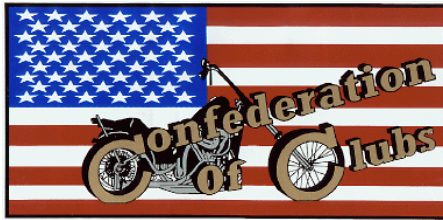


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Editor's Note: Sent out 250 Newsletters for May Issue 3...

A 1st grade teacher in a Detroit, Michigan, elementary school asked her students if they could tell the class what sound a pig makes? Little Tyrone stood up And said "Up against the wall mother fucker!"

The first testicular guard "Cup" was used in Hockey in 1874 And the first helmet was used in 1974. It took 100 years for men to realize that the brain is also important.

The best things in history are accomplished by people who get tired of being shoved around. - Robert A. Heinlein

Motorcycle Helmet Compliance to Start in Omaha – May 20, 2009 – *Nebraska* - The Omaha Police Dept received grant funding to begin operations to enforce motorcycle helmet compliance in Omaha. Operations will begin Wed, May 27, 2009 & run through Wed, Sept 30, 2009 at various dates & times throughout the entire city. The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety has awarded \$25,000 to fund extra officers on the streets to ensure motorcyclists are compliant with Nebraska state laws regarding motorcycle helmets. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that helmets reduce the risk of a fatal head injury by 40% & the risk of a death in a motorcycle crash by 37%. Nebraska state law specifies that protective helmets that meet the U.S. Dept of Transportation's Fed Motor Vehicle Safety Standard #218 are required for all operators & passengers of a motorcycle or moped. The protective helmet must be secured properly with a chinstrap on the head of the operator & /or passenger while the motorcycle or moped is in motion. The helmet shall consist of lining, padding, & chinstrap & shall meet or exceed the U.S. D.O.T. 218 Standard. This compliance initiative is designed at saving lives by gaining compliance with Nebraska's motorcycle helmet laws. Officers will be looking for operator's who are in violation of this law by not wearing a helmet & /or not wearing a helmet satisfying or exceeding the U.S. D.O.T. standards. Helmets found in violation of this standard are confiscated & the driver cited.

Mystery surrounds gruesome Bandidos biker gang slayings – May 20, 2008 – *Texas / Canada* – By Jeff McShan; 11 News Houston - The trial has been largely ignored by the U.S. media, but north of the border in Canada, it's big news. It all stems from the largest mass murder in modern Ontario history. On April 8, 2006, 8 men were found executed. Prosecutors claim the motive was internal cleansing. "Everyone wanted to know the story behind this, & now we are finally finding out," Jane Sims, who has been following the trial for the London Free Press, said. The murders involved members of the Bandidos MC & a dispute between its Winnipeg & Toronto chapters. Prosecutors allege the club's international president, Jeff Pike, who lives right outside of Houston, was not happy with how the Toronto chapter was running its business & ordered their "patches to be removed." Removing patches means their memberships were to be revoked. But does that translate to killing them? "One expert from the Ontario Police who has some expertise in the Bandidos testified to some of that information regarding the structure of the organization & how it works. But that is going to be one of the major questions in this case – Does that mean the shooting of people," Sims said. Pike, who hasn't been charged or ordered to testify, declined to discuss the matter with 11 News. But in a rare interview with a Canadian journalist in 2006, Pike said he was "shocked as anybody else" when he heard about the murders. He went on to say that the "only people that really know what happened are the 8 people that were killed & maybe the people in jail." When police were called to the gruesome scene that day, the bodies of the 8 men were found stuffed into 4 vehicles. In one of the cars, an Infiniti, police found the body of Frank "Bam-Bam" Salerno, 43. Salerno had bruises on his face & had been shot twice in the thigh. In the trunk, police found the body of Paul "Big Paulie" Sinopoli, 30. Slumped behind the driver's seat was the body of Michael Trotta, 31. Three more bodies were found in a nearby Volkswagon Golf: George "Crash" Kriarakis, 28; John "Boxer" Muscedere, 48; & Luis "Porkchop" Raposo, 41. Raposo was not only shot & wrapped in a carpet, but also had his middle finger cut off at the knuckle. A paramedic checked a nearby tow truck & found the body of George "Pony" Jessome, 52. And finally, off in the woods, police found a Pontiac Grand

Prix, & in the backseat was the body of 37-year-old Jamie "Rogue" Flanz. In the opening statement, Canadian prosecutors told jurors that all 8 men were lured to the farm by fellow Bandidos member Wayne Kellistine. Prosecutors said they were then abruptly killed by Kellistine & members of the Winnipeg chapter. Closing arguments are at least 6 months away. What happened that April day is clear, but why it happened may remain a mystery forever.

Police still seeking suspect in man's death outside Flint club – May 20, 2009 – *Michigan* - By Shannon Murphy - Officials have issued a warrant for Isadore N. Dean in connection with a Tue morning shooting outside a Flint motorcycle club. Dean is believed to have been a gunman in the incident that killed Donnell T. Ellison outside the Street Riders club on Stockdale Street near Welch Boulevard. Dean, who has been charged with murder & gun possession charges, still has not been found by police. Police on Wed morning went to a Flint home where Dean was, but he ran away before police arrived.

Bar Jar: A fellow walks into a bar, notices a very large jar on the counter, & sees that it's filled to the brim with \$10 bills. He guesses there must be more than ten thousand dollars in it. He approaches the bartender & asks, 'What's with the money in the jar?' 'Well.....you pay \$10 & if you pass 3 tests, you get all the money & the keys to a brand new Lexus.' The man certainly isn't going to pass this up. And so he asks, 'What are the 3 tests?' 'You must pay first.....Those are the rules,' says the bartender. So, after thinking it over a while, the man gives the bartender the \$10 & the bartender drops it into the jar. 'Okay,' the bartender says, 'Here's what you need to do:

First: You have to drink a whole quart of tequila, in a minute or less, & you can't make a face while doing it.

Second: There's a pit bull chained in the back with a bad tooth. You have to remove that tooth with your bare hands.

Third: There's a 90-year old lady upstairs who has never had sex....You have to take care of that problem!' The man is stunned. 'I know I paid my \$10, but I'm not an idiot! I won't do it! You'd have to be nuts to drink a quart of tequila, & then do all those other things...' 'Your call,' says the bartender.....'But, your money stays where it is.' As time goes on, & the man has a few more drinks, he finally says, 'Where's the damn tequila?' He grabs the bottle with both hands & drinks it as fast as he can.

Tears stream down both cheeks...but he doesn't make a face, & he did it in 58 seconds! Next, he staggers out the back door, where he sees the pit bull chained to a pole. Soon the people inside the bar hear growling, biting, & screaming sounds...then nothing but silence! Just when they think that he man surely must be dead, he staggers back into the bar, with his shirt ripped open there are scratches & he's bleeding all over his body. He says, 'Now where's that old woman with the bad tooth? **Moral to the story:** Listen carefully to the directions, & don't trust your judgment when alcohol is involved...

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Embattled judge resigns – May 20, 2009 – *Michigan* – By James Cook - Embattled New Baltimore district court Judge Paul Cassidy will retire at the end of the month, weeks after his home & courtroom were raided by FBI agents reportedly investigating a national MC. Marcia McBrien, spokeswoman for the Michigan Supreme Court, on Tuesday confirmed the 42nd District Court jurist submitted a retirement letter to Gov. Jennifer Granholm & the Supreme Court Administrator's Office. It is effective May 31. "I understand a letter has been delivered to the governor informing her of his decision," McBrien said Tue. Cassidy could not be reached at his home in New Baltimore or his court office, but his attorney said the retirement announcement came within recent days. "He felt at this point it was in his best interests," said defense attorney Christopher Andreoff. Cassidy earlier this month told The Macomb Daily that he's been having eyesight problems, which had required Lasik surgery. Andreoff declined to comment on whether the judge's decision to step down was in response to an FBI investigation into his dealings with a longtime friend who is a leader in a reputed outlaw motorcycle gang. "(Retirement) has been on his mind. He's spent nearly 30 years of his life in the public arena, 15 years as an assistant prosecuting attorney & about 14 years as a judge," Andreoff said. Cassidy informed district court employees Monday, according to Macomb County spokesman Phil Frame. Unlike other district courts in Macomb County, the 42nd division is operated under the county's guise. FBI agents raided Cassidy's office & home on April 23 along with a female friend's home, a flea market in Warren & a substance abuse counseling clinic in New Baltimore. Cassidy, 56, at the time told The Macomb Daily he was cooperating with the federal probe & maintained he had done nothing wrong. He told the newspaper that the Feds were looking into whether he gave special treatment in his courtroom to members of the Devil's Diciples, a Clinton Township-based motorcycle gang. Members of the gang, which deliberately misspells its title, were recently named in a grand jury indictment accused of drug offenses. The charges were dropped but may be reinstated, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Gina Balaya, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office, said federal officials were not aware of the judge's departure & had no further comment. The judge is a longtime friend of the Devil Diciples' national president, Jeff Garvin "Fat Dog" Smith of Mount Clemens, who was named in the indictment. Cassidy has acknowledged his friendship with Smith & the 2 dined together in the days after Smith was indicted. Cassidy said he had never given him or the bikers special treatment in court. Peter Henning, a law professor at Wayne State University & former federal prosecutor, said he doubts the resignation was pushed by federal investigators as part of a deal with the feds to ward off being charged with criminal offenses. "The Department of Justice doesn't want to appear to be letting someone resign in exchange for not charging them," he said. "That's a very delicate area. There's always a concern of interfering in the electoral process." He said Cassidy is more likely the instigator. "It could be part of a good-faith effort, saying, 'I'll resign, let's see if we can resolve this,'" he said. Henning noted the fact that Cassidy's office at 42-II District Court was searched is a strong indication an indictment is coming. The resignation is another "serious step" indicating the probe "is moving along." "It's takes more (proof) to get a search warrant than to get a subpoena," he said.

A man was sunbathing naked at the beach. For the sake of civility, & to keep it from getting sunburned, he had a hat over his manhood. A woman walks past & says, snickering, "If you were a gentleman you'd lift your hat." He raised an eyebrow & replied, "If you weren't so ugly it would lift itself."

Gang Strike Force cops shredded documents – May 21, 2009 – *Minnesota* - By Randy Furst; Star Tribune - Officers in the Metro Gang Strike Force shredded documents at its headquarters late Wed night, hours after the state Commissioner of Public Safety announced plans for an internal investigation after a Gov't audit found that the Strike Force couldn't account for \$18,000 in seized cash & at least 13 vehicles. A written account by the Strike Force's commander said a dumpster behind the Strike Force's offices in New Brighton & 2 garbage cans contained many shredded documents. Paper residue from shredding was found in the office & garage. Details of the destruction were in an e-mail sent Thursday by Strike Force commander Chris Omodt to members of an advisory board that oversees the Strike Force, which is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement agency that targets gangs & drug dealers across the Twin Cities metro area. The Star Tribune obtained the e-mail through a request to board members under the Minnesota Data Practices Act. The shredding appears to have been a major factor in Omodt's decision to immediately suspend operations of the Strike Force, pending a meeting of the advisory board next week. The original plan was to allow it to operate for another week. Omodt also said someone apparently shut off a computer that records when someone enters the building with a security card. "My prior understanding is that this computer is not intended to be powered off," Omodt wrote to board members. Asked about the e-mail Thursday night, Omodt said "The e-mail stands on its own." Michael Campion, the Public Safety commissioner, announced Wednesday that he planned to name a former Fed prosecutor & a retired FBI agent to conduct an inquiry into findings by the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor released earlier that day, & implement its recommendations.

Biker festival on after shooting – May 23, 2009 – *United Kingdom* - A police force's opposition to an annual biker festival marred by the fatal shooting of a Hells Angel 2 years ago has been rejected. Gerry Tobin was shot dead on the M40 as he returned home from the Bulldog Bash in Warwickshire in Aug 2007. Festival organisers feared the police objection could prevent this year's event going ahead. But they said a bid by Warwickshire Police to scrap it had been rejected by Stratford-upon-Avon district council.

At the end of a small, almost deserted bar in New Orleans sat a huge black man He was having a few beers, when a short, well dressed, & obviously gay man walked in & sat beside him. After 3 or 4 beers, the gay man got the courage to say a few words to the big black man. Leaning over towards him, he whispered, "Do you want a blow job?" At this, the massive black man leaped up with fire in his eyes, & smacked the shit out of the gay man, knocking him swiftly off his stool. He proceeded to beat him all the way out of the bar, leaving him bruised & battered in the parking lot, & returned to his seat. Amazed, the bartender quickly brought over another beer to the black man, & said, "I've never seen you react like that before. What did he say to you?" "I don't know," the black man replied. "Something about a job."

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Motorcycle gang member held – May 23, 2009 – *New York* – By Nancy Dooling - A member of an outlaw motorcycle gang sought as a person of interest in a domestic terrorism investigation in western New York was picked up Friday afternoon in Endwell, police said. Paul Huss, 38, was taken into custody without incident on a parole violation about 2 p.m. in the Town of Union by members of the region's Violent Felony Warrant Squad, said State Police Investigator Mark Cave. Huss was considered armed & extremely dangerous, with access to automatic weapons & explosives, Cave said. Acting on a tip from state police at the Kirkwood barracks, members of the squad went to the River Road residence Friday to pick up Huss. He was taken to the Broome County jail Friday pending a parole hearing in court. About 12 officers, including state police in uniform & members of the squad, took Huss into custody. He was found sleeping with his wife in the garage of the residence, Cave said. The regional squad includes state police, Binghamton police & Broome County sheriff's deputies. They operate under the New York-New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force. Huss had absconded from parole for a 2001 Binghamton bank robbery & assault conviction, state Dept of Correctional Services records show. Huss was released on parole in Sept after serving 6 years in state prison. The parolee is a member of the Hammerskin Nation, a white supremacist group in western New York, police said. Huss is also a member of the Chosen Few outlaw motorcycle gang which operates in the Buffalo area, Cave said. In a 2002 jailhouse interview with the Press & Sun-Bulletin, Huss told a reporter he turned to the white supremacist movement while serving time in prison. Such groups offered protection behind bars to whites, Huss said. At the time of the 2002 interview, Huss was in the Broome County jail awaiting sentencing to state prison. Huss tried working regular jobs, but was pulled into committing crimes for the excitement, he told a reporter. "It was the rush of doing things like that," he said in 2002. "Working 9 to 5 is boring." Nineteen associates of Huss' were arrested recently in western New York, Cave said. Several were found to be in possession of automatic rifles & hand grenades, the investigator said. Huss is considered a person of interest in that investigation. Investigators also charged Brenda Huss, of Binghamton, with possession of marijuana, a violation. She was ticketed Friday & released pending further court action.

Greyhound Wants Stop To Inmate Transfers On Buses – May 23, 2009 – *Las Vegas, Nevada* – Dwayne "Shadow" Fitzen an inmate at the Fed prison in Waseca, MN was halfway through his 24-year sentence when prison officials decided to move him to a facility in California. To make the transfer, the Bureau of Prisons did something fairly routine for the Gov't agency: It bought Shadow a one-way bus ticket & sent him, traveling unsupervised & unmarked, on the two-day trip. Fitzen was 55 at the time, a motorcycle gang member convicted of dealing cocaine. He got off the bus in Las Vegas, about 400 miles short of his scheduled destination, & became a fugitive. Five years later he's still at large. Since April 2006, the Bureau of Prisons has allowed 89,794 Fed inmates to be transferred without escorts, traveling mainly by bus. The rationale behind the unescorted transfers, according to bureau spokeswoman Traci Billingsley, is purely economic: Having prison officials, or U.S. marshals, in charge of moving inmates who have been prescreened & deemed low-risk would be incredibly expensive, she said. Exactly how much it would cost, the Bureau of Prisons doesn't know. Historically, fewer than 1 in 500 inmates being transferred without escorts have absconded, Billingsley said. Although the Fed agency doesn't have the exact numbers for recent years, that calculates to no more than 180 inmates since 2006. The Bureau thinks this number is small enough to justify the cost-saving program, though

bus companies don't agree. Bus companies have no idea when inmates are being transferred. Greyhound in particular has asked the Fed prison system several times to stop transferring convicts on its fleet. "We feel this is an inherent safety risk to our customers & our employees as well," Greyhound spokeswoman Abby Wambaugh said. Greyhound executives learned of the transfer program in 2005 & complained. Prison officials tried to appease them, writing a letter noting that of the 77 inmates who escaped during unescorted transfers from Oct 2003 to Sept 2005, all but 19 were recaptured or returned to custody. Fitzen is one of those 19. Inmates going Greyhound have been gravy for TV news reporters who stumble upon the subject every few years & attack it with a vengeance. Often, their reports mention Shadow's Las Vegas escape. The truth is, unescorted transfers have been happening since the early 1990s, though Billingsley didn't immediately have the program's start date or the number of unassisted transfers for years before 2006. Billingsley also did not have numbers for how many inmates have fled bus transfers in Nevada. But even one escaped inmate is enough to draw public ire, as well as ratings for TV news stations. In its defense, the Bureau of Prisons offers a fact seldom addressed in reports on the subject: Of the almost 90,000 inmates who have been transferred alone since 2006, the vast majority – 94% -- were being sent to halfway houses. Inmates in halfway houses, where they are helped with finding jobs & integrating back into society, are allowed to ride the bus & walk around town freely. Make it to your final destination, in other words, & you can ride the bus all you want. But not every inmate is being transferred to a halfway house. In the past 3 years 5,347 federal inmates have been transferred unescorted to minimum-security facilities, more commonly called prison camps. Prison camp inmates are often sent into communities to do various jobs, repairing buildings, cleaning roads & so on. This work is sometimes performed without a staff escort, or under intermittent supervision, according to the 2005 letter from prison officials to Greyhound. The implied point: The bus isn't the only opportunity to escape. Fitzen was headed from Minnesota to the Lompoc Fed Correctional Institution -- a low-security facility about 175 miles outside of Los Angeles. If he ever gets caught, he'll be in a world of trouble. This is one of the "disincentives" prison officials say keep unescorted inmates from fleeing. Most inmates who run are ultimately caught & then face more charges, Billingsley said. Fitzen got off the bus in Las Vegas, then went to a bank & withdrew \$12,000 in cash, according to U.S. marshals, who are still looking for him. He has reportedly been spotted a few times since his escape, but has otherwise lived up to his nickname.

Cannibals capture 3 men. The men are told that they will be skinned & eaten & then their skin will be used to make canoes. Then they are each given a final request. The 1st man asks to be killed as quickly & painlessly as possible. His request is granted, & they poison him. The 2nd man asks for paper & a pen so that he can write a farewell letter to his family. This request is granted, & after he writes his letter, they kill him saving his skin for their canoes. Now it is the third man's turn. He asks for a fork. The cannibals are confused, but it is his final request, so they give him a fork. As soon as he has the fork he begins stabbing himself all over & shouts, "To hell with your canoes!"

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Police needlessly shot dog during raid – May 24, 2009 – *New York* – By Dan Herbeck - When heavily armed members of a Buffalo police SWAT team raided a Lackawanna home before daybreak May 7, they were looking for a dangerous member of the Chosen Few MC. The biker was nowhere to be found, but a 12-year-old girl & her 14-year-old best friend were sleeping on couches in the living room. A mixed-breed dog named Maggie, nearly 2 years old, slept in a nearby bedroom. As police searched the home for the man they were seeking, an officer fatally shot Maggie, and, according to the mother of the younger girl, the 2 girls were treated roughly & traumatized. Cheryl Greentaner, the home's occupant & the younger girl's mother, said she planned to file a complaint with the FBI about the police actions. "The officer shot Maggie twice, & she never made a move toward him," said Greentaner, a McKinley Parkway resident. "They wouldn't let me go to Maggie to comfort her or call for help. I had to watch her bleed to death on the floor. There was no reason for them to shoot her. "I want to know the name of the officer who shot her. I want an apology," said Greentaner, who sobbed as she related the story. Greentaner owned the dog, which she described as a German shepherd-Labrador retriever mix that she rescued from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals shelter in the Town of Tonawanda. Greentaner is also the mother of Michael Segool, 25, one of 20 Chosen Few members & associates accused of taking part in a violent war against the Kingsmen, a rival gang. The shooting in Greentaner's home was at least the third in the region in recent months in which police shot & killed dogs while searching for criminal suspects. Both Maraschiello & Buffalo FBI spokesman Earl P. Gould said that some drug dealers intentionally keep ferocious dogs in their drug houses to protect their stash from police or from other criminals.

Sheriff tried to dissuade Gang Strike Force audit – May 25, 2009 – *Minnesota* - By Paul McEnroe, Star Tribune - Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher repeatedly tried to prevent a state investigation into the financial operations of the Metro Gang Strike Force, over which his office has fiscal oversight, according to officials directly involved in the state probe that led to the sudden shutdown last week of the unit's activities. Fletcher's office also did not undertake an in-depth review of how hundreds of thousands of dollars, personal property & vehicles were being accounted for after his office learned last fall that state Dept of Public Safety investigators were raising concerns, the officials said. In a Mar 3 e-mail to the strike force's advisory board of a dozen local law enforcement officials, Fletcher complained that "it would be a shame" if an audit stemmed from "political motives." He noted in the e-mail that the unit's former commander, Ron Ryan, now under scrutiny for activities on his watch, had an "exemplary" 40-year record of service as a police officer. Sources also said that Fletcher got into shouting matches with Public Safety Dir Mike Campion, complaining that state auditors should not be involved in strike force matters. Fletcher denies those assertions. But in an interview Fri, Fletcher acknowledged that he had opposed a state audit because he believed it would be based on politics & didn't think it was necessary. He said he would have preferred a private company to perform an audit. He also denied his office was responsible for any oversight of money seized in strike force investigations & instead blamed Ryan, his friend, for mishandling cash & confiscated property. Fletcher said Friday that he later changed his mind on the need for a state audit, after examiners discovered that the strike force could not account for more than \$18,000 cash & at least 13 vehicles. Late Wednesday, strike force officers shredded documents at unit headquarters in New Brighton, according to the unit's new commander, Chris Omodt. It

happened after nonpartisan Legislative Auditor James Nobles released findings of an audit that identified critical financial problems. Realizing that the officers could have destroyed evidence, Omodt ordered all of the unit's work suspended until an independent state investigation is completed. Details of who will lead that investigation may be made public by the Dept of Public Safety this week. The Metro Gang Strike Force, with more than 30 officers, is a multi-jurisdictional task force that fights gang & drug crime throughout the metro area & receives \$2 million annually in state funds. The officials who described Fletcher's effort to block the audit spoke on the condition of anonymity. They described a nearly out-of-control unit led by Ryan until he retired in Oct. They said that Ryan, loyal to Fletcher & employed by the Sheriff's Office, failed to manage & track the flow of cash in complex investigations. And they said that Fletcher's office should have been on top of the problems, because he'd put 2 of his employees in supervisory roles at the strike force: Ryan & Cindy Gehlsen, a clerk who handled paperwork & evidence. On Fri, Fletcher distanced himself from the strike force's management, saying his office was not responsible for fiscal oversight. Instead, he blamed Ryan. "Ron Ryan is an outstanding cop & a poor bookkeeper," Fletcher said. "Those types of financial matters are the responsibility of the commander. It wasn't our [the Sheriff's Office's] job as the fiscal agent to supervise the commander's use of seized funds." Ryan did not return repeated calls for comment. The possibility that strike force officers may have been involved in criminal activity such as destruction of evidence or stealing cash & property has prompted the FBI to discuss with state authorities what role it may play as the investigation widens, according to authorities. So far, the FBI has agreed to wait to see what the independent state investigation turns up, authorities said. Ryan was the public face of the strike force. He was a longtime St. Paul street cop, tough & popular among colleagues, a hard-charger who knew firsthand what it was like to experience the ultimate loss in the police world: His son, St. Paul officer Ron Ryan Jr., was gunned down in 1994. But in Oct, Campion, the public safety commissioner, ordered investigators from the Office of Justice Programs to review the unit's cash-handling procedures & record-keeping. They found at least 100 cases that had a total of more than \$130,000 in seized cash that had not been properly inventoried, according to a memo. That initial review found "significant deficiencies as to how cash & property seizures were handled at the scene, processed, documented & tracked at the strike force," Campion wrote to the strike force's advisory board in Feb. One of the state officials intimately familiar with the unit's problems said, "It's unfair to lay all this in Ron Ryan's lap." The official said the unit "didn't serve Ron Ryan, & instead did him a grave disservice." But instead of assuring that Ryan get more administrative support, as recommended by Dept of Public Safety, officials involved in the strike force investigation said that Fletcher & other advisory board members went on the defensive. By Feb, even West St. Paul Police Chief Manila (Bud) Shaver, the board's chairman, questioned the ability of Nobles' auditors to understand the strike force's operations. "... In the end, I suspect the only thing that will be true is our investigators didn't follow the policies that were in place & weren't corrected when failing to do so," Shaver wrote in an e-mail to Fletcher & other colleagues. "When the door is opened to the legislative auditors, there is no control on what is or isn't audited. On a personal note, I question the legislative auditor's experience in evaluating an 'evidence room.'" What the auditors found, Fletcher said Friday, prompted him to reverse his position. "I endorse the state's involvement," he said. "Knowing what we know now, it was clear that an audit was needed, & we found things I didn't expect either."

Man Dead Following Shooting – May 25, 2009 – *California* - A man was shot to death outside the Hogs MC on Wible Road, according to the Bakersfield Police Dept. A fight escalated to gunfire & 3 people were shot. Larry Allen, Jr., 26, died at Kern Medical Center.

Police vetting jury pools – May 25, 2009 – *Canada* - Police forces in Barrie & the surrounding region have been conducting background checks of potential jurors without their knowledge for several years at the request of the Ministry of the Atty-General, according to documents obtained by the National Post. Confidential police databases were searched to see if people had a criminal record, were ever charged with an offence or had dealings with the mental health system. The searches were part of a Crown practice to weed out what they considered “disreputable persons” for the jury pool. There is no provision, however, in the provincial Juries Act that permits the Crown to use police databases to conduct background checks on potential jurors. There are instead strict rules that restrict the Crown & defense to knowing only the name, address & occupation of a potential juror from court records. The information in the databases, which are administered by the Canadian Police Information Centre in Ottawa, are normally for use by police in criminal investigations. The CPIC “code of ethics” requires the consent of an individual to run a check that is not part of an investigation. “The collection, maintenance & use of personal information by the Canadian police community must be limited to that which is required to uphold & enforce the laws of those collective jurisdictions within which the information is accumulated,” says the CPIC code. The database searches may also be contrary to provincial legislation in Ontario that governs the use of personal information.

Members of SoCal biker gang plead guilty – May 26, 2009 – *California* – By AP - A number of Mongol motorcycle gang members have pleaded guilty in Los Angeles to charges stemming from an indictment that accused them of murder, drug trafficking & other offenses. Fed prosecutors made the revelation in court documents filed earlier this month, asking a judge to seal all plea agreements in an indictment against 79 defendants arrested last Oct. The number of defendants who have pleaded wasn’t disclosed. Prosecutors argue those who have reached a plea agreement face retaliation by other Mongol members or other gangs. The judge granted the request, but ruled Tuesday any further sealed plea agreements must show evidence that a defendant has been threatened. The defendants are accused of being part of a violent criminal organization.

Bar owners buy into video poker plan – May 26, 2009 – *Champaign, Illinois* – By David Mercer; AP - Three video poker terminals sit in a dark, wood-paneled corner at the back of the Brass Rail bar, just behind the Indiana Jones pinball machine. Printed on each are the words “For amusement only.” Owner Fote Backy says the machines charge a nickel a hand & don’t pay anything, but he’d like to see that change. He already knows in many bars, players are paid illegally when they win. “A lot of taverns wouldn’t make it without those machines,” said Backey, 79, who supports a bill passed by the state Legislature last week that would legalize video poker to help finance a \$29 billion public works program. If Gov. Pat Quinn signs the bill, Illinois would join 6 other states – Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota & West Virginia – that allow video poker outside casinos, according to the American Gaming Association. For now, a video poker payoff in Illinois can earn a fine & maybe jail time, though enforcement seems spotty. Earlier this month the state Liquor Control Commission cited 5 bars in Mattoon &

Charleston in eastern Illinois for allegedly paying winners who played their video poker machines, including 2 Veterans of Foreign Wars posts & an American Legion hall. But police & prosecutors usually have little appetite for rounding up veterans wagering a few dollars at the VFW, or small-time gamblers anywhere else, said Laimutis Nargelenas, deputy director of the Illinois Association of Police Chiefs, which is departing from past opposition to expanding legalized gambling to back the Legislature’s plan. Nargelenas, a former Illinois State Police officer, said he once sat with a local police chief in a bowling alley bar in an Illinois town he declined to name as a woman shouted that she’d won at a “for amusement only” video poker machine, then collected an \$500 from the bartender. The chief, he says, quietly slipped away. Even after Nargelenas arrested the woman & bartender & seized the money, “the state’s attorney looked at it & decided he didn’t want to prosecute the case.” Video poker also pumps millions of dollars into organized crime – enough that criminals are willing to resort to violence to protect their turf, according the federal prosecutors on the recent Family Secrets mob murder case in Chicago. Members of the Outlaws MC have been charged with setting off a bomb in February 2008 to scare a suburban Chicago company out of the video poker-machine business. Bedell said legalizing video poker would do nothing to cut corruption, mob or otherwise, in Illinois. “They used that argument with the lottery,” she said. “We still have organized crime in Illinois.”

Police submit documents on ‘outlaw bikie life’ – May 26, 2009 – *Australia* - By Sean Fewster - Those wanting to join the “invincible empire” of the Finks MC must be “obedient & subservient”, ready to “bash up someone” & have a “road-going motorcycle” - not a two-stroke. Police documents – filed with the Adelaide Magistrates Court to gain a control order against Donald Brian Hudson – purportedly give insight into the lifestyle of the notorious gang. Hudson, 40, is the first person subject to the Serious & Organised Crime Control Act (2008), & has lodged Supreme Court action to overturn his status. The thick bundle of documents that led to the ban contains intelligence reports & a copy of what police claim is the club’s charter. That document features an image of “Bung”, the jester character from The Wizard of Id cartoon. In a statement, Criminal Gang Task Force Detective Senior Sergeant Wayne Williamson says the character is central to the Finks’ identity. “(The cartoon’s) catch-cry is ‘the king is a fink’,” he says. The alleged charter says the club’s committee is the secretary, the treasurer & the sergeant-at-arms, but “no name such as president is to be used”. In his statement, State Intelligence Branch Superintendent Douglas Barr says the sergeant-at-arms is essential. “The duty of the sergeant-at-arms is to maintain law & order within the club . . . by any means available,” he says.

Quebec may ban motorcycles for youths – May 26, 2009 – *Canada* - People under 25 & anyone with less than 5 years of motorcycling experience could be banned from owning high-risk racing motorcycles starting in 2011, Quebec’s auto insurance board says. Gino Desrosiers, a spokesperson for the Société de l’assurance automobile du Québec, said yesterday the agency is looking at France’s system, which ranks motorcyclists’ risks, & it may bring in a similar setup in 2011. The French system has 7 categories of highway-faring motorcycles – compared with 4 in Quebec – ranking them from least to most powerful. France also considers age & a person’s motorcycling experience, while Quebec does not, Desrosiers noted.

Being watched won't keep us safe – May 26, 2009 – *The World*

- Criminals quickly adapt to the cameras & start mugging passersby in the shadows... There can be no denying that surveillance cameras played a part in finding the alleged kidnapers & killers of *Tori Stafford*, the eight-year-old abducted from her Woodstock, Ont., school in early April, whose body has still not been found. But their contribution in this one case is a statistical aberration. While they are increasingly common in public spaces, there is no evidence the cameras are anything more than feel-good devices. They don't deter public-area crime & are seldom useful in solving crimes after they have taken place. So before voters demand more of them from authorities, it would be wise to consider whether their effectiveness justifies their expense & their intrusion into personal lives. Increased surveillance is popular with Canadians. More than two-thirds consistently tell pollsters they are in favor of more cameras in buses & subways, public squares, streets & malls. Just over 60%, too, told the Angus Reid Company last year that security is more important than privacy. But what if the cameras don't offer increased security? What if they are instead an easy way for politicians & police to appear to be doing something when in fact they are not? Several studies both in North America & Europe have concluded that criminals quickly adapt to the increased presence of cameras. Either they don hoodies & sunglasses & go on offending because that is enough to prevent them from being identified on the low-quality images, or they figure out where the cameras cannot see & deal drugs or mug passersby in the shadows. The evidence in a German study conducted in 2006 was so overwhelming, the Berlin Gov't suspended its use of cameras in its subways. There is even a danger that over-reliance on cameras will discourage the hiring of new foot-patrol officers — one solution that actually does lead to less street crime. It is a Hollywood fantasy that police or spies are able to use closed-circuit cameras to track terrorists & other bad guys in real time & nab them just before they commit their dastardly deeds. For instance, while the world was quickly shown recorded footage of the bombers who killed over 50 people in London's subways & buses in July, 2005, the cameras did not deter the murders nor did their images lead to any arrests. More often than not, now, jurisdictions with lots of cameras are attempting to justify their continued use by employing them to catch deadbeat dads & drivers with unpaid parking tickets. For every *Tori Stafford* success there are hundreds of instances where the cameras prove useless in thwart or solving crimes. Consider the case of *Abdikarim Ahmed Abdikarim*, an 18-year-old Toronto man killed last spring when he was shot at close range. The attack by 2 men was caught by a camera reasonably close to *Abdikarim's* front door, but almost a year later, Crown prosecutors were forced to drop charges against the only 2 suspects since the only evidence they had was the security tapes, & the perpetrators' identities could not be confirmed from them. One chance success for the cameras does not constitute an argument in favor of their growing use. Politicians considering more cameras should resist public pressure & use any savings that result to hire more officers.

Gang members attend Aalborg festival - May 26, 2009 –

Denmark - A show of force was made by gang members during Aalborg's annual Carnival celebration on Saturday, but no violence was reported. Rival gangs marched in procession at Aalborg's annual Carnival celebration this weekend while police kept a close eye on the situation. Around 60 members from *Hell's Angels* & their offshoot group *AK81*, as well as *Banditos* & various other immigrant gangs were at the festival, many travelling from Copenhagen with the intention of making a show of power to each other, according to police sources. *Kim Kliver*,

head of the National Police investigation centre said that the situation between *Banditos* & *Hell's Angels* is at its most strained since the Nordic gang war of 1997, meaning police were kept on alert for clashes between the rival gangs late into the night, although no violence ever materialized. North Jutland police are still concerned that a violent conflict is on the horizon & are watching the situation's developments closely. *Hell's Angels* spokesmen have denied that they or *AK81* were represented at the Carnival, saying that any members in attendance were acting on their own initiative. *Banditos* gave TV2 News the same message. Up to 35 gang members were searched by police during the event, but no illegal weapons were found other than a pocket knife & some pepper spray.

State Of Minnesota In Court Of Appeals – May 26, 2009

Syllabus: Minnesota's No-Fault Automobile Insurance Act does not require that motorcycle insurance policies written to provide only limited underinsured motorist coverage under a limits-less-paid structure be reformed to provide full underinsured motorist coverage under a damages-less-paid structure.

Decision: Because Minnesota's No-Fault Automobile Insurance Act does not require UIM provisions in motorcycle insurance policies to be reformed from a limits-less-paid structure to a damages-less-paid structure, the Johnson-Illinois Farmers insurance policy does not violate the Act, & the district court correctly constrained Johnson's right to recover to his bargained-for amount. -- Affirmed.

Comment by Kurt Street Legal MC: Motorcycles are not quite vehicles under the UIM Act in Minnesota

Official asks FBI to investigate gang cops – May 27, 2009 –

Minnesota – By AP - Minnesota's top law enforcement official is asking the FBI to investigate the metro area gang strike force suspended last week after an audit raised financial questions. Public Safety Commissioner Michael Campion requested a preliminary FBI investigation into the Metro Gang Strike Force after allegations that some officers shredded documents & disconnected computers hours after the unfavorable audit came out. A release from the state Public Safety Department says the FBI investigation will begin immediately. Campion also named former Fed prosecutor Andy Luger & retired FBI agent John Egelhof to carry out the auditor's recommendations.

Second Finks member cops control order – May 27, 2009 –

Australia - Another Finks MC member was yesterday slapped with a control order under South Australia's anti-bikie laws, as his lawyer revealed he had launched a Supreme Court bid to have the laws declared invalid. Michael Fraser MacPherson became the second Finks bikie to have a control order issued against him, restricting those with whom he can associate. It was the second such order lodged by the Commissioner of Police in 3 days, following an application for an order against Donald Brian Hudson lodged in a closed court on Monday. MacPherson's lawyer, Craig Caldicott, asked magistrate Kym Millard to adjourn the application against his client for 3 weeks because he had started proceedings in the Supreme Court seeking to have the Serious & Organised Crime Control Act, under which control orders can be made, declared invalid. Caldicott said he had received advice from a senior lawyer to "ventilate" the matter in the Supreme Court and, depending on the outcome, he might appeal to the High Court. Millard refused to grant the adjournment & issued the control order, saying that on the basis of the evidence before the court, he was satisfied Mr MacPherson was a member of a declared organisation: "I'm obliged to make the order based on the material before the court."

FBI joins in probe of Metro Gang Strike Force – May 28, 2009 – *Minnesota* – By Randy Furst - The FBI has begun investigating the Metro Gang Strike Force, spurred by state Public Safety Commissioner Michael Campion, who said Wed that the shredding of documents last week by Strike Force officers was “unsettling” & “disturbing.” The FBI said Wed that its inquiry will go beyond alleged destruction of documents. “It’s an investigation into the totality of the case,” said FBI Special Agent E.K. Wilson. The announcement came as law enforcement officials from the area met to discuss the future of the Strike Force after the state Legislative Auditor issued a report about missing property & money, estimated at more than \$18,000. After the audit was released, at least 2 officers with the Strike Force were believed to have shredded materials on May 20, according to an official familiar with the inquiry. Its operations were suspended. Campion said he called the FBI & asked it to investigate. “There are unanswered questions about the behavior the other night & whether there was criminal activity,” he said. “I don’t know if it did or did not take place. It is certainly unusual activity. It is unsettling, disturbing.” Wilson said the FBI had monitored the Strike Force issues through contact with Campion’s office. “The FBI does have primary jurisdiction over Gov’t corruption matters & Gov’t-related fraud,” Wilson said. “... It would be logical for us to make a determination ... if there is any criminal wrongdoing or not.” The Strike Force has 34 officers & supervisors from 13 area law enforcement agencies who focus on gang- & drug-related crime. It has been the subject of controversy since October when the state Dept of Public Safety did a preliminary audit. Campion also announced Wednesday that former Assistant U.S. Atty Andy Luger, a Minneapolis lawyer, will lead a team from Campion’s staff to implement the Legislative Auditor’s 23 recommendations, create improved protocols & relay to the FBI any potential criminal activity identified by Luger’s team. Campion said that retired FBI agent John Egelhof of Bemidji will assist Luger. The 2 are expected to meet with Campion today to discuss the scope & timing of the investigation, which should be completed within several weeks, Campion said. He added that while Luger & Egelhof are experienced investigators, both are citizens, & neither has police powers. A source familiar with the investigation said the FBI was brought in because it can subpoena people & bring matters to a grand jury if necessary. ***Innocent shredding?*** Meanwhile, Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher said Wed that officers who shredded documents had no criminal intent. “They were simply cleaning out their desks,” he said. At a meeting Wed of the advisory board that oversees the Strike Force, Fletcher also said that investigators from his office had discovered the disposition of 14 seized vehicles that the Legislative Auditor said last week it could not account for. Fletcher said that 3 were given to Cars with Heart, a charitable organization, which then sold them, & 5 were taken to Twin City Transport & Recovery. Of the 5; 3 were sold, 1 was scrapped & one returned to its owner, Fletcher said. “I am going to send staff down to Sheriff Fletcher’s office in the morning, & we will ask him to substantiate with documentation how these vehicles were handled & how they were disposed of,” said James Nobles, the Legislative Auditor. “So far he is claiming these vehicles were properly handled.” Fletcher told reporters after the Strike Force board meeting that Chris Omodt, the Strike Force commander, had sufficient info on the missing vehicles & should have been able to locate them prior to the auditor’s report. Omodt said that he did not have a complete list until after the report was issued. He said the Strike Force files lacked paperwork on the vehicles, making them difficult to find. Questioned by reporters, Omodt said “a faction” in the Strike Force had caused some problems. “A couple of people -- they like to stir the pot,” he said. It was Omodt who suspended Strike Force

operations last week after discovering some Strike Force members had removed files from their office. In an e-mail to board members, he also reported seeing shredded files that night in a dumpster & garbage cans. The advisory board spent much of its time Wed debating the Strike Force’s future. Michael Davis, Brooklyn Park police chief, said he wanted the board to consider an “incarnation” of the Strike Force. “I’m not interested in going back to the operations the way they were before,” he said. The Minneapolis PD pulled 9 of its officers out of the Strike Force last week, citing budgetary constraints. The Dept announced the move on the same day the state audit came out, although it said the timing was coincidental. St. Paul Police Chief John Harrington asked how many more departments might leave before the Strike Force became an “anachronism.” He said the Strike Force was part of the “fabric” of his department, but it wasn’t certain his Dept would stay in. “Right now, we are in,” he said. Fletcher indicated that if the Strike Force reduces its on-the-street enforcement work & focuses more on long-term investigations, he would assign fewer deputies to it. In the end, the advisory board created a subcommittee to consider the future. Its members are to include Harrington, Fletcher, Davis, Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, & a representative of the Minneapolis PD, even though it is leaving, because board members said it plays an integral part in anti-gang efforts. The board set its next meeting for 10 a.m. June 30.

Men admit to gang participation – May 28, 2009 – *Virginia* – By Tracy Agnew; Suffolk News Herald - Two members & one former member of the Renegades Outlaw Motorcycle Gang admitted to participating in a gang in Suffolk Circuit Court Thu. William Wolf, Jerry Gurganus & Daniel Justice each pleaded guilty to a charge of gang participation. Charges of abduction & conspiracy to commit abduction were not prosecuted as part of a plea agreement. Each received a 5-year sentence, with all of it suspended. They will be on supervised probation for 5 years, must have no contact with the victim, & are prohibited from membership in any gang or association with gang members. All 3 men were sentenced to time to serve by a General District Court judge last month. Justice received 2 months, Wolf received one month, & Gurganus received 6 months. The charges stemmed from a Jan. 7 incident where the men confronted the victim, William Roberts, & blocked his vehicle in with their vehicle. Gurganus then struck the victim numerous times while the other 2 assisted. Two days before, Justice had confronted Roberts at Monk’s Salvage Yard, while Roberts was trying to purchase an auto part. Justice struck Roberts in the face that day. Throughout the attacks, the men told Roberts he had made the Renegade nation angry. Gurganus admitted to being Nat’l Enforcer of the gang, a national office.

Whole nations depends on technology. Stop the wheels for 2 days & you’d have riots. No place is more than 2 meals from a revolution. Think of Los Angeles or New York with no electricity. Or a longer view, fertilizer plants stop. Or a longer view yet, no new technology for ten years. What happens to our standard of living? Yet the damned fools won’t pay ten minutes’ attention a day to science & technology. How many people know what they’re doing? Where do these carpets come from? The clothes you’re wearing? What do carburetors do? Where do sesame seeds come from? Do you know? Does one voter out of thirty? They won’t spend ten minutes a day thinking about the technology that keeps them alive. - Larry Niven & Jerry Pournelle, Lucifer’s Hammer

Shouldn't safety extend to bikers & helmets? May 23 / May 28, 2009 – *Minnesota* -The Star Tribune's May 23 editorial on new seat-belt laws gives readers the impression that Minnesota is sincerely interested in the public's safety. I'd like to know where the sincere concern is for motorcyclists, who aren't even required to wear helmets. The article states that more than half of those killed in car crashes aren't wearing seat belts. I wonder what the statistics reveal about the mortality rate of bikers in accidents who do & do not wear helmets. By John Andersen, Blaine

E-mail I sent to my (Minnesota) House of Representatives - Hello Larry, Hope your day is going good & your summer!!! Saw this in the Star Tribune. I like to request that the Helmet Laws for riding Motorcycles in Minnesota be left as they are... As I know you are very busy, so I'll say until later, Mike SFFS

His response: Mike, I agree & I will not be supporting any helmet law changes in our 2010 session. ...Larry Haws

Rico charges filed – May 28, 2009 – *Illinois* - Five new defendants, together with a Merrillville man who was initially charged last year with using a pipe bomb to damage a suburban Chicago video & vending machine business in 2003, were indicted Thursday on racketeering conspiracy charges alleging 8 years of criminal activity. The charges also involve a 2002 armed robbery of Jaqueline's Jewelry in Valparaiso in which \$60,000 worth of merchandise was stolen. The Valparaiso armed robbery was one of 9 along with theft, arson, illegal gambling & obstruction of justice charges by current & former suburban police officers who are among the 7 defendants. Those indicted Thursday are from Cicero, Oak Brook & Berwyn & have connections to the Outlaws motorcycle gang. The indictment alleges the 7 defendants were involved in a crime ring that existed since at least 2001 to generate income for its members through illegal activities, including: committing armed robberies & thefts from jewelry stores, businesses & private residences; transporting stolen goods across state lines; committing thefts & obtaining stolen items from interstate shipments of goods; purchasing, possessing & selling stolen goods; using threats, violence & intimidation to advance the enterprise's illegal activities; committing arson & operating & facilitating illegal gambling businesses. Law enforcement agents yesterday executed federal search warrants at more than 2 dozen suburban locations, including bars & restaurants, in connection with the ongoing investigation. The 12-count superseding indictment was returned on May 21 & unsealed Thursday. All 7 defendants, including 4 currently in custody, will be arraigned at later dates in U.S. District Court.

Two men charged – May 28, 2009 – *Australia* - Two men have been arrested & charged after a proactive policing operation targeting Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMCG) resulted in the seizure of illicit drugs & firearm parts. Shortly after 4pm yesterday, police attached to Strike Force Raptor raided premises in High Street at Cabramatta West, in Sydney's south-west, after receiving information about the supply of prohibited drugs. During a search of the premises, police will allege they located a quantity of cannabis leaf & firearm parts, as well as paraphernalia linked to drug supply. A 56-year-old man, alleged to be an associate of the Bandidos OMCG, was arrested at the scene & taken to Cabramatta Police Station. He was subsequently charged with one count each of possessing & supplying a prohibited drug, possessing a prescribed restricted substance & possessing an unregistered firearm. The man was refused bail to appear in Liverpool Local Court today. Meanwhile, acting on information relating to alleged drug activity, strike force officers

also executed a search warrant on a business in Resolution Drive at Caringbah, in Sydney's south, about 3.30pm yesterday. Police allegedly seized quantities of cannabis, MDMA (ecstasy) & steroids, 2 pairs of handcuffs & an implement believed to be a stun gun. A 39-year-old man was arrested & taken to Miranda Police Station where he was charged with possessing a prohibited drug (three counts), supplying a prohibited drug, possessing a restricted substance (two counts), possessing a restricted weapon (two counts), & goods in custody (two counts). The man, an alleged associate of the Rebels OMCG, was granted conditional bail to appear in Sutherland Local Court on 18 June 2009. Strike Force Raptor is led by the State Crime Command's Gangs Squad & involves the pro-active targeting of illegal Outlaw Motorcycle Gang activity & associated criminal enterprises.

Eight guilty of rival biker brawl – May 28, 2009 – *United Kingdom* - Eight members of rival biker gangs (4 Outlaws & 4 Hells Angels) have been found guilty of rioting during a fight involving more than 30 bikers at Birmingham International Airport. Jurors at the city's crown court also cleared 3 other men of rioting & failed to reach a verdict about a fourth man.

The biker feud lasting for 40 years – May 29, 2009 – *United Kingdom* - Eight members of rival biker gangs the Hells Angels & the Outlaws have been convicted of taking part in a riot inside a Birmingham airport terminal. The court heard the 2 gangs had a long-standing rivalry dating back more than 40 years. Gang members came to meet Flight ZB499 from Alicante armed with machetes, iron bars, knuckle dusters, knives & meat cleavers. One witness described seeing a man wielding a samurai sword. But the 2 warring factions who clashed were not Japanese warriors but biker gangs. The fight at Terminal Two in January 2008 lasted just 60 seconds but dates back more than 40 years to a feud between the Hells Angels & the American Outlaw Association which began in 1969 and, according to detectives, continues to this day. Members of the Wolverhampton-based chapter of the Hells Angels & members of the Birmingham Outlaws clashed after members of both gangs realised they were on the same plane arriving from Spain. More than 30 people from across the West Midlands gathered at the airport. Police say the real motive for the riot could be the Outlaws' move to open a new chapter in Spain, which is seen as Hells Angels' territory.

Further prosecution of Hells Angels looks unlikely – May 30, 2009 – *Netherlands* - The years-long struggle of the Public Prosecutions Dept to win a conviction against the Hells Angels looks set to end. An appeal court ruling on an attempt to ban the bike club's Harlingen chapter has still to be handed down. However, Chief Public Prosecutor Bart Nieuwenhuizen, interviewed in De Telegraaf newspaper, says, if the court rules against the department, no more prosecutions will be brought against the club. For years, the authorities have been trying to have the bike club banned because of suspected use of violence & dealing in drugs & weapons. But, in 2007, prosecutors were forced to end a number of cases against the Hells Angels, because bugged conversations between club members & their lawyers had not been destroyed as demanded by the law. MPs have undertaken to see whether the law should be changed to make it possible to ban the club.

U.S. Defenders:

- If we all do a little bit, Then no one has to do a lot...
- There can be no "I", there has to be "We"...
- One heart, One Voice...

Laws gang up on everyone's rights, not just bikies – May 30, 2009 – *Australia* – By Mark Florence; Black Uhlans MC - Most of you will have heard about the State Government's latest initiative to keep you safe. The Premier has vowed to rid Sydney's streets of those low-down, lying, cheating, drug-dealing, murdering bikies. Some will have applauded Nathan Rees for his tough stand, then forgotten about it, safe in the knowledge that these laws were only for the bikie gangs. Think again, because the one thing that is not speculation is that the Crimes (Criminal Organisations Control) Bill can be used on any group of people in NSW. Go to the Govt's website & look - bikie gangs are not mentioned. The laws can apply to sporting clubs, unions, special interest groups or even the HR Nicholls Society. Worse, the police commissioner has ultimate power. He applies to hand-picked judges with evidence that can & will be withheld from the accused, for an order that seriously violates that person's civil rights. If an order is upheld the subject is no longer allowed to work in a number of industries, including motor vehicle repair or sales, security, racing & the sale or service of alcohol. Yes, they will make it up as they go along. Politicians, lawyers & even the Director of Public Prosecutions have expressed their dissatisfaction with this attack on citizens' rights. The United Motorcycle Council of NSW will continue to raise public awareness of the contents of the bill & its openness to abuse, and, if necessary, address it through the courts. We urge all citizens, especially motorcyclists & anyone involved in a club or a social organisation, to join the groundswell of public opinion against such abuses of basic rights.

How to photograph a bikie funeral, & live – May 31, 2009 – *Australia* – By Craig Greenhill - October last year was the beginning of a bikie war & my introduction to the characters of Sydney's underworld. My assignment: the funeral of Notorious crime gang member & former Nomad bikie Todd O'Connor at St Mary's Cathedral. Along with a small media pack, I took up a close-in position for the arrivals, soon finding out that we were not welcome with a family member performing a one-finger salute. As the service began I managed to get some shots from the back of the cathedral of the coffin in place with O'Connor's mother to the side, sitting wheelchair-bound. After capturing a few frames, we waited outside till the coffin was carried out, usually the time of highest emotion. For this funeral, emotions lead to threats of violence. The Notorious foot soldiers formed a protective ring around the mourning family, facing up to the photographers, & hitting one snapper in the back. I repositioned to the other side of the road enabling a few frames of Kings Cross identity John Ibrahim surrounded by his men... I took the verbal threats seriously when a group of heavy-duty blokes demanded that I surrender my camera. "Give us your camera & we'll go for a walk," Pointing towards the bushes in Hyde park, "Come for a walk, come for a walk." I declined the offer. Jan 2009, the funeral of Rebel bikie Edin "Boz" Smajovic, a funeral procession to Auburn Gallipoli Mosque led by about 200 H-D mounted Rebels. An intimidating display that ensured most media outlets stayed away. Virtually alone holding my cameras, I took a careful approach, keeping a respectful distance until being approached by Rebels Nat'l Pres Alex Vella. Respected leader of his troops, Vella ensured my safety by his approach & welcome. Keeping mindful that many of the bikies prefer to protect their identity, I was given a free run to document the Muslim service, albeit from the street where most Rebels paid their respect. Following the service, the hospitality extended to the burial where I was able to photograph the bikies & family members one by one burying their 'brother' by hand. The most public display of the bikie war, the bashing death of Hells Angel associate Anthony

Zervas at Sydney airport, lead to my third bikie funeral. With Police fearing violence, the media had protective restrictions placed on them. Working with a team of photographers to cover the funeral, I was assigned to cover the burial at Rookwood cemetery. Arriving hours before the service, the Police ushered waiting media into a cordoned area about 200 metres from the plot. Expecting that the family would be shielded by the bikies, I decided to take a covert position in the bushes 50 metres from the burial. Camouflaged in the native bush, I was able to get a series of emotional images of the grieving family, without upsetting them or the revengeful bikies. In the end, the Hells Angels along with a handful Bandidos didn't display any violence towards the media, but most agencies took unprecedented precautions by employing personal protection security officers to guard their camera crews & photographers. Less than a week later another Rebel MC member, Richard "Rebel Rick" Roberts was shot dead in Canberra. Over 400 Rebels came from all over Australia to the pay respects. With the previous Rebel funeral being surprisingly non-threatening, my approach this time was to get in close, until directed otherwise. After the roaring Harleys arrived, I took up a shoulder to shoulder position among the Rebel mourners. The bikies assumed I was a part of the official party & gave me close access without any restrictions. At the end of the service the charismatic Vella approached waiting reporters thanked them for attending & spoke of his lost comrade.

Control order Finks allowed to meet - May 31, 2009 - *Australia* - Two brothers who are members of the Finks MC will be allowed to associate with one another despite being put under control orders. Michael McCarthy & Patrick McCarthy are among 6 Finks members subjected to control orders under the South Australian Govt's new anti-bikie laws. Adelaide magistrate Kym Millard allowed an exemption for the brothers. The men can spend time together, but cannot associate with other Finks members. An application challenging the control order laws has been lodged in the SA Supreme Court.

Two KC area MC members admit drug charge - June 1, 2009 - *Kansas* - By Mark Morris - Two members of an area motorcycle club pleaded guilty in federal court Monday to conspiring to distribute methamphetamine. Donald Culey, 41, of Kansas City, Kan., & Robert L. Mays, 54, of Kansas City, both members of the Galloping Goose Motorcycle Club, admitted that they helped distribute at least 50 grams of meth between 2002 & 2007. Prosecutors have alleged that members of the club paid annual dues & were required to attend a prescribed number of motorcycle trips each year. For those trips, the members paid money into a pool to purchase meth, cocaine & marijuana. The club then distributed the drugs to club members.

Nurses aren't supposed to laugh. "Of course I won't laugh, I'm a professional nurse. In over 20 years I've never laughed at a patient." "Okay then," Fred said & proceeded to drop his trousers, revealing the tiniest man thingy the nurse had ever seen. Length & width, it couldn't have been bigger than an AAA battery. Unable to control herself, the nurse started giggling then almost fell to the floor laughing. A few minutes later she was able to regain her composure. "I'm so sorry," said the nurse. "I don't know what came over me. On my honor as a nurse & a lady, I promise it won't happen again. Now tell me, what seems to be the problem?" "It's swollen," Fred replied. Things went downhill from there.

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Hells Angels' skirmish in Bayonne leads to stepped up security – June 1, 2009 – *New Jersey* – By Charles Hack; The Jersey Journal - Following a fight outside a Hells Angels biker club in Bayonne on Fri, police stepped up security outside the club last night based on “rumors” that more than 100 out-of-town Hell’s Angels were converging on the city, according to an eyewitness to the fight & a police official who confirmed the increased security. Amy Stanton, the owner of the Rye Whiskey, said that at about 5:30 pm Fri she saw a couple of men from an out-of-town Hell’s Angels group known as the Eastsiders, trying to run down a biker from the local Hell’s Angel’s group, the Road Warriors, outside a club house near to her bar. A scuffle ensued between the men, many of whom were in their mid-40s, & the out-of-town group outnumbered the Bayonne chapter, Stanton said. Stanton said that there did not appear to be any injuries or property damage & the crowd dispersed once local cops arrived. Stanton said she is friendly with the local group & they have always been peaceful neighbors since she opened the bar almost a year ago. “The Road Warriors are amazing guys,” Stanton said. “They are all grandfathers. We proud to have them living next door.” Bayonne Police Chief Robert Kubert said they had no record of a fight outside the club on Fri but posted police officers on Broadway near 12th Street on Sat to monitor the situation. He said police observed about 12 motorcyclists with NY plates ride into town at around 8 pm & walk into the motorcycle club on Broadway. After staying for about an hour the bikers left without incident, Kubert said. “It was a fizzle,” Kubert said. Local residents said they had seen motorcyclists around town this weekend, & assumed that there was some kind of biker’s reunion or convention.

Motorcycle gang boss faces federal charges – June 1, 2009 – *Michigan* - A central figure in the federal probe of a recently retired Macomb County district court judge has a plea bargain hearing scheduled on charges of illegal possession of 2 body armor vests. The hearing for Jeff Garvin “Fat Dog” Smith of Mount Clemens was supposed to be held today before U.S. District Judge Paul D. Borman, but has been adjourned until July 14, according to court records. “We’re still trying to get some documents, so the matter has been reset,” said Andrew Wise, Smith’s court-appointed defense attorney. Court records show the delay is due to a lack of a ruling on a motion requested by the U.S. Attorney’s Office to unseal a search warrant affidavit. The affidavit was the basis for an FBI raid on Smith’s home in Mount Clemens & an April raid on the national headquarters of the Devil’s Diciples motorcycle club in Clinton Township. Smith is the reputed president of the biker club, which deliberately misspells its title. Smith, 54, is also a longtime friend of Paul Cassidy, the former judge in New Baltimore’s 42-2 District Court. FBI agents raided the judge’s home & court offices in April, along with other friends or business associates of Cassidy. The judge retired effective May 31. In the days after the raids, Cassidy told The Macomb Daily that federal agents are investigating his friendship with Smith & want to know if he granted favoritism to club members in his courtroom. Smith, who could not be reached for comment on Sunday, was among 18 members of the motorcycle club named in a grand jury indictment alleging a long-term illegal drug dealing conspiracy. The day after he was arrested & released on personal bond, Smith had breakfast with the judge, according to Cassidy. The 2 discussed Smith’s case, Cassidy said. The U.S. Attorney’s Office later dismissed the drug charges, but indicated in court records that the dismissal was needed in order to give federal agents additional time to “develop & acquire sufficient evidence.” Those charges are expected to be reinstated at a later time, according to legal

experts. In addition to the drug charges, Smith was also charged with illegal possession of body armor, which was not dismissed. He has a previous felony conviction for a shooting several years ago & is banned from having the body armor, which is punishable by up to 3 years in prison & a \$250,000 fine. Court records show Smith may be offered a plea bargain on the body armor charge, but Wise would not discuss the possibility. Wise is waiting for the federal judge to unseal the search warrant documents as part of his defense strategy. If a plea can’t be reached, a trial is scheduled to be held July 21. The U.S. Attorney’s Office did not return calls last week seeking comment on the case.

NY’s longest serving inmate dies at 72 – June 1, 2009 – *New York* – by Michael Hill; AP - Jerry Rosenberg, a convicted cop killer who became a tireless jailhouse lawyer & a negotiator during the bloody Attica prison riot, died of natural causes Monday at age 72. Rosenberg was New York’s longest serving inmate, spending 46 years in state prisons for a botched 1962 stickup at Brooklyn’s Boro Park Tobacco Co. that left 2 police detectives dead. Rosenberg had always maintained his innocence. Rosenberg was hours away from the electric chair in 1964 when he received the stay that led to a long & eventful prison term. He was shot in the knee & beaten during the 1971 inmate takeover of Attica prison. Rosenberg acted as one of the negotiators for the prisoners before the insurrection ended with an all-out assault by police. Eleven prison employees & 32 inmates died. “He was very much part of the leadership, & paid for it,” said Joe Heath, a Syracuse attorney who knew Rosenberg from post-Attica litigation. In 1967, Rosenberg became the first inmate in the state to earn a law degree behind bars. By his own count, he was involved with more than 200 lawsuits, earning praise from at least one judge. Famed left-wing defense attorney William Kunstler, who knew him from Attica, called Rosenberg “a very shrewd guy.” Tony Danza played him in the television movie “Doing Life.” Rosenberg bragged that he won most of his cases, though he failed to convince a judge that he completed his life sentence when his heart stopped during surgery. Rosenberg had been ailing for years & had been held at the Wende Correctional Facility’s medical unit since 2000. Corrections officials say privacy laws prohibit them from providing a specific cause of death. A picture taken in March shows him with an oxygen tube & listed him at 5-foot-7 & 87 pounds. “I’m never going to stop fighting,” Rosenberg told the Associated Press in 1997. “I’ll probably be dead in the coffin next to an open law book.”

Bikers recruit retarded people – June 1, 2009 – *Denmark* - Wardens at Danish treatment centers say that biker gangs & criminal groups recruit retarded people & use them as henchmen in serious crime, according to a report in Ekstra Bladet. The Hells Angels Spokesman Jørn Jønke Nielsen denies that his organization recruits criminal retarded people. But according to wardens at several treatment centers, retarded people are ideal tools for gangs as they have no inhibitions & are unable to feel empathy for their victims. “One of our patients has been involved with gangs & criminal groups & has been sent to us after several sentences for serious crime,” says Thomas Kudahl of the Alternativet ApS treatment centre in Hjørring who adds that his centre has had 2 such patients in recent years. The open Fuglekjær institution near Vejle reports that it has 3 sentenced retarded people who have been involved with the Hells Angels support group AK81 & who have been sentenced for particularly serious crime.

President Obama says he wants you to follow Lincoln’s example - So go out & become a Republican...

Responding to your e-mail – June 2, 2009 – *Minnesota* – (Refer to Issue 1 for May 2009 for e-mail I sent)... Dear Michael: Thank you for sharing your thoughts on guns. I appreciate having the benefit of your comments on this important & timely issue. I believe that the Second Amendment gives our citizens the right to own guns for collection, protection & sport. As the former chief prosecutor of Minnesota's largest county, I have worked to enforce the gun laws already on the books & will continue to support ways to prosecute gun crimes on the federal level. I also support the work being done to ensure adequate background checks for gun purchasers, including potential new requirements regarding mental health background checks. Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. One of the most important parts of my job is listening to what the people of Minnesota have to say to me. I am here in our nation's capital to do the public's business & to serve the people of our state. I hope you will contact me again about matters of concern to you. Sincerely, Amy Klobuchar; United States Senator

Modesto drug convict denied parole - June 2, 2009 - *California* - The former Pres of the Barhoppers, an outlaw motorcycle gang that was known for moving large quantities of methamphetamine through the Central Valley, has spent 26 years behind bars & was denied parole for the 7th time last week after a hearing at Folsom State Prison. According to a statement from the Stanislaus County district atty's office, Glenn Gary, 61, used the promise of drugs to lure a biker from a rival gang, the Hangmen, to his Modesto home in 1981. Gary kidnapped Casey Wallace, 23, then took him to an orchard where he beat him & shot him in the head 3 times. Later, Gary bragged that he had used Wallace's .38-caliber revolver to do the deed. When he was arrested, Gary had 8 pounds of methamphetamine in his possession, an amount that had a street value of \$300,000 in 1980. Gary was convicted of 1st-degree murder & using a gun in the commission of a crime in 1982, then sentenced to 27 years to life in prison. He will have another parole hearing in 3 years.

2 plead not guilty in bomb blast – June 2, 2009 – *Chicago, Illinois* – AP - Two men have pleaded not guilty to federal racketeering charges linked to organized crime in Chicago. Forty-one-year-old Mark Polchan & 85-year-old Samuel Volpendesto have been in federal custody for more than a year. They appeared Tuesday before Magistrate Judge Sidney Schenkier. Both men are accused of touching off a February 2003 bomb blast in Berwyn that wrecked the offices of a suburban Chicago video gaming company. Prosecutors say it was a message from the mob warning the company to stop horning in on the video gaming business. The 2 were among 7 men recently charged in a sweeping racketeering indictment that outlines a wave of robberies, burglaries, arsons & other crimes.

Gwinnett deputy dies in motorcycle accident – June 2, 2009 – *Georgia* - Sheriff's Deputy Bill Edge was on his way home when a truck & his motorcycle collided at a Barrow County intersection, authorities said Tue. An ice cream truck ran a stop sign at the intersection of Atlanta Highway & Bowman Mill Rd late Mon afternoon & collided with a passing truck, according to a Georgia State Patrol report. The truck struck Edge's motorcycle, knocking him off, authorities said. Edge, who was wearing a helmet, was pronounced dead at a local hospital. Edge, 55, had worked with the sheriff's office 4 years, spokeswoman Stacey Bourbonnais said. A Harley-Davidson rider, Edge was a member of the Gwinnett chapter of the Blue Knights, a motorcycle club mostly comprised of law enforcement officers.

Police seize Hells Angels clubhouse in Welland – June 2, 2009 – *Canada* – By Brant LaFleche - It has been a rough year for the Niagara Hells Angels. Its most influential member, founding president Gerald Ward, is serving a long term in prison. Its membership has been so decimated, the chapter was forced to bring in out-of-towners to keep their numbers up. And now, the club is on the verge of being homeless. During a Monday-morning police raid, the gang's Darby Road clubhouse in Welland was seized by the Attorney General's office. The courts will determine how the building will be disposed of or if it will be returned to the property owners, police sources said. Until then, the rural fortress remains in Gov't hands. About 15 officers from the Niagara Regional Police & OPP, descended on the clubhouse before 8 a.m., cutting through a lock on a gate at the side of the property. Wearing riot gear, police stormed the clubhouse, which turned out to be empty. "You're always going to assume the worse-case scenario," NRP spokeswoman Const. Jacquie Forgeron said. "We don't know if they had a tipoff... Our members were dressed in full emergency gear. You take all precautions." One of the property's owners, Hells Angel Tim Panetta — the last original member of the local chapter — arrived shortly after the raid dressed in a black Hells Angels Nomads shirt. Police officers served Panetta with papers, who responded by yelling profanities at them when he was forbidden from entering the clubhouse. There was no physical altercation with police, however, & once Panetta opened the front gate of the clubhouse, he left without further incident. The clubhouse has been home to the Niagara Hells Angels since 2001, shortly after the chapter was formed. Forgeron said the Gov't seizure of the clubhouse was driven by evidence gathered during a 2006 joint forces, province-wide police operation called Project Tandem. The project's raids resulted in 15 Hells Angels members being arrested, including Ward & his lieutenant, Kenneth Wagner. Last year, Wagner was sentenced to 11 years in prison for trafficking cocaine. In March, Ward was sentenced to 14 years, minus 5 years for pre-trial custody, for trafficking cocaine & instructing people to commit crimes for a criminal organization. Police sources say the seizure was made by the Attorney General's Criminal Remedies for Illicit Activities office. It's a civil, rather than criminal, action. Police detectives at the clubhouse, including members of the joint forces biker enforcement unit, were there to execute the order rather than conduct an investigation. Forgeron said officers were remaining at the scene Monday to prevent anyone from accessing the property. This is the fourth clubhouse seized in Ontario using a civil action, the others being in Oshawa, Thunder Bay & London, Forgeron said. It's the second Niagara clubhouse seized by authorities. Several years ago, the Outlaws clubhouse on Oakdale Avenue in St. Catharines was seized under proceeds of crime legislation. Its final fate has yet to be decided by the courts.

Arraignment set in Berwyn bomb blast linked to mob – June 3, 2009 - *Chicago, Illinois* – by AP - Two men accused of setting the Feb 2003 bomb that ripped apart the offices of a video gaming distributor are headed back to court for arraignment on fresh charges. 41-year-old Mark Polchan, a member of the Outlaws MC, & 85-year-old Samuel Volpendesto were due to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge Sidney I. Schenkier on Tue to answer the charges. The pair were originally charged a year ago & pleaded not guilty. Now they are going back to court to be arraigned on a fresh indictment returned last Thu. Prosecutors say the blast was a mob warning to the company to stay out of the video gaming business. The 2 were among 7 men recently charged in a sweeping racketeering indictment that outlines a wave of robberies, burglaries, arsons & other crimes.

Law Enforcement Officers Prepare For Arrival Of Hells

Angels – June 3, 2009 – *Minnesota* - A group of visitors to the Twin Ports this summer has area law enforcement taking special precautions. Laura Langemo reports on a planned visit by the motorcycle club Hells Angels. With the wind at their back & the open road ahead the Hells Angels will be making an appearance in the Northland this summer. “Every year they take a run somewhere around the United States in preparation for Sturgis Motorcycle rally & this year they picked Duluth.” The visit has local & state law enforcement agencies working together to take a proactive approach to the visit. “They’re planning for some higher visibility patrols, more officers, & because there are so many agencies involved we want to get everyone on the same page.” An anticipated 1,500 members of Hells Angels will be riding into the region. Police advised businesses owners not to hesitate to call for help & gave tips on how to identify Hells Angels members. “It’s a vest or jacket that has patches identifying who they are. On the back you’ll see their logo which is a skull & wings for the Hells Angels & then they’ll have Minnesota on the bottom & the name of their club on the top.” Some Duluth business owners say they’ve dealt with Hells Angels in the past. “If he didn’t have that vest on I would’ve never known he was a Hells Angel. He was very businesslike & he wanted things to run just as smoothly as we did for our bar.” Police say they don’t anticipate trouble but want to be prepared if things do take a turn for the worse.

Preparing for the Hells Angels – June 3, 2009 – *Minnesota* – By Kim Johnson - Hundreds of Hells Angels will be in the Northland later this summer. The group is having its national bike run in Carlton County & law enforcement is preparing surrounding businesses & communities for their visit. “They are a criminal organization, they deal in meth, they deal in guns,” said Investigator Jason Tanski, Duluth Police. On Tue, Tanski prepped dozens of area businesses on how they can avoid conflict. “They don’t operate the same as we do their ideas of right & wrong & what’s important isn’t the same way as us,” he told the audience. The general manager for Mr. D’s was one of the businesses in attendance. The bar expects to be a popular Hells Angels hangout. “I have a feeling people are going to want to come here & that is just fine,” said Mary Jurek, general manager for Mr. D’s. Jurek doesn’t anticipate any problems, but just in case no women will be allowed to close the bar alone during the 5-day event. “It’s hard to cut somebody off, especially if they are the Hells Angels,” she said. Police are telling businesses like Mr. D’s to call 911 if there are problems. Investigator Tanski says extra patrols will be on the street as a precaution. “We’re going to be pulling these guys over for anything we can,” he said. A tough approach, for sometimes tough bikers. But if all goes well, police & businesses say they will welcome the group back again & again. “We want them to come spend their money & behave & have a good time,” said Tanski. The Hells Angel USA run will be held July 29-August 2. There will be a HOG rally in Duluth later this month, which police say it’s important not to confuse the 2 groups.

Local motorcyclists Kooly & Goose Rob plead to meth conspiracy – June 3, 2009 – *Missouri* - Matt J. Whitworth, Acting U.S. Atty for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 2 members of the Galloping Goose MC pleaded guilty in Fed court today to their roles in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Donald Culey, also known as “Kooly,” 41, of Kansas City, KS, & Robert L. Mays, also known as “Goose Rob,” 54, of Kansas City, MO, pleaded guilty in separate appearances before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan to participating in a

conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Jan. 1, 2002, & May 31, 2007. Under the terms of today’s plea agreements with Culey & Mays, the Gov’t & the defendants request a sentence of 5 years in Fed prison without parole. The Gov’t reached agreement with the other defendants to seek a sentence of 10 years in Fed prison for Street, 8 years in Fed prison for Peters & 5 years in Fed prison for Mickiewicz.

Motorcyclists “Muff,” “Holms” plead guilty to meth conspiracy – June 3, 2009 – *Kansas City, Missouri* - By James Hart - From the U.S. Atty: William Eneff, also known as “Muff,” 59, of Lee’s Summit, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this afternoon to participating in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Jan. 1, 2002, & May 31, 2007. Eneff, a member of the El Forastero MC, admitted that members of El Forastero & the affiliated Galloping Goose MC were required to annually pay dues & attend a certain number of motorcycle trips, known as runs, each year. On each run, the members were required to pay money that was pooled, or collected by each club charter, then forwarded to the specific Galloping Goose or El Forastero charter that hosted the particular motorcycle run in order to purchase methamphetamine, cocaine & marijuana. Those drugs were maintained in run bags, which were distributed to all club members that attended the run. Eneff was released from prison in 2005 & resumed his membership with El Forastero upon his release. Eneff admitted that he paid his required dues & attended at least 3 runs between 2005 & 2007. Michael Fitzwater, also known as “Holms,” 60, address unknown, pleaded guilty on Tue, June 2, 2009, to his role in the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Fitzwater was a member of the Galloping Goose MC.

600 officers execute crackdown on organized crime – June 3, 2009 – *Montreal, Quebec; Canada* - About 600 police officers are cracking down on organized crime this morning with a series of raids throughout Quebec. Police have 50 arrest warrants & about 30 search warrants. Initial reports say they are targeting the Hells Angels in a drug operation. Montreal Police, RCMP, Quebec Provincial Police & peacekeepers from the Kahnawake reserve south of Montreal are involved.

Salvatore Cazzetta charged – June 3, 2009 – *Canada* - When Salvatore Cazzetta was released from a Fed penitentiary in 2004, he told parole officers that he had given up on the Rock Machine, a gang he founded. While that was true, what Cazzetta actually did was change gang colors & join the Hells Angels, formerly his sworn enemies. It was a major change in alliances & one Cazzetta likely regrets today as he finds himself the target in a 2nd roundup of his associates in less than 2 months.

Lawyer’s departure delays trial – June 3, 2009 – *Canada* - The jury in the Bandido trial won’t hear any new evidence until next week. Superior Court Justice Thomas Heeney told jurors yesterday lawyers are “still dealing with the fallout” of defence lawyer Edward Royle’s unexpected departure from the lengthy murder trial. Royle, who’d been the senior counsel for accused Dwight Mushey, 41, had asked to be removed from the case because his wife is gravely ill.

Bikers bribed prison guard with prostitutes – June 4, 2009 – *Denmark* - Scandal hits the prison system as an ‘experienced’ guard is accused of colluding with biker inmates (Bandidos MC) in return for bribes. A high ranking prison guard was brought before the courts yesterday on charges of accepting bribes & prostitutes in return for allowing dangerous gang inmates to keep mobile phones in their prison cells.

Two More MC Members Plead Guilty – June 4, 2009 – *Kansas City, Missouri* – Matt J. Whitworth, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 2 motorcycle club members have pleaded guilty in federal court to their roles in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. William Eneff, also known as “Muff,” 59, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this afternoon to participating in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Jan. 1, 2002, & May 31, 2007. Eneff, a member of the El Forastero MC, admitted that members of El Forastero & the affiliated Galloping Goose MC were required to annually pay dues & attend a certain number of motorcycle trips, known as runs, each year. On each run, the members were required to pay money that was pooled, or collected by each club charter, then forwarded to the specific Galloping Goose or El Forastero charter that hosted the particular motorcycle run in order to purchase methamphetamine, cocaine & marijuana. Those drugs were maintained in run bags, which were distributed to all club members that attended the run. Michael Fitzwater, also known as “Holms,” 60, pleaded guilty on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, to his role in the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Fitzwater was a member of the Galloping Goose MC. Seven additional members of those clubs have also pleaded guilty to their roles in the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine: Donald Culey, also known as “Kooly,” 41, of Kansas City, Kan., & Robert L. Mays, also known as “Goose Rob,” 54, of Kansas City, Mo., Steven M. Street, also known as “Goose Steve,” 42, address unknown, Robert R. Peters, 52, of Kansas City, Kan., Gary Mickiewicz, also known as “New Yorker,” 59, of Blue Springs, Mo., Michael Hensley, also known as “Joe Poke,” 43, address unknown, & Donald Street, also known as “Donnie,” 36, of Edwardsville, Kan. Each of the defendants admitted that, as active members, they participated in the distribution of between 500 & 1,500 grams of methamphetamine. That amount is based on 20 runs over a five-year period, with each run involving the distribution of at least one ounce (28 grams) of methamphetamine. Under the terms of today’s plea agreement with Eneff, the Gov’t & the defendant agree to request a sentence of 7 years in federal prison without parole. Fitzwater is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in federal prison without parole. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigations by the United States Probation Office.

Valley 1987 murder suspect held in Miss. – June 4, 2009 – *Arizona* - By Lisa Halverstadt - For more than 20 years, Daryl Eugene Smith seemed to have escaped authorities. Phoenix police say the now 61-year-old Smith fled Phoenix in February 1987 after he shot & killed Michael Napier, 32, after Napier borrowed Smith’s car without permission. Napier died instantly. Smith left on a motorcycle, police said. Though detectives quickly established Smith as the murder suspect, law-enforcement officials didn’t find him until Monday. The hunt for Smith & others who had evaded Phoenix homicide warrants in the 1980s began on May 15 with a cooperative effort between Phoenix police & U.S. Marshals in Arizona. Deputies tried to find Smith by experimenting with possible tweaks to his date of birth & Social Security number. They soon found a match in Columbus, Miss., U.S. Marshal David Gonzales said. After looking at booking photos of a Gene Smith arrested in 2005 for a misdemeanor drug-possession charge, deputies in Phoenix notified their counterparts near the small Mississippi town. On Monday morning, members of a Mississippi U.S. Marshals fugitive task force drove by Smith’s farmhouse. On the second drive-by, deputies said they spotted Smith getting into an old blue

pickup truck. They pulled over. Smith was shaking as deputies told him there was a warrant for his arrest. The 61-year-old former member of a nationwide motorcycle gang seemed resigned at the time of his arrest, deputies said. Smith simply asked if he could call his college-aged son who had never learned of his father’s past. He was then taken to Lowndes County Jail where he will remain until he is extradited to Maricopa County. Phoenix police will retrieve Smith as soon as his extradition is processed, said Officer Luis Samudio, a Phoenix police spokesman. Smith’s arrest marks the first in the dual effort between Phoenix police & the U.S. Marshals, Gonzales said.

Man admits two shootings – June 4, 2009 – *Australia* - A man has admitted kidnapping a drug dealer whose body was dismembered, as well as shooting a pub patron in a botched plan to kill a Bandidos biker. Sean Waygood, 38, also pleaded guilty in Sydney’s Central Local Court to shooting another man as he left a pub. As well as admitting to 10 offences today, Waygood was charged with 14 new offences, including a string of armed robberies. Waygood pleaded guilty to kidnapping drug dealer Terry Falconer, who was abducted from his Ingleburn jail release placement in Nov 2001 by 3 men posing as police.

Third man charged – June 4, 2009 – *Australia* - Gangs Squad Detectives have charged a third man who will face court today in relation to the alleged theft of 12 cars from a holding yard at Liverpool earlier this year. A 24-year-old man – an alleged associate of the Comanchero Outlaw Motor Cycle Gang – presented himself at Liverpool Police Station about 6pm yesterday. He was subsequently charged with 16 offences including aggravated robbery, aggravated kidnapping, participate in a criminal group, deal in the proceeds of crime, steal motor vehicle, maliciously set fire to motor vehicle & firearm related offences. He’s been refused bail & will appear at Liverpool Local Court today. Police will allege total value \$500,000.

Reporter fired over Hells Angels contacts – June 4, 2009 - *Sweden* - The Expressen newspaper has sacked its US correspondent following revelations that he had close contact with the former leader of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang in Sweden, Thomas Möller. Staffan Erfors previously served as the editor-in-chief for Expressen’s south Sweden edition, Kvällsposten, & is currently based in New York. According to wiretapping transcripts made public earlier this week, Erfors lent Möller the keys to his apartment to allow the notorious gangster to receive visitors. The transcripts were part of an indictment brought against Torgny Jönsson, referred to in the Swedish press as “the mafia’s banker”, who is suspected of having defrauded investors of 117 million kronor (\$15 million).

36 arrested in Que. biker gang raids – June 4, 2009 - *Montreal, Canada* - The Surete du Quebec on Thursday arrested 17 members of an alleged biker gang affiliate that operates the illegal drug trade in the Drummondville & Victoriaville areas of the province. The police operation, code-named Alanine, follows a four-year investigation & included seizures of cash, weapons & drugs, said police spokeswoman Const. Eloise Cossette. The arrests began at 6 a.m. at the suspects’ homes, & are continuing throughout the day, she said. The suspects are members of a group called Devil’s Childs, which is controlled by the Hells Angels in Montreal. In a separate drug bust in Drummondville Thursday, over 100 SQ officers swooped in on a suspected drug ring in a police operation called Project Fecule. Police seized cash, drugs & pepper spray, & arrested 19 people, including six women & 2 minors, SQ Const. Louis-Philippe Ruel said.

Ottawa may outlaw criminal gangs - June 04, 2009 – *Canada* -

By Joe Fantauzzi - *Motorcycle gangs could be blacklisted* - The creation of a list, outlawing criminal gangs might assist in moving biker prosecutions in York Region along but may not help much with more loosely affiliated groups, legal experts say. The list would likely be limited to 2 or 3 outlaw motorcycle clubs in the early stages. For prosecutors, it would mean not having to repeatedly prove gangs, are in fact criminal. While police would have another tool to combat organized crime. But a so-called black list is a long way from becoming law after first being proposed at a federal justice committee last month. "It makes a lot of sense," said Insp. Richard Crabtree of the York Regional Police organized crime bureau. "We would look at it as a positive move. Legislation that the House of Commons committee is considering would certainly streamline the process." Cases can become bogged down as the Crown is expected in each case to prove an organized criminal organization even exists, William Bartlett, a senior lawyer, at the Dept of Justice told the committee. Last year, about 900 organized crime groups were identified in urban & rural areas Canadawide by Criminal Intelligence Service Canada. Two types of organized crime threaten Canadians: violent, obvious organized street crime & higher-level global organized crime involving groups such as the Hells Angels & La Cosa Nostra - North American Italian traditional organized crime, Jocelyn Latulippe, the Chief Inspector; Quebec's provincial police, told the May 12 justice committee. There are 2 Hells Angels clubhouses in York, one in Keswick & another in King Township, Chief Armand La Barge said. And, as of last July, York police said it was monitoring 8 Italian fugitives who either live in or frequent this region. However, there is concern that the naming of a group could tar someone with guilt by association, according to James C. Morton of the law firm Steinberg Morton Hope&Israel LLP & past Pres of the Ontario Bar Association. "Criminal organizations are terribly hard to break," Morton said. "Many criminal organizations are far less defined than you get from radio & television." The organized criminals Morton has encountered have been a loosely affiliated group who have come together for specific crimes, he said. "These are not organizations that are so fixed," he added. Another potential problem that could arise is the group may simply change its name to something different than that which is on the federal list. "You'll have a name change every 2 weeks," he said. But it would likely be easier to establish some outlaw motorcycle clubs meet the definition of criminal organizations than others, Insp. Crabtree said. Big Circle Boys, for example, could be one of the groups difficult to define, he added. Insp. Crabtree said he has never seen documentation that establishes hierarchy or structure for the group. The 1998 annual report by Criminal Intelligence Service Canada stated Big Circle Boys, which have ties to British Columbia, the United States & Hong Kong, were involved in international organized credit card rings, the importing & trafficking of heroin & gang-related killings. A recent report by American policy think-tank the RAND Corp added racketeering, money laundering, prostitution, weapon trafficking & document forgery services to the group's activities. In an interview this spring, Chief Armand La Barge said that there are "most assuredly" people affiliated with the gang in York Region. Along with other gangs, "we have concerns about (Big Circle Boys)," he said, adding he has been aware of the group, which often operates with loose affiliations, since the mid-1980s. A working group is examining the issue & the Gov't is planning to review its findings & recommendations, Darren Eke, spokesperson for Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said. "We are always concerned about trial delays, particularly those involving

accused organized criminals & that is why our Gov't is moving forward on criminal procedure reforms," Eke said in an e-mail.

Police target drugs, contraband tobacco in raids – June 4, 2009 – *Canada* - By Paul Cherry - 'Project Machine' investigation. 46 people arrested in crackdown against racketeering linked to Hells Angels It stood like a fortress in Kahnawake for the past four years & left many people on the Mohawk reserve wondering what was going on inside. Montreal police shed some light yesterday on the mysterious warehouse that is alleged to have served as the transit point for Salvatore Cazzetta's activities both as a Hells Angel & as a legitimate businessman. The facility was targeted as a small part of Project Machine - a major investigation into drug trafficking in downtown Montreal that began in 2007 - but the building also proved to be the focal point. Montreal police arrested 46 people yesterday in an operation that involved more than 600 officers from the Montreal force, the Sûreté du Québec, the RCMP & Kahnawake Mohawk Peacekeepers. According to Montreal police, contraband tobacco & such drugs as crack cocaine flowed out past the 3-metre-high fence surrounding the warehouse while money flowed in. Police found 11 safes when they raided the facility before dawn yesterday. By noon, they had opened 3 & found cash in all of them. In the past four years, the grounds around the warehouse have been equipped with a high fence, a sophisticated alarm system & surveillance cameras. Two guards were hired to watch the site seven days a week. Cazzetta, 54, who was arrested & charged with drug trafficking in April in another major police operation targeting the Hells Angels, was in a cell at the Montreal Detention Centre when he learned he faces new charges of fraud against the provincial government, conspiracy & participation in a criminal organization, all related to the sale of contraband tobacco. Also arrested & charged at the Longueuil courthouse in the same fraud case were Peter Rice, 52, of Kahnawake, & his sons, Peter Francis Rice, 31, & Burton Rice, 34. The Rice family operates businesses on the property where the warehouse was raided yesterday. Peter Rice is president of Mustang Distribution Ltd. Before his arrest in April, Cazzetta was listed as the firm's vice-president. The company's products include an energy drink called Citron. Daniel Leclerc, 40, of Candiac, was the only other full-patch member of the Hells Angels arrested yesterday. According to police, he is a member of an Ontario-based chapter of the Hells and, like Cazzetta, was once part of the Rock Machine. The investigation was dubbed Project Machine as a wink to Cazzetta's previous gang affiliation. Two other former high-ranking members of the now-defunct Rock Machine - Serge (Merlin) Cyr, 51, & Alain Brunette, 45 - were also targeted in the investigation. "The criminal organization was led by full-fledged members of the Hells Angels & involved about 60 people," said Chief Inspector Bernard Lamothe of the Montreal police organized crime division. "Their principal criminal activity was the sale of crack. We estimate 2,000 rocks of crack were sold per week." Leclerc is alleged to have handled the drug trafficking end of the business. He was among 27 people named in an indictment filed at the Montreal courthouse yesterday. The Hells Angels started a business relationship with Kahnawake residents & began using the warehouse as their base of operations, Lamothe said.

FBI Uniform Crime Reports - June 4, 2009 - *USA* - For the 2nd year in row, the number of violent crimes declined across the country -- a total of 2.5% during 2008 compared to the previous year -- according to the FBI's Preliminary Annual *UCR*. The FBI annually releases statistics on violent crimes like murder, rape & robbery & on property crimes such as burglary & vehicle theft.

Life of A Bandido - By Ronnie Hodge 1990 {FCI Ft. Worth}
 When I look at a Bandido, what do I see?
 I see a man that wants to live his own life, & wants to live it free.
 I see a man that loves the wind in his face
 His greatest thrill is to be riding anyplace.
 I see a man who is always around,
 When his brothers need help or something is going down.
 I see a man society calls criminal & crook,
 But to be what he is, they never had what it took.
 I see a man that loves with all his heart;
 He truly knows the meaning of "Till Death Do Us Part."
 I see a man who's hatred is strong,
 When someone he loves has been wronged.
 I see a man who wants to live to be one hundred & three;
 But would die a young man before he will bow down for anyone
 to see.
 Because he could never live with himself if he gave any less
 I see a man that from his Brothers he accepts only the best.

R.I.P. ~ Bandido Ronnie Hodge ~ GBNF

From Bandido Little Mick – June 4, 2009 - (*Australia Prison*):
 G'Day! To all my locked down Bandido Brothers, Stay Strong
 and Keep the Faith. Love, Loyalty and Respect, Bandido Little
 Mick ENCADENADO PERO NUNCA MANSIADO. B.F.F.B

Finks want challenge to be fast-tracked – June 5, 2009 –
Australia - The first Finks bikie to be placed under a Rann Gov't
 control order will seek to have his case fast-tracked to the Full
 Court. Donald "Duck" Hudson launched action in the Supreme
 Court last week, claiming the Serious & Organised Crime Control
 Act (2008) is unconstitutional & interferes with the powers of a
 court. Hudson's case - jointly filed with fellow member Sandro
 Peter Totani - was heard in court for the first time today. Sam
 Doyle, for the duo, said the matter should be handed immediately
 to the Full Court of the Supreme Court & bypass the usual pre-
 trial hearings. "There's little embroidery around the question of
 law, which is whether the legislation is unconstitutional," he said.
 "The only questions of fact, to be determined, are whether my
 clients are members (of the Finks) & are subject to control orders
 - & there is no dispute on that. "Hopefully, we can come back in
 two weeks before Your Honour & make a formal application for
 the matter to be referred to the Full Court." Counsel for the State
 Gov't said they would support a speedy move to the Full Court.
 Justice Chris Kourakis ordered the parties file all documents &
 adjourned the case for 2 weeks. AdelaideNow is unable to
 publish comment on this story for legal reasons.

Finks bikie charged over interstate kidnap – June 5, 2009 –
Australia - By Olivia Suzanski - A man believed to be a member
 of the Finks outlaw motorcycle gang has been charged with
 interstate kidnapping & gun offences dating back to the year
 2000. The 39-year-old was nabbed during a police raid on a
 property at The Slopes, near Kurrajong in Sydney's North West.
 Sonya Roberts from police headquarters says he is expected to be
 extradited to South Australia. "The 39-year-old was taken to
 Windsor police station & charged with an outstanding South
 Australian warrant. "He appeared in Penrith Local Court today
 & was granted conditional bail to reappear at the same court on
 the 9th of June. "At that time South Australian detectives will
 make an application for his extradition." A 39-year-old will face
 numerous charges, including several which relate to an aggravated
 abduction & armed robbery that occurred in 2000 in Klemzig, in
 Adelaide's northern suburbs. The man will also face charges of
 aggravated cause serious harm & blackmail, which police allege
 were committed in 2008 in the northern Adelaide suburb of

Kilkenny. The man, along with a 29-year-old Finks member
 from SA, will further be charged with aggravated cause serious
 harm, aggravated robbery, blackmail & attempted aggravated
 serious trespass offences, which were allegedly committed at
 Kilkenny in 2009. A police spokesman said the victim of the
 more recent assaults was hospitalised on each occasion with
 serious injuries, including multiple fractures to his jaw, face &
 ribs. The victim suffered a collapsed lung, severe bruising &
 facial lacerations, he said. The 29-year-old Finks member will
 also be jointly charged with a 30-year-old South Australian man
 for drug trafficking & unlawful drug possession after police
 searches on Friday uncovered about 170 grams of a substance
 believed to be amphetamine & a significant amount of cash.

Four men charged over 'drug-related' shooting – June 5, 2009
 – *Australia* - Police have charged 4 men in connection with a
 drug-related shooting in Perth. The former Pres of the Gypsy
 Jokers MC, Lennard Kirby, & associate Alexandro Scilio were
 shot last month on a rural property in the southern suburb of
 Jandakot. Police claim the men exchanged gun fire with a gang
 during a dispute over drugs. Both men have been refusing to
 cooperate with a police investigation, but have been charged with
 performing an act causing danger. Assistant Commissioner
 Wayne Gregson says the incident was not related to motorcycle
 gangs. "It's not gang-related, it's drug-related," he said.

Newport prepares for biker rally – June 5, 2009 – *Tennessee* -
 A biker rally at English Mountain Dragway that could draw
 hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of motorcyclists, begins this
 afternoon & continues through Sunday. Law enforcement
 agencies are beefing up their manpower to handle excess traffic &
 any possible vehicle violations, Newport Police Chief Maurice
 Shults said Wednesday. "Safe, fun, & economical" is the motto of
 the three-day event, organizer Glen Almany said Wednesday.
 "We won't allow anyone (to attend the rally) who has an attitude,
 weapons, or glass containers," Almany said. He said anyone who
 breaks any of those rules will immediately be escorted to the front
 gate, handed over to police & charged with criminal trespassing,
 Almany said. Almany said he has no way of knowing how many
 bikers will attend the rally-perhaps as little as 500, & as much as
 5,000. Almany said there will be motorcycle racing for three
 hours on Friday, three hours on Sat, & 2 hours on Sun. There will
 also be a blessing of the motorcycles on Sat.

Thieves steal \$22,000 after biker fundraiser – June 5, 2009 –
Canada - The Westcoast Motorcycle Ride for Dad was robbed of
 up to \$22,000 after its annual ride in Surrey on Sunday. More than
 1,800 riders came out to support the cause. "It saddens me
 because a lot of working people put money into doing this & in
 this economy it's tough for them to come out," Peter Groenland,
 the ride's chairman & cancer survivor, said. The theft occurred
 while the event was wrapping up at Fraser Downs Racetrack in
 Surrey. "Our financial director had taken the four cash boxes &
 he put them in his vehicle underneath the backseat," Groenland
 said. "I'm pretty sure somebody had been watching him do this."
 Two of the boxes vanished when the vehicle was moved to a
 different part of the track & was briefly left unattended.

U.S. Defenders:

- If we all do a little bit, Then no one has to do a lot...
- There can be no "I", there has to be "We"...
- One heart, One Voice...

National Coalition of Motorcyclists...
 An Idea Whose Time Has Come...