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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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In memory of **Outlaw Jerry** from *Florida* who died in a motorcycle accident... R.I.P. Jerry...

Confederation of Clubs - Goals: *A Coming Together Goals:*

1. **Bring the Patch holders Together...**
 - a) Communication between clubs.
 - b) A judicial coming together (not legislative) to protect our rights through the courts.
2. **Fight Police Harassment & Discrimination...**
 - a) Introduce anti-discrimination legislation, similar to the Unruh Act in California, in Confederation States that presently leave Bikers unprotected; A.I.M. attorney to work with state **Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO)** on new laws.
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 - b) Form delegation of patch holders & other affected bikers, that together with their local A.I.M. attorney, present police harassment grievances to the police chief and/or civic entity responsible.
 - c) Discriminatory establishments notified by the A.I.M. attorney that suit will be filed if they don't cease & desist.
3. **Proclamation of Intent...**
 - a) Working with local state MRO on legislative matters (ie. helmet issues, anti-biker discrimination, etc).
 - b) Working with the **National Coalition of Motorcyclists** on National & Federal matters (ie. helmet issues, federal Gang Bill, etc).
 - c) Support Aid to **Injured Motorcyclists** by introducing the A.I.M. numbered card (Special card only for patch holders) & program to the members & allowing A.I.M. to set up at events.

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Editor's Note: For March there were 2 issues, For April there were 3 issues, For May this is the 2nd issue...

BATFE Reform Bill Introduced In U.S. Senate - May 01, 2009 - Senators Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) & Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) introduced S. 941 -- the "Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives Reform & Firearms Modernization Act" on Apr 30. Senator Leahy is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to which S. 941 has been referred. S. 941 represents the 1st time such BATFE Reform legislation has been introduced in the Senate. However, the House passed similar legislation (H.R. 5092) in the 109th Congress by a 277-131 vote. A majority of the House -- 224 congressmen -- cosponsored a similar bill (H.R. 4900), in the 110th Congress. This bipartisan reform legislation is the culmination of efforts to address BATFE abuses & problems that were highlighted in several congressional oversight hearings in 2006. S. 941 represents NRA-ILA's latest efforts to pass legislation that will make it easier for lawful gun owners & dealers to comply with Fed law & regulations, while ensuring that those who break the law are punished accordingly. This bipartisan bill also serves as a vital step toward modernizing & improving BATFE's overall operations. The bill would roll back unnecessary restrictions, correct errors, & codify longstanding congressional policies in the firearms arena, & is a vital step needed to modernize & improve BATFE operations. The House companion to S. 941 will be introduced next week. Contact your 2 U.S. Senators & ask them to cosponsor & support S. 941!

Letter I just sent – May 3, 2009 – USA - Dear Senator Klobuchar, With regards to BATFE Reform Bill S. 941 Introduced in U.S. Senate on April 30, 2009 by Senators Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) & Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), I would like to request that cosponsor & support S. 941! S. 941 represents the 1st time such BATFE Reform legislation has been introduced in the Senate. However, the House passed similar legislation (H.R. 5092) in the 109th Congress by a 277-131 vote. A majority of the House -- 224 congressmen -- cosponsored a similar bill (H.R. 4900), in the 110th Congress. This bipartisan reform legislation is the culmination of efforts to address BATFE abuses & problems that were highlighted in several congressional oversight hearings in 2006. S. 941 represents NRA-ILA's latest efforts to pass legislation that will make it easier for lawful gun owners & dealers to comply with Fed law & regulations, while ensuring that those who break the law are punished accordingly. This bipartisan bill also serves as a vital step toward modernizing & improving BATFE's overall operations. The bill would roll back unnecessary restrictions, correct errors, & codify longstanding congressional policies in the firearms arena, & is a vital step needed to modernize & improve BATFE operations. The House companion to S. 941 will be introduced next week.

U.S. Defenders (With NCOM & State COCs) – May 3, 2009 – USA - Never before in motorcycling history has the need ever been greater than the present for all motorcyclists to join together for the common cause of defending our US Constitutionally protected civil liberties, our rights to live our chosen lifestyles without fear of discrimination or prosecution & to provide our local communities with assistance in times of natural disasters. The US Defenders program was created in an effort to accomplish those very goals. Working together with the US Defenders program & the solidarity of all motorcyclists we can not only champion our constitutional rights today but even more important the rights of our children & grandchildren, from generation to generation. Gimmi Jimmy, Nat'l Commander; US Defenders
Editor's Note: FYI – Gimmi Jimmy is a member of the Bandidos Nation, but this program is Not run by the Bandidos, the Bandidos do Not profit from it... The U.S. Defenders is for the common good of All of our Motorcycle Community!!!

Mission Statement: The US Defenders stand ready to implement & support motorcycle rights organizations & other organization's "Call-to-Actions" that are identified as falling within each Confederation of Club's agenda. The US Defenders also "Stand at the Ready" when it comes to assisting your State's Civil Defense in emergency situations such as tornado or flood damage that may befall our communities.

What we are: The US Defenders is a grass roots manpower movement formed from within each Confederation of Clubs from every state. Composed of State Citizen Biker manpower from Motorcycle Clubs & C.O.I.R (Coalition of Independent Riders) representatives, the US Defenders work in solidarity for the common good of our communities & to defend the Constitution of these United States of America.

US Defenders: The US Defenders program was commissioned by National Commander Bandido Gimmi Jimmy in the early fall of 2007 & has taken on a force of its own. Composed of members from every state COC & their COIR representatives, these freedom fighters have been appointed by their club, or selected from the independent rider community. The US Defenders units, led by each state's Secretary of Defense & his unit commanders, will report to the National Lieutenant Commander who will assist you in all phases of the US Defenders program. Commissioned by your state's COC, each US Defender will wear a state COC sanctioned US Defender patch that cannot be sold or traded; it is the property of the state. Any changes in personnel will need to be coordinated with the unit's commander to which they are assigned. The US Defenders program is not a Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) such as the TMRA, TMRA II, ABATE, AIM, MRF & the AMA, but manageable units of Motorcycle Clubs & Independent Riders manpower. All US Defenders will be trained in "Call-to-Action" grass root strategies such as letter writing campaigns, emailing & phoning state & national legislators & canvassing crowds who will then take that training back to their clubs or groups to implement the action. Open training seminars in grass roots strategies like letter writing to legislators will be conducted by state & national leaders & teachers from around the country. One of the most important tools of a US Defenders Unit will be the US Defender's Booths that will be set up & manned at most major events & rallies across your state including motorcycle rallies, drag races, car & truck shows, etc. The mission of the US Defenders Booths will include registering voters, handing out US Defender & state COC literature, signing up C.O.I.R individuals, completing surveys & distributing "I SUPPORT" gear whose donations go directly to help fund the movement. The US Defenders program promises to be the most exciting grass roots movement destined to spread across the country, all us working in concert together can achieve great things. Motorcycle club members, independent riders & even non-riders alike are coming together in solidarity in an effort to defend our constitutional liberties & to protect our right to pursue the biker lifestyle that we live day & night. Remember, "One heart, One Voice"! For any questions concerning the US Defenders Program or to find out how you can get involved contact me directly at paul@usdefenders.org or attend the next regional Confederation of Clubs meeting in your state. Respect, Companero Paul, Lt. Commander; US Defenders

History: In the fall of 2007 a committee was commissioned by the State Chairman of the Texas Confederation of Clubs (TCOC), Gimmi Jimmy, to create a program that would stand a unit within the TCOC. The task was to form a body that would provide the "manpower" to implement a call-to-action in support of an

authorized motorcycle rights organization's campaign. The unit should also be in a position to provide post emergency help in the case of tornado, flooding or "Amber Alerts" to local communities when called upon to do so by civil authorities. The challenge was how to harness the incredible manpower potential that lies in the memberships of traditional motorcycle clubs, independent motorcycle groups & motorcyclists involved in sport & dirt racing while keeping the integrity of their different lifestyles & personalities intact. Although many of these organizations are independent & recognize a shared responsibility in defending our constitutionally protected civil liberties most of these men & women did not take up motorcycling or the "biker" lifestyle in an effort to attend political meetings. The simple solution was to not try & change these men & women into politicians but to utilize the very nature of their free spirits & different lifestyles. In other words, go back to doing what we do best, being bikers! A system of representatives from the memberships of traditional M/Cs, riding associations & Coalition of Independent Riders (C.O.I.R.) was created. These men & women became known as Texas Defenders & act as a liaison between their clubs & groups & the TCOC. When a "Call-to-Action" comes in from a motorcycle rights organization (MROs) or association soliciting for support, & is recognized as falling within the criteria of the TCOC, the Texas Defenders are called in, briefed & trained on the "Call-to-Action", & then the Defenders take that training back to their clubs & groups where the action, such as writing letters to legislators, phone calling, etc., is implemented & documented. With this system our motorcycle communities have learned to work smarter & produce far more productive results than we ever have in the past. The Texas Defenders program was unveiled at the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Conference in Houston, Texas in May of 2008. Since then other states have expressed an interest in the Defenders program & the US Defenders was organized. The purpose of this site is to provide a basic understanding of the US Defenders program & how it works. We know the program works as we have seen first hand the results the program is capable of producing. In a Field Training Exercise (FTE) where the mission was to write our US Senators & Representatives individual stamped professional letters concerning the HIPAA Bill we produced over 700 documented letters from one TCOC region where in the past we would have been lucky to have sent out 50 letters. Outstanding!

Definition & Mission: The US Defenders is a grass roots movement of manpower, "citizen biker manpower", that can provide an efficient way to organize & rally a rapid response on "Call-to-Actions" when needed on legislative issues that are of concern to all motorcyclists & to assist local communities in times of natural disasters when called upon to do so. TFCasey, US Defenders; Office of Logistics & Strategy

COIR Contact Information & Unit – By COIR US Secretary Suds & Undersecretary COIR – *Texas* - Putting feelings into words is never easy when thoughts weigh heavy on your mind. Long ago there was & still is a need to organize & stand up to totalitarian infringements on our God given rights & freedoms. These days more than ever there seems to be an attack on our United States Constitution & Bill of Rights. In the past, there has been some stand up people who rose to the occasion to come to the defense of these attacks. However, as always, there are freedom-loving people who just don't want to deal with the hassles of getting involved in politics they just don't understand. Great things were accomplished with just a handful of support, & those individuals & groups have a great pride in being a part of those accomplishments, & are just in being so. On the same note,

pride cannot be allowed to stand in the way of further accomplishments. No 2 people see things the same way 100% of the time. What we will always have is groups of like-minded people who share similar views. When talking to these groups one on one, you will find a common view shared by all where individual freedom is concerned. Freedom, to me, is being able to conduct our day-to-day lives free from hassle & pursuing individual happiness without infringing on the rights of others. These rights are what we as freedom-loving individuals fight for, & all it boils down to is respect for one another. Lots of individuals chose not to get involved in politics because of the hassle. They won't get near an organization because of the politics. This seems to be because politics dictate the way we have to live. Politics mean more restrictions. You can do this, but you can't do that. You can associate with this person, but you can't associate with that person, & so on. Being told how to live in your own back yard ain't freedom. In the struggle to legally fight the politics that threaten our freedoms, we have learned to play by the rules. Some great accomplishments have been made this way. After all, who doesn't enjoy beating someone at his or her own game? In doing so, has something been sacrificed by being consumed by the rules & guidelines it took to accomplish this? Has being too proud of these accomplishments formed an opinion that excludes peoples that chose not to get involved at the time when an appeal for help went out? If this is indeed the case, then the purpose of joining together for the good of all was defeated even though the objective was won. Individual pride will not allow ones self to be shamed into doing the right thing. This is something that an individual has to work out within him or herself & go with their own hearts. We all were born with a sense of right & wrong & there are no in betweens. Again, it boils down to respect for one another. In summary, pride has it's place where we as individuals can review our accomplishments that helped make a difference for the good of all, & politics has it's place as a tool, as a way to ensure that we can continue our day-to-day freedoms for generations to come. I say it is time to put politics in perspective, tone down pride, & magnify respect. If respect is lost, then all is lost, & the rest don't really matter, does it? U.S. Defenders & Coalition of Independent Riders (COIR) are learning to do just that. Realizing that we all need each other to the extent of keeping our lifestyle free from tyrannical discriminating laws, there can be no "I", there has to be "We". A rope hanging by one strand cannot hold the weight, but when all strands are intact & holding together, it can hold much weight. Your State may be called upon to be such a strand soon. If you hear of a gathering of U.S Defenders & C.O.I.R near you, come check us out. You might be glad you did. For more information Contact Suds; Secretary of COIR/Texas We are the "I" in "COC & I" We don't accept applications. We accept commitments.

A teacher asked her 6th grade class how many of them were Obama fans. Not really knowing what an Obama fan is, but wanting to be liked by the teacher, all the kids raised their hands except for little Johnny. The teacher asked Little Johnny why he has decided to be different. Little Johnny said "Because I'm not an Obama fan." The teacher asked "Why aren't you an Obama fan?" Johnny said "Because I'm a Republican." The teacher asked him why he's a Republican. Little Johnny answered, "Well, my Mom's a Republican & my Dad's a Republican, so I'm a Republican." Annoyed by this answer, the teacher asked, "If your mom was a moron & your dad was an idiot, what would that make you?" With a big smile, Little Johnny replied "That would make me an Obama fan".

Invaders motorcycle gang suspected in murders, disappearance – May 3, 2009 – *Missouri* - By Robert Patrick - St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Human remains unearthed in Ste. Genevieve County about 10 days ago were not the first that police have connected to an “outlaw” motorcycle gang called the Invaders. Court documents obtained by the Post-Dispatch show that for more than a year, investigators have suspected gang members of killing Randy Greenman, 39, & George Whitter, 36, who vanished in Sept 2007. Weeks later, their mutilated remains were found miles away & miles apart. The 2 were not believed to be members, & the motive for their murders is not clear. In addition, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent’s affidavit accuses 2 Invaders members of the 2007 disappearance & presumed murder of fellow gang member Alan Henry Little, 61, of St. Louis County. Investigators theorize that Little was killed for cooperating with authorities. Whether the remains recovered at St. Mary, Mo., were of Little has not yet been determined, authorities said. The remains were found on property that until recently belonged to the parents of an Invader. Earlier this year, police & Fed agents in Missouri arrested more than a dozen Invaders & associates on charges of dealing marijuana. Officials seized drugs, cash, hundreds of weapons & more than a dozen motorcycles. Defense attorneys say they believe that prosecutors filed the marijuana case to pressure defendants into providing information about the killings. Nobody has been charged in the murders. But the brutality of the slayings, coupled with the gang’s violent reputation, have given both sides pause. Last year, an Invader with a past murder conviction was charged in Illinois with a Fed firearm violation after investigators allegedly caught him with silencers & explosives. Prosecutors are concerned about the safety of their witnesses. A defense attorney has expressed concern about the welfare of his staff. And police told relatives of at least one murder victim to stay clear of the investigation for their own good.

‘Angry Green Monster’: The Invaders MC was founded in Gary, Ind., in 1965, & now has chapters in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana & Colorado. Its logo is an “angry green monster” in a white vest on a motorcycle. The FBI says total membership is probably fewer than 100. A woman cannot join but can participate if “owned” by a male member, according to court testimony. The Missouri chapter was founded in 1967 & went underground in 1971 because of “pressure from local law enforcement,” according to the DEA. The group resurfaced in 1990. Ron Holmes, a former agent of the ATF, who spent 2 decades investigating bikers, said the Invaders had a long history of drugs & crime. Holmes, postal inspectors & state & local police built a racketeering case against almost a dozen members & “hang-arounds” — including the national president & 2 chapter presidents — in the mid-1980s. It was called “Operation Gherkin,” because officials thought the “monster” looked like a pickle. Continuing law enforcement pressure started to fracture the gang last year, with Fed indictments in Indiana accusing the Invaders of making methamphetamine. A lab raid there netted at least 40 firearms & 10,000 rounds of ammunition, court documents show. Plea agreements show that some of the accused have admitted crimes & agreed to cooperate with authorities.

Ominous Warnings: Most of the members who appeared in Fed court in St. Louis last month to face drug charges sported long hair, goatees & tattoos on their arms & necks. Their attorneys portrayed them as middle-aged family men with either relatively clean, nonviolent or old criminal records. Attorneys said their clients knew for months that charges were coming, & chose to stay & defend themselves in court. But prosecutors &

investigators apparently see it differently. At a hearing March 25, U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas Mummert said in court that 2 prosecutors had raised concerns with him early on. “There’s some scary issues here in terms of people’s safety,” Mummert suggested. Asst U.S. Attorney Ed Rogers has tried to block the customary release of some search warrant info to the defense, warning that it could put people at risk. The atty for 1 alleged Invader charged in the marijuana case told Mummert in a hearing that he was not comfortable letting his staff see evidence in fear that their safety would be imperiled if they knew too much. Mummert said he briefly considered ordering defense attorneys not to share investigators’ info with their clients. Ultimately, he decided he could not do that. Defense attorneys say Rogers still will not give them information about witnesses against the Invaders until after their testimony at trial — an unusual move.

A Disappearance: Not much information is available about the investigation into Alan Little’s disappearance May 31, 2007. Neighbors said police & the DEA searched his home in the 10500 block of Niblic Drive in St. Louis County. A DEA affidavit filed last year says that while Little was in jail on unrelated charges, his then-girlfriend found something in his house that suggested he had cooperated with investigators against another Invaders member. The affidavit also says “witnesses have provided evidence” that after the Invaders found out, 2 members were involved in Little’s disappearance & presumed murder. David Rosener, whose client is one of those 2 members, said his client was now in protective custody. “Emphatically & absolutely, (my client) did not kill anyone,” Rosener said. “He’s not lily white. He’s not perfect, but none of us are.”

Murder Investigations: Greenman & Whitter disappeared after leaving the House of Rock bar in Ronnie’s Plaza, in south St. Louis County, on Aug. 30, 2007. Police do not believe either was an Invaders member, although the DEA said that Greenman headed a marijuana distribution cell for the gang. Whitter’s family & friends said he worked as a bouncer at a bar Greenman once managed in south St. Louis. They said Whitter was not close with Greenman & had not seen Greenman for about a month before they disappeared. Greenman, who was separated from his wife & was the father of a young son, had called friends to hang out the night he disappeared. Court documents show the police investigation into their murders quickly focused on at least one Invaders member in early September, about the time a small wooden yard sign appeared in front of his home accusing the gang of the killings. Phone records showed that Greenman called a phone “commonly used” by the suspect the morning Greenman disappeared & got a call back from a pay phone near the suspect’s house in south St. Louis County. St. Louis police interviewed that suspect on Sept. 5, 2007. On Sept. 12, an anonymous caller told St. Louis County police that the suspect & a second Invaders member had killed Whitter & Greenman at the South County house during an “altercation,” & that the Invaders had dumped the bodies in Illinois, documents show. Greenman’s partial remains were found in Festus in September 2007. Whitter’s were found in West Alton 2 months later. Both had bullet wounds in their heads & appeared to have been mutilated, perhaps with a chain saw, the DEA said. Late that September, a police dog trained to sniff out human blood & bone called its handler’s attention to the South County home’s front door & a basement window, court documents show. The next day, a contractor started to demolish the house. County officials found out & blocked the demolition. Police searched the home, finding what appeared to be traces of blood. They also noticed that a bathtub & other bathroom fixtures had been removed. A witness told police the tub & other items

had been moved to a used car lot in St. Louis. Police searched the lot that Oct. 29, & seized 2 tubs & other fixtures. All police agencies involved in the murder investigation either declined to comment or did not return calls seeking comment on the investigation. The home in South County has since been demolished. The driveway now leads to an empty lot covered in grass, with a faint outline where a pool once stood. Attorney Richard Sindel, who represents the home's owner, said his client knew he was on the investigators' "radar screen" because of police interviews & searches. Sindel said he assumed that the murders ramped up the ongoing Fed investigation into the gang's marijuana ring. But he was skeptical of the evidence against his client — & allegations against the Invaders. "I don't see that as going anywhere," he said. "An anonymous phone call?" The other suspect's attorney, Richard Fredman, said, "The only thing that I can tell you is that it's our belief that (he) had no involvement at all in any murders. And to be quite honest with you, the Gov't agrees with me that he has no involvement." The attorney for the other Invaders member had no comment.

Questions Remain: Whitter's widow, Kyrstin Whitter, said she hoped the indictments would lead to answers. When her husband of 17 years went missing, Kyrstin Whitter & her mother-in-law began a frantic search for info. They told anyone who would listen about the night Whitter & Greenman vanished. They posted fliers with his face everywhere they could. And they promised themselves & each other never to give up. But it turned out to be a promise too dangerous to keep. Police told them they suspected the Invaders were involved & asked that relatives, out of concern for their safety, leave the search for answers to the professionals. Kyrstin Whitter said she knew nothing of the Invaders. But, just in case, she cut ties to people she & her husband knew, fearing they could be part of the underground world she said they never knew existed around them. "It's been a rough year for me, being alone," she said. "If it wasn't for God, I wouldn't have made it. Nothing is going to bring my husband back. But if George's death has taken a lot of really bad people off the streets & out of society, then hopefully he died for a good cause."

Motorcycle smog check proposed – May 3, 2009 – *California* - Cars do it. Trucks do it. And now the state of California may require motorcycles to do it, too. Biennial smog checks would be required for motorcycles manufactured in the 2000 model year & later under a bill making its way through the California state legislature. Motorcycles account for 3.6% of registered vehicles in the state & make up just eight-tenths of a percent of vehicle-miles traveled, yet they account for 10% of passenger vehicles' smog-forming emissions, according to the California Air Resources Board, which backs the measure. Although fuel-efficient bikes emit significantly less carbon dioxide per mile than cars, the ARB says they are, on average, 14 times more polluting per mile when it comes to emissions of oxides of nitrogen & hydrocarbons – smog-forming pollutants that have been shown to trigger asthma attacks & worsen respiratory & cardiac illnesses. Introduced in late Feb, Senate Bill 435 targets bikes with illegally modified exhaust systems & would go into effect in 2012 if passed & signed by the governor. The measure has won support from health & environmental groups that say the move is critical to reducing the state's smog pollution. It has angered motorcycle-rights groups, dealers & manufacturers, which say it's bad for business & an infringement of riders' freedoms. Gov. Schwarzenegger "owns & rides motorcycles" but has not taken a position on the bill, said spokesman Aaron McLearn. The ARB estimates 5.2 tons of pollutants would be prevented from entering the atmosphere daily if motorcycle smog checks become law.

"Five tons of smog out of 5,691 tons emitted daily from all statewide sources is so minuscule," said John Paliwoda, executive director of the California Motorcycle Dealers Assn. in Lake Elsinore. "Our feeling is that fewer people will want to buy motorcycles if they'd have to go through a smog check where no smog check is required right now." Already, the industry is aching from the freezing of consumer credit & plummeting personal wealth, which have led to a 30.5% decline in new motorcycle sales for the first quarter of 2009 v. the same period last year, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. Not all modified exhausts are illegal; some comply with the state emissions requirements that allow particular makes & models to be sold in the state. But many modified exhausts remove the bikes' catalytic converters, causing them to emit twice the legal limit of hydrocarbons & oxides of nitrogen. "Motorcyclists perhaps don't realize that those catalytic converters are absolutely critical to improving our air quality," said California State Sen. Fran Pavley, author of SB 435. Pavley also authored AB 1493, a law that, pending EPA approval, would limit greenhouse-gas emissions from passenger vehicles. "I would like to challenge the motorcycle dealerships to work with us in educating motorcycle riders about the importance of keeping their catalytic converters on their bikes... Cars are part of the smog-check program & because we really have air pollution problems in so many parts of California, (motorcycles) need to be part of the solution." Aftermarket exhaust systems, which cost \$1,000-\$4,000, can be removed in several hours & reinstalled after the test...

Motorcycle clubbers waive right to hearing – May 3, 2009 – *Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania* - Outlaws MC members arrested in coke ring were in Central Court. Members of a motorcycle club based in Ashley arrested in March by the state Office of Atty General in connection with a \$3.6 million cocaine distribution ring waived their right to a preliminary hearing in Central Court on Fri. Thirteen members of the Outlaws MC appeared in Central Court. Those who waived various drug charges to Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas were: Ronald "Block" Molnar, 37, of Joseph Lane, Wilkes-Barre; John "J Bone" Ricci, 36, Hanover Township; John "G Unit" Gonda, 38, White Haven; Joseph "Skidmark" Janick, 44, Ashley; Patrick Brown III, 39, Dallas; Michael Brostoski, 46, Wilkes-Barre; Kevin "K Dog" Nowakowski, Forty Fort; Francis Buraczewski, 37, Wilkes-Barre; Michael Scavone, 43, Harveys Lake; Kenneth Koonrad, 25, Wilkes-Barre; Michael "Kick Start" Bafile, 38, Berwick; Mitch "Buddah" Miller, 48, Wilkes-Barre; & Paul "Stepchild" Iorio, 44,, Nanticoke. Nine members of the MC had their preliminary hearings continued: Anthony Manchio Jr., 49, & Michelle Ulitchney, 47, Wapwallopen; Lazaro Salavarría, 43, Wilkes-Barre; Larry "Doctor" Gwynn, 54, Hanover Township; Michelle Adams, 41, Harveys Lake; Melissa "Missy" McEvoy, 34, Ashley; John Macking, 37, Hanover Township; Paul Czerniakowski, 44, Wilkes-Barre; & Robert Muntz, 42, Nanticoke. The investigation, known as Operation Avalanche, began in July 2008 when state agents with the Bureau of Narcotics Investigation received information that Gonda was selling large quantities of cocaine in the Wilkes-Barre area, according to state Attorney General Tom Corbett. He identified Gonda as a correctional officer at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility. The Outlaws MC had its clubhouse at 128 N. Main St., Ashley, that has been condemned by municipal officials.

To someone with only a hammer; all problems appear to be nails.

Hells Angels' Wings Clipped – May 3, 2009 – *Spain* - By Tom Cain - A British national was among 5 people arrested by Guardia Civil in Altea this week as part of a nationwide raid on the Hells Angels. A police spokesman said the detainees were English, German, Belgian & Polish citizens, 3 of whom were men & 2 were women. All 5 detainees appeared in court in Benidorm on Wednesday & were released without bail pending further investigation. During a search of the property in Pla de Castell, Altea, police uncovered a pistol & ammunition along with other offensive weapons & a large amount of documents & computer equipment, which have been taken away for analysis. Sources say the house in Altea was equipped with a very sophisticated security system which included CCTV. One of the detained was arrested in Dec 2004 when Guardia Civil launched an anti-drug operation. He, along with 3 others, was caught in possession of 2,600 kilos of hashish. The Altea detainees are among a total of 22 Hells Angels arrested on Tuesday in several provinces including Murcia, Alicante, Barcelona, Málaga, Valencia, Madrid & Gran Canaria. They have been charged with extortion, coercion, making threats, drug dealing, arms trafficking & illegal association. Thirty properties & the Hells Angels headquarters in San Pedro del Pinatar & Altea were searched by the Guardia Civil. Weapons, bulletproof vests, one kilo of cocaine, 200,000 euros in cash & several neo-Nazi books were seized in searches across the country.

Biker dies after getting struck by 3 vehicles on I-95 – May 4, 2009 – *Florida* - By Sallie James & Macollvie Jean-Fran: Sun Sentinel - For the second time in less than 2 weeks, a member of the Florida chapter of the Outlaws MC has been killed in an accident, this time on Interstate 95. The crash tied up traffic for nearly 6 hours, as investigators combed the scene, after 3 vehicles ran over the rider, the Florida HP said. Gerald Bordas, 48, died early Monday when his 2004 motorcycle collided with a van & he was thrown from the bike into traffic on I-95 & run over by 3 vehicles, according to the Florida HP. Bordas was pronounced dead at the scene. He was not wearing a helmet, the Highway Patrol said. Bordas was northbound on I-95 near Sunrise Boulevard at 3 a.m. when the collision occurred. The 2007 GMC van was driven by Rodolf Desroches, 46, of Sunrise, who was uninjured, the HP said. Bordas' motorcycle became wedged underneath the van it struck. It took investigators about 6 hours to collect evidence, interview the drivers of the van & 3rd car that remained at the scene & to clear the roadway. All lanes reopened at 8:42 a.m. Investigators have ordered toxicology tests to determine whether Bordas was under the influence of any substance. Bordas' death comes 2 days after about 800 Outlaws from as far away as Wisconsin, Arkansas, New York & Illinois gathered at Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Davie to pay their respects to another club member who was killed on April 25. Outlaw member Roger E. Williams, 53, died when his motorcycle hit a fault in the pavement during the Leesburg Bikefest. Williams lost control of his bike, veered off the pavement & was thrown, according to Leesburg Police. He was then run over accidentally by another rider, James Dessicino, 61, president of the South Florida Outlaws, police said. Dessicino was not injured. In Bordas' accident today, 2 of the 3 vehicles that struck him after he was thrown into the roadway left the scene, the HP said. Those vehicles are a tractor trailer & a small light-colored car. A Nissan Maxima driven by Jose Burgos, 35, of North Miami, remained at the scene. The accident remains under investigation.

The only chance you get to do it right....is the first time.

2 men killed in separate shootings – May 4, 2009 – *Delaware* – By Beth Miller & Ginger Gibson - Two men were shot to death & 4 others were injured Sat in a pair of shootings & a stabbing that happened about 12 hours & 4 miles apart. Wilmington city officials shut down the social hall of the Thunderguards MC after a triple shooting nearby left one man dead & 2 injured shortly after 3:30 a.m. All 3 were in their 20s, police said. The 2 survivors were transported to Christiana Hospital, where one man remained in critical but stable condition. Police did not release the names of the victims Sat. City police were a block away investigating a stabbing reported at 3:11 a.m. when they heard the shots coming from the 100 block of E. 28th Street, near the Thunderguards' clubhouse. The 36-year-old stabbing victim suffered multiple wounds to his torso & was taken to Christiana Hospital, where he was in stable condition. Public Safety Director James Mosely said the Thunderguards' clubhouse will remain closed until patrons' safety can be assured. About 12 hours later, at 3:47 p.m., another shooting was reported just outside the city limits at Canby Park Shopping Center on Maryland Avenue, where state police found a man dead in the parking lot from a gunshot wound to the head. Shortly after that, a 30-year-old man walked into the emergency room of St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. He told hospital officials he had been shot at Canby Park & was transported to Christiana Hospital, where he remains in critical condition. Mosely said police do not believe the shootings near the Thunderguards & at Canby Park Shopping Center were related. Mosely said the decision to shut down the private motorcycle club was made under the city's nuisance regulations. Similar regulations were cited last year when the city shut down Pharos restaurant & bar after several shootings there. There have been 2 other killings in the parking lot of the club in the past 2 years & 2 arrests in the last month, one involving a shooting & another drugs, that were tied to patrons of the club. The Thunderguards have problems sometimes, Benson-Fleming said, but they also have contributed to the community -- hosting Easter dances for community children, for example.

Joe, a college student, was taking a course in ornithology, the study of birds. The night before the biggest test of the semester, Joe spent all night studying. He had the textbook nearly memorized. He knew his class notes backward & forward. Joe was ready. The morning of the test, Joe entered the auditorium & took a seat in the front row. On the table in the front was a row of ten stuffed birds. Each bird had a sack covering its body, & only the legs were showing. When class started, the professor announced that the students were to identify each bird by looking at its legs & give its common name, species, habitat, mating habits, etc. Joe looked at each of the birds' legs. They all looked the same to him. He started to get angry. He had stayed up all night studying for this test & now he had to identify birds by their Legs? The more he thought about the situation, the angrier he got. Finally he reached his boiling point. He stood up, marched up to the professor's desk, crumpled up his exam paper & threw it on the desk. "What a ridiculous test!" he told the prof. "How could anyone tell the difference between these birds by looking at their legs? This exam is the biggest rip-off I've ever seen!" With that, Joe turned & stormed toward the exit. The professor was a bit shocked, & it took him a moment to regain his composure. Then, just as Joe was about to walk out the door, the prof shouted out, "Wait a minute, young man, what's your name?" Joe turned around, pulled up his pant legs & hollered, "You tell me, prof! You tell me!"

‘Big brother’ bills debated – May 4, 2009 – *Nevada* - By Cathy Bussewitz; AP - In a state where citizens value small Gov’t & little intervention in their private lives, the Nevada Legislature is considering several bills that would increase the power of authorities to collect & store sensitive information on the people they seek to protect. The proposals range from expanding collection of DNA for genetic analysis of criminals to creating a database of people accused of elder abuse. Others would allow Gov’t to secretly search citizens’ electronic communications & create a state repository for court records of people with mental health issues that would be shared with Fed officials. While advocates say the plans will make Nevada a safer place, critics are concerned the state may be compromising the privacy of its citizens. “The first question on every legislator’s mind should be, ‘What is the problem we are trying to address, & is there a less invasive way of achieving that goal?’” said Lee Rowland, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada. “This is especially true here in Nevada where we have a long & proud tradition of skepticism toward the expansion of Gov’t power.” One Senate-approved bill now working its way through the Assembly was modeled after the USA Patriot Act, which Pres Bush signed in 2001 & gave authorities unprecedented ability to search, seize, detain or eavesdrop in their pursuit of possible terrorists. The Nevada bill, SB82 would permit the Gov’t to conduct secret searches on electronic communications without getting a warrant from a judge. Under the plan, state officials could require a cell phone company or Internet provider to hand over phone logs & the full text of e-mails & text messages. Even school police officers could use the authority granted under the bill. However, amendments under consideration in the Assembly Judiciary Committee could erase those provisions. “Somebody needs to explain to me why school district police officers need to conduct warrantless searches,” Rowland said. “We are talking really about the most extraordinary powers of law enforcement.” Bill sponsors in the state Attorney General’s office have said that aside from school police, law enforcement officials already have this power in Nevada, though critics disagree. The bill also would allow no-warrant seizures of funds on prepaid debit cards to block money-smuggling by drug-dealers or financing for terrorists. Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto said the main purpose of the bill is to enable law enforcement to access criminals’ debit cards & to keep up with the crimes they’re committing over the Internet. “The intent here is really to give law enforcement the tools, at the same time protecting the constitutional rights of individuals,” Masto said. “And I think we can find that balance so that we can go after the criminal element who’s taking advantage of this new technology to commit their crimes.” Much of the debate in legislative hearings has focused on the seizure of prepaid debit cards, which prompted amendments that satisfied some critics. But the electronic privacy issues in the bill, which could affect more than just criminals, have been largely overlooked. “With the Patriot Act, there’s a reasonable argument that you have national security concerns & speed issues,” said Orrin Johnson of the Washoe County Public Defender Office. “But here, they need a warrant to read e-mails that are less than 6 months old, but not those that are older, so your privacy diminishes over time. We think they should have to get a warrant.” Assistant Atty General Keith Munro sees the bill differently. He said Nevada law already allows police to get phone & Internet records from a service provider with just a subpoena. However, Munro on Friday suggested that the Assembly Judiciary Committee remove the provisions that prompted the concerns over privacy rights. Johnson acknowledged the bill in its original form would help law enforcement. “But there are a lot of things that would help law

enforcement but are unconstitutional, & are too high a price to pay & intrude on people’s privacy,” he said. “This is a work in progress,” Masto said. “That’s the intent, to have these open hearings on both sides of the house to address the issues so everybody can address their concerns & we can work through it.” “We dealt with the Patriot Act several sessions ago & it caused several of us to be very, very concerned about overly broad intrusion into private lives,” said Assembly Judiciary Chairman Bernie Anderson, D-Sparks. “So we will examine it in light of the fact that law enforcement has a legitimate right to know information, & the public has a legitimate right to protect their privacy.” “This is a great example of why ordinary people have to serve in the Legislature, because we look at it not through the law enforcement prism, but through how it affects all of us,” Anderson said. Another bill in the Assembly would establish a statewide registry to track people who abuse & neglect the elderly. Under AB8, a person who works with the elderly who was accused of abuse would have their name added to the database even if the person was not charged with a crime. Potential employers could use the database to screen applicants. Currently, police officers & adult protective services staffers must report suspected abuse, but those reports aren’t kept in a central database. “Imagine the potential for abuse,” Rowland said. “We are literally talking about changing someone’s life. You could get someone fired.” Another Assembly-endorsed plan would allow authorities to collect DNA samples from convicted felons without obtaining a court order. A related bill that would have allowed DNA collection from people who were arrested but not yet convicted of a felony died in committee. “I think one of the things people forget, when you’re looking at issues of liberty versus community safety, is at the end of the day, you can’t have anarchy, you can’t have a police state, & you’ve got to draw a line somewhere,” Johnson said.

Hells Angels in police bikie conference – May 4, 2009 – *Australia* – By Dylan Welch - It was a police conference about outlaw bikie issues, but nobody expected the Hells Angels to actually attend. Every state, territory & Fed police commissioner, as well as senior members of the FBI & British police, gathered in Darwin last week as part of the annual police commissioners’ conference. Given the events of the past few months, it had been agreed that policing outlaw motorcycle gangs would be the top priority. The conference included a retired senior FBI officer & the chief of the Northern Ireland Police Service, Sir Hugh Orde. But within hours of the senior police & their entourages arriving at Darwin’s hotel & casino complex, SkyCity, Northern Territory police security realized the commissioners were sharing a hotel floor with 2 Hells Angels. The Hells Angels had not arrived to cause problems, but for “rest, relaxation & a party”, a bikie source said. “NT police security assessed the situation & gave the 2 members the option to change their rooms,” a NT police spokeswoman confirmed. “The 2 members declined & chose to take accommodation elsewhere.” In one of the more humorous moments, the 2 Hells Angels arrived to get on a commercial fishing boat the day after the conference ended only to find 6 police commissioners also planning a spot of fishing. “The members were interrogated by police as to what they were doing there - you know, assassination plot or fishing plan,” the bikie source said. However, he said the Fed police commissioner, Mick Keelty, “went into a hyper state” after running into 2 Hells Angels in the foyer of SkyCity. A spokesman for Keelty said there was no “incident or interaction whatsoever with the commissioner & any bikies or bikie associates”. “We do not support any of your source’s views aside from the fact that the commissioner was in attendance at the conference,” he said.

Bikie search law diluted – May 4, 2009 – *Australia* - The NSW Gov't will water down from a "reasonable belief" to a "reasonable suspicion" the basis on which police can apply to the Supreme Court when seeking permission to conduct a search of bikie gang premises. This follows a search of gang premises on Fri which found a hoard of arms. Since a fatal clash in late March between the Hells Angels & rival Comanchero members at Sydney Airport the Gov't has given the police tougher powers over the gangs. This week the Gov't wants to amend the law to give police extra powers. "We know that organized crime gangs scatter their weapons & drugs in numerous premises as a way of avoiding detection," Premier, Nathan Rees, said yesterday. "It will be easier for police to search more than one location suspected of being used to hide illegal items." The Opposition spokesman on legal matters, Smith, said police had already seized \$41 million of gang assets over the past year. "How much of this is window-dressing?" Smith asked of the additional powers to be sought.

Discovery of weapons stash – May 4, 2009 – *Australia* - The discovery of a secret military weapons cache in an alleged bikie gang safe house has given credence to underworld rumors of plans to use machine-guns in an ambush of gang members involved in the fatal clash between the Hells Angels & rival Comanchero members at Sydney Airport. Within 24 hours of the March 22 confrontation at the Qantas domestic terminal, which ended in the stabbing & bashing death of Hells Angels associate Anthony Zervas, rumors swept the Kings Cross criminal milieu that a second line of bikies waited in parked cars on the fringes of the airport armed with military-style automatic firearms. Detectives from Strike Force Raptor - formed to investigate a series of clubhouse bombings & drive-by shootings between the Hells Angels, Comanchero, Bandidos & Notorious gangs - had nothing to give credence to the rumors until the discovery of the cache in a Kogarah unit on Friday. Yesterday police alleged that explosives & a number of bombs were found with the weapons during a search of the Belgrave St unit, raided by Australian Crime Commission officers, initially in the belief it was being used for the manufacture of amphetamine. The explosives were allegedly found by bomb squad officers called to examine a locked safe inside the unit. Police would not reveal the make of the explosives but are understood to be examining them in connection with an explosion that destroyed the Hells Angels city crew clubhouse in Crystal St, Petersham, in Feb. The weapons cache, including police-issue bullet-resistant jackets, helmets & uniforms & a battering ram similar to those used by the NSW Police State Protection Group, has sparked interlocking inquiries. Police said they seized 5 automatic pistols, a Thompson submachine-gun a Kalashnikov, a military issue automatic shotgun & 3 assault rifles in Fri's raid. Afterwards, they arrested Erkan Dogan, 20, Sydney. He was charged with possession of more than 3 unregistered firearms & a prohibited pistol.

Gang member extradited – May 4, 2009 – *New Zealand / Australia* - A motorcycle gang member accused of involvement in a violent ambush of a rival gang has been extradited to Australia. Rebels member Peter Douglas Rauhina, 38, was allowed to visit New Zealand to attend his mother's funeral late last year despite facing serious violence charges in Australia for his alleged role in an incident in which 3 men were taken to hospital. However, instead of returning to Australia, he has spent the last 5 months in custody, after being arrested in New Plymouth last Nov following an alleged domestic assault. Before leaving Australia, he faced charges of grievous bodily harm, going armed to cause fear, affray, perjury & assault while in company & armed. Most of the charges relate to a skirmish in Feb 2007 near Caboolture, north of

Brisbane. Rebels members are accused of attacking members of the Bandidos gang with baseball bats & lengths of timber. A shot was also fired.

Leather & lace – May 4, 2009 – *Australia* – By Jordan Baker – Inside the secret world of the bikie chick - For some women it's the danger. For others it's the glamour. And for one little girl on her first day of school it was the security of knowing she would never be bullied after her father roared past the front gate with seven of his bikie mates. As Bandidos & Comanchero appeared in police stations & courts across Sydney this week, so did a new breed of glamorous bikie girlfriends, their traditional leather & lace replaced by capri pants, spray tans & tortoise-shell sunglasses. They were standing by their men, a role the mothers, wives & daughters of outlaw motorcycle clubs have accepted stoically for decades, according to a new book, *Biker Chicks: The Magnetic Attraction Of Women To Bad Boys And Motorbikes*. The book's authors, Arthur Venio, an Australian, & Edward Winterhalder, an American, the latter a former Bandido, interviewed dozens of "biker chicks" worldwide to explore women's attraction to outlaws. The book, to be published in May, describes several different types. One is the bikie wife, whose values reflect the role of a 1950s housewife. She behaves herself, keeps the home fires burning & turns a blind eye to her husband's misdeeds. As her husband's club has membership rules, so must she obey protocols such as avoiding alcohol, respecting her husband & always having a meal & bed ready for club members, who show up at any time of the day or night. One woman met her bikie boyfriend at a coffee night. In an effort to win over her disapproving mother, she took her to the Rebels' clubhouse. Her mother was charmed & had a large eagle tattooed on her ankle for her 60th birthday. The bikie wife & children join their husband for club barbecues. But in the afternoon they leave with the kids & are replaced by the "party girls" - women who are accountants, teachers, even grandmothers by day, but spend their nights with outlaws. Among them was a woman who left her family at age 42 to follow the Gypsy Jokers. "She felt this long calling insider her to become, in her words, a bikie slut," Dr Venio told the Herald in an interview last year. Bikie men stand by their women, too. On one occasion the president of an Australian outlaw motorcycle chapter dropped his daughter off on her first day of school accompanied by the biggest, hairiest bikies he could find. Most girlfriends & wives tolerate their partner's mates, Dr Venio said. Some enjoy the gangster glamour. Some love motorcycles. Some are attracted to the idea of mothering highly damaged men. But it can be a dangerous world. "There's a really abusive group, particularly amongst the members in the club who come from very dysfunctional family backgrounds," he told the Herald. "There's a cohort there that really have great difficulty relating to women in any way except as sex & objects of intimidation. "But there's abusers in every culture." Most of the time both man & woman were committed to the bikie lifestyle. "The membership of the club allows the women to take on a more traditional, old-fashioned role of men & women in relationships," Dr Venio said.

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot build character & courage by taking away people's initiative & independence. You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could & should do for themselves.

- Abraham Lincoln

Angels ride again for “Zeke” – May 4, 2009 – *Canada* - Hundreds of Hells Angels gathered in Nanaimo on Sat for the “Zeke Run,” a spring ride named after local member Ed “Zeke” Mickle, who vanished in May of 1993. As many as 400 Hells Angels members from chapters across the province rode H-D motorcycles on a round-trip from Nanaimo to Victoria. The run was not held last year & Nanaimo RCMP earlier suggested that the seizure of the Nanaimo clubhouse may have led to its cancellation, but Fred Widdifield, a local Hells Angels member, said the club was in Penticton on another ride. Nanaimo RCMP said on Sunday there were no problems with the ride & patrols were not increased. Widdifield said members gathered for a barbecue “at a friend’s place” after the ride. “We had fun. It was a great turnout,” said Widdifield on Sunday. “We just went (to Victoria) & watched some strippers.”

Nordic boom in biker gangs – May 4, 2009 – *Sweden* – By Tom Sullivan - A growing battle between the Hells Angels motorcycle club & ethnic minority gangs in Denmark & Sweden is prompting renewed concern that long-simmering gang tensions are intensifying amid economic woes & resentment over immigration. The Danish capital of Copenhagen saw almost 60 gang-related shooting incidents in the past year, many of them in Nørrebro, just north of the city center. In March, a series of drive-by shootings & assassinations resulted in the deaths of 3 bystanders & sent shock waves through the city. Efforts are now under way to boost the crime-fighting abilities of police, as well as address the causes that lead young people into gangs. Recent killings in Nørrebro prompted hundreds of residents to stage an antigang march. “The violence has really shaken people, & they are wondering when there will be another shooting,” says Kim Christensen, chairman of the Nørrebro district council, who led the march. It snaked through traditional turf of the Hells Angels before finishing less than a mile away, near the biker gang’s main clubhouse. “We’re not used to this kind of trouble,” says Ane Nissen, a student. “Normally, Copenhagen is very quiet & very safe. That’s why we need to react now.” Danish police blame the recent surge in gang violence on an attempt by Hells Angels to get the upper hand over gangs consisting of first- & second-generation refugees. “Hells Angels have been under pressure for a while now,” explains Kim Kliver, head of the investigative division of Denmark’s national police. “About 2 years ago, they realized that they were getting old & needed to recruit younger, more ruthless people.” In less than a year, the gang has doubled in size & created a “supporters club” called AK81, made up mainly of ex-convicts with a record for extreme violence. Police believe that victims of recent killings were chosen because they appeared foreign. “There have always been social problems in this area, but now it’s more divided,” says Bendt Erik Krøyer, who runs a cultural center in Copenhagen’s Blågård’s Plads, a cobbled square dominated by social housing for refugees, mainly from the Middle East, & home to one of the warring factions. This is not the first gang war in the region. The so-called “Nordic Biker War” in the mid-1990s pitted Hells Angels against the Bandidos MC. It resulted in a dozen murders & almost 80 shootings before a truce was proclaimed. Danish police reacted to the first biker war by closing gangs’ clubhouses & seizing finances. Today, the job is harder: There are at least a half-dozen ongoing gang feuds, & the gangs are harder to identify. A bridge that spans the narrow strait separating Copenhagen from the Swedish city of Malmö is also making it easier for gangs to evade authorities, Mr. Kliver says. “The fact that the gangs operate in both countries is no barrier,” he says. “We carry out ‘Al Capone’ operations on both sides of the border & look into how they are buying the cars & where they get their money. If they can’t prove they earned it legitimately, we seize

it.” Swedish police began recruiting specialists last month for a 200-person antigang squad, which some call “Sweden’s FBI.” Pressure has mounted for a tougher response following the 2001 bombing of a public prosecutor’s home by a biker gang. An estimated 50 criminal gangs, including the Bandidos & Hells Angels, as well as home-grown outfits with colorful names like Wolfpack Brotherhood & Werewolf Legion, compete for control of Sweden’s narcotics, prostitution, & extortion rackets. According to official figures, extortion rackets have more than doubled over the past six years & grew by 50 percent in 2008. Erik Lannerbäck, a former Bandidos member & youth counselor who now campaigns for gang prevention, says the recession may swell the ranks of Scandinavia’s criminal gangs & lead to more turf wars. “With fewer job opportunities & the temptation of easy money,” he says, “a lot of young guys will get drawn in.” Lasse Wierup, a crime reporter at Sweden’s Dagens Nyheter newspaper, says that Swedish biker gangs have lost ground in recent years, often to competition from “immigrant gangs” from suburban projects. “Hells Angels & Bandidos found it easy to get established in Sweden & Denmark because they had no organized enemies & could just walk in & take over,” he says. “The biker gangs were founded on a myth that they were extremely dangerous & could get you wherever you are. That works on ordinary people – but not on the new generation of armed criminal gangs.” Sweden’s justice minister, Beatrice Ask, recently said there was a need to “react very forcefully” to the threat, while her Danish counterpart, Brian Mikkelsen, announced “extraordinary steps,” including doubling jail sentences for gang-related offenses. Some activists, though, say that more should be done to prevent youths from joining gangs in the first place. Khosrow Bayat runs a crime-prevention program that provides extra tuition, sports activities, counseling, & part-time jobs for young people in one of the worst-affected projects in Nørrebro. “The most vulnerable kids are boys in their early teens. They see gang members going around with cool clothes & girlfriends, & it affects them,” Mr. Bayat says. “If you give them an opportunity early on to succeed in the mainstream, then you can close off the route to the gangs...” “We need to give them something more interesting to do,” he adds, “than be lookouts for street gangs.”

Every one of us was created for some divine purpose on earth; that is, to make some preordained contributions to life on earth in one’s lifetime. Joan of Arc wrote that “one life is all we have & we live it as we believe in living it; but to sacrifice what you are & to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying.” What I write, say, or do is in keeping with my divine purpose. I cannot be silent when injustice is taking place, or when people exploit their positions to do things because they can & not because they are right. I go through a period of torment each time I am quiet when something unjust is taking place. I experience relief only after doing, saying, or writing what my Lord desires of me. He who is my Savior & Redeemer never lets me off the hook for ignoring my divine purpose. I do not always expect that people will relent after what I have to say or write about what they are doing, for I am aware of the stubbornness of vested interests. However, I believe as Elie Wiesel did: “There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.” I write & say what I do in protest. And I write & say the things I do without malice or resentment.

Don’t worry about the world coming to an end today. It’s already tomorrow in Australia.
- Charles Schulz, creator of the Peanuts comic strip.

Niche law firms cater to motorcyclists – May 5, 2009 –

California – By Carol J. Williams - There's plenty of call for the specialty in California, & bikers appreciate being represented by lawyers who share their passion or at least understand them. Sy Nazif's new workplace is not your Wilshire Boulevard law firm. The pinstriped suit he wears to court mostly lives on a hanger in an office lacking adornment, unless you consider the helmet, saddlebag & leather jacket stacked on a filing cabinet to be installation art. The Canoga Park firm's seven lawyers prowl their warren of cluttered rooms in jeans & sport shoes, few showing up much before noon to cater to a clientele with few morning persons. A quilt made of biker-club patches & photographic mementos of road trips decorate a dark-paneled waiting room. Nazif landed among the biker barristers at the law firm of Richard M. Lester after getting laid off from a general practice -- a quirk of recession-driven fate that acquainted the half-Irish, half-Arab business litigator with a dream job he didn't know existed. "I've been a bike rider since I was a pup," said Nazif, 34. "I never realized I could combine the 2 things I love & do it for a living." Lawyers who ride were a rarity in the days when motorcyclists were portrayed in film & television as outlaws. But a motorcycle's attractive gas mileage, & the appeal of the powerful machines that have become pricey status symbols for aging baby boomers, have expanded & gentrified the motorcycling public. With the number of motorcycles registered in California more than doubling over the last decade to 824,244 last year, at least half a dozen law firms between the Bay Area & the Mexican border now deal exclusively with the wounds & woes of bikers. Biker-lawyers like Nazif can relate to their clients. Most having been catapulted to the pavement themselves by inattentive drivers, they know the pain of crunching bones, the terror of the left-turning vehicle, the injustice of judges & juries who view their misfortunes as self-inflicted. "I had an accident in law school -- my shoulder still sticks out," said Nazif, reflexively massaging his right shoulder as he recalled the motorist who pulled in front of him on a busy San Francisco street six years ago, sending him flying onto the roadway. "I had to fight the insurance company tooth & nail just to get my medical bills paid." Having amassed more than 40 injured clients in his first month with Lester, Nazif sees a sobering parade of injuries through the firm every day. "Being here makes me a safer rider," he said. "These clients are daily reminders that cars just don't see us." Most of the firm's work involves negotiating with insurance companies, especially for uninsured accident victims who can collect only out-of-pocket medical costs & lost wages. Proposition 213, a 1996 ballot initiative, prohibits compensation for pain, suffering, disfigurement & other non-monetary damages to those driving without coverage. The firm also wages 1st Amendment battles for riders who have been victims of discrimination & fights what the biker bar sees as bad legislation across the country. Lester, odd man out in a tie & suspenders, founded the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, a biker lobby that promotes safety & defends the free-speech principles that the riding community hold dear. Riders now are as likely to be educated professionals as ponytailed leather-clad rumbler, says the firm's founder, referring to those who have diversified the riding crowd as RUBs: rich, urban bikers. Still, he says, most people retain an image of bikers as tough customers looking for trouble. Private establishments have prevailed in excluding bikers displaying overt signs of club membership, whether the "one-percenters" associated with crime & violence or riding groups united by faith, interest or profession, Lester said. Christian Unity, he says, is the fastest-growing bikers club. As Gov'ts impose laws meant to crack down on gang activity, they have swept bikers into the definition by prohibiting identifying logos & patches, Lester says.

"There may be someone doing something illegal. But you shouldn't come in & paint everyone with a broad brush," he said. Joey Lester, the founder's son, took the case of 4 members of the Top Hatters riding club who'd been thrown out of the Gilroy Garlic Festival through eight years of state & Fed court challenges. He lost in the final review by a panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals last fall because the festival was protected by private security, not Gov't law enforcement. The younger Lester, who said he doesn't ride much anymore because he's got a 2-year-old child he wants to see through to adulthood, accuses the Gov't of targeting bikers for their individuality. "They want a Stepford America," said the lawyer, his boot-clad feet propped up on a carved desk. "The way they define gangs could apply to the Boy Scouts." Bob Poelker of Hollister, one of the 4 riders tossed from the garlic festival in 2001, attests to the importance of having riders defend riders. "I've been a pharmacist for 34 years -- I'm respected. But when I get on my bike, I'm treated in a different way, by law enforcement especially. They think, 'You're a biker -- you're a bad person,'" said Poelker, who praised the Lesters' handling of his case even though they lost in the end. Having lawyers who understand what riders face has helped chip away at public misperceptions, he added. They have made some inroads in defeating discrimination in what Richard Lester calls "the omelet ingredient belt," the farmland celebrations of California's agricultural plenty from artichokes to zucchini. This year's Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras refined its ban on insignia to apply only to specific clubs with suspect reputations, like the Hells Angels & Mongols. Under pressure of a lawsuit, the Santa Cruz fair dropped its anti-biker dress code altogether. In Studio City, biker law specialist Russ Brown has been fighting the riding community's battles for more than 30 years, estimating he's handled 10,000 cases. He, too, now represents a more diverse & economically stratified clientele, pointing to the swelling ranks of riders as aging baby boomers chase youthful abandon by buying big wheels. "We've got a lot of people going through middle-age crises who are going out & getting motorcycles," said Brown, 74. Still, the riders most in need of a lawyer's help tend to be the more traditional long-haired, tattooed bikers, whom he coaches to tone down the talk & walk in front of a judge or jury. "I tell them we wear long sleeves, cover up the tattoos, get a haircut," Brown said of his advice for a court appearance. "Some resist, saying this is who they are & the world has to deal with it. But I tell them, when it's over you can grow your hair to your knees; but if you want to get any money, you better walk in there looking like a human being." Norman Gregory Fernandez, another Los Angeles-area lawyer representing fellow riders, also laments the bad-boy image many in the legal system have of bikers. He preps clients to tone down the lingo -- she's your wife, not your old lady -- & dress like they're going to church. His own tiger, cobra, eagle & Star of David tattoos aren't visible when he's dressed in a buttoned-down oxford shirt & tie-clasped collar. The only downside to his job, says the Lester firm's Nazif, is the accumulating evidence that motorcycle accidents can shorten or drastically alter your life. "It makes me a little paranoid," he said of his mangled clients. "But not enough to keep me off the bike. At least not yet."

Hawi kept behind bars for fears of further violence – May 5, 2009 – **Australia** - The threat of further bikie violence will keep a national gang leader behind bars while a court determines the extent of his alleged involvement in a fatal Sydney Airport brawl. Lawyers for Mahmoud "Mick" Hawi, 28, say the Comanchero boss is "gutted" by a Sydney magistrate's decision to refuse bail over his alleged role in the March 22 brawl which led to the death of Anthony Zervas, 29.

Police target Hells Angels – May 5, 2009 – *Australia* - Every NSW member of the Hells Angels bikie gang has been targeted in a swarm of raids across Sydney that saw 2 men arrested & drugs, weapons & financial records seized. Some 260 officers simultaneously raided 31 properties across Sydney's lower north shore, inner city & northwest from 6.30 am on Tue. The operation targeted the gang's alleged manufacture & distribution of methamphetamine & ecstasy, police said. There are about 35 Hells Angels members living in NSW & every one of them was targeted in the raids, including the NSW clubhouse in Crystal Street, Petersham. "The entire membership of the Hells Angels outlaw motorcycle gang living in NSW has been targeted today (Tuesday)," Gangs Squad Commander Detective Superintendent Mal Lanyon told reporters. Police have cracked down on bikie gangs following a brawl at Sydney airport in March between Hells Angels & Comancheros that resulted in one man's death. Financial & other documents allegedly related to club activity were among the items seized in the raids. Other items included a station wagon believed to have been involved in the airport brawl, a quantity of prohibited drugs, a Taser, batons, knuckledusters & a number of computers. Supt Lanyon refused to reveal what the station wagon had to do with the brawl that saw fatal injuries inflicted on Anthony Zervas, the brother of senior Hells Angel member Peter Zervas. Peter Zervas was seriously injured just days after the brawl when he was shot in his car. Comanchero national boss Mahmoud "Mick" Hawi, 28, is one of six men charged with affray over the airport incident. He has been in custody since his April 6 arrest. On Tuesday, Hawi was formally refused bail, with a Sydney magistrate citing the possibility of further gang violence if he was released. Hawi's lawyer plans to take the bid for bail to the Supreme Court. Police now claim to have dismantled 3 drug labs run by the Hells Angels, seized about \$1 million in assets, & drugs with an estimated street value of \$5 million. "...obviously seizing a million dollars in assets ... clearly demonstrates a large range of criminality to incur those sorts of assets," Supt Lanyon said. He said the raids - involving NSW Police, the Australian Crime Commission & the NSW Crime Commission - were the latest in a series of operations targeting illegal bikie gang activity. "We've certainly got a very good picture of the level of criminality within the group," he said. "We have targeted ... right across the whole gambit of activities conducted by the Hells Angels & I think we're making significant inroads into them." The men arrested on Tuesday were a 36-year-old from Oakville & a 40-year-old from Prospect. They were taken into custody on alleged drug-related matters but have not yet been charged. While police seem pleased with their progress against the Hells Angels, Australian Crime Commission executive director Michael Outram was less positive. "I've got nothing to suggest that they are a dying breed," he said. Tuesday also saw the introduction of further anti-bikie laws by the NSW government. The new legislation will allow people to be jailed for up to 5 years if they recruit members to a bikie gang that has been declared a criminal organisation. Legislation was introduced last month allowing police to apply to the Supreme Court to have bikie gangs declared criminal organisations. No such application has yet been made by police.

Bandidos gang had all kinds of rules – May 5, 2009 – *Canada* – By Jane Sims; London Free Press - For a group of men who don't want to live by the rules of society, the Bandidos have a lot of rules. Lists of bylaws & a Bandidos creed were introduced to the jury at the Bandido trial today that outlined what it meant to be a member of the motorcycle club. OPP Det. Const. Craig Pulfrey from the provincial biker enforcement unit is testifying at the trial of 6 men who have pleaded not guilty to 1st-degree murder in the

deaths of 8 Bandido bikers found shot to death along an Elgin County Rd on Apr 8, 2006. Pulfrey is offering his expert opinion - his specialty is the Bandidos - & guiding the jury through a crash course on the rules & regulations of the club. Pulfrey was not part of the investigation before the court. He was kept an arm's-length away so he could assess the information gathered at trial. Pulfrey, who has been with the unit since 1998, described attending several "runs" — where bikers ride together in a show of strength — funerals & other parties. He has checked attendees at parties as they arrive, handled police agents providing info, had covert meetings with confidential sources, done surveillance & undercover work & given instruction to other police officers. He told the jury through questions from assistant Crown attorney Fraser Kelly, he is well-versed in the Bandidos culture.

Some of the terms Pulfrey reviewed were:

- The "patch," the name given to a fully patched vest of a full member that is considered "the most important item in the world." The patch is not available to the public & can only be purchased through national headquarters in Texas. There are strict guidelines as to how the patches were to be placed on a leather vest.

- a 1%er, a moniker adopted by members of motorcycle clubs to signify they are the one-percent of the population that lives outside the law. A 1%er patch is placed over the heart of a full member's vest.

- Probationary & prospect members, who are not full-patch members trying to attain their full membership. Prospect members are at the entry level & are at "the beck & call" of full-patch members. "The expectation is that he is to complete any task given to him," said Pulfrey.

- "No colours in a cage," meaning a Bandido can't wear their full patch inside a closed vehicle.

- BFFB which means Bandidos Forever Forever Bandidos Pulfrey said he saw some of the victims in the case at some of the events he attended as part of his investigative work. He began attending Bandido international runs in Red River, New Mexico in 2000 & listed other runs in Colorado, Arizona & South Dakota. He was there when the Canadian Bandidos were given their Probationary Bandido status. In 2001, in Kingston, when the Canada chapter was given full-chapter status, Pulfrey was part of a police detail that led to the arrest of some Americans, including a Bandido named Edward Winterhalder, also known Connecticut Ed. Pulfrey was in Quebec for the funerals of Robert Leger, known as Bandido Tout Tout & Sylvain "Bandido Sly" Gregoire. Pulfrey also described seeing victims Kriarakis, Muscedere & Sinopoli at the funeral of Joey Campbell, known as Bandido Crazy Horse, in Edmonton. Pulfrey described a long conversation with U.S. national president Jeff Pike at one of the American runs. Pulfrey also told the jury he was in Edmonton when another group, the Death's Hand, became a probationary chapter of the Bandidos. Pulfrey noted it appeared the Bandidos did not have enough membership patches because they were given only Bandido T-shirts. Pulfrey also noted a document taken from Mushey's home showing the dimensions of patches that indicated to Pulfrey that they were "patches to be made."

The liberties of our country, the freedoms of our civil constitution are worth defending at all hazards; & it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil & danger & expense of treasure & blood, & transmitted them to us with care & diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or be cheated out of them by the artifices of false & designing men. - Samuel Adams (1722 -1803)

Motorcycle gangs damage Danish reputation for peace – May 5, 2009 – *Denmark / Sweden* - Motorcycle clubs & ethnic minority gangs have been engaging in gang-related violence in Denmark & Sweden. Authorities in both countries have had talks over the long-simmering gang tensions, which have recently resulted in shooting incidents. Economic woes & resentment over immigration have deepened, with the Danish city of Copenhagen especially gripped by almost 60 shooting incidents in the past year. In Mar, a series of drive-by shootings & assassinations resulted in the deaths of 3 bystanders. Recent killings in the northern suburb of Norrebro prompted hundreds of residents to march against gang violence. Danish police have blamed the recent surge in gang violence on a power struggle by Hells Angels.

Biker scares away robbers with gun – May 6, 2009 – *Racine, Wisconsin* - Four teens knocked a 42-year-old Racine man from his bike Friday night. He thought they were going to rob him. The man pulled a Smith & Wesson revolver from his side holster, pointed it at the sky & yelled, “Gun!” The 4 suspects ran, & the man flagged down a Racine police officer. The incident will perhaps mark the first time a new opinion allowing open carry of firearms is put to the test here, as it conflicts with another state statute that makes it illegal to possess a gun within 1,000 feet of a school, if not on private property. The Racine man involved, who asked not to be named & declined to comment on the alleged robbery attempt when contacted by The Journal Times, was assaulted in the 1100 block of Grand Ave, which is within 1,000 feet of Walden School, 1012 Center St. Police did not arrest the man. After he was treated for head & wrist injuries at the scene by Racine rescue, officers escorted the man home & returned his gun to him. But that doesn’t mean charges won’t be filed against the man, & police are questioning how such situations should be handled in the future. “It’s difficult with the way the laws are written to carry (a gun) & not get into trouble,” said police spokesman Lt. Jim Dobbs. He said the new open carry ruling will probably prompt more & more people to wear firearms, but in many places in the city, even stepping off their front porch would mean they are breaking the law. “People will break the law inadvertently,” Dobbs said. “We want clarification from the state on what we should be doing.” Last month, Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen sent out a memo saying openly wearing a holstered gun is not illegal. While Wisconsin law states a person cannot legally carry a concealed weapon, it does not address carrying a firearm in plain sight. The opinion has created many questions, now including the apparent conflict between the existing statute over possessing a firearm near a school. Racine County District Attorney Mike Nieskes said Tuesday that he has been briefed on the incident & has talked to the state Attorney General’s Office about it. “We don’t have all the information,” he said. “It’s still under investigation.”

High Court Hears River Run Case – May 6, 2009 - The *Nevada* Supreme Court is reviewing a request for a trial to allow 7 people to seek damages from the Harrah’s Laughlin casino for the 2002 River Run melee. That year, a fight erupted between rival motorcycle gangs inside the casino, leaving 2 Hells Angels & a member of the Mongols dead. Plaintiffs’ atty E. Brent Bryson argued District Judge Susan Johnson was wrong in issuing a pre-trial summary judgment in favor of Harrah’s. But Harrah’s atty James Olson says the fight was not reasonably foreseeable.

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter & lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.
- Abraham Lincoln

Law enforcement gears up for spring bike rally – May 6, 2009 – *South Carolina* - By Thema Ponton - The spring H-D rally starts in a couple of days & local law enforcement officers are getting ready for the tens of thousands of bikers expected to converge on the Grand Strand. Myrtle Beach Police Capt. David Knipes tells News13 the Dept starts preparing for the spring H-D rally at the beginning of the year. Knipes said they get in contact with other law enforcement agencies to see if they can send any officers. Knipes said they reach out to local, state, & sometimes federal agencies. “For the Harley rally we normally have a biker task force which has some federal authorities that pretty much monitor the motorcycle gangs while they’re down here in Myrtle Beach. We don’t know what affect the new ordinances are going to have on the volume of people inside the city limits so we’re preparing like any other year, we’ll see what happens & then maybe next year we’ll adjust accordingly depending on what happens.” South Carolina Highway patrol officers said the new Myrtle Beach laws, including wearing a helmet, will likely cause a location shift. Lance Cpl. Sonny Collins said, “I think that will push some of the traffic out to the more outlying areas such as Highway 31, maybe Highway 22, we expect an increase traffic amounts on those highways & that’s why we’ll have extra troopers on those roads, monitoring the traffic, making sure everyone’s doing what needs to be done.” Horry County PD, Sgt. Robert Kegler said the Dept will have additional officers covering different zones across the county, but said it will be the same number of officers as in years past.

The parish priest went on a fishing trip. On the last day of his trip he hooked a monster fish & proceeded to reel it in. The guide, holding a net, yelled, ‘Look at the size of that Son of a Bitch!’ ‘Son, I’m a priest. Your language is uncalled for!’ ‘No, Father, that’s what kind of fish it is - a Son of a Bitch fish!’ ‘Really? Well then, help me land this Son of a Bitch!’ Once in the boat, they marveled at the size of the monster. ‘Father, that’s the biggest Son of a Bitch I’ve ever seen’ ‘Yes, it is a big Son of a Bitch. What should I do with it?’ ‘Why, eat it! Of course. You’ve never tasted anything as good as Son of a Bitch!’ Elated, the priest headed home to the rectory. While unloading his gear & his prize catch, Sister Mary inquired about his trip. ‘Take a look at this big Son of a Bitch I caught!’ Sister Mary gasped & clutched her rosary, ‘Father!’ ‘It’s OK, Sister. That’s what kind of fish it is, a Son of a Bitch fish!’ ‘Oh, well then, what are you going to do with that big Son of a Bitch?’ Sister Mary informed the priest that the new Bishop was scheduled to visit in a few days & that they should fix the Son of a Bitch for his dinner. ‘I’ll even clean the Son of a Bitch’, she said. As she was cleaning the huge fish, the Friar walked in. ‘What are you doing Sister?’ ‘Father wants me to clean this big Son of a Bitch for the new Bishop’s Dinner’. ‘Sister! I’ll clean it if you’re so upset! Please watch your language!’ ‘No, no, no, it’s called a Son of a Bitch Fish.’ ‘Really? Well, in that case, I’ll fix up a great meal to go with it, & that Son of a Bitch can be the main course! Let me know when you’ve finished cleaning that Son of a Bitch.’ On the night of the new Bishop’s visit, everything was perfect. The Friar had prepared an excellent meal. The wine was fine, & the fish was excellent. The new Bishop said, ‘This is great fish, where did you get it?’ ‘I caught that Son of a Bitch!’ proclaimed the proud priest. ‘And I cleaned the Son of a Bitch!’ exclaimed the Sister. The Friar added, ‘And I prepared the Son of a Bitch, using a special recipe! The new Bishop looked around at each of them. A big smile crept across his face as he said, ‘You mother fuckers are my kind of people!’

Christopher Wayne Hudson tortured by angry bikies – May 6, 2009 – *Australia* - They took CBD killer Chris Hudson's treasured Harley away on Tuesday... but his death's-head Hells Angel tattoo went first. Even before the drug-addled gunman had surrendered to police, the outlaw bikies had shown Hudson what happens to those who bring unwanted trouble to the clubhouse door. In a dark reminder of the bikie code, they imposed their own punishment for a murder that shocked Australia, & sent an ominous warning to others of the dangers of embarrassing the Angels. They chained Hudson up and, wielding the hot blue flame of an oxyacetylene torch, seared the tattoo from his arm. But it wasn't to be the only blow to whatever pride Hudson may once have felt as a Hells Angel. On Tuesday, police raids across Sydney netted a custom-built H-D from the Angels' Sydney clubhouse. Police would not confirm the identity of the bike's owner last night, but a bikie insider said it was Hudson's. The bike, painted in two-tone camouflage grey with a distinctive Hells Angel Arizona insignia on its side, was wheeled on to the back of a police truck. For true outlaw bikers, the loss of their motorbike is the greatest insult they can suffer. The bike was being held for safekeeping for Hudson by members who argued he should not be kicked out. Hudson is serving a minimum 35-year jail term for killing Melbourne lawyer Brendan Keilar & shooting girlfriend Kaera Douglas & Dutch backpacker Paul de Waard in June 2007. As his bike was taken away on Tuesday, Hudson's final few days of freedom have come to light. It can be revealed that bitter infighting broke out within the club as members argued whether Hudson should be kicked out or allowed to remain. Hudson had defected from rival bikie gang The Finks in 2006, which was when he had the Hells Angels tattoo - of a death's head with Hells Angel around it - inked on the inside of his arm. A fully patched member, he disintegrated into a haze of drugs & alcohol. Hudson had spent the night of June 17, 2007 drinking at the Spearmint Rhino & Bar Code along Melbourne's notorious King St. He was high on drugs & affected by alcohol. At 5.30am, Hudson called his stripper girlfriend Kaera Douglas & asked her to come to get him. He had viciously attacked Ms Douglas's workmate, Autumn Daly-Holt. When Ms Douglas arrived about 7.30am, he dragged her up the street by her hair. As they reached the intersection of William St & Flinders Lane, Keilar weighed in to help Ms Douglas, & Mr de Waard came to his aid. After shooting Keilar dead & wounding Mr de Waard & Ms Douglas, Hudson fled. He spent 2 days in a Hells Angels safe house, coming down from his drug binge. All the while, club leaders debated what should happen to him. Some wanted him kicked out; others, because he was considered staunch, wanted him to remain. "Some didn't like the problems he brought with him," a Hells Angels insider said. "They thought, 'F--- him. He got into it himself.' And with all the trouble he caused us with The Finks, they thought: 'Why didn't he do this then'?" In 2006, a kickboxing promotion on the Gold Coast exploded when bikies from The Finks & Hells Angels brawled, ending the card. The brawl finished with Hudson being shot in the chin. "They thought he should have done what he did to The Finks, not to innocent people," the insider said. When no retribution followed the brawl, certain hardcore Hells Angels were angered. Also, days before the city shooting, Hudson had shot at police after spending a night drinking with Collingwood footballer Alan Didak. The club did not want the police attention Hudson's increasingly chaotic behaviour was attracting. And nothing attracts police attention like murder. As arguments about Hudson's future continued, police intelligence surfaced suggesting that 2 Hells Angels were flying in from interstate to kill the wanted fugitive. With the club split, some senior Angels took the oxyacetylene torch to Hudson's tattoo. When Hudson surrendered to Wallan police, he was sporting a bandage over the

burn, prompting widespread rumours that he had tried to commit suicide. The insider insists it was a burns bandage. But some Hells Angels still believe Hudson tried to kill himself, saying they have seen what is left of the damaged tattoo. "A few blokes said they saw it & that it has a lot of scarring & it's a bit messed up because he tried to blade himself," the insider said. "Chris wasn't that sort of bloke, though. Not a lot know what really happened."

Hells Angels investigation widened - May 6, 2009 - *Switzerland* - An investigation into alleged drugs trafficking by Hells' Angels members in Switzerland is being extended, 6 years after it began. Authorities say evidence of more drugs smuggling has come to light. The inquiry began in 2003 & a year later 13 gang members were questioned after a huge police operation.

House says don't pick on bikers – May 7, 2009 – *Texas* – By Jason Embry - The House just gave final passage to House Bill 1569, which prohibits restaurants, bars & other public places from discriminating against people just because they ride a motorcycle, belong to a motorcycle group or display clothing or other indications that they're in a motorcycle organization. The bill passed largely along party lines, with Democrats voting for & Republicans voting against. The vote was 78-63. Rep. Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown, said the bill would give motorcycle gangs the same protections against discrimination as are given to racial & ethnic groups.

Defies Feds - Threatens Secession! – May 7, 2009 – *Montana* - *Governor Signs New Gun Law* - The State of Montana has defied the Fed Gov't & their gun laws. This will prompt a showdown between the Fed Gov't & the State of Montana. The Fed Gov't fears citizens owning guns. They try to curtail what types of guns they can own. The gun control laws all have one common goal - confiscation of privately owned firearms. Montana has gone beyond drawing a line in the sand. They have challenged the Fed Gov't. The Fed now either takes them on & risks them saying the Fed agents have no right to violate their state gun laws & arrest the Fed agents that try to enforce the fed firearms acts. This will be a world-class event to watch. Montana could go to voting for secession from the union, which is really throwing the gauntlet in Obamas face. If the Fed Gov't does nothing they lose face. If guns & ammunition are manufactured inside the State of Montana for sale & use inside that state then the federal firearms laws have no applicability since the Fed Gov't only has the power to control commerce across state lines. Montana has the law on their side. But, since when did the USA start following their own laws especially the constitution of the USA, the very document that empowers the USA? Silencers made in Montana & sold in Montana would be fully legal & not registered. As a note, silencers were first used before the 007 movies as a device to enable one to hunt without disturbing neighbors & scaring game. They were also useful as devices to control noise when practicing so as to not disturb the neighbors. There would be no firearm registration, serial numbers, criminal records check, waiting periods or paperwork required. So in a short period of time there would be millions & millions of unregistered untraceable guns in Montana. Way to go Montana. Let us see what Obama does. If he hits Montana hard they will probably vote to secede from the USA.

Experts say there is no GOD, man is the cause of global warming, personal ownership of firearms causes crime, & disciplining your kids is child abuse. Thank God I'm not an expert.

New law bans gang patches in public – May 7, 2009 – *New Zealand* – By Patrick Gower - Gang patches & other insignia will be banned in Wanganui after a law giving police the power to arrest, seize & fine wearers was passed in Parliament last night. The measure is a New Zealand first, & other areas with gang problems were last night considering seeking their own versions of it. Wanganui Mayor Michael Laws said banning patches “removes gangs’ most powerful & intimidatory weapon”. He said New Zealanders viewed gangs as a criminal menace & home-grown terrorists. “It took Wanganui to say ‘no more’ first.” Laws said the law would have flow-on effects, as other mayors were waiting for Wanganui’s lead. It set a precedent in anti-gang measures, like the recent outlawing of gangs in South Australia. The law gives the Wanganui District Council the power to make by-laws banning Black Power, the Mongrel Mob, Hells Angels & other gangs from designated places such as the central business district & parks. Laws said signs designating gang-free zones could be up by July once the law was signed by the Governor-General & the first bylaws were passed. Whanganui MP Chester Borrows said the law would have a major impact on gangs because of their code that they did not lose their patches under any circumstance. “They’ll be hung by their own code.” But gang expert Cam Stokes, who was Auckland’s top gang detective, said the ban was “cosmetic” & gangs could get around it by wearing their patch jackets inside out. Stokes said it would not make any difference to the gang problem. Wanganui has been beset by gang problems, including the 2007 killing of toddler Jhia Te Tua, who was shot during a gang dispute. Laws started working towards the ban in 2006 because of gang intimidation in the town centre. It was originally intended as a by-law, but Bill of Rights issues required it to be approved by Parliament. The bill was drafted by the council & backed by two-thirds of the 17,000 people who voted in a council referendum. It was introduced to Parliament as a local bill, promoted by Borrows. It passed last night only after 3 Act MPs, including leader Rodney Hide, reversed their earlier opposition. During the bill’s first reading, Hide called it “rubbish”, saying he could never support it because it would breach people’s fundamental right to wear what they wanted. Last night, he said he changed his mind after Act MP David Garrett visited Wanganui this week & was assured by local police that it would be enforced & have an effect. The votes of Hide & Act conservatives Garrett & John Boscawen enabled the Wanganui District Council (Prohibition of Gang Insignia) Bill to pass by 62 votes to 59. Act’s new procedure of letting its MPs vote according to their consciences on all legislation allowed the MPs on its liberal wing, Heather Roy & Sir Roger Douglas, to vote against the bill. Labour, the Greens & the Maori Party were all against it. Helen Clark’s resignation meant there were only 121 votes in Parliament. The 122nd vote will not return until the by-election in her Mt Albert electorate. Labour attributed Hide’s about-face to a deal with National over Act’s “three strikes” bill. Mayors in Whangarei & Hastings have expressed interest in a similar ban, & provincial areas including Timaru, Nelson & the Bay of Plenty are also interested. Councils wanting similar bans will have to introduce their own local bills unless the Government introduces a national measure. Police Association Pres Greg O’Connor welcomed the legislation, saying it would provide a “proving ground” for nationwide action. * What it means: a) Gang patches, regalia, signs or symbols cannot be worn in public in Wanganui. b) Police can arrest & seize regalia, using force if necessary. c) Police destroy regalia. d) Wearers can be fined up to \$2000.

He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm. - Proverbs 13:20

Motorcycle club members go on trial in drug case – May 7, 2009 - *Portland, Maine* - By The Associated Press - The drug trafficking trial of an ex-president of the Maine chapter of the Iron Horsemen MC & 2 of his associates is under way in U.S. District Court in Portland. A Fed prosecutor told jurors Tuesday that drug ledgers, wiretapped phone calls & testimony from witnesses will be enough to convict Richard Szypt, Roman Dellosantos & Sherwood Jordan. Szypt, of Haverhill, Mass., served as president from 2005 until last spring, when the indictments were handed up. In their opening statements, defense lawyers said the Gov’t won’t be able to establish their clients’ involvement in an alleged conspiracy to funnel large amounts of cocaine & marijuana between Massachusetts & Maine. The Portland Press Herald said the trial could last 2 weeks.

City may lay off drug-sniffing dog – May 7, 2009 – *Washington* - The Snohomish City Council may decide Tuesday night to trim the budget by laying off a member of the police force — Dixie the drug-sniffing dog. Dixie finds drugs & money for the reward of playing with a chew toy, but the 7-year-old shepherd-collie mix costs about \$16,000 a year in vet care, food, grooming, kennel & training costs. The Everett Herald reported Snohomish plans to keep its other police dog, Kizar. The German shepherd is needed to track criminals & is a younger dog.

Violent feud between biker gangs leads to 20 arrests – May 8, 2009 – *New York* - By Dan Herbeck & Gene Warner - Tensions between two rival biker gangs - the Chosen Few & the Kingsmen - simmered for more than a decade. Last summer, several Chosen Few members dragged a Kingsman off his motorcycle on Buffalo’s East Side, clobbering him with an ax handle. The next day, a Chosen Few member was run off the road & shot at as he rode through West Seneca. A few weeks later, state police arrested a Chosen Few member with 31 deadly pipe bombs, which they said he intended to use to blow up a Kingsmen clubhouse. And last Friday, 2 Kingsmen blasted the Chosen Few’s clubhouse on Main Street in Depew with 12 rounds from an AK-47 assault rifle, police say. The escalating violence prompted investigators in a Safe Streets Task Force on Thursday to round up 20 members & associates of the Chosen Few, in hopes of preventing the violence from getting much worse. While supporters of the Chosen Few say they are nothing more than hardworking family men who love their motorcycles, Depew police Capt. Mark Mediak applauded the arrests. “This is a good day, one of the best days in the village,” Mediak said. “We’ve been dealing with [the Chosen Few] on a regular basis since they came here more than 10 years ago. The defendants - many of them in their 40s & 50s with scruffy beards, tattoos or long pony tails - were arrested early Thursday on felony racketeering conspiracy charges. According to acting U. S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter & FBI Special Agent Laurie J. Bennett, the men allegedly conspired to commit bombings, arsons, assaults & murders of their rivals. Fed agents also alleged that Chosen Few members were behind the April 2004 firebombing of the clubhouse of another biker gang, the Lonely Ones, on Martin Road in Blasdell. They alleged that the firebombing was intended to kill people who were sleeping in the building, but no one was hurt. “We want a safe community. We don’t want innocent bystanders to get caught in the crossfire between these gangs,” Bennett said. The task force has been keeping a close eye on the Chosen Few since last summer. In August, agents installed court-authorized listening devices & tiny hidden cameras inside the Chosen Few’s Depew clubhouse, a fortresslike former bank building with a walk-in vault, where illegal weapons were stored. The feds said they watched & listened as Chosen Few Pres Alex Koschtschuk &

other club leaders denounced the Kingsmen & made plans for violent attacks. "If you're a Kingsman, you're going to go down," Koschtschuk allegedly said in the clubhouse last August, ranting because the Kingsmen had vandalized a Chosen Few tent at a "Bikes & Blues" gathering. "We're not going to play games with these guys . . . We're taking them down . . . Baseball bats, whatever you want, however you want." Koschtschuk, 58, a stocky man with a gray beard & gray hair slicked back into a pony tail, was arrested at his Alden home early Thu morning. He appeared in court wearing a black T-shirt that featured the likeness of a H-D motorcycle & the words, "Chosen Few M. C. — Ride It Like You Stole It." A leader of the Chosen Few since at least the early 1980s, Koschtschuk was identified by police as a State Thruway Authority employee who is currently off work because of a disability. He pleaded not guilty during a brief appearance before U. S. Magistrate Judge Jeremiah J. McCarthy. FBI Agent James A. Jancewicz said Koschtschuk & other Chosen Few leaders encouraged members to use death threats, beatings, guns & explosives against the Kingsmen. "The Chosen Few are in a violent war with the Kingsmen, & it promised to get a lot more violent," Jancewicz said. "The latest incident on Friday made us move more quickly to take the case down because we were worried about an explosion of violence." While violence between the Chosen Few & the Kingsmen dates back to at least 1997, when a shootout occurred at a West Seneca tavern, Jancewicz said the rivalry really began to heat up last August. After several incidents between the two gangs, Chosen Few member Michael Segool talked about extreme violence against one Kingsman, just after a meeting that federal agents recorded in January. "We break every one of his fingers, we break his hands, we break his [expletive] legs, everything," Segool said, according to court papers. "'Cause . . . the only way he's gonna stop is if you crip him so bad." "Something's got to be done with these guys," Koschtschuk allegedly told members at that day's meeting. Members & associates of the Kingsmen have created trouble, too. Last Friday, Depew police arrested 2 alleged Kingsmen, after almost a dozen shots were fired at the Chosen Few clubhouse with an assault rifle believed to be an AK-47. The shots apparently were fired just a few minutes after midnight. "There were no persons present in the building, as it turned out," Mediak said. "They just drove by & sprayed the front of the building, as well as some windows & doorways." Officers charged William R. Slater, 47, of Depew, & Robert L. Salczynski, 46, of Kenmore, with criminal possession of a weapon & criminal mischief, according to police reports. A similar incident occurred last Aug. 9, when someone in a passing pickup truck fired shots at the clubhouse. No arrests have been made in that incident, but other officials have said Chosen Few members believe that incident was connected to their feud with the Kingsmen. Depew Police Chief Thomas Domino said many people who live near the clubhouse have complained about the noise & traffic violations from Chosen Few motorcycles but are afraid to push the issue. Main Street in Depew is more run-down & less vibrant than many village main streets. It's dotted with modest homes, an old yellow-brick apartment house, one boarded-up & burned-out house & some commercial buildings with For Sale signs. ***This is not Main Street U.S.A.:*** Reaction to the Chosen Few was mixed Thursday afternoon among the neighbors & people walking by the clubhouse. "In the summer, it was loud because of their bikes," said Lia Knoer, 20, who lives two doors away. "Other than that, they were nice. They really did keep to themselves. You can understand why." But that seemed to be a minority view. Others seemed less worried about the motorcycle roars & more concerned about the violence, especially the drive-by shots fired last week. "I was at my friend's home, I heard the shots, & it

freaked everyone out," said Catie Kotowski, 15, who stays in a house near the clubhouse. "It's just unsafe here. "The Chosen Few brings a whole different personality to Main Street," Catie added. "They're a gang, basically. With all the drama they cause, I think if they were gone, it would be a lot better." Her friend, Shannon Bartz, 15, lives a few doors away & across the street. "It's unsafe for all the kids around here, with the shootings & the violence they cause," Shannon said. Another neighbor refused to talk with a reporter. "I ain't getting shot for nobody," the middle-aged man said. Police said six illegal guns were recovered Thursday from the walk-in vault at the clubhouse. Three other illegal guns - two of them illegally modified to make them fully automatic - were found in Koschtschuk's Alden home. Assistant U. S. Attorney Anthony M. Bruce identified the following defendants in addition to Koschtschuk & Segool, 25, of Buffalo: Alan Segool, 48, of West Falls; James Lathrop, 56, of Alden; Bradley Beutler, 36, of Depew; Clyde Utz, 50, of Alden; Brion Murphy, 52, of Attica; Gerald Rogacki, 47, of Alden; Matthew Watkins, 33, of Elmira Heights; Dennis Rogowski, 43, of Cheektowaga; Norman Herzog, 43, of Lackawanna; Lionel Carter, 53, of Belmont; Gary Phillians, 44, of Angola; Paul Roorda, 48, of Buffalo; Robert Treadway, 41, of Depew; Martin Whiteford, 37, of West Seneca; Charles Kuznicki, 38, of East Aurora; Robert Geiger, 42, of Medina; Donald Diana, 47, of Depew; & Robert Summerville, 46, of East Aurora. Geiger, who wore a big tattoo with the words "Trust No One" on his forearm, was identified by police as a state corrections officer. Alan Segool was identified as a former Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority police officer who now - like Koschtschuk - works for the Thruway Authority. The Safe Streets Task Force is made up of investigators from the FBI, State Police, the ATF, Buffalo police, Amherst police, Cheektowaga police, the Erie County Probation Dept & the state Parole Division. Bennett also thanked Lancaster police, Depew police & other agencies that supplied officers for Thursday morning's arrest raids. A large number of friends & family members came to Fed court to support the defendants Thur, & 2 of them spoke to The Buffalo News in defense of the men. "They're all good guys. A lot of them are educated & have phenomenal jobs," said one of the women, who identified herself as Beutler's fiancée but would not give her name. "They live, eat & sleep for their motorcycles [but] they aren't criminals. I had 10 cops pointing guns at me & my daughter's heads at 6:01 in the morning." "Why aren't the Kingsmen here?" said the other woman, who also declined to give her name. "The Kingsmen have done a lot of things that weren't retaliated for." Authorities said they have charged Kingsmen members in several incidents & the investigation is still continuing. Attorney Paul J. Cambria said he spoke to Koschtschuk after his arrest & may represent him. Jancewicz said there are about 25 Chosen Few members in Western New York & about 50 Kingsmen.

Police say motorcycle gangs brawled – May 10, 2009 – **Pennsylvania** - Three people were injured in a weekend brawl outside a Millcreek Township tavern. Millcreek police described the incident as a confrontation between rival motorcycle gangs in the parking lot at Last Shot Bar & Grill, 3064 W. 12th St. Between 15 & 20 people were involved in the fight, which began Saturday night a little before 11 p.m., police said. The names & conditions of the three people who were injured weren't available. Police were still investigating today.

It's a Recession when your neighbor loses his job.
It's a Depression when you lose yours!

Man accused of meth-related crimes – May 11, 2009 – *Austin, Minnesota* – By Tim Ruzek; Post-Bulletin - An Adams man arrested Thu at his home is accused of making methamphetamine & being part of a motorcycle gang. While conducting a search warrant, authorities found 48-year-old Ricky Andrew Ingalls sleeping in his bedroom, where there also was an aggressive pit bull, & arrested Ingalls after he got control of his dog, a criminal complaint says. Authorities reported seizing a .22-caliber rifle, a switchblade knife, a small bit of meth & surveillance cameras set up at Ingalls' home at 305 Lion St. Ingalls appeared Fri in court on single felony counts of possessing a firearm (conviction for a violent crime), possessing methamphetamine precursors with the intent to manufacture & 5th-degree drug crime. Ingalls has a felony conviction for burglary in Kentucky, the complaint says. Judge Fred Wellmann set bail at \$100,000 without conditions or \$50,000 with conditions. According to the complaint, detective Jon Juenger of the Mower County Sheriff's Dept was told about Ingalls at a Dec 2008 meeting of the Southeast Minnesota Narcotics & Gang Task Force. He learned Ingalls is a member of the Iron Cross motorcycle gang & associated with trafficking illegal drugs, the complaint says. On Dec. 23, authorities started conducting "garbage pulls" to analyze the garbage Ingalls set out for collection. The pulls happened twice in Dec, once in Jan & lastly on May 5; they occurred based on the activity at Ingalls' home. Ingalls reportedly went to Florida for some time. From the garbage pulls, authorities reported finding a broken light bulb & pen casing that tested positive for meth as well as a document related to the Iron Cross MC. In a Jan pull, authorities found more items indicative of illegal drugs, including a pop bottle with a long plastic tube coming out of the cap, the complaint says. Juenger reported he knew the pop bottle was related to the manufacturing process for meth. In late April, Juenger learned that Ingalls had returned to Adams. Another garbage pull was done May 5 for Ingalls' residence, leading authorities to find numerous items indicating meth was being made, the complaint says. Among those items were empty packs & boxes of pseudoephedrine -- a key ingredient for meth -- as well as coffee filters with red material, batteries & other empty containers of substances used in making meth, such as stove & lantern fuel. The complaint says one bottle had a two-layer solution in it, which was photographed by authorities but not placed into evidence because of the hazardous nature of meth manufacturing.

Editor's Note: I have been informed that Ricky Ingalls was No Longer an Active member of the Iron Cross MC...

House committee studies outlawing criminal gangs – May 11, 2009 – *Canada* – By Janice Tibbetts; Canwest News Service - Parliamentarians are considering whether the Conservative government should create a list of banned criminal organizations - starting with the Hells Angels - just as terrorist organizations are officially blacklisted. The House of Commons justice committee has elected to study the prospect, proposed by the Bloc Quebecois, which says that criminal trials in Quebec are being bogged down because the Crown must prove in each case that a suspect group meets Canada's definition of "criminal organization." "People told us that the biggest favour we could do them would be to work on having the Hells Angels declared illegal because currently, they have to start at square one with every trial," Bloc Quebecois MP Real Menard told the committee in convincing them to study the issue & report their findings to Parliament. Menard described the issue as "urgent" in light of major police raids last month in Quebec, designed to wipe out the Hells Angels, that led to more than 150 arrests. Canada has had a list of banned terrorist organizations since 2001, mainly culled from an international list. Darren Eke, spokesman for Justice

Minister Rob Nicholson, said that a federal-provincial group of senior bureaucrats is also studying whether Ottawa should craft a list of banned criminal organizations. Quebec Crown prosecutor Randall Richmond recently told the justice committee, during hearings on a bill to make gang-related killings automatic first-degree murder, that the most beneficial thing the government could do would be to create an official list of criminal groups, beginning with the Hells Angels MC. Anti-terrorism legislation also permits groups to go to court to challenge their inclusion on the list. There are currently 40 outlawed terrorist entities. Being listed makes it a crime to participate in these groups, contribute to them or assist their activities.

Bikie extradited - May 12, 2009 - *Australia* - By Chris Kellett - A wanted member of the Rebels outlaw motorcycle gang has been hauled across the Tasman to face a Brisbane court over his role in a bloody roadside melee at Bribie Island 2 years ago. Peter Rauhina, 38, has been living in New Zealand following the Feb 2007 incident at Bribie Island, which allegedly saw members of the rival Bandidos gang run down & ambushed with baseball bats by the Rebels while returning from a barbecue. Rauhina was 1 of 6 Rebels arrested over the alleged attack, which later resulted in the deliberate firebombing of the Rebels' Albion C.H. by senior ranked Bandidos, including now-jailed president Blair Thomsen.

Bikie gangs launch website to fight new laws – May 12, 2009 – *Australia* – by Robyn Ironside - Queensland's outlaw motorcycle clubs have stepped up their fight against proposed anti-biker laws with the launch of their own website today. The State Gov't is considering the introduction of laws similar to those in South Australia, which makes it unlawful for bikers to associate with one another. The United Motorcycle Clubs of Queensland claim the website will "take the debate surrounding the anti-associations legislation to the world". "If the Queensland Govt's proposed laws follow the precedent set in other states, they will contain harsh provisions that impact on the freedoms & liberties of all Queenslanders," said UMCQ spokesman John Parker. "While the Govt's stated aim is to attack motorcycle clubs, it will in fact punish every person who has a friend, family member or business contact in a motorcycle club," he said. Parker said the website would also allow Queenslanders to get the "real story behind motorcycle clubs & their members". "Our website will allow people to see that we're more than just men who like to ride motorcycles together; we're fathers, businessmen, & most of all, we're Queenslanders."

For more than six hundred years-- that is, since Magna Carta, in 1215--there has been no clearer principle of English or American constitutional law, than that, in criminal cases, it is not only the right & duty of juries to judge what are the facts, what is the law, & what was the moral intent of the accused; but that it is also their right, & their primary & paramount duty, to judge the justice of the law, & to hold all laws invalid, that are, in their opinion, unjust or oppressive, & all persons guiltless in violating, or resisting the execution of, such law. - Lysander Spooner, The Right of Juries

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