LOW VOTER TURN-OUT FOR THE RECENT ELECTION. AS I SAID IN MY LAST COMMENT, THERE WERE LOTS OF NAMES - STATEWIDE - AND SOME IMPORTANT CHOICES TO BE MADE LOCALLY, BUT IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES - COME ON FOLKS - IT'S YOUR GOVERNMENT! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, MANY OF MY CHOICES

WON! ALRIGHT!! ERIC AND VIVIANNA HOLLERBECK HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWS LATELY. I'VE KNOWN ERIC SINCE HE WAS ABOUT SIXTEEN, WHEN OUR BARBER SHOP CHORUS DIRECTOR, JACKIE MAJORS, LATER TO BE EDMONDSON, HAD TAKEN ERIC UNDER HER ALL ENCOMPASSING WINGS, AND HE STARTED TO SING WITH US. WELL, TIME WENT ON AND ERIC WENT TO WAR, CAME HOME, - AND STARTED A VERY INTERESTING LIFE. HE WAS A TIMBER CRUISER, THE BEST AROUND, HE SAID, THEN A GYPPY LOGGER, THEN HE STARTED BLUE OX MILLMWORKS - SOMEWHERE IN THERE MARRYING VIVIANA - A PERFECT MATCH! HIS COUNSELOR TOLD HIM HE NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING FUN, SO HE CAME BACK TO THE CHORUS AND GOT INTO A BARBERSHOP QUARTET CALLED "MORTA FIRST". I'VE BEEN THROUGH BLUE OX MILLMWORKS AND THE OLD, HAND AND FOOT OPERATED EQUIPMENT WORKS AS EFFICIENTLY AS NEWER, ELECTRIC MACHINERY. THEN, HE AND VIV STARTED A SCHOOL. ERIC WAS, OR IS, DYSLERIC, SO HE KNEW HOW TO TREAT KIDS TO WHOM SCHOOL WAS NO FUN. WE WERE TALKING ONE DAY AND I SAID KIDS HAD TO LEARN TO READ. "NOT NECESSARILY," ERIC SAID. "I SAY TO THEM - WE'RE GOING TO BUILD SOMETHING. HERE ARE THE BLUE PRINTS AND SPECS." "BUT I CAN'T READ OR DO MATH, THE KID SAYS - WELL, I GUESS YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN TO READ EH? IT WORKS, HE SAYS. KINDA REMINDS ME OF THE YOUNG GAL WHO WAS MANAGING THE DELI IN A STORE I WORKED AT. SHE WAS TRYING TO FIGURE PERCENTAGES WHILE PRICING MERCHANDISE. SHE SAID - IF I HAD KNOWN I'D HAVE TO USE MATH IN MY LIFE, I'D HAVE PAID MORE ATTENTION! THANKS - ERIC AND VIV. FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

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