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*Happy Birthday* to Outlaw Roadblock on August 28<sup>th</sup>...

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Of which: 6 - Australia, 2 - Norway, 2 - England & 3 - Sweden... *Total of 156...*

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**Editor’s Note:** For June there were 4 newsletters; For July there were 4 issues; For August there will be 3 issues...

**Editor’s Note:** I would also like to Thank my Wife Kari for folding & stuffing ALL the envelopes as well as stamping, putting mailing labels, & return labels on the envelopes... Thank you... Mike...

**SOS Gary** – August 21, 2008 – *Colorado* - Our brother Gary Brown past away Thu Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> around 1:40 pm. He will be cremated. Gary lost his long hard fought battle with Cancer... There will be a celebration of life on Wed Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00am @ Nase Louis Park; Union & Templeton Gap; Colorado Springs, CO... Military Burial: 2:30 pm @ Fort Logan Cemetery; Denver, CO...

**Obama Death Plot?** – Aug 26, 2008 - *Denver, Colorado* - Authorities have arrested 4 people on methamphetamine & weapons charges who are also suspected of plotting to kill Barack Obama during his acceptance speech on Thu. Nathan Johnson, 32, Tharin Robert Gartrell, 28, Shawn Robert Adolph, 33, & Natasha Gromek (Johnson's girlfriend) are in custody. The cascade of arrests started with a traffic stop of Gartrell for erratic driving. Methamphetamine, high-powered rifles, camo clothing, bullet-proof vests, wigs, walkie-talkies & licenses in the names of other people were found during a search. The group is suspected of possibly being linked to a biker gang called the Sons of Silence & white supremacists. The Feds aren't taking chances but right now they see the group as more meth-head losers than a serious threat to Obama or the convention. URL: <http://mynetjawa.mu.nu/archives/193763.php>

**Another Article about Obama Death Plot** - Aug 26, 2008 - *Denver, Colorado* - 4 people have been arrested after plotting to assassinate Barack Obama. One of the group said he was 'going to shoot Obama', who is in Denver, Colorado, for the Democratic National Convention, 'from a high vantage point using a rifle sighted at 750 yards'. Police said that one of the suspects 'was directly asked if they had come to Denver to kill Obama. He responded in the affirmative'. The shooting was planned for Thu, when Mr. Obama is set to accept the nomination as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate for the Nov election at the 75,000-seat Invesco stadium. Tharin Gartrell, 28, who was wanted on numerous warrants, was arrested on Sunday after police found two high-powered rifles, boxes of ammunition, a rifle scope, a bullet-proof vest, walkie-talkies & methamphetamine in a rented truck he was driving. Gartrell then led police to a hotel, where a second man, Shawn Robert Adolph, 33, tried to jump out of a 6<sup>th</sup>-storey window. After landing on an awning & trying to escape with a broken ankle, Adolph, who had a handcuff ring & was wearing a swastika, according to reports, was eventually arrested. An associate of Gartrell & Adolph, Nathan Johnson, 32, & his girlfriend, Natasha Gromek, were also arrested. Johnson is understood to have told authorities that the two men 'planned to kill Barack Obama at his acceptance speech.' It is thought the men may have ties to Sons of Silence, an outlaw biker group, with suspected connections with white supremacists. However, Fed sources have said that the incident may have had more to do with drugs than with a plot to assassinate Mr. Obama, despite local police claims. The Fed officials said that the verbal threats against Mr. Obama were made during one of the arrests, but were not considered credible. 'It could turn out that these were nothing but a bunch of knuckleheads, meth heads,' a US Gov't source has claimed. The US Attorney's Office in Denver has scheduled a press conference to discuss the incident, but Attorney Troy Eid said he did not believe there was a real threat to Mr. Obama. The alleged plot was being investigated by the Secret Service, which is coordinating security for the Democratic Party convention, as well as the FBI & the joint terrorism task force. Mr. Obama has been under Secret Service protection for over a year after receiving credible death threats. Story URL: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/uselection2008/barackobama/2623571/Plot-to-kill-Barack-Obama-uncovered.html>

**Editor's Note:** I normally try not to comment about items that I see are incorrect, But this time I have to say more than my normal: **"Disclaimer:** The News Media does NOT always tell the Whole Truth. It tends to sensationalize the News to sell Newspapers..." These 4 people do NOT have any ties with the Sons Of Silence MC... Mike SFFS

**Gun Charges Pending in Alleged Obama Plot** – Aug 26, 2008 – *Denver, Colorado* - Tharin Gartrell & Nathan Johnson were arrested in connection with a possible plot on Barack Obama's life. Three men who authorities initially feared were plotting to assassinate Barack Obama at the Democratic National Convention are facing only gun charges -- signaling they never posed a real threat to the presidential candidate. A Fed law enforcement official in Denver says the three men & woman arrested on Sunday are not expected to be charged with making threatening statements, conspiracy or other national security-related crimes. One of the men was arrested near Denver with two rifles, ammunition, walkie-talkies & suspected drugs. Fed officials say two other men & a woman were apprehended a few hours later. One of the men arrested told a Denver TV station that others involved in the case had made racist statements regarding Obama & had discussed killing Obama on the day of his nomination acceptance speech Thu. Asked if he thought there was a plot to kill Obama, Nathan Johnson said, "Looking back at it, I don't want to say yes, but I don't want to say no." Johnson was interviewed while being held in jail on drug charges. He said he wasn't involved in any plot. A judge today set Johnson's bail at \$10,000, but he did not immediately post bond & remained in jail. He did not speak during a brief court appearance, & jail officials said he was refusing other interview requests. The action began around 1:30 a.m. Sunday when Aurora police stopped a truck that was swerving erratically. Police say the driver, 28-year-old Tharin Gartrell, had a suspended driver's license, & the truck was rented in the name of another person. In the truck, officers say they found two rifles, including one with a scope; a bulletproof vest; boxes of ammunition; walkie-talkies; & suspected narcotics. Aurora police alerted Fed authorities. Later Sunday, Fed agents arrested the 32-year-old Johnson at a Denver hotel. A half-hour later, 33-year-old Shawn Robert Adolph jumped from a 6<sup>th</sup>-story

window when authorities tried to arrest him at a Glendale hotel. A senior FBI official said Adolf was hospitalized & held on 1 million dollars' bond for several outstanding warrants involving drug charges. Aurora police Detective Marcus Dudley says Gartrell was being investigated for methamphetamine & firearms violations. Gartrell is being held at the Arapahoe County jail on \$50,000 bond on drug & weapons charges. The jail says he's due in court Thu. Colorado court records say Gartrell was charged with misdemeanor domestic violence in 2005, but those charges were later dismissed.

**White supremacy & biker culture make an unpredictable mix** – Aug 27, 2008 – *Denver, Colorado* – By Jacqui Goddard; Times of London - The idea that white supremacists could be plotting to kill a black presidential candidate will not seem farfetched to America. The United States is home to about 900 hate organisations, the majority of them based on the notion that whites are the superior race. Collectively they form a sinister underbelly of American society, often cloaking themselves in a veil of patriotism but rejecting Gov't authority & striving for social & political dominance over other racial groups such as African-Americans & Jews through often violent means. FBI documents suggest that a white supremacist group assisted in the Oklahoma bombing of 1995, in which the former US Army veteran Timothy McVeigh blew up a Fed building, killing 168 people. He was a member of the Aryan Republican Army, a group whose declared intention is to commit terrorist acts against the US. According to Rick Ross, executive director of the Rick A. Ross Institute of New Jersey, which monitors cults & controversial movements, the Democratic Party's nomination of an African-American had already prompted an upsurge in white supremacist activities. "There have been repeated rumblings against Barack Obama in the white supremacist community," he

said. “These groups almost welcome his candidacy because it gives them a focus for recruitment, for fundraising, & they have said as much. He may end up being the most security-protected candidate of any presidential election on account of his color. “There are many, many groups that are deeply resentful of Obama’s candidacy, that have said hateful & horrible things about him.” The other group mentioned in connection with the four people arrested was the Sons of Silence, one of the country’s biggest outlaw biker gangs. With its headquarters in Colorado, the Sons of Silence (SOS) are known as “one-percenters” — the term given to those that operate on the fringes of an otherwise law-abiding motorcycle community. One-percenters are dedicated to principles of personal freedom & the right to self-expression. Membership is by invitation only & their motto is *Donec mors non separat* — Latin that is intended to translate as “Until death separates us”. At first sight, an alliance of white supremacists & biker gang members seems an odd one. Edward Winterhalder, former leader of a rival biker gang known as the Bandidos & now an author on gang culture, said: “Most of them are just regular guys who work during the week & have a little too much fun at the weekends. The majority of them are law-abiding, have families. They’re just regular neighbourhood guys. “They love their H-D motorcycles & love their brotherhood & the camaraderie of riding their bikes. They are very pro-government, they stand behind the flag. This is something they would never be involved in. Working with white supremacists would be an extremely unusual partnership.” But Steve Cook, president of the Mid-West Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigations Association, said that the gangs were known to have a sub-culture — & a bad element — that could sit comfortably with racist extremism. “I have personally seen SOS members wearing hats that say ‘Dirty White Boy’, T-shirts with swastikas & other Nazi regalia. “I don’t believe that even a group like the SOS would knowingly, as an organisation, get themselves involved in something like this because nothing good can come of it for them. “But would it be out of the realms for some of their associates or a member to do something like this on his own? No. Anything is in play.”

**Sons of Silence & the Obama Plot** – Aug 27, 2008 – *Denver, Colorado* - By Jim Roberts - Was there really a plot & an attempt to assassinate Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama in Denver? Reports out of the Mile High City hit at the start of the Democratic National Convention that four men had been arrested in the alleged plot. Some reports even claimed that the men were a part of a motorcycle gang called the “Sons of Silence” & were going to use rifles & a lot of ammo to try & eliminate Barack Obama from being able to run for president. It appears now that many of the early reports got it wrong & the men will now not be charged in the plot (they still have other criminal charges pending) & the New York Times notes that authorities are now saying that the alleged plot has not risen to the level of a “credible threat” that would have allowed Fed charges of threatening Mr. Obama to be filed. The “Sons of Silence” is also a bit miffed at their link in all of this, as they had nothing to do with these four men. The reason for the link was that one of the men had a “Sons of Silence” t-shirt on when he was arrested. According to the AOL Entertainment website TMZ.Com a rep for the group gave them a statement. “Those guys have nothing to do with our organization whatsoever. Nothing. None of our guys know who they are. We heard one of them was wearing a Sons of Silence support t-shirt, but you can buy that online or at any of our swap meets.” The man added, “What if one of the guys was wearing a TMZ t-shirt?” Good point. The media missed on this one badly as their breathless reporting of this supposed plot & their attempt to link the men arrested to the Sons of Silence were both big

misses. The gist of this alleged plot was described by police as nothing more than some “meth-heads’ complaining & threatening Obama. While the authorities certainly should act quickly on these threats & did so (they rounded up & arrested all of the men quickly) most of the early reports seemed ridiculous when they were examined. US Attorney Troy Eid agreed & said: “There is insufficient evidence that there was any kind of a plot or a threat but we’ll keep an open mind as we look.” url: [http://www.nationalledger.com/artman/publish/article\\_272622365.shtml](http://www.nationalledger.com/artman/publish/article_272622365.shtml)

**Ohio court tosses convictions against gang members** - Aug 1, 2008 - *Toledo, Ohio* - AP - A Fed appeals court in Ohio has tossed out racketeering convictions against two motorcycle gang members. The court in Cincinnati also ordered that four other members of the Outlaws MC should receive new sentences. Ten members of the Outlaws were convicted in Toledo in 2004. Prosecutors said they ran a violent gang that distributed drugs in the Midwest during the 1990s. The appeals court tossed out the racketeering conviction against former club leader James Wheeler. But he’ll still serve a life sentence for another drug conviction.

**Outlaws have visited La Salle County** – Aug 1, 2008 – *Illinois* - The Outlaws MC does not have a chapter in La Salle County, but members have been seen in La Salle County over the years, most recently in June. Outlaws members were present at the Freedom Run motorcycle event June 21 in Marseilles. The same day, Outlaws were at Fanatics Sports Bar, 441 E. Stevenson Road, Ottawa, according to Ogleby-based drug task force head William Heinrich. The owners of Fanatics -- Minh Vo & Victor Darwish, both of Plainfield -- were arrested in early July in Will County. Vo is facing drug dealing & drug conspiracy charges, Darwish is facing drug dealing & gun charges. The Outlaws are rivals with the California-based Hell’s Angels M. The Hell’s Angels formed a chapter in 2002 in Spring Valley & were active in La Salle County a few years ago. At that time, some police voiced concern the Hell’s Angels would clash with the Outlaws. Two leaders of the Spring Valley chapter, David G. “Pulley” Ohlendorf & Richard A. “Fat Ricky” Abrams, went to Fed prison in 2006 for racketeering. Both have since been released. Heinrich said the Hell’s Angels do not have much of a presence now in Illinois. Another motorcycle club has been staying at Grizzly Jack’s Grand Bear Lodge in Utica the past week. The Scorpions are on what they call a “national run,” having stopped at the Utica resort, with some members having their families along. The Scorpions are based in Detroit, with their nearest chapter in Ritchie, Ill., which is in southern Will County. The group was set to leave Grizzly Jack’s today.

**Hells Angel accused of Missoula assault** – Aug 1, 2008 – *Montana* - A member of the Hells Angels has been arrested in Missoula after police say he committed a sexual assault Friday morning. Missoula Police tell us that David LaBrava, 45, a member from California, was arrested at around 3:30 a.m. Friday at the Inn on Broadway. A search warrant was obtained by Missoula police for the hotel room where LaBrava was staying. They say they found illegal drugs & drug paraphernalia in the room & LaBrava is facing a felony charge & 2 misdemeanor charges. LaBrava was in court Friday afternoon on the drug charges, & his bail has been set at \$2,500. So far no charges have been filed for the alleged sexual assault, which is still being investigated. We’ll have more on this developing story as info becomes available.

**Oppression** can only survive through silence. –C de Monteflores

**Flathead road rage incident investigated** – Aug 1, 2008 – *Montana* - Law enforcement in Flathead County tried to find a group of motorcyclists a witness said were involved in a road rage incident Friday afternoon. Dispatchers said the caller told them 15 motorcyclists were traveling south towards Kalispell in Happy Valley taking up 4 lanes in a 3 lane area. The caller also said when a pickup didn't move over, a rider took out a chain & whipped it against the vehicle. Authorities could not confirm if they were Hells Angels or part of any other motorcycle group.

**Intimidation alleged** – Aug 1, 2008 – *Montana* - By Tristan Scott - Local authorities have had scant to do since members of the Hells Angels MC began arriving in town this week, but an alleged case of intimidation Wed evening terrified a teenage girl & roiled law enforcement. Ron Running was driving his 17-year-old daughter home from a friend's house in East Missoula just after 5 p.m. when traffic along Interstate 90 slowed to a crawl. A pair of Hells Angels zoomed down the white center line in between the lanes of traffic, navigating the narrow corridor between Running's Suburban & an adjacent semi-truck, according to officials with the Missoula County Sheriff's Office. "The first one slapped my (side-view) mirror forward, & then another one slapped the mirror & pounded on the hood with his fist," Running said in a telephone interview. Running said he noticed another group of bikers approaching, so he veered closer to the center line to prevent them from passing. The maneuver apparently angered the oncoming bikers, who interpreted it as an affront, Running said. "The only thing I can say I did wrong was to move over closer to the semi so they couldn't come through," Running said. "But they'd already hit the mirror twice by then." Two bikers wearing New Jersey patches pulled in front of the Suburban & slowed to a crawl, taunting Running & his daughter, he said. To avoid trouble, he exited the interstate at Orange Street & called police. Running's daughter was so alarmed by the experience she sent an e-mail to Missoula police & local news outlets. "We feared for our life," the girl wrote in the letter. Missoula Police Sgt. Scott Hoffman said the chief of police has contacted organizers of the motorcycle club's USA Run, which kicked off Wed in the Garden City, & inquired about the incident. "One of the organizers of the event is looking into it," Hoffman said. "But this is an example of the intimidation they are known for, so people need to be careful." Running said the hood of his Suburban was dented, but that neither he nor his daughter were injured. Running said police told him that the event organizer would contact the New Jersey chapter's leader & ask that Running be compensated for any damage to his vehicle. The Missoula County Sheriff's Office & the Montana Highway Patrol are investigating the incident, but no arrests have been made. Hoffman said that apart from the incident with Running, police haven't had their hands full with Angels-related incidents.

**Polk Man Charged** – Aug 1, 2008 – *Florida* - Randy Nowak was having IRS trouble, authorities say, & wanted the revenue officer on his tail "deleted." The 48-year-old owner of a Polk County construction company told an informant he was willing to pay \$75,000 for the job because he stood to lose \$4 million hidden in a Jamaican bank account, according to a Fed complaint. The IRS says Nowak also owed \$300,000 in personal income tax obligations & four years' worth of corporate tax returns. The revenue officer, Nowak griped, "has absolutely no personality at all. She's not demeaning, she's not degrading. She's like a ... machine, methodical, going down the line." He complained that the Internal Revenue Service was "out of control." That conversation & a series of meetings were secretly recorded by Fed agents after the informant tipped off law enforcement about five

weeks ago, according to a complaint filed in U.S. District Court. Nowak, who lives in Mulberry, was arrested Thu & charged with the attempted murder of an IRS officer. Authorities say he also asked an undercover agent if he could blow up the IRS office in Lakeland. If convicted, the owner of RJ Nowak Enterprises Inc. faces up to 20 years in prison & a \$250,000 fine. Nowak appeared briefly in Fed court Thu afternoon & asked a magistrate to postpone a hearing until today to give his atty time to appear. After the court session, Nowak turned to his wife & told her to let people know that someone had "fabricated the whole thing." A spokesman for the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration in Washington would not provide details Thu evening on what the agency did to safeguard the IRS office & revenue officer once it became aware of a threat, but said one of the agency's functions is to protect the integrity of the administration & its employees. According to the complaint, Nowak complained that the IRS was auditing his finances. Mistakenly believing that the informant was a member of the Outlaw MC - the man had ridden motorcycles with members before - & someone he could be comfortable with, Nowak confided that someone had agreed to kill the tax officer for \$75,000, but said that was "too steep," the complaint says. The informant said he knew someone named Reaper who would do it for \$20,000. "Is the less I know the better or what?" Nowak asked. "Yes," the informant replied. "Because there's nothing tying me to it & there's nothing tying me to him, nothing tying him to me, but it's pretty much a guaranteed thing," Nowak said. "Once you start it, you can't stop it." Nowak asked whether the hit man was a member of the Outlaws club, the complaint says. The informant said yes, & Nowak said, "They are pretty thorough... They are pretty loyal to one another." Actually, "Reaper" was an undercover agent. After a number of telephone calls, Nowak called the undercover agent posing as Reaper & told him he wanted to meet at a restaurant in Brandon, the complaint says. When the two met about 11:20 a.m. July 23, the restaurant was closed, so they sat at a picnic table outside. Federal agents secretly recorded the meeting. Nowak identified the IRS officer as Christine Brandt, writing her name & address of her office on a piece of paper. He said he would use his construction business computer database to find her home address, the complaint says. Nowak agreed to pay \$10,000 up front. "Reaper" said he would visit the IRS office & take pictures of the officer to confirm her identity. The next day, Nowak called & gave the undercover agent Brandt's home address. Nowak & "Reaper" met again Tuesday in a Lakeland parking lot, according to the complaint. "Reaper" handed Nowak two pictures, one showing Brandt & the other a similar-looking co-worker. Nowak pointed out Brandt & handed "Reaper" an envelope containing \$10,000 in cash. "Reaper" told him the job would be done by the end of the week, the complaint says. "OK, that's fine," Nowak said. "That's perfect." He had another request. "How much would it cost me to have that building severely damaged?" "The IRS building?" "Yes," Nowak said. "Or do you not want to get into that? That's federal." That, the agent said, would cost "a big chunk." But: "Anything's doable, brother." Then the agent suggested he should take care of "job No. 1 first."

**The meek shall inherit the earth...**

But not till the rest of us are done with it.

**It is hard to imagine a more stupid** or more dangerous way of making decisions than by putting those decisions in the hands of people who pay no price for being wrong. - Thomas Sowell

**Town becomes centre for biker gather** – Aug 1, 2008 – *Canada* - Motorcycle gangs will be rolling into the tranquil New Brunswick tourist town of St. Andrews this weekend, but police say they aren't expecting any trouble. The Hells Angels will lead the gangs that include Bacchus from New Brunswick, Charlottetown Harley Club, Roadriders, East Coast Riders & the Highlanders to the small coastal community. The Charlotte County Mariners, the local club, is hosting the event that will bring bikers from as far away as the United States & Ontario. Police are monitoring the situation, said RCMP Sgt. Gilles Blinn.

**Quebec bikers charged with stunt driving** – Aug 1, 2008 – *Canada* - A group of Hell's Angels bikers from Quebec, had their motorcycles seized Thu evening after they were stopped in Nipigon on suspicion of stunt driving as part of a police traffic blitz. Six motorcycles belonging to members of the Hells Angels were seized on the stretch of Northwestern Ontario roadway Thu night just before 6 p.m. Officers with the Provincial Biker Enforcement Unit charged six of the 18 Hell's Angels riders or supporters with stunt driving. Thunder Bay Police spokesman Chris Adams explained that the alleged driving behaviour caused a public safety concern. "In this case, six of them were charged under section 172 which is actually governing the area of stunt driving. In this particular case, six operators of motorcycles, members of the Hells Angels, were observed driving at speeds in excess of 50km/h over the speed limit, & as well, driving very close together," he said. The gang members, all from Quebec, were each given a 7-day driving suspension & will face the charges in court in Thunder Bay on Sept. 12.

**5 from gang will go back to court** – Aug 2, 2008 – Ohio - Five of the 12 former Outlaw MC members convicted in 2004 of drug-related crimes will return to U.S. District Court in Toledo to face resentencing, but the group's former leader, James "Frank" Wheeler, will not be among them. The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati released separate opinions yesterday for the appeals filed by members of the motorcycle gang. Among the decisions was to return Jason Fowler, Gregory Driver, David Mays, Gary Hohn, & Patrick Puttick to Toledo for new sentences. Also decided was to throw out racketeering convictions against Driver & Wheeler, although Wheeler's life sentence for conspiracy to distribute drugs was affirmed, meaning the Indianapolis man will not have a chance at a new prison sentence. The ruling said that Wheeler already had been convicted & sentenced to nearly 17 years in prison in Florida for racketeering & that the Ohio convictions resulted in double jeopardy. Jeff Helmick, who was one of the attorneys representing Wheeler, could not be reached for comment yesterday. Assistant U.S. Atty Joseph Wilson, who tried the case, said the ruling means that the sentencing phase will begin again for those remanded back to U.S. District Court in Toledo. He said Judge David Katz likely will review the appeal & then will decide how to proceed. He could potentially sentence the men to more, less, or the same amount of time in prison, Mr. Wilson said. No dates for the resentencing have been set. The jury trial for the 14 defendants - two of whom were found not guilty - lasted more than two months in 2004. The men were charged with various crimes associated with a highly organized network of drugs & violence. Yesterday, Mr. Wilson said he was pleased that the appellate court agreed that the men received a fair trial & just convictions. "Considering the cases involved a lot of issues, a very complex prosecution, a lengthy trial, & the fact that anything & everything was raised [in the appeals], all things considered we're extremely pleased with the outcome," Mr. Wilson said. "If we have to go back & do a few sentencings, then we'll do that," he said.

**Law enforcement cautious as Hells Angels** – Aug 2, 2008 – *Montana* – By John Emeigh - Angels are among us. But these "Angels" prefer Harleys over harps & their wings come attached to a human skull. Area law enforcement has reported members of the notorious biker gang, the Hells Angels, stopping in & passing through Butte-Silver Bow County this week. The outlaw motorcycle club is meeting in Missoula this weekend for its USA Run, which could bring up to 400 members & associates of the gang to the area. Local police hadn't reported any problems as of Friday, but admit the infamous gang is a cause for concern. Montana High Patrol Capt. Gary Becker, who heads the Butte office, said he & his troopers have been keeping a sharp eye on the dozens of Hells Angels who have already passed through. Though there haven't been any incidents, Becker said the gang's troubled history is enough reason for his troopers to be prepared for the worst. "They (troopers) have to be on their toes," Becker said. "The potential for violence is always there when dealing with the Hells Angels." The Hells Angels formed on March 17, 1948, in Fontana/ San Bernardino, Calif., according to the motorcycle club's Web site. Though the Angels have historically denied they are a criminal organization, the FBI considers the group a gang known for widespread violence, drug dealing & other criminal activity. Dillon Police Chief John Gutcheck said several packs of Angels spent the night in town last week. "We had about 30 of them stay overnight, but most just stop & buy gas & drive on through," Gutcheck said. About 20 of the "one-percenters," as they sometimes call themselves, were seen in Butte on Wed getting gas at a convenience store at Dewey & Harrison, according to Butte Undersheriff Mark Driscoll. He said there have been no reports of disturbances involving the Angels in Butte, but he added that police are always a bit leery of them. "They're all criminals to some extent," Driscoll said. Becker said his troopers have been warned to be extra cautious if they have to make a traffic stop on a Hells Angel. An officer can be quickly outnumbered because they often travel in packs, & they've been known to carry firearms & other weapons. "And some of them just don't like law enforcement," Becker added.

**Sheriff's deputies raid Outlaws Clubhouse** – Aug 2, 2008 – *Ocala, Florida* - Courtesy Marion County Sheriffs Mark Walker. At a bar on Fri evening in hopes of trying to find 2 men they would like to speak with in reference to a early morning shooting on Thu that injured a 48-year-old Summerfield man. Though authorities did not find the men at the Outlaw Motorcycle Clubhouse, 2140 North Magnolia Ave., they found ammunition & firearms. They're checking the items to see if they are stolen, officials said. Later, sheriff's deputies released the name of a "person of interest." That person is Mark E. Walker, 41. It is not clear if he is a member of the Outlaws. Witnesses told deputies the incident occurred at 301 South Bar; 9360 S. U.S. 441 in Belleview. Three men were arguing when 2 of them, who appeared to be bikers, hit the victim with glass bottles. One witness reported while he was talking with a 911 operator, someone fired a gun & the shooting victim left the scene. Detectives went to Munroe Regional Medical Center where the victim, identified as Joe Money, 48, was treated for a gunshot wound to his jaw. He was later released. Investigators retrieved a .22-caliber handgun at the scene.

**Good intentions** will always be pleaded for every assumption of authority. It is hardly too strong to say that the Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. - Daniel Webster

**Valley Senator has a lead foot** - Aug 2, 2008 - *Alabama* - Valley state senator's lead foot has earned him a date with a judge. WAFF 48 News has learned Senator Lowell Barron from Fyffe was caught speeding late Sunday night. He was pulled over near Andalusia in Covington County. Andalusia's Chief of police says Senator Barron was driving at speeds so excessive they went beyond a receiving a regular speeding ticket. Instead Senator Barron was ticketed for "reckless driving." Barron says he was speeding because he thought someone who looked like a member of the Hells Angels was following him. The violation carries an automatic driver's license suspension. It also carries a mandatory date with a judge. Barron's court date is set for Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Hells Angels acting like ... well, a bunch of angels** – Aug 3, 2008 – *Montana* - And all was quiet on the leathern front. Other than a few minor dustups, Missoula's Friday night engagement with the Hells Angels MC passed without any notable alarms or felonious thuggery. There were no clashes between citizens & police, no beatings or assaults, no high treasons or low vice crimes. On the penultimate evening of the motorcycle club's USA Run through the Garden City, there was only the ubiquitous rumble of H-D motorcycles & the mottled presence of rugged outlaw bikers, whose brotherhood remains veiled in mystique. Even as Missoulians tried glimpsing through the fog of exhaust to espy the finer points of their knavish secret society, they saw mostly leather-entwined hugs & backslaps. The deafening thunder of louder-than-stock V-twin engines roaring to life drew numerous rounds of applause from late-night revelers lining the downtown sidewalks, & police looked on with skeptical relief as the bikers sped out of town without incident. \* "We're on vacation. We didn't come all this way to get arrested, we came here to have a good time," said one biker from Omaha, Neb. "And we're havin' a good time." The bikers rode two abreast & occasionally six-or-eight deep through the city center - or lurked outside of bars with a fixed eye on the linear formation of parked motorcycles - as uniformed police strode six-and-seven abreast, nonplussed by the lack of mayhem, but certainly not displeased. "We're seeing a lot of activity, but not a lot on the negative side," said Missoula Police Lt. Shawn Paul. "You know, it's weird because eight years ago they were all in one place downtown, but this year there's just clusters all over." Both sides had scant interaction with each another, & the divide was never clearer than during a late-night downtown standoff. As patrons spilled out of bars like the Rhinoceros, Stockman's & Red's, a waiting game between police & bikers became the evening's most visibly dramatic tableau. A wall of authoritative blue assembled along one side of Ryman Street, squaring off against the mob of outlaw black that converged on the other. Unmarked Dodge Chargers blinked idly at smirking Harleys, whose longer-than-stock front forks angled toward the open road. One biker's radio blasted hip-hop music, & a few young people nodded along to the rhythmic beats. Aside from a pair of skirmishes - one that came to blows between an Angel & an intoxicated local before police intervened - & the occasional stare-down or louder-than-normal-bar-shouting argument, the night returned seamlessly to quiet as pods of bikers ripped out of town on Broadway & toward Marshall Mountain, where the club is camped through Sunday. Bystanders recorded the scene on cell phone video cameras, laughing & whooping loudly as the engines revved, but dispersed willingly at the show's conclusion. Headlamped bicyclists merged with headlighted Harleys during the downtown exodus, coursing away from the city center like a gasoline-rainbowed puddle draining from a bilge. And then the asphalt cooled. A rickshaw driver named Jeremy was unamused as he unharnessed his rig & shook a sweat-soaked T-shirt. "I had hardly any business," he said. "I guess

none of them realized that it might have been a good idea to give a lady a ride." But judging from the number of women who obligingly accepted rides on the backs of Harleys, the alluring Angels didn't need any help. Skye Berns found himself enjoying the late-evening activities that prevailed during downtown Missoula's First Friday, sipping shiraz from a plastic cup. But Berns had a ringside seat to the downtown chaos that ensued in 2000. That was during the Hells Angels' last run through Missoula, when police unleashed a nebulous cloud of pepper spray on middle-age citizens & Rainbow Family hippies alike. Berns caught a blast to the face, & some of the stuff covered his pantlegs as a cadre of police outfitted in riot gear marched dozens of people across the Higgins Ave bridge. "My pants got Maced so I had to take them off," Berns recalled. "I was wearing boxer shorts, so it wasn't all that sexy." Although the police presence downtown has been far from scarce this week, local residents seemed unaffected by it, & appeared less drawn to the bikers this go-round. "I honestly think that part of their mystique from last time has worn off," said Missoula Police Sgt. Scott Hoffman. "Last time we had a lot of sightseers, & this time they're kind of saying, 'Been there, done that.' "We're getting information that Stock(man)s is the bar, but then we get them all over the place. It's hard to say where they are because they have so many different things planned," he said. Some 20 miles east of town, at the Rock Creek Lodge, attendees of the Testicle Festival imbibed ferociously. Although authorities thought the event would appeal to the Angels during their run, members of the club maintained almost no presence at all. Perhaps a dozen Hells Angels sat on the outskirts of the crowd, occasionally posing for photographs with scantily clad women. "I think the Hells Angels just kind of said, " 'Forget the Testicle Festival,' " said probation officer Dave Sonju, who was patrolling downtown Missoula with police officers. Festival organizer & lodge co-owner Matt Powers was nonetheless pleased with the turnout, & appeared confident that there would be no flashpoint on his watch, as was predicted by some law enforcement officials. At least one Fed agent was in attendance at Rock Creek Lodge, festooned in Mardi Gras beads & blending in with the crowd. At the nearby Clinton Rural Fire Station, Undersheriff Jerry Crego sat inside the Missoula County command post - an RV camper outfitted with maps & radios. On Thu, a pair of Hells Angels could be seen idling on the shoulder of the interstate, shooting pictures of the command post, inside of which the undercover agent spoke with Crego about secret matters. "They're watching us & we're watching them," Crego said. "If we can make it through another night like tonight, we'll be very pleased," Hoffman said.

**Sturgis Rally may see a down year** – Aug 3, 2008 – *South Dakota* – AP - Fewer vendors are registered with the city of Sturgis for the annual motorcycle rally that officially starts Mon. City Finance Officer Fay Bueno says vendor numbers so far are down about 15% from last year. Officials expect high gas prices to curb attendance at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Main Street Sturgis was busy Fri night, but some vendors told KBHB Radio News they hoped the numbers would pick up. Some attendees even thought the crowd for the first Fri were low - being able to pretty much walk where they needed to without bumping into anybody. Despite dire predictions, Buffalo Chip Campground owner Rod Woodruff expects a good rally crowd. He says the campground has a record number of reservations this year.

**It is hard to imagine** a more stupid or more dangerous way of making decisions than by putting those decisions in the hands of people who pay no price for being wrong. - Thomas Sowell

**McCain to roar into motorcycle haven in Sturgis** – Aug 3, 2008 – *South Dakota* - Senator John McCain, 71, heads to the unlikely town of Sturgis, South Dakota, on Monday to rub elbows with the rowdy tattooed rebels of the American roads at a campground rock concert. With a population of 780,000, South Dakota on the Great Plains is hardly an election-day prize for either McCain's Republican Party or rival Democrats. But the state doubles in population during the annual August motorcycle rally in Sturgis, at the foot of the Black Hills, that draws an estimated 500,000 to 600,000 out-of-state "wild hogs" who roar cross country to celebrate their bike culture. McCain plans to maximize on the crowds by providing the opening act at an annual concert that honours American military veterans at the Buffalo Chip campground, his campaign said Sunday. McCain, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, will warm up the crowd for performances by American Idol country music singer Kelly Pickler & the mercurial Kid Rock, according to the Sioux Falls Argus Leader newspaper online. The annual motorcycle rally - from August 4-10 this year - is one of the country's largest, with a reputation for notorious & outrageous behavior. A novelty draw to the Buffalo Chip campground this year will be a firing range for cyclists to try out automatic rifles, including vintage World War I machine guns, camp owner Rod Woodruff told the Argus Leader. It was not known if McCain would take a turn at the firing range - or if he would draw a crowd as large as the 200,000 who flocked to hear Democratic presumptive nominee Barack Obama in Berlin recently.

**Bikers wheel to festival** – Aug 3, 2008 – *Russia* - Up to 7,000 people are expected to participate in the fourth annual international biker festival 'Facing the Ocean', which starts August 11 in the Peschanaya Bay in southern Primorye, a press statement from the festival organizing committee reported. The 3-day festival will corral bikers from various regions of Russia, as well as guests from foreign countries, such as Germany, USA, Poland, Austria, Japan, Australia & Ukraine. This year, more participants from Russia's regions & from abroad are expected at the festival, the statement said. The event is organized with assistance of Primorye's administration & the administration of Partizansky County. The program includes various contests & competitions, with winners receiving prizes & presents, the statement reported. Among the events are Russian Far East Motorcycle Race Championship, motorcycle football competition, women's wrestling in dirt & riding hot air balloons. The festival attendants will also fancy performances by rock bands from the Russia's Far East & the country's other regions. A special performance will also be delivered by the Far Eastern Fleet Orchestra, the statement said. At the moment, various groups of motorcyclists are making their way to Primorye on their bikes, despite the anticipated difficulties they sometimes have to face along the roads. According to a group of motorcyclists, who are traveling to the festival from St. Petersburg on Russian Ural & Planeta bikes, Russian motorcycles do not perform well on Russia's roads. Nevertheless, some of the foreign travelers still favor Russian bikes, such as a Belgian biker who is traveling to the festival on an Ural bike, the statement revealed. "For me & my bike this trip to Primorye is a kind of swan song," the statement quotes an American biker Doug Woske, who is traveling from the state of Alabama to Russia where he will ride his old motorbike Indian to Primorye. According to the motorcyclist, his antique bike, which was manufactured in 1974, should have been placed in a museum long ago. Nevertheless, he says, he & his bike 'still prefer road & traveling to museums.' Last year, the festival took place in the bay of Kozino & gathered about 9,000 participants.

**Most Hells Angels leave town** – Aug 4, 2008 – *Montana* - By the Missoulian - Other than a fight that reportedly broke out between 3 Hells Angels & a local resident at a downtown Missoula bar, according to police, there were no significant incidents, injuries or arrests that occurred on the city's final night with the Hells Angels MC. The bikers gradually began leaving town on Sat, many of them heading to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota, which kicked off Sunday night with a performance by Alice Cooper. By Sun morning, a majority of the club appeared to have cleared out of town, officials said.

**Bikers take a tour for charity** – Aug 4, 2008 – *Indiana* - By Michael Malik - More than 300 motorcycle riders took part in a bike tour Sunday that helped raise money for charity. Region 4 of American Bikers Aimed Toward Education of Indiana, a nonprofit group that raises money for charity & lobbies for bikers, held its annual fundraiser in Lafayette to raise money for Indiana Children's Wish Fund. Maelene Grenat, the event coordinator, said she was hoping to get about 800 riders to participate in Sunday's tour, but she was pleased with the turnout. "Last year we were the number one donator out of ABATE's regions for this event at \$25,000," Grenat said. "We hope to double that this year." Grenat didn't have any final numbers on how much money was raised. The tour, which started at noon, took bikers to Romney & back to Lafayette on U.S. 231. The riders received a police escort & didn't have to stop at intersections. Lafayette resident Dan Brown said he's been riding for 34 years. He said he's glad to come out & help raise money for a charity. "It's a good day for a good thing," Brown said. Clarks Hill resident Diana Greenup, who has been riding for about 30 years, said nearly every bike event she attends benefits an organization or person. "You'd think that Harley riders aren't that caring of people," she said sitting atop her H-D motorcycle, "but we are." Diana Greenup was there with her sister & fellow Clarks Hill resident Joey Greenup. Joey said the event pairs two things she likes to do -- ride her motorcycle & help kids. "The biggest thing is the kids," she said.

**Warrant issued for Outlaws suspect in bar shooting** – Aug 4, 2008 – *Florida* - By Joe VanHoose; Star-Banner - Investigators obtained a warrant for Mark E. "Mean Mark" Walker, 41, who they say shot Joe Money at 301 South Bar in Belleview. "After an altercation broke out in the bar parking lot, Walker severely battered another man before shooting him in the face," a Sheriff's Office news release states. Money was taken to Munroe Regional Medical Center & later released. Detectives say Walker is a member of the America Outlaw Association motorcycle gang. Walker's listed address is 2140 North Magnolia Ave., the same address the Ocala chapter of the Outlaws calls home. On Friday, the Marion County SWAT team raided the clubhouse in search of Walker but came away empty-handed. The Outlaws MC is one of the largest motorcycle groups in the world, with 16 chapters in Florida, according to the gang's Web site. Walker has been previously arrested in Marion County several times on charges including shooting into a dwelling, battery & burglary. According to the Sheriff's Office, Walker is considered armed & dangerous.

**When it comes time to die**, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. Sing your death song, and die like a hero going home." - Chief Aupumut, Mohican. 1725

**Sooner or later** everyone sits down to a banquet of consequences." - Robert Louis Stevenson

**Cincinnati man held in fatal shooting at Columbus MC** – Aug 4, 2008 – *Ohio* - By Theodore Decker; The Columbus Dispatch - Police have charged a Cincinnati man with murder in the shooting death of a 26-year-old man outside a North Side MC early this morning. Donald Tye, 34, of 2343 May St., is in jail pending an appearance in Franklin County Municipal Court scheduled for Tuesday morning. Police were called at 12:20 a.m. to the area of E. Fifth & Cleveland avenues for a reported shooting & found Jamil Johnson, 26, dead in the parking lot of the Toros MC. Police said Johnson & Tye had been fighting over a motorcycle when Johnson was shot. A 2<sup>nd</sup> man, Roland Harrell, 40, was shot in the ankle. Police said Harrell did not appear to be involved in the dispute. He was treated at Ohio State University Hospital East & released. Police did not give addresses for Johnson & Harrell. The homicide is the 55th in the city this year.

**Arrest made in Hells Angels raid** - Aug 04, 2008 – *Australia* - Police have seized a large amount of cannabis in a raid on the Adelaide headquarters of the Hells Angels MC, while searching for a 40-year-old man. Police said officers went to the clubrooms this morning looking for the man after a disturbance at another location in Adelaide last night. A spokesman said the man was believed to a prospective member of the bikie gang. He was found at the clubrooms & charged with aggravated assault, drug trafficking & firearms offences. A more extensive search also uncovered what officers said was a large amount of cannabis.

**Pro Drinking at a Record Level** – Aug 4, 2008 – *Bulgarian* - A motorist stopped by Bulgarian police after a minor traffic accident admitted he had drunk 20 litres of beer -- & promptly passed out, bTV television reported Mon. The man had a blood alcohol reading more than double the level usually considered lethal. The 25-year old driver, who was not named, registered 0.851 blood alcohol content. Bulgaria's legal limit is 0.05 percent, & 0.40 is often fatal. Bulgarian police have upped the number of road checks this summer following a series of serious accidents. Over 1,000 people were killed in road accidents in 2007 in Bulgaria, which has a population of 7.7 million.

**The biker & the tattler** – Aug 4, 2008 – *Canada* – By Rob Lamberti; Sun Media - Ed Winterhalder caused quite a stir when he stepped over the Canadian border in 2001 to bring the Rock Machine bike gang into the Bandido fold. Winterhalder was sought across Ontario by police & immigration officers who had been watching the transformation but were helpless to stop it. The senior member of the Bandidos -- sent to ensure the transition went smoothly -- was caught, imprisoned & eventually deported. The arrest may have been a harbinger of what was to come. In the past seven years, that gang morphed so many times into many things that the Bandidos have vanished from the country. And they'll never return, said Winterhalder. They were picked at by their rival, the Hells Angels, decimated from within & then abandoned by the American Bandidos. The remnants of the Bandidos have now resurrected the Rock Machine name & logo, but not the red & gold colours sacred to the Bandidos. Canada was an experiment that failed terribly for the Texas-based gang with chapters around the globe. The reborn Rock Machine is also in the U.S. & Australia. And the 53-year-old Win terhalder, who says he left the Bandidos because he was turned off by the growth of meth use within the bike gang, is still causing a stir. But this time it's books, tele vision and, he expects, films. His literary list is growing by leaps & bounds, first in 2005 with *Out in Bad Standing* (Blockhead City Press, 448 pages) & this year with writer Wil De Clercq, *The Assimilation: Rock Machine Becomes Bandidos -- Bikers United Against the Hells Angels* (ECW Press

Canada, 312 pages) about his role in making sure the Rock Machine became the Bandidos. "I don't know if (the 2006 massacre in) Shedden, Ont., was the final nail in the coffin. There were a lot of problems with the American Bandidos from the very beginning, & they peaked around the time of Shedden," Winterhalder said. "From that point on, the American Bandido hier archy just didn't recognize the Bandidos in Canada, & they never really supported them anyway." They struggled on until Bandido boss Frank "Cisco" Lenti shot Toronto West Chapter Hells Angels sergeant-at-arms David Buchanan dead & wounded two others in a Vaughan strip club showdown in 2006. Lenti was convicted of manslaughter earlier this year. Those who remained briefly joined the California-based Mongols biker gang, but they left after a few months, becoming Rock Machine. While Winterhalder, who is from Oklahoma but known as Connecticut Ed, took off the patch, he isn't leaving the biker world behind any time soon. He's the prolific chronicler of the biker's One Percent world -- the small slice of motorcycle riders who say they are anti-establishment, the group that police say are outlaws & part of organized crime. He's also waiting on the HBO cable network to approve a show called *One Percent*, in which he'll be an ad -viser to production, much like retired Surete du Quebec biker cop & current Quebec Liberal MNA Guy Ouellette was for the CBC's *Last Chapter*. *Out in Bad Standing* seems to be the basis of a fictionalized recounting of some of Winterhalder's life in an upcoming show on the FX network, beginning Sept. 3. "The main character ... is partially based on specific aspects of my life," he said. "In my case, when I got custody of my daughter (it) was because my wife was a meth head. In (the show), he gets custody of his infant because his wife is a meth head, but they kill her off. "He goes through the same thing I did. He has allegiance to his daughter, he has allegiance to the club; his allegiance is divided," he said. "The last thing is that he's trying to get rid of the meth heads in the club, which is obviously me. I have always been anti-meth." Winterhalder said meth appears to be the drug that ripped the Canadian Bandidos apart. While a book about biker chicks & why they like bad boys should turn a lot of heads, his book on the Shedden massacre, slated for release in 2010, should capture the attention of Canadians. 8 Bandidos were allegedly slaughtered by other Bandidos. The case is currently before the courts. "Every club, wherever you go, no matter what the club is, when it's a major outlaw club, has a few guys that are whacked out on meth & they start believing in their own madness," Winterhalder said. "And they start thinking they're going to run the world."

**Feds say Outlaws bomb blast was tied to the mob** – Aug 5, 2008 - *Chicago, Illinois* -AP - Federal prosecutors say the bomb blast that triggered raids on Outlaws MC meeting places & elsewhere in the Chicago area last week was set on orders from organized crime. Prosecutors say the company hit in the 2003 bombing, C&S Coin Operated Amusements, was hornin in on the mob's \$13 million video gaming business & the blast was the mob's way of sending a warning. A U.S. magistrate judge has set a hearing tomorrow on efforts by two men arrested in last week's raid -- 41-year-old Mark Polchan & 84-year-old Samuel Volpendesto -- to win their release on bond. The Gov't says they should be held behind bars pending trial because they present a risk of flight & a danger to the community.

**Every normal man** must be tempted at times to spit on his hands, hoist the black flag, and begin to slit throats..... H.L.Mencken

**A fear of weapons** is a sign of retarded sexual & emotional maturity. - Sigmund Freud, *General Intro to Psychoanalysis*

**McCain Nominates his Wife; For Miss Buffalo Chip contest** – Aug 5, 2008 – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - Sen. John McCain, R-Az., perhaps unknowingly, volunteered his wife for a beauty pageant on Mon that often features contestants topless - and, occasionally, without any decency -- at the Sturgis, South Dakota, motorcycle rally. “I was looking at the Sturgis schedule, & noticed that you had a beauty pageant, so I encouraged Cindy to compete,” McCain told an audience at the rally. “I told her [that] with a little luck, she could be the only woman to serve as both the First Lady & Miss Buffalo Chip.” The audience, clearly better versed in the details of the pageant, cheered & whistled their approval. This annual rally, now in its 62<sup>nd</sup> year, rally attracts upwards of 500,000 riders in August to the small town of 5,500. The contest is named for the Buffalo Chip campground, home to about 25,000 riders for the 9-day rally. The Arizona senator, according to the Buffalo Chip campground website, was participating in “the Buffalo Chip’s annual Tribute to American Veterans & Active Duty Servicemen.” The site also says that many attendees are “veterans & active duty servicemen who will have a great appreciation for McCain’s family history of service to our country.” McCain also promised the audience that he would only speak briefly. “I know that we are waiting with great anticipation for Kid Rock & the other entertainment,” the AZ senator said.

**Two dead in Moses Lake-area explosions** – Aug 5, 2008 – *Washington* - Two explosions killed 2 people within 10 hours in Grant County, & authorities were investigating whether they were connected. One man, William Walker, 69, was found dead of severe trauma to his neck & chest in his shop outside Moses Lake on Sat, Undersheriff John Turley said.. On Sunday, Javier Adame, 53, was found dead on the floor of his kitchen with wounds to his chest & stomach. The home smelled of sulfur, Turley said, & authorities determined “an explosive device Adame may have been handling at the time had exploded, killing him almost instantly.” The cases were being investigated by the Grant County sheriff’s office, Washington State Patrol & the FBI. Authorities were trying to determine whether the explosions were connected to each other or to a pipe bomb that blew up a truck near Soap Lake 2 weeks ago. The sheriff’s office has reported an increase in gang-related activity around Moses Lake as well as an increasing presence of the Old Motorcycle Gang.

**Inmate says he’s too fat for execution** – Aug 5, 2008 – *Ohio* - A death row inmate scheduled for execution says he’s too fat to be put to death, claiming executioners would have trouble finding his veins & that his weight could diminish the effectiveness of one of the lethal injection drugs. Lawyers for Richard Cooley argue in a Fed lawsuit that Cooley — 5-feet-7 & 267 pounds — had poor veins when he faced execution five years ago & the problem has been worsened by weight gain. The lawsuit, filed Friday in Fed court, also says prison officials have had difficulty drawing blood from Cooley for medical procedures. Cooley, 41, is sentenced to die for raping & murdering 2 young women in 1986. His execution is scheduled for Oct. 14.

**Labor Day** – Aug 5, 2008 - *Shelbyville, Tennessee* - Workers at the Tyson Foods poultry processing plant in Shelbyville will no longer have a paid day off on Labor Day but will instead be granted the Muslim holiday Eid al-Fitr. According to a news release from the Retail, Wholesale & Dept Store Union, a new 5-year contract at the plant included the change to accommodate Muslim workers at the plant. Tyson’s director of media relations Gary Mickelson said the contract includes eight paid holidays — the same number as the old contract. Eid al-Fitr — which falls on Oct. 1 this year — marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy

month of fasting. Union leaders say implementing the holiday was important for the nearly 700 Muslims, many of them Somalis, who work at the plant that employs a total of 1,200 people.

**Fallen Rider Charity Run ends at NWS Earle** – Aug 6, 2008 – *Pemberton, New Jersey* - Cycle riders are invited to join military & civilian employees at NWS Earle, Colts Neck, who are participating in the Fallen Rider Charity Run for MA3 Nathan Dewalt on Saturday, Aug. 16. The fund raising ride will end at the Colts Neck Navy base after a 55-mile ride through eight municipalities & three counties. MA1 John Washington, Road Captain for the run & vice-president of Roaring Thunder, who is stationed with the Security Dept at Earle, is coordinating plans for the event which is expected to draw cyclists from 20 motorcycle clubs from New Jersey & Pennsylvania. Rolling Thunder, New Jersey #2, the Blue Knights & the Green Knights have all already signed up for the event. Dewalt, a Pennsylvania native, was 13 days short of two years in the Navy when he was involved in a motorcycle accident in Ocean County July 11. Paralyzed as a result of the accident, he remains hospitalized & faces a long period of rehabilitation. His family, who arrived from Pennsylvania & Ohio, is remaining by his side through the ordeal. Washington said Roaring Thunder MC is sponsoring the event because of Dewalt’s history of helping others. He cited the sailor’s work with Special Olympics in his off-duty time. All motorcyclists are invited to join the run. Registration is \$10 per rider, & \$5 per passenger, with all proceeds going to the Dewalt family. Registration begins at the Mount Holly Powersports, 1799 Route 38, Lumberton, at 11 a.m. Aug 16, & kick stand up is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Donations can be made at any time or named as sponsorship for a particular rider or cycle club. Cyclists will leave Mount Holly Powersports on Highway 38, Pemberton, traveling east to Route 537, then traveling Route 537 to Highway 34 to the main gate at NWS Earle. Estimated time of arrival at Earle would be about 1 p.m. for the first cyclists, Washington said. Earle Security & Protocol Manager Pete Zaleski, vice president of Rolling Thunder, a POW/MIA awareness group, said his club is participating not only because of Dewalt’s military service & volunteerism for other causes, but because Rolling Thunder members are always ready to help someone in need.

**Hells Angels members allege bias at Midlothian restaurants** – Aug 6, 2008 – *Illinois* - A motorcycle group whose members traditionally pride themselves on being outsiders wants to be insiders—that is, allowed inside Midlothian restaurants. Two members of the Hells Angels MC from Midlothian filed a lawsuit Wed alleging that some restaurants in town have turned them away since at least Jan & that owners were ordered not to serve members. “The village is obviously trying to use its Gov’t power to determine who should live in their neighborhoods & use their businesses,” said atty Patrick Campanelli, who represents the plaintiffs. “I think that’s wrong to do.” The lawsuit, which names the village president, police chief & a police lieutenant, was filed on behalf of Gary Kohlman, 43, & Allen Roberts, 51, in Cook County. Midlothian Police Chief Vince Schavone denied any blanket ban on Hells Angels.

**All the great things are simple**, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.  
- Winston Churchill

**A gun in the hands of a free man** frightens and angers the Government, not because they fear the power of the gun, but, rather, the spirit of the man who holds it.

**Two charged with mob bombing** - Aug. 6, 2008 - *Chicago, Illinois* -UPI - Federal authorities in Chicago have charged an elderly bomb expert & a member of the Outlaws biker gang with blowing up a suburban gaming house in 2003. Mark Polchan, 41, & Samuel Volpendesto, 84, are accused of bombing C&S Coin Operated Amusements in Berwyn because it interfered with the mob's gaming business, The Chicago Sun-Times reported Wed. Prosecutors say the two worked with reputed mobster Michael Sarno to destroy C&S because its owners refused to follow mob orders. Court filings identify Polchan as a high-ranking member of the Outlaws biker gang with a wide-ranging criminal history. Despite his age, prosecutors consider Volpendesto a flight risk & a danger to the community. Fed authorities planned to ask that both men be kept behind bars pending trial. If convicted, the men face of a minimum of 35 years to life in prison.

**Outlaws hearing told of murder, a savage beating & a bomb** – Aug 6, 2008 - *Chicago, Illinois* -AP - Prosecutors told of murder, a savage beating & a bomb blast today as they urged a Fed magistrate in Chicago to deny bail to 2 men who they say link the Outlaws MC to the mob. Assistant U.S. Atty Markus Fund says the two men risked killing anyone passing by when they set off the February 2003 bomb that wrecked a suburban video poker company that had dared to compete with the mob. Forty-1-year-old Mark Polchan & 84-year-old Samuel Valpendesto are charged with the pipe bombing of C & S Coin Operated Amusements as a warning from organized crime to stop competing with the mob's \$13 million video poker business. U.S. Magistrate Maria Valdez listened to the stories & said she would decide later whether to set bond for the men.

**No bail for 2 Outlaws** - Aug 7, 2008 - *Chicago, Illinois* - By Mike Robinson; AP - Prosecutors told an extraordinary tale of murder, a savage beating & a bomb blast Wed as they urged a judge to deny bail to two men who they say link the Outlaws MC to the mob. The men risked killing random, innocent passers-by when they set off the Feb 2003 bomb that wrecked a suburban video poker company that dared to compete with the mob, Assistant U.S. Atty Markus Fund said. "This wasn't a little high-powered firecracker," Funk told U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez, who was asked to free the two on bond pending trial. "This was a serious bomb designed to do serious damage." Mark Polchan, 41, & Samuel Volpendesto, 84, are charged with the pipe bombing of C&S Coin Operated Amusements as a warning from organized crime to stop competing with the mob's \$13 million video poker business. Valdez listened to the stories & said she would decide later whether to set bond for the men. Volpendesto once became violent when he ran a strip club & house of prostitution and, fearing his bouncer was whispering secrets to the FBI, had him beaten with a baseball bat, Funk told the court. "He was begging for his life," Funk said. He acknowledged that witness intimidation charges against Volpendesto in the case were later dropped. Witnesses have told Fed officials that both men have been implicated in crimes of violence although neither had been charged, Funk said. He pointed to a tape recorded conversation between Volpendesto & a man who, unknown to the defendant, was a witness cooperating with Fed agents. On the tape, Volpendesto mentions Mount Carmel cemetery & quotes Polchan as saying "I put a couple of guys there." Defense attorneys objected that Funk made claims without supplying credible evidence. "The hearsay in this case - I don't want to be dramatic but it's outrageous," Polchan defense atty Alexander Salerno declared. Valdez pointed out that hearsay is allowed in bond hearings. Polchan is the treasurer of the North Side chapter of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club, Funk said. Federal

agents swooped down on three Outlaws clubhouses last week & a number of other sites, including Polchan's Cicero jewelry store. The raid on the North Side clubhouse on West Division Street which included SWAT teams & an armored truck produced a live hand grenade, Funk said. The other clubhouses were in Kankakee & Elgin. A search of Polchan's store produced a switchblade knife, a machete, a bulletproof vest & a number of police badges, Funk said. Court papers filed by Fed prosecutors have indicated ties between the defendants & unnamed west suburban police officers. At one point while Funk described Volpendesto as a criminal, the snowy bearded 84-year-old started laughing. "That shows what kind of a mind, what kind of mentality he has," Funk told Valdez. Earlier, he warned Valdez not to be fooled because Volpendesto "is elderly & meek before you." Volpendesto was "a career criminal who has not been slowed by Father Time," he said.

**Billy Lane hearing postponed again** – Aug 7, 2008 - By Keyonna Summers; *Florida* Today - A judge will wait until next week to hear prosecutors' request that motorcycle builder Billy Lane's defense counsel turn over blood evidence, after scheduling conflicts again forced the cancellation of the latest hearing. The hearing is now set for 10:30 a.m. Wed. Lane, 38, is charged with one count of DUI manslaughter in connection with a fatal Labor Day 2006 traffic accident. Police said Lane's blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit when he crossed a double yellow line to pass several cars near Melbourne Beach, striking Sebastian Inlet park ranger Gerald Morelock's motorcycle head-on. Circuit Judge Meryl Allawas canceled hearings set for yesterday & today because Lane's attorneys are in trial before another judge. The state had been scheduled to argue a motion this week, asking the judge to order Lane's attys to turn over the results of blood samples they had re-tested at an out-of-state lab. According to the motion, Lane's attorneys – who sent the samples to Colorado, saying improper handling & Gov't testing techniques might have skewed the results – refuse to turn over the results because they say they don't intend to use them at trial. But prosecutors say the information could prove to be a critical defense against the lawyers' challenge of the prior blood test.

**Grant County may use cameras to fight crime** – Aug 7, 2008 – *Washington* - Cameras may soon become the latest weapon the Grant County Sheriff's Office is using against gang activity in the county. Grant County Undersheriff John Turley says there are 300 members of gangs in & around Moses Lake & they have had 20 gang related shootings since January. Turley says they are worried about the increased numbers as well as a resurgence of motorcycle gangs in the area. "We are seeing a lot more gang members coming to Moses Lake from California & their crimes are becoming increasingly more violent," Turley explained. To help track gang activities the sheriff's office plans to install cameras in areas where gang related crime, graffiti, & neighborhood vandalism are occurring. "The cameras will be used to stop basic gang activity, everything from graffiti or actual violence ... motion sensor or it'll start taking pictures at a certain time & they can be put on anything where you can see a distance," Turley said. Turley hopes the new equipment will help identify suspects involved in crimes & help document vandalism & property damage more efficiently. If county officials approve the expenditure for the new cameras they could be set up from Mattawa in the west to Warden & Moses Lake in the eastern portion of the county.

**The punishment of wise men** who refuse to take part in the affairs of Gov't is to live under the Gov't of unwise men. - Plato

**Parolees on Soboba reservation told to leave** – Aug 7, 2008 - *San Jacinto, California* - AP - California authorities have ordered five parolees living on the Soboba Indian Reservation to leave because of escalating violence between the San Jacinto tribe & law enforcement. Dept of Corrections & Rehabilitation spokesman Gordon Hinkle says officials don't want to put agents or parolees in the line of fire. Tribal Chairman Robert Salgado Sr. calls the state order discriminatory. The Soboba tribe & the Riverside County Sheriff's Department have been at odds since three tribal members were killed in shootouts with deputies.

**Hells Angels found with gun, police ID** - Aug 7, 2008 – *Australia* - By Frances Stewart; The Advertiser - Two senior Hells Angels members & 2 associates have been arrested in Port Adelaide with a loaded firearm & stolen police identification. Police allege the loaded gun & other items, including a flashing blue light, were intended to make the four men appear to be police officers. Police were called to St Vincent St to investigate reports of three men behaving suspiciously around a car about 5pm on Wed. A search of the car revealed a loaded 22 calibre semi-automatic pistol, a stolen police identification badge & a flashing blue light. Two male Hells Angels members, a male associate & a female associate were arrested & charged with a range of offences. All four were remanded in custody to appear at Port Adelaide Magistrates Court at a later date.

**Bulldog bash organizers hit out at police operation** – Aug 7, 2008 – *United Kingdom* – By Will Oliphant - Bulldog Bash organisers have hit out at the excessive £1.4 million operation to police this year's event, as the festival got underway this morning. Five roads have been closed around the Long Marston site, stop-and-search areas have been set up & officers are using sniffer dogs & metal detectors to ensure that no-one can bring weapons to the event. It comes after the murder of Hells Angel Gerry Tobin who was shot on the M40 as he rode home after last year's event. This morning roads remained clear & there was little sign of police. It is thought major operations will get underway later today when the majority of the 20,000 visitors are expected to start arriving. John "Bilbo" Britt, event organiser, said: "It's totally over the top. The police haven't consulted with us over it & it's going to cause a lot of problems for people. "They didn't want to listen to what we had to say. We've been organising the event for about 20 years so I would have thought they might want to hear what we thought." He added: "It's not so much a problem for us, although it might delay a few people getting into the site, but it's going to cause havoc for people living in the area. When the council gave us the licence they didn't demand extra policing on this scale. "The Bulldog Bash has one of the best health & safety & crime records of any show in Europe." Stratford district councillor Brian Slaughter said: "It's excessive & it's a lot of public money to spend. We've been cutting back our budget this year but the police seem to have spent such a lot of money here. It could have been used for something much more useful.

**Legendary H-D sells in** – Aug 8, 2008 - *Ukraine* - Atoll Holding (Kyiv) close corporation has signed a dealer contract with H-D Europe on the sale of H-D motorcycles in Ukraine. UNIAN was informed about that at the Atoll Holding's press-service. "We were going towards this aim for over 5 years. And now I'm proud to inform you that namely Atoll Holding group of companies got an exclusive right on H-D Kyiv brand", the press service cites company CEO Victor Petrenko as saying. According to him, by the end of the season, the company plans to open in Ukraine a service center & a H-D show-room. H-D Motor Company, the only major U.S.-based motorcycle manufacturer, produces

heavyweight motorcycles & a complete line of motorcycle parts, accessories, & general merchandise. On Aug 21, 2008, the company will celebrate its 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Milwaukee.

**FBI to Review Raid That Killed Mayor's Dogs** – Aug 8, 2008 – *Maryland* - The FBI has launched a review of the violent law enforcement raid of the home of Berwyn Heights Mayor Cheye Calvo in Prince George's County last week that resulted in the deaths of the family's 2 dogs.

**Motorcycle rally causes concern for Tehama County** – Aug 21, 2008 – *California* - By Julie Zeeb - Motorcycles will be rolling into Red Bluff starting Friday for the Thunder Rolls for Charity event to be held this weekend at the Tehama District Fairground, & city & county law enforcement officials are concerned. "The (police) chief & I went out & met Mr. (Mark) Eidman (fairground CEO) when we first heard the event was coming," said City Manager Martin Nichols. "This is obviously in the county & run by the fair board so the city doesn't have much say. There are good elements & bad elements (that will be in attendance), & one of the concerns is some of the groups attending making Red Bluff a place where people congregate." Tehama County Sheriff Clay Parker spoke to the fair board at Tuesday's meeting about his concern over the event. "The reason I have concerns is that if you go to their page, there are outlawed motorcycle groups pictured as showing up at their events," Parker said. "I told them they had to have 6 private security. The Christian Motorcycle group is what they want to bring, & you can't police your own." Alcohol consumption among those attending the gathering was another concern. "This Sat, the roving DUI patrol will be out because of the Olive Festival & that's at the request of the two chiefs," Parker said. The group has found someone for security & had an ABA alcohol license approved Wed morning. Red Bluff Police Chief Scott Capilla also expressed concern over the event. "For me, it has nothing to do with motorcyclists," Capilla said. "I was the motorcycle cop for years. My concern is this group has an element of outlaw motorcycle gangs. They call themselves 1 percent'ers." Capilla said he spent some time in the 1990s working on the narcotics task force & worked with motorcycle gangs. During that time, there was one motorcycle gang associated with a fire bombing of the Butte County District Attorney's Office & more that were heavily involved in manufacturing & distributing drugs, especially methamphetamine, he said. "I'm not a gang expert," Capilla said. "You can have 1,000 people there & have 950 that are good & 50 that aren't. They have no problem abusing people or violating laws. They kind of hold themselves above the law & that disrupts the fun of the whole thing." Capilla said he feels this weekend's event will attract that type of people. "I don't feel our community wants motorcycle gangs," Capilla said. "We don't want the criminal element in our community. I do not want Tehama County or the city of Red Bluff to become a destination spot for the outlaw motorcycle gangs that will attend this event." The possibility of having two warring gangs attend also worries Capilla. He has talked with law enforcement officials with outlaw motorcycle gang expertise & learned there are opposing factions within the motorcycle gang culture, including gangs in Shasta County. "There are certain motorcycle elements that are warring over territories," Capilla said. "If we have both those groups come to our event, I don't believe we'd be able to stop it. We'd have to clean it up afterward." The Red Bluff Police Dept will have extra staff Friday & Sat to prepare for the event just in case something does happen, he said. "I think it would be irresponsible if I didn't," Capilla said. "We aren't going to turn an eye to any lawless behavior. We will be dealing with it vigorously." The

Avoid The 5 traffic patrol will also work Saturday. "I hope everyone enjoys themselves at this event & that no one gets disappointed or hurt," Capilla said. Eidman said he believes Capilla is overreacting & is not worried at all about this weekend's event, which includes a ceremony to honor those who have died in Iraq, a burnout competition & a loudest pipes competition. "The whole thing is a gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts to raise money for charities," Eidman said. "It's just a fun event. It really is a family event we hope the community will attend." Organizers told the Daily News that all proceeds from the event, after expenses, would go to Teen Challenge, Alternatives to Violence, Camp Eagle Flight, local holiday food drives in Shasta & Tehama counties & Cystic Fibrosis.

**Man Stabbed At Local Bar (Update)** - Aug 21, 2008 - *Arizona* - A Yuma man accused of stabbing another man outside a local bar is facing lesser charges. The man was initially facing attempted murder charges but that's all changed. 24 year old Keith Noel was arrested Sunday, after police say he attacked a man outside The Pub in downtown Yuma. Yuma police say Noel is part of an outlaw biker gang, & apparently did not know the victim. Today, Noel was charged with aggravated assault & conspiracy. Prosecutors tried once again to raise his bond amount, but it remains at more than \$600,000.

**Christian bikers claimed link to Hells Angels** - Aug 21, 2008 - *Newport Beach, California* - By Gillian Flaccus; AP - Court documents say a violent brawl between a Christian motorcycle ministry & the Hells Angels may have started because the religious bikers were claiming affiliation with the Hells Angels. Search warrant affidavits filed late Wed also quote an anonymous tipster who told police the Set Free Soldiers were planning a "war party" at an abandoned chicken farm after the brawl. The affidavit says Set Free members were worried the Hells Angels would retaliate. Set Free's leader, Phillip Aguilar, & 4 other biker ministers were charged earlier this month with multiple weapons & gang felonies after a fight that ended in two stabbings. Their attorneys didn't immediately return calls.

**Outlaw Biker Gangs, How They Operate** - Aug 22, 2008 - *Arizona* - Police say the suspect accused of stabbing a man outside a local bar is affiliated with an outlaw biker gang. A detective with a statewide gang task force offers some insight into how those organizations work. He works with GIT'EM & asked not to be identified. The detective says outlaw motorcycle gangs, or OMGs, are capable of large-scale crimes. "Some of the things we see are such as drugs, prostitution, sale & shipping of weapons. Also we've seen some smuggling of illegals." Like street gangs, OMGs have ties all across the country. However biker gangs are said to be more organized & follow a strict code of conduct & bylaws. "They are a little bit more structured. They have chapters, they have officers amongst their chapters." Outlaw motorcycle gangs are not to be confused with biker clubs whose members ride strictly for liesure & sometimes for charitable causes. "But whenever you add the intimidation factor, & you add a criminal element, & you add more than one documented gang member a part of that, then you have a gang," says the detective. He says it only takes one gang member to make a biker gang. That's because the outlaw groups often surround themselves with, what they call, prospects & hang arounds.

**Motorcycle gang converges on Moab** - Aug 23, 2008 - *Utah* - By Christopher Smart; The Salt Lake Tribune - If you've ever hankered to head down the highway astride a big Harley, & have a taste toward black leather & motorcycle mamas, it could be time

to release your inner Bandido. Some 600 members of the rebel motorcycle club roared into red rock country this weekend for its annual gathering. Until Monday, or so, Moab -- usually known for its clean-cut spandex-clad bicyclists -- is the capitol of Bandido Nation. And that, of course, embodies a whole other fashion statement. But from the outside, the lifestyle doesn't appear that different, apart from the cigarettes, of course. The Bandidos drank beer at several Moab watering holes. They broke bread & pizza at various eateries. Along with other tourists, the bikers took in some scenery along the Colorado River. And, according to Grand County Sheriff James Nyland, it all went off without incident, save a traffic stop or two. Bandidos -- who number about 2,500 nationwide -- say they're regular people who just happen to belong to a motorcycle club. And they complain about the bum wrap from law enforcement officials who have labeled them an "outlaw motorcycle gang." Still most Bandidos don't seem to want to give their side to reporters. "You all have made us out to be the boogie man. I have nothing to say to you," said one bearded Bandido when approached by The Salt Lake Tribune. "We're just trying to enjoy ourselves." According to former Bandido Edward Winterhalder, the motorcycle club is secretive by design. "Never give out any information about the club itself to outsiders," he writes in his book, "Out In Bad Standings." And he adds, "Don't get overly friendly with someone who is not a regular acquaintance of the club." In 2006, the national president of the Bandidos, George Wegers, 55, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit racketeering, under the Fed Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. He was sentenced to 20 months in jail. Fed officials say some club members have been involved in drug trafficking, extortion & witness tampering. The Bandidos' reputation preceded them to southeast Utah. Moab officials received \$55,000 from the Utah Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice for additional law enforcement. And police seemed to be everywhere. The Grand County Sheriff's Office even established a command post on Kane Creek Road west of town, two miles from a private campground the motorcycle club reserved for its annual get-together. But the few complaints from locals were not about the bikers. DJs for the town's local radio station, KZMU FM, warned Moabers to be careful until the extra cops leave. And in a letter to Moab's Times Independent newspaper, Steve Russell advised would-be miscreants to lay low: "Visiting gendarmes are equal opportunity arrestors, especially if the target group is on reasonably good behavior." The sheriff, however, said he didn't find those comments "cute." "These people were calling, wanting to know what our gun laws are," Nyland said. "These people can be very dangerous." He credited what he termed the "very heavy" presence of law enforcement with keeping things quiet. But at Frankie D's, a private club that put out a "Bikers Welcome" banner, there was no need for "paranoia." "Everyone was apprehensive & one bar even closed while the Bandidos are in town," said Su Dudenhofer, who owns the club with her husband, Frankie. "But they've been no trouble at all," she said. "They've been a lot more civil than our regular customers." The Bandido gathering has been good for business, added Frankie. "I welcomed them to my club," he said. "And they've been very gracious & thankful."

**Expecting the world** to treat you fairly because you are a good person is a little like expecting the bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian.

**Giving money and power** to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. - P.J. O'Rourke

**Couple On Motorcycle Killed In Brainerd Wreck** - Aug 23, 2008 – *Tennessee* - A Whitwell couple was killed early Sat morning in Brainerd when a pickup truck turned into their pathway. Chattanooga Police traffic investigators were called to 5600 Brainerd Rd on the 1:30 a.m. wreck. The initial investigation shows that a 1998 Nissan Frontier pickup was in the turning lane & turned left into the pathway of a 1985 H-D motorcycle. The driver of the motorcycle, Danny Tuner, 46, of Whitwell, was pronounced dead at the scene. The passenger on the motorcycle, Lisa Angle, 45, also of Whitwell, was rushed to Erlanger Hospital, where she later succumbed to her injuries. The driver of the Nissan pickup, James Cargile, 24, of East Ridge, had been drinking alcohol, police said. A blood sample was taken & will be sent to the TBI for analysis. Charges against Cargile are pending.

**Seattle police officer in shooting has clashed with Hells Angels before** – Aug 23, 2008 – *Washington / South Dakota* - By Mike Carter; Seattle Times - The off-duty Seattle police detective who shot & seriously wounded a Hells Angel in a bar fight at a South Dakota motorcycle rally earlier this month has clashed with a member of the outlaw motorcycle club before, according to court records, police reports & interviews. Detective Ron Smith filed charges against a Seattle Hells Angel in 2005, alleging that Anthony James Magnesi, a member of the Washington Nomads chapter of the Hells Angels, had threatened him over the phone. Magnesi, in turn, recorded one of their phone conversations & gave it to the police department's Office of Professional Accountability (OPA), claiming it was Smith who had threatened him. An internal investigation was opened, & the incident was referred to Smith's supervisor as a training issue, according to OPA officials. The misdemeanor criminal charges filed by Smith against the biker were dismissed after Magnesi's lawyers played the tape for city prosecutors, according to Magnesi's attorney, Paul Bernstein, & court records. On a copy of the tape given to The Seattle Times by Bernstein, Smith calls Magnesi a "dirtbag," taunts him about suspected criminal activity — although Magnesi was not under investigation by Smith & has never been convicted of a serious crime — & tells him "you better watch your back." Smith tells Magnesi that simply "being a member of the Hells Angels outlaw motorcycle gang is a ... crime." The detective also boasts that he's a member of the biggest "gang" of all: "It's called law enforcement. You got it?" The recording contains only Smith's side of the conversation — what Magnesi is saying can't be heard. Bernstein said the recording device was set up that way. Magnesi declined to be interviewed for this story, but gave Bernstein permission to discuss the incident. **Officer an avid biker, too:** Smith, an avid biker himself & a member of the Iron Pigs MC, which draws its riders from police & firefighters, frequently opines about the scourge of "outlaw bikers" in a regular column he writes as editor of The Guardian, the Seattle Police Officer Guild's newspaper. It is not known whether Smith's apparent contempt for the Hells Angels played a role in the incident in Sturgis, S.D. What is known is that, among an estimated 500 revelers at the Loud American Roadhouse early on the morning of Aug. 9, it was Smith who wound up in a confrontation with members of the gang. Smith won't talk about it or his earlier run-in with Magnesi, & the Seattle Police Dept is withholding comment pending a criminal investigation by a grand jury in Meade County, S.D., said spokesman Sgt. Sean Whitcomb. The grand jury reconvenes on Wed. Authorities in South Dakota have also declined to comment on the investigation. The Seattle PD is conducting an internal investigation into the incident, & the command staff will review the use of deadly force in a separate inquiry. Smith says that he was "cold-cocked" by a Hells Angel & then jumped by others. He has said the assault was unprovoked

& that he was fighting for his life with as many as three Hells Angels when he pulled a handgun & shot one of them. Joseph McGuire, a Hells Angel from Imperial Beach, Calif., was seriously wounded in the shooting. Smith, 43, was working as a theft detective in Seattle's Southwest Precinct in May 2005 when Magnesi called him from Lucky's Choppers, his custom motorcycle business on Airport Way South. Magnesi had "heard I had been talking about him" & wanted to know why, Smith wrote in a police report on the incident. Magnesi, Bernstein said, learned of Smith's inquiries through a friend, who had given him the detective's telephone number. Smith acknowledges in his report, & on the tape, that he "has no business" with Magnesi. Nor does he ever explain why he was asking around about him. Magnesi called from a blocked number, but Smith was able to determine where the call was coming from & told him so. "Suspect Magnesi informed in a sarcastic tone that he knew where I worked as well," Smith wrote. "Based on the fact that he is known to me as an armed & dangerous person ... & associated with the Hells Angels I took his assertion that he knew where I worked as a veiled threat." Bernstein pointed out that Magnesi had just called the detective at his desk at the police station: "Of course he knew where he worked. How is that a threat?" **"Armed & dangerous":** Smith's reference to Magnesi being "armed & dangerous" involved a 2003 arrest for assault in which Magnesi allegedly threatened three people with a handgun in downtown Seattle, firing a shot between the legs of one of the victims. When Magnesi was arrested, police confiscated a handgun, a concealed-carry permit & Magnesi's Hells Angel jacket & patches — his "colors," considered sacrosanct by members — which were never returned, Bernstein says. Bernstein says Magnesi believes that Smith has them, although Smith denies it on the recording. The detective says he wouldn't "want my hands on the filthy red & white." By the time of the phone calls, the assault charges had been dropped because the witnesses refused to testify. One claimed he was contacted by a man thought to be Joshua Binder, the Nomads' onetime "enforcer" & a member of the "Filthy Few" — Hells Angels who have killed for the club — & told not to testify, according to court records. No witness-intimidation charges were ever filed. **Conspiracy, racketeering:** Binder & several other Nomads were convicted last year of conspiracy & racketeering, & Binder admitted to a role in the murder of a man who posed as a club member. Smith testified briefly at their Fed trial about a run-in he had while a bicycle officer with Binder & another Hells Angel in a bar in Pioneer Square. Both men were carrying guns. Magnesi called Smith a second time that same morning, this time recording the conversation without telling the detective. Washington is a two-party consent state, meaning that everyone involved in taped conversations must be told they're being recorded. Bernstein acknowledges this, but says the law has an exception where threats are involved. No charges were filed in connection with the tape. Once Smith figures out he's being recorded, he tells Magnesi that "playing on the telephone ... is a crime. "Telling a police detective that you know where he works at is a bigger crime, OK? Being a member of the Hells Angels Outlaw motorcycle gang is even a bigger crime." Smith has been disciplined twice by the department. In 2005, he was suspended for 2 days for conduct unbecoming an officer after taunting fans at a Seahawks football game. That same year, he had a verbal altercation with a restaurant employee. In the 1<sup>st</sup> instance, he received 2 days off. The 2<sup>nd</sup> incident resulted in a letter in his file.

**Government is good at one thing:** It knows how to break your legs, hand you a crutch, and say, 'See, if it weren't for the government, you wouldn't be able to walk.' - Harry Browne

**Angels & Outlaws** – Aug 23, 2008 – *South Dakota* - Timeline of shooting & trial - The case that gripped Black Hills onlookers is headed to Sioux Falls. The trial of Chad Wilson, 32, Lynnwood, Wash., & John Midmore, 34, Valparaiso, Ind. will kick off this fall in a Minnehaha County courtroom. The 2 Hells Angels bikers are charged with shooting at & injuring 6 members of a rival gang, the Outlaws, at the 2006 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. To accommodate witnesses, the trial won't start until November. That's the latest in a series of complicated procedural delays that have stalled the trial. But here's a timeline of the events so far.

**Aug. 8 2006:** Two men pull up outside Legion Lake Resort in Custer State Park in the afternoon & open fire on a small group of people, according to witnesses at a campground across the street. Six are injured - five by gunfire - & the men speed away. The same night, Wilson & Midmore are arrested & charged with five counts of attempted murder. The South Dakota Atty General's Office identifies the victims as members or associates of the Outlaws & Wilson as a member of the Hells Angels. Midmore was described as a prospect for the Hells Angels. Experts & law enforcement officials say the two gangs have been at war.

**Aug. 11, 2006:** In the first court action, Custer County States Attorney Tracey Kelley argues successfully that the Hells Angels are capable of coming up with massive amounts of bail money. Bail for Wilson & Midmore is set at \$5 million each. Court documents say authorities found a .40 caliber magazine on the floorboard of a truck leased to Wilson, & that investigators collected 16 spent cartridges from the scene.

**Aug. 13, 2006:** The rally ends without retaliation, as the Outlaws pack up their campground & leave the Black Hills.

**Aug. 24, 2006:** Both suspects are arraigned in Rapid City. Wilson is charged with five counts of attempted first-degree murder & one count of conspiracy to commit a crime. Midmore is charged with five counts of aiding, abetting or advising attempted first-degree murder & a count of conspiracy. Both plead not guilty in what the judge calls a "free-for-all shooting."

**Jan. 4, 2007:** The trial of Wilson & Midmore is sched for June.

**May 4, 2007:** The trial is postponed until Sept. 24 because of an argument over defense requests to have evidence - a gun clip - tested by their own expert.

**Nov. 10, 2007:** After the trial is again delayed, prosecutors protest Circuit Judge John Delaney's decision, at the request of the defense, to seal documents from an independent test on a vehicle allegedly used in the crime. Prosecutors also object to closed meetings between the judge & defense attys. The S.D. Supreme Court agrees to hear the appeal, further delaying the trial.

**Jan. 9, 2008:** Arguing before the state Supreme Court, special prosecutor & Beadle County State's Atty Mike Moore says prosecutors should have been present for the meetings about evidence.

**Feb. 14, 2008:** The high court agrees with the prosecutor. Delaney's ruling regarding testing of the truck is overturned. A hearing should have been held to allow arguments from both prosecutors & defense lawyers before Delaney dealt with the defense request to examine a pickup that is evidence in the case, the high court said.

**June 10, 2008:** Retired Judge Gene Paul Kean hears the case as Midmore & Wilson plead not guilty to new, superceding counts: one count of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, five counts of attempted first-degree murder & one count of commission of a felony while armed. Kean rejected prosecutors' requests to include information about previous convictions.

**June 23, 2008:** The judge rules in favor of a motion to bring the case to Sioux Falls. The trial is scheduled for Nov. 3.

**One-Legged Hooker Slain** - Aug 23, 2008 – *New York* - By John Doyle - A one-legged hooker was killed in Brooklyn after a john hit her over the head, causing her to fall backwards out of her wheelchair & slam her skull against the wall, cops said yesterday. Elizabeth Acevedo, 38, was found lying unconscious on the floor of a hallway on the 13th floor of a building in the Wyckoff Gardens houses in Boerum Hill on Thu morning. The handicapped hooker, who lived in the building, was taken to Long Island College Hospital, where she died yesterday morning after being removed from life support, police said. Acevedo - who lost her leg in a train accident - had a rap sheet with 67 arrests for prostitution & drug charges. She wore a prosthetic leg, but also used a wheelchair. Investigators believe she had been serving a client in the hallway who then hit her on the head with a heavy object. Police were still looking for a suspect.

**Welcome mat out for Rebels motorcycle gang** – Aug 23, 2008 – *Australia* - By Lou Robson - They might not be ideal guests, but Rebels bikie gang members were warmly welcomed by struggling Sunshine Coast accommodation-providers yesterday. The tattooed visitors arrived at beachfront resorts in Queensland's family-friendly holiday havens of Mooloolaba & Maroochydore. The barrage of bikies provided much-needed funds for accommodation-providers. High fuel prices, interest rates & economic instability have played havoc with the Coast's tourist trade & prompted many operators to provide cut-price accommodation. A Mooloolaba resort spokesman said he was fully booked with bikies & "happy to have them". "You'd think we'd be quaking in our boots but the Rebels are good guests," the resort spokesman said. "Everyone knows the Coast has been doing it tough & this is a welcome relief." He admitted some guests delayed their stays to avoid the bikie influx. "One of our other buildings is only half-booked & we've had people ring & ask if there were going to be bikies in the building," the spokesman said. "I've told them 'Yes', & a few have said 'We'll make it next weekend'." The Rebels' Sunshine Coast run is a compulsory members-only event, unlike the Bandidos' annual Caloundra pilgrimage which includes families. The Bandidos book accommodation such as the luxury Rydges Oasis resort & swap bikes for minivans while driving around the seaside community. The Rebels have echoed their courteous behaviour, last year warning neighbours near their Sunshine Coast headquarters about the big get-together. An employee who works in the industrial estate near the Rebels' Kunda Park clubhouse said gang members warned locals about the party & even invited some to attend. "They were very polite & told everyone in advance about the party & the possibility of some noise," the man said. "One bloke even got invited & went along & said it was great." Uninvited guests will include Sunshine Coast police, who labelled the get-together an intelligence-gathering opportunity.

**Al Gore's son arrested** – Aug 23, 2008 – *California* - The 24-year-old son of former Vice President Al Gore was arrested early this morning for possession of marijuana & controlled substances, a sheriff's spokesman said. Al Gore III told deputies that he was on his way to San Diego when he was pulled over for going 100 mph on the southbound I-5 near the Crown Valley exit. Sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino said that deputies stopped Gore's blue Toyota Prius at 2:15 a.m. & smelled marijuana when they approached the car. A search revealed numerous small quantities of prescription drugs, including Vicodin, Xanax, Valium & Soma, he said. "He did not have a prescription for any of these dangerous drugs," Amormino said. He was booked on \$20,000 bail & remained in custody this morning in the inmate reception center at the Santa Ana Jail.

**Thomas J. Stanton** - Aug 24, 2008 – *Ohio* - Stanton, Thomas, “Tom” James, 36, of Bridgeport, Ohio, formerly of Short Creek Road, Wheeling, W.Va., died Sun, Aug 24, 2008, in the Wheeling Hospital, as the result of a motorcycle accident. Tom was born Oct 2, 1971, in Wheeling, the son of James Vincent & Edith Maire Williams Stanton of Short Creek Road, Wheeling. Tom was a Truck Driver for Fed Ex Freight; was a member of the “BoozeFighters” MC Chapter 72, Wheeling; the Lansing Sportsman’s Club, Bridgeport; & a the Cave Club, Wheeling. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Edwin Martin & Virgie Marie Shaw Stanton & Offie Dale & Mary Dell Haller Williams all of Ellamore, W.Va. Tom is survived by his wife, Lisa Lea Anderson Stanton; a son, Michael Tyler Stanton of Bethlehem; a sister, Rebecca “Becky” Anne Stanton of Short Creek; his mother & father-in-law, David & Gloria Anderson of Warwood; 2 sisters-in-law, Krista Anderson & Amy Page & her husband, Mike; three nephews, Cody James Stanton of Short Creek, Nicholas & Jeffrey Page of Warwood; a niece, Haliey Page of Warwood; & several aunts, uncles & cousins. Friends will be received from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at the Kepner Funeral Home, National Road at Bethany Pike, Wheeling, where service will be held on Wed, Aug 27, 2008, at 11 a.m., with the Reverend Harry Croft officiating.

**Saturation patrol nets 19 felony arrests** – Aug 24, 2008 – *Tennessee* - A crime suppression saturation patrol Fri in Chattanooga’s Sector 3 area netted 19 arrests on felony charges & nearly 400 citations for moving violations, according to Chattanooga police. The Sector 3 area includes Eastdale, Brainerd, Hamilton Place & Hwy 58. This operation focused on traffic violators, repeat offenders & high-crime areas, according to police. As of midnight Fri, Chattanooga PD officers had made 19 felony arrests, 21 arrests on misdemeanors, served 20 warrants, issued 386 moving citations for traffic violators of various types & issued 44 citations for parking offenses, according to Dept spokeswoman Lt. Kim Noorbergen.

**For Mormon bikers, faith a common road** – Aug 24, 2008 – *Utah* – By Jaimee Rose; Arizona Republic - When these Mormons go to their temple, they rumble into the parking lot on fuel-injected wings, neckties flailing in the breeze. The ladies wear long flowered skirts tucked into studded black chaps & stash their slips & scriptures in the saddlebags. They all keep a prayer in their hearts: Dear heavenly father, please help us watch the road. Surely God gets it about motorcycles. He must have his hand in something that brings so much glee. Meet the Temple Riders, some 755 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who hop on their Harleys & Hondas & take to the road, thundering cross-country from temple to temple. They undress in the parking lot, peeling off gloves, helmets & layers of leather, then bow their heads & walk inside to worship. After a soul-saving session, they’ll all go out for ice cream & then vroom back to camp, singing songs over CB radio along the way. Now, don’t be sad, & don’t be blue, ‘cause I’ve heard the Lord rides a motorcycle, too. Mostly retirees, they ride in Mesa & Mexico, through Newport Beach, Calif., & Niagara Falls. There are Arizonan & Australian chapters alike, united in their love for Christianity & chrome. “Everybody has their wild & woolly side,” says Gay Young, 72, of Yuma. She rides on a bike painted with purple flames & had her long fingernails lacquered to match. “This brings out that part of us that always wants to be free.” The Temple Riders are dusting off the prim image of Mormonism, a faith known for its missionaries that canvass the globe on bicycles, sporting short haircuts, suits & ties. In Arizona, where more than 361,800 members reside, the Mormons are the familial

folks who bring Jell-O salads to block parties, not the couple who ride off into the wind. But the highway is calling Baby Boomers across the nation, & Mormons aren’t immune. The kids leave for college, or those working years end, & the itch for a motorcycle takes hold. The bike is the new baby & so easy to love. More than half of U.S. motorcycle riders are over age 40, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council, compared with 21 percent in 1985. And at least a quarter of modern bikers are over 50 - a new demographic weak in the knees for the scenic route. The Temple Riders are evocative of another modern Americanism, too: the need of many to let God in on all of their good times. There are joggers for Jesus, scuba divers for Jesus, even those that hit the drums in his name. On two wheels alone: Road Riders for Jesus, H-Ds for Christ, & the Cycle Disciples of Kansas City, Mo. Worried by their own perceptions of biker gangs - nights laced with Jack Daniel’s & irreverent rides on the Sabbath day - the Temple Riders found each other. Frank Reese, now 81, started a fledgling group in Salt Lake City 20 years ago, called it the Temple Riders Association, or T.R.A., & six couples signed on. Word got around, & Reese’s flock multiplied, hitting the road for long weekends together.

**Narcotics unit has busy week** – Aug 25, 2008 – *California* – By Kevin Trudgeon - On Thu, Aug. 14, while at a Holiday Inn in Colton for another narcotics investigation, officers found a man with a warrant of his arrest. When they went to place him under arrest, he resisted & a struggle ensued. “It led to a search warrant of his room & inside the room they found two guns, narcotics, packaging, all of the things that would suggest that he was selling,” Ryan said. “And they also found a ton of Hells Angels paraphernalia, which is a gang. Just a ton of T-shirts & patches & stickers.” Robert Charles Huffman, 26, was arrested for participating in a criminal street gang, possession of a controlled substance while armed with a firearm, possession of methamphetamine for sales & felon in possession of firearms.

**Rebels bikies’ annual run shadowed by police** - Aug 25, 2008 – *Australia* - By Robyn Ironside - More than 300 police spent the weekend shadowing every move of a huge group of Rebels’ bikies in southeast Queensland for their ‘national run’. Riders from as far afield as Perth, Adelaide & Townsville rode from the Gold Coast to the Sunshine Coast then back to Brisbane in a spectacular display of strength by the outlaw motorcycle group.

**E-mail keeping inmates in touch with families** – Aug 27, 2008 – *USA* - By Jessica Gresko; Associated Press - When Melvin Garcia was sent to prison almost a decade ago for racketeering, he had never used a computer. Now he sends 50 e-mails a month from a Fed prison in West Virginia, punctuating notes with emoticons. Garcia, 38, is among thousands of prisoners at more than 20 Fed facilities where inmates now have inboxes. By the spring of 2011, all 114 U.S. prisons are expected to have e-mail available for inmates. The program, started several years ago, has reduced the amount of old-fashioned paper mail that can sometimes hide drugs & other contraband. **Computer skills:** Just as important, officials say, e-mail helps prisoners connect regularly with their families & build skills they can use when they return to the community. For Garcia, that means learning the computer. “Let’s just say that my previous employment didn’t require it,” he joked in a recent e-mail. The system inmates use isn’t like programs used in most offices & homes. Inmates aren’t given Internet access, & all messages are sent in plain text, with no attachments allowed. Potential contacts get an e-mail saying a Fed prisoner wants to add them to their contact list & must click a link to receive e-mail, similar to accepting a collect call from a

lockup. **Safety measures:** Once approved, prisoners can send messages to only those contacts — they can't just type in any address & hit send. Contacts can change their mind at any time & take their name off the prisoner's list. Scott Middlebrooks, the warden at Coleman Fed prison northwest of Orlando, said his inmates sent more than 3,200 messages & received some 2,800 a day last month through the system, which is called Trulincs & run by Iowa-based Advanced Technologies Group Inc. The Fed Bureau of Prisons says the system pays for itself with some of the proceeds from prison commissaries. Inmates also pay 5 cents per minute while composing or reading e-mails. **Screening messages:** Security, of course, is a concern. That's why the messages can be screened for keywords that suggest an inmate may be involved in a crime, or read by a corrections officer, just like paper letters. That can create some lag time between when messages are sent & received. Without analyzing the program specifically, it would be impossible to tell whether inmates could abuse their e-mail privileges, said Bruce Schneier of the security firm BT Counterpane. Coded messages could be sent by e-mail, but that could happen just as easily over the phone, he said. Despite possible delays for security screens, prisoners & their families say e-mail is still far faster than paper mail. In the past, it sometimes took Garcia two days to get urgent news from his fiancée, Rita Torres. Her express mail letters letting him know that a friend had been in a car accident & that a relative had a miscarriage were delayed. **Staying connected:** Now, she said, she e-mails him three times a day & gets about as many e-mails back, making it feel as though they are "living in the same house" even though she is five hours away in New Jersey. The e-mails don't replace phone calls, but those are limited to five hours a month. And Torres still sends letters, some sprayed with perfume. What e-mail does, however, is provide another link to the outside for Garcia & other inmates. "Receiving an e-mail is like receiving a letter," William Nerlich, a Fed prisoner in Georgia who has another six years to serve on a weapons charge, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "It makes you happy to be thought of."

**Finks 'Ballroom Blitz' bikie shot dead - Aug 27, 2008 - Australia** - Bikie links are suspected in the 'execution-style' murder in Adelaide of a former Finks outlaw motorcycle gang member who was involved in the Ballroom Blitz shootout at Royal Pines in 2006. Police said it was a targeted shooting by people who knew Ben Young, 26, lived alone in a rented home in suburban Payneham South. Young, who was stabbed in the brawl between Hells Angels & Finks members at a kickboxing tournament at Royal Pines, was found slumped on the roadside in a pool of blood about 1.30am yesterday. Neighbor Peter Gambrandis said he heard Young, who had a string of drug convictions, cry out for help minutes before he collapsed & died. Police last night would not comment on media claims detectives believed the killing was linked to a dispute over a woman. A friend of Young said it was likely he had just returned home from work at a North Adelaide cafe when he was attacked. Police found one 'projectile' at the scene but say 4 shots were fired by the unknown gunman, or gunmen, who ambushed Young. No weapon was found. It was possible Young was shot in the back more than once but police could not confirm that until they received results from a post-mortem examination, which was due to be completed last night. Young's girlfriend broke down when she arrived at the shooting scene yesterday after police told her of Young's death. In March, 2006, Young was stabbed twice during the infamous Ballroom Blitz at Royal Pines where Finks members - including 8 from Adelaide - stormed into the venue & confronted the Hells Angels members over the defection of Christopher

Wayne Hudson, who is now waiting to be sentenced over last year's Melbourne's city centre shootings that left 1 man dead.

**Publication ban lifted in Hells Angels trial - Aug 27, 2008 - Canada** - By Keith Fraser, The Province - A blanket publication ban has been lifted in a major Hells Angels trial set to open in Vancouver next week. The decision, following an application to the court made by several media outlets, including The Province, was made in a ruling released by the trial judge, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Selwyn Romilly, who also ordered that reasons for his ruling not be reported. Jury selection begins next week for the trial in which members of the notorious motorcycle club are accused of committing various weapons & explosives offences, uttering threats & extortion. The indictment contains charges that allege a number of the crimes were committed for the benefit of, at the direction of or in association with a criminal organization. The 4 men charged are John Virgil Punko, Ronaldo Lising, Randall Richard Potts & Jean Joseph Violette. The accused were arrested during the RCMP's multimillion-dollar Project E-Pandora in July 2005, a major crackdown on the motorcycle club's East End chapter. Several of the trials related to the E-Pandora investigation have already been held, including one that ended earlier this year. In that case, one of the three accused, full-patch member David Francis Giles, was acquitted of cocaine trafficking & committing crimes in connection with a criminal organization. Hells Angels associates David Roger Revell & Richard Andrew Rempel were found guilty of cocaine trafficking but acquitted on the criminal organization counts. During that trial, the judge initially imposed a blanket ban on publication but later partially lifted the ban, allowing much of the evidence & the complete verdict to be reported.

**Old Timers Bar:** Four old retired guys are walking down a street in Naples, Florida. They turned a corner & see a sign that says, 'Old Timers Bar - all drinks 10 cents.' They look at each other, & then go in, thinking this is too good to be true. The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, 'Come on in & let me pour one for you! What'll it be, Gentlemen?' There seemed to be a fully-stocked bar, so each of the men ask for a martini. In short order, the bartender serves up four iced martinis... Shaken, not stirred, & says, 'That'll be 10 cents each, please'. The four men stare at the bartender for a moment. Then look at each other... They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, & order another round. Again, four excellent martinis are produced with the bartender again saying, 'That's 40 cents, please.' They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity is more than they can stand. They have each had two martinis & so far they've spent less than a dollar. Finally one of the men says, 'How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime a piece?' 'I'm a retired tailor from Boston,' the bartender said, 'and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery for \$25 million & decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime - wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same.' Wow!!!! That's quite a story,' says one of the men. The four of them sipped at their martinis & couldn't help but notice seven other people at the end of the bar who didn't have drinks in front of them, & hadn't ordered anything the whole time they were there. One man gestures at the seven at the end of the bar without drinks & asks the bartender, 'What's with them?' The bartender says, 'Oh, they're all old retired farts from Minnesota. They're waiting for happy hour when drinks are half price.'

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