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Of which: 5 - Australia, 3 - England, 2 - Norway, 3 Finland, & 4 - Sweden... **Total of 214**...

Editor's Note: As you may know, I get busy with this newsletter, so if I forget something that you asked me, write me again to remind me.

Will Doc Cavazos Flip - Oct 23, 2008 – *California* - Maybe the Feds have the Mongols by the huevos. Maybe after, numerous attempts over the last 30 years, the Dept of Justice is finally, actually going to deconstruct a major outlaw motorcycle club. Maybe not. But, don't dismiss the possibility. "The future right now," former Mongol Tony Vodnik rhetorically asked the Associated Press yesterday. Vodnik was one of about 200 Mongols patch holders purged by ex-Mongols Pres Ruben "Doc" Cavazos. "Well it's kind of hard to say. Hopefully the club will always be out there." Hopefully but maybe not. Maybe this is it for the Mongols. First of all, in all the world there are probably only 600 Mongols & right now about 10% of them are in jail. Who is going to pay the suits? Criminal lawyers are expensive. And, the Feds have also sent the Mongols a bill for \$5,000,000.

Bye Bye Mongols Patch: The Feds are already seeking the permanent forfeiture of the "intellectual rights" to the Mongols trademarked name & logo. Yesterday, U.S. District Court Judge Florence-Marie Cooper granted an injunction that prohibits gang members, their family members & associates from wearing, licensing, selling or distributing the Mongols patch which depicts the head of a Mongol warrior wearing sunglasses & smoking a cigarette. Starting today, any cop anywhere who sees anyone wearing a set of Mongols colors can confiscate them on sight. Which is exactly the sort of things cops dream. And so, there goes even the club income from the "Support Your Local Mongols" coffee cup business. Maybe there goes the Mongols.

Cavazos Property Of: Even more important than the money, right this minute, the Feds own Ruben "Doc" Cavazos. Right this minute, all those Dudley Do Rights own Cavazos' house, car, motorcycles, guns, his son, his credit cards & his bank accounts. Cavazos, who has become almost famous as the leader of the Mongols, was voted out of the club "in bad standing" at a meeting in Vernon, CA on August 30. Apparently, a majority of the membership believed Cavazos was stealing from the club & was provoking a war with the Mexican Mafia. Apparently, many Mongols & ex-Mongols have thought Cavazos was stealing from the club for a long time.

Exiled Mongols Speak: "Doc was all about the money," former Mongols Pres Roger Pinney told the AP. Cavazos was "out for himself & not the brotherhood of the club." "I heard on one run he made \$900,000. That's a lot of money," former member Vodnik said. "He was stripping the club of money. That was the club's money not his money...No Pres is supposed to gain from the club. He bought houses, bikes, cars for his son & his brother."

Alone: Cavazos is on his own. And, because of the enemies he has made, he is very unlikely to be greeted by friends in prison. He might become the first motorcycle outlaw in the history of motorcycle outlaws to do his time in protective custody. If, that is, he does his time. If Cavazos does his time he will not be able to return to his club because it is no longer his club. They are no longer his brothers. Right now Cavazos might get turned down by HOG. He has burned so many bridges behind him that it might be a good idea for Cavazos if he just stays away from all motorcyclists everywhere forever. Doc Cavazos, however, is not completely painted into a corner. He has repeatedly demonstrated a real actual talent for self promotion. He has a book out. He has been on TV. He has a most excellent, Beverly Hills agent. He is printed by a leading publisher. He is not shy. He seems confident that he can pull anything off. All of which brings to mind another famous piece of Federal property.

Sammy The Bull Gravano: Sammy "the Bull" Gravano was a tough guy's tough guy. He was plain spoken, taciturn & camera shy. He was a business man, a family man & a ladies' man. He had the blood of a couple of dozen other tough guys on his hands. Nobody ever thought Sonny Gravano would flip. Then he sang like a canary. So far, nobody has ever exactly accused Cavazos of being Gravano. But, it is an absolute certainty that if "Doc" Cavazos flips, the Mongols MC is toast. You see this. This morning, everyone sees this. One hand weighs the rest of a life in a really crappy prison on constant guard from the contracts that have been placed on one's head by La Eme, the Brand & the BGF. The other hand weighs 4 - 5 years in a mediocre motel room on an Army base followed by a new beginning in, oh say, Ka'u, under the shadow of the volcano on the Big Island. Or, worst case, a little fishing village in Alaska. You see this. And, if you see this the Federales see this. The Feds saw this coming months ago.

Operation Black Rain: The ATF is the Fed law enforcement agency that investigates outlaw motorcycle clubs. Over the last decade, the ATF has carried out largely unfruitful infiltrations of the Vagos in Los Angeles, the Sons of Silence in Colorado & the Hells Angels in Arizona. The ATF has also infiltrated the Mongols once before. The "Under & Alone" undercover agent that time was a man named Billy Queen, whom it is rumored, will be portrayed by Mel Gibson in a forthcoming movie. It is not certain but it is possible that the ATF learned something from all its previous failures. The evidence with which the Dept of Justice will attempt to prosecute the Mongols MC was gathered by 8 ATF agents & 4 snitches, or cooperating witnesses. Four of the ATF agents prospected & patched with the Mongols. Four Female agents impersonated their old ladies. Additionally, it appears that most of the Mongols' cell phones were tapped.

RICO: The Feds are prosecuting the Mongols under the **R**acketeer **I**nfluenced & **C**orrupt **O**rganizations Act. RICO was enacted as part of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970. It was written to ease the prosecution of organized crime bosses who might carry out a discernible pattern of criminal activity through subordinates while they actually committed no criminal act themselves. The acronym RICO was contrived as a reference to the classic Edward G. Robinson gangster film Little Caesar. The film was intended to portray Al Capone & the Capone-like crime boss played by Robinson in that film called himself Rico. RICO works best against associations that are organized into a hierarchy that can be drawn as a pyramid. In a perfect RICO case, a clear connection can be shown between a leader or leaders at the top of the pyramid & followers at the bottom of the pyramid. And, it is the absence of this clearly discernible, highly organized structure that has made it virtually impossible to prosecute motorcycle clubs under the RICO statute. In *United States v. Barger* in 1979 the Dept of Justice unsuccessfully prosecuted several members of the Oakland Charter of the Hells Angels MC using RICO. But all the jurors could see was a MC that had some criminals for members. And the RICO case fell apart.

The Mongols And Rico: The problem the Mongols have right now is that Ruben "Doc" Cavazos was clearly in charge. And, on top of that, the Mongols have already voted that Cavazos was running the club for his own profit. There have even been allegations that Cavazos was pocketing each new member's \$500 prospecting fee. And, Cavazos was apparently not declaring any of this on his income tax. One of the charges in the indictment is money laundering. So all of this might actually look like a fairly well defined, top to bottom, pyramid shaped crime organization to a jury of good, straight citizens. It could be. The Fed indictment

alleges that the Mongols were a “criminal enterprise...involved in a wide range of criminal activity including murder, hate crimes against African-Americans, assaults, firearms violations & narcotics trafficking.”

Making Sense Of The Indictment: This is a 177 page indictment that attempts to throw everything down to & including the kitchen sink at the Mongols. The crimes, or “overt acts,” enumerated in the indictment fall into the following categories:

- * Minor drug & firearms crimes;
- * crimes that will seem particularly egregious & offensive to jurors;
- * major drug crimes;
- * murders & attempted murders;
- * crimes committed by Doc Cavazos, his son “Little Rubes” Cavazos & a few close associates to expand, enhance and enrich a Cavazos criminal organization.

Minor Drug And Firearms Offenses: Small drug & gun offenses comprise most of the indictment. For example: “On Nov 17, 2005, defendant William ‘Moreno’ Ramirez is alleged to have possessed a .22 caliber rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun, an M-1 carbine .30 caliber rifle, a .45 caliber handgun, a .38 caliber revolver, ammunition, & numerous articles of clothing that identified his membership in the Mongols gang, at a residence in Montebello.”

And, again: “On Oct 21, 2005, by telephone using coded language, defendant Jorge Viramontes arranged to sell approximately 28 grams of cocaine & 14 grams of methamphetamine to an undercover law enforcement officer.”

Crimes That Will Offend Jurors: Prosecutors can’t wait to tell jurors a few allegations that include: “On Oct 9, 2005, multiple Mongols members, riding in a pack of motorcycles & wearing Mongols riding vests, attacked motorists on the highway near Palm Springs, by using their motorcycles to ‘trap’ the vehicles between them while a Mongol attempted to stab the motorists with a knife.” Oh no! The Mongols tried to stab Grandma on her way to her golf game! And, since there is a good chance that the jury that decides this case may include a black face or two, there are also several allegations like the following: “On Dec 10, 2006, defendants Shawn Buss, Bob Vincent Rios, Abram Wedig & Joe Braden attacked & beat an African-American patron at the Tokio Lounge in Hollywood, while shouting racist slurs at the victim.”

Major Drug Crimes: The amount of the drugs stated in a couple of the charges obviously exceeds the usual amount consumed by average recreational users. “On September 18, 2007, in San Bernardino, California, defendants Rafael Lozano, Harold Reynolds & Ismael Padilla & an unindicted co-conspirator armed themselves with firearms & arranged to purchase 33 kilograms of cocaine with an undercover law enforcement officer & a confidential Gov’t informant.” Needless to say, 33 keys is a phrase that wakes up jurors.

Murders And Attempted Murders: All together, the Gov’t is alleging dozens of counts homicide & attempted homicide & the indictment hints that additional counts may be prosecuted in state court. “On Feb 14, 2007, defendants Norberto Jose Montes & Austin Melcer beat L.H. to death at ‘Young’s Tavern’ in Lancaster, CA.”

And again: “On or about April 8, 2007, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of CA, defendant Denis Maldonado willfully, deliberately, & with premeditation, unlawfully attempted to kill with malice aforethought M.G. & Z.S.”

Ruben Doc Cavazos: Doc Cavazos is portrayed in the indictment as being the mastermind behind an almost purely criminal organization. The specifics are too numerous to even adequately sample here. But, almost at random, the charges include the following. In the General Allegations of the indictment Cavazos is alleged to:

- * “negotiate with Mexican Mafia representatives concerning the collection of “tax” payments for the narcotics trafficking activities of Mongols members in areas otherwise controlled by the Mexican Mafia.”
- * “direct Mongols members to travel to different locations and commit acts of violence, including murder, against rival gang members, law enforcement or other persons who would challenge the authority of the Mongols criminal enterprise.”
- * “conduct financial transactions to conceal the proceeds derived from the crimes of the organization & convert those proceeds to promote the crimes of the Mongols & enrich themselves.”

Most perilous for the former Mongols Pres is that the Gov’t seems to have multiple witnesses who will testify that Cavazos ran an aggressive, for profit, criminal enterprise across state line & national borders. While his phone was being tapped Cavazos “advised approximately 200 members that Mongols should be alert to the possibility of wiretap monitoring by Fed law enforcement agents & should be careful not to discuss incriminating matters on the telephone, & Cavazos also discussed criminal investigations conducted by the ATF, as well as the risk to the Mongols of prosecution for its racketeering crimes.” In Apr, 2006 “Cavazos addressed a Mongols ‘All Members’ Meeting in Baja, Mexico, & advised members that the Mongols would ‘exterminate’ the ‘rats’ who had provided incriminating info about (him) to law enforcement.” In July, 2007 Cavazos “and others conducted a Mongols ‘Presidents & Sergeant-at-Arms’ meeting in Los Angeles County, California, & Cavazos told members that they needed to demonstrate the ‘strength & muscle’ of the Mongols & described the expansion of the Mongols gang into other states across the nation, & Cavazos discussed the need to use violence to expand the authority of the Mongols into new areas not previously controlled by the Mongols.”

What Do You Think: Do you think it might just be possible that the Feds have some of this on audio tape? Is it possible that they might have this on video? “On February 5, 2008, by telephone using coded language, defendants Cavazos & William Michael Munz discussed the Mongols’ conflicts with the Mexican Mafia based on the Mongols’ refusal to pay ‘taxes’ to ‘La Eme’ for their narcotics trafficking & the consequences of Mongols members entering protective custody while in prison.” ***Protective custody?***

But Wait There’s More: “On Mar 11, 2008, by telephone, defendant Cavazos discussed preparing a story on the Mongols with a news reporter, & Cavazos told the reporter that he could provide specific details about a Mongols murder committed at a tattoo shop & involving the Mexican Mafia, including info about the planning & preparation for the murder.” With a news reporter! He talked about a murder with a reporter! “On July 24, 2008, by telephone using coded language, defendant Hector Gonzalez told a confidential Gov’t informant that he delivered approximately \$15,000 to \$17,000 in US currency from Mongols chapters every month to defendants Cavazos & Cavazos, Jr.; that Cavazos had directed him to destroy the records of collecting the funds; & that the funds collected were now missing.” \$ 15,000 to \$17,000 every month. What are the chances a jury will determine that the Mongols were a for-profit criminal enterprise?

Life Is Full Of Hard Choices: In *The Friends of Eddie Coyle* by the late George V. Higgins, a gun runner named Jackie Brown speaks the 9 truest words every imagined in the English language: "Life is hard. But it's harder when you're stupid." With all due respect to Ruben Cavazos, his Beverly Hills agent, his publisher & any admirers he may still have, with all due & sincere respect to present & former members of the Mongols Motorcycle Club, your club & your former president seemed to have behaved really stupidly. Maybe the Feds don't have a case. Maybe they are just making all this up. But also, just maybe, at this very moment, Ruben "Doc" Cavazos is sitting alone in a cell at FCI Terminal Island in Long Beach, in protective custody, weighing something invisible in his hands. Moving whatever it is from hand to hand. Maybe what he has in one hand is the weight of a soul & in the other hand he holds the weight of a last chance at a life. Which is more? Which weighs more? And at this same moment, 20 miles north of Terminal Island prison, in the Fed Building in Westwood, a committee of lawyers & politicians are weighing something, too. And, what they are weighing is even lighter than a man's destiny. They are weighing what will be the most important question of their precious Gov't careers. They are weighing the question among themselves. They are asking, "Who do we want more? The Mongols MC or Doc Cavazos?"

Radio Chip in your Drivers License? – Mar 1, 2009 – USA - By Bob Unruh; WorldNetDaily - Privacy advocates are issuing warnings about a new radio chip plan that ultimately could provide electronic identification for every adult in the U.S. & allow agents to compile attendance lists at anti-Gov't rallies simply by walking through the assembly. The proposal, which has earned the support of Janet Napolitano, the newly chosen chief of the Dept of Homeland Security, would embed radio chips in driver's licenses, or "enhanced driver's licenses." "Enhanced driver's licenses give confidence that the person holding the card is the person who is supposed to be holding the card, & it's less elaborate than REAL ID," Napolitano said in a Washington Times report. REAL ID is a plan for a federal identification system standardized across the nation that so alarmed governors many states have adopted formal plans to oppose it. However, a privacy advocate today told WND that the EDLs are many times worse. Radio talk show host & identity chip expert Katherine Albrecht said REAL ID earned the opposition of Christians because of its resemblance to the biblical "mark of the beast," civil libertarians opposed it for its "big brother" connotations & others worried about identity theft issues with the proposed databases. "We got rid of the REAL ID program, but [this one] is way more insidious," she said. Enhanced driver's licenses have built-in radio chips providing an identifying number or information that can be accessed by a remote reading unit while the license is inside a wallet or purse. The technology already had been implemented in Washington state, where it is promoted as an alternative to a passport for traveling to Canada. So far, the program is optional. But there are other agreements already approved with Michigan, Vermont, New York & Arizona, & plans are under way in other states, including Texas, she said. Napolitano, as Arizona's governor, was against the REAL ID, Albrecht said. Now, as chief of Homeland Security, she is suggesting the more aggressive electronic ID of Americans. "She's coming out & saying, 'OK, OK, OK, you win. We won't do REAL ID. But what we probably ought to do is nationwide enhanced driver's licenses,'" Albrecht told WND. "They're actually talking about issuing every person a spychip driver's license," she said. "That is the potential problem." Imagine, she said, going to a First Amendment-protected event, a church or a mosque, or even a gun show or a peace rally. "What happens to

all those people when a Gov't operator carrying a reading device makes a circuit of the event?" she asked. "They could download all those unique ID numbers & link them." Participants could find themselves on "watch" lists or their attendance at protests or rallies added to their Gov't "dossier." She said even if such license programs are run by states, there's virtually no way that the databases would not be linked & accessible to the federal Gov't. Albrecht said a hint of what is on the agenda was provided recently by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The state's legislature approved a plan banning the Gov't from using any radio chips in any ID documentation. Schwarzenegger's veto noted he did not want to interfere with any coming or future federal programs for identifying people. Albrecht's recent guest on her radio program was Michigan State Rep. Paul Opsommer, who said the Gov't appears to be using a national anti-terrorism plan requiring people to document their identities as they enter the United States to promote the technology. "The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative was ... just about proving you were a citizen, not that you had to do it by any specific kind of technology," Opsommer said. But he said, "We are close to the point now that if you don't want RFID in any of your documents that you can't leave the country or get back into it." Opsommer said his own state sought an exception to the growing federal move toward driver's licenses with an electronic ID chip, & he was told that was "unlikely." He was told, "They were trying to harmonize these standards with Canada & Mexico [so] it had to apply to everybody. I was absolutely dumbfounded." WND previously has reported on such chips when hospitals used them to identify newborns, a company desired to embed immigrants with the electronic devices, a Gov't health event showcased them & when Wal-Mart used microchips to track customers. Albrecht, who has worked on issues involving radio chip implants, REAL-ID, "Spychips" & other devices, provided a platform for Opsommer to talk about drivers licenses that include radio transmitters that provide identity information about the carrier. She is active with the AntiChips.com & SpyChips.com websites. Opsommer said he's been trying for several years to gain permission for his state to develop its own secure license without a radio chip. "They have flat out refused, & their reasoning is all about the need for what they call 'facilitative technology,' which they then determined was RFID," he said during the recent interview. According to the U.S. State Dept, which regulates international travel requirements, U.S. citizens now "must show proof of identity & proof of U.S. citizenship when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda & the countries of the Caribbean by land or seas." Documentation could be a U.S. passport or other paperwork such as birth certificates or drivers' licenses. But as of this summer, one of the options for returning residents will be an "Enhanced Driver's License." The rules are being promulgated under the outline of the WHTI, a result of the Intelligence Reform & Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which requires travelers to present a passport or other identity documents on entry into the U.S. While the Gov't has expressed confidence that no personal or critical information will be revealed through the system, it also says drivers will need special information on how to use, carry & protect the radio-embedded licenses as well as "a shielded container that will prevent anyone from reading your license." But Albrecht, the author or co-author of 6 books & videos, including the award-winning "Spychips: How major corporations & Gov't plan to track your every move with RFID," warns it goes much further. "This must be nipped in the bud. Enhanced DL's make REAL ID look like a walk in the park," Albrecht said. "Look, I am all in favor of only giving drivers licenses to U.S. citizens or people that are otherwise here in this country legally," Opsommer said, "But we are already doing that

in Michigan. We accomplished that without an EDL, as has virtually every other state via their own state laws. “But just because we choose to only issue our license to U.S. citizens does not mean that our licenses should somehow then fall under federal control. It’s still a state document, we are just controlling who we issue them to. But under the EDL program, the Dept of Homeland Security is saying that making sure illegals don’t get these is not enough. Now you need the chip to prove your citizenship,” he continued. Opsommer further warned the electronic chips embedded in licenses to confirm identity are just the first step. “Canadians are also more connected to what is going on in Britain with the expansion of the national ID program there, & have seen the mission creep that occurs with things like gun control first hand ... Whatever the reason, as an example, just last week the Canadian Gov’t repatriated a database from the U.S. that contained the driver’s license data of their citizens,” he said. “Someone finally woke up & realized it would not be a good idea for that to be on American soil ... I think it is only logical that we as state legislators really understand how the Gov’ts of Mexico & Canada will have access to our own citizen’s data. Right now it is very ambiguous & even difficult for me to get answers on as a state representative.” But Opsommer said Big Brother concerns certainly have some foundation. “So if EDLs are the new direction for secure licenses in all states, it just reinforces what many have been telling me that DHS wants to expand this program & turn it into a wireless national ID with a different name,” he said. “We’ll wake up one day & without a vote in Congress DHS will just pass a rule & say something like ‘starting next month you will need an EDL to fly on a plane, or to buy a gun, or whatever.’”

RFID: Big Brother in your pants? – Feb 2009 – USA - Whether the Gov’t should allow your underwear to spy on you may sound like a question for the tinfoil hat brigade. But today, state lawmakers, Congress, civil libertarians & big businesses alike are asking that very question. Most aren’t wearing tinfoil hats. The technology prompting these questions is Radio Frequency Identification tags, or RFID. These tags are a small (usually 4 inches square, but some as small as a grain of rice) collection of wires & a memory chip that allows the chip wearer to be tracked wirelessly from a range of 3 inches to 33 feet, depending on the manufacturer. (Active tags with their own power supply have a much longer range.) They can be affixed, sewn or otherwise incorporated into almost any product on the planet. They are cheap, with prices as low as 20 cents & dropping. The industry’s goal is to get the cost below 5 cents a tag. If you need to track anything, RFID tags are a boon. You aim a handheld reader that sends out a signal. Any tag that receives the signal gets enough power from it to send a reply containing the data that is encoded on the chip. What is encoded on the chip depends on the application. It could be everything you want to know about the history of a case of Coke, key elements of your medical history or the total chain of ownership of a cow from conception to slaughter. Retailers & clients can use the tags to keep hyper-accurate track of items in the supply chain. In an era of “just-in-time” inventory, this allows for a streamlined supply pipeline, greatly reducing costs. Sounds great. So what’s the problem? To see the potentially nightmarish future, rent Minority Report. Tom Cruise is on the run with a false identity. He walks into a Gap store & the holographic salesgirl says happily “Good afternoon, Mr. Yakamoto, How did you like that three-pack of tank tops you bought last time you were in?” “There’s not much of a concern about your Campbell’s soup can, but there’s probably a very big concern about your Calvin Klein sweatshirt or Benetton underwear,” says Katherine Albrecht, Founder & Director of

Consumers Against Supermarket Privacy Invasion & Numbering (CASPIAN). “RFID can be read remotely right through the things we rely on to protect our privacy like our backpack, briefcase or clothes. Reading devices in floors, carpeting, doorways give you a hidden frisk down to the size & color of underwear.” “On a pair of shoes, each shoe could carry a RFID tag (with a unique number) sandwiched in the sole. Retailers can already discern information about my shoe size, my activities, my taste, but it doesn’t tell them where I go. If you’re able to capture that number at the point of sale & link it with Katherine Albrecht, at any time in the future anywhere in the planet [if I was near a scanner], you’d see the unique number & know that I just walked past.” A lot of those in the \$2 billion RFID industry don’t see a problem. “The marketing scenario is completely absurd. Nike is the only one who knows who you are & they’re not going to tell anybody,” says Mark Roberti, founder & editor of RFID Journal, an online publication that strongly advocates for RFID’s many business uses. “The idea that they would sell or share that information is an extremely unlikely scenario. It is ludicrous. The problem with most of the people on the privacy side of the argument is that a lot of their arguments defy business logic.” Of course, some might take issue with any company having their personal information, regardless of the company’s willingness to share it with others. But Roberti doesn’t think that infrastructure is set up to have salespeople act on a customer’s history. And if a company automated its stores a la Minority Report, he believes there would be a consumer backlash. Roberti does concede that critics have some valid fears when it comes to RFID being placed in driver’s licenses. “The Privacy Rights Clearinghouse makes a good point when they say that even an encrypted RFID tag broadcasts a unique number. Let’s say I go to a political rally protesting against the Gov’t & some agent scans the RFID tag in my license,” says Roberti. “Now I go to the airport & I present my driver’s license to get on the plane. Now you say this number belongs to Mark Roberti & we saw the same number at the rally, therefore Mark Roberti opposes the Gov’t [and they don’t let me on the plane].” “That’s a legitimate concern,” says Roberti. “Some people both right & left wing don’t trust the Gov’t & think that’s a bad idea.” Roberti, however, doesn’t believe the time is right for legislation. “We’re talking about passing a law based on a fantastical scenario dreamt up by people who are concerned about this,” he says. “If there is a problem, passing a law makes sense, but if there isn’t, why pass a law?” When the State Dept announced that they wanted to put RFID tags in passports, it became easy to envision a terrorist with a handheld scanner gunning for Americans & snatching or killing any he found. “The State Dept received more comments on this issue than any other in Dept history. All but a couple were negative. People don’t want this,” says Bill Scannell, privacy consultant, activist & founder of RFIDkills.com, a decidedly anti-RFID Web site. Then the concept evolved. Fearing wholesale wireless ransacking of Americans’ passports abroad, the State Dept revised the proposed design to include metal threads woven into the passport cover that would act like a “Faraday Cage” blocking signals from leaking out unless it was opened. When people still objected, the proposal said that all the data would be encrypted & range would be limited to 4 inches. The Bush administration’s RealID program will mandate standards for state issued identification cards such as driver’s licenses by 2008. Part of the provision is that RealIDs must have some form of contactless interface. The smart money is betting on RFID because optical barcodes can’t hold as much data. RFID cards could hold photos, biometric information & more. But the public is leery of wireless tracking, regardless of format. In February, for instance, elementary school officials in Sutter, California issued RFID cards to automatically take

attendance & otherwise track students on campus.irate parents & the ACLU immediately complained, citing privacy issues, leading to the system's removal. This & similar incidents have prompted some groups to lobby for RFID legislation. Lawmakers are getting in on the act, too. Nationally, the highest profile bill is California's SB 682, which passed through the Senate with bipartisan support. The measure would ban state & local governments from including RFID (or other contactless) tags in state-issued documents such as licenses, student or library cards, etc. The Gov't can issue RFID cards if the cards don't broadcast data (like the cardholder's name, address etc.). Instead, they would broadcast a unique encrypted identifier number that can only be read by an authorized machine. The bill would also make it "a serious misdemeanor" for a person to read or attempt to read an identification document without the owner's knowledge. Senate Bill 682 echoes proposals found in other states - Rhode Island (HB 5929) & Texas (HB 2953) -- that would restrict the use of RFID to track students in public schools. Similarly restrictive bills have failed in South Dakota (HB 1114 & 1136), as did a New Mexico bill (HB 215) that called for the removal of RFID tags at the point of purchase. A Maryland bill (HB 354) seeking an RFID taskforce was also voted down, as were bills in 3 states -- Montana (SB 429), Nevada (AB 264) & Missouri (SB 128) -- seeking to force retailers to post signs informing customers about the use of RFID tags have failed. Four more states are still wrestling with RFID notification bills: New Hampshire (LSR 64), Tennessee (HB 300 & SB 699), Massachusetts (SB 1459) & Nevada (AB 264). So far, however, RFID supporters there have managed to stave off regulation. "In the early phases they didn't go through because lobbyists told lawmakers that it was too early to legislate," says Albrecht. "After they had managed to get a couple of states to reject them on those grounds, then they were able to tell the subsequent states, oh you don't want to legislate that, it's already been rejected by other states so you don't want to change the trend here." But, Albrecht warns, the political environment surrounding the issue may be about to change. "Labeling is an absolute minimum. If the industry continues to resist labeling legislation, they're probably going to get something much worse from their perspective," she warns. "Maybe outright bans on certain applications of RFID." Industry officials say that the new Electronic Product Code RFID specification will allow consumers to kill the tag at the point of sale. Albrecht believes that the "kill" code only makes the RFID dormant & another signal could reactivate it. "The only option for deactivating your underwear is microwaving it," warns Albrecht. "But there's a good chance it would burst into flames."

Bikie lifts lid on pseudoephedrine sales - Mar 1, 2009 - **Australia** - There is a case to review over-the-counter sales of medicines containing pseudoephedrine, which can be used to produce methamphetamine, the federal Gov't says. Stevan Utah - not his real name - was a member of the Bandidos bikie gang for a decade & turned Australian Crime Commission informer in mid 2004. He told the Seven Network on Sunday night that Project STOP - the program designed to track people doing "milk runs" for pseudoephedrine - is not working. Pseudoephedrine is used to produce methamphetamine, commonly known as ice, & is found in some cough & cold medicines. In August 2007, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia launched Project STOP, a national program under which people purchasing medicine containing pseudoephedrine must produce photo identification. Their names are then entered into a computer database & if they make any more pseudoephedrine purchases a warning can be flashed to other chemists. Utah told Channel Seven bikie gangs could easily get around the system. "You could start at one point - let's

hypothetically say Cairns, North Queensland - & you would travel to another point - Ballarat, Victoria. "Let's say it takes you 3 or 4 days & you stop at every chemist along the way & buy a bottle of this or 2 boxes of that. "You end up with 1600 litres of cough medicine, 300 boxes of Sudafed." Home Affairs Minister Bob Debus said Project STOP had significantly constrained the practice of pseudoephedrine running. "I cannot say there is a case for a ban (on over-the-counter pseudoephedrine sales) but I can certainly say there is a case for a review," Debus said. The pharmacy guild believes Project STOP has contributed to a 49% fall in pseudoephedrine sales since 2006.

Proactive policing leads to arrest of 2 men with links to Outlaw Motorcycle Gang - Mar 2, 2009 - **Australia** - About 8.55pm on Sat 28 Feb, Parramatta Police identified several motorcycles on Church Street, Parramatta as having links to an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang. Minutes later police observed a sedan park on the same street. This vehicle had links to another Outlaw Motorcycle Gang. Following inquiries, officers conducted a search of the sedan & located a number of prohibited articles. Three men, aged 30, 43 & 39, were arrested on suspicion of possession of prohibited articles. A 32-year-old man was arrested on a first instance warrant. All 4 were taken to Parramatta Police Station. The 30-year-old man was charged with possession of prohibited articles & the 32-year-old man was charged with a first instance warrant. Both appeared at Parramatta Local Court yesterday with the latter bail refused to reappear at Waverley Local Court today. The 30-year-old was conditionally bailed to reappear at Parramatta Local Court on 8 April 2009.

Police investigate a 2nd gym firebombing - Mar 2, 2009 - **Australia** - By Nicolas Perpetch - The police arson squad is investigating the firebombing of a second Perth gym with Molotov cocktails in less than 2 months. Detectives have not ruled out the possibility of a link between the 2 attacks. Witnesses saw 3 people outside the Fight N Fitness Centre in Perth's Northbridge entertainment district shortly after midnight yesterday. Police said one of the 3 suspects broke into an upstairs apartment & a Molotov cocktail was thrown, causing up to \$50,000 damage. Another 2 unexploded Molotov cocktails were also found in the area. On Jan 24, Two Molotov cocktails were thrown into the Kronk Boxing Australia gym, in north suburban Maylands, causing \$100,000 damage. The gym was partly owned by Western Australia's only woman professional boxer Erin McGowan. The attack was reportedly linked to an earlier fight between bouncers connected to the gym & Coffin Cheaters bikies & a Perth street gang. The Arson Squad's Detective Sergeant David Gorton said all possibilities were being explored in relation to yesterday's attack. "At this stage we don't know if there are any links, but we're keeping an open mind in relation to that," Det Gorton said. "Somebody's got some sort of gripe against somebody. "It's not random, somebody's been targeted." The fitness centre & the apartment are both owned by long-time Perth trainer Ron Parr. Parr would not comment. The centre's manager Brian Ebersole is a mixed martial arts competitor from the United States who is due to compete in a cage fighting event in Perth on March 24. He had slept on the couch of the firebombed apartment the night before & said he had been lucky no one had been hurt. He said there had been no recent problems at the gym. "I'm praying it was a juvenile prank," he said. "Obviously we heard about what happened at Kronk's Gym a couple of weeks ago. "There haven't been any public fights or dramas leading into this. "So it does seem like it's a different set of circumstances."

Kentucky: Five million people; Fifteen last names...

Motorcycle Cancer Risk: Motorcycle Cop Cancer Concern from ELF EMFs Penetrating Motorcycle Seats - Mar 3, 2009 - *Mississauga, Ontario* - A book entitled Motorcycle Cancer? Is sending a shock wave through the motorcycle industry worldwide. "Motorcycle seat extremely low frequency electromagnetic field (ELF EMF) radiation raises cancer risk," says patent-granted Canadian author Randall Dale Chipkar. "Science proves electromagnetic danger & bikers deserve to know the truth." "I have read up to 500 milliGauss of ELF EMF radiation above motorcycle seats. In contrast, many doctors raise cancer concerns involving 3 to 5 milliGauss of ELF EMF exposure from hydro tower power lines & other sources," adds Chipkar. "I was shocked to discover this radiation risk for motorcyclists. Initially proof of danger was a major challenge, however, today both my book & website provide evidence & facts that cannot be ignored. It's not just about cancer. The prostate, colon & neighboring organs are of concern along with radiation readings that reach the abdomen, heart & breast area," Chipkar says. "The gastrointestinal tract is a major supplier of melatonin. Melatonin is our natural anti-cancer growth hormone & its role & production are disrupted by various ELF EMF exposures. Many motorcyclists are having their main supplier of melatonin showered by ELF EMF magnetic field radiation," adds Chipkar. "Melatonin compromise can affect cancer-growth inhibition throughout the body. Promotion of existing hereditary cancer progression is another concern. Also, various ELF EMF exposures are suspect of interfering with breast cancer medication. For cancer survivors electromagnetic homeostasis is essential in restoring natural defense immune & lymph systems, melatonin, etc.," Chipkar says. "Motorcycle police officers deserve our utmost attention regarding these issues due to riding duration. Hopefully, motorcycle police associations worldwide will initiate this essential epidemiology. Certainly we can reciprocate the motto 'to serve & protect' for some of our finest," says Chipkar. "Major organizations now agree non-ionizing, non-thermal ELF EMF magnetic fields are possibly carcinogenic. Doctors advise prudent avoidance from various exposures. Nobody wants cancer controversial radiation flooding their body especially pregnant or cancer survivor motorcyclists. Together we can make a difference," Chipkar adds. Chipkar authored, Motorcycle Cancer?, to expose the truth & was then granted a patent for RiderSaver(TM) ELF EMF shielding motorcycle seats to protect riders. Chipkar is campaigning worldwide to enhance the motorcycle industry to keep riders safer. Randall Dale Chipkar has a rider safety motorcycle cancer website with information about The Motorcycle Cancer Book, prostate cancer, colon cancer, kidney cancer, bladder cancer, pregnancy, lymphoma, leukemia, sterility, impotence, prostatitis, infertility, RiderSaver(TM) motorcycle seat shielding, etc.

Bikie rumours squashed – Mar 3, 2009 - *Australia* - Community claims that the tattoo shop in Picton is operating as a Rebels bikie clubhouse, brothel, sex shop & drug dealership have been strongly denied by its owners. At Wollondilly Council's community safety forum last week members of the public voiced concerns about the Rebels' presence in Picton. Two members of the motorcycle club sat in silence as Wollondilly Mayor Michael Banasik said there had been no development application lodged for a clubhouse on the Argyle Street premises & no meeting held between the council & the Rebels. "The proprietors called me, concerned that I put out a flyer opposing them, but I did not," Cr Banasik said. A Tahmoor resident said the council's policies & procedures were the problem. "It allowed the sex shop to be opened in Tahmoor & now a skin-penetration business can open under an old existing 'art gallery' development application," she

said. "Yet if a hairdresser or a beautician tries to open in our shire they have to do a full development application." A council spokeswoman said current rules enabled a shop or commercial premises to change to another shop or office without consent. If an application for a clubhouse was submitted, council staff & police would assess it, with feedback sought from the community. Superintendent Ian Foscholo said police would "strongly object" to an application for a Picton clubhouse. "Members of OMCs [Outlaw Motor Cycle Gangs] are no different from anyone else if they break the law they suffer the consequences," he said. "But there's little we can do if they're not breaking the law. We're not aware of any extra activity in Picton."

Rebels bikies banned from pub – Mar 3, 2009 – *Australia* - By Greg Kelton - Three members of an outlaw motorcycle gang have become the 1st people to be barred from a hotel under new laws banning troublemakers. Details of the ban were outlined in Parliament today in statements by Police Minister Michael Wright & Consumer Affairs Minister Gail Gago. Changes to the Liquor Licensing Act which have just come into mean police can instantly bar someone from one or many licensed premises for specified periods. Wright told Parliament that 3 members of the Rebels had been barred from an unnamed Glenelg hotel for 3 months. A 2nd offence can lead to a 6-month ban & a 3rd offence can mean an indefinite ban. Wright said the new laws had been designed to give police & licensees greater powers to protect staff & partygoers from violent & criminal behavior. The barring incident occurred on Sunday at Glenelg. Wright said members of the Crime Gang Task Force had visited the hotel & spoke with security staff. "Some hours later, police were made aware that several members of the Rebels criminal bikie gang were inside the hotel & when approached by police, one of the bikies allegedly became abusive & aggressive," Wright said. He said police asked the Rebel members to move to another area & when one member refused "he became so agitated that he had to be physically restrained & was subsequently arrested for disorderly behaviour & resisting arrest". "It's early days but the signs are encouraging that this new system is working," Ms Gago said.

Nookie Green: An Irish man went to confession in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. 'Father', he confessed, 'it has been one month since my last confession. I had sex with Nookie Green twice last month.' The priest told the sinner, 'You are forgiven. Go out & say 3 Hail Mary's.' Soon thereafter, another Irish man entered the confessional. 'Father, it has been 2 months since my last confession. I've had sex with Nookie Green twice a week for the past 2 months.' This time, the priest questioned, 'Who is this Nookie Green?' 'A new woman in the neighborhood,' the sinner replied. 'Very well,' sighed the priest. Go & say ten Hail Mary's. At mass the next morning, as the priest prepared to deliver the sermon, a tall, voluptuous, drop-dead gorgeous redheaded woman entered the sanctuary. The eyes of every man in the church fell upon her as she slowly sashayed up the aisle & sat down right in front of the priest. Her dress was green & very short, & she wore matching, shiny emerald-green shoes. The priest & the altar boy gasped as the woman in the green dress & matching green shoes sat with her legs spread slightly apart, but just enough to realize she wasn't wearing any underwear. The priest turned to the altar boy & whispered, 'Is that Nookie Green?' The bug-eyed altar boy couldn't believe his ears but managed to calmly reply, 'No Father, I think it's just a reflection from her shoes'.

When you work here, you can name your own salary. I named mine, "Fred".

Updated Satan Choice article – Mar 3, 2009 – *Canada* – By Rachel Punch - Two cars carrying members of the Satan's Choice biker gang descended on the parking lot of the Sorrento Motor Hotel on a September night in 1992. On Friday, 17 years after the attack, a man was arrested in Toronto in connection with the attack. He was brought to Sudbury & was to appear in bail court on Sunday. The Choice were at the Sorrento on The Kingsway on Sept. 5, 1992, at about 8:30 p. m. looking for members of rival gang Black Diamond Riders. The Choice met the Diamonds with clubs, knives, fists, boots & a handgun, leaving the rival club members bloodied. A number of the bikers were hit with a two-by-four & tire iron. It was the worst bout of biker-related violence to hit Sudbury in years, The Sudbury Star reported at the time. The parking lot was left strewn with jagged pieces of wood, broken glass & 2 pools of blood. Officers found bullet casings on the ground. Most of the 8 bikers taken to hospital after the melee were members of the Black Diamond Riders. Two shots from a ninemillimetre handgun were fired in the brawl & one Diamond was hit in the abdomen. Another man was left with a stab wound. Police did not release the names of any of the injured men. At the time, police suspected the fight was the result of a long-standing rivalry between the 2 biker gangs. They believed the Diamonds wanted to set up a chapter in Sudbury -- which would encroach on the Choice's territory. A group of Diamonds, among them leader Johnny Sombrero, would travel to Sudbury each Labour Day weekend to party with friends. Police had reports Sombrero's group had started trying to recruit new members. "There is going to have to be payback. It's a matter of pride now," Const. Mark Norquay told The Sudbury Star in the days following the brawl. "I would suggest that the gloves are off." About a month after the melee, a warrant was issued for John Vasilantonakis on a charge of assault with a weapon. On Friday -- 17 years after the warrant was issued -- Vasilantonakis found himself in custody of the Toronto Police Service for an unrelated matter. When Toronto police ran his name through the Canadian Police Information Centre, his outstanding warrant showed up & city police were contacted. "We went to pick him up," said Greater Sudbury Police Const. Bert Lapalme. Even though the warrant was almost 2 decades old, it is still in effect. "Criminal Code warrants never expire," Lapalme said. "If there is a request for a warrant at any time, basically that warrant will be in effect until that person is apprehended," Lapalme said. Lapalme said 2 others were arrested at the time of the brawl. "Both of the arrest reports show up in September of 1992," said Lapalme. At the time, the police kept hand written records & Lapalme did not have details of the arrests or outcome of any court proceedings. Vasilantonakis, now 47, is alleged to have struck a then 38- year-old man with a two-by-four during the fight. The injuries he allegedly caused were not life threatening. Police had difficulty investigating the brawl in 1992 because of the bikers' code of silence. Members of the Toronto-based Black Diamond Riders were not co-operating with investigators, The Sudbury Star reported at the time. The rival Choice weren't co-operating either. The Sudbury chapter of Satan's Choice was chartered in the 1980s. It had clubhouses on Nelson Street, Radar Road & Kitchener Avenue. The investigation into the 1996 bombing of the Sudbury Regional Police station dealt a devastating blow to the city's Choice chapter. Several of its key members were arrested & one of them, Michael Dube, killed himself in jail in 1998 awaiting trial on charges linked to the bombing & for a 12-year-old murder. Provincially, the Satan's Choice was absorbed by the Hells Angels' expansion into Ontario in 2000-2001.

What do you call a hooker with her hand up her skirt!!!!
Self Employed!!!!

Immigrants must clean up their act – Mar 3, 2009 – *Denmark* - The Hells Angels biker group says that the only ones who can stop the current gang war are immigrants themselves. The bloody conflict between immigrant gangs & bikers can only be stopped if responsible immigrants take responsibility & 'clean up in their own ranks,' according to the Hells Angels biker group on its website. The recipe for a solution to the ongoing gang warfare in Denmark comes in answer to a contribution on the Hells Angels website from an anonymous immigrant. My home too "I don't understand why the Hells Angels has become a club dedicated to wiping out immigrants (Ed: see endnote) like me," the contributor says, adding: "Wake up – it's not all immigrants who don't wish Denmark well. This is my home too." But the Hells Angels webmaster rejects the notion that the organization is trying to kindle racial hatred. "HAMC Denmark doesn't want to wipe out anyone. We have immigrants, as you nicely put it, (Ed: see endnote) in our own club. But just as so many other Danes & new Danes, we are tired of the mentality that some immigrants (Ed: see endnote) have," the webmaster writes, calling on well-integrated immigrants to help solve the conflict. "HAMC is made up of proud men with their honour intact, which is why we have the current situation. If what is going on is to be stopped, responsible immigrants & their descendants must clean up in their own ranks," the webmaster says. The gang warfare between immigrant & biker groups broke out in earnest in August 2008. Since then, Politiken has registered 53 shootings in Copenhagen of which most are thought to have a direct connection to the gang conflict. Endnote: The word actually used in the texts was the Danish word for 'pearl' (perle) which has both a derogatory & a non-derogatory meaning in Danish.

Danish gang war spills over into Malmö - Mar 3, 2009 - *Sweden* - A Danish gangster has been remanded into custody on suspicion of blackmail by a Malmö court as police fear that a Copenhagen gang war is spilling over onto the southern Swedish city's streets. A 22-year-old member of the Danish motorcycle gang the Black Cobras was remanded into custody by Malmö district court on Tuesday on suspicion of trying to extort 200,000 kronor (\$22,000) from a local car retailer. Two other men are also in custody for the same offence. Police in Malmö fear that a gang war in the Danish capital of Copenhagen has spilled over into the streets of the city & that the Black Cobras are busy establishing themselves on the Swedish side of the Öresund straight. According to the car retailer, the 3 men approached him demanding the money or he would run into trouble. The men are reported to have displayed their Black Cobras logo in order to "shake up" the businessman. The man refused to pay & instead contacted the police. A trap was set for the trio who, according to the prosecutor, were captured on police video threatening the retailer. The Black Cobras are sworn enemies of the Hells Angels & are, according to a report in local newspaper Sydsvenskan, one of the largest criminal gangs in Denmark, after the Hells Angels & Bandidos. A gang war has broken out between rival gangs in Copenhagen recently with arson attacks, shootings & several murders linked to the conflict. The scale of the Black Cobras' presence in Sweden is as yet unknown & police confirm that open conflict with the Hells Angels in Sweden has not yet occurred. "This is in an early phase. We are collecting information on them," a police source told the newspaper.

White House Gardener Fired! It has just been reported that the head gardener at The White House has been dismissed after 28 years of loyal service to many US presidents. When interviewed the gardener protested his innocence & said, "All I did was go into the Oval Office & ask, 'Has anyone seen the spade & hoe?'"

NSW police to get secret search powers - Mar 4, 2009 - *Australia* - By Nick Ralston - NSW police will be given the power to secretly search a property & not tell the owner for up to 3 years in a move that has enraged civil libertarians. The covert search warrants will be granted to police through the NSW Supreme Court, with their use limited to investigations of suspected serious offences punishable by at least 7 years jail. Such offences include the manufacture of drugs, computer crimes, sale of firearms, homicide & kidnapping. Under the legislation introduced to parliament on Wed, the owners of covertly searched properties would be kept in the dark for up to 6 months. However, NSW police may apply to delay their notification until 18 months have passed, or in exceptional circumstances, 3 years. Premier Nathan Rees said NSW would be the 1st state to introduce such laws, borrowing the concept from commonwealth counter-terrorism legislation. "If you are a serious criminal in NSW you should not sleep easy," Rees told reporters. "These laws will enable our police force to inspect your home without you knowing." Rees said the bill was drafted in response to a 2006 NSW Supreme Court decision that raised doubts over the legality of covert searches by NSW police. Police Minister Tony Kelly denied the legislation stripped away basic civil liberties. "Unless you're involved in criminal activity then you shouldn't be worried about this legislation," he said. But NSW Council for Civil Liberties Pres Cameron Murphy said reducing accountability would simply open the door to police corruption. Covert warrants were just the latest move to make NSW a police state, Murphy said. "These powers are more powerful than those available to the Fed police when dealing with terrorism suspects," he told AAP. "Why would the NSW police need more power in dealing with ordinary criminals than the federal police does in dealing with terrorists." Murphy said such covert warrants enshrined poor scrutiny of police actions. "These are exactly the types of laws that lead to a huge police corruption problem in NSW in the past," he said. "We're making a mistake in reducing accountability over police again. "Ultimately, in my view, it is going to lead to more police corruption." NSW Opposition police spokesman Mike Gallacher said the announcement would simply "flag to organized criminals that they have to be smarter." "They'll do so in such a way that houses are not penetrated, that the houses themselves are video surveillance," he told reporters. "A lot of organized gangs will ensure that premises used in conjunction with drugs ... are not left vacant at all at any stage." Gallacher said the Gov't should instead look at targeting organized crime by outlawing motorcycle gangs in this state.

Gang colours banned at Sydney pubs - Mar 4, 2009 - *Australia* - By Nick Lucchinelli - Pubs & clubs in western Sydney have banded together to ban gang colours from being worn at local watering holes. At the most recent meeting of the Blacktown Liquor Accord, local pubs & clubs voted to erect signs at watering holes, advising patrons they must not wear colours "depicting them as being a member of any group". Spokesman Neil Vaughan says the move will stop local street gangs & motorcycle clubs identifying each other when they are having a drink. "It's mainly bikie groups," he said. "There are a few of them in the Blacktown area & we just wanted to make sure they weren't identified & just make sure there wasn't conflict." Local police have backed the move, which Vaughan says should instill confidence in the drinking public. "We want them to know they can come to the club & there isn't going to be any conflict of any type between different gangs," he said. The Blacktown Liquor Accord is an agreement between pubs & clubs in the local area.

Suicidal twin kills sister by mistake!

Bikers' rules had sex taboo - Mar 4, 2009 - *Australia* - By Lindsay Murdoch - A Motorcycle club had a rule that its members were not allowed to wear their colours while having sex with Aboriginal women, documents filed in the Northern Territory Supreme Court show. The rules of the Blonks MC, filed with the NT's Registrar of Associations, stipulated that "due to past circumstances no colours to be worn when shafting gins & no gins to be brought to the house ever". The term "gin" to describe an indigenous woman is highly offensive to Aborigines. The club's rules were filed in the NT Supreme Court in an application by club member Paul Anthony Johnson to overturn an order of the NT Commissioner of Consumer Affairs that dissolved the club & seized its clubhouse & land. The rules stipulated that "in the interests of peace among members, keep your hands off another woman if she is a member's woman". One rule was that \$1000 was to "be kept in the club account for bail at all times". Another was that members had to take responsibility for anyone they nominated to join. "Any f---ups are on his shoulders," the rules state. The rules include a fine of up to \$50,000 for any member "slugging or fighting with another member". "If a good reason (for fighting, the issue) it will be decided on at next meeting. Out: stabbing & shooting." They also stipulated the club colors were to be worn at every meeting & while on motorbikes, but not when travelling in motor vehicles. The colours are a vest showing the club's logo & name. Johnson took action in the Supreme Court in Aug 2006 to try to recover the land & clubhouse on Darwin's outskirts that had been seized by the Commissioner of Consumer Affairs. But Supreme Court judge Stephen Southwood dismissed the action. "Johnson has failed to satisfy the court that the Blonks MC was either carrying out its objects or in operation at the time it was dissolved by the Commissioner of Consumer Affairs," he ruled. The ruling means the club's assets will remain the property of the NT Gov't. Justice Southwood said that with one or 2 exceptions, former members of the Blonks club were now members of the NT chapter of the Hells Angels MC. He found the Blonks club's assets, including land & bank accounts "were simply used by those persons who had become members of the Hells Angels MC when it suited them".

Warwickshire Police bid again to halt Bulldog Bash - Mar 4, 2009 - *United Kingdom* - By Mark Cowan - A Warwickshire police chief said he would like to see the Bulldog Bash biker festival scrapped this year on security grounds. Warwickshire Police spent £1.4 million policing last year's event at Long Marston near Stratford-upon-Avon after losing a bid to have its licence revoked amid fears of reprisals following the murder of biker Gerry Tobin. The cash-strapped force has started discussions with the public over how to police the event in August. But Assistant Chief Con Bill Holland said: "My preference would be that Bulldog Bash 2009 does not take place. But if it does go ahead there will be a professional & robust policing operation put in place to protect people from harm in Warwickshire." Police chiefs had tried to stop last year's event following the murder in August 2007 of Hells Angel Gerry Tobin, 35, who was shot in the back of the head on the M40 as he drove home. The force had applied to Stratford District Council to revoke the licence, fearing an increase in tension between Hells Angels, associated with the festival, & rival group the Outlaws but their objections were dismissed. The massive police presence outside the event - sniffer dogs, metal detectors & armed units - was criticised by organisers & the public as "excessive" & "over the top". The event, attended by 20,000-plus, passed off peacefully. Bash organisers have launched an on-line consultation exercise to find out how the police presence affected visitors. Seven Outlaws were jailed for life for murdering Tobin.

How to throw a punch – Mar 4, 2009 - *Australia* - There's a lot of make believe in movies nowadays thanks to computer generated graphics, trick photography, make-up & actors like Matt Newton trying to convince us he's a hard man gangster on Underbelly. The upcoming Australian feature *Two Fists, One Heart* is a boxing film set in Perth and, though it's definitely no documentary, its writer & co-star Rai Fazio (pictured, left) is certainly the real deal. A former Junior Golden Gloves Champion & Australian Amateur Boxing Title-holder, Fazio once knocked out the sergeant-at-arms & another member of Western Australia's Coffin Cheaters MC & days later had his gym fire-bombed in what may have been a retaliation attack. I know this because I worked as a writer on the film during its long gestation and, if you watch it very closely, you'll hear choice dialogue like "a" & "the" which survived from my draft of the script... As part of my research for the movie - which is directed by Shawn Seet & produced by David Elfick - I traveled to Perth to spend some time with Rai, just days after he'd been released from hospital after his altercation with the Coffin Cheaters. Though he'd gotten the better of 2 members, the bikers made sure Rai didn't escape unharmed & gave him a very serious flogging. A few days later someone decided to set the back of Rai's Northbridge gym on fire - but the damage was minimized by the would-be arsonists stupidity & the blaze didn't take. I spent 4 days with Rai & stayed at his apartment while things were still very hot for him with the Coffin Cheaters. When I queried him one morning as to our (my) safety, he unambiguously patted a heavy shape in his gym bag & said "we'll be fine." Not that Rai Fazio needs much help when it comes to protecting himself with his hands: seeing him throw a few warm-up punches with his father, Joe, at the former's gym, it was pretty obvious both Fazio senior & junior could hit me faster than I could spit. I can do many things in life - making toast, writing self-indulgent blog posts, drinking beer & patting doggies being some of my talents. Fighting, though, is not one of my strong suits. I'm not an advocate of violence but I do think throwing a punch is one of many things a man should know how to do, up there with being able to kick a football, change a flat tire, pour a beer & foment revolution in a Central American country. As the Australian author Sam de Brito (hey, that's me!) says in his enduring advice guide to youth, *No Tattoos Before You're Thirty*: Learn to fight: I don't care if it's boxing or jujitsu. The rule is you never get physical until they touch you or a woman. Then you'll know how to break their jaw. Perhaps you disagree & like one of the characters in *Two Fists, One Heart* played by Tim Minchin, you use humour to work your way out of spots of trouble. But what if some deadshit is threatening you? What if they're actually hurting someone close to you? What then? Sarcasm ain't much help but knowing how to put one on a bloke's chin might just save the day. The thing is, everybody has their own 2 dollar advice on stuff like throwing a punch, & unless you spend some serious time in some serious gyms, you're never going to be taught the right way by blokes who know what they're talking about. Rai Fazio has forgotten more about boxing than most people claim to 'know', so today, if you're in the mood, check out this 4 part series he's filmed showing you the ins & outs of throwing a punch. It's fascinating & would probably cost you a couple of hundred dollars in lessons to hear it from a boxer of Rai's caliber, a man was forged by his father Joe Fazio, who has trained more than 2 dozen state & Australian boxing champions. And a final point of interest - I met the boxer, Anthony Silvestro, who is featured sparring in these videos when he was about 13 & far more diminutive. Take a look at the punches he throws now - he's an absolute monster & a big tip to win a national title in the near future. *Two Fists One Heart* premiered in Perth last night & will hit theaters March 19.

Copenhagen drug gangs step up war – Mar 4, 2009 - *Denmark* - There is no end in sight in the Danish gang war that has been raging for more than half a year. On Sunday night 2 masked youths, connected to the immigrant gangs that are fighting out a turf war with the Hell's Angels, attacked a pub on Amager in Copenhagen. They forced a man to lie on his belly at gunpoint & then fired 10 shots into the pub, killing one & injuring two, before shooting the man on the street in his kneecaps. The incident is the third in as many days. On Saturday night a 32-year-old man trying to park his car on his way to a concert was shot by youths on bikes, & on Friday another random victim, a young man, not connected to any of the involved groups, was shot & had his throat cut in execution style at an estate in Copenhagen's troubled Norrebro area, probably by people connected to the AK81 supporters of Hell's Angels. The gang war has been pasteurising life in the Danish capital for far too long. The police have tried to control matters, but rather than being solved, the problems seem to be escalating & the locals are increasingly staying indoors or even moving out of the trouble spots. Normal Copenhagen residents fear being mistaken for a gang member by stressed criminals worried for their own safety. The number of casualties unrelated to the various groups is rising dramatically. The Danish minister of justice, Brian Mikkelsen, insists that the fight against the gangs is being won, but it certainly doesn't feel that way walking on Norrebro in central Copenhagen on the weekend. The atmosphere, in an area usually full of people in shops & cafes, is tense – the locals just want the problems & the criminals to go away. The Danish integration minister, Birthe Ronn Hornbech, is now contemplating the introduction of a new set of laws that will in effect mean that all foreigners caught committing a crime involving a weapon will be expelled from the country. The proposed policy is supported by the rest of centre-right Gov't & the Danish People's party, & therefore looks likely to be passed in parliament. But several experts have warned that the new zero tolerance strategy is risking institutionalised inequality. While the tough line might have some effect on the immigrant gangs, it could easily be seen by the Hell's Angels as giving them the upper hand & reason to start an offensive. Danish police have increased their presence in the Copenhagen trouble spots, but so far they have been hapless bystanders. The gang war is being fought between 2 factions fighting for control of the lucrative drugs market. But, for all the shootings & stabbings, the real victims are the local residents. It is strange that it should take dozens of episodes with firearms & several deaths before the police are willing to upgrade their presence. The ongoing gang war, with its clear ethnic tensions, has done little to better the already strained relationship between white Danes & foreigners. But while the Hell's Angels & their supporters are a clear & relatively easily defined group, the immigrant gangs are less well known. It is them the Danish population fear the most. But these gangs do not represent the foreigners in Denmark, they just give them a bad name. While there is every reason to clamp down on the gangs' criminal activity, legislating one's way out of trouble is often not the answer. If a white boy gets a small prison sentence for carrying a weapon while a foreign boy is expelled for the same crime, surely that is bound to make the foreigners feel even more stigmatised. The question then remains: what to do? Few in Denmark seem to have a clear idea. The original plan was to let the gangs fight it out, but that now seems a far too dangerous proposition for the rest of the Danish population.

You must never confuse faith that you will prevail in the end – which you can never afford to lose – with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be. - Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale

Anti-gang package ready – Mar 4, 2009 - *Denmark* - The Danish Gov't is soon expected to introduce new practices, guidelines & powers to stop the ongoing gang warfare in Denmark. Denmark's Minister for Justice Brian Mikkelsen is preparing to put forward an urgent package to help authorities deal with an increasing armed conflict between the Hells Angels & immigrant gangs. According to Politiken's information, the package, which has been developed following discussions between the ministry, the National Police Commissioner's office & the Copenhagen Police, may be announced today & will include proposals to adjust legislation. "It's obvious that the current situation is untenable & requires extraordinary measures," Justice Minister Brian Mikkelsen says in an e-mail to Politiken although he declined to disclose the contents of the package.

Man Gets 30 Years – Mar 5, 2009 – *Tampa, Florida* – By Elaine Silvestrini - Randy Nowak told a judge today that he never wanted any harm to come to the IRS officer he tried to have killed. "It wasn't my intention for that woman to get hurt," Nowak said. "All I've ever done is just help people." But U.S. District Judge James Moody sentenced Nowak to 30 years in federal prison, telling him, "You just have no conscience." The sentence is the maximum allowed by law. Moody said Nowak perjured himself when he testified at his December trial that he wasn't trying to hire an Outlaw biker to kill IRS Revenue Officer Christine Brandt, whom Nowak described as a "nice lady." Nowak testified at trial that he actually thought the Outlaw MC could help him with his tax problems by filing a judicial grievance against Brandt. Jurors were unconvinced, however, convicting Nowak after viewing videotapes of him talking to an undercover investigator about eliminating Brandt & possibly blowing up the IRS Lakeland office. Nowak also paid the undercover investigator, who went by the name "Reaper." Nowak's wife & children supported him through his trial but did not attend his sentencing hearing. Defense attorney William Sites told Moody that Nowak had just learned that his wife has divorced him. "I'm not a hideous person that's been painted," Nowak told the judge. "I've got a heart. I've got compassion. I've got needs."

Man charged with attacking police - March 05, 2009 – *Lower Township, New Jersey* - Police arrested a Villas man Wed after he allegedly assaulted 2 officers. Daniel Olah, 53, of the 1000 block of Delaware Ave, is charged with making terroristic threats against police officers & 2 counts of aggravated assault on police officers. Police said Olah was harassing an electric company worker when they arrived at the scene about 2 pm Wed, adding he was belligerent & appeared to be highly intoxicated. They said he then attacked Sgt. David Adams & Detective Joe Boyle. "Olah told the officers he was a member of the Pagans Motorcycle Gang & made threats against the officers," a news release stated Thu. Police said Olah became so violent he had to be physically immobilized & put in restraints. Olah has an extensive criminal history including prior arrests for assaults on police officers & weapons offenses, they added. At the time of his arrest, Olah was wanted on a warrant out of Atlantic City on charges of domestic violence & contempt. Olah was taken to the Cape May County Jail. His bail was set at \$50,000.

Main purpose of Hells Angels – Mar 5, 2009 – *Vancouver, Canada* – By Neal Hall & Lori Culbert - The main reason for the existence of the Hells Angels MC is to facilitate criminal activity for its members, a biker expert testified Thu at the trial of 4 Hells Angels. The Crown called Jacques Lemieux, a retired RCMP staff-sergeant from Montreal who specialized in motorcycle gangs, to provide an expert opinion about the Hells Angels in

Canada & specifically the East End chapter of the Hells Angels in B.C. "It is my opinion that the main purpose of the Hells Angels organization is to facilitate the criminal activities of its membership," Lemieux testified. "The members of the Hells Angels [are given] a vehicle to facilitate criminal activities." Lemieux testified about the violent turf war years ago between the Hells Angels & a rival biker gang, the Rock Machine, in Montreal & Quebec. He said he believes the Hells Angels in B.C. are no different than other chapters in Canada. Lemieux was testifying at the trial of 4 East End Hells Angels - Ronaldo Lising, Randy Potts, John Punko & Jean Violette - accused of assault, extortion & weapons offences. 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." Earlier, Levitz asked Lemieux about a secretly taped conversation, in which Punko was heard speaking to police agent Michael Plante about dynamite. "It is my opinion that Punko wanted dynamite, is the extent the Hells Angels will go to further their criminal activities," Lemieux testified. Plante worked as a police agent to infiltrate the Hells Angels & carried a secret listening device, allowing police to record conversations. The trial has heard how Plante was promised \$1 million to work as an RCMP police agent. He was paid \$500,000 after his work ended in 2005 & will be paid the remainder after he finishes testifying at a number of trials. Plante had been accepted to become an East End member of the Hells Angels & was trusted by many of the bikers, the trial has heard. At the trial's opening last September, Levitz told the jury the Hells Angels is the most powerful outlaw motorcycle gang in the world & its main purpose is to facilitate the criminal activities of its members. The defence has urged jurors to keep an open mind & not prejudge the accused because they are Hells Angels. Under cross-examination Thursday by Lising's lawyer, Greg DelBigio, Lemieux admitted he was being paid by the Crown for his expert testimony. He also said the Crown was paying his expenses while in Vancouver. Lemieux said he was given a computer disc that contained the entire police investigation code-named E-Pandora, which targetted the East End Hells Angels. He admitted he didn't read everything on the disc. "You didn't take time to read it?" DelBigio asked. "That's the evidence they wanted you to see to formulate your opinion." Lemieux explained he was an RCMP officer at the time, so he had other duties. "It would have taken months & months to read it," Lemieux said. DelBigio suggested Lemieux was not fair & impartial because he had jumped to conclusions before reading all the E-Pandora file. "It is over 33 years of experience I had to give an opinion on what the Hells Angels are all about," the witness said. Lemieux explained he also worked for years in Ottawa for Criminal Intelligence Service Canada, compiling & analyzing police investigations & intelligence on outlaw motorcycle gangs. He testified Hells Angels members have a structured hierarchy, commonly use encrypted email to communicate & wear a 3-piece Hells Angels "patch" on their backs to intimidate people. But DelBigio showed the witness some photos of 3-piece patches worn by such police biker groups as the Band of Brothers in New York & the Gun Fighters in Texas. The lawyer showed the witness a photo of burly biker cops. "If people saw these guys, they might be intimidated," DelBigio suggested. "They could be, yes," Lemieux conceded. His cross-exam continues at the Vancouver Law Courts before B.C. Supreme Court Justice Selwyn Romilly & a jury. The judge cautioned jurors Thu to examine whether the expert was impartial & determine whether to accept some, all or none of his opinion. "You are the sole judges of the facts," the judge told the jury.

Gov't to double prison terms – Mar 5, 2009 – *Denmark* - The Gov't presented its proposals to prevent & deter criminal gangs that will see maximum sentences being doubled for gang-related crime. The Gov't presented its so-called 'gang package' yesterday evening, outlining its plans to crack down on criminal gangs engaging in open street violence & shootings. Justice Minister Brian Mikkelsen announced the Gov'ts intention to double the prison terms handed down to offenders connected to the gang environment. The necessary law change proposals will come before parliament in the coming weeks. Those found in possession of a loaded weapon now face a 1 year sentence for their first offence, while serious violence will in future be met with a 3-year jail term. The prison term for intimidation of witnesses to gang violence will also be doubled under the new measures. 'This is a tough package & the bikers & immigrant gangs will not have a moment's peace. The police will be constantly nipping at their heels,' said Mikkelsen. The Gov't also wants to introduce better measures for emergency personnel. Those who prevent the emergency services from carrying out their work will face a jail term of 18 months. If violence or threats are involved, the maximum penalty will be 8 years imprisonment. New measures to deport gang members who are not Danish citizens & who are found in possession of illegal weapons are also being considered. The new package also outlined preventative & investigate measures that will be introduced to prevent gang crime. Advisory councils to help prevent the recruitment of young people into gangs will be established in affected areas, while police will be allowed to use wire tapping in their investigations of weapons smuggling & dealing. The plan has received backing from both the Social Democrats & the Socialist People's Party (SF) – a party which is traditionally against elevating maximum penalties. SF party chairman Villy Søvndal said that the Gov'ts plan is necessary if the gangs are to be prevented from taking over the streets. The plan comes on top of recent announcements that the number of police on the streets of Copenhagen will be increased. Last weekend saw a spate of 3 shootings linked to the ongoing conflict between the Hells Angels bikers & immigrant gangs, which left 2 dead & another 4 injured.

Bikie feud not religious, says leader – Mar 5, 2009 - *Australia* - Religious differences have nothing to do with the feud between 2 Sydney bikie factions, a senior Comanchero MC member said yesterday. The 28-year-old Comanchero City Crew chapter Pres has challenged a Herald report yesterday which stated a religious divide was contributing to a long feud between the 2 gangs. In a letter from his lawyer, the president stated that "religion plays no part" in the conflict between his chapter & a new gang, Notorious. The statement came as police sources indicate there is an ongoing war between the 2 factions. The Comanchero said there were only 4 people of the Islamic faith in the club & religion had nothing to do with the conflict. The president of Notorious did not comment yesterday but a retired bikie whom police sources had suggested was involved in Notorious said via his lawyer that he had no involvement in the new bikie gang. "He's not involved with Notorious at all. He's not associated except that he knows a couple of them," the lawyer said. The retired bikie, who was placed on remand in 2006 over a shooting charge & later found not guilty of all charges, was the victim of police harassment, the lawyer stated. There has been a series of bikie attacks in Sydney in recent weeks, with a bomb exploding outside the Hells Angels' Petersham clubhouse on Feb 4.

Did you realize that President Obama probably signed his stimulus package at the same desk where President Clinton got his package stimulated?

Motorists must make way for bikie protest – Mar 5, 2009 – *Australia* – By Robyn Wuth – Motorists have been warned by Queensland police to 'expect delays' for the Hells Angels annual poker run this weekend. The run, called the 'Good as Gold' run, leaves the Tradelink Drove clubhouse at 12.30pm tomorrow. The route has not been disclosed, but is expected to choke major arterials of the Gold Coast. Police will shadow the bikie run to 'ensure the safety of all road users'. "Motorists are advised to expect delays on south-east Queensland roads," said police. In the wake of the bombing of the Hells Angels clubhouse in Sydney last month the annual event this year takes on even greater significance. Several clubs have already vowed to stand alongside the Angels for the event & hundreds of gang members are expected to participate. Police fear gang tension could trigger a new wave of violence in the southeast. The Hells Angels website predicts more than 700 bikes will take part & has billed the event as a protest. "Do not allow the Gov't or there (sic) servants attempts at stopping this event or others," the Hells Angels proclaim. "Come along & defend our right to associate."

Police raid nets drugs & guns – Mar 5, 2009 - *New Zealand* - Police searched dozens of addresses in North Zealand today in a crackdown against weapons & drugs violators. Police raided 44 addresses across North Zealand this morning, arresting 7 people & confiscating drugs & weapons. The raids were carried out by more than 180 police officers & included visits to addresses belonging to drug pushers & members of the Bandidos biker gang. Police found a kilo of amphetamine, more than 5 kilos of hash, a pistol & shotgun, & 881,000 kroner in cash. A statement from the North Zealand Police said that they expect up to 4 of those arrested to appear in court on weapons & drugs violations.

Apartment For Rent: A businessman met a beautiful girl & agreed to spend the night with her for \$500. They did their thing, and, before he left, he told her that he did not have any cash with him, but he would have his secretary write a check & mail it to her, calling the payment 'Rent For Apartment.' On the way to the office, he regretted what he had done, realizing that the whole event had not been worth the price. So he had his secretary send a check for \$250 & enclose the following typed note:

Dear Madam: Enclosed find a check for \$250 for rent of your apartment. I am not sending the amount agreed upon, because when I rented the place, I was under the impression that:

- #1 - it had never been occupied;
- #2 - there was plenty of heat; and
- #3 - it was small enough to make me feel cozy & at home.

However, I found out that:

- #1 - it had been previously occupied,
- #2 - there wasn't any heat, and
- #3 - it was entirely too large.'

Upon receipt of the note, the girl immediately returned the check for \$250 with the following note: Dear Sir:

- #1 - I cannot understand how you could expect a beautiful apartment to remain unoccupied indefinitely.
- #2 - As for the heat, there is plenty of it, if you know how to turn it on.
- #3 - Regarding the space, the apartment is indeed of regular size, but if you don't have enough furniture to fill it, please do not blame the management.

So, Please send the rent in full or we will be forced to contact your present landlady.

Any man not willing to die for what he believes in is of no consequence to anyone. - William Cooper.

Capitol police suspended over relation to motorcycle groups -

Mar 6, 2009 – *Washington, DC* - By Spencer Hsu, Mary Beth Sheridan & Carrie Johnson; Washington Post - In the days leading up to President Obama's inauguration, U.S. law enforcement agencies huddled regularly in an effort to minimize any possible security risk to an event that promised record crowds for the country's first black president. But one agenda item led authorities to a target close to home: the ranks of the U.S. Capitol Police. An FBI investigation that included taped surveillance had placed 2 off-duty veteran Capitol Police officers in the company of individuals whose racial views & capacity for violence were under scrutiny. Although the recorded discussion did not center on Obama, federal law enforcement officials wanted to ensure that the officers were not on duty covering the Capitol, where the president took the oath of office, according to 2 sources involved in the matter. The FBI alerted Capitol Police officials, but some federal officials grew concerned when no immediate action was taken, according to the sources. Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan voiced his frustration to then-Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, according to a senior federal official with knowledge of the incident. Chertoff, a former federal appeals court judge, told officials that if the Capitol Police did not act, he was prepared to take the issue to members of Congress overseeing the inauguration, the senior federal official said. "Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. ... But there are codes of conduct that are necessary for law enforcement & people in positions of public trust," said one senior federal official with knowledge of the episode. Common sense dictated, the official added, that the swearing-in of the nation's first black president was not a time to take chances. The episode underscores the extraordinary precautions that law enforcement agencies took in the days before Obama's inauguration, including scouring their own ranks for possible security risks. Officials have offered few specifics about their work to protect the president, a coordinated effort directed by the Secret Service & overseen by Chertoff that drew on scores of federal, state & local agencies. Officials have said that a principal concern was the possibility of hate crimes spurred by racial prejudice, leading them to focus investigative attention before the inauguration on any number of domestic groups with white supremacist views. The Capitol Police suspended the 2 officers with pay on Jan. 19, the eve of the inauguration ceremony, pending an internal inquiry into an allegation that they associated with felons in violation of department policy, according to a senior law enforcement official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the personnel matter. The official said the action was taken as soon as officials received the FBI's file & was not precipitated by Chertoff. "We were well aware of what some of the accusations were — some of which may have been repugnant, their associations with these guys — but none of it was criminal or actionable from an administrative" perspective, the official said. The Washington Post is withholding the names of the officers because the allegations have not yet been substantiated & no one at the Capitol Police department would speak on the record about the case. Chertoff, who stepped down on Jan. 21, declined to discuss the events leading up to the suspensions, referring questions to the Secret Service, which also declined to comment. Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Terrance Gainer, a former Capitol Police chief who sits on a three-member board that oversees the agency, said he was prohibited by law from commenting on personnel actions. However, Gainer added, "I categorically deny that either the police board or the police department has ever taken any action against anybody based on anything other than the facts of the case, & more specifically, that we were threatened — that either we do something, or someone else would go public."

The suspended officers have no known criminal record, a senior law enforcement official said, & colleagues said the men are well regarded within the force. The officers rose to the attention of federal law enforcement partly because of their long association with a Southern Maryland motorcycle club, the Tribes. The group is a rough-hewn band of bike enthusiasts founded more than 30 years ago by corrections officers & other law enforcement officials. The club came under law enforcement scrutiny earlier this decade, & in January 2004, a former member, John Beal, pleaded guilty to gun & drug charges after an undercover investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. Capitol Police are barred from associating with felons, a policy shared by other law enforcement agencies. Contacted by The Post, one of the officers said department policy barred him from speaking, even in his own defense. "I have no comment, sir," the officer said. "I'm not allowed to talk to the press." Doug Barber, a friend of both men, said the officers believe they have done nothing wrong. "As far as they're concerned, they haven't done anything wrong, & their careers & their families are at stake; that's how they feed their family," Barber said. "They're loyal to their country, their family & their job." Tribes is not regarded as an "outlaw" club, said Maryland State Police Detective Jon Burroughs, president of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network. But the group occasionally attracts law enforcement interest, as it did after 2 violent incidents in 2002, because of its interactions with other biker clubs, such as the Hells Angels & the Pagans. Beal left the Tribes to start a Calvert County branch of the Hells Angels, & the various biker clubs occasionally socialize together, according to members. The inspector general for the Capitol Police is investigating the officers & will issue a recommendation to the chief, who will bring the matter to the board, which includes Gainer, House Sergeant-at-Arms Wilson "Bill" Livingood & Acting Architect of the Capitol Stephen T. Ayers. Terry Katz, a longtime investigator of motorcycle gangs for the Maryland State Police, said that in the end, "the question would be whether you can be a biker by night & a cop by day."

Drug Raids Throughout Luzerne County - Mar 6, 2009 - Pennsylvania - 60 special operations officers & police Depts executed 6 search warrants throughout Luzerne County.

Investigators say they collected drug evidence & other unnamed evidence. The half-dozen searches started at 8 am. One of the searches targeted 2 buildings in Ashley, both in the 100-block of North Main Street. One of those buildings is the clubhouse for the Outlaws motorcycle gang. Authorities conducted 4 other raids in Wilkes-Barre, White Haven & Wapwallopen.

Biker gang member sentenced in Nevada casino brawl - Mar 6, 2009 - Las Vegas, Nevada - AP - A Hells Angels member has been sentenced to 30 months in federal prison in a fatal casino

shootout during the 2002 Laughlin River Run motorcycle rally. Frederick Donahue of Rodeo, Calif., became the seventh Hells Angels member sentenced in the melee. The 44-year-old Donahue was a fugitive for 6 years before surrendering in Las Vegas in July. He pleaded guilty in Nov to violent crime in aid of racketeering for wounding a rival Mongols motorcycle gang member in the melee that left 3 dead at Harrah's hotel-casino. Six other Hells Angels pleaded guilty in 2006. Most got about 30 months. Charges against 36 other Hells Angels were dropped. Six Mongols pleaded guilty to state charges in Nov 2007. Most got about 30 months to 5 years in prison.

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Retaliation Feared After Biker Brawls – Mar 6, 2009 - *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania* - Twice in one week, a brawl involving a local biker group gets police scrambling. Sunday, rival motorcycle gangs went at it at a Center City hotel. Thursday night, several bikers were hospitalized after a bar room bust-up in South Philadelphia. Now police worry about retaliation, reported Fox 29's Dave Schratwieser. The sign outside the bar at 13th & Shunk Streets says food, fun, friends & family. Thursday night, fisticuffs were served up during an all-out brawl, involving pool cues & other flying objects, that brought police to the scene. "Several individuals were hospitalized after the fight," says Lt. Frank Vanore of Philadelphia Police. Detectives collected videotapes from the bar, trying to unravel what happened. One group of brawlers was identified as bikers tied to the Pagan's motorcycle gang. The other, a South Philly crew that frequents the bar. "We're gonna get to the bottom of it. If people need to be arrested, we're gonna get to them," says Lt. Vanore. Friday afternoon, The Dept Of Licenses & Inspections temporarily shut the bar down for code violations. Investigators are concerned the bar room bust-up might draw retaliation after the bikers took the worst of Thursday's melee. "What we're concerned about & we want to make sure we prevent is any type of violence that might be any type of retaliation," says Lt. Vanore. This is the second time this week bikers have been involved in big brawls that brought police to the scene. On Sunday, 40 officers rounded up members of the Outlaws MC & the Pagans after a huge fight during a tattoo convention at a Center City hotel turned ugly. Guns were seized & bikers were busted. "It could have gotten really out of hand so it was good that we were able to make such a quick & decisive response & quickly put people into custody," says Chief Inspector Joe Sullivan of Philadelphia Police. Police are now watching the Outlaws, the Pagans & a third South Philly gang to prevent retaliation. "We're not gonna tolerate that," says Lt. Vanore. L & I inspectors say the bar can reopen as soon as the violations are corrected. Police are trying to identify the pool cue-swinging bar room combatants. Charges could be filed.

Bikers injured in S. Philly bar brawl – Mar 7, 2009 - *Pennsylvania* – By David Gambacorta & Kitty Caparella - Police are keeping a close eye on South Philadelphia after a bar brawl sent members of a motorcycle gang to the hospital on Thursday. A fight broke out inside Quattro Bar & Grille, on 13th St near Shunk, at 11:24 p.m. Though the nature of the dispute is unclear, pool cues were shattered & plenty of blood was spilled, investigators said. Four people were taken to Thomas Jefferson Univ Hospital for treatment & a fifth was taken to Methodist Hospital, police said. All were treated & released. Among the injured were members of the Road Runners motorcycle gang & at least one alleged member of the 10th & Oregon gang, said a law-enforcement source familiar with local gang activity. The bar was shut down by the Dept of Licenses & Inspection yesterday for a fire-code violation, said Lt. Frank Vanore, a police spokesman.

Special Thank You – Mar 11, 2009 – *Minnesota* - Hey Everyone, Today marks the 1 year ann. of my transplant!! Thank You to each & every one of you!! L&R Rebel SFFS

Special Request from Sanders – Mar 11, 2009 – Mt Olive Correctional Center; *Mt Olive, West Virginia* – Question: Is the Department of Corrections allowing outside Hospitals to use inmates as Medical Experimentation Subjects without their knowledge for Neuro-Behavioral-Technology? If you know, please send me a letter & I will see that Sanders gets the info.

Bikers Share Their Side Of Sierra Highway Sweep - March 11, 2009 – *California* - By Carol Rock - Riders say most of them are professionals with jobs & responsibilities that don't involve crime. A large gathering of motorcyclists prompted more than 30 deputies to respond to Sand Canyon & Soledad Canyon Roads Sunday afternoon, resulting in 2 dozen citations being issued, but no arrests. Bikers say the deputies overreacted, painting them with a broad brush of guilt just because they wear the jackets & vests bearing their club colors or logos. Sheriff's officials say they are acting in response to community demand, responding to calls from the public for service, which sometimes includes rousting citizens on bikes. The event was a fundraiser for the motorcycle advocacy group ABATE, which does educational outreach & lobbies state legislators for the rights of motorcycle riders across the country. The group, which numbered between 300 & 500, depending on who's doing the counting, held a peaceful gathering at the VFW Post 6885, which has a large amount of property capable of holding a big crowd in a sparsely-populated area of Sierra Highway near the intersection of Sand Canyon Road. After a sheriff's press release appeared on the KHTS website Wed morning, various riders – including many members of the Vagos club - called the station to share their side of the story. "I think one of the mistakes we made was having members come across Sand Canyon Road instead of going around Vasquez Canyon Road," said one of the club's leaders, known as Sarge. He said that a nearby mobile home park may have been the source of some complaints. "My wife & 2 teenage sons were at the event, helping the restaurant that catered the food," said rider Bob Wiggins, who drove up for the event from Chino Hills. "The VFW is out in the middle of nowhere & the statement that they were disturbing the community's solitude is a little out there." All of the callers said that they ride as a family activity, seeking the fellowship of the road over criminal activity, but admitted that a small minority of their members may live on the wrong side of the law. Sheriff's officials cite the criminal history of the Vagos gang, including many who claim innocence while they are being adjudicated for murder & conspiracy charges. According to Associated Press, the Vagos were the subject of a Southern California sweep in 2006 that resulted in the arrest of 25 leaders & associates of the club on suspicion of firearms & drug charges. A more recent incident, one that happened in Orange County in 2008, was cited as reason for the deputies' vigilance on Sunday. In that case, a bar fight involving several suspected rival motorcycle gang members escalated to a stabbing, for which 8 bikers are facing felony firearm, narcotic & assault charges. The riders felt that accusing the large group for the misdeeds of a few was simply the wrong approach. "It's not any different than a large group of any other kind," one member claimed. "You can have the same criminal activity with a large group of priests or lawyers or even cops, especially if there is alcohol involved." Some claimed that the response was a job security move on the part of the county deputies. "The sheriffs overreact all the time & it's a budgetary motivation," the caller said. "Everybody is clamoring for money & everybody is trying to justify their positions." A common theme from the bikers who contacted KHTS was that the Vagos were not the only motorcycle club at the event, citing the presence of several Christian biker groups as well as the AA club Bill W. "They want to label (club members) as bad guys, it's easy to call people a gang. It's just unfair. It would be like me saying all cops are bad, all cops are dirty. That would be unfair to say that," said Wiggins. "I saw no trouble," he continued. "I wouldn't take my kids & my wife to any place where I thought there would be any kind of trouble. I was treated with nothing but respect. I don't know why, it's silliness why you have to rile the public & scare them. Just silliness.

Fiance Of Bride-To-Be Killed In Motorcycle Crash – Mar 11, 2009 – *Pennsylvania* - Sharon Bodish-Douglas found the man she wanted to spend forever with & was set to marry him in 2 weeks, but the couple's future was cut short when Douglas died in a motorcycle accident. "She completed me as a person. My life will never be the same," said fiancé Brad Behanna. The crash happened just a few feet away from Behanna along a rural road 1 week ago. Douglas, 41, of Bethel Park, was riding her H-D motorcycle when it collided with a tractor-trailer. Just before the crash, Douglas attempted to pass Behanna, who was also riding a motorcycle. "He's taking it pretty hard. He's blaming himself when it's not his fault. It's a lifestyle she chose. She chose to ride Harleys," said friend Beatrice Curtis. "Now he carries a picture inside his vest pocket next to his heart & he said, 'this way she's always with me'." Curtis, a member of the 2nd Brigade MC in Washington County with Douglas & Behanna, has been helping to make plans for a special service. The 2nd Brigade MC is also working to raise money for Douglas' 2 children.

Hells Angels lose bid to get Nanaimo clubhouse back – Mar 11, 2009 – *Canada* – By Paul Walton, Nanaimo Daily - The Nanaimo Hells Angels have lost a bid in court to have their Victoria Road clubhouse returned to them as they wait for a trial to contest the forfeiture order. In a decision handed down on Wednesday, a B.C. Supreme Court judge said he had to balance the claims by the Hells Angels that their civil rights were being trampled & claims by the director of civil forfeiture that the seizure was required to implement public safety. Police raided the clubhouse in Nov 2007 armed with a forfeiture order & it has been vacant since then. Justice Barry Davies concluded that issues of public safety were legitimate & the property should be held by the government until a final decision, expected sometime next year. "The evidence filed by the defendants also establishes that the legitimate use & enjoyment of the clubhouse that would be denied to them by a continuing interim preservation order in terms similar to the original interim order is as a place to enjoy social gatherings, play pool & store some motorcycles from time to time. My consideration of the totality of the evidence & my balancing of the interests of the parties leads me to conclude that the societal interest in the suppression of conditions likely to favour the commission of crime weighs heavily in favour of the continuing interim preservation order sought by the director," said Davies. Fred Widdifield, a member of the Nanaimo Hells Angels & named as a defendant, was unable to comment since he had not heard about Davies' judgment. "I've got no comment, I don't even know anything about it yet," said Widdifield. Davies did order 3 motorbikes seized in 2007 to be returned.

Outlaw bikers ride free as case against them collapses - Mar 12, 2009 – *Canada* - By Jane Sims, Sun Media - The six-and-a-half year prosecution of Outlaw bikers came to an abrupt & unexpected end today when the Crown said their key witness was no longer available. It was a dramatic end to one of the longest cases ever at the Middlesex County Court house. The Crown withdrew 17 charges against Mario Parente, 60, who was the national president of the Outlaws motorcycle club & 9 charges against Luis Ferreira, 33, both of Hamilton. Crown prosecutor Alex Smith told Superior Court Justice Lynda Templeton the "principal witness" in the case "has advised us that he is no longer prepared to testify at the trial." A trial that was expected to last months was scheduled to begin in April. Smith said the witness's evidence was essential for the Crown's case. Parente & Ferreira were 2 of dozens of people charged in Sept. 25, 2002, & brought to London as part of Project Retire, a joint police investigation targeting the MC. It was considered the largest prosecution at the

London courthouse. 48 were convicted of both Criminal Code & drug charges. 15 pleaded guilty to criminal-organization charges.

Police nab Hells Angels for tobacco trafficking - Mar 12, 2009 - *Quebec, Canada* - By Paul Cherry & Marianne White - The RCMP has targeted 22 people, including 2 members of the Hells Angels, alleging they are part of a crime ring that sold contraband tobacco to fund a drug operation. A total of 19 people, mostly in the Quebec City region, were arrested Thursday morning & face a variety of charges including drug trafficking, conspiracy to traffic in contraband tobacco & gangsterism. Three other suspects could not be located immediately. The RCMP said it is the first time charges of gangsterism have been laid against members of a biker gang in connection with the trafficking of contraband tobacco. "We knew that the organized crime was involved in illicit tobacco sales, & now we hope to be able to prove in court that the profits of those sales were used to produce drugs that were sold in the Quebec City region," RCMP Sgt. Luc Bessette told a news conference in Quebec City. One of the people targeted was Gilles (Le Vieux) Dumas, 58, a longtime member of the Quebec City chapter of the Hells Angels. The other Hells Angel named in the investigation is Marc Roberge, 45, also a member of the gang's Quebec City chapter. Federal crown prosecutor Josee Belanger said the 22 people are part of an organized network & all face charges of gangsterism. She said Dumas is charged with offences related to contraband tobacco, while Roberge faces additional charges of drug trafficking, possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking & conspiracy to traffic in drugs.

Ex-Officer among Pagan Bikers Held In N. Versailles Bar Shooting - Mar 13, 2009 - *North Versailles, Pennsylvania* - A former Pittsburgh police officer is among 4 men wearing motorcycle gang colors who are charged in the fatal shooting of a man outside a North Versailles tavern. The former officer, Bryan Perun, 35, & 3 other Pittsburgh men, are charged with conspiracy to commit homicide in the shooting of Albert Kolano, 33, of Pittsburgh. Perun was a former Zone 5 Pittsburgh police officer. He is charged with aggravated assault, accused of firing a shot at Kolano's brother. Also charged are Kevin Doolin Jr., 43; John Miller, 56; & Nathaniel Robinson, 34. Allegheny County police said the suspects were in Pagan motorcycle gear when they followed Kolano outside the Longview Lounge along Greensburg Pike early Thursday. Police aren't saying who fired the fatal shots that caused Kolano to wreck as he tried to drive away. The suspects are jailed after their arraignments early Friday. The owner of the Longview Lounge is friends of the Kolano family & closed the bar out of respect for him & his family. Police said they believe that the victim & the 4 suspects had words inside the bar that escalated into the parking lot. Police said Kolano, who leaves behind 2 children, had gone to the bar with a couple of friends thinking the bar still catered to country music fans.

FREE Australia Party officially registered – Mar 13, 2009 - Australia - The FREE Australia party is a step closer to contesting next year's South Australian election after being officially registered. The party was formed by opponents of the Govt's anti-bikie legislation, which they say will have broad impacts for other law abiding groups. The registration comes ahead of today's bikie run to the Barossa Valley that will unite members of several gangs against the new legislation. Premier Mike Rann says law abiding citizens have nothing to fear from the legislation. "Do you honestly think that decent South Australians are going to be voting for the bikie gang party at the next election? I welcome the challenge. No one is going to be dumb enough to vote for a gang that is funded by bikie gangs," Rann said.

Big Brother in small packages – March 2009 – USA – By Declan McCullagh - Could we be constantly tracked through our clothes, shoes or even our cash in the future? I'm not talking about having a microchip surgically implanted beneath your skin, which is what Applied Digital Systems of Palm Beach, Fla., would like to do. Nor am I talking about John Poindexter's creepy Total Information Awareness spy-veillance system, which I wrote about last week. Instead, in the future, we could be tracked because we'll be wearing, eating & carrying objects that are carefully designed to do so. The generic name for this technology is RFID, which stands for radio frequency identification. RFID tags are miniscule microchips, which already have shrunk to half the size of a grain of sand. They listen for a radio query & respond by transmitting their unique ID code. Most RFID tags have no batteries: They use the power from the initial radio signal to transmit their response. You should become familiar with RFID technology because you'll be hearing much more about it soon. Retailers adore the concept, & CNET News.com's own Alorie Gilbert wrote last week about how Wal-Mart & the U.K.-based grocery chain Tesco are starting to install "smart shelves" with networked RFID readers. In what will become the largest test of the technology, consumer goods giant Gillette recently said it would purchase 500 million RFID tags from Alien Technology of Morgan Hill, Calif. Alien Technology won't reveal how it charges for each tag, but industry estimates hover around 25 cents. The company does predict that in quantities of 1 billion, RFID tags will approach 10 cents each, & in lots of 10 billion, the industry's holy grail of 5 cents a tag. It becomes unnervingly easy to imagine a scenario where everything you buy that's more expensive than a Snickers will sport RFID tags, which typically include a 64-bit unique identifier yielding about 18 thousand trillion possible values. KSW-Microtec, a German company, has invented washable RFID tags designed to be sewn into clothing. And according to EE Times, the European central bank is considering embedding RFID tags into banknotes by 2005. It becomes unnervingly easy to imagine a scenario where everything you buy that's more expensive than a Snickers will sport RFID tags. That raises the disquieting possibility of being tracked through our personal possessions. Imagine: The Gap links your sweater's RFID tag with the credit card you used to buy it & recognizes you by name when you return. Grocery stores flash ads on wall-sized screens based on your spending patterns, just like in "Minority Report." Police gain a trendy method of constant, cradle-to-grave surveillance. You can imagine nightmare legal scenarios that don't involve the cops. Future divorce cases could involve one party seeking a subpoena for RFID logs--to prove that a spouse was in a certain location at a certain time. Future burglars could canvass alleys with RFID detectors, looking for RFID tags on discarded packaging that indicates expensive electronic gear is nearby. In all of these scenarios, the ability to remain anonymous is eroded. Don't get me wrong. RFID tags are, on the whole, a useful development & a compelling technology. They permit retailers to slim inventory levels & reduce theft, which one industry group estimates at \$50 billion a year. With RFID tags providing economic efficiencies for businesses, consumers likely will end up with more choices & lower prices. Besides, wouldn't it be handy to grab a few items from store shelves & simply walk out, with the purchase automatically debited from your (hopefully secure) RFID'd credit card? The privacy threat comes when RFID tags remain active once you leave a store. That's the scenario that should raise alarms--and currently the RFID industry seems to be giving mixed signals about whether the tags will be disabled or left enabled by default. In an interview with News.com's Gilbert last week, Gillette Vice President Dick Cantwell said that its RFID tags

would be disabled at the cash register only if the consumer chooses to "opt out" & asks for the tags to be turned off. "The protocol for the tag is that it has built in opt-out function for the retailer, manufacturer, consumer," Cantwell said. Wal-Mart, on the other hand, says that's not the case. When asked if Wal-Mart will disable the RFID tags at checkout, company spokesman Bill Wertz told Gilbert: "My understanding is that we will." Cantwell asserts that there's no reason to fret. "At this stage of the game, the tag is no good outside the store," he said. "At this point in time, the tag is useless beyond the store shelf. There is no value & no harm in the tag outside the distribution channel. There is no way it can be read or that (the) data would be at all meaningful to anyone." That's true as far as it goes, but it doesn't address what might happen if RFID tags & readers become widespread. If the tags stay active after they leave the store, the biggest privacy worries depend on the range of the RFID readers. There's a big difference between tags that can be read from an inch away compared to dozens or hundreds of feet away. The privacy threat comes when RFID tags remain active once you leave a store. For its part, Alien Technology says its RFID tags can be read up to 15 feet away. "When we talk about the range of these tags being 3 to 5 meters, that's a range in free space," said Tom Pounds, a company vice president. "That's optimally oriented in front of a reader in free space. In fact if you put a tag up against your body or on a metal Rolex watch in free space, the read range drops to zero." But what about a more powerful RFID reader, created by criminals or police who don't mind violating FCC regulations? Eric Blossom, a veteran radio engineer, said it would not be difficult to build a beefier transmitter & a more sensitive receiver that would make the range far greater. "I don't see any problem building a sensitive receiver," Blossom said. "It's well-known technology, particularly if it's a specialty item where you're willing to spend 5 times as much." Privacy worries also depend on the size of the tags. Matrics of Columbia, Md., said it has claimed the record for the smallest RFID tag, a flat square measuring 550 microns a side with an antenna that varies between half an inch long to 4 inches by 4 inches, depending on the application. Without an antenna, the RFID tag is about the size of a flake of pepper. Matrics CEO Piyush Sodha said the RFID industry is still in a state of experimentation. "All of the customers are participating in a phase of extensive field trials," Sodha said. "Then adoption & use in true business practices will happen...Those pilots are only going to start early this year." To the credit of the people in the nascent RFID industry, these trials are allowing them to think through the privacy concerns. An MIT-affiliated standards group called the Auto-ID Center said in an e-mailed statement to News.com that they have "designed a kill feature to be built into every (RFID) tag. If consumers are concerned, the tags can be easily destroyed with an inexpensive reader. How this will be executed i.e. in the home or at point of sale is still being defined, & will be tested in the third phase of the field test." If you care about privacy, now's your chance to let the industry know how you feel. (And, no, I'm not calling for new laws or regulations.) Tell them that RFID tags are perfectly acceptable inside stores to track pallets & crates, but that if retailers wish to use them on consumer goods, they should follow 4 voluntary guidelines. First, consumers should be notified--a notice on a checkout receipt would work--when RFID tags are present in what they're buying. Second, RFID tags should be disabled by default at the checkout counter. Third, RFID tags should be placed on the product's packaging instead of on the product when possible. Fourth, RFID tags should be readily visible & easily removable. Given RFID's potential for tracking your every move, is that too much to ask?