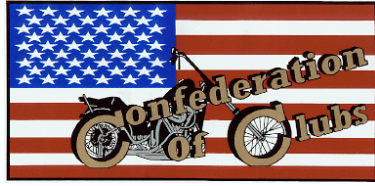


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Appeals Court tosses counts on gang chief – Aug 9, 2008 – Ohio - 4 other members of Outlaws win new sentencings - By John Seewer; Associated Press - A Fed appeals court Fri tossed out racketeering convictions against 2 motorcycle gang members, including an Indianapolis man who's the former leader of one of the nation's largest gangs. The court also ordered that 4 others from the Outlaws MC should receive new sentences. Thirteen members of the Outlaws gang were convicted in 2004 on charges including racketeering & conspiracy to distribute drugs. Prosecutors said the Outlaws distributed cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamines & LSD through a network of its clubs. Their leader, James "Frank" Wheeler of Indianapolis, appealed his conviction, arguing that he was essentially convicted on the same charges at an earlier trial in Florida. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati agreed & overturned his racketeering conviction. Wheeler, though, won't be getting out of prison because he is still serving a life sentence for a drug conviction. He also was sentenced to 16 1/2 years in prison for racketeering & other crimes in Florida. After Wheeler's conviction in Ohio, U.S. District Judge David Katz said Wheeler created an atmosphere of evil & ruled an organization of crime, fear & violence. In 1999, Wheeler took control & oversaw the operation in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky & Oklahoma, threatening & assaulting rivals to protect the territory. The Outlaws were 1 of the nation's 4 largest motorcycle gangs, along with the Hell's Angels, Pagans & Bandidos. The Outlaws have chapters in 21 states, Europe, Canada & Australia. The appeals court on Fri also overturned the racketeering & conspiracy convictions of Gregory Driver & ordered that he be resentenced on a drug conspiracy charge. The court said there was not enough evidence to convict him. The court also upheld convictions but ordered new sentences for Gary Hohn, former president of the Dayton chapter; David Mays, former national enforcer; Patrick Puttick; & Jason Fowler.

“Bulldog” By Richard *‘Bingo’* Cosby
D.C. Eagles M.C. / Wisconsin Confederation Of Clubs

Bulldog was his name – And his - ‘claim to fame’ -
Was he ‘Thought’ that he was Bad.
Well, in Kimmer’s bar one night - He must have been looking for a fight -
And he made one little lady Mad!

“A shot’n a beer!” And his voice struck fear -
In the heart of the little bar-maid.
He pulled out a ten and said: “Do it again!
And be quick - or you won’t get paid!”

Now Bulldog was rough - and ‘thought’ he was tough -
His beard hung down to his chest -
And painted in red - was a bulldog’s head -
On the back of his leather vest.

His pants were all worn, they were ragged and torn -
His boots were just a disgrace!
No shirt, just the vest - and there on his chest -
Was tattooed a bulldog’s face.

He lit a cigar, then he looked ‘round the bar -
And he spotted sweet ‘Lady Blue’.
He walked over and said: “If you give me some head -
I’ll buy you a drink or two.”

Before it got worse - she reached in her purse ---
Pulling a ‘stun-gun’ - as we watch ---
She ‘iced his lust’ - with a well aimed thrust -
Between his legs to his Crotch!

The flicker of blue sent the voltage through -
His dick - to his head - to his toes!
She Zapped him again - he fell down - and then -
She Zapped him again - on his nose!

He woke up out back - as limp as a sack!
He tried getting up - but he falls --
He had lost his pride, so he sat there and cried: -
“Oh Lord! My poor aching balls!”

Now the morale - you see - is you’d just better be -
A biker with some kind of ‘Class’ -
Or you might run into someone tougher than You!
And you just might get knocked on your Ass!

Judge denies bond in Outlaws pipe-bomb blast - Aug 8, 2008 - *Chicago, Illinois* - A judge has denied bond for two men charged in the pipe-bombing of a video poker business which authorities allege was ordered by the mob. U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez denied bond Friday for 41-year-old Mark Polchan and 84-year-old Samuel Volpendesto. The men allegedly pipe-bombed C&S Coin Operated Amusements in Berwyn. They were arrested when federal agents raided Outlaws MC as part of the investigation. Prosecutors have said the Chicago Outfit ordered the bombing to keep control of its gambling business. A lawyer for both men denies they have any ties to the mob or the Outlaws.

Accused bombers sent by Outfit too dangerous for bail - Aug 8, 2008 - *Chicago, Illinois* - By Chuck Goudie - Federal magistrate rules biker gang connections exist - Describing the Outlaws MC as “not a sewing circle,” a Fed judge in Chicago late Fri found that a pair of suburban men linked to the club were too dangerous to be allowed out on bond. The duo - Mark Polchan, 41, and Samuel Volpendesto, 84 - are accused in a federal

indictment of bombing a Berwyn business in 2003. Authorities said the men were acting on orders of the Chicago Outfit, whose leaders wanted to send a message to the business that it was stepping on mob toes by competing in the video amusement game industry. Investigators say Polchan, of Justice, is member of the Outlaws and a soldier in the Outfit. The FBI says octogenarian Volpendesto, of Oak Brook, once ran mob-connected strip clubs and a call girl racket. The men were arrested last week during FBI and ATF raids on Outlaw clubhouses and suspected mob haunts in metro Chicago. On Wed, prosecutors played undercover audio tapes during which the bombing was discussed and the results laughed at. The Gov’t also described the bombing impact and showed evidence seized in the raids. The men’s lawyers argued that bond be set for both men and that their families would post real estate as collateral. In a detailed ruling late Friday, Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez denied bond, stating that “the evidence against Volpendesto is strong. The evidence against Polchan is derived from the implicit acknowledgment of

Volpendesto that Polchan was the other person present at the bombing.” Judge Valdez determined that “the Gov’t has proffered enough evidence, which was substantially un rebutted at the hearing, that Polchan’s association with the Outfit exists & Polchan was the Treasurer of the local branch of the Outlaws. As its name implies, and as indicated by the tattoos on Polchan’s arms, the Outlaws are not a sewing circle. It is a motorcycle club that gives off the appearance that its members are rebellious.” Valdez found both defendants to be dangerous. “Polchan’s recent lack of criminal history and Volpendesto’s lack of criminal convictions and their significant ties to the local community do not outweigh the extremely serious nature of the offenses with which they are charged, including the weight of the evidence against them and the nature and gravity of the danger that would be posed by their release. The Court also notes that the potential minimum sentence of 35 years also weighs as a factor in favor of detention. This Court finds that defendants have not sufficiently rebutted the presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of the community or the risk of flight.”

Pagan Motorcycle Leader Going To Prison For Weapons Charges - Aug 8, 2008 - *Baltimore, Maryland* - By Megan Healey - U.S. District Chief Judge Benson E. Legg sentenced Jay Carl Wagner, age 67, of Hagerstown, Maryland, Pres of the Pagan MC in Maryland, Friday to 30 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of 19 guns, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. According to his guilty plea, Maryland State Police troopers observed Wagner on May 9, 2007 walk out of his residence armed with a handgun. ATF agents and Maryland State Troopers searched his home and seized 19 rifles, handguns, shotguns and numerous ammunition. Wagner was prohibited from possessing the firearms because he had been previously convicted of resisting arrest. Rosenstein thanked the ATF and the Maryland State Police for their investigative work, and commended Assistant United States Atty James T. Wallner, who prosecuted the case.

Felon guilty of owning guns - Aug 8, 2008 - *Maryland* - By Annie Linskey - The president of the Pagan MC in Maryland was sentenced yesterday to 2 ½ years in federal prison and 3 years of supervised release after he pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of 19 guns, according to the Maryland U.S. attorney’s office. The man, Jay Carl Wagner, 67, of Hagerstown was prohibited from owning firearms because of a previous conviction of resisting arrest, according to the news release. Maryland State Police officers watched Wagner walk out of his home May 9, 2007, with a handgun, according to Maryland U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein’s office. Authorities with the ATF and state troopers then searched his home and seized 19 rifles, handguns, shotguns and other ammunition. Officers from both agencies were also joined in the 6 a.m. raid last year by agents from the FBI, the fire marshal’s office, and the county sheriff’s office. They deployed a robot to check the house for booby traps, police said at the time. When Wagner was arrested, a police spokesman stated that it was a “major blow to this criminal organization.”

Some advice for women with itch to ride a Harley - Aug 8, 2008 - *Florida* - Stormy Hill Harley-Davidson, 2480 U.S. Highway 27, Clermont, will present “Ladies Learning and Living to Ride” from noon to 3 pm Sun. The event is geared toward women with little or no motorcycle-riding experience. Brent Miller, a local attorney, will speak about insurance needs and legal aspects of motorcycling. A Mary Kay cosmetics consultant

will talk about how to protect your skin, and an officer from the Orlando PD will talk about self-defense. There also will be a display of jewelry, appetizers catered by Crispers and more.

Biker brawl may knock out A&E reality project - Aug 8, 2008 - *Los Angeles, California* - By James Hibberd; Hollywood Reporter - A&E prides itself on its gritty, street-level reality shows. Now, the cable channel has gotten involved with an outfit that might be too hardcore even for the home of “Intervention” & “Dog the Bounty Hunter.” The network recently shot a pilot for a new series with the controversial Christian motorcycle gang Set Free Soldiers, a group whose leader was arrested in Orange County Wed, along with 6 members, on suspicion of attempted murder. The arrests stem from a July 27 double stabbing that occurred during a barfight in Newport Beach between the Anaheim-based group & members of the Hells Angels. The bikers were rounded up during a series of raids by SWAT teams & federal drug enforcement agents. An A&E spokesperson said the pilot, with the working title of “Saints & Sinners,” was shot a couple months ago & that the network doesn’t believe that any of the bikers involved in the show were among those who were arrested. Sources said “Saints” centers around a SFS halfway house where bikers reform alcoholics & drug addicts. A&E had hoped the project would make a proper companion for tough-love shows such as “Intervention” & “Dog.” The Los Angeles Times reported that the gang is described on its now-defunct Web site as “a group of men who love Jesus & love to ride hard.” Though no decision has been made on the show, it seems unlikely that A&E will proceed with the project, especially since members of the “Dog” cast have been plagued with legal issues that have drawn negative publicity to that show.

Bikie threw rock at fleeing mum in kids row - Aug 9, 2008 - *Australia* - By Melanie Pilling - Parents at a Nerang primary school were allegedly terrorised by a Bandidos motorcycle club member while young children watched on, a court has been told. Cem Kusdemir, 30, allegedly arrived at the William Duncan Primary School on Tuesday afternoon after his seven-year-old son told him the mother of another child had kicked him. Southport Magistrates Court was told the two children had not been getting on & the mother had asked Kusdemir’s son to keep away from her child. It was alleged once Kusdemir got to the Alexander Drive school, he yelled expletives in the mother’s face & told her, ‘You better move house because I’m coming to get you, you (expletive)’. The court was told the woman feared for her safety & ran to her car. Kusdemir then allegedly threw a rock at her arm, bruising her. The following morning, Kusdemir allegedly went back to the school & asked a woman if she intended to be a witness against him. The court was told Mr Kusdemir then became abusive when she said she would be & chased her into the school grounds yelling at her, ‘Don’t you know who I am?’ while he pointed to his cap which displayed the Bandidos MC emblem. The woman was so frightened she removed her child from the school, the court was told.

‘Wooden Leg Insurance’: A man & his wife, moved back home to Newfoundland, from Ontario. The wife had a wooden leg & to insure it in Ontario it cost them \$2,000.00 a year! When they arrived in Newfoundland, they went to an insurance agency, to see how much it would cost to insure. The agent looked it up on the computer & said to the couple, ‘\$39.00.’ The husband was shocked & asked why it was so cheap here in Newfoundland to insure, because it cost him \$2,000.00 in Ontario! The agent said, ‘Well, here it is on the computer screen, it says: *Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system over it, is \$39.00.*’

5 Christian bikers accused of weapons & gang crimes – Aug 10, 2008 - *California* - By Tony Barboza, Los Angeles Times - Orange County prosecutors scale back charges against the Set Free Soldiers in a Newport Beach bar brawl with members of the Hells Angels, one of whom faces a weapons charge. Five members of a Christian motorcycle gang were charged Friday with a variety of felony weapons & gang crimes after high-profile raids this week targeting the Anaheim-based group. The charges marked a retreat from Wed, when authorities arrested seven members of the Set Free Soldiers, including founder & pastor Phillip Aguilar, on charges of conspiracy to commit murder. An eighth member was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. The charges were in connection with a double stabbing during a bar brawl with the Hells Angels late last month. On Friday, the Orange County district attorney's filed just one attempted murder charge, against Jose Quinones, 42, & charged Glenn Schoeman, 56, with being an accessory after the fact. They were being held on \$1-million & \$100,000 bail, respectively. Aguilar, 60, the group's leader & pastor; his 29-year-old son, Matthew Aguilar; & Michael Timanus Jr., 29, face felony charges of illegal weapons possession. They were expected to post bail, which was set at \$50,000 each, according to their attorneys. Phillip & Matthew Aguilar also were charged with possessing brass knuckles. All five were accused of street terrorism for being part of a criminal street gang. One Hells Angel member, John Lloyd, 41, also was charged with having a loaded firearm in a vehicle. Additional charges may be filed, said Deputy District Atty. Erik Petersen, adding that the Set Free Soldiers are a violent street gang because "they carry on a pattern of criminal gang activity." Set Free members say they are a Christian ministry that helps rehabilitate ex-convicts & recovering drug addicts. But authorities maintain that they are an outlaw motorcycle gang. In Wed's raids in Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Rancho Santa Margarita & Norco, more than 150 police, SWAT teams & federal agents arrested eight Set Free Soldiers & three Hells Angels. The raids included four homes that Aguilar owns in the 300 block of South Archer Street in Anaheim, where authorities found multiple firearms. The arrests followed a July 27 fight between Set Free members & Hells Angels at a Newport Beach bar. Police said Set Free members stabbed two Hells Angels & one Hells Angel struck a Set Free member in the head with a pool ball. Attorneys on both sides said the case will hinge on a surveillance video taken of the brawl. Sandra Aguilar, Phillip Aguilar's wife, said after the court hearing that the group had been unfairly targeted by police, who she said terrorized the group's children & grandchildren during the raids & "turned our homes upside down." "They cannot believe that we're Christians because we have tattoos & ride motorcycles," she said. "It's sheep in wolf's clothing."

Tuoti is still out & about on his Harley – Aug 11, 2008 – *Connecticut* - By Tiffany Citroen - The H-D motto "Live to Ride, Ride to Live" has taken on additional meaning for Francis Tuoti, 81, of North Salem, N.Y. The oldest member of greater Danbury's Hat City Riders MC, Tuoti is as active in the group as many of its younger members. If the weather is nice & a ride to an interesting destination has been planned, he doesn't think twice about revving his engine. "I think that motorcycle riding is one of the things that keeps you youthful," he said. "When you're riding, you can't be thinking about other things. You've got to concentrate on the riding." He was first exposed to motorcycles by his father, who built & raced them. "My father rode in the 1920s. He used to race in Sheepshead Bay (Brooklyn) on a board track" (a banked course). Tuoti began riding when he began college because it was a "fast & cheap" way to get from his home in New Rochelle to the Bronx campus of NY Univ in Univ Heights.

Handful of weapons seized at trouble-free Bulldog Bash - Aug 11, 2008 – *United Kingdom* - More than 20 weapons were seized during a £1.4 million police operation designed to ensure a bikers' rally passed off without incident. Warwickshire Police also revealed that 26 people were arrested during last week's four-day Bulldog Bash at Long Marston, near Stratford-upon-Avon. Police maintain a high presence at the Bulldog Bash. The force, which had objected to Stratford District Council's decision to grant a licence for the event, said officers had confiscated 24 weapons, most of which were knives, during the festival. Involving number plate recognition technology & a stop-and-search site near the entrance to the rally, the massive police operation followed the killing of Hell's Angel Gerry Tobin after last year's event. In a statement, the Assistant Chief Constable of Warwickshire, Bill Holland, said: "The aim of the operation was to deter, protect & detect criminal activity in order to protect the public from harm. "The majority of people attending Bulldog Bash are law-abiding motorbike enthusiasts but there are some people who are engaged in criminal activity & therefore pose a threat to others. "We said well in advance that our aim was to deter people from attacking those attending or disrupting the event - the fact that there have been no major incidents clearly shows that we achieved that aim." Holland confirmed that no decision had been made over next year's policing operation in relation to the Bulldog Bash. "We will consider that carefully alongside what took place this year & any new intelligence that comes to our notice," the senior officer said. A spokesman for the Bulldog Bash said it had attracted around 20,000 visitors despite heavy rain which turned the show into a "Glastonbury on wheels". "There have been no problems on site, so everything has gone swimmingly," the spokesman added. He said although the organisers understood the police had to consider the public's safety, they felt the scale of the operation was "excessive" particularly as they had not been consulted. But he added: "We are delighted by the huge amount of support from the public. This is reflected in the number of visitors."

Weekend of Poker Runs Raises Funds – Aug 12, 2008 – *Maryland* - This weekend saw two Poker Runs raise funds for 2 good causes. The 6th annual Veterans Poker Run to raise money for the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home took place Sat afternoon. Some 70 riders registered with a \$20 donation to the home, of which 63 actually rode the route. Several of the riders gave double the entrance fee & refused change. The event, sponsored by The U.S. Military Vets MC, Southern Maryland Chapter raised over \$2265. The Iron Horsemen's MC made a large donation from the list of acceptable items for the Veterans & the Phantom's MC gave a considerable cash donation. All the prize moneys for the riders came from our the USMVMC treasury & 100% of the money & donations raised went to the Veteran's Home. Another poker run for Sat raised money for Hunter Dean Scott, the local 4 year old battling brain cancer. An estimated 225 people showed up to support Hunter & his family. The poker run raised \$11,850.50. Fred Clark won a 50/50 raffle but gave all of his winnings back to the Hunter Scott Foundation. If you were unable to attend Hunter's Poker Run but would still like to make a donation, donations can be made to the Hunter Dean Scott Foundation at the PNC Bank in Solomons, or mailed to P.O. Box 289, Solomons, MD 20688. Additionally, individuals & businesses will be acknowledged via a "Thank You" ad in the local newspapers.

7 year old Jack: 'My Mom drinks beer & she says silly things & picks on my father. Whenever she drinks beer she yells at Dad & tells him to go bury his bone down the street again but that doesn't make any sense.'

Cop says he feared for his life in biker-bar attack – Aug 12, 2008 – *Washington / South Dakota* - By Jennifer Sullivan; Seattle Times - The Seattle police officer who wounded a Hells Angel during a barroom shooting in South Dakota early Sat says he was forced to open fire after being attacked & pinned to the floor by up to three members of the notorious motorcycle gang. “I was cold-cocked on the left side of my face by at least one, if not three, Hells Angels,” said the officer, who asked not to be named out of fear for his safety. Seattle police & union officials echoed that concern. “I woke up on the ground pinned against a bar stool by a Hells Angel in a red bandanna,” the officer said. “I was receiving fists & feet from the top during this.” The 43-year-old detective said he tried to wriggle free, but “didn’t have any leverage.” The Hells Angel in the bandanna tried to grab for the detective’s gun just as another man was choking him, the detective said. He said he then pulled the handgun from his hip & opened fire. The shooting during the popular Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is now the subject of a grand-jury investigation by authorities in South Dakota’s Meade County. Seattle police also are in Sturgis conducting an internal investigation. The detective, who is assigned to the Seattle department’s pawnshop unit, & four other vacationing Seattle officers who were in the bar at the time of the shooting have been placed on administrative leave. All five are members of the Iron Pigs MC, which is made up of police officers & firefighters. The 5 officers were in a bar called the Loud American Roadhouse when they were circled by a group of men wearing Hells Angels patches on their clothes. The detective said one Hells Angel member “got in my face” & began an argument. The detective said he was knocked to the floor within 30 seconds. It’s unclear what the other four Seattle officers were doing when the fight broke out. On Mon, Sturgis police identified the wounded man as Joseph McGuire, 33, of Imperial Beach, Calif. Police confirmed to the Rapid City Journal that McGuire is a member of the Hells Angels. He was listed in stable condition Mon. The Seattle detective suffered bruising & facial injuries, he said. Dean Kinney, co-owner of the Loud American Roadhouse, said there were nearly 400 people inside the bar when the shooting occurred. He said security staff told him that the Hells Angel & members of the Iron Pigs were “jawing back & forth” before the shooting happened. The detective said he was briefly detained by Sturgis police & asked to testify before a Meade County grand jury on Sun. Meade County State’s Attorney Jesse Sondreal told the Rapid City Journal that the hearing was a chance for out-of-state witnesses to explain what they saw to prosecutors before a decision is made on whether to file criminal charges. According to the newspaper, 25 people testified during the 7-hour court hearing. The detective said he explained what happened at the Loud American Roadhouse & the grand jury excused him. He is now back in Washington state. Sondreal said no arrests have been made & that the investigation could continue until the grand jury reconvenes on Aug. 27. Seattle police spokesman Sgt. Sean Whitcomb declined to comment Mon on the incident. The South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation is reviewing state & Fed laws pertaining to concealed-weapons permits to determine whether the detective did anything illegal by carrying a firearm into a bar, said Sara Rabern, spokeswoman for the South Dakota Attorney General’s Office. Kinney, the bar owner, said he doesn’t know how the Seattle detective got past security with a firearm. According to South Dakota law, people with concealed-weapons permits cannot carry firearms into bars. Police officers are exempt from this rule if they have written permission from the county sheriff, according to the law. However, a Fed law enacted in 2004 supersedes the state law, allowing off-duty law-enforcement officers to carry weapons anywhere they choose, but it requires that the weapons handler is not under the influence of

drugs or alcohol. “I was not intoxicated,” the detective said. Kinney said he doesn’t recall any of the Iron Pigs group being drunk. The detective added that he believes the 2004 Fed law gives him the right to carry a gun wherever he wants while off-duty. The detective said he always carries a gun at motorcycle rallies because he knows that a motorcycle club composed of cops & firefighters attracts negative attention from “outlaw” bikers. Thousands of motorcyclists descend on the small South Dakota city each year for the annual biker rally. Along with the everyday riders, attendees include Hells Angels, Banditos & other gangs. The weeklong rally wrapped up on Sun. Kinney said the town’s population swells from about 6,500 to nearly 500,000 during the rally. He said this year he saw Iron Pigs members inside his bar almost daily. “The Iron Pigs had been in there during the week & we never regarded them as trouble,” Kinney said. “They were well behaved the whole time they had been there. They just seemed like normal guys who were riding Harleys & having a few drinks.” The detective involved in the shooting said he has twice been investigated by the Dept of Office of Professional Accountability, a civilian police-oversight group, during his 15 years on the force. Both complaints were sustained by the group. One investigation stemmed from a verbal argument he got into with a Seahawk fan while working an off-duty assignment at Qwest Field in 2004. The detective said he also got into an argument inside a Pierce County restaurant in 2005 with a restaurant employee who was taunting & threatening him & his then-fiancee. The detective said he received a two-day suspension for the incident with the Seahawk fan & a written reprimand for the other incident.

More charges in Newport Beach biker brawl – Aug 12, 2008 - *Newport Beach, California* - The Associated Press - Prosecutors filed charges Tue against two more men linked to a violent biker brawl between the Hells Angels & a Christian motorcycle gang that ended in two stabbings last month. The men are alleged members of the Hells Angels biker gang, according to Newport Beach police Sgt. Evan Sailor. Brian Heslington, 35, was charged with possession of cocaine & a loaded firearm, possession of ecstasy, & street terrorism, all felonies. Rodrigo Requejo, 34, was charged with assault, battery & street terrorism, also felonies. Warrants have been issued for their arrests, said Farrah Emami, district attorney spokeswoman. A third man, 23-year-old Scott Guinn, was arrested for investigation of possession of a prescription medication without a prescription, a misdemeanor, but has not been charged, Emami said. Last week, prosecutors charged 5 members of a Christian MC called Set Free Soldiers with a variety of felony weapons & gang crimes. One member was charged with attempted murder. Charges were also filed then against one alleged Hells Angel member. Authorities said they found more than 20 handguns, 10 shotguns, rifles, several thousand rounds of ammunition, knives, daggers & Tasers in five homes that belong to the Anaheim-based Set Free Soldiers. Police also found handguns, shotguns, rifles, ammunition, knives & daggers at three Hells Angels locations, Sailor said. Set Free Soldiers members say they are a Christian motorcycle ministry that helps rehabilitate former convicts & recovering drug addicts. Police & prosecutors, however, have said they are a gang involved in criminal activity.

7 year old Sarah : ‘My Dad gets funny on beer. He is funny. He also wets his pants sometimes so he shouldn’t have too much.

7 year old Lilly: ‘My Dad loves beer. The more he drinks the better he dances. One time he danced right into the pool.’

Sheriff's Office launches anti-gang initiative – Aug 12, 2008 – *Florida* - Star-Banner - The Marion County Sheriff's Office is launching an initiative called "Building Teams & Breaking Gangs" in response to a gang-related fatal shooting in Marion Oaks & another shooting that investigators believes involves members of the Outlaws MC. At a Sheriff's Office Advisory Board meeting held at the Marion County Jail on Tuesday, sergeants Scott Patch & C.T. Welch talked about the agency's four-pronged approach aimed at preventing the proliferation of gang activities. It includes a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club for activities in the Silver Springs Shores & Marion Oaks communities, two places where they've identified gang activities. If suspected gang members are arrested, the Sheriff's Office will document them into a database so they can be monitored. Also, the Dept will involve the schools to facilitate the reporting of any suspicious gang activities.

Biker wounded by Seattle officer faces drug charges – Aug 13, 2008 – *California / South Dakota* - By Scott Gutierrez; P-I Reporter - The biker wounded by an off-duty Seattle police officer at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally last weekend is due in court this month on drug charges from a police raid in which he & several Hells Angels members were arrested, court documents say. The biker, from Imperial Beach, Calif., just south of San Diego, was arrested Jan. 18, 2007, as part of an investigation by the DEA & the San Diego Police Department. Police served warrants on 2 San Diego-area homes that belonged to the Pres of the Hells Angels' local chapter, Deputy District Atty Paul Reizen said Tuesday. The 33-year-old biker & the chapter treasurer were arrested at one of the homes in Pacific Beach, Calif. Police seized a 1 lb & ½ of marijuana, in addition to hydrocodone & oxycodone pills, & \$5,000 in cash, Reizen said. The San Diego chapter Pres & VP also were charged in a separate case in the investigation, Reizen said. "It was a limited investigation based on a very specific set of facts," Reizen said Tue. The defendant, who was released on bond, was scheduled for a pre-trial hearing Aug 20 in San Diego County Superior Court, with his trial set for Sept. He is charged with possession of marijuana for sale & two counts of illegal possession of narcotics. His trial could be delayed, given the defendant's involvement in the shooting last Sat at the Sturgis rally in South Dakota.

Police Turn to Secret Weapon: GPS Device - Aug 13, 2008 – *USA* - By Ben Hubbard - Someone was attacking women in Fairfax County & Alexandria, grabbing them from behind & sometimes punching & molesting them before running away. After logging 11 cases in 6 months, police finally identified a suspect. David Lee Foltz Jr., who had served 17 years in prison for rape, lived near the crime scenes. To figure out if Foltz was the assailant, police pulled out their secret weapon: They put a Global Positioning System device on Foltz's van, which allowed them to track his movements. Police said they soon caught Foltz dragging a woman into a wooded area in Falls Church. After his arrest on Feb. 6, the string of assaults suddenly stopped. The break in the case relied largely on a crime-fighting tool they would rather not discuss. "We don't really want to give any info on how we use it as an investigative tool to help the bad guys," said Officer Shelley Broderick, a Fairfax police spokeswoman. "It is an investigative tool for us, & it is a very new investigative tool." Across the country, police are using GPS devices to snare thieves, drug dealers, sexual predators & killers, often without a warrant or court order. Privacy advocates said tracking suspects electronically constitutes illegal search & seizure, violating 4th Amendment rights of protection against unreasonable searches & seizures, & is another step toward George Orwell's Big Brother

society. Law enforcement officials, when they discuss the issue at all, said GPS is essentially the same as having an officer trail someone, just cheaper & more accurate. Most of the time, as was done in the Foltz case, judges have sided with police.

Man turned away from USA because he looked like a Hells Angel – Aug 13, 2008 – *USA* - By Alexandra Barham - When Bill Singleton decided to embark on an Alaskan adventure to raise money for a charity close to his heart, he thought the most difficult part of his trip would be the 6,000-mile motorbike ride. However, he did not plan on being mistaken for a Hells Angel by American immigration chiefs, who then detained him & sent him home on the next available flight – even sitting him on a row on his own where they monitored his every move. The window cleaner of Waldegrave Park, Harpenden, had raised more than £3,000 in sponsorship money & has since offered to return the cash. He planned to travel across North America from Montana to Alaska on his H-D Road King motorbike for The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) a charity he supports because his daughter, son-in-law & granddaughter are all deaf. But immigration officials at Denver Airport thought Bill was bound for the notoriously troublesome national Hells Angels rally in Montana, & denied him entry. So after a 9-hour plane journey, the motorbike enthusiast was forced to board a return flight home just hours after arriving at his destination. "I am absolutely devastated," he said. "At long last I decided to do a charity ride for the NDCS but the US immigration refused to believe that I wasn't a Hells Angel. "I nearly broke down when they told me I was going home on the next flight home." He added: "They said I wasn't arrested but I was frogmarched back to the plane under escort. "They made me sit in a row on my own so they could keep an eye on me as if I was a terrorist." Bill claims customs became suspicious of him after they searched his bags & recovered a wallet displaying a wolf's head – a logo staff there associated with the Hells Angels. Bill was also accused of fighting during the annual Sturgis Bike Week in South Dakota last year – an allegation he strongly denies. The biker insists he attended the famous motorcycle rally with his wife & planned to make a return trip following his Alaskan tour. But after customs officers inspected Bill's criminal record & found a conviction dating back to the early 1970's, they told him he needed a visa to gain admission to the country adding that the Green Card he had been using for years to travel to America was no longer sufficient. He said: "I still feel so saddened about it, I feel I have been in a nightmare for a month. I want to get a solicitor to do more about it because unless something is done I am not going back." The spokesman for the immigration Dept at Denver Airport said it would not comment on individual cases, adding: "We turn away hundreds of thousands of individuals each year on various grounds of inadmissibility, some of which include criminal activity or history, prohibited activities or intent, improper travel documents, smuggling of contraband or prohibited goods, immigration violations such as prior overstay, attempting to gain entry with fraudulent documents or posing as an imposter & national security concerns, among others." Helen Lerwill from NDCS, which provides support to deaf children, young people & their families, said: "Our work is funded almost entirely through public donations, so none of our work would be possible without the commitment of individuals like Bill. "We wish Bill the best of luck with arranging his Alaskan Adventure for next year."

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7 year old Tim: 'I think beer must be good. My dad says the more beer he drinks the prettier my mom gets.'

Charges filed in strip club fire case – Aug 13, 2008 – Wisconsin

- By David Brommerich; Winona Daily News - Authorities say they have a suspect in a 2007 arson fire that destroyed the Gin Mill Tavern in Buffalo, Wis. Charges of arson & burglary are pending against 35-year-old David A. Osley of Arcadia, Wis., Buffalo County Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht said. Investigators questioned Osley about the fire, & he admitted he was involved in the incident, Schmidtknecht said. Monday, Osley was in a Sauk County, Wis., jail awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a 27-month sentence for felony fifth-offense operating while intoxicated. The Gin Mill fire was “suspicious in nature” & was under investigation since it happened on May 23, 2007, Schmidtknecht said. A special agent from the division of criminal investigation of the Wisconsin Dept of Justice inspected the fire scene on the day of the incident & suspected the fire was an arson. The Gin Mill tavern, owned by Gin Mill, Inc., was termed a total loss & torn down soon after the fire. The tavern featured exotic dancers & served as a clubhouse for the Road Dogs MC. The property is at W288 Chicken Valley Road. Tom Draskowski, a co-owner of the business who lives near the Gin Mill property, spotted the fire & reported it at 7:48 a.m. Firefighters & investigators suspect the fire started inside the tavern on the floor near a smashed window, where evidence pointed to use of an accelerant to ignite the blaze. A window also was broken in a metal shed adjacent to the tavern where motorcycles & other property items were stored. Osley has a prior criminal record in Trempealeau County, where he’s been convicted of trespass to a dwelling & the 2006 felony theft of a money strong box from an Osseo, Wis., residence.

Biker pleads guilty to drug possession – Aug 14, 2008 –

Ventura, California - The Associated Press - Former Hells Angels leader George Christie Jr. has pleaded guilty to possession of drugs, which were found during a sheriff’s gang unit search of his Ventura home gym. Christie pleaded guilty this week to felony possession of drugs & misdemeanor being under the influence. Less than two grams of cocaine & methamphetamine were found during the April search of his home. Christie teaches martial arts in his home gym & he says it’s possible the drugs were left by someone. The 61-year-old Christie will be sentenced next month to a drug diversion program.

Police put all bikie gangs on notice – Aug 15, 2008 – Australia -

Commissioner Karl O’callaghan has given notice that bikies will no longer be allowed to fortify their clubhouses. The West Australian Police Commissioner says he will look into removing the heavily fortified security measures surrounding the clubhouses of bikie gangs. The Gypsy Jokers Motorcycle gang has been ordered by the Supreme Court to tear down the fortifications around the Maddington Clubhouse by next Wed. It is the first successful case of its kind. Police Commissioner Karl O’Callaghan says the case sets a precedent for other club houses. “What it does is that it tells us that the legislation is good legislation, & that we can use it to pull down fortification,” he said. “He said that now that the law is clearer police will look at premises where illegal activity is suspected with a view to removing security measures there.

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7 year old Ciera: ‘Beer makes my dad sleepy & we get to watch what we want on television when he is asleep so beer is nice.’

Officer testified at biker trial – Aug 15, 2008 – South Dakota /

Washington - By Jennifer Sullivan & Mike Carter; Seattle Times - The Seattle police detective who shot a Hells Angel at a South Dakota bar testified last year in a high-profile Fed racketeering & murder trial that sent several former & current members of the motorcycle gang to prison. Detective Ron Smith wounded the man early Sat after he said he was jumped by as many as three Hells Angels at a Sturgis, S.D., bar during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. South Dakota authorities identified the wounded biker as Joseph McGuire, a Hells Angel from Southern California. Smith, 43, who works in the department’s pawnshop unit, took the witness stand in U.S. District Court in Seattle last year during the 11-week trial of four current & former Hells Angels arrested on Fed charges. All four defendants went to prison — for terms ranging from seven years to life without parole — for convictions on conspiracy & racketeering charges. Smith testified about a run-in he had with a Hells Angel while he was on patrol. Smith is on administrative leave while Seattle police conduct an internal investigation into the shooting. Seattle police have asked that Seattle media not name the detective out of safety concerns, but Smith says his name is common knowledge after being made public in South Dakota. Smith has said he believes he was targeted by the Hells Angels, but isn’t sure whether it was because of his testimony last year. Seattle police on Thur declined to comment on any possible connection between Saturday’s incident & Smith’s earlier court testimony. But Seattle Fed officials who took part in last year’s Hells Angels prosecution said they have not been contacted by officials in South Dakota who are investigating the shooting. Smith said he was inside the Loud American Roadhouse in Sturgis about 1 a.m. Sat with fellow members of the Iron Pigs, a motorcycle club made up of police officers & firefighters, when he was surrounded by a group of men wearing Hells Angels patches on their clothes. Smith said he was knocked to the ground & choked by anywhere from one to three bikers. He said he was being beaten by the men & felt someone reaching for a handgun he had on his hip. Smith said he pulled the handgun & fired twice at one of the men. **Pretty peripheral:** Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Lang, who oversaw the prosecution of the four Hells Angels in Seattle, said that if there is evidence that Smith was attacked in the Sturgis bar because of his testimony during the trial, “we would almost certainly get involved.” Lang said the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Seattle has not been contacted by investigators in South Dakota. FBI Special Agent Fred Gutt said members of the Seattle task force that took on the outlaw bikers have not been contacted by South Dakota law enforcement, either. Rapid City, S.D., Resident FBI Agent Robert Perry said he has helped with the Sturgis shooting investigation, but that he has “not specifically” been asked to look into retaliation as a motive. Lang characterized Smith’s involvement in last year’s Fed case against the Hells Angels as “pretty peripheral.” Smith’s testimony makes up six pages of the trial’s nearly 8,000-page transcript. During the Seattle trial, Smith testified that he & other officers confronted two Hells Angels inside the Hurricane Café after the manager complained of a disturbance. One of the men was Jonathan “Thunder” Yates, who would later turn informant & testify against the bikers. The other was Joshua Binder, an enforcer with the motorcycle club who would later admit to a role in the 2001 slaying of Michael Walsh, who was killed for allegedly impersonating a Hells Angel. Officers found guns on both men. **Bikers at the precinct:** Smith went on to testify that the day after the incident, Yates called to apologize & ask him out for a beer. Smith said he refused. Later that day, Smith testified, a group of “six or eight bikes pull up in front of the precinct. I saw some of the Hells Angels colors on the back. They idled in front of the

precinct for a few minutes, nobody got off their bikes, & then they left eastbound on Virginia Street.” Binder was drummed out of the Hells Angels, according to Fed trial testimony. He was one of four current or former Hells Angels convicted last year in Seattle & was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Yates is considered a turncoat by the biker gang. Lang said “you would have to wonder” why anyone in the Hells Angels would retaliate for testimony against two disgraced members. In addition to Smith, a group of off-duty Seattle police officers who were in the Sturgis bar with him also are on administrative leave, according to a police spokesman. Smith was briefly detained after the shooting & submitted to drug & alcohol tests after the fight. He testified before a Meade County grand jury on Sunday. The jury will reconvene on Aug. 27 to hear additional testimony, as well as view surveillance video of the fight, said Meade County State’s Attorney Jesse Sondreal. Meade County Sheriff Ron Merwin said that Fed law ensures that Smith & other officers had the right to carry a firearm into the bar as long as they weren’t intoxicated. Smith admits that he had been drinking but said he wasn’t drunk. Smith has been disciplined twice in his 15 years as a police officer, once for getting into an argument with a Seattle Seahawks fan at Qwest Field in 2004 & another time for a verbal altercation with a restaurant employee. In the first instance, he received two days off. The 2nd incident resulted in a letter in his file.

Bandido club, an outlaw motorcycle gang, set to roll into Moab for ‘annual conference’ – Aug 16, 2008 – *Utah* - By Melinda Rogers; The Salt Lake Tribune - Law enforcement agencies in southern Utah are ramping up security plans in preparation for a motorcycle rally expected to draw hundreds of members from one of the nation’s fastest-growing outlaw biker gangs. The Moab Police Dept & Grand County Sheriff’s Office expect 500 to 800 members of the international Bandidos MC to descend on Moab for the group’s “annual conference” beginning Thur & running through Aug. 25, said Moab Police Chief Michael Navarre. Although the group refers to itself as a club, the Bandido Nation is documented by the U.S. Dept of Justice as one of the most visible outlaw motorcycle gangs in the country, along with other “one-percenter” groups like the Hells Angels, Outlaw MC & the Pagans. The group’s reputation for violence was enough for Moab officials to request emergency funding from the Utah Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice to pay for increased law enforcement during the gang’s meeting. The state commission this week approved \$55,000 to help pay overtime, lodging & per-diem expenses for law enforcement agencies from around Utah to assist the 14-person Moab Police Dept in monitoring the group’s activities. Navarre & Moab Mayor David Sakrison declined to say how many extra officers will be in Moab while the bikers are in town. “We’re being pretty tight-lipped about the entire operation because we don’t really know what to expect,” Sakrison said. Moab city officials learned the club planned to convene in their town about four months ago & quickly began discussing how to police the event. The Bandidos are estimated to have 2,500 members in 13 countries, according to the U.S. Dept of Justice. Pockets of Bandidos can increasingly be found in Utah, particularly in Tooele County, said Bruce Champagne, president of the Utah Gang Investigators Association. “They would have you believe they’re clubs, but they’re not. They’re involved in criminal enterprise,” said Champagne, noting the gang can be “incredibly violent.” “They’ve been actively recruiting, & their presence has grown in Utah over the last few years,” he said. Last August, the Bandidos organized a rally on U.S. Forest Service land near Flagstaff, Ariz. The Coconino County Sheriff’s Office assembled 140 officers from 26 law enforcement agencies to patrol the area as a

precaution, said Gerry Blair, a spokesman for the sheriff’s office. Utah police have contacted Arizona authorities to discuss how Flagstaff managed the 2007 gathering, in which no major incidents were reported, Blair said. Law enforcement must find a delicate balance between keeping an eye on the gathering & not intruding on the group’s right to meet, said Al Valdez, a professor at the University of California, Irvine & a former gang investigator. Valdez added that the issue is not whether the Bandidos - some of whom do not participate in criminal activity - will behave among themselves at the conference; it’s whether a rival gang may storm into town to cause problems. “A larger police presence deters rivals from showing up,” said Valdez, who spoke at the Utah Gang Conference in April & has authored several text books on gangs. “It’s not going to be a gestapo like-presence. They’ll be in the shadows,” he said of police. The Bandidos conference will likely give the club an opportunity to discuss activities, pending criminal cases, potential new members, disciplinary issues & plan next year’s ride to Sturgis, S.D. for that city’s annual motorcycle rally, said Valdez. “They call it ‘going to church.’ It’s been in my experience, that sometimes at ‘church’ they plan criminal business,” Valdez said of the annual conference. Champagne noted that the Bandidos sometimes mask criminal activities by participating in local charitable events. In 2004, the northern Utah chapter of the club hosted a benefit ride & dinners with proceeds donated to a local shelter for abused women & children. But the good deeds are often overshadowed by violent headlines. Turf wars with the rival Hells Angels have resulted in multiple murder cases against various Bandido members, gang experts say. In July 2007, 4 Bandidos members from Texas were stabbed in Eureka Springs, Ark., by members of a rival Hells Angels chapter. And an April 2006 incident in Ontario, Canada, drew international attention after 8 Bandidos were murdered in a rural field near the town of Shedden.

Traffic Deaths In 2007 Have Declined While Motorcycle Deaths Are Up – Aug 16, 2008 – *USA* - The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released a report showing traffic deaths in 2007 were at their lowest level in over 10 years, while motorcycle deaths have increased for the 10th straight year. Police say a wreck can happen anywhere, anytime & if you’re on a motorcycle there’s little to protect you. Deb Patrick, a bike rider says, “If I hadn’t have had a helmet on & I had of wrecked I would not have made it. There was no way, because I was probably doing 50 or 55.” In Kentucky, police say to drive a motorcycle you have to have a valid license & if you’re over 21, you don’t legally have to wear a helmet. Police say on a motorcycle a helmet is your only protection. Patrick says, “No, the majority of people out, they don’t wear helmets.” With gas prices high, a Perry County Sheriff’s Deputy says he’s noticed more people are becoming bikers. Johnnie Brashear says, “They just go out & buy a motorcycle & hit the road & they still drive the same fast speed & they don’t have their helmet on & when something comes up they don’t know how to handle the situation & their involved in an accident.” Even though motorcycle deaths have increased, there are fewer traffic deaths in the US & in KY. Police say enforcing the seat belt law & more patrolling has helped. Brashear says, “As you got more officers out on the road, I believe the presence of the officer out on the highway is going to deter speed & therefore that’s going to deter accidents.” For police, that means not having to tell a family someone they love has been killed. Deputy Brashear says with people in Eastern Kentucky riding ATV’s just as much as motorcycles, it is important to remember those are just as dangerous.

U.S. May Ease Police Spy Rules – Aug 16, 2008 – *Washington, DC* – By Spencer S. Hsu & Carrie Johnson; Washington Post - The Justice Dept has proposed a new domestic spying measure that would make it easier for state & local police to collect intelligence about Americans, share the sensitive data with Fed agencies & retain it for at least 10 years. The proposed changes would revise the Fed Gov'ts rules for police intelligence-gathering for the 1st time since 1993 & would apply to any of the nation's 18,000 state & local police agencies that receive roughly \$1.6 billion each year in Fed grants. Quietly unveiled late last month, the proposal is part of a flurry of domestic intelligence changes issued & planned by the Bush administration in its waning months. They include a recent executive order that guides the reorganization of Fed spy agencies & a pending Justice Dept overhaul of FBI procedures for gathering intelligence & investigating terrorism cases within U.S. borders. Taken together, critics in Congress & elsewhere say, the moves are intended to lock in policies for Bush's successor & to enshrine controversial post-Sept. 11 approaches that some say have fed the greatest expansion of executive authority since the Watergate era. Supporters say the measures simply codify existing counterterrorism practices & policies that are endorsed by lawmakers & independent experts such as the 9/11 Commission. They say the measures preserve civil liberties & are subject to internal oversight. White House spokesman Tony Fratto said the administration agrees that it needs to do everything possible to prevent unwarranted encroachments on civil liberties, adding that it succeeds the overwhelming majority of the time. Bush homeland security adviser Kenneth Wainstein said, "This is a continuum that started back on 9/11 to reform law enforcement & the intelligence community to focus on the terrorism threat." Under the Justice Dept proposal for state & local police, published for public comment July 31, law enforcement agencies would be allowed to target groups as well as individuals, & to launch a criminal intelligence investigation based on the suspicion that a target is engaged in terrorism or providing material support to terrorists. They also could share results with a constellation of Fed law enforcement & intelligence agencies, & others in many cases. Criminal intelligence data starts with sources as basic as public records & the Internet, but also includes law enforcement databases, confidential & undercover sources, & active surveillance. Jim McMahon, deputy executive director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, said the proposed changes "catch up with reality" in that those who investigate crimes such as money laundering, drug trafficking & document fraud are best positioned to detect terrorists. He said the rule maintains the key requirement that police demonstrate a "reasonable suspicion" that a target is involved in a crime before collecting intelligence. "It moves what the rules were from 1993 to the new world we live in, but it maintains civil liberties," McMahon said. However, Michael German, policy counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said the proposed rule may be misunderstood as permitting police to collect intelligence even when no underlying crime is suspected, such as when a person gives money to a charity that independently gives money to a group later designated a terrorist organization. The rule also would allow criminal intelligence assessments to be shared outside designated channels whenever doing so may avoid danger to life or property -- not only when such danger is "imminent," as is now required, German said. On the day the police proposal was put forward, the White House announced it had updated Reagan-era operating guidelines for the U.S. intelligence community. The revised Executive Order 12333 established guidelines for overseas spying & called for better sharing of information with local law enforcement. It directed the CIA & other spy agencies to "provide specialized equipment,

technical knowledge or assistance of expert personnel" to support state & local authorities. And last week, Atty General Michael B. Mukasey said that the Justice Dept will release new guidelines within weeks to streamline & unify FBI investigations of criminal law enforcement matters & national security threats. The changes will clarify what tools agents can employ & whose approval they must obtain. The recent moves continue a steady expansion of the intelligence role of U.S. law enforcement, breaking down a wall erected after congressional hearings in 1976 to rein in such activity. The push to transform FBI & local police intelligence operations has triggered wider debate over who will be targeted, what will be done with the information collected & who will oversee such activities. Many security analysts faulted U.S. authorities after the 2001 terrorist attacks, saying the FBI was not combating terrorist plots before they were carried out & needed to proactively use intelligence. In the years since, civil liberties groups & some members of Congress have criticized the administration for unilaterally expanding surveillance & moving too fast to share sensitive information without safeguards. Critics say preemptive law enforcement in the absence of a crime can violate the Constitution & due process. They cite the administration's long-running warrantless-surveillance program, which was set up outside the courts, & the FBI's acknowledgment that it abused its intelligence-gathering privileges in hundreds of cases by using inadequately documented administrative orders to obtain telephone, e-mail, financial & other personal records of U.S. citizens without warrants. Former Justice Dept official Jamie S. Gorelick said the new FBI guidelines on their own do not raise alarms. But she cited the recent disclosure that undercover Maryland State Police agents spied on death penalty opponents & antiwar groups in 2005 & 2006 to emphasize that the policies would require close oversight. "If properly implemented, this should assure the public that people are not being investigated by agencies who are not trained in how to protect constitutional rights," said the former deputy attorney general. "The FBI will need to be vigilant -- both in its policies & its practices -- to live up to that promise." German, an FBI agent for 16 years, said easing established limits on intelligence-gathering would lead to abuses against peaceful political dissenters. In addition to the Maryland case, he pointed to reports in the past six years that undercover New York police officers infiltrated protest groups before the 2004 Republican National Convention; that California state agents eavesdropped on peace, animal rights & labor activists; & that Denver police spied on Amnesty International & others before being discovered. "If police officers no longer see themselves as engaged in protecting their communities from criminals & instead as domestic intelligence agents working on behalf of the CIA, they will be encouraged to collect more information," German said. "It turns police officers into spies on behalf of the Fed government." Civil liberties groups also have warned that forthcoming Justice Dept rules for the FBI may permit the use of terrorist profiles that could single out religious or ethnic groups such as Muslims or Arabs for investigation. Mukasey said the changes will give the next president "some of the tools necessary to keep us safe" & will not alter Justice rules that prohibit investigations based on a person's race, religion or speech. He said the new guidelines will make it easier for the FBI to use informants, conduct physical & photographic surveillance, & share data in intelligence cases, on the grounds that doing so should be no harder than in investigations of ordinary crimes. Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said that updating police intelligence rules is a move "in the right direction. However, the vagueness of the provisions giving broad access to criminal intelligence to undefined agencies . . . is very troubling."

Steel City Thunder spreads Gospel to motorcyclists – Aug 16, 2008 – *Colorado* - By Loretta Sword; The Pueblo Chieftain - The Bible warns that things often aren't what they seem. In a culture that values image above all else, members of Steel City Thunder defy labels & stereotypes. Clad in leather as they arrive en masse for a meal together at a local restaurant, they smile at the wary passersby who seem afraid to meet their gazes. But anyone who looks closely enough to catch a glimpse of the crosses on their vests, or who overhears the group pray as they wait for their food, often comes away with a new version of what it means to be a "biker" - & a Christian. In fact, the very folks who avoid the bikers in the parking lot sometimes ask for help with prayer once inside. Every now & then, a stranger pays for the whole group's meal. Curtis Hubbell's wiry beard & burly stature immediately conjure images of Hells Angels infamy, but look directly into his dark, piercing eyes & only gentleness is pooled there. Hubbell, a full-time "home missionary" with the national Thunder Road Ministries, founded Steel City Thunder in 2000 with fellow biker Dean Pulver. It is the only local chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA). Hubbell was an associate pastor at Assemblies of God then, but since has taken a full-time role with the national bikers' ministry, which sends him into private homes to teach other bikers about Jesus, he said.

Defunct biker gang's return 'more relaxed' - Aug 16, 2008 – *Canada* – By Geoff Nixon - The outlaw biker club the Rock Machine has reformed in Canada, almost a decade after being all but wiped out during Quebec's notorious biker war. This time, however, the club insists it has distanced itself from its criminal past, & is built on "a whole new concept." The current club president said the revamped club includes ex-Bandidos, bikers who have never been part of a formal club & some original Rock Machine members. The president, who did not wish to be publicly identified but goes by the nickname "Crazy Dog," said the club has changed its policies in a number of ways, & has barred its members from dealing drugs or stirring up trouble with other clubs. "We try to do it a little differently & we keep it low-key," he said. "It's a lot more relaxed." Its website states, the club is now "about biking & brotherhood." Since relaunching earlier this year, the club has grown rapidly, he said, & has members in every province & on a "worldwide level." And while members make no secret of their allegiance when cruising down highways & roads, the president said not one has been arrested since the club was reformed. Provincial police in Ontario & Quebec, say they have no intelligence indicating the Rock Machine are active in either province.

Officials mum about fire at ATF agent's home - Aug. 17, 2008 - *Arizona* - by Dennis Wagner; Arizona Republic - Criminal investigators in Tucson put up a wall of secrecy last week after a fire that police believe was intentionally set damaged the home of a Fed investigator who has faced death threats since he infiltrated the Hells Angels MC. Dawn Hanke, a Pima County Sheriff's Dept spokeswoman, confirmed that deputies are investigating a blaze at the residence of Jay Dobyns, who is among the most celebrated agents in the history of the ATF. Hanke said detectives have not established whether the blaze was set by an arsonist. She declined to provide additional information. The blaze started about 3 a.m. last Sun in the back-porch area at a house on a mini ranch in northwest Tucson, according to Willie Treach, a fire marshal with Rural/Metro. Dobyns was not home at the time, but his wife & 2 children had to run outside in their nightclothes. Treach said there were no injuries, but flames consumed the rear of the house, causing about \$30,000 in damage. He would not discuss the investigation. Dobyns, an agent for two decades,

declined comment for this story. The former all-conference receiver on the Univ of Arizona football team joined the ATF in 1987 & spent much of his career working dangerous undercover cases. He was wounded twice in the line of duty & received some of law enforcement's highest awards. Several years ago, Dobyns penetrated Hells Angels clubs in Arizona by posing as a criminal affiliated with another biker gang. The case, known as Operation Black Biscuit, resulted in numerous indictments but mostly fell apart in court amid defense allegations of wrongdoing by snitches, investigators & prosecutors. According to Fed records, Hells Angels & other criminals have made threatening comments about Dobyns & his family & once sought to enlist prison-gang members to carry out a hit. As the operation ended, an outlaw biker in Tucson supposedly warned Dobyns he would always be a target, looking over his shoulder. Dobyns subsequently complained that the ATF failed to protect him & his family despite 20 years of service. He criticized bureau administrators & filed a Fed claim for damages. Special Agent Tom Mangan of the ATF declined comment on the fire & would not say whether the bureau is assisting Dobyns with security. Dobyns' exploits are described in several books, & he has co-authored a new one, set for release in Feb.

Gangs of North Dakota – Aug 17, 2008 – *North Dakota* – By Jody Kerzman - We feel pretty safe living in North Dakota. And, overall, this is a safe state. But, as cities like Bismarck continue to grow, police say so does crime. And what you might be surprised to learn, is that among those moving to Bismarck, are gang members. We begin tonight with proof that there are gangs in our city. Think back to last September...and news of the Subway robbery. Police say that robbery was gang-related. On Sept 28, 2007, Jeffrey Brown Otter entered the Subway restaurant on Bismarck's South 3rd Street. He demanded all the money from the register. He had a gun, & wore a bandanna over his face. Police say those were the first of many signs that signaled his gang affiliation. Jeff: "He claimed gang membership," says Officer Jeff Azure, of the Bismarck Police. "He had gang stuff at the residence where he was arrested." Brown Otter is now in prison, serving a 10-year sentence for that robbery. Police believe he was one of the leaders of his gang, & the robbery was a way to get cash, fast. "The way they make their money is either by selling drugs, by doing home invasions or burglaries & robberies," says Azure. No one was hurt in the Subway robbery, but police worry that as more gang members move to town, the crimes will get more violent. "We do have a lot of gang members in town," Azure says. "There are a lot of types of gang members out there. Most people think of street gangs, those who wear their colors, but there are also motorcycle gangs, ethnic gangs." Those gangs have left their mark in the form of graffiti on bridges & buildings throughout the city. "Graffiti is marking an area with your specific gang name," says Officer Brett Anderson, of the Bismarck Police. "If you have graffiti in your city, you have gang members in town." They are drawn here by one thing, & that's drugs. "Bismarck is free range," Anderson says. "There are no boundaries. In bigger cities you have specific areas where you can sell drugs, but in Bismarck, it's an open market." That's why Bismarck police take every possible gang report very seriously. They hope that by being proactive, they can keep the gang problem under control & keep crimes like the Subway robbery the exception, not the norm. Most of the gangs that are in Bismarck are "hybrid" gangs, meaning, they take identifiers from national gangs, then make them their own. One of the best known big city gangs is Vice Lords.

Church is welcoming bikers of all stripes – Aug 17, 2008 – *Indiana* - By Frank Gray - The message the woman left was a little cryptic. She wanted to talk about an event called Cross & Dagger. It was coming up on the 24th of this month, & it would have motorcyclists from all over & a champion tomahawk & knife thrower who was also an expert with the bullwhip. There would be free food & giveaways & a rock band & martial arts demonstrations. And it was all being put on by their church, Life Bridge Church, on Corbin Road off Union Chapel Road. Now this sounds unusual, I thought. I know churches do unusual, creative things. But a major motorcycle show? Tomahawks? Tell me more. So Lana Fritz, a member of the committee organizing the event, tried to explain it all. It turns out it's not that unusual. There are Christian motorcycle clubs, & many churches have what they call motorcycle Sundays, where they bless riders' bikes & the riders, too. The pastor of Life Bridge Church, Bill Campbell, came from a church in Florida that had a motorcycle Sun & blessing of bikes every year. In fact, Life Bridge Church did something like that last year. But this year, the church decided to go a step beyond. It would put out the message to motorcycle riders all over, to people with everything from a 49cc moped to Harley Hogs, that a church was welcoming them, & they'd do it up right with a motorcycle show & free food & giveaways of gas cards, barbecue grills, day-spa gift certificates & leather. "We want to do it right because if you don't do it right they won't come back," Fritz said. So far, Fritz says, she's received commitments from 1,500 riders from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana & Kentucky to attend the event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Yes, Fritz acknowledged, this is a little unusual for a church event. But the church is a little unusual. "You're welcome to come as you are," Fritz said. "It's not a contest of who has a new suit or outfit or what kind of car you roll up in. ... We have people who come here, & they feel comfortable in their jeans & shirt. "The pastor has a great passion for the motorcycle audience," Fritz said, & that's an audience that, if you are familiar with it, includes everything from doctors & lawyers to school superintendents, business owners & laborers. "A lot are searching for something, & we've got it," Fritz said. Next Sunday's gathering, it appears, will have it & a lot more. John Bailey, the twin of motorcycle shop owner Jim Bailey & a championship dagger thrower, will be tossing knives at a board that will include his wife, no less. If daggers & tomahawks aren't your cup of tea, there is the bullwhip, & you might get a chance to try & crack it, Fritz says. If you have the faith, though, you just might be able to fill in for Bailey's wife while he throws daggers.

Benefit motorcyclists arrested – Aug 18, 2008 – *Alabama* - By Renee Dials; WALA - What was supposed to be a leisurely Sun ride from Pensacola to a charity fundraiser in Mobile ended with the arrest of a dozen members of a local motorcycle club. "We're all basically active military, retired military. We're all just trying to do a helpful thing, & ended up running into the law." said one club member. Terry Moore is a member of the Florida chapter of the Pace Setters Club. He & 11 other club members are charged with reckless endangerment. It started when state troopers clocked some of the bikers doing 140 mph on westbound interstate ten. One state trooper radioed ahead for others to be on the lookout for the group. When the troopers realized they weren't about to chase these guys, they had to come up with a plan B. That involved shutting down the west bound lands of the Bay Way, which would prevent a potentially dangerous situation on the bridge, back-up traffic & force the cyclist to come to a stop. The bikers were headed to a benefit at Municipal Park for a local cancer patient. Some of the club officers were among those arrested, including chapter president, Kip Lewis. We found a

photo of Lewis on the club's website. Rachel Robertson was the only female arrested. She's listed as the club treasurer. "They're doing their job. It's okay. There's nothing wrong with that. It's still one of those things if you ride on two wheels, ride safe. Drive carefully. The guys out here are just trying to do their job. Not all of us were speeding, but you ride as a group, you go down as a group." Moore said. Moore says because their charitable work, they're normally the good guys. But, a lapse in judgment has these group members facing serious charges. Club members tell FOX10 News the charitable event went on as scheduled. A number of other club chapters from several states took part.

The Rise of the Rich Urban Biker – Aug 18, 2008 – *New York* – By Anka Radakovich - When the corner office view isn't enough, *Rich Urban Bikers fight back against stress-and an emasculating recession—by hopping on high-end hogs & hitting the road. Geronimo Escudero is a banker at a large international financial services firm in Manhattan. But after-hours the buttoned-up businessman turns into a Harley-riding badass. Known as a R.U.B. (Rich Urban Biker) or a Rolex rider, Geronimo, 36, gets off on riding his motorcycle from his Midtown office to his Upper West Side apartment. On weekends he ventures outside the confines of the city for scenic trips with fellow banker Reto Rauschenberger, also 36. Geronimo says the draw of "freedom rides" for desk jockeys is natural. "The white-collar bikers I know are doctors & lawyers who were so busy studying for post-graduate degrees during their twenties that they had no freedom," he says. Now a New York power player, his bike gives him a sense of adventure & reminds him of his dreams of New York. "I moved to New York two years ago, & riding a Harley is very American & romantic to me." It wasn't so long ago that bankers, lawyers & other white-collar types were the crown princes of NY City—the economy was booming, & they were not only the ones who controlled the money, they also had lots of it to spend on themselves. But now, with the dollar sinking like a stone & big-money jobs proving to be even more precarious than blue-collar ones, these guys have everything to lose. So how does a dethroned master of the universe nurse his bruised ego & revitalize his masculinity? By revving a V-Twin engine. This macho playact certainly boosts the sense of self for Ben, who asked to withhold his last name to protect his privacy. The lawyer & CEO of a large international corporation explains that he rides because "CEOs have a big secret. We live inside business suits that are holding all our worries & phobias. We report to the corporate grinder. There is a gnawing emptiness inside of us that's a combination of anxiety, anger, remorse, defeat & losing your manhood," says the 44-year-old, who has a wife & three kids to support in New Canaan, Conn. "But when I'm on the bike nobody asks me how much money I make or what country club I belong to. When I push the 'run' button & pull out onto the street, the loud pipes echo & set off car alarms—and I have the balls of a bank robber." To remind himself of that feeling, Ben parks his bike right next to his desk in his mega Midtown office. (He wheels it in through the freight elevator.) Though the public may still associate biker clubs with outlaw groups like the Hell's Angels, those gangs are outnumbered by casual clubs like the White Collar Cruisers, a collection of New York riders that includes bank presidents & attorneys who good-naturedly refer to themselves as Bikers With Briefcases. "A lot of traders on Wall Street are now riding Harleys," says Paul James, a representative for the brand. And according to the Motorcycle Industry Council, the median household income for a Harley rider in 2004 was a not-so blue-collar \$85,000—which certainly makes sense considering the baseline price for a Harley is \$7,000. Still, these corporate wage slaves are using their bikes to shake off their shackles & act like

typical down-and-dirty bikers. Take Tom, who didn't want to divulge his full name because his wife doesn't share his love for the biker lifestyle. A 45-year-old CEO & frequent subject of Fortune & Forbes profiles, he's also a weekend warrior on wheels. During the week, he wears an Armani suit, heads a billion-dollar Midtown corporation & dutifully comes home to his wife & two kids in Greenwich, Conn., maybe stopping off first for a charity function. But he leads a double life. Tom loves to "slum it" at biker rallies & rides, which he attends with members of his local motorcycle club, H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group). While the Harleys themselves may be all about getting a testosterone fix, these groups fill the gap of male friendship that comes with marrying & losing pals after moving to the suburbs. "What I like about belonging to a bike club is the camaraderie. It's more fun to ride in a group of guys than ride alone," says Tom. He & his Harley-riding pals meet once or twice a month in Central Park, then hit the FDR or West Side Highway & cruise out of town for a few hours as a pack. Both Ben & Tom attended the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally—a raucous event that draws some 400,000 bikers—in South Dakota earlier this month. Among the events on the lineup: concerts by ZZ Top & Kiss, a beauty pageant (for women) & something called the Fake Orgasm Contest. John McCain dropped by & tried working the all-American angle as a political strategy, telling the crowd: "As you may know, not long ago a couple hundred thousand Berliners made a lot of noise for my opponent. I will take the roar of 50,000 Harleys any day, my friends." Ben took his custom-built Harley, which, according to bike refurbishers at New York City Choppers, can run into the six figures, like the one-of-a-kind number they rented to Lance Armstrong. "When I go to a rally I feel like I'm on another planet from my social circle, which consists of going to events that my wife drags me to," says Tom. "At those events, people are only concerned with status & power." But among his fellow riders, who include everyone from construction workers to dentists, "I'm wearing a leather motorcycle jacket & boots like they are, so nobody asks what I do & nobody cares," Tom says. "At a rally, when I put on the boots & jacket, pull my helmet down, put on my goggles & start the engine, I feel sexy." Indeed, with lady-slaying heartthrobs like George Clooney & Brad Pitt riding these days, a high-end hog's sex appeal has never been greater. This is due, in no small part, to the ubiquitous biker chicks. "There is a lot of toplessness & nudity at rallies," Tom admits. "If my wife knew that, she probably wouldn't let me go. And I'm not even going to tell her about the groupies known as 'biker whores.' Each year I am so tempted to do something I'll regret. The first time I went, someone asked me, 'Are you going to Debbie's party?' & I said, 'Who's Debbie?' And the guy told me, 'She's the one in the bushes over there having sex with Hank.' It gets wild." And a wild weekend is exactly what gets these guys ready to head back into the office on Monday. "On Sundays, I want to ride with a bunch of guys who agitate each other, talk about women & make tons of sex jokes," says Tom. "It's way better than golf."

This ride is for the ladies only – Aug 18, 2008 – *Canada* - The sign posted outside the grassy gathering area said it all: No boys allowed. Although famous as a mecca for bikers of both sexes every Fri the 13th, this time the ride to Port Dover was all about the ladies. "There's a lot of women that want to ride just with women," said organizer Sherri Baker-Fex, 45. Dubbed the Girls Only Ride, the event was expected to draw about 200 women throughout the day Sat. Ladies came from as far away as Barrie & Toronto to take part in the gathering, which Baker-Fex plans to make an annual event. Tanya Goinhas, 34, trekked five hours from Innisfil to make her first trip to Dover. She rode with 11

other women from surrounding areas. "This is the first one I heard of, so I jumped on the bandwagon," Goinhas joked.

Hells Angel still recovering from gunshot wounds – Aug 19, 2008 – *Rapid City, South Dakota* - By Wendy Pitlick; Black Hills Pioneer - A man who was shot by an off-duty police officer during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is still recovering from his injuries at Rapid City Regional Hospital, officials reported Sun. Joseph McGuire, 33, of Imperial Beach, Calif. who is a member of the notorious Hells Angels MC, was shot at about 1 a.m. Sat, Aug. 9 at the Loud American Roadhouse, a bar in Sturgis. According to previous reports in the Seattle Times, he had suffered wounds to his stomach & his leg. His condition is improving, as McGuire has been moved from the intensive care unit to a different floor of the hospital. Ron Smith, 43, an off-duty Seattle police officer who is a member of the Iron Pigs MC, an organization of law enforcement officers & firefighters who are also motorcycle enthusiasts, allegedly shot McGuire. According to previous reports, the shots were fired after an altercation started between Smith & several Hells Angels. McGuire has reported to the Seattle Times that he felt as though his life was in danger during the attack. While there has been some speculation that the reason for the fight between the Hells Angels & the Iron Pigs was because the officers refused to remove their motorcycle club "colors" or patches, authorities now think there could be more to the case. Less than a year ago Smith testified against members of the Hells Angels group, a testimony that sent at least 4 members of the gang to prison on racketeering & attempted murder charges. Authorities have not uncovered any evidence that suggests the Hells Angels altercation was related to Smith's testimony, but officials are not ruling it out as a possibility. Smith has not yet been charged in the shooting. After being detained for questioning Sat night, he was allowed to return home to Seattle, where he & other officers who were present during the shooting have reportedly been relieved of duty while an investigation continues. A grand jury, which was originally assembled Sun, Aug. 10, is scheduled to reconvene Aug. 27 at the Meade County Courthouse to hear testimony from witnesses in the bar, law enforcement investigating the case, & others. One of the issues to be discussed is whether Smith legally had a firearm with him while in the Loud American Roadhouse, a popular hangout during the Rally. While state law prohibits off-duty police officers from carrying firearms into an establishment that sells alcohol, a Fed law entitled the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004" allows officers to carry firearms at all times, with few exceptions. The law does not allow officers to carry the weapons when they are intoxicated. Smith told the Seattle Times that he was not intoxicated at the time of the shooting. Meade County Sheriff Ron Merwin said while there are aspects of the case which make it unique, specifically the Fed law that allows off-duty police officers to carry a weapon, he does not believe the case is being given special treatment. "I don't know that anybody here is treating it any differently than if it was you that did it," he said. "I know the public tends to think we didn't arrest him because he's a cop. But to be honest with you for quite awhile I didn't know he was a cop. The fact that he was a cop just kind of muddled it a little bit for us." In addition to the Fed law, Merwin said the South Dakota legislature also recently passed a law that allows officers to protect themselves. "If he's actually protecting himself maybe it (the shooting) was justified," Merwin said. "I think the reason it is being handled the way it is because there were so many witnesses. You're inside the bar for dang sake. I don't know how many hundreds of people were in there. They are continuing to talk to people. It isn't going to be law enforcement officers deciding. It's going to be 6 people in the

community.” Merwin went on to say that when the Hells Angels, Bandidos, or other members of outlaw motorcycle gangs are around there is always a heightened sense of awareness among law enforcement in this area. In fact the night of the shooting managers at the Loud American Roadhouse sensed there may be trouble when several Hells Angels came inside. The managers had already called law enforcement before the shooting occurred just to play it safe. “We’re always aware of them & their history,” Merwin said. “I think it’s well documented that they’re organized crime.” According to previous reports in the Seattle Times, McGuire is due to be in court this month on drug charges. McGuire was arrested Jan. 18, 2007 during a police raid that yielded a pound & a half of marijuana, hydrocodone & oxycodone pills, & \$5,000 in cash. McGuire & other members of the Hells Angels group were arrested on charges of possession of marijuana for sale & possession of narcotics. According to the Seattle Times, McGuire was due in court for a pre-trial hearing Aug. 20 in California, & his trial was scheduled for September. The trial may get pushed back, authorities say, because of McGuire’s involvement in the Sturgis incident. Smith, the officer who reportedly shot McGuire, has also been disciplined before, once for taunting fans at a football game & another time for threatening to shoot a restaurant manager who asked him to leave the establishment. In the 1st incident the officer was suspended for 2 days. The 2nd incident resulted in a letter in Smith’s file. This year’s incident is the 1st shooting that has occurred inside Sturgis’ city limits during the annual event since 1990, when the city celebrated the 50th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. At that time, Merwin said the shooting involved an altercation at Gunner’s Lounge between the Outlaws & the Sons of Silence Motorcycle Groups.

Alleged drug-ring leader agrees to take plea deal - Aug 19, 2008 – *Hammond, Indiana* - By Andy Grimm; Post-Tribune - The Kouts man who allegedly helped lead a multistate drug ring linked to a white supremacist motorcycle club will sign a plea deal with Fed prosecutors. Just two months after he was charged with 17 counts of conspiring to make & sell methamphetamine, Richard “Tricky” Kasper has requested a change of plea hearing, & prosecutors have filed an agreement that would require Kasper to testify against the 36 others charged with him. Kasper, 30, had several prior drug-related convictions in state courts, & faced a possible life sentence if convicted of the original 17 counts against him. In exchange for his testimony, the charges against Kasper will be reduced & he now will face at least 20 years in prison. No hearing date has been scheduled. Kasper’s attorney, Michael Bosch, could not be reached for comment. Assistant U.S. Attorney David Nozick declined comment. Raids at the Kouts home where Kasper lived turned up meth-making equipment amid Nazi-themed paraphernalia, Nozick has said in court hearings. Those raids also unveiled gear bearing the logo of the Invaders Motorcycle Club, a white supremacist group formed in the 1970s in Gary that since has formed chapters in Northwest Indiana, Missouri & Colorado. Fed agents investigated Kasper & his co-defendants for 17 months before launching simultaneous raids in Lake & Porter counties, Denver & the St. Louis area. Bosch has said Kasper was not a member of the Invaders.

Vietnam vets stand tall on day marked for them - Aug 19, 2008 – *Australia* – By Sarah Elks - Vietnam veteran Ian Freund attributes the breakdown he suffered six years ago to one thing - it was “because of some of the things I did & saw” in battle. After a harrowing war, the infantryman, who served with 8RAR in Nui Dat, Vietnam, returned to Australia without fanfare, landing in Sydney to find the airport in darkness. There was no one to meet him, or offer support. Seeking solace at nearby Liverpool RSL,

he was singled out by an old Digger who, identifying his short hair & bandaged arms as that of a soldier recently returned from Vietnam, spat an insult: “You’re a mob of f..king babykillers.” After that Freund - “Puff” to his mates - told no one about his tour in Vietnam & had nothing more to do with the military or the RSL. It was only recently, since his breakdown & as a member of the Vietnam Veterans MC, that he has returned, somewhat reluctantly, to the military fold. Yesterday morning, he joined hundreds of his comrades in striding through the streets of Brisbane to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day, which is held on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, in which 18 Australians died. The battle took place in pouring rain on Aug 18, 1966, in a rubber plantation on the outskirts of the Australian base in Phuoc Tuy province. About 100 men from D Company, part of the Brisbane-based 6RAR, fought against 1500 North Vietnamese regular troops & Viet Cong guerillas. It was announced last week that three of the soldiers involved in that battle - Harry Smith, Dave Sabben & Geoff Kendall - would finally receive the awards that were recommended shortly after the battle.

‘Boobs on Bikes’ to go ahead – Aug 19, 2008 – *A New Zealand* court has allowed a parade of topless porn stars on motor bikes to proceed on the main street of Auckland, local media said today. Auckland City Council had sought a court injunction to stop the “Boobs on Bikes” parade, scheduled for Wed, saying it breached a bylaw banning offensive public events. But Judge Nicola Mathers said while opponents may find the parade offensive or tasteless, the fact that 80,000 people had gathered for a similar event last year meant a significant number of people did not agree with the critics, New Zealand Press Association said. The parade on Queens St., featuring leather-clad local & international porn stars, is part of an “Erotica Expo” organized by self-styled “porn king” Steve Crow.

Warning to All Motorcycle Club Patch Holders – Aug 20, 2008 – *Colorado* - By Gringos MC Mark: Our brother Korey got pulled over last night on 84th & Pecos. Needless to say he had to spend a couple of hours in the pokey due to an outstanding traffic warrant. This is what the Adams County sheriff’s deputy told him: For the next two weeks during the DNC in Denver:

1) Any patch holder cruising through the Denver Metro area will get pulled over & they will run a check on your license. No reason or cause needed other than we are considered to be part of extremist organization. This is part of a Homeland security measure; no probable cause is needed or required.

2) The Sheriff’s Deputy also stated that we pass on to all our brothers to stay clear of Denver during the DNC. Again, they will absolutely pull any & all patch holders over & run them through an on the spot background check. The deputy offered this as a fair warning & advised us to stay low for the next two weeks!

Barak Obama was out jogging one morning along the parkway when he tripped, fell over the bridge railing & landed in the creek below. Before the Secret Service guys could get to him, 3 kids who were fishing pulled him out of the water. He was so grateful he offered the kids whatever they wanted. The first kid said, ‘I want to go to Disneyland’. Barak said, ‘No problem, I’ll take you there on my special Senator’s airplane. The second kid said, ‘I want a new pair of Nike Air Jordan shoes. Barak said, ‘I’ll get them for you & even have Michael Jordan sign them!’ The third kid said, ‘I want a motorized wheelchair with a built in TV & stereo headset!’ Barak was a little perplexed by this & said, ‘But you don’t look like you’re handicapped.’ The kid said, ‘I will be after my dad finds out I saved your ass from drowning!’

Riders bring comfort to grieving (*Editorial*) - Aug 20, 2008 – *Texas* – By Alan Burks, Celina - Riders bring comfort to grieving. Re: “Irving officer’s killer put to death – Police, protesters gather outside prison unit to let their feelings be known,” Fri Metro. In the article on the execution of Michael Rodriguez, the Patriot Guard Riders are described as a “motorcycle gang dressed in leather & denim.” The Patriot Guard is so much more & so not a “gang.” The Patriot Guard supports the families of fallen soldiers, both military, & in this case, police. The Patriot Guard Riders give their time voluntarily. They are a combination of men & women, veterans & families of military personnel, lawyers, doctors, business people, retired folks, policemen, firemen & your next-door neighbor. They provide incredible comfort to grieving families. I know; they escorted my family & me when my son, Second Lt. Peter Burks, who was killed in action on Nov. 14, 2007, returned from Iraq. I am proud to say I am now a member of the North Texas Patriot Guard Riders.

Bikie raids net guns, cash – Aug 20, 2008 – *Australia* – By Michael Milnes; AdelaideNow - Raids on 13 houses this morning in the northern & western suburbs has netted police guns & cash from outlaw bikie club members. The early morning raids on members or associates of the Finks motorcycle gang by the Crime Gangs Taskforce & Star group police also netted drugs, pornography & tazer guns. Four men & 1 woman were arrested with three of them remanded in custody as they were already on bail for drug & firearms offences. Some of the items seized included a Browning .45 calibre semi-automatic pistol with ammunition, three tazer guns, \$6,670 in cash & amphetamines. The 3 are due to appear in the Adelaide Magistrates Court today.

U.S. 11th Circuit – Aug 20, 2008 – *USA* - US v. Benbow, No. 07-10560 - Conviction for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine is reversed & remanded where, because all of the sellers were official or unofficial agents for the government, they could not be co-conspirators.

Police, Feds increase gang control in Pueblo – Aug 20, 2008 – *Colorado* - By Robert Boczkiewicz; The Pueblo Chieftain - Pueblo police & Fed authorities have stepped up their partnership to get violent criminals & gang members off of Pueblo streets. A key component in the crackdown is use of Fed gun laws to send them to prison. “You don’t want people who are violent carrying firearms,” said Troy Eid, U.S. Attorney for Colorado & a leader in the expanded crime-fighting effort. To develop more cases, Pueblo police a few months ago set up a joint operation with agents of the principal Fed gun law enforcement agency, the ATF. The police Dept dedicated two officers & the ATF assigned two agents to work as a team at police headquarters, Deputy Police Chief John Ercul said. The agents previously worked at the bureau’s Colorado Springs office. Ercul said the arrangement is an asset in the department’s crime-fighting cabinet. The gun law used most frequently in the safe-streets strategy is one that prohibits persons previously convicted of felonies from having a gun or ammunition. “It’s one of the powerful tools we have to deal with hardened criminals who gain access to guns,” Eid said. “We’re not talking about law-abiding citizens having guns.” Cases that start as local crime investigations more & more are being funneled into Fed court as a way to get longer prison terms for some of the worst criminals in Pueblo & elsewhere, Ercul & Eid said. Drug trafficking & gang shootings are examples of those types of cases. A typical Fed sentence for a felon caught with a gun or ammunition is 7 to 10 years in prison. That compares to a state sentence of 1 1/2 years or less if state laws, such as the armed career criminal act, are used, Eid said. The goal is what

law enforcement personnel call “getting more bang for the buck,” said agent Carrie DiPirro, ATF spokesperson in Denver. Eid said he largely leaves it up to local authorities to decide whether they want cases involving guns prosecuted in Fed court or, instead, in state court because they “know who the bad guys are & who are the most dangerous.” “My goal is to encourage many more firearms prosecutions,” Eid said. Pueblo County District Attorney Bill Thiebaut said Eid has assisted local law enforcement in the fight against gangs, guns & drugs, as have several Fed law enforcement agencies. “I am confident that attitude will remain the case, especially as more Fed resources are allocated for such assistance.” Ercul said Pueblo police & ATF agents have worked together for years, but the joint team recently set up shows how the cooperation & effort have accelerated. “Pueblo looks very different than the way Pueblo looked 2 years ago,” Eid said. That is when he took office. He has conferred at various times with Sheriff Kirk Taylor, Thiebaut & Police Chief Jim Billings. “I’m very interested in Pueblo,” Eid said. “I think I know Pueblo pretty well. I have great respect for law enforcement in Pueblo.” He said Billings has told him Pueblo criminals now less often take guns to their drug deals. “They’ve learned you might go to Fed prison if they do.” Eid said gun-related prosecutions in Fed court of cases from Southern Colorado, including Pueblo, have increased 55 per cent in the past two years. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kurt Bohn has been assigned to prosecute cases from Southern Colorado “to have consistent liaison” between the U.S. Atty’s office & law enforcement officers in the region, Eid said.

Rebels to swarm Coast - Aug 20, 2008 – *Australia* - By Robyn Wuth - They are Rebels without a cause about to roar through the Gold Coast’s razor thin blue line. NSW police have confirmed that more than 600 members of the Rebels Australia motorcycle gang will swarm over the border on Fri in a massive show of outlaw force. The Rebels are a major player in the drug trade, according to the Australian Crime Commission, & are heavily involved in organised crime. An ACC spokesman said intelligence ‘is clearly indicating they are a significant player in the (amphetamine) market’. But instead of being met by the long arm of the law, rank-and-file police have accused senior police of ‘rolling out the welcome mat’. Tourism leaders have called on the city’s police to ‘forward plan’ to tackle gang members. While officers on the front line would like nothing more than to meet the gang members at the border & ‘send them packing’, police will be forced to watch helplessly, their actions restricted by senior officers & internal regulations. Regional standing orders prevent police from intercepting more than two gang members at any one time. Police must be given permission by district duty officers before attempting any intercept of gang members. With the region understaffed by 100 officers, the police service is too stretched to deal with the mass of bikies. Police sources said the bikies were all too familiar with the city. “There’s a reason there are more gang members in this region than anywhere else,” said one officer. “They know police won’t -- can’t -- do a damn thing to stop them. “They are grubs. We should do everything we can to get them out of the city. Instead, what do we do? We roll out the bloody welcome mat & they just barge their way through. “No district operation, no show of force, nothing. We should hit them hard & turn them away.” Rebels club members from every chapter across the country have been ordered to attend the national run from Coffs Harbour to the Gold Coast. The gang will sweep up the northern NSW coastal highway before crossing into the southeast corner & will continue their run to Brisbane & the Sunshine Coast. NSW police have refused to comment on ‘ongoing operational issues’, but sources said NSW police would be heavily involved in the run through northern NSW.

Queensland police have refused to comment. Earlier this year, the Rebels were linked to an alleged terrorist plot using stolen Australian army rocket launchers. Other weapons including automatic rifles, rocket launchers & explosives were stolen by members of the Rebels motorcycle gang & armoury workers & then sold on to gun dealers. Members of the Rebels Sydney chapter were suspected of playing a part in a stolen weapons trail leading to alleged Sydney arms dealer Taha Abdulrahman & his clients, one of whom is a terror suspect. Police alleged the anti-tank weapons were intended to be used to attack targets including the American Express headquarters in Sydney. The Rebels also strong-armed thousands of ageing motorcyclists, ordering them to remove badges from their jackets after a bikie gang threatened to harm them for crossing their turf in Canberra. The Rebels threatened Ulysses Club members with violence unless they ditched their badges placed around the Ulysses logo of an old man in a motorbike helmet, which makes the logo look more like a bikie patch. Ulysses Club Nat'l Pres Rick Bedford has urged all members to get rid of their badges or warned the Rebels would 'enlighten them'. Gold Coast tourism identity Tom Tate said the Gold Coast was a tourist destination & the Rebels had a right to visit the city. "Just like all special interest groups, we understand why they would want to visit here," he said. "We just hope that they respect the rights of other people -- locals, tourists, international visitors & families who come here." So if the Rebels are playing tourist while they pass through, civic & tourism authorities no doubt will have a polite word of caution: please, don't forget to swim between the flags.

Bike show axed after police fears – Aug 20, 2008 – *Whales* - The 3 day event was to take place at the Mona show ground. Motorcyclists are "flabbergasted" after a bike show was cancelled on police advice. North Wales Police said they were worried about potential trouble involving rival gangs at the Isle of Anglesey Motorcycle Show. Organisers of the bank holiday weekend event insisted they arrange "safe, fun-packed family events." But police said they had "no choice" but to advise cancellation in order to prevent "crime & disorder". A spokesman for the Welsh Motorcycle Shows Ltd said: "If this can happen to us, no event will be safe next year." Llandudno businessman Arthur Roberts, of pressure group People for Proper Policing, claimed the force's reason for stopping the bike show which was planned to take place between 22 - 25 Aug was "vindictive claptrap." "There's a car show & country fair at the weekend. What if someone rings up anonymously & says the car show people are going to attack the country fair?" Mr Roberts added. "Motorcyclists are flabbergasted by what's happened. If there is a problem, if the police intelligence is so well-founded, why can't they do something about it? "When will they start policing & show the general public they are in charge of law & order?" A North Wales Police spokesman said the force had been monitoring the "intelligence picture" in respect of risk to public safety. "Up until very recently we were satisfied that, through working closely with the organiser & showground committee, appropriate control measures could be put in place to mitigate the threat - this position has now changed. "Further information has been received, & our assessment, following consultation with key stakeholders, is that the risk of disorder has increased, & we are no longer confident that the safety of the public can be maintained. "As a consequence, the recommendation to cancel has been forwarded to the showground committee. "This decision was not taken lightly, & we realise that this will be a disappointment to the attendees - the vast majority of whom are law abiding people who wanted to enjoy a peaceful event, "We apologise for the inconvenience caused to them but, our paramount intention is

to prevent crime & disorder & to maintain public safety," he added. The annual Welsh National Motorcycle Show was also cancelled by Dyfed Powys Police amid fears of violence between rival biker gangs. It was to have taken place at the Royal Welsh showground in Llanellwedd between 23 & 26 May.

SOS Gerald – Aug 21, 2008 - *Colorado* - Our Brother Gerald of the Southern Colorado chapter suffered a Heart Attack at work Monday! After 2 days of tests in Colorado Springs the Doctors are saying that he has Several Arteries that are 50-60% Clogged. Tentatively they are talking Surgery Thur Morning after they talk to the attending physician. We would have let you all know sooner, but we were hoping for more favorable results from the Doctors. Brothers wishing to talk with Gerald may call him at: 719-569-1028. He is in Good Spirits at Memorial Hospital In Colo. Springs. L & R, Frank SOS Southern Colorado

Biker gang expected to invade Moab - Aug 21, 2008 – *Utah* - By John Hollenhorst - More than 100 law enforcement officers are converging on southeastern Utah, bracing for an invasion of bikers. It's not the mountain bikers Moab is used to, it's the Bandidos. Several hundred members of the notorious & sometimes violent motorcycle club are coming from all over the world for a meeting. At one Moab night spot, the welcome mat is out for bikers, but at another popular tavern, it's like they're preparing for Hurricane Bandido. They're shutting down the bar & fencing it off for the next five days. Shari Beck, with Woody's Tavern, said, "This is their ideal location. They like to put their bikes out where everyone can see & be seen. And it's just, I can't guarantee the safety of my employees." But at a campground the Bandidos rented, the owners are looking forward to the unknown. Lisa Nelson, with Kane Springs campground, said, "Well, they seem very nice on the phone, so I guess we'll see when they get here." The image of motorcycle clubs, or gangs, was established, right or wrong, 50 years ago by movies like "The Wild One." Brawling, beer-swilling, rebellious hoods. Modern-day law enforcement has labeled the Bandidos, Hell's Angels & other clubs "outlaw gangs." Some have been linked to drugs, prostitution & racketeering. Murderous clashes between some of the clubs have claimed many lives. Moab Police Chief Michael Navarre, said, "I think generally they are a law-abiding group when they hold these rallies." Along the Colorado River canyon where they're camping, the Bandidos will reportedly have their own security force. Local cops are getting help from numerous agencies, bringing in at least 100 extra patrol officers. "We're running a high-profile detail here. There will be lots of cops visible everywhere," Navarre said. Grand County Sheriff Jim Nyland said, "I mean, we have no intelligence to indicate that we're going to have any problems." The cops have no intention of using this event as an opportunity to serve outstanding warrants. As one officer put it, "Why stir up a hornet's nest?" In a campground building, the Bandidos plan to hold a business meeting on membership, budget & future planning. The travel council has even had positive discussions with the Bandidos about recycling. Marian Delay, with the Moab Travel Council, said, "And they've basically said, 'You know what, we just want to come in, we want to hold our meetings, conduct our meetings & be left alone down there. So we don't want to be bothered. And just let us be who we need to be.' And you know, hopefully, that's exactly what will happen." Law enforcement expects 500 to 800 bikers, but some estimates run significantly higher. Most of the Bandidos are expected to arrive tomorrow & stay through Sun.

Prosperity is not without many fears & distastes; adversity not without many comforts & hopes." - Francis Bacon

Suspect in stabbing charged - Aug 21, 2008 – *Arizona* - By James Gilbert - A felony complaint was filed Wed against the Yuma man suspected in a weekend stabbing that left another man in critical condition at Yuma Regional Medical Center. Keith Noel, 24, was charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated assault, assisting in a criminal street gang & two counts of aggravated assault. “This individual stabbed one individual multiple times, & that individual ended up being hospitalized,” said prosecutor James Eustace of the Yuma County Attorney’s Office during a brief hearing. Noel appeared before Justice of the Peace David Cooper in Yuma Justice Court, who ordered his bail remain at \$607, 265 as set at a previous hearing. Noel was arrested about 10:30 p.m. Sun on suspicion of attempted homicide, two counts of aggravated assault & assisting a criminal street gang in connection with the stabbing of Joseph Rasmusson, 28, police said. Prosecutors did not charge Noel with attempted homicide as police has requested. The stabbing occurred at The Pub, 179 E. 1st St., shortly after midnight on Sun morning, according to police. Rasmusson underwent surgery for multiple stab wounds, police said. Yuma PD spokesman Officer Clint Norred said the night of the stabbing, Rasmusson had been involved in a fight with a member of a motorcycle gang that Noel is associated with. After that fight, Noel allegedly stabbed Rasmusson outside the bar, Norred said. “Noel is affiliated with the motorcycle gang. I don’t know if he is a member, but he associates with them so there are gang overtones to the crime,” Norred explained. “That is why the gang charge is there.”

Barack Obama’s ‘lost’ brother found in Kenya – Aug 21, 2008 – *Africa* - The Italian edition of Vanity Fair said that it had found George Hussein Onyango Obama living in a hut in a ramshackle town of Huruma on the outskirts of Nairobi. Obama, 26, the youngest of the presidential candidate’s half-brothers, spoke for the first time about his life, which could not be more different than that of the Democratic contender. “No-one knows who I am,” he told the magazine, before claiming: “I live here on less than a dollar a month.” According to Italy’s Vanity Fair his 2 metre by 3 metre shack is decorated with football posters of the Italian football giants AC Milan & Inter, as well as a calendar showing exotic beaches of the world. Vanity Fair also noted that he had a front page newspaper picture of his famous brother - born of the same father as him, Barack Hussein Obama, but to a different mother, named only as Jael. He told the magazine: “I live like a recluse, no-one knows I exist.” Embarrassed by his penury, he said that he does not does not mention his famous half-brother in conversation. “If anyone says something about my surname, I say we are not related. I am ashamed,” he said. For ten years George Obama lived rough. However he now hopes to try to sort his life out by starting a course at a local technical college. He has only met his famous older brother twice - once when he was just five & the last time in 2006 when Senator Obama was on a tour of East Africa & visited Nairobi. The Illinois senator mentions his brother in his autobiography, describing him in just one passing paragraph as a “beautiful boy with a rounded head”. Of their 2nd meeting, George Obama said: “It was very brief, we spoke for just a few minutes. It was like meeting a complete stranger.” George added he was no longer in contact with his mother & said: “I have had to learn to live & take what I need. “Huruma is a tough place, last January during the elections there was rioting & six people were hacked to death. The police don’t even arrest you they just shoot you. “I have seen two of my friends killed. I have scars from defending myself with my fists. I am good with my fists.”

A gynecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance & HMO paperwork, & was burned out. Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial, he decided to become a mechanic. He went to the local technical college, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently, & learned all he could. When the time of the practical exam approached, the gynecologist prepared carefully for weeks, & completed the exam with tremendous skill. When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%. Fearing an error, he called the Instructor, saying ‘I don’t want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade.’ The instructor said, ‘During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark.’ After a pause, the instructor added, ‘I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through the muffler.’

Irish Birth Control: Mrs. Donovan was walking down O’Connell Street in Dublin when she met up with Father Flaherty. The Father said, ‘Top O the mornin’ to ye! Aren’t ye Mrs. Donovan & didn’t I marry ye & yer hoosband 2 years ago?’ She replied, ‘Aye, that ye did, Father.’ The Father asked, ‘And be there any wee little ones yet?’ She replied, ‘No, not yet, Father.’ The Father said, ‘Well now, I’m going to Rome next week & I’ll light a candle for ye & yer hoosband. She replied, ‘Oh, thank ye, Father.’ They then parted ways. Some years later they met again. The Father asked, ‘Well now, Mrs. Donovan, how are ye these days?’ She replied, ‘Oh, very well, Father!’ The Father asked, ‘And tell me, have ye any wee ones yet?’ She replied, ‘Oh yes, Father! Three sets of twins & 4 singles, 10 in all!’ The Father said, ‘That’s wonderful! How is yer loving hoosband doing?’ She replied, ‘E’s gone to Rome to blow out yer fookin’ candle.’

Gas Prices: I went into the gas station today & asked for 5 dollars worth of gas.... The clerk farted & gave me a receipt.

If you don’t have anything worthwhile to pass on; pass on.
- Kurt Saxon

We are not what we know, but what we are willing to learn.
- Mary Catherine Bateson

Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones. -- Phillips Brooks

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems & then campaign against them.

We hang the petty thieves & appoint the great ones to public office. - Aesop

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