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SOS Nick, SOS Bear, & IH Dino send their L&R to you Nomind...

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Correction: Issue 2 for October, I mis-spelled **Iron Horsemen Captain**, I spelled it Caption... So it should have read:
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Editor's Note: For September there were 3 issues, For October there were 3 issues, For November this is 1 issue so far...

A Loss in the SOS family – Oct 23, 2008 – *North Dakota* - Brothers, Magoo's Mother died in a house fire. Please keep our Brother in your thoughts & prayers.

Elderly woman, at least 19 dogs die in house fire – Oct 24, 2008 – *North Dakota* – By Ryan Schuster; Grand Forks Herald - Yellow police tape marked off a perimeter around a fire-damaged small, single-story gray house in the Riverside Park neighborhood Thursday in Grand Forks. Fire trucks & police cars were parked nearby as neighbors watched firefighters process the grim scene. An elderly Grand Forks woman died in a fire late Wed night that gutted the house at Fenton Avenue & North Fifth Street in Grand Forks north of Gateway Drive & several blocks east of Home of

Economy. The name of the victim has not yet been released pending notification of family members. The cause of her death has not been determined. The cause of the fire still is under investigation. Firefighters also found 19 small dogs dead at the scene, according to Rob Corbett, the battalion chief on duty at the Grand Forks Fire Department. The dogs appeared to have perished as a result of the fire. Corbett said Thursday afternoon firefighters still were sifting through rubble at the scene & it was possible the bodies of more dogs could be found. "This is by far the worst (fire) I've been at," said Grand Forks Fire Marshal Terry Wynne, who is in his 13th year with the fire department. "This is a tragedy that shouldn't have happened." Neighbors said the victim was friendly but kept to herself & stayed inside most of

the time. She used a scooter to get around but could walk. "It's too bad," said one neighbor, who declined to be identified. The victim was the only person home when the fire started. Wynne said the victim's daughter, who also lives at the home, & her granddaughter returned to the house shortly before midnight Wed night & saw smoke coming out of the house. But Wynne said the door knob on the medal front door was too hot, & the daughter & granddaughter were unable to reach the victim. He said the granddaughter reported the fire. The Grand Forks Fire Dept was dispatched to the house after receiving a call at 11:48 p.m. Wed night. Neighbors described seeing flames in the front window & smoke billowing out of the house about midnight, about the time the fire was reported. Firefighters were unable to reach the victim & had to rip out a window & part of the wall of the bathroom, where the unresponsive victim was found. Fire personnel & paramedics attempted unsuccessfully to revive the woman. Wynne said she was pronounced dead at the scene. "That's a rarity," he said. "That doesn't happen too much." Wynne said the bathroom where the woman was found was not burned in the fire but experienced extensive smoke damage & speculated that she may have been trying to get away from the fire, which burned part of another side of the house & the basement. "She must have been trying to get out," Wynne said. "She couldn't get out the front door or the side door." Firefighters don't have any damage estimates yet, but Wynne said he expects the house will be a total loss. In addition to the Grand Forks Fire Dept, investigators from the Grand Forks Police Dept & fire investigators from the North Dakota State Fire Marshals Office & the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms also were on the scene Thursday. Corbett & Wynne both said it could take days for the cause of the fire to be determined. "It will be a while before we know the cause of it," Wynne said.

Editor's Comment: Normally I like to stay away from making comments about news articles... I prefer to just put the article in & let you read it & draw your own conclusions, BUT why does the ATF feel the need to investigate this house fire???

U.S. itching for trademark fight - with West Coast biker gang
– Oct 23, 2008 – *Washington, DC* - By Michael Doyle;
McClatchy Newspapers - Uncle Sam could end up owning the name of the Mongols, a West Coast motorcycle gang accused by Fed prosecutors of "crimes & acts of violence." Like other motorcycle outfits including the Hells Angels, the Brotherhood Nomads, the Misfits & the Wicked Women, the Mongols trademarked their name. Now, culminating a three-year undercover investigation, Fed prosecutors are hoping to take that name away from them. The move is sure to face court scrutiny. "This trademark is subject to forfeiture," U.S. Attorney Thomas O'Brien in Los Angeles declared Tue. "If the court grants our request . . . then if any law enforcement officer sees a Mongol wearing his patch, he will be authorized to stop that gang member & literally take the jacket right off his back." The apparently unprecedented trademark forfeiture move comes as authorities in Los Angeles filed a 177-page indictment charging 79 Mongols with an assortment of racketeering, drug & money laundering offenses. Raids pulled in gang members in California, Washington & Colorado, among other states. While prosecutors target tattooed gang members who bear nicknames like "Risky," "Bullet" & "Suicide," however, outside legal experts question the notion of seizing a gang name. "It's an interesting theory, but you've really got to wonder whether it would have any practical effect," noted David B. Smith, formerly the deputy director of the Justice Department's asset forfeiture office. "My hunch is the Mongols are just going to keep wearing their patches." Smith, the

author of "Prosecution & Defense of Forfeiture Cases," added in an interview Wed that while the Justice Department's move was "pretty clever," he wondered "what a judge & jury would think about the case." Free speech scholar Rodney Smolla, dean of the Washington & Lee University School of Law, added Wed that the Justice Dept action poses the possibility of "a violation of the 1st Amendment." The consequences certainly could be unusual. If the Justice Dept succeeds, the Fed Gov't will own rights to the name Mongols. The Gov't could then charge violators with trademark infringement; or, at the least, have one more reason to confront gang members on the street. The Mongols gang has more than 50 chapters in California cities, as well as in a dozen other states. Its greatest strength is in Southern Calif, where prosecutors say about 400 of the gang's 600 members live. "Members often commit their crimes & acts of violence with the conviction that they cannot be prosecuted because they believe victims & witnesses are afraid to testify against them," the indictment states. Prosecutors identified for potential forfeiture the Mongols name, a home in West Covina, Calif., & "at least" \$5 million. Forfeiture would follow conviction. The money & home are conventional forfeiture targets. The trademarked name isn't. The self-described Mongol Nation formally filed for a trademark on the name Mongols in July 2003, Patent & Trademark Office. The applicants explained they were "promoting the interests of persons in the recreation of riding motorcycles." "The membership patch can only be worn by a member, & only if the member is in good standing," noted the application prepared by the Mongols' atty, Michael Doram. The trademark application was signed by Mongols Chief Executive Ruben "Doc" Cavazos, who was among the men arrested Tue. In Jan 2005, the trademark was granted. In April this year, records show, the Mongol Nation transferred the trademark registration to a newly established Pasadena, Calif., company called Shotgun Productions. Doram also represents Shotgun Productions. "I will have no comment to offer," Doram said by e-mail Wed. The transfer of the trademark registration could potentially complicate the forfeiture scenario, as Shotgun Productions is not named in the new indictment. More typically, authorities will seize money & property, disabling alleged criminal enterprises while boosting state & Fed agency coffers. Last year, the Justice Department reported asset forfeitures totaling \$1.5 billion, including a Cessna 441 airplane in Florida, \$2.9 million in cash in Beverly Hills & a \$14 million home in Las Vegas. Local law-enforcement agencies like the results. Last year, for instance, the Justice Dept reported transferring to the Fresno, Calif., Police Dept 9 seized vehicles with a combined value of \$143,000 while the Gainesville PD in Florida got some free electronic equipment. But even before the latest intellectual property venture, the technique has been controversial. Earlier this year, for instance, conservatives criticized the ATF for its "Always Think Forfeiture" slogan. The agency once distributed Leatherman tools engraved with the phrase, prompting congressional complaints. "The slogan will not be used in the future in any capacity," bureau spokeswoman Deb Satkowiak said in May.

Fugitive Member Of Mongol MC Surrenders – Oct 23, 2008 – *Denver, Colorado* - All 14 people wanted in the Denver Mongol motorcycle case are now in custody. On Thursday, the last remaining fugitive, Steven Gonzales, 40, of Denver, surrendered at a bail bonds facility to agents with the ATF. The 14 members arrested in Colorado are among more than 60 members of the Southern California-based Mongol MC who were arrested under a Fed racketeering indictment. The indictment included charges of murder, attempted murder, assault, as well as gun & drug violations, said ATF spokesman Mike Hoffman.

Bandidos hand over - Oct 23, 2008 – *Australia* - By Julie McNamara - Police hope CCTV footage will unveil the identity of murdered bikie Ross Brand's killer. The 51-year-old Torquay man was shot in the head in a drive-by attack outside the Bandidos clubrooms in Balydon Court, Breakwater, about 6.10pm on Wed night. He was rushed to The Alfred but died at 1.30am yesterday. Police said the Bandidos member, who had a drug-related criminal conviction, was targeted by his killers. They hope CCTV footage from the Bandidos security system, which the club has handed over to police, will help catch his killer.

Violent biker gang stripped of emblem – Oct 24, 2008 – *USA* - By Abigail Goldman - Violent biker gang stripped of emblem But feds' crackdown violates civil rights, ACLU says "Monster" & "Monk," members of the Mongols motorcycle gang, were at Chuck E. Cheese's family-friendly pizza restaurant in San Diego last year when they ran into a rival - a member of the Hells Angels. This offense of proximity prompted the Mongols to attack their enemy and, more important, according to the criminal indictment, snatch his gang attire - the jacket with the bad-boy patches & logos that separates outlaw bikers from your average dad choking down cheese pizza in a black leather vest. This scene, violent & ridiculous, sums up the politics of patches in outlaw motorcycle gangs. It shows the symbolic weight the emblems carry for outlaw bikers, & why the Fed Gov't's new ploy to strip the Mongols of their trademarked insignia will hit the bikers where it hurts - if it works, if it is not ultimately found to be a violation of free speech protections. The goal, according to Thomas O'Brien, U.S. attorney for the Central District of California, where the Black Rain indictment was filed, is to empower police who spot anyone wearing a Mongols patch to "stop that gang member & literally take the jacket right off his back." It's an unprecedented approach that has civil liberties advocates nervous, & trademark experts skeptical. And yes, the Mongols' trademark is real: "Mongols" in arching sans serif type is Trademark No. 2916965. The name appears on the back of their biker vests with a cartoon image of a grimacing rider sporting sunglasses & a topknot. The image is worn as a center patch, one of 3 that make up the gang's entire insignia: the cartoon rider, the word "MONGOLS" above, & the member's geographic chapter below. These patches are a kind of criminal currency - a fallen Boy Scouts badge of honor, awarded to Mongols who commit crimes, authorities allege. One gang member named in the Black Rain indictment, for example, was granted permission from the group's president to have the gang's trademark insignia tattooed on his head as a reward. He allegedly shot 2 members of a rival gang. Whenever Mongols squared off with rival gangs, they would "threaten to beat or kill them if they do not surrender" their colors, according to the indictment. No matter how unsavory the patches, however, the question remains: Can the Gov't seize a logo just because it belongs to a criminal gang? The legal logic goes something like this: The Mongols brand is a registered asset. Much as the Gov't may seize a drug dealer's mansion, or a gang member's Mercedes, the U.S. attorney's office can take over the Mongols trademark, according to O'Brien's spokesman, Thom Mrozek. The logo, they realize, is the symbol of all things Mongol - taking the trademark is like capturing the other team's flag. Law enforcement officers are now being given a "protocol for how to react to displays of the Mongol trademark," Mrozek said. It's unclear just what that protocol will be. All of this makes civil rights advocates furious. "It's a total outrage. It violates the First Amendment & it's the most preposterous thing to happen to trademark law I've ever seen," said Maggie McLetchie, staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada. "There is no authority for the Gov't to get rid of trademarks. It's

more than a twisting of the First Amendment & trademark law. People have a right to express themselves, to say 'I am a member of the Mongols,' to wear symbols they feel they identify with. What this judge did is an outrage." Take it one step further: If the Gov't gets fed up with the Crips & Bloods gangs, can it ban the colors blue & red, which they use to identify themselves? The Mongols have registered both their name & the image of the cartoon Ghengis motorcyclist as trademarks. The order U.S. Attorney O'Brien won restraining the sale or display of the gang's logo, however, makes note of only the registered name, not the cartoon. Put simply, they were awarded ownership of the word "Mongols," but not the man on the bike, seemingly because they didn't ask - or just forgot to. Still, as long as the word "Mongols," no matter what the typeface, appears somewhere on the club's logo merchandise, the Gov't can still seize it, according to Ryan Gile, a Las Vegas lawyer specializing in trademark & intellectual property law. The trademark, Gile figures, is an asset like any other that might be seized from a criminal enterprise. What he is skeptical of, however, is whether the Gov't can actually prohibit people who already own Mongol gear from wearing it. Though Wednesday's order doesn't state the Mongols can't wear their gang clothing, it does say they must give all of their clothing up, which seems to accomplish the same goal. Writing on his blog about trademark law, Gile noted that items bearing the Mongols logo "were authorized goods at the time they were purchased by the members, so how can the Gov't now dictate how the members can wear such clothing?" It gets more complicated. Trademarks are really protected only through continuous use. The Mongols logo must be utilized if the trademark is going to be maintained. This has led some observers to suggest, only half-jokingly, that the Gov't must crank out its own set of Mongol-branded goods just to keep the trademark valid. But Gile said that if the trademark's new owners make a good-faith effort to do something with the asset in the next few years, even if that something means trying to sell it, then they can keep the logo, at least until someone challenges their rights to it. All of this will slowly work its way through the courts, just like the dozens of Mongols members, now facing serious sentences for racketeering & assorted crimes. What won't be determined by a judge, however, is whether taking a criminal organization's trademark will do anything to prevent crime. The Mongols are several hundred members strong. Local police have claimed the 7 Las Vegas arrests have successfully squelched Nevada branches, but what about the members in the club's Italian chapter? If you believe the Mongol Web site, the gang also has chapters in Mexico & Canada. David B. Smith, former deputy director of the Justice Dept's asset forfeiture office, was widely quoted in Tue's press saying, "It's an interesting theory, but you've really got to wonder whether it would have any practical effect. My hunch is the Mongols are just going to keep wearing their patches." Or at least their tattoos.

A blonde goes into work one morning crying her eyes out. Her boss asked sympathetically, 'What's the matter?' The blonde replies, 'Early this morning I got a phone call saying that my mother had passed away.' The boss, feeling sorry for her, says, 'Why don't you go home for the day? Take the day off to relax & rest.' 'Thanks, but I'd be better off here. I need to keep my mind off it & I have the best chance of doing that here.' The boss agrees & allows the blonde to work as usual. A couple of hours pass & the boss decides to check on the blonde. He looks out from his office & sees the blonde crying hysterically. 'What's so bad now? Are you gonna be okay?' he asks. 'No!' exclaims the blonde. 'I just received a horrible call from my sister. Her mother died, too!

Threat of retaliation hangs – Oct 24, 2008 - *California* - By Scott Glover - Leon Huddleston's alleged killers are members of the Mongols motorcycle gang. Nobody who was present when the Pizza Hut employee was beaten to death has stepped forward to testify. As killings go, Leon Huddleston's should have been relatively easy to solve. The 26-year-old Pizza Hut employee was shooting pool in a crowded bar when he was cracked over the head with a pool cue & kicked repeatedly in the ribs by a pair of rough-looking biker types, authorities said. At least a dozen people were in the pool room of Young's Bar & Grill in Lancaster when the fatal beating took place, the bartender would later recall. But when sheriff's detectives arrived & began asking questions, no one seemed to have seen anything. A tape from a surveillance camera that would have helped investigators determine who was there that night was missing, & the crime scene had been cleaned up. Frustrated homicide detectives & the victim's father say there's a reason people were so reluctant to help: The alleged assailants were members of the Mongols motorcycle gang, who according to a sweeping Fed indictment made public earlier this week were willing to commit such brazen crimes precisely "because they believe victims & witnesses are afraid to testify against them." The circumstances surrounding Huddleston's slaying represent another hallmark of the Mongols' violence, according to authorities. The young man, who was known to be mouthy at times, somehow irked or disrespected members of the gang -- & he paid the price. In Huddleston's case, the price was a fractured skull, some broken ribs and, ultimately, his life. Huddleston's slaying is one of 4 mentioned in the 177-page indictment, which is based largely on the observations of 4 undercover agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives who infiltrated the gang. The indictment accuses the Mongols of racketeering, drug trafficking, weapons offenses & money laundering. The gang members are also accused of numerous acts of violence involving guns, knives, brass knuckles, lead pipes & steel-toed boots. They shot, stabbed & beat members of their rivals, the Hells Angels, & terrorized ordinary citizens as well, authorities allege. Huddleston's alleged killers are Norberto Jose Montes, a.k.a. "Villain," & Clint Austin Melcer, who goes by "Danger." Montes was arrested along with 60 other Mongols during a series of early-morning raids Tue. Melcer remains at large. Huddleston, a high school drop out from the Central Valley, was living in Lancaster to serve his probation on a drug conviction, according to his father, who asked not to be named because he was fearful of the Mongols. The father said his son was temporarily living in a homeless shelter a couple of blocks from the bar until he'd completed his probation. He'd just landed a job at a nearby Pizza Hut, the first he'd had in some time, which his father took as sign that he was getting his life together. Tony Shy, a resident attendant at the Lancaster Community Shelter, said Huddleston was thrilled to have a job many people wouldn't want: washing dishes & answering the phone at Pizza Hut. "He came running in here, 'Tony, I got a job, I got a job,'" Shy recalled in a recent interview. He said Huddleston had taken to bringing home leftover pizza to share with other residents of the shelter. Shy said Huddleston could be a little "wild" at times, "but he was fine if you knew how to handle him." He added, "I liked him." But Shy said Huddleston occasionally got into arguments with other residents & had a hard time walking away from a dispute. He said the 5-foot-9, 180-pound Huddleston once boasted that he'd never lost a fight. "Don't worry, one day you will," Shy said he told him. Around 9 p.m. Valentine's Day, Huddleston made the short walk to Young's, a smoky neighborhood bar that caters to a blue-collar clientele, including members of the Mongols & Vagos biker gangs. Huddleston had taken to shooting pool & drinking draft

beer at the bar after he got the job at Pizza Hut. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Det. Steve Lankford, the lead investigator on the case, said the key to solving the murder was a tip from an informant who wasn't even in the bar the evening Huddleston was killed. The informant, whom he declined to identify, implicated the 2 Mongols in the slaying. Lankford & his partner then used that information as leverage to persuade a couple of witnesses to cooperate. "Any time you have gangs involved, whether it's motorcycle gangs or rival street gangs, it's extremely difficult to get people to come forward because of the fear of retaliation," Lankford said. What detectives were ultimately able to piece together was that the larger of the 2 men, Montes, who weighs nearly 300 pounds, hit Huddleston from behind with a pool cue. When he fell to the ground, both Mongols began to kick & stomp him, the detectives said. Huddleston was taken to a local hospital, where he spent a week in a drug-induced coma, his father said. His family decided to take him off life support "because he was already gone," the elder Huddleston said. Huddleston's father said the loss was particularly painful because he believed his son was beginning to turn a corner in his life. In addition to getting the job, he'd recently opened a bank account. The balance was just \$10 on the day he was killed, his father said. But it was a start. "Everybody deserves a second chance," he said. "My son lost his." Harry Young, who is part-owner of the bar & was working the night Huddleston was attacked, acknowledged there was no tape in the surveillance camera & that he took the pool cue used in the beating & placed it behind the bar. Young said he didn't know why there was no tape in the camera that evening. The only reason he moved the cue, he said, was because he didn't realize how seriously Huddleston had been injured. "I was just cleaning up," he said in a recent interview at the bar. "The sooner I got cleaned up, the sooner I got out of there." Young said he was tending bar & could not see into the pool room while the attack was occurring. He said he had no idea if Mongols were involved. The Mongols who occasionally visit the bar, he said, "are pretty nice people."

An Indian walks into a cafe with a shotgun in one hand pulling a male buffalo with the other. He says to the waiter, 'Want coffee.' The waiter says, 'Sure, Chief. Coming right up.' He gets the Indian a tall mug of coffee. The Indian drinks the coffee down in one gulp, turns & blasts the buffalo with the shotgun, causing parts of the animal to splatter everywhere & then just walks out. The next morning the Indian returns. He has his shotgun in one hand, pulling another male buffalo with the other. He walks up to the counter & says to the waiter, 'Want coffee.' The waiter says 'Whoa, Tonto! We're still cleaning up your mess from yesterday. What was all that about, anyway?' The Indian smiles & proudly says, 'Training for position in United States Congress: Come in, drink coffee, shoot the bull, leave mess for others to clean up, disappear for rest of day.'

Ancient Indian knowledge: The Lone Ranger & Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger & says, 'Kemosabe, look towards sky; what you see?' The Lone Ranger replies, 'I see millions of stars.' 'What that tell you?' asked Tonto. The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, 'Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of Galaxies? Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past Three in the morning? Theologically speaking, the Lord is all powerful, & we are small & insignificant. Meteorologically speaking, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Tonto?' 'You dumber than buffalo shit. It means someone stole tent.'

What Will the Gov't Do With the Mongol Trademark? – Oct 24, 2008 – *USA* – By Dan Slater - The first-day stories on the push by Thomas O'Brien, the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, to cause a forfeiture of the Mongol trademark raised as many questions as they answered. The Gov't can own a trademark, sure, but what happens when they acquire the mark through forfeiture? Can they turn around & sue the prior owner for infringement? That'd be tough. But before we get down to business, a refresher: Yesterday, authorities filed a 177-page indictment charging 79 Mongols, a West Coast motorcycle gang, with an assortment of racketeering, drug & money laundering offenses. Prosecutors identified for potential forfeiture, among other things, the Mongols' trademark, which typically depicts the profile of a Mongolian warrior wearing sunglasses. Forfeiture would follow conviction. O'Brien, the U.S. Attorney, reportedly said: "If the court grants our request . . . then if any law enforcement officer sees a Mongol wearing his patch, he will be authorized to stop that gang member & literally take the jacket right off his back." We wish Mr. O'Brien luck with that. In the meantime, we checked in with Kaye Scholer's Paul Llewellyn, a seasoned trademark lawyer who says he's never come across anything like this before, to get a sense of how the situation could play out. "It's a basic principle of trademark law that you don't own the trademark divorced from your actual use of the mark," Llewellyn told us. "In theory, if the Gov't gets the trademark through forfeiture then they could own it if they continue to use it for services covered by the mark. In order to enforce the trademark against an unauthorized user, it would have to show that the unauthorized use is causing a likelihood of confusion." So what are the services covered? According to the registration, the services covered are "Association services, namely promoting the interests of persons interested in the recreation of riding motorcycles." Llewellyn says: "It's an odd thing. It would put the Gov't in the business of offering services under that mark. They could start a motorcycle association, I suppose."

3 arrests in Hells Angels fire – Oct 24, 2008 - *Montreal, Canada* - Police have arrested 3 men they believe were responsible for the spectacular fire that gutted the Hells Angels bunker in Sorel last weekend raising fears of a renewed outlaw biker war. The Surêté du Quebec said they will charge the 3 men with theft of a fuel tanker truck, arson & conspiracy to commit arson. Police claim the 3 men drove the stolen tanker truck last Saturday night through the gates of the Hells Angels' Montreal chapter clubhouse & into the concrete bunker. Witnesses saw 2 men fleeing the area in a blue pickup truck. Police found the pickup. Fueled by the gasoline, flames quickly engulfed the building & there was nothing firemen could do to save it. What's more, at the same time, 2 other fires struck the area. One was in an apartment that had belonged to the son of a Hells Angels. Police claimed that as of the arrests they still have no evidence linking the 3 fires. SQ spokesperson Joyce Kemp refused to identify the alleged perpetrators or say whether they are in the outlaw biker community or members of rival street gangs. The Montreal chapter, which was established in Dec. 5, 1977, was the first Hells Angels chapter in Canada. This lent the Sorel bunker, which has been rebuilt over the years, a kind of rough monumental reputation in outlaw biker lore making an attack on that clubhouse an attack on the entire Hells Angels network in Canada. The fire appeared to come as a complete surprise both to the police & the Hells Angels. Police speculated that the fire bombing of the clubhouse could lead to another biker war. Yet nobody knew who was responsible. Speculation broadened to include former Hells Angels associates angry at their treatment after more than 100 members when to prison following the

sweeping roundup of outlaw bikers in Quebec & Ontario in the spring of 2001. Some police believed that Hells Angels associates thought full-patch gang members had sold them out. Other police believed the the Haitian gangs were behind it. Eager to fill the crime void left behind by jailed Hells Angels as well as jailed mafia members, they burned down the HA bunker as a sign of their determination to take over former HA territory.

Multiple murderer, ex-Hell's Angel – Oct 24, 2008 – *Montreal, Canada* - A former Hells Angel who played a leading role in one of the most notorious crimes carried out in Quebec has been granted day parole while he continues to serve 5 life sentences for murdering members of his own gang. During a National Parole Board hearing held at the Fed Training Centre in Laval Fri, Rejean Lessard said he is far removed from the life he led in the early 1980s when he was president of the Hells Angels' Montreal chapter & helped orchestrate the slaughter now known as the Lennoxville Purge. On March 24, 1985, members of the gang's Laval chapter were summoned to a Hells Angels bunker in Lennoxville & 5 were shot to death. Lessard reiterated Fri the long-held theory that members of the Laval chapter, which no longer exists, were targeted because they consumed a lot of cocaine the gang intended to sell for profit. Their drug consumption caused internal conflicts within the gang & with other organized crime groups. "It was an extreme situation. The most serious thing that can happen (in that environment) is an internal conflict," Lessard told the panel of 3 parole board members. He said that life was cheap to the Hells Angels when he was a member & that murder was an acceptable solution to problems in the drug-trafficking world. The parole board determined he is ready to be released to a halfway house in Laval where he will be monitored under strict conditions. The halfway house offers a job-training program that Lessard said he wants to take part in. He was also granted permission to make monthly visits to an inmate support group & to a Zen centre where he can practise as a Buddhist. Lessard credits his adopted faith with the change he underwent after being convicted of carrying out the murders, along with a handful of other Hells Angels. Lessard quit the gang in 1989 but said he knew soon after he was convicted in 1986 that he no longer wanted to be a Hells Angel. A psychiatrist who evaluated Lessard in 2004 described him in a report as having completely dropped the faith of one group, the Hells Angels, in exchange for his faith in Buddhism. When asked why he joined the Hells Angels in the first place, Lessard said that although he grew up in a solid family, his parents rarely displayed emotion. He said he had a difficult adolescence & used drugs. He joined a biker gang based in Asbestos, Que., & was eventually invited to join the gang. "There were a lot of things in those years that pushed me towards the Hells Angels," he said, adding he eventually became disillusioned with how the gang twisted the ideal of "one for all & all for one." Parole board member Michel Pallascio noted that Lessard's record as an inmate is almost spotless. His only mistake was to visit his girlfriend while recently out on an unescorted leave. The visit wasn't off-limits but it also wasn't included in the itinerary he filed before leaving Fed Training Centre, a minimum-security institution. Pallascio said that despite the mistake Lessard has demonstrated he is an acceptable risk to be released under the restrictive day parole. Lessard is the second person who participated in the 5 murders to be granted a release this month. Jacques Pelletier, 53, another former Hells Angel who quit the gang while behind bars, was granted day parole on Oct. 16. Pelletier demonstrated to the parole board that he already had a job waiting for him when he gets out.

Life inside the brotherhood – Oct 24, 2008 - *Australia* - In Weekday “civvies”, Outlaws MC member Max (Dale) Maxfield is the burly office worker. He’s a big man & gives the impression it would not be wise to tackle him based on his size & strength alone. Then there is the bikie club he calls his “brotherhood” which protects its own & is wary of outsiders. The club belongs to the “one per centers” (a term used for outlaw bikies). On the day we meet, Max greets the car while it is still being parked. Closed circuit television cameras provide 24-hour surveillance - if you linger outside the Outlaws chapter at East Devonport you may as well smile for the cameras. There is nothing subtle about club premises painted out in gun- metal grey. The Outlaws patch looms large at the site - the crossed pistons & a skull known as Charlie. This place is the Cross Piston Devonport Saloon & this is the first time The Advocate has been inside. An old caravan with windows covered is permanently parked on a flat tyre & sits at the right of the Outlaws’ front door - the use of the van is not explained. In contrast to the front fence, there is a half-baked attempt to divide the back of the club from a house that’s been known locally for years as the alleged venue of sex workers. Max reveals himself to be articulate but measured as he speaks. It’s polite & easy enough conversation, & Max answers the questions, but it is at arm’s length where outsiders remain. “We like it here (at the club) because it’s close to the boat ... we have a lot of mainland visitors,” Max said with obvious pride. His sturdy frame sits on a black vinyl stool at the club bar as he drinks a second can of raspberry cordial. He keeps one eye on the small screen to his left & sees the photographer arrive before he gets inside. Club Pres Scooter is behind the bar - a wiry bespectacled spraypainter with long beard & a thin crooked smile that’s rarely on show - these are men of few words (4 of the 5 Outlaws we meet will speak very little & only look at you when questioned). Scooter smokes like a chimney as he watches the 2 large security monitors over their front door. A phone rings quite a few times but is left ringing. The spokesman today appears to be Max. His regulation goatee is too manicured to fit bikie central casting. He chopped his mullet a few years back but in photos on the wall it rivals the best. **Inner Sanctum:** Today a distinct lack of leather is because he’s just come from work - Max, 46, is 14 years with the Outlaws & 27 years with Aurora, where he is a regional planning officer. Entering the Outlaws den it takes a few minutes at first to adjust to the pitch darkness in their windowless inner sanctum - being inside the home away from home of the Outlaws is like gaining entry to one of the last male bastions - but more knee- trembling than the Masons. “It is a male domain,” Max said keeping a poker face: which also turns out to be another trade mark of the Outlaws. Like the tight familiar handshake they use to greet. They always say g’day & goodbye to each other this way. “Our women are welcome in here & respected by us. If someone cracked onto an Outlaw woman we smash them ... we feel very protective,” Max said. “But you can’t say women & men are the same. It’s the Venus & Mars thing,” which is his argument for the Outlaws being a man’s world. The immaculately kept club operates as a licensed premises on Fri & Sat nights. “It’s still our home. People we know get invited here. **Tribute:** “We have an older couple who drink here & the man, in his 60s, says he feels safer than in a pub where he might get bashed.” It wasn’t an invitation as such, but they don’t lock the door on the licensed nights & the police are within their rights to come in, Max said. “There’s nothing here for people to come over & raid or whatever.” On a tribute wall they pay honour to the brothers who have died, mainly in road accidents. A pool table gets well used until the wee hours & with the comfortable chairs at low tables, it could be any RSL club. Except for the club photo. Thanks to the large hairy & stark white backside of the bikie mooning the

camera. “The chairs come from the (Spirit) boat & no they didn’t come one by one,” Max said. On the second day of our visit to the club the youngest Outlaw is behind the bar doing the tasks of a probationary recruit. He stays that way until it’s been decided to let him in. “I’m 7 months working on it & 2 years to go,” the probate says & flashes a gappy smile. “That’s another 2 months for saying that,” Max slings back. “It was a joke,” the probate pleads deadpan. Max talks a lot about family & “the brotherhood” - bikie’s pride themselves with dealing with & protecting their own. A golden rule is never back out on a brother in a fight - one in all in. “Friends let you down at times, the members of this club will stick up for you because that’s what we have to do ... if that means to smash someone then you smash someone,” Max said. A sign on the door says “God Forgives Outlaws Don’t” & it’s their image of their culture. But Max gets tired of his club being tarred with the brush of the sins of others & he has been speaking more openly than many would expect. “We’ve told you the truth as much as we could. “We don’t live outside the law but we live our own way & have our own laws”. Max said they don’t see themselves the same way other people see them. Being in the Outlaws is pretty normal to them but it’s a different world to be in. “I guess it is a true perception to the outsiders who are looking in at us - but they are the ones that don’t know us. When they do meet us, the Outlaws image goes. “There is this image some people have in their head of a guy who will come over & rape their women & beat them up but it is not being perpetrated by us, it’s perpetrated by people who suddenly get a Harley, put leathers on & think they are 10 feet tall & tough,” Max said, fake spitting on the ground. “We don’t need that image because we can take care of business”. “We read & hear things about what we’re supposed to be like & we think it’s total rubbish.” **Bad Press:** He said bad press they received in the past meant they don’t usually make any statements. “I told you no (expletive) comment over the whole Rebels thing in the paper (in 1999, when friction occurred between rival motorbike gangs). “That was just one idiot & he was taken care of by them. “Then the anti-fortification thing came in & a photo of this place was in the paper, but as you can see it’s just a tin shed with wood inside, it’s not fortified, it’s far from it.” He says he doesn’t “give a (expletive) what people think of me apart from my family & brothers” but he deeply resents bikies being convicted by association alone. “One of our guys in Melbourne got raided for stealing cars & breaking them down but he was just one of 56 people. “Then all our club houses got raided for it. “I might know the bloke selling drugs, he might be a friend of mine, but it doesn’t mean I’ve done anything. “Go to the local football club or police station & within a group you will probably find someone with a criminal record for assault, drugs or break & enter but no-one says the entire club is a bad drug dealing organization,” Max said.

Rebels bikie gang denies shooting Bandido – Oct 24, 2008 – *Australia* – By Jeff Turnbull - The Rebels motorcycle gang has denied any involvement in the fatal shooting of a rival Bandidos gang member in Geelong. One Rebels gang member who answered the door at their clubhouse on an industrial site in north Geelong said the club was not involved in the murder of senior Bandido Ross “Rosco” Brand. “We had nothing to do with it,” he said. The gang member, sporting a tattoo of the American Confederate flag on his neck, also said the club had not yet been visited by detectives working on the case. “No mate, we haven’t seen them,” he said. Geelong is rife with rumours that a revenge attack is imminent following the death of Brand, who was shot in the head as he left the Bandidos clubhouse in the Geelong suburb of Breakwater on Wed night. The rumours also name the alleged murderer & say he won’t live past the weekend.

Online talk of biker revenge - Oct 24, 2008 - *Australia* - Motorcycle gang the Bandidos have vowed to go eye for an eye after one of their members was shot dead in Breakwater. News travelled fast of Ross Brand's slaying with condolence messages from around the world being posted on the Bandidos' international guest book internet site. The messages were the first chilling signs the Bandidos would not let the matter rest, including one from Marty in Tarnet, near Werribee. "Sorry to hear your brother lost in Geelong. I hope the old saying comes true what goes around comes around." Jamie, from the Gold Coast, described the victim as a "true stand-up guy". "A much loved friend & brother, to Ross's family & my Geelong brothers, my deepest condolences on such a tragic & cowardly event, rest in peace my brother," he wrote. A message from the Denmark chapter described the killer as a "low-life junkie". "God forgives _ Bandidos don't," the message said. The Phantom's MC, from San Antonio, also expressed their sorrow. "To the a--hole who took your brother('s) life may you rot in . . . hell & remember, you cut one, they all bleed," the posting read. The messages have eerie similarities to the ones posted in newspapers during Melbourne's long gangland war.

Police tight-lipped on video footage - Oct 24, 2008 - *Australia* - By Julie McNamara - Police are remaining tight-lipped about whether CCTV footage has brought them any closer to identifying Ross Brand's killer. Police refused to reveal details about how their investigation was progressing after the 51-year-old Torquay father was shot in the head outside the Bandidos' Breakwater clubrooms on Wed night. Police media spokeswoman Sheree Argento said security footage from the Bandidos' surveillance system, which was believed to have captured the fatal attack, would not be released to the media in the immediate future & said there was nothing new to report.

Police crackdown on bikies nets millions of dollars - Oct 24, 2008 - *Australia* - Police targeting the activities of motorcycle gangs in Western Australia have laid more than 800 charges this year & seized assets valued at millions of dollars. The police annual report lists the results of Operation Jupiter which began in Jan. Gang Crime Squad officers have charged 122 people who are either bikie gang members or associates. They have also issued more than 250 traffic infringements & more than 200 vehicle defect notices. Operation Jupiter is part of the national police effort to dismantle & disrupt bikie gangs. Under Proceeds of Crime laws, more than \$4 million in assets have been seized, including more than \$800,000 in cash.

U.S. judge releases Mongols - Oct 25, 2008 - Nevada - 4 of 5 members of the Mongols outlaw MC accused of conspiring to sell illegal drugs were released from custody Fri, 3 days after they were snared in a nationwide sting. William "Moreno" Ramirez, 38, was kept in custody because he played a leadership role in the biker gang, serving as vice president of the Henderson chapter. U.S. District Judge George Foley also expressed concern because Ramirez is the roommate of Sam Travino, president of the Henderson chapter, who fled when word leaked of Tue's sweep. Defense attorneys said Fri that Travino was working out a self-surrender deal with Fed authorities. Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory Damm urged Foley to keep all the defendants in jail, citing their active participation in the club perhaps best known for their deadly 2002 gunfight with the Hells Angels inside a Laughlin casino. Damm said the bikers were flight risks because the club protects members on the run. "They have an active association & participation in the Mongols motorcycle gang," Damm said. "Their creed is to assist one another; they have

chapters across the United States." Foley transferred the case to the Central District of California. A trial date has yet to be set. Released on Fri were Harold "Face" Reynolds, 40, David "Lazy Dave" Padilla, 38, Padilla's uncle Ismael "Milo" Padilla, 33, & 33-year-old Jason "Big Jay" Hull. Foley noted that each man had close family ties in Las Vegas & most of them were employed or previously employed. He banned them from any communications with Mongols members while they await trial. Foley had reservations about releasing Hull because of a tattoo he sports that says: "Respect few, fear none." Damm told the judge that the Mongols headquarters rewards members who commit murder & other violent acts with patches with the same phrase. Damm also expressed concerns about the release of Reynolds. Fed agents found photographs of the rival Hells Angels bikers in Reynolds' home. Damm said accompanying the photos was what appeared to be notes from background checks on the Hells Angels & their families. Foley ordered Reynolds to stay away from Hells Angels members. Operation Black Rain included sweeps in California, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Florida, Ohio & Nevada. In all, 110 arrest warrants were issued & 150 search warrants served. The 5 men who appeared in Fed court Fri all face charges of conspiring to distribute controlled substances. They face a minimum of 10 years in prison.

Lawyer challenges - Oct 25, 2008 - *Canada* - A Saskatchewan law designed to hinder organized crime by prohibiting gang colours in bars is being challenged on the grounds it is unconstitutional. Jesse Leigh Bitz, 36, of Warman was allegedly wearing a motorcycle jacket or vest with patches showing membership in the Hells Angels in Ryly's bar in Saskatoon on July 17, 2007, when he was issued a ticket under Section 60.1 (1) of the Safer Communities & Neighbourhoods Act. Defence lawyer Mark Brayford says the law violates the guaranteed freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief, opinion & expression, peaceful assembly & association protected in the Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms. "You should be able to speak freely about whoever you want & show support for them without being charged with an offence," Brayford said. "The issue of this constitutional challenge is the freedom to express your opinion by what you wear." The provincial law also strays into the Fed area of criminal law & is disproportionate to any state interest, he said. As well, parts of the law are vague, Brayford contends. As it is written, the law could be interpreted, for example, to apply to a person in a bar wearing a T-shirt with a slogan supporting Conrad Black, since he was convicted along with 2 other people, which could possibly be interpreted to constitute a gang, Brayford said. It is difficult for the average person to make that determination, he said.

A guy is 65 years old & loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, 'Pick me up'. He looked around & couldn't see any one. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, 'Pick me up.' He looked in the water & there, floating on the top, was a frog. The man said, 'Are you talking to me?' The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up, then kiss me & I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious & jealous because I will be your bride!' The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, & placed it in his front breast pocket. Then the frog said, 'What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me & I will be your beautiful bride.' He opened his pocket, looked at the frog & said, 'Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog.'

Third man charged in Montreal Hells Angels fire – Oct 25, 2008 - *Canada* - A 3rd man was arrested Sat in the fire that leveled the Hells Angels bunker in Sorel, Que., about 85 kilometres northeast of Montreal. He appeared in court on charges he conspired to destroy one of the gang's most important symbols in Canada. According to a report by La Presse newspaper, the motive behind the fire involved nothing more than a mundane love triangle. The Surete du Quebec refused to comment on the report but has said, through a statement, it expects to release more information this week about the 3 arrests. According to the report, a member of the Hells Angels was involved with the spouse of one of the 3 men arrested. The SQ also said the 3 men appear to have no ties to organized crime, another sign the fire had nothing to do with a possible clash between the violent biker gang & a rival criminal organization. All 3 men have criminal records that include convictions for relatively minor offences. They are scheduled to have a bail hearing on Tue.

Former Bandidos leader speaks out – Oct 25, 2008 - *Australia* - A Former international bikie leader believes the Bandidos' days are numbered unless they put an end to the bloodshed & drug trafficking that has engulfed their organisation. Edward Winterhalder, who was with the Bandidos for 7 years & part of motorcycle clubs for 30 years, said bikie gangs were full of "loose cannons". He said the person who killed Geelong Bandidos' member Ross Brand did not need authority from anyone to carry out the execution. "If there is meth-amphetamine in the mix there is no telling what's happening next," he said. "The only thing for sure is there will be more & more law enforcement & that's not good for any club long-term. "At some point in time clubs will need to police themselves because it's inevitable the police & Gov't will do it for them. "They have to remove the loose cannons & drug dealers & remove crime from ranks of the motorcycle clubs, & that's worldwide." Winterhalder left the bikie gang culture in 2003 to spend more time with his daughter, who is now aged 16, & concentrate on his construction company. The 51-year-old was the man who assimilated Canadian motorcycle club Rock Machine & turned it into the Bandidos after a bloody war with rival gang from Montreal the Hells Angels. Winterhalder said Brand's murder at the Bandidos' Breakwater clubhouse on Wednesday could have been a scare tactic from a rival gang member who was more than likely drug-affected. "It is disorganised crime, it's not like the mafia, whoever shot him (Brand) didn't have to have permission," he said. "It will be an individual making a decision on their own terms. "You can't get in these guys' minds; most are whacked out on amphetamines." Winterhalder said some joined bikie gangs to pursue their own criminal agendas & once inside conspired to build factions within the club. "It's not a requirement to commit crimes (to be a Bandido) & a majority don't. The only thing they are guilty of is having too much fun at the weekend," he said. Winterhalder said there was tension between members of the same motorcycle gang. He said when he was the head of the Bandidos' Oklahoma chapter kicking people out was not always possible. "We tried to get rid of people but they are protected by other people & then it becomes difficult," he said. Winterhalder said bikie gangs were usually tight knit & Brand's death would have a major impact in their club but pleaded for no revenge attacks. "If they don't stop as a whole it's inevitable they will become extinct. The world is tired of bikies fighting with each other," he said.

A lifestyle worth dying for – Oct 26, 2008 – *Pennsylvania* - By Dennis Fallon - "Riding on the Edge," by John Hall, is a book about motorcycles. But, that's like saying that religion is just

about God or politics is just about votes. Sure, they are the central theme, but around them is a culture, idea & a lifestyle that is worth dying for. Hall's excellent book tells the story of his time as president of the Long Island chapter of the Pagans, an outlaw motorcycle club the FBI once called, "the most violent criminal organization in America." These are not your Harley-riding weekend warriors of today, or your Dennis Hopper & Henry Fonda peaceniks of "Easy Rider." The Pagans in "Riding on the Edge" are leather clad, bearded, chain-wielding & swastika-tattooed outlaws that terrorized the collective American subconscious at the same time hippies, Vietnam & Watergate held the public's conscious attention. The time is the late 1960s, & Hall gives us a glimpse into a wild world of drinking & debauchery, where these young men trashed bars & rode around like ancient barbarians - women on their backs & the wind blowing through their greasy hair as they tore up America's highways. Hall, a Queens native who now lives in Centre County, writes with straightforward candor & little fluff, giving the book an easy flow. Throughout, Hall ties in vivid images of Norse, Dutch & Germanic mythology & pagan religion, making the men in his tale seem even more myth than reality. The book is a rollicking adventure, more fun & better paced than other motorcycle memoirs, as well as an outlaw's coming-of-age tale. Part road novel, true-crime, love story, memoir & history lesson, the book is filled with colorful characters with funny names & tragic endings. Hall's Pagan clubmates have names like Davy Motormouth, Sweet William, Blackie & Righteous Elroy. Most of these men die violent deaths - either at the hands of criminals or while driving motorcycles. The book also tells the story of Hall's youthful love affair with Jane, the long-haired country beauty out of a thousand romance novels. With young passion, Hall & his girl (married to another Pagan) go through the pangs & pains of illicit love in the late 1960s, full of young children, overbearing German mothers & separation. It's like a Shakespeare play in black leather, only with more beer. As good as this book is, "Riding On The Edge" is not for everyone. It's filled with racial slurs, criminal activities, violence, alcoholism & infidelity. But Hall doesn't make light of the dark side of biker nature - he presents us his story, warts & all. This leaves the reader with an uncomfortable decision - should we revel with the men in the book or revile them? Are these bikers good guys that do bad things or bad guys that do good things? America & England are awash with Puritan literature, the black/white idea that there are only bad guys & good guys, & it can be difficult to find a clear answer in Hall's gray, rust-belt world. Hall seems to subscribe to the French or Russian ideal that the soul is a complicated thing. For all their simplicity & savage ways - the Pagans in "Riding on the Edge" take care of their mothers, protect their community, look out for one another & even live by a code of conduct somewhere out of the Teutonic middle ages. But, if all this seems too deep for you, don't forget that there are motorcycles.

A nice, calm & respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, & said, 'I would like to buy some cyanide. The pharmacist asked, 'Why in the world do you need cyanide?' The lady replied, 'I need it to poison my husband.' The pharmacist's eyes got big & he exclaimed, 'Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband. That's against the law! I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!' The lady reached into her purse & pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife. The pharmacist looked at the picture & replied, 'Well now, that's different. You didn't tell me you had a prescription.'

A Road Without End – Oct 26, 2008 – *California* – By Bill Hayes - The Jus Brothers MC, 1990 - 2007 By Michael Patrick McCusker (a.k.a. “Irish Mike”). “Yeah, motorcycle accidents & bar fights have been some of the more dramatic things in the life of a patch holder & fortunately both are few, & far in between all the fun, Brotherhood, & good times we’ve had.” “Irish Mike” McCusker makes this statement toward the end of his new book, *A Road Without End: The Jus Brothers MC 1990 - 2007*, but by then the point was already well established. The politics, the nearly superhuman tact & the psycho- social gymnastics that it takes to begin - & main- tain - a recognized 3 piece patch motorcycle club are certainly addressed in the book, but the empha- sis is on the positive twists in this special kind of brotherhood. “When ya wear a set of colors, some people just don’t take well to it & feel threatened or jealous by us standing out & maybe getting a little more atten- tion, etc. & they feel they have to put ya down for one reason or another. Just goes with the life & ya run into bullies here ‘n’ there no matter how much ya just want to have a good time & avoid all that unnecessary drama. Anyway, back to the club...” Irish Mike McCusker was a founding member & the first president of the Jus Brothers MC - a club that began in the Tracy area of North- ern California in 1990. Mike refreshingly seems to see his paticular glass as half full. As he wrote *A Road Without End* he obviously felt no real need to take the reader into yet another primarily negative, deep & heavy ride into the shadowy & clandis- world of motorcycle clubs behind closed doors. What he apparently wants to do is to share the full spectrum of adventures that he has lived during his many years within the biker culture. And he succeeded. The book is effortless to read. It’s like simply sitting back at the local bar & listening to the most wizened graybeard of the bunch tell you his tales. In his 56 years, McCusker has seen a lot; *A Road Without End* is a fitting chronicle that imparts the kind of knowledge & a pure enjoyment of the biker culture that rookies should absorb & that veteran riders will relate so well to. The Jus Brothers M/C may not be as well-known as some clubs are, but that doesn’t diminish the fact that Irish Mike has been around the block a time or two. The gray in the beards & the wrink- les in the road-savvy skin count for a lot - the abil- ity to tell a whole bunch of good stories & to pass along the wisdom that earned that gray & those wrinkles counts for even more. McCusker has that ability. *A Road Without End* is not just Irish Mike’s mem- oirs; it’s also his legacy. After nearly 2 decades in the club, he retired - another bit of protocol that Mike explains: “The truth is that true retirement is not all that common & not all 1%er clubs even offer it... the terms of my retirement are between my Brothers & myself. Suffice it to say that if you’re a good Brother you’ll be treated with all the love & respect you deserve as I have been.” In the light of the book’s optimistic theme & a title that conjures up a thought of timelessness, the “1990 - 2007” subtitle almost seems a bit like a eulogy - as if those were birth & demise dates. But that’s cleared up very early on: “Here’s the first 17 years of the Jus Brothers MC told through my eyes...this story as yet has no end...I’m sure the club will only continue to grow & get stronger & maybe in another 17 years another Brother will add to what I’ve put down here.” Well Irish Mike, if they do I can only hope that they do it with the same attitude of fun & truth that you put into this chronicle of your brotherhood’s initial years. There’s a lot of negativity in so much of the media “out there” that takes aim at our way of life - fun & truth are always a welcome change.

“Pain or damage don’t end the world. Or despair, or ****ing beatings.. the world ends when you’re dead. Until then, you’ve got more punishment in store. Stand it like a man, & give some back” - Al Swearngen, Owner Gem Saloon, Deadwood S.D.

Violent turf war shatters calm – Oct 27, 2008 - *Denmark* - M’Bossaran Ciss still feels knots in her stomach when she recalls the night a stray bullet zipped through a window during dinner at a friend’s apartment in Copenhagen. “Two minutes earlier, I was standing at the window right in the path of the bullet & I could have died,” the Guinean dancer said. The bullet went through the living room window before lodging in the wall just above the door. Denmark’s accustomed calm has been brutally shattered in recent weeks, as a violent turf war has escalated between Hell’s Angels bikers & youths of immigrant origin with a raft of shootings across the capital. The bullet that interrupted Ciss’s dinner party on October 11 had been fired by a member of an immigrant gang who was being chased through the streets by 3 men in a car. In the past 2 months alone, police say there have been 25 shootings in Copenhagen’s otherwise peaceful streets, leaving one person dead & 6 injured from both sides. “It’s a miracle that no innocent bystander has been hurt in these very worrying clashes,” Copenhagen police spokesman Flemming Steen Munch said. There appear to be numerous motives for the repeated attacks. “There is the control of the lucrative drugs market, ‘turf’ protection, jealousy (and) soiled honour that they want to wash clean with blood,” Munch said. Gang members were also seeking “vengeance in line with the principle of ‘eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth,’” he added. Ciss’s near-death experience was not the first time an innocent bystander narrowly escaped injury or death at the hands of the rivalling gangs. “On several occasions we just barely avoided a tragedy,” Munch said, stressing that “we are doing everything we can to stave off the worst.” The long-simmering conflict between the 2 gangs exploded into full-blown war after a 19-year-old man of Turkish origin named Osam Nuri Dogan, who was armed & wearing a bullet-proof vest, was executed on the street on Aug 19. His body was riddled with 25 bullets in front of a Copenhagen pizza parlour. A member of Hell’s Angels suspected of the killing was arrested but was soon released for lack of evidence. Since then, the violence & the often racially-loaded insults flung between the 2 camps have grown. In an attempt to stem the clashes between Hell’s Angels, its offshoot AK81 & the gangs of mainly third-generation immigrants, police have launched a vast operation in Copenhagen & in the western town of Aarhus & central town of Odense, seizing “more than 200 illegal fire arms,” according to the justice ministry. “More than 3,000 searches of people & vehicles have been carried out, dozens of search warrants have been issued in these circles & some 40 people have been taken into preventive custody,” the ministry said in a statement. Justice Minister Brian Mikkelsen has also vowed to put “massive pressure on the gangs.” “We will not accept such settling of scores in Denmark ... because our citizens must be able to move safely around in the streets,” he told reporters. Despite the massive police action, the violence has continued. Last week shots were fired at the Hell’s Angels clubhouse in Copenhagen & between 2 cars in the heavily immigrant neighborhood of Noerrebro. No one was injured. Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen recently called for sending even more police into the streets, insisting on the need to “immediately bring an end to this fighting.” He cautioned that allowing the violence to continue could result in it spilling over into “societal clashes between Danes & immigrants in general.”

The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a Gov’t program. - Ronald Reagan

It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first. - Ronald Reagan

HA split in Århus – Oct 27, 2008 - *Denmark* - The ongoing battle between immigrant gangs & the Hells Angels has resulted in a split within the Hells Angels organisation in Århus. At least 7 bikers of the Århus Chapter of the Hells Angels have been suspended due to internal disagreements about how to handle the current strife between the organisation & immigrant gangs. According to Ekstra Bladet, the 7 disagreed with the confrontational policy that has been determined by the organisaiton leadership. Among those suspended is Jimmy Nissen, the president of the Århus Chapter according to the reports. It is unclear whether those suspended have been declared in Bad Standing & thus outcasts from the group.

Police seek better powers - Oct 27, 2008 - *Australia* - Tasmanian police want greater powers to deal with organized crime & bikie gangs in the state. Acting Police Commissioner Darren Hine has given evidence to a Joint Senate Committee hearing in Hobart. The inquiry has heard Tasmania is home to 5 motorcycle gangs with about 200 members. Acting Police Commissioner Darren Hine says Tasmania has a relatively low organised crime network but motorcycle groups are the biggest drain on police resources. Acting Deputy Commissioner Scott Tilyard has also given evidence & says bikie gangs tend to intimidate the community & it is something police are trying to stamp out. Police are considering 4 initiatives to help combat organised crime groups. They involve amendments to the Surveillance Devices Act, Witness Protection Act, Assumed Identities Act & Controlled Operations Act.

Polygraphs tested mettle of agents in biker case – Oct 28, 2008 – *California* – By Thomas Watkins - Weeks of drinking & carousing to win acceptance in a notorious motorcycle gang came down to a nerve-racking moment for 3 undercover Fed agents: taking a polygraph examination in a room full of armed men. Flunking could threaten what would become a three-year probe into the Mongols MC - not to mention the agents' own safety. Fed prosecutors say all 3 ATF agents were prepared for the challenge & passed the tests, critical moments in the investigation that culminated last week in multistate raids & at least 64 arrests on charges including murder, drug trafficking & torture. The Mongols had been infiltrated before, so gang leaders went to extraordinary lengths to test their "prospects," including running background checks & having a private investigator administer the polygraph tests. The Mongols ratcheted up pressure by standing directly behind the agents while they were hooked up to the polygraph, Assistant U.S. Atty Christopher Brunwin said. "Is it scarier to see the threat that is facing you, or ... taking a lie detector test while someone is standing behind you with a weapon?" the prosecutor said. "They could be getting ready to shoot." Each agent had been given all they needed to assume a new life - an apartment away from their family, a new Social Security number & a cover story. They had also been trained to pass the lie detector. "It's a remarkable undertaking that the agents whose lives were at risk displayed this level of courage," Brunwin said. In all, 4 ATF agents were accepted into the Mongols "brotherhood," though one agent was not required to take a polygraph test. Officials did not say why. John Torres, the ATF agent in charge in Los Angeles, declined to discuss how the 3 beat the polygraph, but said undercover agents generally compile cover stories that echo their own lives so they can tell them more believably. "Our guys are highly trained & they were pretty much hand selected to do this mission & for their ability to think fast under pressure & beat the box," Torres said, referring to the polygraph machine. Though the ATF is able to train its agents to pass a polygraph test, the agency still uses lie detectors

as part of its screening of potential new hires. ATF spokesman Mike Hoffman said the polygraph is just one of a slew of tests of a candidate's background. The Mongols' background checks & lie-detector tests were not only to prevent a repeat of the 1998 infiltration that led to arrests but to assess aspiring members' willingness to commit crimes for the gang, prosecutors said. Mongols circulated photographs of the undercover agents among the criminal underworld to see if anyone recognized them, Brunwin said. On one occasion, a Mongol grew suspicious after coming across an old photograph of one agent posing with ATF colleagues. "They were telling him, this sure looks like you," Brunwin said. "It seemed like he'd been caught." The agent convinced them it wasn't him. Torres said not all agents can handle undercover work. Those that do it feed off the thrill of maintaining a facade. "It is the adrenaline, it's being able to get one over on the bad guy," Torres said. Torres said the agents in the Mongols investigation never committed a crime during the investigation, he said, & were still subject to random drug tests. Four women colleagues posed as girlfriends to help in the ruse, providing backup & an excuse that allowed the male agents to avoid having sex with women who hung out with Mongols, Brunwin said. According to the indictment, the Mongols awarded each other special clothing patches, or "wings," after they engaged in extreme sex acts, like having sex with a woman with a venereal disease. The 84-count racketeering indictment against the primarily Latino gang lists allegations including murder, attempted murder, racially motivated attacks on black people, torture, & gun & drug offenses. At least 44 defendants have appeared in court, all of them pleading not guilty. It wasn't immediately known if they had been assigned defense attorneys. Last week, the Gov't barred Mongols members from wearing clothing displaying the group's trademarked name or logo in what was called a first-of-its-kind seizure of a gang's intellectual property. Among those arrested were the gang's former national president Ruben "Doc" Cavazos & current president Hector "Largo" Gonzalez. The gang is based in Southern California, but Fed & local agents arrested members in 6 states from the West Coast to the Midwest. Until his arrest, Cavazos lived with his son & other family members at a home on a quiet & well-to-do street with sweeping mountain views in West Covina, about 20 miles east of Los Angeles. Neighbors said he moved in a couple years ago & had landscaped the front of his property with a new retaining wall & several palm trees. A woman at the house who declined to identify herself said Cavazos worked as a hospital CAT scan technician. A neighbor who asked not to be named for fear of retaliation said he often would often be woken at 3 or 4 a.m. by the sound of several motorbikes.

A redneck guy walks into a bank & says to the teller at the window, "I want to open a farkin' checking account". The teller, surprised with his behavior, replies, "I beg your pardon, what did you say?" "Listen up dammit, I said I want to open a farkin' checking account right now." "Sir, I'm sorry but we do not tolerate that kind of language in this bank!", said the teller. The teller left the window & went over to the bank manager & told him about her situation. They both returned & the manager asked, "What seems to be the problem here?" "There ain't no damn problem," the man said, "I just won 50 million in the lottery & I want to open a farkin' checking account in this damn bank!" "I see sir," the manager said, "and this bitch is giving you a hard time??"

The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the Fed Gov't but doesn't have to take the civil service examination.
- Ronald Reagan

Bikers Rally For Obama – Oct 28, 2008 – *Missouri* - By James Parks - Barack Obama's candidacy has changed the dynamics of Nat'l politics, bringing together youth, progressives, people of color, union members & leather jacketed, hog-riding bikers. More than 30 bikers, most of them members of the Letter Carriers (NALC) & Teamsters, & other supporters joined a cookout & rally in Columbia, Mo., yesterday to show support for Obama & his plans to revive the middle class. After the rally, the bikers, calling themselves "Bikers for Obama," headed off for a scenic ride to the state capitol in Jefferson City with Obama 2008 stickers proudly displayed on their union-made Harleys. Kevin Boyer, pres of the Missouri NALC, says it makes sense for union bikers to back Obama: Union members & bikers understand that Barack Obama represents our interests the best. More than 700 union families depend on the H-D plant in Clay County, Mo. But if John McCain gets elected, more & more of our bikes & manufactured goods will be built in China & India, not here in the U.S. The biker rally is part of the Missouri AFL-CIO's largest-ever grassroots mobilization effort on behalf of candidates who will fight for health care, retirement security & good jobs. Over the past several months, union volunteers have communicated with their friends, co-workers & neighbors at their homes & worksites, online & over the phone. On Election Day, more than 450,000 Missouri union voters are expected to turn out to the polls, making up 32% of the total statewide electorate. And you can be sure some of them will show up at the polls on the back of a Harley. **Editor's Note:** I will NOT be voting for Obama...

Redneck jokes: It's time to take a reflective look at the core beliefs of a culture that values home, family, country & God. If I had to stand before a dozen terrorists who threaten my life, I'd choose a half dozen or so rednecks to back me up. Tire irons, squirrel guns & grit -- that's what rednecks are made of.

You might be a redneck if: It never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase, 'One nation, under God.'

You might be a redneck if: You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places.

You might be a redneck if: You still say 'Christmas' instead of 'Winter Festival.'

You might be a redneck if: You bow your head when someone prays.

God Bless the USA!

You might be a redneck if: You stand & place your hand over your heart when they play the National Anthem.

You might be a redneck if: You treat our armed forces veterans with great respect, & always have.

You might be a redneck if: You've never burned an American flag, nor intend to.

You might be a redneck if: You know what you believe & you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening.

You might be a redneck if: You respect your elders & raised your kids to do the same.

You might be a redneck if: You'd give your last dollar to a friend. We live in the land of the free because of the brave of the land

Bikers questioned after brawl – Oct 28, 2008 – *Tennessee* – By Dave Phillips - Several people suffered minor injuries during a bar brawl early Sunday morning between members of a biker gang & customers & employees at RJ's Lounge, 103 S. Brewer St. in Paris. According to a report by Paris PD Sgt. Tony Elkins, police arrived at the bar after receiving several calls about a fight in progress just after 1 a.m. As Elkins arrived, several people, many of whom he reported may have been part of the Outlaw Bikers gang, were leaving. As they were leaving, the bartender told the group not to come back & told police that the bikers started a fight & used bottles, knives & pool sticks as weapons on

some of the customers. Elkins stopped some of the bikers, who said a fight broke out, a man fired a gun & they then left the bar. One member of the group said a customer had disrespected her uncle & told police that the bikers did not start the fight. The owner of the bar told police he tried to break up the fight by separating the subjects when 3 bikers jumped on him & hit him on the head. The bartender was allegedly confronted by a biker, whom he took to the ground before another biker kicked him in the leg. A customer said he had been playing pool when one of the bikers hit him with a beer bottle 2 or 3 times. A pair of brass knuckles was found near the pool tables, & the pool tables, cues & other items were damaged. No charges have been filed, but warrants may be forthcoming.

Accused 'disgusted' by biker murder – Oct 28, 2008 – *United Kingdom* - A biker accused of murdering a south-east London Hells Angel on a motorway said he was "disgusted" by the shooting. Dane Garside, 42, from Coventry, admitted driving the car from which Gerry Tobin was gunned down but denied playing any role in the murder. Garside told Birmingham Crown Court he was "in bits" after hearing the "bang bang" come from the back of the vehicle he had been "ordered" to drive. The defendant, who showed his Grim Reaper tattoo on the back of his head to the jury, told the court: "I did not know what was going on." He said he had been told he was working on surveillance - looking out for other motorcycle gangs - & "did not expect anything like that to happen". Garside is among 6 defendants who deny the murder of Mr Tobin, who was shot as he rode along the M40 near Warwick at around 90mph in August last year. Another man, 44-year-old Sean Creighton, pleaded guilty to murder & firearms charges on the day before the trial began. Garside, who had been a full member of the South Warwickshire chapter of the Outlaws since December 2006, described how Creighton, from Coventry, had wound down the window & shot at Tobin. He said: "As I turned round when I heard the bangs, the shots, they were that close together, I looked around & Sean was holding a gun." Tobin, from Mottingham, died instantly when he was hit in the neck by a round which passed through his spine into his skull.

Bikie invasion fears – Oct 28, 2008 – *Australia* - There are fears Tasmania could become a haven for bikie gangs because of insufficient laws targeting organised crime. A Fed joint committee inquiry into serious & organised crime groups met in Hobart yesterday, particularly to discuss the activities of outlaw bikie gangs. Acting Police Commissioner Darren Hine confirmed police were considering issuing fortification removal orders to 2 chapter houses -- 2 years after laws prohibiting heavy fortification of clubhouses were introduced. "The problem is determining where you draw the line between fortification & good security," Hine said. Bikie gangs have been linked with organised crime, including drug trafficking, money laundering, gun trafficking & prostitution. The committee heard Tasmania had 5 active bikie gangs, 13 chapter houses & about 200 members. The committee questioned whether Tasmania's lack of specific legislation targeting bikie gangs could make it a soft target for gangs moving from other states, particularly South Australia, which recently introduced laws to make it an offence to be a member of a bikie gang. Hine said Tasmania did not have a problem on the same scale as other states & intelligence suggested just one gang member from South Australia had moved to Tasmania since the laws were enacted, & he was a former resident. "There is no evidence of a major influx from South Australia & I wouldn't want to give that impression," Hine said. He said a heavy-handed approach to bikie gangs could drive them underground, without stopping crime.

Driver describes M-way murder of Hells Angel – Oct 28, 2008 - *United Kingdom* - By Duncan Campbell - A member of the Outlaws motorcycle club accused of being involved in the murder of a rival Hell's Angel yesterday described how the shooting took place at 80mph on a motorway last summer. Dane Garside, who is pleading not guilty to the murder, admitted that he was driving the car from which the fatal shots were fired but said he had no idea that a shooting was planned. He told the court that he would not name those involved because he feared for his family's safety. Garside, 42, a lorry driver & father of 7 from Coventry, told Birmingham crown court that he had been a member of the Outlaws for 20 months when the murder of Gerry Tobin took place on the M40 in August last year. "I was in bits," he said of his reaction to the shooting. "I didn't expect anything like that to happen." He said he had been told by Sean Creighton, who was described in court as the sergeant at arms for the Outlaws' south Warwickshire chapter & has pleaded guilty to murder, to follow 2 bikers & pull alongside them. "I thought: he's going to start shouting verbal," he told the court. "Then all I heard was 'bang! bang!' I screamed: 'What the hell is going on?' I was told not to look round. As I looked round, I could still see the gentleman riding the bike. Sean Creighton said: 'You just fucking drive this car.'" He would not name anyone else who was involved apart from Creighton, who had already admitted his guilt. Told by Mr Justice Treacy that he had sworn to tell the whole truth, he apologised but said that his family came first. Garside, his brother Karl, Simon Turner, Malcolm Bull, Dean Taylor & Ian Cameron all plead not guilty to murder. The trial continues.

'Perfect' hitman a police agent – Oct 28, 2008 – *Canada* - When 2 high-ranking Hells Angels officers decided an underworld rival had to be assassinated, they thought they'd found the perfect hitman in a fellow biker -- but that man was actually a police agent, a prosecutor told jurors at the beginning of a trial Monday. Durham Crown Attorney John Scott told jurors they'll hear evidence that the men on trial, Mark Stephenson & Remond Akleh, conspired to kill rival Frank Lenti & counselled another biker, Stephen Gault, to do the deed. Scott told jurors they'll hear testimony from Gault, a man who has worked as an agent for police since 2005, that he had discussions with both men about a plot to murder Lenti. In his opening address to jurors Scott said evidence will show Gault, a full-patch member of the Oshawa chapter of the Hells Angels, appeared to the accused men to be "the perfect, trusted guy" based on his lengthy criminal resume of violent offences. "The one piece they didn't know? He'd (Gault) signed on in April of 2005 as a police agent," Scott said, telling jurors they'll hear recorded conversations of Gault meeting with Stephenson, president of the Oshawa chapter, & Akleh, a member of the Angels' elite Nomads organization. Those conversations occurred at Stephenson's home near Sunderland & at Akleh's Cobourg-area home, jurors heard. The Crown alleges that Akleh & Stephenson approached Gault in June of 2006 with a plan to kill Lenti, a man with a lengthy history of involvement in outlaw biker gangs. The Angels had failed in attempts to recruit Lenti & feared his association with the Bandidos -- bitter enemies of the Hells Angels -- would result in competition for their criminal enterprises, including the drug trade, Scott said. "Frank Lenti was seen as a threat," Scott said. "Frank Lenti . . . was someone who could bring people together." The murder plot was never acted on & Stephenson & Akleh were arrested in September of 2006 along with several other bikers in a provincewide strike against the Hells Angels. The majority of those arrested as a result of Project Tandem were busted on drug charges, many of them on the strength of evidence provided by Gault, Scott said. In fact, the alleged murder plot arose while

Gault was acting as a police agent, buying cocaine from bikers, he said. "This (alleged murder plot) just came along, out of the blue," Scott told jurors. The first witness called to the stand was Sergeant Kenneth Davis of Thunder Bay police, a member of the provincial Biker Enforcement Unit & an acknowledged expert on biker gangs.

2 lawyers disqualified – Oct 29, 2008 – *Chicago, Illinois* – By Mike Robinson - A federal judge disqualified two lawyers Tuesday from representing a pair of defendants charged in a mob-related case with blowing up a coin-operated amusement company in suburban Berwyn. Judge Ronald A. Guzman disqualified attorneys Alexander Salerno & Edmund Wanderling, saying they have "numerous & multifaceted" conflicts of interest. Mark Polchan, 41, & Samuel Volpendesto, 84, are charged in the February 2003 bombing that ripped apart the Berwyn offices of C&S Coin Operated Amusements. Prosecutors say the blast was a message from the mob to the company to quit horning in on its \$13 million monopoly on gambling in Chicago's western suburbs. The two men were arrested July 30 when federal agents fanned out across northern Illinois, raiding offices & hangouts of the Outlaws motorcycle gang. Polchan is a member of the Outlaws. The two have pleaded not guilty. A call to Salerno & Wanderling at their offices late Tuesday was not immediately returned. A message was left with their answering service. Salerno showed up at the home of an unnamed mob member who could become a defendant in the case when federal agents searched it on July 30, Guzman said. Wanderling apparently called Salerno & urged him to go to the home, he said. Salerno also represented a key witness in the case & Wanderling had represented that witness's son, the judge said. He said Salerno previously served as an attorney for Volpendesto, who is now represented by Wanderling. "These circumstances make it extremely difficult for the court even to admonish adequately Volpendesto or Polchan as to the many different ways that this prior relationship could result in prejudice to either during the course of these proceedings," Guzman said in a 15-page written opinion. "Under these circumstances it is extremely difficult for the court to satisfy itself that either Volpendesto or Polchan understand fully the consequences of waiving their Sixth Amendment right to effective assistance of counsel," he said.

Judge rules homeless voters – Oct 29, 2008 – *Ohio* - A federal judge in Ohio has ruled that counties must allow homeless voters to list park benches & other locations that aren't buildings as their addresses. U.S. District Judge Edmund Sargus also ruled that provisional ballots can't be invalidated because of poll worker errors. Monday's ruling resolved the final 2 pieces of a settlement between the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless & Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner. The coalition agreed to drop a constitutional challenge to Ohio's voter identification law until after the Nov. 4 election. In return, Brunner & the coalition agreed on procedures to verify provisional ballots across all Ohio counties. The coalition was concerned that unequal treatment of provisional ballots would disenfranchise some voters.

The Lord's Prayer is 66 words, the Gettysburg Address is 286 words; there are 1,322 words in the Declaration of Independence; but Gov't regulations on the sale of cabbage total 26,911 words. ~National Review

Gov't view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. - Ronald Reagan

Toys 4 Tots Motorcycle Ride Hits Speed Bump – Oct 29, 2008 – *Florida* - The Vietnam Veterans of Clay County ran into a speed bump in the form of insurance as they prepared for a decades-long tradition of hosting a motorcycle ride to collect toys & money for Toys 4 Tots. The annual Toys For Tots motorcycle ride takes place along Highway 17. Organizers said they've never had a problem getting a permit until recently. Organizers of the event were revved up on Tuesday that their club's motorcycle ride to help underprivileged kids was almost canceled. "It shouldn't be this hard to do something nice. It really shouldn't," said one organizer. The annual ride hosted by Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club helps benefit the J.P. Hall Charities, which gives Christmas gifts to needy family. However, for the first time in 23 years, organizers hit a snag when the Clay County Commission Chairman George Bush wanted the group to pay for a liability insurance policy. "When you're having a toy ride like this, motorcycles throughout the county, the potential for a crash a claim is pretty significant. We require these whether it's motorcycles or bicycles or whatever," Bush said. Organizers said the policy would cost about \$1,000, which they said they could not afford. "Most people bring us a new, unwrapped toy, valued at \$10 or above. So, we do not do a lot in cash," said organizer Joseph Roh. "Taking money off the top is just that many more children that won't get a toy on Christmas. To me, it's just wrong," said another organizer, Chris Mahler. Bush said the issue comes down to safety & protecting the county from a potential lawsuit. He said the commission voted to waive the policy, but he said that might cause trouble in the future. "There are going to be other that are going to come in here & want the same thing, so I think we're going to have to deal with consistency," Bush said. The vets said they were just happy their ride was still scheduled as planned. "I'm glad that it happened. It needed to happen. It's a good thing for the community, & we're glad to be out there & showing our support," Mahler said. Organizers said this year's ride is scheduled for Dec. 13.

The Gypsy Joker Clubhouse Compound – Oct 29, 2008 – *Oregon* – By Sara Mirk - There's a building on NE MLK that people driving by probably don't notice at all. The fancy new development across the street with its bizarrely-named restaurant "Belly" probably steal their focus first. But when you happen to wander by on foot, this building's curious, off-kilter details are far more interesting than its posh new neighbors. The roofline is a strange black & white gothic facade that looks handpainted. And the only words on the building are this intriguing threat stenciled on a large black door: *Private Party, by invitation only. Absolutely no Trespassing! Violators will be Prosecuted! This includes All Gov't & Law Enforcement Agencies...* What is this private party to which law enforcement are specifically uninvited? And how do I get in? The neighbors knew immediately - the strange building is the exclusive clubhouse of Oregon biker gang the Gypsy Jokers. An Oregonian article says that police believe there's about 80 Gypsy Jokers in Oregon, about half of them with felony records for crimes like murder, rape & robbery. But these days it seems like the Jokers spend their free time living lawless in simpler ways. The neighbors say the club isn't so much an epicenter of biker mayhem as a party house for a bunch of older, rough & tumble kind of guys. Some Friday & Saturday nights the Jokers race Harleys through the corner stoplight & every year on April Fools, there's a major rally with 300-400 bikes jammed onto the small street behind the clubhouse. "They start their bikes all at one time, it gets so loud you can't hear the TV, it shakes the house," says a neighbor who lives on the corner, "But it's kinda cool at the same time." The neighbor seems surprisingly calm about living next door to the headquarters of a rowdy biker gang.

"We don't really say hello to each other, but as long as they mind their business & I mind mine, it's fine," he says, "It's kind of how we deal with the crackheads around here, too." Getting inside the clubhouse is near impossible. The club's front is that enigmatic brick & black exterior & along the back of the property runs a tall metal gate attached to a decrepit white home. One neighborhood rumor is that the police showed up at the run-down white house a couple years ago with a battering ram. They broke down the back door only to find the entire interior covered with chicken wire - made impenetrable just in case some enemy happened to have a battering ram. I mustered up the courage to walk up the wooden porch steps & knock on the house door - no answer. So I stood at the gate & peered between the bars: a dirt lot, a small dog, two Harleys & a sign scrawled with "Bikes Only." I looked down at the gate latch. It was unlocked. I could easily push the metal bars open & go in. I thought about this for a moment. Then I thought about handguns. I could never, ever go in. The Gypsy Jokers say one of their core values is patriotism. Other people call that racism. "Members must be male, 21, & own an American-made bike - cops, gays, needle users & African Americans need not apply," says the Oregonian article. What's crazy about this is that right next door to the Gypsy Jokers fortress of white male supremacy (on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue) is a reggae bar & African cultural center called New Born Tribe. They even share a sign, they're literally on opposite sides of the same pole: *Jest Jokin / New Born Tribe...*

No clues – Oct 29, 2008 – *Canada* - Friends & family of a 29-year-old Edmonton woman who disappeared without a trace nearly a year ago - after allegedly planning on going to Calgary & working for the Hells Angels - are finding few answers to their questions. Stephanie Collins says she reported her sister, Shannon Maureen Collins, missing after receiving information that she may have headed south to work for the infamous biker gang in Dec 2007. "I was told that she was becoming a hooker for them," 20-year-old Stephanie said. Stephanie said the last time she talked to Collins was in May 2007, when she had "3 legitimate, good-working jobs." Police have confirmed that they are investigating the matter as a missing persons case, but say they are not following any leads or tips.

Police informant testifies – Oct 29, 2008 – *Canada* - A former strip-club bouncer who became a police agent & infiltrated the East End chapter of the Hells Angels testified Tuesday that he collected money from a number of people on behalf of Hells Angels members. Michael Plante also recalled he picked up a bag of guns on Oct. 11, 2004, at the Surrey home of the mother of Hells Angels member Randy Potts, who is on trial with co-accused Hells Angels members Jean Joseph Violette, Ronaldo Lising & John Punko. The 28-count indictment alleges the Hells Angels chapter is a criminal organization & that the accused committed such crimes as extortion & uttering death threats "for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a criminal organization, to wit the East End charter of the Hells Angels." In April 2004, Plante stepped up & became a police agent, eventually signing a contract to earn up to \$1 million. A total of \$500,000 was to be paid on completion of the police operation, in August 2005, & another \$500,000 after the court cases were over. Plante became a "friend" of the club in Sept 2004 but quit in Jan 2005. As an agent, RCMP supplied him with a Harley Davidson motorcycle -- & the lessons to learn how to ride it -- as well as a 1997 Ford Mustang, the latter vehicle fitted out with listening devices & a camera in the trunk. He also received \$4,000 a month from police for living expenses.

Fourteen Words that spell racism – Oct 29, 2008 – *USA* - The prospect of an African-American president is bringing white supremacist subculture in the US out of the shadows... Daniel Cowart & Paul Schlesselman, the 2 Tennessee neo-Nazis arrested for plotting to kill 102 African-American schoolchildren & then assassinate Barack Obama, clearly drew inspiration from a violent white nationalist group called the Order. In the 1980s, members of the Order carried out a crime spree that included several high-profile murders. The connection to the Order is evident in the numbers the two men scrawled on their car on Saturday shortly before they were arrested: 14 & 88. The so-called Fourteen Words is a slogan - "We must secure the existence of our people & a future for white children" - coined by Order member David Lane, who also wrote an essay called 88 Precepts. In white supremacist circles, 14-88 is a shorthand expression of allegiance to the beliefs put forth by Lane & the Order, who wanted to found a white homeland where they could preserve the "Aryan race" from being polluted by non-whites & enslaved by the "Zionist-occupied Gov't" of the US. Lane also advocated polygamy & a kind of European paganism he called Wotanism. The plot by the two Tennessee men, grotesque as it may be, seems not to have got beyond the half-baked stage. But in the early 1980s, the Order - also known as the Brüder Schweigen or Silent Brotherhood - was active, violent, & deadly. In order to finance their mission, the gang robbed a series of banks & armoured cars & ran a counterfeiting operation. Cowart & Schlesselman are also said to have planned a series of robberies to support their plot - another indication that they modelled themselves on the Order. Order members were best known for the 1984 murder of Denver talkshow host Alan Berg. The group's leader, Robert Jay Matthews, was killed soon afterwards in a shootout with federal agents. David Lane was arrested in 1985 & died in prison last year while serving a 190-year sentence. Both men have become heroes & martyrs to the white supremacist movement. During the heyday of the racist far right in the 1980s, the Order was only one of the groups active across the US. I wrote about that subculture for years, & made a film about it. During that time, I visited one of the meetings that brought the various groups together, hosted on the Michigan farm of Bob Miles, the Grand Dragon of the local Ku Klux Klan (and also a former finance chairman of the Michigan Republican party). Miles sought to unite the divergent factions - the various Klans, the Aryan Nations, the National Alliance, the Posse Comitatus, the Order & others - into a serious revolutionary movement with an armed underground. This would be built around leaderless cells & have an overground political presence. In some cases, efforts were made to influence the most rightwing reaches of the Republican party. Bob Miles's dream of a united front never materialised. And those who track the white power movement generally view it as having been in decline after the 1980s, floundering around without purpose or leadership. Yet remnants of it have clearly survived. They surfaced with horrific results in Oklahoma City in 1995, & they can be found among today's skinheads & their fellow travelers. Some of these are part of biker gangs, including the Sons of Silence, who were implicated in a threat against Obama at the Democratic convention in Denver. Some have joined the anti-immigrant vigilante movement, committing drive-by shootings of Mexican laborers. Others are scattered around doing their own thing: picking fights in bars, beating up gay men. Some are clearly being brought out of the dark corners by the prospect of an African-American man as president. That's the case with the subject of our video, the National Socialist Movement's Steven Boswell, who talked to us in Columbia, Missouri.

MB rally rules go before judge – Oct 29, 2008 – *South Carolina* - Though lawyers argued passionately Tue about a lawsuit regarding Myrtle Beach's motorcycle-rally ordinances, Fed Judge Terry Wooten said he will not rush a decision on whether to stop the city from enforcing its new laws. Tuesday's was the 1st hearing in the three lawsuits filed against the city on behalf of motorcyclists & businesses involved with the May H-D & Atlantic Beach Bikefest rallies, which draw hundreds of thousands of people to the Grand Strand. Alice Paylor, one of the Charleston attorneys representing Mike Shank, owner of Festival Promotions, & Phil Schoonover, owner of H-D of Myrtle Beach, took on 5 of the city's 15 new ordinances & amendments to laws already on the books geared toward curbing the rallies' effects.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation – Oct 29, 2008 – *USA* – By Michael "Boz" Kerr, *MRF* Vice President - Motorcyclists - get out & vote! In a matter of days, Americans will make the decision as to who will be the 44th President of the United States. Presidential elections bring out the largest number of voters, & the top of the ticket can have a definite impact on the down ballot races. Those races, specifically the 435 seats in the House of Representatives & the 35 seats in the United States Senate (there are 2 special Senatorial elections this year in addition to the 33 seats in this cycle) should be of serious interest to us. In the next Congress we will see debate begin on the re-authorization of the Interstate Highway funding act, which has historically been the defining piece of legislation for us. It is imperative that we support our friends in Congress in those down ballot races & not let them get buried in what could be a landslide vote for President in some states. A defeat of Congressmen who are supportive of our issues could turn what we perceive to be potentially a positive piece of legislation on its ear. The days of "transfer penalties", sometimes referred to as "helmet law blackmail", could be on the horizon if we don't get out & vote. There are over six million Americans who ride motorcycles. Our challenge in the coming year will be to convey the message to those who hold public office that:

- Motorcyclists are overwhelmingly registered as voters.
- Motorcyclists show up at the polls on Election Day in a far higher percentage than almost any other demographic group.
- Motorcyclists are mindful of the voting records & views on motorcycling of the candidates for congress.
- That when those six million motorcyclists are face to face with their ballots, they will lean to those candidates who are supportive of our issues.

We can make those points a reality on Nov 4th. Then, when that fact begins to resonate through the halls of Congress, our problems will begin to fade away. Everything that we do as activists in the motorcyclists' rights movement is important. Nothing, however, is as important as voting. It trumps everything else that we do. This report is not meant to sway anyone to vote for any particular candidate for federal office. It is intended to motivate you to get out & vote. Remember, elections are won on Election Day - the actual election is the only poll that counts. If you haven't already taken advantage of early voting, get to the polls on November 4th. Ride your bike, wear your leathers, wear your vest, or your colors. Bring your helmet into the polling place, or rev your bike when you leave. Do it - but most importantly vote. Think of voting as something that is the most important maintenance task you'll do to keep your bike on the road. Vote as if your riding in future years depends on it - it does. No Excuses - Vote Nov 4th...

It is today that we must create the world of the future.
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Fox's biker drama Sons of Anarchy riding high – Oct 29, 2008 – *California* – By Susan Carpenter - His kickstand dragged on the pavement, & his mirror was spinning. Worthless. Even actor Charlie Hunnam, with the little experience he has riding motorcycles, knows a road hazard when he rides one, & the beat-up H-D fit the bill. “This bike’s —” Hunnam trailed off, as he pulled off the road, unstrapped his brain bucket & lit a cigarette. Hunnam was blurring the line between his fictional role as a motorcycle miscreant on FX’s new outlaw biker drama, Sons of Anarchy, & his real life as an actor. He was spending a rare day off from filming to ride the dusty Hollywood hills that double as Charming, Calif., the fictional setting for the show. And he was riding the only bike the producers would let him borrow — a barely working backup model that at some point in a future episode will be crashed. Like many of Sons of Anarchy’s fictional club members, Hunnam doesn’t own a motorcycle. He learned to ride for the part. Ron Perlman, who plays the club’s coldhearted leader, has so little experience in the saddle, he says, “that it probably does more harm than good.” But FX has found a loyal following for its new motorcycle show. Sons of Anarchy, which debuted in early September, has been among the most consistent first-year dramas for the 14-year-old network. Thanks to its steady weekly audience of about 5 million viewers, the Wednesday show was picked up for a second season after just four episodes. Motorcycles & the outlaws drawn to them have long been fodder in film. But recently they haven’t had much play on TV. When motorcycles do make an appearance on the small screen, they tend to be ridden to make a character look tough or cool, not to drive the plot or give insight into the culture. The show’s creator, executive producer Kurt Sutter, developed the characters & plots by hanging out with “one of the bigger clubs” in Northern California. Which one, he won’t say. “What was eye opening to me was the way these guys lived. These sort of normal, middle-class lives. They all have day jobs,” he added. “These guys all have family lives, & they have the same conflicts & problems that all married couples have. They face the same conflicts that all people who work together in proximity for long periods of time face.” It was the unexploited & darker elements of this renegade subculture that drove Sutter to create Sons of Anarchy, a drama about a gun-running motorcycle club doling out eye-for-an-eye justice in a small California town. The show’s ensemble cast features Hunnam as a pretty-faced bad boy; Perlman as his tough-as-nails stepfather, & Katey Sagal as the club’s leather-and-lace matriarch. Sutter says the show is about family, which may explain why it’s attracting female viewers — about 40 percent of its audience is women. And that’s despite brutality & strong sexuality that has ranged from boozy brawls & blowtorched-skin scenes to rape, prostitution & castration. As much as it strives to demystify biker stereotypes, the show still traffics in the standard triumvirate of sex, drugs & rock ‘n’ roll. The ghoulish Sons of Anarchy tattoos the club members wear & sport on their leather vests were designed by San Francisco tattoo artist Freddy Corbin. Corbin also created the individual fake tattoos for each actor; the tats are applied each day before shooting. Accurately portraying any subculture on TV is tricky — all the more so with a group as secretive as a motorcycle club. In a world where loyalty & respect are everything, such groups aren’t keen to be outed — or misrepresented. “The fact that we’re taking this culture & trying to put them in some sort of box & write about it & put it on TV sort of flies in the face of the nature of being outlaw,” said Sutter, who receives dozens of e-mails a day from real-life outlaw club members. “Generally, the feedback has been positive. I’ll just say that most of the e-mails have a picture attached.” Sutter was previously an executive producer of the FX hit show *The Shield*, a police corruption drama that

recently wrapped after seven seasons. In *Sons of Anarchy*, Hunnam’s character is Jax, a member of the gang by birth; his father having founded the group. But Jax’s dad is now dead, & his stepfather, Clay, played by Perlman (*Hellboy*), is running things — taking its members to morally questionable places with no regard, respect or remorse for the club’s past principles. Jax’s mom is played by Sagal. As Clay’s wife, her character too has little nostalgia for the past. The situation has Jax questioning where the group is heading & what he should do about it. At 28, Hunnam is the youngest actor to be cast in a leading role on an FX show — a situation that required some convincing of the FX brass. But Sutter was dead set on hiring the Englishman, having seen his performance as a brawling soccer fanatic in the indie film *Green Street Hooligans*. Perlman was the second actor to play Clay. Originally, Scott Glenn had been cast & appeared in an earlier version of the pilot. Sagal got her part “because I was sleeping with the boss,” she joked. Best known for her role as the tacky but wise-talking Peg Bundy on *Married With Children*, Sagal is Sutter’s wife.

Hells Angels Speak on Loss of SF Leader – Oct 30, 2008 – *California* - When Papa died, there was a lot of news & hearsay about Papa & the Hells Angels. First of all, this group is a brotherhood, not a gang, but people who all share the love for riding motorcycles. The Hells Angels are known to handle stuff the old fashion way - not using guns, knives or guns to win a battle - only when its necessary. The reason I chose to do this story is because, even though I didn’t know Papa on a personal level, I felt the pain friends & family members were feeling. Even though the Hells Angels members don’t usually speak to the media, they wanted to let the world know what he was really like. His friends & family said that Papa was a man of his word - a great father, friend, brother & mentor to fellow members of the Hells Angels. A man of honor, loyalty, love & respect. He was always there to lend a helping hand to everyone. They said he was a kind giving man with a unique sense of humor & died for what he believed in. I felt honored to attend Papa’s funeral with family members of mine that knew & respected him. I stood in disbelief as I saw thousands of motorcycles gathered around Duggan’s Mortuary in Daly City, not including the hundreds of people there. Hells Angel’s members from different chapters all around the world such as Germany, Canada & Australia attended the funeral. Different motorcycle clubs came & paid their respects as well. Police from three different cities sat around the perimeter. Shortly after the service, it was time to take Papa for his “last ride.” The motorcycle procession was out of this world - what SFPD says to be the largest they’ve seen in the Bay Area - with some 2000 riders in attendance. All that was heard was motorcycle mufflers & all that was seen was leather vests from Duggan’s Mortuary through Portola up Dolores to Cypress Lawn Cemetery where Papa was laid to rest. Shortly after Papa’s death the SFPD put out a \$5 million arrest warrant for suspected murderer Christopher Ablett. Three weeks after Papa’s funeral, Ablett turned himself into a Bartlesville County police station in Oklahoma, where he is now awaiting his Nov court date.

Gov’t is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end & no sense of responsibility at the other.
- Ronald Reagan

Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book.
- Ronald Reagan

Indictment reveals Pagans talks about violence, drugs with Mongols biker – Oct 30, 2008 – *Pennsylvania* – By Kitty Caparella; Philadelphia Daily News - Last year, the Mongols MC, one of the country's most violent gangs, was looking for an East Coast partner to help them fight bikers in the midwest, according to a Mongols indictment last week. The California-based Mongols approached the Pagans MC, which had dominated the East Coast & recently helped drive the Hells Angels - the Mongols' archrivals - out of Philadelphia. The deadly combination of Mongols & Pagans could spell trouble for the area. The would-be partnership between two tough biker clubs was revealed in an 86-count racketeering indictment, released last week, which charged 79 Mongols & associates in several states with murder, hate crimes & drug trafficking. The charges came after federal agents with the ATF infiltrated the Mongols for the second time in 10 years. According to the indictment, Mongols president Ruben "Doc" Cavazos talked - in code - to confidant Lawrence "Lars" Wilson about creating an alliance with the Pagans during an Aug. 1, 2007 telephone call. Cavazos, author of a recently published Mongols memoir, "Honor Few, Fear None," & Wilson wanted the Pagans to help them fight the "Sons of Silence" gang in Indiana, according to the indictment. Six weeks later, leaders of the Mongols met the Pagans in a face-to-face encounter in Atlantic City. The indictment identified the Mongols' national officers who attended as the president, Cavazos; his son, Ruben "Little Rubes" Cavazos, Jr.; & William Michael Munz, in addition to members Al "Al the Suit" Cavazos, Jr. & Wilson. The indictment did not identify the Pagans at the Sept. 13, 2007 meeting. The Mongols president talked to the Pagans about expanding his gang's authority on the East Coast. The Mongols already have chapters in New York, Maryland, Virginia & Florida, the indictment stated. To make an alliance enticing, Cavazos indicated that the Mongols maintained a supply of weapons - handguns, shotguns, assault rifles & machine-guns - which were stolen, unregistered or non-traceable. They also were involved in methamphetamine distribution, the indictment stated. The indictment does not indicate whether the guns & drug were offered to the Pagans, nor the Pagans' response. The Pagans, who are friendly with the Sons of Silence, did not join the Mongols in warfare against them, said a source familiar with the Sons of Silence. Four months after the Atlantic City meeting, the Mongols were calling the Pagans a "rival," according to the indictment. In a Jan. 10 telephone call, Wilson ordered an unidentified Mongols member to beat members of the Pagans gang in Baltimore, Md., according to the indictment. Locally, however, members of the Mongols & Pagans have been observed being "friendly" by law enforcement sources at the "Roar of the Shore," a biker weekend last fall in Wildwood, in Atlantic City casinos & in the Philadelphia area. Last fall, members of the Pagans flew to California to party with the Mongols, who put them up in a high-priced hotel, said a law enforcement source. "We believe there is an alliance," the source added. Last weekend, law enforcement sources observed the Pagans Mother Club president David "Black Bart" Barbieto & vice president Floyd "Jesse" Moore in the area to meet with the Devils Disciples, a New England-based biker club expected to "patch over" to become Pagans. Moore later partied with Pagans, a few Mongols & Disciples at a Halloween bash on Mechanicsville Road near Maureen Drive, in the Northeast, according to knowledgeable sources. The Pagans, founded in 1959, grew to nearly 400 members with chapters from New York to South Carolina. In recent years, rival gangs opened chapters challenging the Pagans' East Coast dominance. The Mongols, founded 10 years later in southern California, have nearly 600 members in 14 states, Canada, Italy & Mexico.

Jury selection to begin – Oct 30, 2008 – *South Dakota* - By Jason Ferguson - Jury selection for the trial of two Hells Angels motorcycle gang members accused of shooting at a group of rival Outlaw motorcycle gang members at Legion Lake in Custer State Park is set to begin next week, over two years after the incident occurred. Chad Wilson, 32, of Lynwood, Wash., & John Midmore, 34, of Valparaiso, Ind., are to stand trial in Sioux Falls on five counts of attempted first-degree murder & one count of commission of a felony while armed.

Bikie procession for murdered Bandido - Oct 30, 2008 – *Australia* - A huge procession of bikies is expected to weave through Geelong for the funeral of murdered Bandidos member Ross "Rosco" Brand on Friday. Hundreds of mourners are expected to farewell Brand at a service at the Tuckers Funeral Home, followed by a burial service at Geelong Eastern Cemetery. Brand, a senior Bandidos member with a long criminal record, died in hospital after being gunned down while leaving the gang's Geelong clubhouse with three other men last week. A volley of shots was fired from a white twin-cab parked outside the clubhouse in an industrial area of suburban Breakwater. The Bandidos have been involved in a long-running bloody feud with rival bikie gang the Rebels, but the Rebels have denied having anything to do with Brand's murder.

Vietnam bans small-chested motorists – Oct 30, 2008 – *Vietnam* - Wonder bras are set to become best-sellers in Vietnam where the country's communist rulers are set to ban small-chested motorists. Anyone with a chest under 28 inches will be banned from driving a motorbike - which make up 90% of the traffic in the country, reports the Daily Telegraph. The idea is to prevent people who are too thin, too short or too sickly from riding a motorbike. Ailments such as enlarged livers or sinusitis will also rule out aspirant motorists. "The new proposals are very funny, but many Vietnamese people could become the victim of this joke," said Le Quang Minh, 31, a Hanoi stockbroker. "Many Vietnamese women have small chests. I have many friends who won't meet these criteria." The average Vietnamese man is 5ft 4ins tall & weighs less than nine stones. The average Vietnamese woman is 5ft 1in tall & weighs about seven stones. "Many Vietnamese women have small chests. I have many friends who won't meet these criteria." The average Vietnamese man is 5ft 4ins tall & weighs less than nine stones. The average Vietnamese woman is 5ft 1in tall & weighs about seven stones. Vietnamese bloggers have been poking fun at the plan, envisioning traffic police with tape measures eagerly pulling over female drivers to measure their chests. "From now on, padded bras will be best-sellers," said Bo Cu Hung, a popular Ho Chi Minh City blogger. "I'm not heavy enough, what am I going to do?" Le Thu Huong asked in a letter to Tuoi Tre newspaper. "And what about people whose chests are small? Most of them are too poor to afford breast implants!"

Hells Angel in court – Oct 31, 2008 – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Wendy Pitlick - Police, field notes related to investigating a shooting at the Loud American Roadhouse during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally will not be available to the defense for discovery purposes, Judge Jerome Eckrich ruled Wednesday. Eckrich reported that these items "are not discoverable." The ruling came during a pre-trial motions hearing for Joseph McGuire, 33, a Hells Angels member who has been charged with aggravated assault, with an alternative count of simple assault. An aggravated assault conviction carries a penalty of 15 years in prison and/or a \$15,000 fine. Simple assault has a penalty of one year in the Meade County Jail or a \$1,000 fine or both.