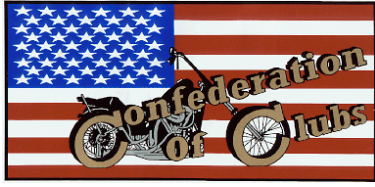


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In Memory of Solid Brotherhood Paul, from Minnesota... May He Rest In Peace...

Welcome Bandido Morgan from Stockholm to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing list...

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Happy Birthday to Sons Of Silence Skunk whose birthday is July 25th... Have a Good One Brother... L&R

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To Whom It May Concern

Some Members Keep A Club Strong,
Some Dig Right In, Some Serve With Pride,
Some Volunteer To Do Their Share,
Some Do Their Best, So Do Some Make,
Some Greet Their Coming So Worthwhile
With Never A Greeting
Some Help The Club To Grow
Some Drag, Some Pull, Others Don't, others Do,

Written (Modified) by Buddha Solid Brotherhood M.C. Lake Agassiz
While Others Just Belong.
Some Go Along Just For The Ride.
While Some Sit Back and Just Don't Care.
Some Do Nothing, Only Take.
While Some Go On Their Merry Way,
Or A Word To Say
When Asked To Help, Some Won't Say No
Consider Which One Of These Are You.

"If I am like you and you are like me, and for a common cause are we, then we are Brothers Indeed!" – Buddha; Solid Brotherhood M.C.

John Adams assumed that July 2 would be celebrated as our nation's birthday, not July 4, because it was on the second day of the month that Congress actually adopted the Declaration of Independence. Allowing for that inconsequential variation, I invite you to join with me in reflecting on the majesty of Adams' words as written to his beloved Abigail: "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. It will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated. By solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp & parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires & illuminations, from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forever." The significance of Adams' writing is not merely its prescience (he describes a pretty typical modern Fourth of July celebration) but the subordination of that celebration to "acts of devotion to God Almighty." Let's recall these words as we celebrate our "great anniversary Festival".

The Biker's Job In Hell

By Richard '*Bingo*' Cosby

D.C. Eagles M.C. / Wisconsin Confederation Of Clubs

(In memory of D.C. Eagle Chico, Outlaw Papa Snake, & Outlaw Rocker who was killed by the Milwaukee Cops)

The biker died and found himself outside the 'Pearly Gate' -
He said: "I was in the middle of a beer! Couldn't you people wait?"
Saint Pete just smiles and said: "Come in and get your set of wings."
"I got my hawg!" The biker said: "I don't need them things!"
Saint Pete just shut the gate - right in that biker's face!
Then with a smile - he said: "Then You try that Other place!"
The biker blinked - a second - nothing more -
And he found himself on his hawg - outside the Devil's door!
He wasn't there very long and up another biker came -
He slid up to a stop and then he asked: "Hey, What's your name?"
"They call me Papa Snake." he said: "And who the hell are you?"
He answered: "I'm the biker boss! That's who you're talking to!"
Now if you'll follow me I'll take you to the rest -
We get a lot of bikers here - but I only keep the best."
They rode for just a little way - it wasn't very far -
To the Devil's clubhouse and they stepped up to the bar.
Jack Daniels for Papa Snake and pour the same for me.
He turned and said: "I'm Rocker and Chico over there is my V.P.
I know you're wondering just what you'll have to do -
Well we'll have a drink - then I'll explain it all to you."
They had a few - then Rocker said to Papa Snake:
"You were quite a bro alive - so I'll see that you get a break.
You'll be in charge of 50 men who have to shovel shit -
And 50 more - that have to carry it and dump it in a pit.
Now in that pit there's a hundred more - in shit up to their eyes!
And while standing on their toes - they make it into 'pies'.
Now all these guys - before they died and ended up down here -
Were snitches, prison guards or judges - just to make that clear.
For when those pies of shit are made they take them from the pit -
Because All the cops end up here - and they're fed those pies of shit!"

Phelan v. Village of Lyons, No. 07-2224: In a suit under 42 U.S.C. section 1983 alleging violations of plaintiff's Fourth Amendment rights after a police officer stopped & handcuffed plaintiff in the mistaken belief that her car was stolen, summary judgment for defendants based on qualified immunity is reversed & remanded where officer's decision to stop & handcuff plaintiff was an unreasonable seizure since the officer could have found that the vehicle reported stolen was a motorcycle & not a car through a reasonable assessment of the facts. U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals

The Pros & Cons of Heller – June 26, 2008 – USA - The Supreme Court of the United States handed down a landmark decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*. This case represents the first time the Court has considered in detail the nature & scope of the Second Amendment. At issue were the District of Columbia's laws which largely ban all handgun possession within the city & which require all long arms to be unloaded & either disassembled or fitted with a trigger lock, rendering them essentially unavailable for self defense as "functional firearms." The Court, in a 5-4 decision which struck down both the outright handgun ban & the "functional firearms" ban, held that the Second Amendment guarantees a strong individual right to keep & bear arms, which includes the right to have arms for self defense in the home. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that this is an excellent result which gun owners should be very pleased with. The decision clearly & unambiguously establishes the strong & fundamental nature of the individual right to keep & bear arms. Significantly, however, the Court noted that the right

to keep & bear arms is not without limitations, just as the right to free speech is not unlimited. The Court stated that its decision should not be read to cast doubt on such laws as long standing prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons or the mentally ill, or in such sensitive places as schools or Gov't buildings & the like. Thus, the Court clearly signaled that there are a variety of gun laws which are permissible under the Second Amendment. This has two significant implications for the future. First, it will take many future lawsuits to establish precisely what sort of laws are & are not permissible under the Second Amendment. Both sides will likely find themselves fighting that battle vigorously. Second, those laws that are, in fact, permitted under the Second Amendment will form the fertile ground upon which future political activity will rest. It will remain the province of law abiding gun owners to oppose, politically, gun laws which, though constitutional, are nevertheless unwise & harmful to liberty & safety.

Off To Visit The Doctor: An old man in his mid-eighties struggles to get up from the couch then starts putting on his coat. His wife, seeing the unexpected behavior, asks, "Where are you going?" He replies, "I'm going to the doctor." She says, "Why, are you sick?" He says, "Nope, I'm going to get me some of that Viagra stuff." Immediately the wife starts working & positioning herself to get out of her rocker & begins to put on her coat. He says, "Where the heck are you going?" She answers, "I'm going to the doctor, too." He says, "Why, what do you need?" She says, "If you're going to start using that rusty old thing, I'm getting a Tetanus shot."

Bikers for bear Butte – June 2008 – *South Dakota* - This letter is to all those well-meaning bikers who participate in the Sturgis Bike Rally in South Dakota, in August. We believe that the majority of you are not aware of the destruction the rally is causing to one of Indian peoples' most sacred sites, Bear Butte. Very few non-Indians know that for many centuries all the Tribes of the Great Plains worshipped & conducted sacred ceremonies at Bear Butte. It is a place for quiet prayers of thanksgiving & for seeking spiritual guidance with ancient ceremonies. The spring & summer months through August, is when the Tribes travel to Bear Butte to conduct their annual ceremonies. These prayers & ceremonies do not stop simply because the rally has started. For the past few years there has been a continual encroachment of bars & venues heading towards the sacred mountain. Since the arrival of Sturgis County Line & other venues next to Bear Butte, traditional people are forced to pray with loud music from bars, mufflers & flashing strobe lights over the mountain, instead of praying in peace. In April 2008, Sturgis County Line announced they will be opening year-round & hosting many events throughout the summer. This will make it virtually impossible to pray in peace all summer long. Most of you are probably unaware that returning Indian veterans of wars since before World War 1, have made their way to the sacred mountain to pray, fast & give thanks for their safe return. Most veterans wouldn't know that the Cheyenne Nation conducted ceremonies on Bear Butte during WW1, WW2, Korea & Viet Nam to insure the victory for American forces. Bear Butte is where our young men & women go to fast, to learn & to test themselves for adulthood. Bear Butte is where our holy men & women have gone to seek spiritual knowledge for as long as our tribal memories can see into the past. Even today in this new millennium, Bear Butte continues to be central to the spiritual & ceremonial lives of over thirty Indian Nations. Indian people are becoming desperate to preserve even small portions of our once peaceful & remote, sacred places across America. We are Not trying to close or stop the Sturgis Bike Rally, or even interfere with all the various things that go on there. We are asking that the Fed, State & Local Gov'ts enact & enforce a buffer zone around Bear Butte, to restrict the sale of booze within the zone, make sure concerts & other extraneous noise, are kept away from the Mountain. To us that seems very minimal & reasonable, but our words have fallen on deaf ears once again & the county & state are allowing more & more destruction to happen--always closer to Bear Butte. It must be stopped. It is now our hope that we can turn to the customers of the bike rally, the bikers themselves, to ask that they help us in our efforts. We ask all bikers to help us make attendees of the Sturgis Bike Rally, aware of our request & to help us encourage all the booze & concert venues too close to Bear Butte, to close down & move away. We are asking that all bikers boycott the "Broken Spoke Saloons" until they withdraw their bar away from Bear Butte! We are asking that all "Bikers For Bear Butte" come together with Indian people to help us enact a buffer zone around Bear Butte & to help us inform all your brother & sister Bikers of the issue. We pray there, we receive healing & learn our ancient ways of life there. We Know You respect Bear Butte & will stand by our side, in this struggle! We ask our biker brothers & sisters to help us Protect our Sacred Mountain.

Retirement: I've often been asked, "What do you do now that you are retired?" Well, I have a chemistry background & one of the things I enjoy most is turning beer, vodka & wine into urine. And I'm pretty darn good at it! Thank heaven I paid attention in school!

MRF News Release - June 20, 2008 – *Norway* - Motorcyclists Rights Advocates Play a Key Role at International Motorcycle Safety Forum... The Organization for Economic Co-Operation & Development (OECD) International Transport Forum Workshop on Motorcycling Safety was held in Lillehammer, Norway on June 10th-11th & included over 80 participants by invitation from approximately 30 countries. Among the participants were safety policy advisors, safety experts, safety researchers, motorcycle industry representatives, governmental agency representatives, & motorcycle users. Representing riders from the United States were Kirk Willard, President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, & Ed Moreland, Vice President of Gov't Relations of the American Motorcyclist Association. Other groups with representation from the United States included the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the Motorcycle Industry Council/Motorcycle Safety Foundation, Dynamic Research Inc., & the Harley Davidson Motor Company. Also noteworthy was the fact that there were ten other riders' rights & motorcycle user groups represented from various countries in attendance which set the stage for meaningful involvement from the riders' rights & user groups which is not always the case in these types of international forums. The main expected outcomes of the workshop was to come up with a set of practical recommendations for the attention of policy advisors & to help identify how motorcycle safety strategies relate to overall road safety policies. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to announce that many of the 20 top priorities to come out of the workshop are strategies & initiatives that we as motorcyclists have been heavily involved in, recommending, & promoting for some time. The number one recommendation in part was a call for training focusing on risk awareness & risk avoidance. Others included recommendations for all drivers to have a component on awareness & acceptance of motorcyclists, partnering with rider groups to develop & deliver campaigns to other riders, that motorcycle safety messages should be specific to motorcyclists, to include motorcyclists when considering transport policy & develop training for roadway designers. Additionally, when discussing policy dialogue it was determined the best practice would be to formalize meetings between motorcycle stakeholders & policy makers/road authorities, & one not to be lost in the list of 20 is a simple statement that we must work together. One can see that the Motorcycle Riders Foundation using many ideas in circulation amongst the motorcycle rights community today certainly played a role in these discussions & ultimate list of recommendations, in fact many of the recommendations somewhat mirror the good work that the State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations in partnership with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation accomplished in SAFE-TEA LU. The important element in all of this is the critically important audience of non-motorcyclists that have now heard our messages as motorcyclists loud & clear. "I believe this was an extremely valuable & precedent setting event where motorcyclists were given the opportunity to present their views in an inclusive international safety arena & have motorcycle safety & motorcycle related policy considered from a motorcyclists rights advocates point of view & be taken quite seriously", said Willard of the MRF. A full report will be presented in the September issue of the MRF Reports & during the MRF's Annual Meeting & Conference, the Meeting of the Minds to be held in Denver, Colorado on Sept 25th-28th, 2008.

What's worse than a Male Chauvinist Pig?
A woman who won't do what she's told.

12 people injured in Kissimmee motorcycle-related crash – June 28, 2008 – *Florida* – By Gabrielle Finley; Orlando Sentinel – (members of the Outlaw MC & Black Pistons MC) Debris from a morning crash involving a group of motorcyclists on Orange Blossom Trail & Old Tampa Highway has been cleared & is no longer blocking traffic, Osceola County Fire Rescue reported. Twelve people were injured at 9 a.m. in the Kissimmee crash involving 10 motorcycles, said Osceola County Fire Rescue spokeswoman Niki Whisler. Details about the crash were not released, but Whisler said a group of 10 motorcycles were riding together when the crash occurred. At least 4 of the motorcyclists were seriously injured & were flown by helicopter to Orlando Regional Medical Center, Whisler said. Another 4 were taken to Osceola Regional Medical Center & the others were taken to Florida Hospital Kissimmee, Whisler said. The identities of the people involved in the accident were not released. Florida Highway Patrol troopers are investigating the crash.

Wrong-Way Driver Crashes Into 9 Motorcycles – June 28, 2008 – *Florida* – By Jeff Lennox - A car going the wrong way on an Osceola County road crashed into almost a dozen motorcycles on Saturday. It happened on U.S. 17-92 in Intercession City at about 9:30 a.m. Eleven motorcycle riders & the driver of the car had to be taken to local hospitals. Nine motorcycles sat piled up on the side of 17-92 Saturday afternoon after the Florida Highway Patrol said a white car traveling west in the eastbound lanes of the road crashed into the bikers, who were out for a morning ride. After the impact, the crippled bikes veered across the highway. Some of the bikers were able to pull off to the side of the road as nearby neighbors rushed to help. FHP said three of the victims were in serious condition at ORMC. They said a medical condition might have caused the driver to cross into the path of the motorcycles. The crash remains under investigation & charges are pending.

Driver Plows Head-On Into 12 Bikers - June 28, 2008 - *Orange County, Florida* - A group of bikers were critically injured Saturday when they were hit head-on by a motorist as they traveled to a funeral. Florida troopers said the group was traveling on Orange Blossom Trail & Old Tampa Highway near Intercession City when they were hit by the vehicle. The injured bikers were members of the Outlaw motorcycle group, a family member said. Witnesses described the scene as something like a demolition derby. Nine of the bikers were injured, four critically, police said. The driver of a Hyundai sedan, Tom Romeo, apparently suffered a seizure & veered into oncoming traffic. Romeo suffered minor injuries.

Two men shot at biker club party – June 29, 2008 – *California* - Two men attending an annual motorcycle club party were shot early Sunday in an unincorporated area west of Carson, police said. An alcohol-fueled dispute erupted at a Chosen Few motorcycle club event at a social hall near 186th & Figueroa streets just after midnight, said Sgt. Mark Jaurequi, of the Los Angeles Police Dept's Harbor division. An unknown suspect shot the men, who were taken to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center near Torrance & were in stable condition Sunday, said LAPD Officer Norma Eisenman. The same motorcycle group attracted police attention Saturday afternoon in San Pedro's Point Fermin Park, where about 6,000 bikers gathered after a pre-party ride, Jaurequi said. Officers responded to the area to help ease traffic concerns prompted by the large number of riders, he said.

Why do men fart more than women? Because women can't shut up long enough to build up the required pressure.

Utah motorcyclist tries for new speed record - June 29, 2008 – *Utah* - Many Utahns remember a movie from a couple of years ago called “The World’s Fastest Indian.” It tells the story of a New Zealand man who tried setting the land speed record on a motorcycle on Utah’s salt flats in 1967. Today a Utahn tried to set a new record. The current record is 265 miles per hour on a motorcycle. Breaking that record is a goal Utah’s Ken Merena has been pursuing for several years. After months of preparation, today he gave it a try. Merena isn’t your average motorcycle racer. At 60 years old, he is attempting to break a record by going faster on a motorcycle than anyone ever has. Instead of riding on the salt flats, he wants to break the record where he believes motorcycles are meant to be: on the highway. “This is a 33-foot-wide roadway. It’s a different proposition, keeping it together here. But we have an additional challenge on this section of roadway in that it’s short,” he explained. With the cooperation of Tooele County officials, he got a permit to close the stretch of road today for his attempt. His goal is to beat the current record of land speed on a motorcycle by setting a new record of 270 miles per hour. “I hold the current record for the highest speed ever recorded on a U.S. highway. In the overall scheme of things, it’s way below what we want to do out here today. It’s 241 miles per hour. People say that’s only 30 miles per hour slower, but you don’t get it. The difference between 240 & 270 is not the difference between 30 & 60,” he said. Merena credits his race team & the designer of his turbo motorcycle for helping in his attempt, & Tooele County officials for securing the road for what is certainly a dangerous attempt. “Let’s face it, it is an inherently dangerous activity we are doing, something that has never been done before. Nobody has gone this fast on this kind of bike, & nobody’s certainly done it on a highway,” Merena said. Merena’s top speed today was between 215 & 220 miles per hour, so he fell short of the record. His team will now try to make adjustments to the engine on his bike, & he plans another attempt later this summer.

Here is a Test for you:

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, & close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2 How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Did you say, “Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, & close the refrigerator”? Wrong Answer. Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant & close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend, except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory. Okay, even if you did not answer the first 3 questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross, but it is used by crocodiles, & you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer? You jump into the river & swim across. Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending the animal meeting. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong, but many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively disproves the theory that most professionals have the brains of a 4-year-old.

Why do men die before their wives? They want to.

Bikie wins appeal over bashing - June 29, 2008 – *Australia* - By Nigel Hunt - A Senior member of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang has had a 7-month prison sentence for bashing & then threatening a nightclub bouncer overturned after appealing to the Supreme Court. The State Gov't may launch an appeal against the decision, with Atty-General Michael Atkinson calling for an urgent report on the case. The well-known Hell's Angels member was last year banned from attending a city nightclub because he posed "a serious danger" to patrons. The bikie, whose identity is suppressed, pleaded guilty to two assault charges in Adelaide Magistrates Court on Mar 13, the day his trial was to start. He was sentenced to seven months' jail by Deputy Chief Magistrate Dr Andrew Cannon, who refused to suspend the sentence because it would not be a "sufficient deterrent" to the man or others. The man's lawyer, David Edwardson QC, immediately appealed both the sentence & Dr Cannon's decision not to suspend it on the grounds it was manifestly excessive & that Dr Cannon erred in not suspending it. In his judgment handed down this week, Supreme Court Justice Michael David dismissed the first ground of appeal, but granted the second. Court documents show the offending happened about 4.30am on Sat, Jan 13, 2007, when the gang member was refused entry to The Palace nightclub in Hindley St. After being refused entry by a bouncer, whose name is suppressed, the bikie punched him in the face. The bouncer was also bashed by a number of other men. The bikie had also chased the bouncer & punched him a second time, breaking his nose. About 6.40pm the next day, after viewing a recording of the incident, a police officer telephoned the bikie to arrange an interview with him. About 10pm the bikie had driven his car past the nightclub & had made eye contact with the bouncer, had pointed his left hand at him & made a gesture "as though to shoot him with a pistol". In his judgment, Justice David said the offending relating to the first count, the attack, was "very serious". Justice David said count two was also "very serious" because "of an intention on the part of the appellant to dissuade V (the victim) from taking legal proceedings". Justice David allowed the second ground of appeal because Dr Cannon did not weigh up the man's personal circumstances – the fact there was no relevant prior offending & his work history – in considering his discretion to suspend the sentence. He imposed a fresh seven-month jail sentence, but suspended it on the condition the man enter a three-year, \$1000 good behaviour bond. While senior police would not comment on the Supreme Court appeal decision, rank-and-file officers involved in policing bikies were disappointed. "Time & time again these people are put before the court for very serious offences & are convicted, but manage to stay out of jail," one detective said. "It makes it very, very hard for us to convince witnesses in cases such as this to co-operate with us. "They are scared witless of these people & when they see this happen, they will think twice about stepping up to the plate". Atkinson said cases such as this were "prime examples of why tougher legislation is needed to crack down on criminal bikie members". "The first of the package of new laws to target outlaw motorcycle gangs is now in force & the rest will become effective in the next month or so. I have requested a report on this case from the Director of Public Prosecutions".

Feds link Indiana meth ring to biker gang – June 30, 2008 - *Hammond, Indiana* - By Rachel Folz - AP - Federal authorities have linked at least some of the 37 people indicted as part of a northern Indiana methamphetamine ring to a white supremacist motorcycle club. The first details of those ties were revealed during a federal court hearing yesterday. Fed agents testified that several defendants identified as "major producers" of meth also were members of the Invaders MC, a group founded in 1965 in

Gary. A DEA agent says chemicals & equipment to make methamphetamine were found, along with swastikas & symbols of the Invaders, surveillance cameras, & about 35 guns in a raid near Kouts in southern Porter County on Tuesday. The alleged ring had been the target of a 17-month investigation by the Porter County Sheriff's Dept & the DEA.

Urge to make difference draws El Paso motorcyclists – June 30, 2008 – *Texas* - By Michael D. Hernandez; El Paso Times - Those famous golden arches took on a chrome hue for an afternoon in El Paso as hundreds of motorcyclists roared across the city & through patches of light rain to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. "It feels great being part of a cause that gives kids & their families a lot of help at an important time," said Mike Franklin, a member of the Lost Souls MC of El Paso, which organized the second annual benefit. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of El Paso provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children seeking medical care in the city. It also develops other programs & services that improve the health of area children. Participants began the afternoon run in Northeast El Paso, stopping at a couple of destinations for refreshments & food before ending the 50-mile-long drive at Muggs Bar & Grill in East El Paso. There, motorcyclists such as Eastsider Irma Sierra, a member of the Road Queens MC, ate hamburgers, listened to music & were not at all surprised at the more than 500 people who had gathered Sunday to help the local charity.

Japanese bike wins S&S competition – June 30, 2008 – *LaCrosse, Wisconsin* - By Joe Orso; Lee Newspapers - A Japanese-built motorcycle won S&S Cycle's 50th anniversary celebration competition Sunday, the final day of the weekend event that drew more than 25,000 people. Keiji Kawakita, from Tokyo, said his winning bike, named "Stg-Nautirus," resembled a submarine. "I'm happy," said Kawakita, 53, owner of Hot-Dock Custom Cycles. Nearby, Craig Hill, an onlooker from Onalaska, Wis., admired the work put into the motorcycle. "It shows the quality & attention to detail that the Japanese put into things," said Hill, 54, a mechanic. "They make the best of a lot of things these days." For winning the competition, Kawakita won \$50,000 in S&S products. Howard Kelly, a spokesman for S&S, estimated more than 25,000 people attended the events from Friday to Sunday. Local builder Doug Wozney won 2 awards in the competition, in which 50 custom-built bikes from around the world competed. Wozney of Onalaska, won the People's Choice award & second place in the X-wedge engine category. The owner of Dougz Custom Paint & Fabrication, Wozney said he incorporated the rear storage bags & rear fender into one unit, which made the motorcycle 8-inches narrower than a standard "bagger style" bike. "It was unbelievable," he said of winning the People's Choice award, & added that winning the 2nd place award, judged by other builders, confirmed not only local people liked him. The motorcycle, built for Mark Blatt of Onalaska, \$70,000.

Fire at former gang building - June 30, 2008 – *New Zealand* - Hastings police are investigating a fire at a building formerly occupied by the Hells Angel motorcycle gang. Police said the Duchess Crescent fire, on Sat, was suspicious. The building had been vacant for some time, & minimal damage was caused, Constable Marty James said. The suspected arson takes place after 2 fires near gang headquarters fuelled tensions in Invercargill. On June 19, the Invercargill Road Knights' Balmoral Drive headquarters were razed & 2 H-Ds stolen & later torched. Several days later, a property in front of the Mongrel Mob headquarters in Severn Street was burnt down.

Justin “Mooch” DeLoretto’s 1-year sentence lasted 1 day – June 30, 2008 – *Oregon* - The Pres of Oregon’s Mongols MC was freed from the Lane County Jail on Tues because of overcrowding. Roughly 24 hours earlier, a Lane County judge had sentenced him to a year in jail for an incident in which he was accused of trying to run two investigators off Interstate 5. Sheriff Russ Burger said county officials decided to release DeLoretto after determining that the Marion County resident was less dangerous than the other inmates. Burger said DeLoretto’s risk assessment score — part of a computerized system used to rate each inmate’s potential risk to the community — plunged after his court conviction on misdemeanor, rather than felony, charges. DeLoretto, 27, is the latest beneficiary of a cash-poor county corrections system increasingly unable to hold offenders for the length of their required time behind bars. Thousands of county inmates are released early every year.

Motorcycle weekend: Start up the recall – June 30, 2008 – *California* - Outlaw motorcycle gangs are descending on the city of Palm Springs at the invitation of the mayor & others because they generate revenue for downtown businesses. Have council members never seen the video repeatedly shown on TV of the Laughlin, Nev., massacre? How could they be so unaware of the ugly nature of these guys? Do they comprehend that we residents have to subsidize this debacle? The mayor votes his OK & plans to leave town. That reminds me of a Clint Eastwood movie where the spineless authorities acquiesce to greed & fear. American Heat Motorcycle weekend is just what Palm Springs needs to keep folks away. Are they nuts? Bring on the recall petition.

Biker gangs welcome in Palm Springs – June 30, 2008 - *California* - Prominent outlaw motorcycle gangs are heading for Palm Springs this fall despite warnings from the police chief that there’s potential for violence. The City Council voted 3-2 to allow the American Heat Palm Springs Motorcycle Weekend event Oct. 12-14 downtown even though police Chief David Dominguez senses trouble. The Mongols & Vagos motorcycle clubs, identified by the California Dept of Justice as outlaw motorcycle gangs, are among those expected to attend. Dominguez says “they are bitter enemies” & “that’s when we have the potential for violence.” The City Council also voted to suspend the city’s noise ordinance that weekend & to spend up to \$35,000 for public safety, traffic, trash & other costs associated with the biker event. Mayor Steve Pougnet concedes there’s a potential for violence, but he says the city has done a good job policing the event in the past.

Man Faces Murder Charge In Shooting - June 30, 2008 – *Torrington, Connecticut* - A Watertown man has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with a shooting outside of a motorcycle club Friday night, police said Sat. Kevin Campbell, 53, was being held Saturday, with bail set at \$2 million. Police said he is charged in the shooting that killed 51-year-old Roland LaGasse of Torrington near the Forbidden MC on Friday night. The incident occurred after a fight inside the club spilled outside, police said. Campbell, who was taken into custody at the scene, is scheduled to appear Monday in court if he does not post bail.

American Legion Riders to give away motorcycle – June 30, 2008 – *Kansas* - By Julie Clements; El Dorado Times - The American Legion Riders at McPherson Post 24 are holding a drawing to win a motorcycle to raise funds to support veterans. The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. July 19 at the Kansas Veteran’s & Family Reunion at El Dorado Lake. They will be giving away a 2000 Custom APC, with Spirit SR 100, 130 HP,

118 cubic inch motor, Rev Tech 6-Speed Transmission, Custom Paint, Billet Forward Controls, 2 into 1 Thunderheader & Gel filled solo seat. Tickets are available for a \$20 donation. Those entering must be 18 years of age & need not be present to win. Chances of winning are at least one in 1,500, depending on how many tickets are sold. The motorcycle is appraised at over \$20,000 & was donated to the McPherson American Legion Riders by a gentleman who wishes to remain anonymous. As specified by the donor, a majority of funds raised will be used to purchase a shuttle van for the VA hospitals in Kansas. This van will provide transportation to VA hospitals for veterans who normally cannot travel to on their own to receive treatment. Any remaining funds will be used to purchase big screen TVs for the VA hospitals & the veterans’ & soldiers’ homes in Kansas.

Motorcycle club makes visit to Camp Civitan – June 30, 2008 – *Michigan* - Campers, staff & volunteers of Camp Civitan were surprised when the 18 motorcyclists drove in. The United States Patriots Motorcycle Club of Michigan presented a check from its annual auction for Camp Civitan to Secretary Phyllis Davis of Buchanan & Audrey Sperling of Dowagiac. “It’s a great camp & we love going up, visiting every June,” said Laura Harper of Buchanan, who is in charge of donations. Pictures galore were taken of the campers with the U.S. Patriots & their motorcycles to take home with them. Individuals & community businesses donate motorcycle apparel, helmets, auto accessories, tools, handmade quilts, gift certificates & many more items to the USP MC. These items are then auctioned to raise money for these special campers. Proceeds from the auction, along with any cash donations, are then given to Camp Civitan to help the continued growth of this camp; for these loving individuals.

Two men shot at biker club party – June 30, 2008 – *California* - Two men attending an annual motorcycle club party were shot early Sunday in an unincorporated area west of Carson, police said. An alcohol-fueled dispute erupted at a Rare Breed MC event at a social hall near 186th & Figueroa streets just after midnight, said Sgt. Mark Jaurequi, of the Los Angeles Police Dept’s Harbor division. An unknown suspect shot the men, who were taken to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center near Torrance & were in stable condition Sunday, said LAPD Officer Norma Eisenman. The same motorcycle group attracted police attention Saturday afternoon in San Pedro’s Point Fermin Park, where about 6,000 bikers gathered after a pre-party ride, Jaurequi said. Officers responded to the area to help ease traffic concerns prompted by the large number of riders, he said.

Fink threats to journalist – June 30, 2008 – *Australia* - A Member of the Finks MC has been questioned by police after making threats aimed at a Gold Coast Bulletin journalist. The Fink, who has recently moved from nominee to full member, went to The Bulletin Molendinar office on Saturday morning & demanded to speak to journalist Robyn Wuth about her Weekend Bulletin column ‘Fink pink message for bikies’ in which she mocked them. When told Ms Wuth was not there, the Fink told security he would be back. Acting Superintendent Chris Emzin said police viewed security footage of the Fink before questioning him. No charges had been laid yet. “We have identified the person involved & will conduct further investigations to establish whether any criminal offence has been committed,” said Supt Emzin. In her regular Weekend Bulletin column, Ms Wuth suggested the Finks should start wearing pink as part of a makeover to improve their image. The column was illustrated with a character from the Wizard of Id cartoon strip that regularly satirised American culture & politics.

All about pink – June 30, 2008 – *Australia* - What is it with pink, a colour that polarises men so much? Most avid sports fans will recognise the iconic Bundy bear TV ad where the big bear steps out of a pink sock-dyed bathtub & heads off to a barbecue with his mates. The girls at the barbie are all over him, saying they love a man brave enough to wear pink & as he walks off with the attractive females, his mates look on ruefully. Clearly, outlaw motorcycle gang the Finks, do not feel the same way after being parodied in the Weekend Bulletin as pink-wearing criminals. Just as our controversial columnist Robyn Wuth, quite rightly, observes, there are far too many outlaw motorcycle gangs on the Gold Coast, & yet their behavior is, for the most part, tolerated. The Bulletin has long advocated a zero-tolerance solution to the criminal problems that have beset Surfers Paradise & the Gold Coast. To the credit of police, we have seen a steady stream of Finks members going through the courts in recent times, on a range of high-end charges. When an outlaw motorcycle club feels driven to threaten reporters, clearly they have overstepped the mark. Like everyone else, they have a right to pen a letter to the editor if they are so inclined & as long as it is sensible & well argued, it will be considered for publication.

Man sues – June 30, 2008 – *Australia* - An Adelaide man who suffered broken bones during chaotic scenes at the SA Dance Music Awards 3 years ago is now suing the SANFL & a security company for damages. Kim Matthew Jordan was injured when members of rival bikie gangs clashed at the awards ceremony at AAMI Stadium in May 2005. A gunshot was fired into the air as men, believed to be members of the Rebels MC, gatecrashed the black tie event. Chairs were thrown & baseball bats used in the ensuing melee between the Rebels & members of the Hells Angels. In his District Court statement of claim, Mr Jordan says he was an invited guest at the awards ceremony, attending by about 600 people. Court documents alleged security guards were negligent because they allowed uninvited bikies into the venue & were not manning exit points when the crowds spilled out of the room. Jordan claims the injuries forced him off work for more than a year & that he continued to suffer anxiety & depression because of the incident. He is claiming damages of more than \$40,000 for pain & suffering & ongoing medical problems.

Outlaw biker gets 6 years – June 30, 2008 – *Canada* – By Peter Edwards - Outlaw biker Frank (Cisco) Lenti nodded & thanked a judge after he was sentenced to 6 years in prison for fatally shooting a Hells Angel in a Vaughan strip club. “Thank you, your honour,” Lenti, 61, said to Justice Michael Brown yesterday. Moments later, as he stood to be led out of Newmarket court, Lenti nodded & solemnly waved his handcuffed hands to a half dozen family members. The judge noted that Lenti was told the Hells Angels had taken out a murder contract on his life weeks before he opened fire on four bikers early in the morning of Dec. 2, 2006 at the Adult Lounge where he worked as a security consultant. “It (shooting) did involve a measure of provocation,” the judge said. Court was told Lenti was targeted for murder because he had spurned an offer to join the Hells Angels & instead tried to revive the rival Bandidos gang. Court was also told that the Hells Angels planned to put his body on public display to discourage other bikers from joining the Bandidos. The judge noted that Lenti turned himself in to police hours after the shooting & pleaded guilty to manslaughter & two counts of aggravated assault. However, Brown also said the courts must strongly denounce the use of guns, especially in public places.

How do you know when a woman is about to say something smart? When she starts a sentence with “A man once told me...”

Top cop backs Bully over Finks – July 1, 2008 – *Australia* – By Sue Lappeman - Police are urging The Gold Coast Bulletin to keep up the fight against outlaw motorcycle gangs such as the Finks, despite threats to one of the newspaper’s journalists. Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson has taken a personal interest in the threats made to senior reporter Robyn Wuth which, he said, were being taken very seriously. Atkinson said the community should be aware of the serious problems caused by outlaw motorcycle gangs on the Gold Coast. “I think one of the things that The Gold Coast Bulletin has done which has been extremely helpful is highlight the seriousness of the outlaw motorcycle gang problem & both the minister (Judy Spence) & I have been at pains to try to convey that to the community in Queensland that these aren’t just a bunch of older guys who like motorbikes who are harmless,” said Atkinson. “They are a serious, serious issue & The Bulletin, I think, has been helpful in conveying that message out to the community & we are grateful for that & obviously would like that to continue. “But certainly, in terms of the individual safety of your journalist, that is something we take very seriously & we will do all we can to be supportive.” Wuth penned a column critical of the Finks in the Weekend Bulletin. A member of the gang took offence & turned up at the newspaper’s Molendinar office on Saturday & demanded to speak to the journalist. “We are taking it very seriously,” said Atkinson of the visit. “We followed it up immediately on the weekend & inquiries will be ongoing. “I am very satisfied with the police response so far. I think they have been prompt, they are concerned & they are doing everything possible.” Atkinson said like the rest of Australia, Queensland & the Gold Coast had a serious problem with outlaw motorcycle gangs, who were often responsible for organized crime. “Outlaw motorcycle gangs are highly involved in terms of being organised & there are ongoing activities & one of the good things about that is the level of co-operation between the Australian policing jurisdictions & organizations like the Australian Crime Commission,” he said. Police Minister Judy Spence warned members of the public to keep away from the gangs. “I warn people to stay away from these members of outlaw motorcycle gangs,” she said. “They are involved in organised crime, they are often dangerous people & it is better if the general public keep well away from them.”

Murphy’s Other 15 Laws:

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last; thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don’t.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there’s a 90% probability you’ll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those that wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish & he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish & he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren’t smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Hells Angels & Mongols fight – July 1, 2008 - *California* - Los Banos - By Leslie Albrecht; Merced Sun-Star - An anti-violence rally meant to lead attendees into the healing arms of Jesus took a dramatically different path Sat, ending with a clash between rival motorcycle gangs that sent one man to the hospital with stab wounds. The fight broke out about 3 p.m. at Los Banos Park on Pacheco Boulevard between members of the Hells Angels & Mongols motorcycle gangs, said Cmdr. Dan Fitchie of the Los Banos PD. After the melee, the stabbing victim was flown by helicopter to Memorial Medical Center in Modesto. He was treated & released. Police arrested one man on suspicion of possession of a dangerous weapon, a whip with a metal handle. The fight is putting local law enforcement on high alert as Los Banos gears up to host a biker rally the weekend of July 12. A 2nd rally is planned for the same weekend in nearby Hollister. Los Banos Police Chief Chris Gallagher said he plans to double or triple the nbr of officers on the street that weekend. Saturday's brawl marred an otherwise peaceful Stop the Violence rally organized by Victory Outreach Church. The event drew about 500 people, said organizer Pastor Chris Castaneda. Bands played Christian rap, vendors sold steak sandwiches, car show displayed vintage El Caminos. Mayor Tommy Jones attended. Event organizers presented him with a certificate of appreciation. At 3 p.m. about 10 members of the Mongols rolled up to the far side of the park near Highway 152, said Castaneda. He & members of Victory Outreach's motorcycle ministry, Swords Afire, greeted the bikers. Castaneda explained the event's peaceful mission & invited the Mongols to stay & eat some food. A few minutes later, the rumble of H-D exhaust pipes filled the air as about 7 or 8 Hells Angels cruised into the area. "When I saw them pulling into the park, my gut told me it wasn't going to end very well," said Castaneda. Accounts of how the fight started differ. According to Castaneda, the Hells Angels headed directly for the Mongols & started shouting at them. Another witness, who did not want his name used in the newspaper, said Mongols provoked the fight by "flipping off" the Hells Angels & throwing a helmet at them. Other witnesses said the dispute started after Hells Angels saw Mongols posing for a group photo. Castaneda said he tried to stop the verbal argument from escalating. "I said, 'Guys, it doesn't have to come to this, that's not what this day is about,'" said Castaneda. "It kind of fell on deaf ears. Before I knew it, me & my guys are in the midst of the brawl." The fight happened not far from a bounce house where children were playing. After a few moments of fighting, six gun shots rang out, sending the crowd running in all directions, said Castaneda. Los Banos police, the Merced County Sheriff's Dept, the Merced County Gang Task Force & the California HP responded to the scene. Investigators looking for participants in the fight fanned out around Los Banos. One officer spotted motorcycles parked outside a B Street house that authorities believe is the home of a high-ranking member of the Hells Angels' Merced chapter. That's where officers found the stabbing victim, standing in the front yard. Another man was holding a towel to the stabbing victim's body. The victim, whom police would not identify, had been stabbed twice in the leg & once in the upper torso. Police said the stabbing victim is a "prospect" member of the Hells Angels, meaning that he's in the process of becoming a full-fledged member of the gang. Police searched the house & found ammunition that matched the caliber & manufacturer of rounds recovered at the fight scene. Police did not find a gun in the house, said Fitchie. One Hells Angel at the B Street house was arrested after police found an illegal metal-handled whip on his motorcycle. Atwater resident Kellen Brenton, 52, was booked into the Los Banos City Jail then transferred to the Merced County Jail. Brenton's bail was set at \$500,000. Law enforcement interviews with fight participants didn't yield any

leads on the identity of the stabber or shooter, said Fitchie. A Mongols leader at the scene instructed gang members not to talk to police unless he was present; others walked in the opposite direction when they saw police approaching, said Fitchie. "They don't want to talk to the police dept," said Fitchie. "They'll take care of things themselves." The Hells Angels & Mongols have a long-simmering rivalry that stretches back years, said Merced County Sheriff's Sgt. Paul Roseman, an expert on outlaw motorcycle gangs. The Hells Angels started in 1948 in San Bernardino. It's now the biggest motorcycle club in the world, with chapters nationwide & in other countries. There are at least four active chapters in the Central Valley, including Merced, said Roseman. The Mongols started in the 1970s in the San Fernando Valley; they don't have an official chapter in Merced, said Roseman. Both gangs have been linked to criminal activity including drug trafficking, distribution of firearms, prostitution, assault & murder. The most prominent local case involving a motorcycle gang was the 2003 slaying of a Merced bar owner. The man convicted of the killing was a Hells Angels "hang-around," meaning that he hoped to become a full-fledged member. Over the past few years, the Mongols have pushed their territory farther north, including into the Westside of Merced County, said Roseman. That's created a turf war between the two clubs. Those tensions boiled over notoriously during a 2002 shootout in a Laughlin, Nev., casino that left two Hells Angels & one Mongol dead. The two gangs tangled recently at the Los Banos Spring Fair when a Hells Angels prospect member attacked a Mongol, said Roseman. To prevent further violence during the biker gathering on the weekend of July 12, Los Banos officials say they'll coordinate with other law enforcement agencies including the Merced County SWAT team. "We will be at a very heightened state of preparedness & awareness," said Fitchie.

Harley-Davidson Sponsors Nation's Largest Latino Motorcycle Rally – July 1, 2008 – *North Carolina* - H-D is proud to announce its sponsorship of the Latin American Motorcycle Association (LAMA) National Rally taking place July 4-6. Festivities will begin Friday at the Fontana Village Resort in Fontana Dam, N.C. & continue through Saturday followed by a motorcycle run to Ghost Town Harley-Davidson in Waynesville, N.C. on Sunday. The Motor Company will host various activities at the two locations, including seminars & other events for attendees to participate in during the three-day event. This is H-D's 2nd year sponsoring the LAMA National Rally as part of ongoing support of the organization. H-D has sponsored the motorcycle club's annual officers Banquet & other LAMA chapter events around the country. "The sponsorship of LAMA's 11th National Rally is an important milestone in further developing Harley's relationship with the motorcycle club," said Karina Jaramillo-Saa, manager, Market Outreach, Harley-Davidson Motor Company. "It is important to show our dedication to all Hispanic riders from across the nation & Latin America who will be making the journey to join us in this celebration." LAMA is one of the largest Hispanic motorcycle clubs in the country with more than 22 chapters nationwide. The club also has chapters in Latin America, Australia & Spain. Overall, the club has a presence in nine countries & boasts a membership of more than 1,500 worldwide.

If you fight with all your might, there is a chance of life; Whereas death is certain if you cling to your corner. - SunTzu 5th Cen BC

The true man seeks 2 things: Danger & Play. Therefore he wants woman, the most Dangerous Play thing. - Friedrich W. Nietzsche

Biker club VP shot & killed Pres – July 1, 2008 - *Torrington, Connecticut* - By Bryan Sundie; Republican-American - The VP of Forbidden MC faces a murder charge & is jailed on \$2 million bond for shooting the club's Pres in the chest at their headquarters in Burrville Fri night. Police say Kevin Campbell, 53, of Watertown, shot & killed Roland LaGasse shortly past 8 p.m. Investigators say the Forbidden's leaders quarreled about the club's "inner workings" but did not provide specific details. LaGasse, of Torrington, was pronounced dead at the scene. The shooting occurred outside a ramshackle red barn the MC calls home. Police swarmed the area after receiving a call of shots fired & a man down. First responders found LaGasse, 51, north of the building. He died within minutes. Police took down Campbell at gunpoint after witnesses pointed him out as the shooter. A gun was tucked in Campbell's waistband, police said. Police did not say what kind of gun it was, or whether Campbell owned or registered it. Police on Sat continued searching for evidence, more than 13 hours after LaGasse was killed. Confederate & American flags on the building undulated in a warm breeze as authorities filed in & out. Among the items police removed was a computer. A sign with the club's logo, a one-eyed skull chomping on a cross, sat outside the front door. Two motorcycles were parked out front. Friday, there was a dispute inside the clubhouse that moved outside, police said. Police haven't said if a physical altercation preceded the shooting, or if LaGasse was armed. People at the club were either members or friends of members, police said. A group of 8 was outside the building when police arrived. News of LaGasse's death hit hard at Dawn's Getaway Cafe, a dark & smoky enclave in the city's north end where patron's sucked down longneck beers Sat as they talked about their "Brother." LaGasse, a truck driver, stopped there often on his H-D. "It's a shame this happened," said Tom N., who graduated from Torrington High School the year before LaGasse finished at Oliver Wolcott Technical School. LaGasse loved motorcycles. Riding them. Tinkering with them. LaGasse wanted nothing more than "to be a biker," Tom N. said. Police early Sat said they had yet to question Campbell about what transpired & later said they could not discuss his situation or whether he had an atty. Police wouldn't say if Campbell has an arrest record. Campbell lives in Watertown, just over the Morris line. There was no answer at the door of a grand log cabin-style house with a manicured lawn, surrounded by overgrown wildflowers on a downward sloping hill. The home's porch lights were on. People inside Dawn's Getaway said they knew Campbell, too, but most stopped short of speculating about what transpired. One biker's eyes reddened as he talked about strong friendships with both men. He described the shooting as "a total accident" & "a mishap." Dawn Palomba, owner of the Getaway Cafe, said Forbidden's membership isn't as strong today as it was when it started roughly 8 years ago. The club occasionally performed charity rides for children, she said. Neither she, nor police, had precise membership statistics. LaGasse in the early 1990s worked in Torrington as the manager at the former Jammers II Cafe, then at the corner of Pinewoods & Winsted roads. Friends of LaGasse, including Palomba, said he was an only child who had 2 teenage children & a longtime girlfriend. He cared more about them, & his mother, than anything, they said. LaGasse lived on the 2nd floor of a 2-family house he owned. Normally, Burrville is a quiet area of Torrington, an oasis of sorts in a 4-mile stretch between the last bit of commercialism in the city's north end & the area just before the Winsted town line. More recently, a bar has attracted patrons from both communities. Residents of the neighborhood say the bikers haven't posed a problem. Police say they've had little, if any, interaction with Forbidden. Set back roughly 75 yards from the road, the barn looks better suited for a militia compound than

a part of the state known for its foliage. Split wood is stacked around the building, where the words "keep out" are spray painted on the exterior. There's a portable bathroom next to a rusty smokestack. The property, which also includes a former general store, has been on the market for about a year. Campbell is expected for arraignment Monday in Bantam Superior Court. Palomba said she plans to organize a ceremony or motorcycle ride in honor of her friend LaGasse.

Biker gangs brawl at 'Stop the Violence' rally – July 1, 2008 – *California* - The incident occurred at Victory Outreach Church's Stop the Violence Rally held at Pacheco Park, according to Los Banos PD Commander Dan Fitchie. The rally, which also included a car & bike show, was attended by numerous members of the Mongols MC. There were no problems until approximately 3 p.m., when nearly a dozen members of the Hells Angels MC rode by the park & confronted the Mongols, Fitchie said. An argument ensued between rival gangs, & quickly escalated to a physical fight, Fitchie said. During the fight allegedly 5 or 6 shots were fired from a .40 caliber handgun. Fitchie said it doesn't appear that anyone was struck by the bullets being fired but during the fight but a Hells Angel prospect -- somebody who is trying to join the motorcycle gang -- sustained a stab wound to his left torso. The Rev. Chris Castaneda from Victory Outreach Church said he was saddened by the incident. He said this was just the kind of violence his church was trying to bring awareness to. "It kind of brings confirmation, there is a violent element in our city," Castaneda said. "You know I remember a time when you could say that Los Banos was a very safe place." Victory Outreach has held the anti-violence rally off-and-on for the past eight years as a way to communicate to youth the risks of becoming involved in drugs & gang activity. Castaneda also said next year's event will go on as usual. If anything he is more determined to get more people involved. "We have to bring awareness & come together as a community," he said.

New motorcycle law – July 1, 2008 - *St. Petersburg, Florida* - By Dave Balut - In the parking lot of Northeast High School, new riders are learning how to operate motorcycles safely. Beginners say it helps them ride with confidence. Lisa Mohyla just finished the class. "I love it, it's great, great course," said Mohyla. New rider courses like this one offered by Jim's H-D Buell in St. Petersburg used to be voluntary. "You could go down to DMV, take a test, take a written test & get your endorsement, well that's going away," said Tony Capo at Jim's H-D. Capo, the program manager for the Rider's Edge class, says effective July 1st, new riders will have to take a class approved by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to get a motorcycle endorsement in Florida. "We get people here that have been riding for 20 years that have never been endorsed & now they're scrambling to get their endorsement," said Capo. The new law means new classes are filling up fast. Jim's H-D is now booking classes into September. "There's a lot of things in the class that seasoned riders that have come back & taken this class they say y'know I never did that, or I was unaware of that, so it's good," said Capo. Capo says more drivers fed up with high gas prices are choosing models like the Sportster which gets about 42 miles per gallon. "The gas has really affected our business. That's good for us," said Capo. It costs about \$300 to take the 4-day new rider course through Jim's H-D.

If your dog is barking at the back door & your wife is yelling at the front door, who do you let in first?
The dog, of course. He'll shut up once you let him in.

Bikers leave a bad taste – July 1, 2008 - *California* - By Donna Littlejohn - Motorcycle club overwhelms area, upsets residents. “Born to be wild” wasn’t a theme that resonated very well with San Pedro residents this weekend when a motorcycle club - later involved in a shooting near Carson - converged on a local park & made several streets impassable. Complaints ranged from noise to rowdiness as the Rare Breed MC roared into town Saturday morning to have a picnic at Joan Milke Flores Park. Later, the group would be implicated in a shooting shortly after midnight near 186 th & Figueroa streets that left two victims hospitalized. Crowd estimates were in the thousands when the group gathered for the afternoon picnic. Police said initially there were 300 to 500 people, but those numbers quickly multiplied. And while no arrests were made, it all left nearby residents in a rather foul mood when the club finally was forced to clear out. “It was horrible,” said one resident who didn’t want her name used. “I’ve never seen anything like it in San Pedro, I couldn’t get to or from Paseo del Mar.” City officials said no park permits were issued for the event, apparently an annual or biennial picnic held by the group that has members throughout the state. “We’re still gathering information” about what happened, said Bara King, principal recreation supervisor for the Los Angeles Dept of Recreation & Parks. Most of the complaints, she said, were about excessive noise from the altered motorcycles & boom boxes. Streets were so gridlocked that residents had trouble getting into or out of their own neighborhoods. “I sat trapped in my home & suffered for six hours until police finally broke it up,” said one Point Fermin resident. Staff members & volunteers at the nearby Fort MacArthur Military Museum had to close down that facility, which is adjacent Joan Milke Flores Park. “We basically had to lock down the museum’s main gate,” said Joe Janesic, vice president of the museum’s volunteer support group. “These guys were riding their motorcycles right through the gates. They almost hit a couple of pedestrians. They were riding off-road & on restricted roads” in Angels Gate Park. “They were obnoxious,” he said. “There were cars parked where there was no parking, & they were taking over Paseo del Mar so no traffic could pass,” said Lt. John Pasquariello of the LAPD’s Harbor Division. “It got a little rowdy. - Officers responded & at around 4 p.m. they were able to disperse the crowd.” One resident said the bikers were generally well-behaved, but that the sheer size of the group & the noise was an issue. “There was no violence, there was no bottle throwing,” said Peter Warren, a member of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council. “It was an upscale crowd, these were very modern & expensive Harleys.” Big community events like the Taste in San Pedro held every August at nearby Point Fermin Park, Warren said, pose a much bigger challenge when it comes to crowds & parking. Other residents said the incident highlighted the community’s access problems, saying the unexpected crowd demonstrated how difficult it would be to evacuate neighborhoods at San Pedro’s southern end. After police dispersed the bikers, the motorcyclists rode north on the Harbor (110) Freeway & were allegedly involved in an alcohol-fueled dispute & shooting several hours later, just after midnight, according to police. The two victims were believed to be Rare Breed members but police have not released their names. Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn’s office took about 20 telephone calls from upset residents on Monday. The Police Dept fielded many more through the weekend. “While people have the right to gather at our parks, when a small party turns into thousands of people, it is clear that we require a permit for a reason,” Hahn said in a prepared statement released Mon. “For events this large, the city requires that the LAPD & the Dept of Transportation be there to keep the public safe & our roads moving.”

Bike Fest Revs Its Engines Over July 4 Holiday – July 1, 2008 – *Mississippi* - By Brad Kessie - The spring has Smokin the Sound. The fall has Cruisin the Coast. Starting Tuesday, tourism will get a summertime boost from a new motorcycle rally. Bike Fest 2008 is a five day party that extends from Bay St. Louis to Pascagoula. A group called the Ghost Riders stood under the awning at Hard Rock Biloxi waiting for a photographer to snap a picture. Over the Fourth of July holiday, the Ghost Riders & their bikes will cruise down Highway 90, with several hundred of their friends along for the ride. Joe Trejo heads up the Ghost Riders. “We’ve never had anything like this in Biloxi,” he said. That is, until Demp Bell began marketing Bike Fest. Bell’s newly created bike rally will connect the 70 miles of Highway 90 that run through south Mississippi. “Bike Fest is just like Cruisin the Coast, except it’s bikes,” said Bell. “It’s a Bike Fest event.” And that event brings bikers to every south Mississippi city. So, Pascagoula is rolling out the red carpet for its guests. “It’s a neat deal,” said Pascagoula Mayor Matthew Avara. The mayor was in front of the Hard Rock’s main entrance for an introductory rally that got people fired up about this week’s Bike Fest events. He was one of the five mayors in attendance who got a chance to marvel at some of the chrome two wheelers that will whiz through their cities. “It’s a wonderful opportunity for us to co-mingle between the cities,” Avara said. Organizers anticipate up to 2,000 motorcycles rolling out of casino parking lots, & onto Highway 90 between Tuesday & July 5. Why will the event be so popular? Simple, Joe Trejo said, “It’s part of our heritage I guess, our family. That’s why we get so involved in it.” Bike Fest planners already expect the 2009 bike parade to create bumper to bumper bike traffic on bridges, & at hotels, restaurants & shops across the coast. “You know we could have 20,000-30,000 bikes on the coast next year,” said Bell. Proceeds from this week’s Bike Fest will benefit the Salvation Army.

Retrial of accused killer goes to jury – July 2, 2008 - *California* - The fate of Robert “Bobby” Thompson is now in the hands of eight women & four men. Attorneys in the 21-year-old double homicide case wrapped-up their closing arguments in Thompson’s second trial on Monday -- leaving jurors to decide whether he beat 12-year-old Jodi Ragsdale & 15-year-old Sheila Carter to death with a car jack. Merced County Superior Court jurors sat through nearly four hours of legal jousting between defense attorney Randy Thomas & prosecutor Mark Bacciarini. While Bacciarini characterized the 43-year-old reputed Hells Angel as a convicted felon & “animal” who savagely beat the girls & is now lying “to save his tail.” In contrast, Thomas said his client is on trial based on a wellspring of inconsistent witness testimony, a lack of scientific evidence & shoddy police work that leaves only “guessing & speculating.” Thompson was arrested in 2006 on suspicion of killing the two girls after a car jack containing blood -- with Carter’s DNA -- was found in a White 1965 Mercury Comet that allegedly belonged to Thompson.

From the Rare Breed MC website: Mission Statement: The purpose of the Rare Breed MC is to create positive & wholesome recreational riding activities that benefit our club members, their families, friends & guests. The Rare Breed MC will participate in charitable causes that benefit individual people or whole communities. Our goal is to always promote a positive image of all African-American men & all H-D Motorcycle enthusiasts. The colors of the Rare Breed MC are Black, Gold & White. Our club logo is the ever beautiful & rare, American Bald Eagle. These colors & our logo represent Courage, Freedom & Power. The Rare Breed MC members shall do their part to leave this world in better condition than when they arrived.

Law officers detail fresh strategy for biker rally – July 2, 2008 – *Montana* - By Tristan Scott - Missoula city officials assured local citizens that a “spirit of cooperation” would distinguish the upcoming Hells Angels MC rally from the biker gang’s last Garden City run. Missoula Police Chief Mark Muir said the Dept has looked back to the 2000 rally and, in retrospect, weighed what was successful & what was not. As a result, law enforcement will take a different approach when policing the 5-day Hells Angels gathering, scheduled to take place in the Missoula area beginning July 30. “In our line of work, we don’t often get 2 chances to do something right,” Muir told a group of about 25 people who gathered at City Hall on Tue evening to discuss the police Dept’s strategy for managing public safety during the rally. “We look at this as an opportunity to learn from our previous mistakes.” In particular, police are making an effort to communicate their patrol strategies to the public prior to the high-profile event - a cause made evident by Tuesday’s meeting, which is part of a “visible planning process” that Muir hopes will quash any lingering misgivings about the police Dept’s response 8 years ago. That July weekend was characterized by downtown riots, clashes with citizen protesters & a heavy, aggressive police presence, which drew intense criticism from many members of the public. Missoula Mayor John Engen emphasized the “tremendous responsibility” that falls on city officials during an event like the Hells Angels’ rally, & assured Missoulians that police are concerned 1st & foremost with public safety. “We think we’re going to have a nonevent, but we’re planning for an event,” said Engen. “We don’t want any Missoula residents getting hurt, & the Hells Angels need to know that if things get out of hand, we have enough people to handle it.” The police Dept also has developed clearer policies on when & how officers will use riot gear & pepper spray. Both tactics were frequently deployed during the 2000 rally. The police Dept’s efforts to build a partnership with the community drew praise from those in attendance on Tuesday evening. Howard Challinor, a Missoula resident, said the Hells Angels’ previous run through Missoula left a bad taste in his mouth, primarily because of the Missoula Police Dept’s “heavy-handed” response. “I didn’t like the police response last time, & I think the city needed to learn from its mistakes, because that isn’t what Missoula is about,” Challinor said. “Based on what the chief said tonight, it looks like they’re on the right track.” Members of the public will have another opportunity to voice their concerns on July 16, when the Missoula City Council’s public safety & health committee convenes to discuss the rally & solicit input from the community. In 2000, Missoula’s police Dept made arrangements with agencies throughout Montana & across the country, ensuring that a phalanx of law enforcement would be available when the Angels rallied. It’s a strategy that police agencies across America swear by, & which they say effectively stamps out most criminal behavior before it begins. But Missoula residents complained that the police came on too strong & fast, & said they felt more threatened by the high volume of police officers & their aggressive crowd-control tactics than by the risks posed by the hundreds of bikers. “What’s going to change is the visible police presence,” Muir said. “We want to minimize the appearance of an over-policed event. But what seemed like a heavy police presence in 2000 really was a drop in the bucket compared to what these guys are used to.” According to a Citizens’ Review Committee report that recommended new approaches to law enforcement, the police Dept’s failure to include the public in its planning process in 2000 was a major oversight. Still, the report concluded that the police Dept did plenty of things right, including its decision to enlist uniformed officers from other locales. “The police Dept did a good job of seeking input from other law enforcement agencies, but they left

the public out of the loop,” said Larry Howell, a Univ of Montana Law School professor & author of the report. Howell served as moderator at Tue’s meeting, & stressed that, had police not made those arrangements, the problems could have been far more serious. Officials say the Hells Angels will stay at Marshall Mountain campground & at hotels around Missoula, & will also spend time at restaurants, bars & shops in the city center. Members of the motorcycle club also are expected to attend the Testicle Festival at Rock Creek Lodge, east of Missoula. The annual festival coincides with the Hells Angels’ gathering, & will be patrolled by the Missoula Sheriff’s Office & the Montana HP. “We believe that has the potential to be one of the flashpoints for what could occur,” Muir said. “We have essentially not changed anything about our mission since 2000, we’ll simply be carrying it out with a little different flavor,” Muir said.

Man pleads not guilty in fatal 101 shooting – July 2, 2008 - *California* - A 19-year-old man charged with murdering a San Leandro man in traffic near Mill Valley pleaded not guilty Tuesday. Joseph Andrew Farnsworth of El Cerrito is accused of shooting William Maclean to death May 24 on Highway 101. Maclean, 25, was riding in a pickup truck when Farnsworth shot him from a nearby Dodge Durango, authorities said. The driver of the Durango, 20-year-old Jessica Gordon of Mill Valley, is charged with being an accessory after the fact & other felony counts. Gordon, who is free on bail, has yet to enter a plea. Both suspects are due back in court on Aug. 6. Sheriff’s officials said the shooting occurred after a traffic conflict on Highway 101, where Maclean’s vehicle was leading a procession of Hells Angels north after a member’s funeral.

Officials review racy pics taken at ROT Rally – July 2, 2008 - *Austin, Texas* - KXAN - Travis County commissioners reviewed more than 100 racy pictures Tuesday morning after photos taken at this year’s Republic of Texas Biker Rally were sent to the court for action. Those pictures have sparked an investigation by the Travis County sheriff’s department. On Tuesday morning, elected officials admitted the photos are questionable, but the commissioners are not taking a stance or immediate action. More than 40,000 bikers were expected in town for the annual rally last month, which were held on the grounds of the Travis County Expo Center. Commissioners received the complaint & pictures from an anonymous source. The pictures showed public nudity & perhaps sexual activities taking place at the rally. Nudity at the ROT Rally is nothing new & not necessarily illegal. “Being topless is not a violation of law,” said County Judge Samuel Biscoe. “Nudity with certain sexual behavior may well be.” Someone dropped off the photos to the County Commissioner’s Office & asked the court to do something about this aspect of the rally. The rally has been held every summer in Austin for the past 14 years. This year it was at the Travis County Exposition Center. “It’s not as simple as most people think. In fact, it’s fairly complicated,” Biscoe said. “In this case, part of the complaint was that there were minors there. You couldn’t look at the pictures & tell where the teens were in relation to where the toplessness, dancing, etc. occurred.” Commissioners are waiting until after the sheriff’s investigation to decide if more action is necessary. “If there are improprieties that surface in connection with our event, we will cooperate with the authorities to find the appropriate remedy,” said Jerry Bragg, rally organizer.

**I’m alright,
But you’re NOT!
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18 in meth probe released – July 2, 2008 - *Hammond, Indiana* - AP - Eighteen people who were arrested in a northwestern Indiana drug sweep were released the same night because they weren't taken to court quickly enough. The 18 were among a group of about 3 dozen people arrested last week on charges of running a large methamphetamine & marijuana ring. Charges are still pending against the 18. All were given summons to reappear in court. U.S. Atty David Capp says they would likely have been released on bond anyway. A Fed magistrate ordered the 18 to be released because they had been sitting in a Porter County holding cell for most of the day June 24 before they were taken into federal court in Hammond. Fed authorities have linked at least some of those indicted a white supremacist motorcycle club.

Gangster 'burned wrong man to death' – July 2, 2008 - *Sweden* - A 29-year-old was indicted on Wed for a brutal Gothenburg murder in which investigators believe an innocent man was burned to death after being accidentally caught up in a gang feud. The incident took place in December 6th of last year following a fracas involving rival motorcycle gangs the night before. The following day, a 44-year-old laborer from Poland, who investigators now believe had nothing to do with the incident, became the victim of one of the most vicious murders in Gothenburg of the last decade. "I can state that the victim was alive when someone set him on fire. The man had previously been seriously stabbed & slashed with an axe," said prosecutor Göran Hansson to the Göteborgs-Posten (GP) newspaper. The 29-year-old, who has ties to the Red & White Crew (RWC), a division of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang, has admitted to involvement in the crime. The accused, who describes himself as having a fixation with violence, has been judged mentally sound by forensic psychiatrists. However, there are indications that he may be sentenced to some form of psychiatric care if convicted. According to GP, it took police quite a long time to identify the 44-year-old victim, a Polish citizen who was working as a handyman on temporary employment visa. Two other men with ties to the RWC were also detained in connection with the crime, but were later released after a month in custody. However, one of the men, a 24-year-old, was arrested a few days later & will shortly stand trial on charges of having murdered a vegetable vendor in Säve, north of Gothenburg at the end of January.

Cops Lie in Court to Frame Suspect – July 2, 2008 – *California* - "Are you aware of a video & audio recording that completely contradicts what you have testified to today?" With those words - & the presentation of the promised video recording - the defense atty for a suspected Hollywood drug dealer successfully demonstrated that 2 police officers had lied on the stand in an apparent attempt to frame his client. "They have 2 officers who came into court & blatantly lied & planted evidence," Deputy Public Defender Victor Acevedo told the judge. Superior Court Judge Monica Bachner ended the trial & exonerated Guillermo Alarcon Jr., a grocery store worker, on charges of crack cocaine possession that were built largely on the testimony of the 2 police officers. The video, presented as a surprise to the prosecution, came from an apartment surveillance camera. Though grainy & difficult to hear, the video shows events clearly contradictory to the police officers' testimonies & records 1 officer saying after the "discovery" of evidence, "Be creative in your writing," possibly referring to the later arrest report that would need to be filed. "Oh yeah, don't worry," said another officer in reply. After reviewing the 37-minute video, Deputy District Atty Liza Tom told the Times, "The video speaks for itself. There do appear to be sufficient inconsistencies to render a verdict beyond a reasonable doubt unlikely in this case."

Study finds long benefit in illegal mushroom drug – July 2, 2008 – *New York* – AP - In 2002, at a Johns Hopkins Univ lab, a business consultant named Dede Osborn took a psychedelic drug as part of a research project. She felt like she was taking off. She saw colors. Then it felt like her heart was ripping open. But she called the experience joyful as well as painful, & says that it has helped her to this day. "I feel more centered in who I am & what I'm doing," said Osborn, now 66, of Providence, R.I. "I don't seem to have those self-doubts like I used to have. I feel much more grounded (and feel that) we are all connected." Scientists reported Tue that when they surveyed volunteers 14 months after they took the drug, most said they were still feeling & behaving better because of the experience. Two-thirds of them also said the drug had produced 1 of the 5 most spiritually significant experiences they'd ever had. The drug, psilocybin, is found in so-called "magic mushrooms." It's illegal, but it has been used in religious ceremonies for centuries. The study involved 36 men & women during an 8-hour lab visit. It's one of the few such studies of a hallucinogen in the past 40 years, since research was largely shut down after widespread recreational abuse of such drugs in the 1960s. The project made headlines in 2006 when researchers published their report on how the volunteers felt just 2 months after taking the drug. The new study followed them up a year after that. Experts emphasize that people should not try psilocybin on their own because it could be harmful. Even in the controlled setting of the laboratory, nearly a third of participants felt significant fear under the effects of the drug. Without proper supervision, someone could be harmed, researchers said. Osborn, in a telephone interview, recalled a powerful feeling of being out of control during her lab experience. "It was ... like taking off, I'm being lifted up," she said. Then came "brilliant colors & beautiful patterns, just stunningly gorgeous, more intense than normal reality." And then, the sensation that her heart was tearing open. "It would come in waves," she recalled. "I found myself doing Lamaze-type breathing as the pain came on." Yet "it was a joyful, ecstatic thing at the same time, like the joy of being alive," she said. She compared it to birthing pains. "There was this sense of relief & joy & ecstasy when my heart was opened." With further research, psilocybin (pronounced SILL-oh-SY-bin) may prove useful in helping to treat alcoholism & drug dependence, & in aiding seriously ill patients as they deal with psychological distress, said study lead author Roland Griffiths of Johns Hopkins. Griffiths also said that despite the spiritual characteristics reported for the drug experiences, the study says nothing about whether God exists. "Is this God in a pill? Absolutely not," he said. The experiment was funded in part by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The results were published online Tuesday by the Journal of Psychopharmacology. Fourteen months after taking the drug, 64% of the volunteers said they still felt at least a moderate increase in well-being or life satisfaction, in terms of things like feeling more creative, self-confident, flexible & optimistic. And 61 percent reported at least a moderate behavior change in what they considered positive ways. That 2nd question didn't ask for details, but elsewhere the questionnaire answers indicated lasting gains in traits like being more sensitive, tolerant, loving & compassionate. Researchers didn't try to corroborate what the participants said about their own behavior. But in the earlier analysis at 2 months after the drug was given, researchers said family & friends backed up what those in the study said about behavior changes. Griffiths said he has no reason to doubt the answers at 14 months. Dr. Charles Grob, a professor of psychiatry & pediatrics at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, called the new work an important follow-up to the 1st study. He said it is helping to reopen formal study of psychedelic drugs.

Operation: Safe C.H.E.C.K. Helps State Police Save on Gas – July 2, 2008 – Kentucky - The rising price of gas is forcing Kentucky State Police to come up with creative ways to enforce highway safety. We headed out with one trooper to learn more about Operation: Safe C.H.E.C.K., which stands for Concentrated Highway Enforcement Checkpoints in Kentucky. We also found out what that means for you in the coming week. With the holiday weekend approaching, drivers are planning to hit the road. “We’re going on a camping trip & going to visit family,” said Jeff Smith, a resident of Bowling Green. And so are troopers, who are stepping up patrol. “We’re going to have as many people as we can out doing traffic checkpoints, without being mobile,” explained Trooper Charles Swiney, with the Kentucky State Police. Trooper Swiney is one of those participating in Operation: Safe C.H.E.C.K., a new enforcement campaign kicking off July 4th. “With this & with the high price of gas, they’re telling us to cut back as much as we can & one way we’re doing that is having checkpoints, as opposed to being out patrolling,” Swiney added. It’s all in an effort to help the state police save fuel, all while continuing to keep roads safe. “We’re going to try to keep it as free flowing as possible, without traffic getting backed up & creating a long delay for motorists as they’re traveling from one place to another,” Swiney said. “Through a checkpoint we can check registration & check insurance. We can also check seat belts & maybe catch the impaired driver.” And some drivers say that’s just fine, & even offer some safe advice of their own when traveling this holiday. “Keep your tires aired up & keep good rubber on them. And just don’t exceed the speed limit,” one driver said. “Make sure to keep us in mind. Check your mirrors pretty often--sometimes we’re hard to see,” one motorcycle rider added. “Just give yourself more time. Everybody’s just rushing around & not really paying attention to what they’re doing,” driver Jeff Smith said. Locally, troopers will be conducting checkpoints on Nashville Rd., Louisville Rd., Morgantown Rd. & Three Springs Rd. Operation: Safe C.H.E.C.K. will run through the Labor Day weekend & will include more than 200 road checks statewide.

Man Cleared for Killing Neighbor’s Burglars – July 2, 2008 – Texas - By Mike Von Fremd, Gina Sunseri, Chris Bury & Howard L. Rosenberg - ‘Castle Doctrine’ Gives Texans Unprecedented Authority to Take Action Against Intruders - A Texas man who shot & killed two men he believed to be burglars while he was talking to a 911 dispatcher won’t be going to trial. A grand jury on Monday declined to indict Joe Horn, a 61-year-old computer technician who lives in Pasadena, Texas, just outside Houston. Before making its decision, the grand jury listened to the dramatic 911 tapes from Nov. 14, 2007, when Horn called to say two burglars were robbing his neighbor’s home. Horn ignored the dispatcher’s pleas not to open fire. Joe Horn: “I’ve got a shotgun; you want me to stop him?” Dispatcher: “Nope. Don’t do that. Ain’t no property worth shooting somebody over, OK?” Joe Horn: “Hurry up, man, catch these guys, will you? Because I ain’t gonna let them go. I’m gonna kill him.” Dispatcher: “OK, stay in the house.” Joe Horn: “They’re getting away!” Dispatcher: “That’s alright.” Joe Horn: (Shouts to suspects) “Move, you’re dead.” Three gunshots can be heard on the tape. Both suspects were shot in the back & were pronounced dead at the scene. Harris County District Attorney Kenneth Magidson stood by the grand jury’s decision. “I understand the concerns of some in the community regarding Mr. Horn’s conduct,” Magidson told reporters at the courthouse. “The use of deadly force is carefully limited in Texas law to certain circumstances. ... In this case, however, the grand jury concluded that Mr. Horn’s use of deadly force did not rise to a criminal offense.” The dead men, Diego Ortiz & Miguel de Jesus, were two illegal immigrants from

Colombia. Family & friends wanted to see Horn prosecuted. “This man took the law into his own hands,” Stephanie Storey, De Jesus’ fiancée, told ABC News just after the shootings. “He shot two individuals in the back after having been told over & over to stay inside. It was his choice to go outside & his choice to take 2 lives.” Monday’s decision ignited a firestorm in Houston on both sides of the issue. Debate raged on local talk radio, on street corners & on blogs. One resident, Keith Sabharwal, said, “That’s what I want my neighbor to do; I really don’t think he should have gotten into trouble for it.” But another resident, Ronald Elkins, disagreed. “His actions were rash & he did not take into account [what] the consequences of his actions were going to be”.

Hells Angels clubhouse raided in Santa Rosa – July 2, 2008 – California - By Mary Callahan - Officers from multiple agencies, led by the Petaluma Police Department, raided Hells Angels clubhouses in Santa Rosa & San Francisco early Wednesday morning, seeking evidence to bolster prosecutions in connection with two beatings last spring. Petaluma Police Capt. Dave Sears said investigators were seeking evidence to document club membership & criminal connections involving Jonathan Joseph Nelson of Healdsburg & Mark Anthony Guardado of San Francisco, both suspects in the battery cases. “We’re looking for supporting evidence about who these people are,” Sears said. Nelson, 31, & Guardado, 46, have been charged with multiple felonies in connection with a Feb. 9 incident outside McNear’s Saloon & Dining House in which a man was jumped & badly beaten, even after he lost consciousness, Sears said. They’re also charged in a March 3 incident outside Henny Penny’s restaurant on the north end of Petaluma Boulevard, where another man was attacked & suffered significant injuries, Sears said. He would not comment on the alleged motive in the beatings but said the victims appeared to be strangers in each case. Guardado & Nelson were arrested after each incident & released on bail, Sears said. In addition to other felony charges, prosecutors allege the two men acted in participation with a criminal street gang - allegations that could add prison time if they are convicted. Their attorneys have argued there is no evidence linking them to gang activity. Hells Angels members commonly complain they are wrongly linked to criminal conduct, arguing they are a social club & not a gang. The searches conducted Wednesday were aimed at collecting evidence to support those charges, Sears said, & “to show a pattern of behavior that these individuals are involved in.” Investigators also were seeking information bolstering assertions that both men hold high-ranking positions in the organization. Nelson recently was said to be the vice president of the Sonoma County chapter, while Guardado was said to be president of the San Francisco chapter. Nelson’s Healdsburg home on Oak Leaf Avenue was among three locations searched simultaneously beginning at about 5 a.m. Wednesday, though it was not immediately clear if he was home when authorities arrived, Sears said. Petaluma police served the search warrant there, while Santa Rosa police SWAT members raided the Santa Rosa clubhouse on Frazier Avenue. Two FBI tactical teams conducted the search in San Francisco, where Guardado was arrested on unrelated charge of alleged drug possession, Sears said. No arrests were made in Sonoma County, but “we’re not looking for arrests,” Sears said. U-Haul trailers were pulled up to each location in the event evidence was too abundant for law enforcement vehicles, Sears said. At the Santa Rosa clubhouse off Petaluma Hill Road, the black steel door with the club decal had been battered, apparently in authorities’ efforts to get in.

FBI Raids Hells Angels Clubhouses – July 2, 2008 - *California* - Police & the FBI executed search warrants this morning in San Francisco, Healdsburg & Santa Rosa in an effort to find evidence connecting Hells Angels members to assaults in February & March. Petaluma police Capt. David Sears said the search warrants were executed simultaneously around 5 a.m. The warrants stemmed from felony assaults in Petaluma. NBC11's Lisa Bernard was on the scene in San Francisco at Tennessee & 23rd streets where police officers raided a Hells Angels clubhouse. An FBI agent there told Bernard that he was serving a search warrant in connection with the recent felony assault case. San Francisco police were also on the scene as well as officers from Santa Rosa. Bernard said one person was taken away in handcuffs. Witnesses said they also saw a number of people led away earlier Wed. Bernard said more agents were arriving at the scene just before 8 a.m. Wed. They were dressed in fatigues. Bernard said she also saw sharp shooters. Warrants were also served at 516 Frazier Ave. in Santa Rosa & 1426 Oakleaf Ave. in Healdsburg. Arrests were made around the time of the assaults but there were no arrests made in connection with the case Wed, said Sears. The raids were purely for gathering evidence, he said.

Former Hells Angel sues for damages – July 2, 2008 - *Netherlands* - The former president of Amsterdam's Hells Angels chapter, 'Big Willem' van Boxtel, is suing the justice ministry for more than €1m in damages because his private & business life have been 'ruined' by groundless allegations against him. Van Boxtel was thrown out of the Angels after he was falsely accused of planning to blow up underworld leader Willem Holleeder. Other Hells Angels are also preparing claims, the Parool reports on Wed.

Biker Shooting Called Accidental – July 3, 2008 - *Connecticut* - The lawyer for a Watertown man charged with murder in the shooting death of the Pres of the Forbidden MC in Torrington says the shooting was accidental. The lawyer Monday told a judge that 53-year-old Kevin Campbell acted in self-defense when his gun accidentally went off Friday night, killing 51-year-old Roland LaGasse. Bantam Superior Court Judge Paul Matasavage was not swayed by arguments of Campbell's lawyer & set bond at \$2 million. Campbell is being held on a first-degree murder charge.

Bikers say Modesto police harass them – July 3, 2008 – *California* – By Adam Ashton; Modbee - About 100 bikers from several motorcycle clubs packed a Modesto City Council meeting Tuesday night, complaining that police have harassed them over the past year & a half. Members of Modesto's "Most Envid" club carried the grievance, contending that police have followed them in an attempt to make a case that they belong to a criminal gang. Tony Hernandez, the club's VP, said that assumption is wrong. He described "Most Envid" as a group of family men who ride motorcycles & contribute to community events. "We feel we are being slandered & our families fear for us," he said. "All we want to do is do good for the community & ride." Two leaders of Stanislaus County's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chapter spoke up for the motorcycle club & asked the council to schedule a discussion to weigh the complaints in public. The council didn't commit to the request. NAACP member John Mataka leveled one of the most serious charges. He said the Police Dept was conducting racial profiling by following members of the "Most Envid" club after celebrations for Mexican holidays. The NAACP is investigating those accusations. It documented a list of examples of officers reportedly pulling over members of the club for reasons the bikers felt were inconsequential or unwarranted. Police Chief Roy

Wasden rebutted the club's arguments in general. "If they follow the law, they won't have any problems with the Modesto Police Department," he said after the meeting. "Just because you're in a motorcycle club doesn't mean we're going to look the other way." The presence of the motorcycle clubs made for a rare scene in the City Council chambers. City employees & residents who regularly attend the meetings sit on the right side of the chambers. They took their seats, then members of the clubs filled the left half of the chamber, spilling into a standing-room-only area behind the chairs. About a dozen uniformed police officers also sat in the meeting. They followed the bikers in & out of the room. Usually, one officer watches from the back of the chambers. Sometimes more officers attend, but only to make presentations to the council. At least 6 MCs attended the meeting, all wearing black jackets identifying their affiliations. They came in part because of rumors that law enforcement officers were encouraging clubs to tear off patches from "Most Envid" jackets, an act that could escalate tensions between groups. "There's not going to be a war," a member from one of the other clubs shouted after the meeting when the bikers gathered outside the council chambers in City Hall. Hernandez, 30, & "Most Envid" founder Luis Vera, 37, encouraged the bikers to be careful when they drove away from downtown parking lots, & told the riders to write down the names of officers who pull them over. Several of them did just that after the meeting when members of the "Most Envid" club gathered for dinner at El Marisquero restaurant on Coldwell Avenue. One member, David Puckett, was arrested on Coffee Road on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm. Puckett, 30, reportedly clipped a law enforcement officer with his motorcycle. The officer was standing at a traffic stop, sheriff's deputy Royjindar Singh said. The officer was not injured. Puckett was being held in lieu of \$20,000 bail at the Stanislaus County Jail. Another "Most Envid" member said he was roughed up by Stanislaus County Sheriff's Dept deputies near Modesto Junior College. Officers seized Vera's video camera when they arrested Puckett, Vera said. Vera used the camera to record the club's visit to the council meeting. "This is the police acting against the people to intimidate them," said James Anderson, 25.

Hells Angels road trip racks up charges – July 3, 2008 – *Canada* - A trip through Thunder Bay led to a litany of police charges for a group of Hells Angels members over the Canada Day weekend. Thunder Bay Police spokesperson Chris Adams says a group of biker gang members from B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba were passing through the city on their way to an event in Montreal & local police officers & the provincial Biker Enforcement Unit conducted several traffic stops. Adams says they stopped about 20 motorcycles & support vehicles & charged 13 people for driving offences. One H-D motorcycle belonging to a 39-year-old Manitoba man was seized for seven days because it had a nitrous oxide canister attached to it which Adams says is often associated with racing. He says this isn't the first time Hells Angels members have passed through the city. "Well, during the summer months especially, there are a number of events the Hells Angels will be riding to. In this particular case, the members from out West, were riding through Thunder Bay en route to a Hells Angels event in Montreal. So this does happen from time to time & it's something that we like to assure the community that our officers are out there keeping an eye on them & making sure everything stays safe." Adams says they will monitor the group again when they come back through Thunder Bay on the return leg of their trip.

Arrests over weapons seizure – July 3, 2008 - *Australia* - A senior member of the Gypsy Jokers motorcycle gang has been arrested after police seized a cache of weapons from a Blair Athol house yesterday. Police from the Crime Gangs Taskforce & Firearms Branch confiscated a sawn-off shotgun, knives, a baton & some drugs. Two 48-year-old men from Blair Athol have been granted bail on firearms & weapons offences, to reappear in Holden Hill Court at a later date.

Bikie gang tentacles - July 3, 2008 - *Australia* - The “poisonous tentacles” of outlaw bikie gangs are reaching into all parts of society, the S Australian Gov’t says. After presenting a submission to the Fed parliamentary inquiry into serious & organized crime, Police Minister Paul Holloway said it was imperative Gov’ts devote extra resources to fighting the growing threat from bikies. Holloway said bikies were involved in drug production & distribution, murder, vice, fraud, blackmail, assaults, public disorder & intimidation. “Their connections with street gangs have simply enhanced their criminal networking, allowing their poisonous tentacles to reach into all parts of society,” the minister said. In its submission, the state Gov’t said it would continue to work with police to ensure they had the resources to crack down on bikie gangs. Over the past year police in SA had seized more than 18,000 deals of ecstasy & amphetamines, 24.5kg of cannabis & arrested 230, the Gov’t said. Holloway has also taken a swipe at some submissions to the inquiry which, he said, attempted to portray gang members as well-respected public figures. He said it was “mind-boggling” that some people would suggest that bikie gangs provided important social networks & were responsible for only a small amount of crime.

Sucker Punch Sallys riding wave – July 3, 2008 – *Arizona* - By Nathan Gonzalez - It’s a stripped-down growling motorcycle made to suit the hardcore enthusiast not interested in an overpriced, overweight & over-hyped customized chopper. But don’t bother comparing a Scottsdale-built Sucker Punch Sallys bike to a traditional H-D. Or to the 2-wheeled elaborate masterpieces made famous by Jesse James’ West Coast Choppers & the Teutul family’s bikes on TV’s American Chopper. Instead, Christian Clayton & his staff of 25 have taken the concept of custom motorcycles back more than 60 years. “We are the old-school company of the industry. We took the look of the bikes that were cool after WWII,” said Clayton, Pres & general manager. “We wanted a bike that rolled good. If it didn’t make it turn, stop or go, it wasn’t on the bike” Aside from the stock H-D 45-degree V-Twin engine on each of the six models, the bikes are customized, built, machined & painted locally. Sucker Punch bikes consist of 198 parts, have smaller tires, are shorter & weigh considerably less than most choppers. That makes the bikes easier control when compared to their competitors, Clayton said. “Those bikes are for looks,” he said of traditional bikes such as H-D & similar bulky motorcycles. “Our bikes get ridden.”

Shop gears up for motorcycles – July 3, 2008 - *Massachusetts* - By Christian Schiavone - Hopping into the camouflage sidecar of a Ural Gear-Up model motorcycle is a little like stepping into a time machine. Save for a few modern advancements like an electric starter & state-of-the-art disc brakes, the bike still resembles the first machines that rolled out of the company’s Moscow factory in 1941, headed to take on the German army on Russia’s eastern border. The devastating accuracy of German bombing raids prompted the Soviet Gov’t to quickly relocate the factory to the mountain range that lent its name to the line of civilian motorcycles after the war. More than 60 years later, Dmitry Bykhovsky, owner of AlphaCars in Boxborough, backed a

brand new Gear-Up out of the showroom & into the parking lot on a recent afternoon. With a twist of the right handgrip, the engine purred rather than roared. Bykhovsky let out the clutch with his left hand & the bike eased forward. The wind picked up as Bykhovsky shifted into third, squinting against the light drizzle. “It always was & is a piece of history,” said Bykhovsky. “It’s really as perfect as a bike can get.” But it wasn’t too long ago that Urals were far from perfect. Ural entered the free market in 1992, following the fall of the Soviet Union. In 1995, Ural motorcycles first became legally available in the United States after working for several years to comply with U.S. safety & emissions standards. The first imports to hit American streets were plagued with engine problems & constant breakdowns. Still, the temperamental machines developed a fiercely loyal following among riders who banded together to share repair tips & leads on where to scrounge replacement parts, which still weren’t widely available in the United States. Based bolt for bolt on the pre-war German BMW R71, the Ural also turned heads for the vintage style. Beginning in the late ‘90s, Ural engineers began working on extensive mechanical improvements to the line, eventually subcontracting with automotive manufacturers in Germany & Japan to greatly improve the Ural’s performance. “It’s like night & day,” Ural enthusiast Fredda Cole said of the last decades improvements. “It’s a very interesting machine. It’s fun to ride & you can go anywhere on it.”

Ingredient in watermelon has effects similar to Viagra – July 3, 2008 – *Lubbock, Texas* - By Betsy Blaney; AP - A slice of cool, fresh watermelon is a juicy way to top off a Fourth of July cookout & one that researchers say has effects similar to Viagra — but don’t necessarily expect it to keep the fireworks all night long. Watermelons contain an ingredient called citrulline that can trigger production of a compound that helps relax the body’s blood vessels, similar to what happens when a man takes Viagra, said scientists in Texas, one of the nation’s top producers of the seedless variety. Found in the flesh & rind of watermelons, citrulline reacts with the body’s enzymes when consumed in large quantities & is changed into arginine, an amino acid that benefits the heart & the circulatory & immune systems. “Arginine boosts nitric oxide, which relaxes blood vessels, the same basic effect that Viagra has, to treat erectile dysfunction & maybe even prevent it,” said Bhimu Patil, a researcher & director of Texas A&M’s Fruit & Vegetable Improvement Center. “Watermelon may not be as organ-specific as Viagra, but it’s a great way to relax blood vessels without any drug side effects.”

An Army Sergeant Major was attending some college courses between assignments. He had completed missions in Iraq & Afghanistan. One of the courses had a professor who was a vowed atheist & a member of the ACLU. One day the professor shocked the class when he came in. He looked to the ceiling & flatly stated, ‘God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I’ll give you exactly 15 minutes.’ The lecture room fell silent; you could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by & the professor proclaimed, ‘Here I am God. I’m still waiting.’ It got down to the last couple of minutes when the Sergeant Major got out of his chair, went up to the professor, & cold-cocked him, knocking him off the platform. The professor was out cold. The SGM went back to his seat & sat there, silently. The other students were shocked & stunned & sat there looking on in silence. The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken & dazed, & asked, ‘What the hell is the matter with you? Why did you do that?’ The old SGM calmly replied, ‘God was too busy today protecting America’s soldiers, who are protecting your right to say stupid shit & act like an asshole. So, He sent me.’

Two women meet in heaven: 1st woman: Hi! My name is Wanda. 2nd woman: Hi! My name is Sylvia. How'd you die? 1st woman: I froze to death. 2nd woman: How horrible. 1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, & finally died a peaceful death. What about you? 2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV. 1st woman: So, what happened? 2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic & searched, & down into the basement. Then I went through every closet & checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, & finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack & died. 1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer---we'd both still be alive.

A woman goes into Bass Pro Shop to buy a rod & reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one & goes over to the counter. A Bass Pro Shop associate is standing there wearing dark shades. She says, 'Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod & reel?' He says, 'Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes.' She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, 'That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel & 10-LB. test line. It's a good all around combination & it's on sale this week for only \$20.00. 'She says, 'It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!' As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor.' Oh, that sounds like a Master Card,' he says. She bends down to pick it up & accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was she who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around. The man rings up the sale & says, 'That'll be \$34.50 please.' The woman is totally confused by this & asks, 'Didn't you tell me the rod & reel were on sale for \$20.00? How did you get \$34.50?' He replies, 'Yes, Ma'am. The rod & reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00 & the Bear Repellent is \$3.50.

A Mexican maid asked for a pay increase. The wife was very upset about this & asked: "Now Maria, why do you want a pay increase?" *Maria:* "Well Senora, there are 3 reasons why I want an increase. The 1st is that I iron better than you." *Wife:* "Who said you iron better than me?" *Maria:* "Your husband said so." *Wife:* "Oh." *Maria:* "The second reason is that I am a better cook than you." *Wife:* "Nonsense, who said you were a better cook than me?" *Maria:* "Your husband did." *Wife:* "Oh." *Maria:* "My third reason is that I am a better lover than you." *Wife* (really furious now): "Did my husband say that as well?" *Maria:* "No Senora, the gardener did." She Got The Raise!

Never Cheat on A Southern Woman: A Southern wife came home just in time to find her husband in bed with another woman. With superhuman strength, borne of fury, & cutting firewood power, she dragged him down the stairs, out the back door, & into the tool shed out back of the barn. She put his tally-whacker in a vice & then secured it tightly & removed the handle. Next she picked up an old carpenter's saw. The banged-up cheater was terrified, & hollered, 'Stop! Stop! You're not gonna cut it off with that rusty damn saw, are you?' The wife, with a gleam of revenge in her eye, put the saw in her husband's hand & said. 'Nope. I'm gonna set this old shed on fire, & go to town for a cold beer. You do whatever you want.'

A cop was on his horse waiting to cross the street when a little girl on her new shiny bike stopped beside him. Nice bike,' the cop said. 'Did Santa bring it to you?' 'Yep,' the little girl said, 'he sure did!' The cop looked the bike over & handed the girl a \$5 ticket for a safety violation & said, 'Next year tell Santa to put a reflector light on the back of it.' The young girl looked up at the cop & said, 'Nice horse you've got there ; sir. Did Santa bring it to you?' 'Yes, he sure did,' chuckled the cop. The little girl looked up at the cop & said, 'Next year tell Santa the dick goes underneath the horse, not on top.'

A blonde heard that milk baths would make her beautiful. She left a note for her milkman to leave 25 gallons of milk. When the milkman read the note, he felt there must be a mistake. He thought she probably meant 2.5 gallons. So he knocked on the door to clarify the point. The blonde came to the door & the milkman said, 'I found your note asking me to leave 25 gallons of milk. Did you mean 2.5 gallons?' The blonde said, 'I want 25 gallons. I'm going to fill my bathtub up with milk & take a milk bath so I can look young & beautiful again.' The milkman asked, 'Do you want it pasteurized?' The blonde said, 'No, just up to my tits. I can splash it on my face'.

A woman goes to her boyfriend's parents' house for dinner. This is to be her first time meeting the family & she's very nervous. They all sit down & begin eating a fine meal. The young woman is beginning to feel some gastric discomfort, thanks to her nervousness & the broccoli casserole. The pains increase & are almost making her eyes water. Left with no other choice, she decides to relieve herself a bit & lets out a dainty little fart. It wasn't loud, but everyone at the table heard the poof. Before she even had a chance to be embarrassed, her boyfriend's father looked over at the dog that had been snoozing under the woman's chair, & said in a rather stern voice, 'Skippy!' The woman thought, 'This is great!' & a big smile came across her face. A couple of minutes later, she was beginning to feel the pains again. This time, she didn't even hesitate. She let a much louder & longer rrrrrrip. The father again looked at the dog again & yelled, 'Dammit Skippy!' Once again the woman smiled & thought 'Yes!' A few minutes later! The woman had to let another rip. This time she didn't even think about it & let a fart rip that rivaled a train whistle blowing. One more time, the father looked at the dog with disgust & yelled, 'Dammit Skippy, get away from her, before she shits on you!'

A father watched his young daughter playing in the garden. He smiled as he reflected on how sweet & pure his little Girl was. Tears formed in his eyes as he thought about her seeing the wonders of nature through such innocent eyes. Suddenly she just stopped & stared at the ground. He went over to her to see what work of God had captured her attention. He noticed she was looking at two spiders mating. 'Daddy, What are those two spiders doing?' she asked. 'They're mating,' Her father replied. 'What do you call the spider on top?' she asked. 'That's a Daddy Longlegs,' her father answered. 'So, the other one is a Mommy Longlegs?' the little girl asked. As his heart soared with the joy of such a cute & innocent question he replied 'No dear. Both of them are Daddy Longlegs.' The little girl, looking a little puzzled, thought for a moment, then took her foot & stomped them flat, saying 'Well, we're Not having any of that broke back mountain shit in our garden.'