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Editor's correction: SOS Tugboat actually died from complications with cancer... R.I.P. Tugboat...

Editor's correction: Sacramaniacs MC was spelled wrong in the list of Clubs...

Congratulations goes to **Outlaw Mad-Man** (currently at USP Terre Haute) and **Bad Girl** on their engagement to be married...!!!

Message from the **Pagan's MC** that are still haven't been allowed to Bond out (**West Virginia**): Bart, Cono, Goat, Firtz, Roco, Kicker, and Tramp send their Love and Respect to the rest of the Pagan's MC Nation...

Editor's Note: It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**55 Clubs**): Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Galloping Goose, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Jokers, Hells Angels, Hells Outcast, Hermanos, Hessians, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Mohawk Valley Riders, Mongols, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Renegades, Sadistics, **Sacramaniacs**, Scorpions, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Unforegiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets, Y Rohirrin, Warlocks & Warlocks... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, Germany, France, Finland, Norway, & Sweden...

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Editor's Note: Currently we are sending 290 copies of this newsletter to members of 55 Motorcycle Clubs...

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It tends to sensationalize the News to Sell Newspapers... *In Fact, Many Times the News Media gets the Facts Wrong!!!*

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. - Mark Twain

Indica Search Warrants: The Truth Behind This Perverse Abuse of Power – Jan 20, 2010 - U.S.P. Hazelton – By Kevin “Spike” O’Neill - For decades law enforcement has abused indicia search warrants in every conceivable manner. If you are a member or associate of a collective membership, such as a MC, this article may give you the knowledge needed to protect yourself & your group from this bastardized law enforcement tool. What are indicia warrants? Indicia means evidence of distinctive marks, such as patches, vests, jackets, t-shirts, hats & other items bearing the names or logos of a collective membership used by its members to indicate membership in a union, an association, or other organization. Thus, indicia warrants authorize the search of a social club, clubhouse, business or home for ‘evidence’ of membership or association with a targeted group.

Down The Rabbit Hole: In Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act investigations, the targeted group is referred to as an “enterprise.” Under (federal law) Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(c), Congress has made association with an enterprise one element of the RICO offense. Consequently, evidence of the associational element of RICO is often times obtained through an indicia search warrant of a suspect’s property. It is important to note, though, that mere membership or association is not sufficient to prove a person conspired with other members to violate the RICO statute—the federal courts are unanimous on this issue. Continuing on, many states have additionally created laws enhancing sentences if a criminal defendant is a member of an “ongoing organization, association, or group of 3 or more persons ... having a common sign of symbol.” (Quoting Cal.Penal Code Section 186.22). For example, you are a member of a motorcycle club & are employed as a bouncer at a local nightclub. One night a drunk bar patron attacks you during the course of your job & in self-defense you send the person to the hospital, or worse. As a result of your membership in a motorcycle club your name & other personal information already exists in law enforcement computers with its vast network of categorical alerts. You can next expect the local & federal “gang squads” assigned to “disrupt” & “neutralize” your particular club to be immediately notified. And given the fact you are part of an ongoing group of “three or more persons ... having a common ... symbol,” the agents will seek the most serious offense(s) possible & additionally allege the incident was committed to “otherwise further the goals of the enterprise.” (Quoting standard boilerplate rhetoric from a RICO indictment).

Pandora’s Box Opens: Similar to magicians performing feats of misdirection & illusions in the fairy-tale casinos hotels of Las Vegas, cunning agents & obliging prosecutors begin crafting indicia warrants with a mixture of magic buzzwords & linguistic sorcery in an effort to justify the maximum amount of force & intrusion to obtain the so-called “evidence” of membership or association. The more violence, property damage & indicia seized, determines the success of the raid(s). Once a warrant is rubber—stamped by the court the agents prepare for a commando-type assault on often unoccupied clubhouses and/or homes. In pursuit of the innocuous items of “evidence,” such as vests, patches, jackets, belts, hats, clocks, photos, calendars, correspondence & other things, agents in the raids have:

- 1) Utilized armored vehicles to ram through fences & buildings;
- 2) Discharged stun grenades, military tear gas, causing serious & permanent injury in some cases;
- 3) Shot & killed people & family dogs;
- 4) Pointed guns inches from the heads of terrified children while shouting obscenities;
- 5) Maliciously destroyed & defaced property.

Keep in mind that these items are not illegal nor contraband & are eventually returned to the rightful owners, unless of course, the agents themselves steal indicia as trophies or for use in counterintelligence tactics.

The Hidden Agenda: A layperson to indicia warrants might wonder why there is so much force & destruction with a significant risk to human life over the seizure of noncontraband property. For those of you that have yet to figure it out, searching for “evidence” of membership or association is only a ruse to gain entry designed to give off the appearance of justice—cloaking a more sinister & illegal objective. An indicia warrant is one of the means & methods by which the cells & prosecutors “disrupt” & “neutralize” MCs they deem nonconformists. The real purposes behind this investigative tool include but are not limited to:

- A) Causing economic hardship;
- B) Creating fear, confusion & dissension among the membership & their families;
- C) Disrupting & chilling the group’s activities & freedom of association;
- D) Stigmatize the membership with its neighbors, employers, co-workers & families;
- E) Creating opportunities for new stratagems;
- F) Seizing as much lawful property as possible forcing on the group the added economic hardship of legal fees.

In reality, the cells of federal & state counterintelligence partisans assigned to investigate motorcycle clubs already retain the “evidence” of membership or association within their files. Indeed, thousands of photos & countless hours of video surveillance is taken by the cells of agents annually of the clubs & their respective members wearing the indicia at funerals, public motorcycling events, bars, restaurants, concerts, campgrounds, motels, parties & even at their private homes. Many members are accosted on public streets & are forced at gun point by police to submit to shirtless upper-body photos for “evidence” of club-related tattoos (this happened to me & many others on Main Street in Daytona Beach at the height of the annual Bike Week rally numerous times).

Countering the Counterintelligence Agents: A search warrant is supported by a sworn affidavit & submitted under the penalty of perjury. Knowingly omitting the fact the agents possess in their files the very “evidence” sought by the indicia warrant is a felony crime under 18 U.S.C. Section 1623, punishable by a fine “or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both.” Id. Unfortunately, though, the prosecutors control the machinery of a Section 1623 prosecution for filing a materially false declaration & routinely ignore or even assist counterintelligence agents in serious criminal activities. Anyone who doubts this need only read the numerous civil suits flooding the federal District of Massachusetts this past decade of FBI-aided murders & cover-ups. Judges assigned to these law suits were stunned repeatedly by the Dick Nixon-like defenses asserted by the U.S. Dept of Justice attorneys in the face of unrefutable evidence of the criminal activities by the FBI. One judge found that “[i]t is difficult to imagine conduct more outrageous, more removed from what this country stands for, than the conduct alleged here.” Quoting *Limone v. United States*, 336 F.Supp.2d 18, 45 (D.Mass.2004); see also *Bennett Ex Rel. Estate of Bennett v. FBI*, 278 F.Supp.2d 104, 118 (D.Mass.2003) (“there remains another twist in the decades-long story of official cover-ups: [the court] find[s] that the FBI fraudulently concealed evidence of its own involvement in William Bennet’s death when Bennett, Jr., began to make inquiries ...”). Most of you blindly trust what lawyers tell you. The fact is, there are very few attorneys that have the innovation or the courage to challenge the

rampant expansion of power of those acting under the color of state or federal law. And then there are the people that are just plain afraid to do anything about these burglars with badges literally stealing truckloads of your club's regalia—knowing—they already possess the necessary “evidence.” If you have had your club property seized and/or know your picture has been taken by law enforcement as a result of your membership or association in a particular club, there is something you can do within your ability. The law governing the return of property seized in a warranted search comes down to this:

“[R]easonableness under all of the circumstances must be the test when a person seeks to obtain the return of property. If the United States has a need for the property in an investigation or prosecution, its retention of the property generally is reasonable. But if the United States' legitimate interests can be satisfied even if the property is returned, continued retention of the property would be unreasonable.” Quoting Committee Note to 1989 Amendments to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41 (emphasis added). You can satisfy the Gov't's legitimate interests by stipulating to membership by a declaration submitted under the penalty of perjury to the local office of the U.S. Attorney via Certified Mail. Thus, the Gov't has the necessary “evidence” making the continued retention of your club property unreasonable.” This idea came to me while litigating the return of truckloads of property seized from a clubhouse in Oklahoma City. Once the Gov't realized I was attempting to expose its colossal abuse of indicia warrants they couldn't return the property fast enough to avoid a ruling on this point by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colorado. See *United States v. Nelson*, 2006 U.S. App. LEXIS 20549 (10th Cir., Aug. 8, 2006) (opinion by Circuit Judge Terrance L. O'Brien). For those of you that have had just your picture taken wearing the “evidence” of membership, put the Gov't on notice by submitting a declaration once again to the U.S. Atty's office in your area. In the event the agencies they supervise apply for indicia warrants at a later date you now retain the “evidence” they committed perjury in the supporting affidavit. Of course, though, the facts & the circumstances vary when drafting a proper declaration. For those interested I will demonstrate in a future posting.

Indicia Warrant From Hell – Feb 2, 2010 – USA – By The Aging Rebel - Kevin O'Neill, a member of the American Outlaws Association currently confined to a cage, recently posted a nice piece on Indicia Search Warrants. If you have not yet read it yet you can find O'Neill's essay at fedsgonebad.blogspot.com. Indicia (pronounced in-DISH-hee-uh) is a legal term that means “signs” or “indications” & it is the pretext for most of the search warrants executed against members of motorcycle clubs. It is a crime to belong to a racket. When the police are allowed to begin an investigation with the conclusion that a motorcycle club is a racket then they may legally search for evidence of membership in that club. The residence of every patch holder, prospect & most hang-arounds will contain if not a patch then at least a bandanna, buckle, support shirt, or a wall calendar.

Bastardized Law Enforcement: O'Neill calls such warrants a “bastardized law enforcement tool” & only a Bolshevik would argue with him. By definition, a patch holder will be holding a patch in his home so an indicia warrant provides an excuse to search any patch holder's home at any time if you simply remember to accuse his club of being a racket first. And, since these warrants are served on bikers they are always served by a SWAT Team in full, flamingly flamboyant costume. Last fall, a member of the Pagan's MC named James Hicks was gunned down in front of his wife Cathy in his own kitchen during the

service of an indicia warrant. Because even good citizens who abhor the idea of motorcycle clubs would be appalled to know what got James Hicks killed that warrant has never been made public. This page has seen the warrant & it lists as “Items to be seized” from Hicks' home “PMC members' colors & club memorabilia such as patches, shirts, cuts, jewelry, belts, wristbands, wallets, walking sticks, posters, glassware, statues, plaques, business cards or club cards & the PMC constitution or any document containing PMC membership information or PMC rules.” The items actually seized from Hicks' home included a “shotgun, a bank statement, assorted photos, (2) motorcycle helmets, MC Club patches, 2 Pagan walking sticks, camera, Samsung video camera” & “assorted ammunition.”

Happy New Year: Last New Year's Eve the less tragic victims of an indicia warrant were members of O'Neill's old club, the Outlaws. Sheriff J.J. Jones of Knox County, Tennessee, which surrounds Knoxville, decided to wreck the sedate celebration at the AOA clubhouse there. The raid, Sheriff Jones candidly admitted, was because the Outlaws deserved it. “These guys are a menace to society,” Jones told the Knoxville News Sentinel. “Everything they stand for is illegal.” “They're involved in every illegal activity known to man,” Jones then told television station WLVT. “Prostitution, methamphetamine.” Probably if he had been less tongue tied from being on television, Jones could have gone on to list exotic bird smuggling & stock fraud. The one, particular, illegal thing about a dozen people were doing at 9 pm when the local SWAT attacked the clubhouse with concussion grenades, was they were eating a platter of cold cuts. “They totally destroyed the house, they took everything out of there,” Mark Lester, a regional officer of the club & 1 of 2 men actually arrested that night, told the News Sentinel this week. “They took all our TVs, our microwaves. ... It was just really crazy stuff. All they found was some alcohol & sandwich platters.”

Desperadoes: Lester & the local chapter President, Kenneth Foster, were charged with aggravated robbery & aggravated kidnapping. Lester, has 3 previous convictions. He was a “disorderly person” in 1984, he ran a stop sign ten years later & he was charged with reckless driving a year after that. Foster was arrested twice in 1984 for misdemeanor drug possession. Lester told the Knoxville paper that “the most painful loss was that of a group of stone monuments in the clubhouse yard that had been set up to memorialize fallen Outlaws.” “The stones in the front yard for brothers who have died over the last 15 years, they dug those up & took them,” Lester said. “It was just ridiculous.” The pretense for the raid was a search for indicia. The stone markers in the front yard were seized because they are indicia. The microwave was probably seized because it had a “Support Your Local Outlaws” sticker on it. Still there was one specific piece of Outlaws indicia that was not found.

The Hero: At the time of the official police pillaging the usual news media were advised & reported that the raid was the culmination of a 14-month-long “undercover investigation.” The “investigation” was carried out by a guy named Joseph Linger who was widely identified as an “undercover officer” but who appears more to have actually been a paid confidential informant or an opportunist. Linger, once worked as a small town cop in Alaska, eventually rose to become a Knox County jail employee & as recently as sixteen months ago, when he began hanging around the Knoxville Outlaws, he was working as a bouncer at a nightclub in Gatlinburg. Presumably, he now has a financial arrangement with the Knox County Sheriff that includes the honorary title “undercover officer.” The raid was based on an 18-

page affidavit sworn & attested to by Linger. And, like many tales told by many confidential informants it is a sordid & colorful mix of drugs, sex, illegal weapons, & a “propensity for violence.” Linger explains that last December 23rd Lester & Foster somehow discovered that he was working for the local police & demanded that he surrender his colors, get out & never come back. Linger charges that the 2 AOA officers took the vest from him at gun point. Lester & Foster maintain that they did not need a gun. The New Year’s Eve was all about that vest. The alleged robbery was the confiscation of Linger’s vest. The kidnapping was presumably the time it took to pull the colors off the informant’s back. The vest was not located during the raid. Police are still searching for it. So there may be more SWAT raids. Maybe on Valentine’s Day. Whatever you do, don’t buy your old lady flowers in your club’s colors.

Myrtle Beach helmet case hits high court – Feb 3, 2010 – *South Carolina* – By Lorena Anderson – The controversy over Myrtle Beach’s helmet law for bikers reaches the state Supreme Court today. Beginning at 3 p.m., the S.C. Supreme Court will hear arguments for & against Myrtle Beach’s motorcycle helmet law. The state is taking up the cases of Bart Viers & Business Owners Organized to Support Tourism vs. The City of Myrtle Beach, & Aakjer, et al., vs. The City of Myrtle Beach. Atty Thad Viers is representing his brother, Bart, & BOOST, & Virginia atty Tom McGrath is representing George Aakjer & about 50 others who received tickets for not wearing helmets while riding inside city limits. The city passed its helmet ordinance in fall 2008 as part of a multilaw effort aimed at quelling the May motorcycle rallies that residents had complained about for years. Viers has argued the law is unconstitutional & that the city has overstepped its bounds by making a law different than the state’s. State law says riders younger than 21 must wear helmets, but it does not say anything about those 21 & older. Because of the state’s silence, the city says it has the right to supplement the law. “This is a bigger case than just helmets,” Viers said. “If the court were to rule in the city’s favor, it could lead to a hodgepodge of municipal laws, not just traffic laws, all across the state.” McGrath said he is ready to argue his points. “What the case really points to is whether the state has uniform traffic laws or not,” McGrath said. “If we don’t prevail, there will be no end to this.” He has argued before supreme courts before, but not South Carolina’s. This will be Viers’ first Supreme Court appearance. McGrath was already in Columbia on Tuesday. City spokesman Mark Kruea said atty Mike Battle is representing the city during today’s hearings, but city attorney Tom Ellenburg will also attend. Each side has already submitted extensive documentation of its arguments, which the justices will have read. During the hearings, each side has 15 minutes to present its case, during which the justices might ask questions. No one knows when a decision will be issued. Several other suits against the city’s efforts have either been dismissed or have fallen inactive.

Bill aims to crack down on excessive motorcycle noise – Feb 3, 2010 – *Augusta, Maine* – By Chris Rose - It is an issue that has surfaced in several Maine communities over the years, loud motorcycles. Now lawmakers are considering a bill that would set statewide standards, providing all police officers with uniform rules to enforce. The wording of the bill is still a work in progress, but supporters say they would like it to include 2 things. Adoption of the Environmental Protection Agency’s noise compliance system allowing police to issue tickets to motorcyclists with illegal exhaust systems. They would also like the bill to require motorcyclists to display inspection stickers to make sure the bikes have been checked for those illegal systems.

Motorcycle owners who attended the hearing say there are plenty of things that make loud noises & motorcyclists are being singled out. “These are discriminatory, they’re just talking about motorcycles. They’re not talking about trucks with their jake brakes or factory whistles or any of that stuff. It’s just strictly motorcyclists & I feel this is anti-motorcyclist legislation”, said bike owner Sonny Bridges.

Gun dealer pleads not guilty – Feb 3, 2010 – *Australia* - By Ben McClellan - The Bowral gun dealer who is facing 101 firearms charges pleaded not guilty to all charges in Moss Vale Local Court on Monday. Robert Irving, of Queen Street, Bowral, had 65 guns seized & his firearms dealing license suspended when police targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs raided his home on Nov 13 last year. During the raid 47 rifles, one shotgun, 10 pistols, 7 revolvers & an amount of ammunition was taken by police. Strike Force Raptor officers visited the 63-year-old’s home following the arrest of alleged Sutton Forest Fourth Reich Biekie member Shane Palk for multiple firearm & drug offences in late October. Irving’s personal firearms licence was also suspended but was returned in January this year. He is also appealing the suspension of his dealing licence. Originally from England, the Bowral Pistol Club member has captained the Sporting Shooters’ Association of Australia national service rifle team for 5 years & represented the country as recently as Jan. He won 2 gold & 1 silver medal at the New Zealand championships in the military & service rifle disciplines.

Biekie charged with drug possession – Feb 3, 2010 – *Australia* - A Bandidos biekie has been charged after a loaded semi-automatic pistol, ammunition & drugs were uncovered at a property in Sydney’s west. Police say yesterday officers searched the Hudson St premises at Granville, where they allegedly found the pistol, ammunition, MDMA tablets, white powder believed to be cocaine, & items related to drug supply. A 25-year-old man, who police allege is an associate of the Bandidos Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, was arrested at the scene. He was charged with possess prohibited drugs & granted conditional bail to appear at Parramatta Local Court on March 10.

Helmet Law Repeal Suffers Setback – Feb 3, 2010 – *Nebraska* - A bill to allow motorcyclists to go helmet-free in Nebraska has crashed, but it may recover. On Wed, lawmakers voted to postpone consideration of the bill (LB200) until later this month. They had debated the last 2 days. Proposed requirements that motorcyclists carry more insurance turned out to be unworkable. Sen. Charlie Janssen of Fremont had hoped that requiring more insurance would garner support for his bill against the helmet law. But doubts were raised about whether the insurance was even available. Sen. Dave Pankonin, of Louisville, said the Legislature didn’t do its homework. Janssen & supporters of the bill say they will try to bring a better proposal to lawmakers later this month.

Photo on night stand: After a long night of making love, he notices a photo of another man on her nightstand by the bed. He begins to worry.. “Is this your husband?” he nervously asks. “No, silly,” she replies, snuggling up to him. “Your boyfriend, then?” he continues. “No, not at all,” she says, nibbling away at his ear. “Is it your dad or your brother?” he inquires, hoping to be reassured. “No, no, no! You are so hot when you’re jealous!” she answers. “Well, who in the hell is he, then?” he demands. “That’s me before the surgery.”

Jesus Loves You; Everyone Else Thinks You’re an Asshole!!!

Cops keep eyes on outlaw gangs – Feb 4, 2010 - *Sturgis, South Dakota* - Outlaw motorcycle gangs might claim to be good ol' boys who like to ride bikes, but law enforcement officers say that by definition, outlaw gang members are involved in crime. Kevin Thom, director of the Atty General's Division of Criminal Investigation, said that he considers outlaw gangs to be organized crime. To keep track of gang activity, DCI completes a report at the end of the Sturgis motorcycle rally tallying all contacts officers have with gang members & gathering intelligence information. Officers note who is enrolled in which gang & what roles individuals have within the gangs. The information is then put into a report a few inches thick & shared with 35 states & 5 foreign countries that have an interest in the information, Thom said. The information gathered this year will be used by DCI to prepare officers for the next year's rally, Thom said. DCI puts together a Law Enforcement Safety Bulletin, a handbook of outlaw gangs' identifiers & terminology, a timeline of violent motorcycle gang involvement in South Dakota from 1981 to the present, & acts of violence nationally in the current year. The crimes traditionally committed by outlaw gangs during the rally are drug possession & distribution, motorcycle theft & assault, according to Pat West, director of the Rapid City DCI office. In general, gang members don't commit random attacks against others. "If you mind your own business, everything will be fine," West said. "If you pick a fight, you'll get one." Anyone picking a fight with one gang member might get more of a fight than he can handle, West said, because other gang members will join in. "Every one of them is loyal to those colors & that group," West said. Law officers have been concerned in the past that gang violence would erupt at the rally because of disputes between gangs in other parts of the country. In April 2002, a shootout between the Hells Angels & the Mongols in Laughlin, Nev., left 3 dead & 12 hospitalized. In February the same year, a fight between Hells Angels & Pagan's in Plainview, N.Y., killed one & injured 10, according to the Associated Press. Authorities here were alert for signs of problems at the 2002 rally, but none occurred, Thom said. "Rivalries (between gangs) ebb & flow," West said. Motorcycle thefts are big business for outlaw gangs, & professional thieves work motorcycle rallies, Thom said. Law enforcement officers work to prevent thefts & recover stolen bikes, & representatives of the National Insurance Crime Bureau come here to try to identify stolen motorcycles & parts. Locally, the Bandidos is the only outlaw gang with official chapters, 2 in the Black Hills & one East River. Hells Angels owns 120 acres north of Sturgis, & the Sons of Silence have a 10-acre campground 7 miles north of Sturgis, Thom said. A Rapid City Bandido, Christopher Horlock, 44, turned himself in June 21 in Houston after being indicted with 25 other people in Seattle, the AP reported. Horlock, a national regional secretary for the Bandidos, was wanted on charges of conspiracy to tamper with a witness. Horlock's indictment & arrest was part of an offensive launched by federal agents & police against the Bandidos after a two-year investigation, according to the AP. Authorities served arrest & search warrants in Washington, Montana & S.D.

The Bandidos Who Got Away – Feb 4, 2010 – *Germany* – By Jörg Diehl - Mass Biker Defection Has Berlin Bracing for Violence - There has never been a shortage of brutality between the biker gangs Bandidos & Hells Angels. But after 70 members of a Berlin club defected to their erstwhile rivals, police in the German capital are bracing for violence. It's only been a few months since a group of Bandidos allegedly ambushed & assaulted a group of Hells Angels, their arch-enemies in the biker gang world, in Finowfurt, a small town northeast of Berlin. Investigators & prosecutors say that at least half a dozen Berlin-

based Bandidos chased down a group of Hells Angels from the city, resulting in a savage fight. When all was said & done, a gravely wounded Hells Angels hanger-on named Enrico K. was lying on the street -- with an axe in his leg. When the police questioned him about what had happened, he attributed his gruesome wound to "a traffic accident." In the biker system of values, there have always been 2 constants. One is the sacred "code of silence." The other is the hatred for enemy biker clubs. As such, a recent development in the Berlin biker scene -- first reported by Spiegel TV & Spiegel Online on Wed -- is as unprecedented as it is explosive. A total of 76 members & supporters of "Centro," as the Berlin chapter of the Bandidos is known, are reportedly trying to defect to the Hells Angels camp. Investigators say the would-be defectors have already appeared in public wearing brand-new red-and-white Hells Angels garb, & that they have seen André S., the head of the local Hells Angels club, speaking with members of the rival club. The 45-year-old S. was recently stabbed -- likely by Bandidos.

Biker Defection: Officials believe that Frank H., the head of the Hells Angels club in Hanover, hammered out the details of the defection last week with "Centro" leader Kadir P. Likewise, Peter M., one of the highest-ranking Bandidos in Europe, confirmed to Spiegel Online that the crossover took place on Tuesday evening. However, when questioned about the matter, Hells Angels member Rudolf "Django" T. declined to confirm that the defectors had been accepted into his organization yet, saying only: "We'll let you know in the next few days." While the defecting members of "Centro" -- both notorious & feared in the biker scene for their violence -- have cut ties with their old group, it appears that their membership in Hells Angels has not yet been finalized. But the bikers have stripped their club house in Berlin's northern Reinickendorf district of all Bandido insignia.

Brutal Confrontations: Recent months have seen an uptick in violence between the rival motorcycle gangs -- particularly in Berlin, the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein & eastern Germany. And the attacks have been escalating, from knife assaults to shootings to explosives. The reason: the Bandidos have managed to recruit hundreds of young men, many of them from immigrant families in Germany's east, & put the Hells Angels on the defensive. Kadir P's "Centro" chapter has proven particularly brutal in this ongoing feud, & difficult to control. Its members have repeatedly made savage attacks on rivals in the Hells Angels camp, which has close ties to the far-right fan club of a local football club. Indeed, one newspaper article recently reported that the Hells Angels in Berlin refuse to allow foreigners into their ranks. Now, however, the brutality would appear to have been forgiven & forgotten -- the avowed enemies may soon become brothers in arms. In the meantime, police units have taken up positions in front of the Bandidos' clubhouse in Berlin. Investigators also say that biker-related properties have been kept under observations in Berlin & the surrounding state of Brandenburg since Tue evening. "We want to see whether a war breaks out," one investigator told Spiegel TV. Nobody knows, after all, how the Bandidos will react to this mass defection. Revenge & retaliation? Do the "traitors" now have to fear for their lives? In short, what does the defection mean? "That they're gone," says Peter M., the number-two man in Europe's Bandidos organization, before hanging up the phone.

You've gotta think outside the box,
lest you end up trapped inside of it.

Three Hells Angels Arrested for Drug Crimes – Feb 4, 2010 – *California* – By Robert Helfend - Recently 3 members of the motorcycle gang known as the Hells Angels were arrested under the suspicion of drug crimes in Ventura County. The Ventura County Sheriff's Gang Unit reported the arrests over the weekend. Two of the men were arrested last Fri, 1 on the suspicion of transporting methamphetamine & the other under the suspicion of being under the drugs influences. They were stopped by gang unit officials who noticed them weaving in & out of traffic on Highway 101 at speeds over 85 mph. David Olivares, the man who was under suspicion for transporting methamphetamine, was released from the Ventura County jail after he posted \$55,000 bail. The other man was cited & released. A few days before this incident, another man known to be an associate of the Hells Angels, Martin Kada, was arrested under the suspicion of possessing methamphetamine. Kada was released on \$20,000 bail. Drug crimes are extremely serious charges. A drug crime conviction can drastically change the course of your life after resulting in large fines, a felony record, & even jail time.

Last drinks threatened for lap dancing clubs – Feb 4, 2010 – *Australia* – By Greg Stolz – Police threatened to shut down a club after the owner stopped providing free drinks & lap dances, a lawyer says. The Gold Coast club was allegedly put on a "hit list" last year after the proprietor decided to end VIP hospitality for off-duty police. "He decided enough was enough in terms of free loading coppers," said the lawyer, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "He sought our advice after the police suggested they could find ways to have him shut down. He was concerned & had to step up his security as a result." The Crime & Misconduct Commission is investigating allegations police have been getting too close to the Gold Coast club scene, including involvement in drug dealing. Some clubs are known to fete off-duty police with free entry, free drinks & even lap dances. At least one club is said to provide police with \$100 drink cards, with some strip clubs offering officers "special treatment". Senior police admit some young officers have been "caught up in the wrong crowd". They rub shoulders with bikies who are reputed to control the nightclub drug trade on the Glitter Strip. Bieke associates have held stakes in Coast clubs & been involved in running security. "It has absolutely nothing to do with making money out of security & everything to do with the supply of drugs to a ready-made market," a legal source said.

Ex-Hells Angel gets immunity & \$3M – Feb 4, 2010 – *Canada* - Former biker admitted to police that he killed a man. A former member of the Hells Angels was paid \$3 million & given immunity, in exchange for acting as a witness for Quebec provincial police, a Radio-Canada investigation has discovered. The info Sylvain Boulanger gave to police led to more than 150 arrests during Operation SharQc in 2009. After being a member of the biker gang for 20 years, Boulanger left the Angels' Sherbrooke, Que., chapter in 2006, after being approached by provincial police, he told Radio-Canada. He spent the next 3 years detailing the murders, attempted murders & other crimes committed by his former associates. Boulanger told police he had even killed someone himself. "The door was open, I come up on the side & I shoot. I hear 'Ow! Ow! Ow!' I see him there & in my head, he's dead. So I get out of there running," he said, describing the shooting to Radio-Canada. Boulanger was given total immunity from prosecution despite admitting to many crimes during his 20-year career as a HA. He also asked for \$10 million, but police agreed to give him \$3 million - a record in Quebec.

Funeral of popular Hells Angel – Feb 4, 2010 - *United Kingdom* - By Jill Harding - A Cavalcade of about 80 motorbikes accompanied the coffin of popular Hells Angel Mike Bugler to his funeral on Tue. Starting at Bugler's home in The Friary, the procession went around the ring road & on to Salisbury crematorium where scores more mourners were waiting to pay their last respects. The coffin was carried in a sidecar & Bugler's wife Myra travelled on his H-D, with a police escort accompanying the bikers. Bugler, 60, died at Salisbury Hospice on Jan 19. He had been diagnosed with cancer in 2008. Born in Portsmouth, he moved with his family to Herbert Road in Salisbury & grew up in the city. From an early age, he was an avid motorcycle fan & became Master of Arms in the Hells Angels. He made friends all over the country, & many of them travelled on their bikes to attend his funeral. Bugler's family said he was known for his "happy, big personality" & he has been described as a "gentle giant". They said he would do anything for anyone & played a huge part in the community. Bugler worked as a lorry driver & loved listening to the music of Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd & The Beatles. After the funeral, the mourners went to the Five Bells pub where Bugler & his wife received a blessing last Oct.

State's high court hearing: Helmets - Feb 4, 2010 - *Myrtle Beach, South Carolina* - The justices have recessed. No opinion was given, & there is no time frame for when it will be issued.

Sturgis Annexation Rejected – Feb 4, 2010 – *Sturgis, South Dakota* - By Justin Wickersham - Meade County voters hit the polls in full force Tuesday to decide if an area east of Sturgis should be annexed to the city. After all the votes were counted late Tuesday night, Sturgis voters defeated a proposal to annex over 18 hundred acres by a final count of 920 to 818. City officials say that during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, businesses & campgrounds in the 18 hundred acre area benefit from city services without having to pay city taxes. However, Full Throttle Saloon owner Mike Ballard claims the city just wants to take money away from him when he does nothing but bring business to the city. Ballard says his payroll during the rally is \$ 320,000, & 80% of it gets spent locally.

House kills helmet – Feb 4, 2010 – *New Hampshire* - A pair of proposed bills that would have required all motorcyclists to wear helmets & all motorcycles made after 1982 to have noise "emission systems labels" died in state House of Representatives Tuesday. According to the House Transportation Committee, the proposed bills were dismissed after being found "too inexpedient to legislate." State Rep. & North Hampton resident Judith Day sponsored both bills & previously told the Herald, "People using public roads should have to be responsible riders."

A people may want a free Gov't; but if, from insolence, or carelessness, or cowardice, or want of public spirit, they are unequal to the exertions necessary for preserving it; if they will not fight for it when it is directly attacked; if they can be deluded by the artifices used to cheat them out of it; if by momentary discouragement or temporary panic, or a fit of enthusiasm for an individual they can be induced to lay their liberties at the feet of even a great man, or trust him with powers which enable him to subvert their institutions; in all cases they are more or less unfit for liberty; & though it may be for their good to have had it even for a short time, they are unlikely long to enjoy it. - John Stuart Mill, *Essays on Representative Gov't*, 1861 & 1862

SNAFU.... Situation Normal All Fucked Up....

MC Pres Arrested – Feb 5, 2010 – *Pennsylvania* - Undercover agents raided a home & hauled out a truckload of evidence. It happened right outside of Channel 11's doors last week, but investigators kept quiet about what they were doing until now. State agents arrested the Pres of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Pagan's Richard Speciale, 28. The Pagan's is Pittsburgh's infamous motorcycle gang. After months of top secret surveillance & undercover work, narcotics agents from the State Atty General's office arrested Speciale less than ½ mile from his Ross home on Jan. 28. As Speciale was driven away, state agents, along with Ross Township police, descended on his house. Agents filled a U-Haul trailer with evidence they removed from Speciale's Peebles Road home. According to the criminal complaint, that included no motorcycles, but powdered cocaine, electronic surveillance equipment, packing for illegal drugs & scales & \$ 146,000 in cash. Channel 11 spoke with former FBI agent Larry Likar. Part of his career was putting Pagan's behind bars. He said membership may be dwindling due to incarceration. "There's Historical evidence that they are involved in a lot of criminal activity," said Likar. Speciale is jailed on \$500,000 bond. When he was arrested, he was already on federal probation for a cocaine conviction in 1998. If he's convicted, he's likely to go back to Fed prison.

Pagan's Hit With Updated Racketeering Indictment – Feb 5, 2010 – *West Virginia* - By Scott Wykoff - A federal grand jury in Charleston has issued a slimmed down racketeering indictment against the Pagan's MC. The lead defendant remains longtime Nat'l Pagan's Pres David Keith Barbeito. The Myersville, Md., resident still faces racketeering & gambling counts. Prosecutors also want Barbeito & others to forfeit cash & firearms. The document unsealed Thursday adds some charges, including arson, & a new defendant from New Jersey. Overall the case has been trimmed to 38 defendants & 29 counts. Last October's 44-count indictment named 55 defendants. The changes largely reflect defendants who've agreed to cooperate. Chief among them are Nat'l VP Floyd "Jesse" Moore of St. Albans & former Pagan Darrell Bumgarner of Huntington.

Committee approves bill to halt biker profiling – Feb 5, 2010 - *Washington* - By Maks Goldenshteyn - Rep. Steve Kirby's latest attempt to curb the alleged profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement officers gained a little more traction Tuesday after his bill was passed out of committee on a 7-to-1 vote, ahead of the cutoff for House bills. HB 2511 would force local law enforcement agencies to adopt a written policy designed to condemn & prevent the profiling of motorcyclists & to institute training to address the issue. The language used in HB 2511 is borrowed from a bill passed in 2002 that dealt with racial profiling. "If we have to make it a legislative matter to make it stop, so be it," said Kirby, a Tacoma Democrat. "We shouldn't have had to pass a racial profiling bill, but we did because it was the right thing to do. And this is the right thing to do." Kirby said he was hopeful that his previous 2 bills on motorcyclist profiling would solve the problem by at least bringing attention to it. But motorcyclist advocates say they're still being targeted by law enforcement officers under the premise that they belong to biker gangs. Officials from the Washington State Patrol & the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs deny the claims. Committee Chairman Christopher Hurst, D-Enumclaw, said he never profiled a motorcyclist in his 25 years in law enforcement, but acknowledged that he's seen others do it. Rep. Brad Klippert, R-Kennewick, a Benton County Sheriff's deputy, said he doesn't profile motorcyclists either. He voted against moving the bill forward because he wants to see it tweaked.

Stolen Motorcycles Turning Into Big Business – Feb 5, 2010 – *San Diego, California* - Motorcycle thieves are making big money in San Diego County, & authorities said what sets these thieves apart is their equipment, methods & who they work for. Authorities said the thieves wear bulletproof vests & pack armor-piercing bullets. They also plan their heists carefully, spending time watching their targets & doing counter-surveillance on those who are trying to catch them. "It funds whatever they need to fund -- weapons, payouts," an undercover officer told investigative reporter Mitch Blacher. "It wasn't until the profit was seen by the cartels that they wanted a piece of it." Authorities said organized groups & drug cartels started putting their hands into sport bike theft, not because they're into sport bikes, but because it represents a dollar figure. "So, this is more than motorcycle theft?" asked Blacher. "Is it really a mechanism for the cartels to make money & run their drug operations?" "Yeah, I think it's all intertwined," responded an undercover officer. A police informant who used to work for drug cartels told the 10News I-Team thieves can make thousands of dollars a bike & there are big penalties for not delivering the merchandise. "If they ask you for something, for a motorcycle, for a car & you just don't bring it or something, they just go ahead & get rid of you, because you're not good," the informant said. Authorities said San Diego County has more motorcycles stolen per capita every year than anywhere else in the country. Los Angeles County has a population nearly 3 times that of San Diego County, & has roughly the same number of motorcycles stolen each year.

Pagan's member faces cocaine charges – Feb 6, 2010 - *West Virginia* - By Torsten Ove- A high-ranking member of the Pagan's MC from Ross will appear before a city magistrate next week on state cocaine distribution charges that will almost certainly send him back to Fed prison, where he spent 10 years for dealing cocaine in the 1990s. On Jan. 29, the day after Richard J. Speciale, 48, was arrested by city police & state agents, a federal judge issued a bench warrant for him at the Allegheny County Jail for violating the terms of his probation. The warrant will serve as a detainer while his state case proceeds and, because of the seriousness of his prior conviction, will probably send him back to prison for several years after his state court penalty is served. The case against him is part of an ongoing state grand jury investigation of drug dealing by the Pagan's.

70 Bandidos to the Hells Angels gone over – Feb 6, 2010 – *Germany* - For the first time ever in Germany are members of the biker club Bandidos to the arch-enemies of the Hells Angels overflowed. Among the rockers & is considered the absolute treason! It is certainly an event of historic proportions. Anyone who changes must fear for his life. Some of the men who have now switched sides, were in the summer, participating in an attempted assassination of members of the Hells Angels. In Berlin alone there after authorities details about 30 Rocker clubs with 650 members. The conflict is based on massive expansion plans of both associations in East Germany - it is mainly for supremacy in the illegal trade in drugs & weapons, & prostitution.

Bandidos members face court on torture charge – Feb 7, 2010 – *Australia* - By Jason Rawlins - Assault & torture charges against 4 members of the Bandidos motorcycle gang have been mentioned in the Brisbane Magistrates Court. Police allege Gary Williams, 50, Jeffrey West, 39, Mark Genrich, 44, & Craig Gorman, 38, held former club member David Beddow against his will at the Bandidos' Ipswich clubhouse in Feb last year. It is alleged Beddow was attacked because he had used the Bandidos name & colors to intimidate people.

Helmet Bill For Minors Aims Tickets At Adults – Feb 8, 2010 – *Kansas* - A bill before the Kansas Senate would require adults to be sure minors are wearing helmets while driving or riding a motorcycle. It's already illegal in Kansas for anyone under 18 to drive or ride a motorcycle without wearing a helmet. But currently it's the child who gets a ticket. Under the new bill, any adult who lets a child onto a cycle without a helmet would also get ticketed. The Governors Hwy Safety Association said 43 of the 64 riders killed in motorcycle crashes in 2006 weren't wearing helmets.

ZZ Top To Play At Sturgis Rally – Feb 8, 2010 - *Sturgis, South Dakota* - The Doobie Brothers are set to return to the Sturgis motorcycle rally. The rock band will perform Aug. 14 at the Buffalo Chip Campground. The Doobie Brothers last performed at the rally in 1990. Also back for rally week is ZZ Top, which has played there several times, most recently in 2008. Dave Mason, Jason Aldean & Disturbed are also scheduled to perform.

American Chopper is riding off into the sunset for good. – Feb 8, 2010 – *New York* – By Kate Stanhope - The TLC reality series is closing shop after 6 seasons, with the series finale airing Thursday, Feb. 11 at 9/8c. Chopper premiered in 2003 on the Discovery Channel before moving to TLC in 2008. The series followed founder Paul Teutul, Sr., & his son, Paul Jr. (better known as Paulie or Junior) & the drama behind the scenes at their custom motorcycle shop, Orange County Choppers. “The Teutuls will always be a part of the Discovery family & we congratulate them on a tremendously successful series run,” TLC said in a statement. Paul Teutul, Sr., said he anticipated “another 2 or 3 years” of the show in an Oct interview with the New York Daily News. However, Paul Jr., left the company - & the series - briefly earlier this season & was then sued by his father over company stock in December, according to TMZ. Will you miss American Chopper? (*Editor's Comment*): H___ No!!!!

Local officers want helmet law – Feb 8, 2010 – *Nebraska* – By Jim Osborn - Bottom line; Motorcycle helmets save lives. That was the reaction of Columbus Police Capt. Todd Thalken when asked about a proposal in the Nebraska Legislature last week to allow motorcyclists to go helmet-free. “As a police officer, I'm pro-helmet,” said Thalken, a former motorcycle owner who rode lid-less before the 20-year-old state helmet requirement went into effect & has also ridden with a helmet. “I can see both sides of the issue.” Columbus officers issued 8 citations to motorcyclists for riding without a helmet during 2009, up from 5 tickets issued for the traffic offense in 2008. Platte County Sheriff Jon Zavadil also sees both sides of the issue, & also comes down on the side of safety. “I'd think that motorcycle riders would want any advantage they could get (in the event of an accident),” Zavadil said. Riders don't have much chance with a helmet of escaping injury in the case of an accident, especially on the highway or the interstate, he said. The sheriff's Dept now issues only 1 or 2 citations a year to motorcyclists who don't wear a helmet. On Wed, the proposal to allow motorcyclists to go helmet-free crashed amid insurance worries, but may recover while state lawmakers are still in session, according to a report by the AP.

Wizard of OZ: Is 70 years old. Today, if Dorothy were to encounter people with no brains, no hearts, & no courage - She wouldn't be in Oz... She'd be in Washington D.C.!

How do you get a sweet little 80-year-old lady to say the 'F' word? Get another sweet little 80-year-old lady to yell, '**Bingo!**'

High Court to hear bikie case – Feb 7, 2010 – *Australia* – By Nigel Hunt - The next battle in the State Government's war against the bikies will take place in the High Court this Fri. In a video link to the High Court in Canberra, Solicitor-General Martin Hinton, QC, will argue the Govt's application for special leave to appeal against the decision of South Australia's highest court last Sept that rejected the key component of the controversial bikie legislation. The special leave application is seeking to overturn the decision of the Full Court of the Supreme Court, that ruled a crucial section of the Serious & Organized Crime (Control) Act concerning the issuing of control orders against gang members was invalid. The High Court decision is likely to determine the future of identical legislation planned by other states as they bolster their own laws targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs. On Sept 25 last year, the Full Court, consisting of justices Bleby, Kelly & White, in a 2-to-1 majority, ruled that Section 14.1 of the SOCCA legislation was invalid, following an appeal by Finks members Donald Hudson & Sandro Totani. Under the section, which states a magistrate must grant a control order sought by the Police Commissioner, the subject is not given the opportunity to appear when the order is granted & is not allowed to know the content of an intelligence file used in the process. In the judgment, Justice Bleby said it was a “fundamental proposition” of law that an accused person be informed of the case against them. He said the law also “impaired or undermined” the court's integrity. The Full Court ruling meant control orders already obtained by police against Hudson, Totani & 6 other Finks members were invalid. Meanwhile, it is unlikely any decision by state Atty-General Michael Atkinson on the police application to have the Rebels declared will be made before the March 20 state election. Lawyers & those targeted have until this Friday to respond & it is then likely to be a six-week process while those responses are considered by Crown Law officers & police. A spokesman for Atkinson on Friday said public submissions on the application for the Rebels declaration had closed. “However, the Atty-General has received requests to accept some late submissions, which he has agreed to,” the spokesman said. “Like the previous application process, the Atty-General will give the submissions detailed & careful consideration”.

An 8 pointer, 4 pointer & a button buck are standing by a field browsing on acorns. The 8 pointer says, 'I'm happy with my 10 does, we're really getting along. The 4 pointer says, 'I'm happy as heck with my 5, they really take care of me! The Button buck says, 'My 2 are all right, better than nothing I guess. Then all of a sudden a Giant 14 pointer walks out into the field. The 3 bucks had never seen anything like him before, they were in awe. The big buck made a huge scrape & pissed in it, rubbed a tree the size of a telephone pole & snapped it off at the ground! The 3 bucks looked on in amazement. The 8 pointer says, 'I could probably get by with 4 does... Who really needs 10 anyway? The 4 pointer says, 'You know.... come to think of it, I only really use 1 or 2 of mine! The button buck was silent, as the other 2 bucks look over to him in confusion. Suddenly the yearling runs out into the middle of the field! He rips & tears up some grass, pisses all over the place, snorts & wheezes, rubs his head raw on a tree & chews a lickin branch clean off! Then he runs back over to his buddies. His friends immediately ask him, 'What the Hell are you doing!?' I'm just makin' sure that big sumbitch knows I'm a buck!'

Sic gorgiamus allos subjectatos nunc... We gladly feast on those who would subdue us. - Morticia Addams

Bikers miffed that State Fair turned them away – Feb 9, 2010 – *Tampa Bay, Florida* – By Chandra Broadwater - They rolled up on motorcycles Sunday, looking for a good time & fried goodies like everyone else at the State Fair. About 50 bikers from an array of clubs stepped off their hogs wearing group patches on their leather jackets, only to be turned away. Fair rules, enforced by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, ban gang colors or signs. "That's a common practice at the fair & the Strawberry Festival," said Debbie Carter, a sheriff's spokeswoman. But a lawyer representing the bikers says their First Amendment rights have been violated. "They're trying to stifle people's rights by using a blanket policy," said Tarpon Springs atty Jerry Theophilopoulos. "It's suppressing their right to associate in public." Individual bikers contacted by the Times declined to be interviewed. Carter defended the fair's policy. "It's a potential for something to go wrong," Carter said. "People are asked not to display colors for the safety of themselves & everyone else attending." Sometimes gang members show up wearing the same red bandana slung around their necks, she said. Or they might all wear the same style & color of clothing. She said deputies stationed at fair entrances, where signs state the rules, give people the option of removing objectionable clothing. If not, the group must leave. The bikers left. Gangs at the fair have been an issue in the past. Fights have erupted between opposing gangs, a big reason why club colors aren't allowed, Carter said. Last week, a sheriff's gang unit inspected merchandise vendors before the fair opened to ensure that gang-related clothing wasn't for sale. Members of a multi-county task force will also roam the crowds in search of those displaying gang symbols or hints of their affiliations, as the fair is sometimes used as a place to recruit. The bikers who were turned away Sunday belong to a wide variety of clubs, including the Outlaws. Some are members of the Spirit Riders, a Christian MC, & the New Attitudes, a group of clean & sober riders. Theophilopoulos said many of the bikers are simply business executives & owners who like to ride. "The clubs that were with us, none of them have ever gotten into fights at the fair," Theophilopoulos said. "They're not street gangs, & they are being lumped together." The lawyer said he called the Sheriff's Office Sat to tell the agency the bikers were coming. He was told that if they wore their colors, they wouldn't be let in. They tried to go, anyway. "Sometimes you have to make a statement, to stand up for what you believe in," the lawyer said.

Pushbike helmet fine for ex-Rebel – Feb 9, 2010 – *Australia* – By Jenna Hand - A former member of the Rebels MC has been fined \$70 in the ACT Magistrates Court for not wearing a helmet while riding his pushbike (*British Term: informal name for Bicycle*), but a drug charge was dismissed. Alfio Licciardello, who is banned from driving, was cycling through Lyneham on his way to the Rebels' Mitchell C.H. on a Sun morning in March last year when police stopped him. The court heard that Constable Alexei Chapman noticed the 46-year-old disability pensioner had a pocketknife in a pouch on his waist & decided to search the man to see if he was carrying additional knives. The search revealed 0.644g of methamphetamine tucked into a cigarette packet, both of which Licciardello denied owning. But Magistrate Grant Lalor ruled that the search was illegal & dismissed the charge of possessing a drug of dependence. He said police had the power to search someone who they suspected was carrying a knife but had to announce they were police & give a reason for conducting the search. Licciardello was convicted & fined \$150 for carrying the knife & \$70 for riding without a helmet.

Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you are scared to death...

Bandidos bikie faces assault charges – Feb 9, 2010 – *Australia* - Officers arrested the 28-year-old man at a home in Merrylands at about 1.30pm yesterday over the alleged assault of a 23-year-old man outside a hotel in Parramatta on Dec 9. He was later charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm & affray & will appear in Parramatta Local Court on March 5. Police will allege he is a high-ranking member of the Bandidos bikie gang.

Police on the lookout for possible gang violence – Feb 9, 2010 – *Canada* - Police on the lookout for possible gang violence between the Hells Angels & the Rock Machine... Rising tensions between 2 biker gangs have Winnipeg police closely monitoring their actions. Police paid close attention to a bar at a St. Boniface hotel Sat night following a tip that a fight could be imminent. The news follows a serious attack against a Winnipeg member of the Rock Machine MC inside a business on St. Mary's Road about 3 weeks ago. The victim had such serious injuries that he was unrecognizable.

Two Mounties charged after fight with bikers in Kelowna - Feb 9, 2010 – *Canada* - By Kim Bolan - Two Mounties are facing assault charges after allegedly mixing it up with bikers outside of a Kelowna night club last Aug. The 2 RCMP officers, who were off-duty at the time, were charged for "shoulder-bumping" colour-wearing members of the Hells Angels & Throttle Lockers biker gangs inside the club, provoking a street fight outside. Cpl. Annie Linteau said Const. Chris MacDonald, of Prince Edward Island, & Const. Kiel Samotej, of Alberta, remain on duty & will make their first appearances in a Kelowna courtroom April 22. Also charged with assault causing bodily harm is 25-year-old Kelowna resident Errol Milsom-Gardener, for allegedly striking MacDonald, who ended up in hospital. Linteau said the fight outside the night club involved 15 to 20 individuals wearing Hells Angels & Throttle Rockers "colors" & several members of MacDonald's group. "This alleged assault involved a 'shoulder bump' inside the night club & is believed to have instigated the much larger altercation that later took place outside," she said in a news release. She said the others with MacDonald sustained minor injuries that did not require hospitalization. MacDonald, 40, was held overnight at Kelowna General Hospital & then released. Kelowna RCMP investigated the fight & sent its findings to Crown Counsel for consideration of criminal charges, Linteau said. Those charged were approved Feb. 5. Milsom-Gardener is scheduled to appear in court on April 8. An internal RCMP Code of Conduct investigation is currently being conducted, Linteau said.

Hells Angels to Sue Iceland for Unfounded Arrest – Feb 9, 2010 – *Iceland* - Norwegian lawyer Morten Furuholmen is preparing a lawsuit against Icelandic authorities for what he calls an unfounded arrest of Leif Ivar Kristiansen, the leader of the Hells Angels MC in Norway, at Keflavík Internat'l Airport Feb 8.

The mania for giving the Gov't power to meddle with the private affairs of cities or citizens is likely to cause endless trouble, through the rivalry of schools & creeds that are anxious to obtain official recognition, & there is great danger that our people will lose our independence of thought & action which is the cause of much of our greatness, & sink into the helplessness of the Frenchman or German who expects his Gov't to feed him when hungry, clothe him when naked, to prescribe when his child may be born & when he may die, and, in time, to regulate every act of humanity from the cradle to the tomb, including the manner in which he may seek future admission to paradise.
- Mark Twain

Pagan placed on curfew following scuffle with police – Feb 10, 2010 – *West Virginia* – By Andrew Clevenger - A former Kanawha County school bus driver charged as part of a federal indictment against members & associates of the Pagan's MC must obey a curfew after he was arrested last month in a scuffle with Charleston police. Corey Charles Hinkle, of Charleston, said Tue in Fed court that he was trying to defuse a tense situation among patrons at the International House of Pancakes restaurant in Kanawha City on Jan. 23, & that he wasn't involved in any disagreement. Earlier that evening, his family had thrown him a party at the Elk River Bar & Grill to celebrate his 30th birthday, he said. After the bar closed, he went with some friends to get breakfast at the restaurant. By the time he arrived, the disturbance had already happened, & he asked the waitress if he & his friends could move to a table in a different section, away from 4 black patrons who had made allegations that a racial slur had been used, he said. When Charleston Police Cpl. H.W. Doss arrived, he ordered Hinkle out of the restaurant, & told him he'd have to leave, Hinkle said. "I said, 'I can't leave, I haven't paid for my meal. My ride's inside,'" Hinkle said. During his conversation with Doss, the black patrons taunted him, urging him to "say something now" in front of the police officer, he said. His waitress, who was outside smoking, tried repeatedly to tell Doss that Hinkle wasn't part of the disagreement, he said. When Hinkle turned to go back inside, Doss grabbed his belt from behind, he said. Not knowing who had grabbed him, he instinctively reached back & grabbed the officer's wrist, he said. "I said, 'Don't grab me,' & then I let him go, because I saw it was a cop," he said. "That's when [Doss] pulled out the [pepper spray] & said, 'Don't tell me what to do,' & [pepper sprayed] me." After ordering him to get down on the ground, Doss hit him several times with a baton, Hinkle said. Doss recalled things differently. He testified that the restaurant's employees told him that Hinkle was involved in the disturbance, & that they didn't want Hinkle allowed back inside. As Doss was talking to Hinkle, Hinkle turned to go inside & confront another customer, Doss said. To stop him, Doss grabbed Hinkle's belt & jeans from behind, he said. "Mr. Hinkle spun around & grabbed my wrist, looked me in the face & told me never to touch him again," he said. After Doss told him 2 or 3 times to step back into the parking lot, Hinkle "planted himself" & assumed an aggressive stance, Doss said. That's when he pepper sprayed him in the face. He then ordered Hinkle to get down on the ground, & when he didn't, Doss used his baton, he said. Doss arrested Hinkle & charged him with 2 counts of obstruction & 1 count of battery on a police officer, all misdemeanors. U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary E. Stanley did not revoke Hinkle's bond -- which includes the condition that he not violate any Fed, state or local law -- & allowed him to remain free pending trial. She did impose a curfew, ordering Hinkle to stay at home between 11 p.m. & 5 a.m. She also ordered him to stay away from any establishment that sells alcohol by the drink. Hinkle was one of 55 defendants named in a sweeping indictment unsealed in October accusing members & associates of the Pagan's of using violence & intimidation to control territory from New Jersey to Florida. He was also named in a superseding indictment unsealed last week. Hinkle, known in the biker world as Mohawk, is charged of conspiring with other Pagan's to carry guns to protect Floyd B. "Jesse" Moore, 64, of St. Albans. Moore, the Nat'l VP of the Pagan's & a convicted felon, could not legally possess a gun, so he allegedly ordered his subordinates in the gang to carry guns to protect him. Hinkle also is accused of conspiring to commit assault with a dangerous weapon in March 2006 & of burning evidence in Feb 2009. Including Moore, who pleaded guilty to federal racketeering charges, 17 defendants have entered into plea

deals with federal prosecutors. Other defendants have admitted to helping stockpile explosives as part of an ongoing feud with the Hell's Angels MC, intimidating other motorcycle clubs, extortion & selling drugs. Other counts accuse gang members & associates of kidnapping, robbery & attempted murder for allegedly conspiring to kill an incarcerated member of the Pagan's whom they believed was cooperating with law enforcement. One defendant, Charles H. "Tombstone Charlie" Nichols, 57, of Roanoke, Va., died in October while in custody at the South Central Regional Jail. Authorities said Nichols died from complications of previous medical conditions.

Court Documents show Police Concern about MC Violence – Feb 10, 2010 – *Canada* – By Kelly Dehn - Court documents obtained by CTV News show Winnipeg police believe violence could erupt between feuding motorcycle gangs. In early Dec, police made close to 30 arrests in an investigation called Project Divide, which put some Hells Angels members behind bars & locked up many more members of the Hells Angels puppet club the Zig Zag Crew. Court documents show that with Hells Angels support low in Manitoba because of the arrests, the Rock Machine motorcycle gang is trying to make inroads into the province. Rock Machine members have apparently been wearing their gang colours, enraging members of the Hells Angels.

Hells Angels suspects remain in prison – Feb 10, 2010 – *Belgium* - The gang members wrap themselves in silence during the investigation on drug growing & trade. The court has released 1 of the 14 suspects arrested in the investigation on drug trade under probation. For 1 of the suspects the verdict has been postponed. 12 others remain arrested. They are suspected of drug trade, money laundering & membership of a criminal organization. All suspects are tied with the motorcycle scene. They are members of the Hells Angels & the Red Devils, or have ties with them. Special Police-units searched 15 locations on Tue, mainly in the provinces of Limburg & Antwerp. During these searches they found 3 plantations, & weapons, cars & bikes were confiscated. The investigations are difficult because all suspects refuse to speak – amongst motorcycle clubs there is a code of honor which forbids confessing. Two days after the large-scale searches, officers searched 7 more locations. Of the 6 detained during these searches, 4 remain in prison. They are being connected to 2 more cannabis plantations. During these searches officers found 5 cannabis plantations holding a total of 1300 plants. The arrests are the result of a months long investigation, in which investigators also used phone taps. Further investigation will have to reveal if the Hells Angels & the Red Devils, as organizations, were involved in these criminal activities. Some ten year ago there was a similar investigation into the Hells Angels in Ghent. The Public Prosecutor was unable to prove charges of it being a criminal organization. On Tue the court in Leuven will decide on the further detention of the 4 suspects arrested on Thu.

Conversation in a Kentucky Bar: A guy walks into a bar in Kentucky & orders a white wine. All the hillbillies sitting around the bar look up, expecting to see some pitiful Yankee from the north. The bartender says, "You ain't from around here, are ya?" The guy says, "No, I'm from Canada." The bartender says, "What do you do in Canada?" The guy says, "I'm a taxidermist." The bartender says, "A taxidermist? What in tarnation is a taxidermist? Do you drive a taxi?" "No, a taxidermist doesn't drive a taxi. I mount animals." The bartender grins & hollers, "It's okay boys. He's one of us!!!"

'You're big & ugly enough to know better' – Feb 10, 2010 – *South Africa* – By Gill Gifford - Notorious bouncer Gary Beuthin has been sentenced to 7 years in prison for beating a Hells Angels member with a baseball bat - but not before a sound rebuking from Judge Kathy Satchwell. "Beuthin, you are a man of 44 years old. You are big enough & ugly enough to know better. You should have learnt your lesson a long time ago," Judge Satchwell said when ruling on a plea agreement entered into by Beuthin & the State. Beuthin, along with his girlfriend Melanie van Niekerk & friend Warren Schertel, stood accused of assaulting former Hells Angels member Eduard Jacobs with a baseball bat before robbing him at gunpoint of watches & about R100 000 in cash on Nov 17, 2007. At the time of the incident, Beuthin had served 15 years of a 25-year sentence for assaulting his former girlfriend & socialite Jill Reeves. He had been out on parole for only 5 months when top cop Director Piet Byleveld arrested him, along with Van Niekerk, for the attack on Jacobs. On Tuesday Beuthin entered into a plea agreement in which he admitted to some of the charges in exchange for a seven-year prison sentence, which would run concurrently with "any other sentence that has already been imposed but not yet fully served". In addition, the State would not apply to have a suspended sentence imposed on Beuthin in 2005 put into operation. Commenting on the agreement, Judge Satchwell noted Beuthin's history of previous convictions & said she saw the fact that he had taken possession of Schertel's firearm during the attack as an aggravating factor. "When I sentence people to 25 years in jail I want them there for 25 years. I see that the kindness of the parole board allowed you the opportunity to go free after only 14 years, in which case I would expect you to immediately wear sackcloth & ashes & spend the rest of your time in church or synagogue or mosque atoning," Judge Satchwell said as she reprimanded him for falling foul of the law so soon after being granted parole. During her tirade, Judge Satchwell stopped & ordered that Van Niekerk be removed from court & locked in the cells. "My Lady, may I ask why," a shaken Van Niekerk asked as she was marched downstairs. "You may. This is because you were constantly shaking your head, pulling on the accused & trying to speak to him," Judge Satchwell responded. She went on to say she considered the fact that Beuthin had spent more than 2 years awaiting trial as a mitigating factor, again commenting on Beuthin's "considerable aggression" & "thuggery". "I am satisfied that you be convicted of this offence & feel that the sentence agreement is just," the judge said after having Van Niekerk brought back into court. She then acquitted Van Niekerk on all counts and, before acquitting Schertel, instructed the State to institute action to have his firearm licence revoked. The judge said she was not interested in arguments that Schertel might need a firearm for work purposes. "If he has to get a job working on a till, then so be it," she said before ruling that Van Niekerk & Schertel were both free to go. Beuthin's legal counsel, Mike Werner, asked that Beuthin be allowed to return to his cell at Medium A to pack up his belongings before being transferred to Medium B, where he will serve out his sentence. "It is up to the prison to arrange for what needs to be collected & whatever he does or doesn't want anyone else to collect. I believe this can be incredibly frustrating, but I cannot give instructions to the prisons," Judge Satchwell said.

Kiss me – full on the mouth! Yes! For your love is better than wine, headier than your romantic oils... Take me away with you! Let's run off together! An elopement with my King-Lover!
(Song of Songs 1:2, 4)

All New Ilmor-Viper Motorcycle Prototype v-Twin – Feb 10, 2010 – *Minnesota* - Ilmor Engineering & Viper Motorcycle Company-- Ilmor announced today they have successfully run the first prototype Ilmor - Viper Motorcycle Company engine on the dyno ahead of schedule & are already seeing promising results. Ilmor has been working on the design & development of the updated Viper Motorcycle 152 cubic inch V-Twin engine since Oct 2009, as part of the manufacturing agreement between Viper Motorcycle Company, a subsidiary of Viper Powersports, Inc., & Ilmor Engineering announced on January 8, 2010. The Viper Motorcycles-Ilmor V-Twin will feature in the Diamondback Super Cruiser model due to be rolled out in the second quarter of the year. The advanced Ilmor design, intended to both improve performance & lower emissions, includes a new crankcase, which has fully integrated oil pressure & scavenge pump sets, a new barrel housing & new cylinder heads. The addition of a state of the art cooling system, incorporating both oil-cooling & air-cooling will further improve engine output & reliability. The bottom end features a higher compression ratio from new piston assemblies with revised crown pocket details, for improved combustion & exhaust emissions. The crankshaft has been revised to account for the new piston & connecting rod assemblies & reduces overall engine vibration. The updated Ilmor badged engine design retains the distinctive Viper Motorcycle machined & polished billet aluminum look of the predecessor.

Motorcycles Could be include in "Lemon Law" – Feb 10, 2010 – *Nashville, Tennessee* - A bill to include motorcycles in the state's "lemon law" for defective vehicles is advancing in the Tennessee House. The measure sponsored by Republican Rep. Vince Dean of East Ridge would give owners of new motorcycles the same rights as those who have cars & trucks that don't perform properly. Dean said mechanical or structural problems can be more dangerous for motorcycles riders' safety. In Dean's words: "On a car, a bent frame may just make it wobble or something. But on a motorcycle a bent frame can cause an accident very easily." The measure was advanced Tuesday to the House Consumer & Employee Affairs Committee. The companion measure is awaiting consideration in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Bob came home drunk one night, slid into bed beside his sleeping wife, & fell into a deep slumber... He awoke before the Pearly Gates, where St. Peter said, 'You died in your sleep, Bob....' Bob was stunned. 'I'm dead? No, I can't be! I've got too much to live for. Send me back!' St. Peter said, 'I'm sorry, but there's only one way you can go back, & that is as a chicken.' Bob was devastated, but begged St. Peter to send him to a farm near his home.... The next thing he knew, he was covered with feathers, clucking, & pecking the ground. A rooster strolled past. 'So, you're the new hen, huh? How's your first day here?' 'Not bad,' replied Bob the hen, 'but I have this strange feeling inside. Like I'm gonna explode!' 'You're ovulating,' explained the rooster. 'Don't tell me you've never laid an egg before?' 'Never,' said Bob. 'Well, just relax & let it happen,' says the rooster. 'It's no big deal.' Bob did, & a few uncomfortable seconds later, out popped an egg! Bob was overcome with emotion as he experienced motherhood. He soon laid another egg -- his joy was overwhelming. As he was about to lay his third egg, he felt a smack on the back of his head, & heard his wife yell..... "BOB, wake up. You shit the bed!"

Life is short. Drink the good wine first...!

Man slain outside Hamden tattoo parlor – Feb 11, 2010 – *Hamden, Connecticut* - By William Kaempffer - A man believed to be the owner of a Dixwell Ave tattoo parlor was shot to death outside his shop Tue night, police said. The shooting took place at 8:10 pm near A Touch of Color, a parlor at 1212 Dixwell Ave., close to the corner of Helen St & Circular Ave. Police Chief Thomas Wydra said the victim, Joseph Ferraiolo, 64, was shot at least once in the head, & was found outside the back door of the tattoo parlor. Police sources said the killing may have been related to a rivalry between motorcycle gangs, but would not specify what groups might have been involved. “Right now we’re looking for a black pickup truck for potential involvement in the shooting,” Lt. Timothy Wydra said. People from adjoining businesses said they knew the victim. “He’s a great guy. He comes in here once a day to buy his cigarettes,” said Craig Wyant, a friend of James Patel, the owner of the French-Italian Imports liquor store at Dixwell Avenue & Helen St. Hakim Aksu, who works at Pizza Choice next door to the tattoo parlor, said he heard the sound of wrestling & fighting outside his back door & went to check. When he did so, he saw a woman standing at the far side of parking lot near Helen St. She called out to someone to see if everything was OK, & a man inside the tattoo parlor said everything was, according to Aksu. The tattoo parlor is in a row of storefronts in what is commonly known as the bank district of Hamden. Across the street on either side of Putnam Ave a Walgreen’s & Putnam Place, which contains a Super Stop & Shop & other stores. *Editor’s Note:* Joseph = AOA...

Hells Angels infiltrator, ATF in legal battle – Feb 11, 2010 – *Arizona* - By Dennis Wagner - One of the most decorated undercover agents in the ATF has won a key ruling in a civil complaint against his own agency, only to be hit with a Gov’t countersuit claiming his autobiography & a planned movie have harmed the United States. Jay Dobyms, an ATF agent in AZ for 22 years, contends in U.S. Court of Claims papers that his bosses failed to uphold an agreement to protect him after he received death threats from the Hells Angels. Last month, Judge Francis Allegra ruled that Dobyms’ complaint must proceed, & he rebuked Gov’t lawyers for their dismissal arguments. The agent’s victory was short-lived, however. Days after Allegra’s Jan. 15 decision, Fed lawyers filed a counterclaim accusing Dobyms of harming his country by publishing an autobiography, “No Angel: My Harrowing Undercover Journey to the Inner Circle of the Hells Angels,” & entering a deal to sell the book’s movie rights. The counterclaim argues that Dobyms violated federal rules by failing to get a supervisor’s approval before publishing a book based on information he gathered while working as an ATF agent. Dobyms, who still works at ATF as a coordinator for computerized ballistics data, said the countersuit was a “completely retaliatory move.” “It definitely supports my allegation that ATF is going to do everything it can to break me,” he said.

Rebels bikie member charged - Feb 11, 2010 - *Australia* - Police in Perth have charged a member of the Rebels MC with drug offences. Police say a raid on a property in the Perth suburb of Middle Swan uncovered a drug lab operated by a gang member. It is alleged they found methylamphetamine & equipment to manufacture the drug, & 200 rounds of ammunition. A 40 year-old man from Scarborough will appear in court today to face a charge of manufacturing a prohibited drug.

What’s the difference between a southern zoo & a northern zoo? The southern zoo has a description of the animal with a recipe.

Motorcycle gang link probed – Feb 11, 2010 - *Connecticut* - By Ann DeMatteo - Ambush in Hamden: Motorcycle gang link probed in tattoo parlor shooting - Joseph Ferraiolo died of multiple gunshot wounds after being ambushed outside the rear door of his Dixwell Ave tattoo parlor Tue night, authorities said Wed. Police are investigating whether the killing was motorcycle gang-related or might be retaliation for some other incident. As part of the investigation, police are looking into any possible affiliation, membership or involvement Ferraiolo may have had with any motorcycle gang, Police Chief Thomas J. Wydra said. “A multiple amount of rounds were fired at Ferraiolo,” Wydra said Wed, declining to be more specific or name a suspect in the crime that occurred at about 8:10 p.m. Tue. Police were looking for a black truck in connection with the crime. “We’re looking at every possible lead, & examining every piece of evidence,” Wydra said. “The motivation for this homicide is of great interest & of great importance to us,” he said. The office of the chief medical examiner conducted an autopsy Wed & said Ferraiolo died of multiple gunshot wounds. The death was ruled a homicide. Ferraiolo was 64, & police are trying to pin down his last address. He had operated the tattoo parlor since at least 2002. The parlor was closed Wed. Ferraiolo had a police record dating from the 1960s, but hadn’t been arrested since 1984, police said. The charges were nonviolent & relatively minor, such as petty larceny, police said. When police arrived at the scene Tue night, they saw evidence of a crime inside the parlor & outside the rear door of A Touch of Color at 1212 Dixwell Ave. The owner of French-Italian Imports, Jimmy Patel, said he was sad that someone he considered a friend had been killed. Patel said he would see Ferraiolo occasionally when he came to his store to buy cigarettes. “He was always a nice, good person,” Patel said. Patel said that in the summertime, when his store was not busy, he would walk out & talk to Ferraiolo. Patel said he noticed that men on motorcycles would frequent the parlor in the summer. Patel said both he & Ferraiolo were concerned about improving their storefronts & had contacted the town. Dale Kroop, Hamden’s economic & community development director, confirmed that Ferraiolo several times in the last 2 years had asked about how to get facade & sidewalk improvements. He also wanted a new sign for his business, but never submitted the paperwork. Also Tue night, a Hamden firefighter / paramedic was injured when the American Medical Response ambulance taking Ferraiolo to the Hospital of Saint Raphael stopped short in New Haven to avoid another vehicle.

A Valentine for Bin Laden: Little Melissa comes home from 1st grade & tells her father that they learned about the history of Valentine’s Day. ‘Since Valentine’s Day is for a Christian saint, & we’re Jewish,’ she asks, ‘Will God get mad at me for giving someone a valentine?’ Melissa’s father thinks a bit, then says: ‘No, I don’t think God would get mad. Whom do you want to give a Valentine to?’ ‘Osama Bin Laden,’ she says. ‘Why Osama Bin Laden?’ her father asks in shock. ‘Well,’ she says, ‘I thought that if a little American Jewish girl could have enough love to give Osama a Valentine, he might start to think that maybe we’re not all bad, & maybe start loving people a little bit. And if other kids saw what I did & sent Valentines to Osama, he’d love everyone a lot. And then he’d start going all over the place to tell everyone how much he loved them, & how he didn’t hate anyone anymore.’ Her father’s heart swells & he looks at his daughter with new found pride. ‘Melissa, that’s the most wonderful thing I have ever heard.’ ‘I know,’ Melissa says, ‘and once that gets him out in the open, the Marines could shoot the fucker.’

Hells Angels bikie sentence inadequate – Feb 11, 2010 – *Australia* – By John Silverster – The Office of Public Prosecutions has launched an appeal against the sentence of a former bikie who was found guilty of a string of blackmail & arson charges. Notorious former Hells Angels bikie Terrence Tognolini was sentenced in the County Court last month to a minimum of 8 years after he was convicted on 9 counts of blackmail, 3 of arson & 1 each of threatening to damage property & indecent assault. But as the sentence was made concurrent with a 6½ year term he was serving for drug dealing & indecent assault his effective minimum jail term for his latest convictions was 18 months. OPP director Jeremy Rapke, QC, has appealed against the sentence on the grounds that “the single non-parole period fixed is manifestly inadequate in the circumstances”.

Feds push for tracking cell phones – Feb 11, 2010 – *U.S.A.* - By Declan McCullagh - Two years ago, when the FBI was stymied by a band of armed robbers known as the “Scarecrow Bandits” that had robbed more than 20 Texas banks, it came up with a novel method of locating the thieves. FBI agents obtained logs from mobile phone companies corresponding to what their cellular towers had recorded at the time of a dozen different bank robberies in the Dallas area. The voluminous records showed that 2 phones had made calls around the time of all 12 heists, & that those phones belonged to men named Tony Hewitt & Corey Duffey. A jury eventually convicted the duo of multiple bank robbery & weapons charges. Even though police are tapping into the locations of mobile phones thousands of times a year, the legal ground rules remain unclear, & federal privacy laws written a generation ago are ambiguous at best. On Friday, the first federal appeals court to consider the topic will hear oral arguments (PDF) in a case that could establish new standards for locating wireless devices. In that case, the Obama administration has argued that warrantless tracking is permitted because Americans enjoy no “reasonable expectation of privacy” in their--or at least their cell phones’--whereabouts. U.S. Dept of Justice lawyers say that “a customer’s Fourth Amendment rights are not violated when the phone company reveals to the Gov’t its own records” that show where a mobile device placed & received calls. Those claims have alarmed the ACLU & other civil liberties groups, which have opposed the Justice Dept’s request & plan to tell the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia that Americans’ privacy deserves more protection & judicial oversight than what the administration has proposed. “This is a critical question for privacy in the 21st century,” says Kevin Bankston, an atty at the Electronic Frontier Foundation who will be arguing on Friday. “If the courts do side with the government, that means that everywhere we go, in the real world & online, will be an open book to the Gov’t unprotected by the Fourth Amendment.” Not long ago, the concept of tracking cell phones would have been the stuff of spy movies. In 1998’s “Enemy of the State,” Gene Hackman warned that the National Security Agency has “been in bed with the entire telecommunications industry since the ‘40s--they’ve infected everything.” After a decade of appearances in “24” & “Live Free or Die Hard,” location-tracking has become such a trope that it was satirized in a scene with Seth Rogen from “Pineapple Express” (2008). Once a Hollywood plot, now ‘commonplace’... *Editor’s Note:* Very Long Article, only put the beginning of it here...

Live your life like nothin will get in the way, live it with God & you will go farther, then your wildest dreams ever took you!
May God Bless You...

Armed hit-run while drunk nets jail time – Feb 12, 2010 - *Canada* - An alleged Hells Angels associate involved in a Christmas Day hit-and-run will spend more than 2 years behind bars. Surrey’s Scott William Schneider, 30, was sentenced Thursday after pleading guilty to driving while impaired & possession of a prohibited firearm. He was handed a 2-year & --month sentence, a 10-year firearm ban & a 2-year driving ban. Schneider was carrying a loaded handgun when he was arrested early Christmas Day after a hit-and-run in the 800-block Parker Street in White Rock. His passenger, a 27-year-old White Rock man, is scheduled to appear in Feb. 18 in Surrey Provincial Court, where he will face charges of uttering threats & failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

Perth bikies gather for ride against anti-association Laws – Feb 12, 2010 - *Australia* - By Nicole Cox More than 500 bikies & supporters are expected to stage a protest on wheels tomorrow morning in defiance of the State Govt’s proposed anti-association laws. The 40km run from Fremantle to Whiteman Park has been organised by the United Motorcycle Council WA as a show of solidarity against the laws, which they say are an undemocratic crackdown on their right to associate with each other. The legislation, to be introduced to State Parliament by June, would give police the power to ban bikies from associating with each other & visiting certain places. While WA Police would not disclose the number of officers who would man the protest, it is understood officers from the Gang Crime Squad, Regional Operations Group & traffic police will monitor the action. “Police officers will be posted along the route at locations such as traffic lights & major intersections, particularly when the group leave the wharf,” police spokeswoman Ros Weatherall said. “This is to ensure the community & traffic safety & to ensure the group complies with road traffic rules. “Bikies have a history of not complying with the road rules & police have met with the event organizers to encourage them to abide by the road rules.” The rally starts at 11am at the E-Shed Markets, Victoria Quay Rd, Fremantle. The procession will leave at noon & make its way to Whiteman Park where the formal address will be held. Criminal law specialist & Monash Univ lecturer Martine Marich, veteran Coffin Cheater Eddy Withnell & Sporting Shooters Association of Australia spokesman Paul Peake will address the protesters at Whiteman Park. The WA council, a band of 7 outlaw motorcycle gangs, has publicly opposed the proposed laws, based on their resemblance to similar laws in South Australia, New South Wales & Queensland. The group claims that the legislation ignores rules of evidence for criminal cases, presents secret information, rumour, & illegally obtained evidence & throws out the time-honoured presumption of innocence until proven guilty. Last month, high-profile West Australians - including criminal lawyer Tom Percy QC, the University of WA’s Crime Research Centre associate professor David Indermaur, & union heavyweight Kevin Reynolds - backed the fight. United motorcycle councils have been formed by bikie gangs in New South Wales, South Australia & Queensland. Seventeen gangs have rallied together to form the Queensland council, there are 18 affiliate clubs in NSW & 5 bikie gangs have formed the SA chapter.

What’s the Cuban National Anthem?
Row, Row, Row Your Boat.

Where does an Irish family go on vacation?
A different bar.

What did the Chinese couple name their tan, curly-haired baby?
Sum Ting Wong.

SA can appeal ruling on bikie laws – Feb 12, 2010 - *Australia* - South Australia's Gov't will go to the High Court to test its anti-bikie laws, which have been partly brought down by Finks bikers. The SA Gov't on Friday was granted permission by the High Court to challenge a court decision which ruled parts of the controversial laws were invalid. The Full Court of the SA Supreme Court ruled last Sep that parts of the laws, aimed at dismantling outlaw motorcycle clubs, were invalid. The High Court granted the Gov't permission to appeal that ruling, probably later this year. "What the significance is, is the High Court really want to have a look at this piece of legislation," said Craig Caldicott, a lawyer for the Finks, outside court. "We always were of the belief that is what was going to happen because they quite clearly want to put their own imprimatur on this legislation which is being moved around Australia. "We expected it." SA was the first state or territory to introduce anti-bikie laws, empowering police to ask magistrates to place control orders on bikie gang members, effectively banning them from associating with each other. Eight members of the Finks MC had control orders imposed on them, but 2 members - Sandro Totani & Donald Hudson - challenged the orders in court, arguing they were unconstitutional. The Supreme Court ruled the control order section of the law, which states the "court must ... make a control order", was invalid. Other states including NSW & Queensland have enacted similar laws but framed their legislation differently. In NSW & Queensland, control orders are left up to judicial discretion, & applications are heard by Supreme Court justices, not magistrates.

Fatal bomb linked to Hell's Angels 'meant for rival bikie assassination' – Feb 12, 2010 – *Australia* - A Hells Angels associate & a convicted arms, drugs & explosives dealer were on the way to assassinate a rival gang member when they accidentally blew themselves up yesterday. The blast shook the working-class suburb of Enfield & jolted residents from their sleep about 5.20am. AdelaideNow reports the bomb was meant for a member of the New Boys outlaw gang who lived about 25m from the blast site, on Gove Rd. The Hells Angels associate, 23, of Walkley Heights, & the convicted drug dealer, 31, of Munno Para West, died instantly when the Holden station wagon exploded. The homemade bomb was believed to have been sitting in the car's centre console. The driver's body was blown into the gutter outside an elderly woman's home about 6m from the car & debris was scattered over a 35m radius. Police last night were searching for a male tattooist. He is believed to have links to the dead men & is understood to be hiding "somewhere in Adelaide".

Adelaide's street gangs taking on bikies for lucrative turf – Feb 12, 2010 – *Australia* - An underworld drug war in Adelaide is escalating, with Thursday's deadly bomb blast believed to be linked to a violent turf battle over the lucrative Hindley St territory. The Advertiser understands a breakaway street gang called the New Boys has been undercutting other dealers, & targeted outlaw bikies, the Hell's Angels, in a series of drive-by shootings in August. The group said to be headed by a city tattooist, the target of the bungled bomb attack who lashed out at cameramen yesterday when he returned to his home, metres from the crime scene. It was 2 hours before sunrise on Thursday when Enfield shook with the force of the home-made bomb, ripping apart a hire car & killing 2 men on Truscott Rd. Convicted drug runner Vahe Hacopian, 31, of Munno Para West, & a 23-year-old Walkley Heights Hell's Angels associate, made it within metres of their suspected target when the explosives accidentally detonated.

SA vows to ban bikies after car bomb – Feb 12, 2010 - *Australia* - South Australia's Gov't has vowed to ban all bikie gangs after a Hells Angel associate blew himself up with a bomb apparently intended for a rival club member. The Hells Angel associate & a convicted drug dealer were killed in the explosion in Adelaide's north on Thursday. The homemade bomb exploded just 25 metres from the home of a member of the rival New Boys gang, believed to have been their target. Attorney-General Michael Atkinson said the botched bombing attempt "shows the true nature of the outlaw motorcycle gangs". SA was the first state to enact anti-bikie laws aimed at dismantling the gangs. Parts of the laws were declared invalid by the SA Supreme Court last September, but the Gov't on Friday was given permission to appeal that ruling in the High Court. SA expects other states including NSW & Queensland, who have introduced similar anti-bikie laws, to support the High Court appeal, Atkinson said. The fact bikies & their lawyers "squeal like stuck pigs about our legislation" was proof the laws were effective, he said. "My expectation is that the High Court will find the legislation valid," Atkinson said. Under SA laws, the police commissioner can apply to the attorney to declare a bikie gang as a criminal organization. Police can also apply to magistrates for control orders on bikers, effectively banning them from associating. The Finks was the first bikie club declared a criminal organization in SA, with 8 members having control orders imposed on them. But 2 members - Sandro Totani & Donald Hudson - successfully challenged aspects of the orders in court, arguing they were unconstitutional. The Supreme Court ruled the control order section of the law, which states the "court must ... make a control order", was invalid. Police Minister Michael Wright said the Rebels motorcycle club would be the next to be declared a criminal organization. "These tough anti-bikie laws, the toughest in the nation, will be applied to all bikie groups," Wright said. "It's going to take time to win the war, but that is what we will win. "Yesterday's explosion was a very serious incident, a very regrettable incident ... but it does highlight the importance of our anti-bikie laws." But opposition police spokesman David Ridgway said the bombing indicated a growing underbelly of violence in SA. "Yesterday's bombing has been linked to associates of bikie gangs & to criminals involved in the illegal drug market. Both are criminal cultures that have grown in prominence in SA & delivered violence & bloodshed in the community," he said in a statement.

Police say Qld bikie chapter rubbed out – Feb 12, 2010 - *Australia* - Police say they have ended the criminal activities of a chapter of the Nomads outlaw motorcycle gang, with the sentencing of 4 members of one family on drug offences. Anthony Leighton Parke, 35, of Redbank, his parents Dale Richard Parke, 58, & Estelle Marion Parke, 60, of Silkstone, & father-in-law Christopher Joseph Parker, 52, of Redbank were among more than 30 people arrested during a series of raids in Feb 2007. The operation involved more than 200 police from Queensland's Crime & Misconduct Commission (CMC), Queensland & NSW police, & the NSW & Australian Crime Commissions. In the Brisbane Supreme Court on Friday, Anthony Parke, who was treasurer of the southeast Queensland chapter of the Nomads, was sentenced to 9 years' jail for trafficking dangerous drugs including methylamphetamines, cocaine, MDMA & cannabis. He will be eligible for parole after 3 years & 9 months in jail.

A Lion would never cheat on his wife... but a Tiger Wood...!

3 police agencies investigating slaying – Feb 13, 2010 - *Hamden, Connecticut* - Police are working with other law enforcement agencies in an effort to solve the slaying of a tattoo parlor owner. Bullets were fired at Joseph “Hojo” Ferraiolo outside the back door of his Dixwell Ave business Tue night. He died of multiple gunshot wounds after the 8:10 p.m. incident. Ferraiolo, 64, most recently lived in Waterbury. He ran A Touch of Color, 1212 Dixwell Ave., for at least eight years, police said. The store remained closed Thu. Police are trying to find out whether he had any connections with motorcycle gangs & whether the slaying had anything to do with motorcycle gang rivalry or whether he was being retaliated against for another reason. “We are collaborating with Waterbury & Connecticut state police with regard to motorcycle gang activity, & any information that might link this homicide to any of those gang elements,” Police Chief Thomas J. Wydra said.

Hells Angels plan party Saturday at tavern in Hastings – Feb 13, 2010 – *New York* – By Robert A. Baker - The Hells Angels, the largest & most notorious motorcycle club in the world, is planning a party today in Oswego County. The club’s Central Cities Chapter will hold its “St. Valentine’s Day Massacre Feast” from 1 to 5 p.m. at Jake’s Grub & Grog on East River Road, Hastings, restaurant owner Jake Burgett confirmed. State police & Oswego County sheriff’s deputies are aware of the party, Sheriff Reuel Todd said. “We don’t anticipate any problems,” Todd said. “What you’re dealing with is a reputation.” Burgett doesn’t anticipate problems, either. “They approached us,” Burgett said. “They’re regular people.” Hells Angels are throwing the party because they have formed a new chapter in Central New York, Burgett said. He said there aren’t many members of the MC locally. “There’s probably going to be more civilians than (club members)” at the party, Burgett said. While Todd said he’s heard that a new chapter is being formed here, he’s not heard any details. State police & deputies will have a presence in the area, Todd said. “We will be monitoring,” Todd said.

Levelland man sentenced on drug charges – Feb 13, 2010 – *Texas* - By Adam D. Young - A Levelland man was one of three people sentenced Friday to about 10 years in prison in connection to last year’s multi-state drug bust. Clifford Leroy Clark, 49, was sentenced to 140 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings on a charge of conspiracy to distribute & possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, according to a district court news release. He was one of 28 people, including Hockley County sheriff deputies & members of a motorcycle gang considered to be a support club of the Bandidos Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, charged in July in a multi-state drug investigation. Clark pleaded guilty to the charge in November. California residents David Lee Russell, 51, & Dennis Carl Hegwood, 54, both pleaded guilty to similar charges & were sentenced to 121 months & 108 months in federal prison, respectively. The ringleader of the motorcycle gang, 54-year-old Levelland resident Bobby Duwayne Froman, agreed to 20 years in federal prison in January after pleading guilty to running methamphetamine from California to the South Plains & distributing it throughout West Texas. Froman can withdraw his plea if the judge doesn’t accept the agreement. Froman & others indicted in the drug bust, including Hockley County sheriff’s deputies Gordon Clark Bohannon & Jose Jesus Quintanilla, will receive their sentences at a later date. Clark was one of Froman’s co-conspirators who transported large amounts of U.S. currency from Lubbock & Levelland to Modesto, Calif., to purchase large quantities of methamphetamine from Russell & Hegwood.

Froman & others then distributed it in Levelland, Lubbock & throughout the South Plains area of West Texas.

Rival bikies call truce to fight new laws – Feb 13, 2010 - *Australia* - Hundreds of bikies gathered in Fremantle this morning at the start of a mass ride through Perth to protest against the State Govt’s plans to introduce anti-association laws. Claiming that the days of bikie gang wars were over, at least 500 members of seven WA motorcycle clubs stood together to voice their disquiet & warned the proposed legislation would impact every West Australian. The sea of bike leathers, beards & shiny motorcycles that filled the car parks around Fremantle’s E Shed Markets was an arresting sight. Yet the atmosphere was sociable & bemused tourists & families mingled among the bikies, who were a generally older male crowd with a fair share of women. Police cars & officers in at least one unmarked car watched discreetly from a distance before one patrol car ushered the rally off onto the streets shortly before midday. The procession of motorcycles left Fremantle along Leach Highway & travelled up Mitchell Freeway to Ocean Reef Road where the bikies made their way to Whiteman Park. This is the second protest bikies have staged in response to Atty General Christian Porter’s vow to pass anti-association laws in WA during the first half of this year. Under the proposed WA laws, which are similar to those in South Australia & NSW, the Police Commissioner could apply for clubs to be declared illegal & impose control orders on how members associate. Club Deros member Eric Meehan said: “We will not be able to freely associate with the members of own motorcycle club. It makes it illegal to be a member of a motorcycle club.” Bikies have been joined by lawyers & civil liberties advocates in denouncing Porter’s plans, saying they would remove people’s basic rights & freedom to associate. Meehan & Coffin Cheater Peter Godfree said bikie clubs had called a truce over previous differences. At the protest, bikies largely circulated with their own members though there was no detectable animosity between the different club members. “We have put the past behind us. This issue makes us look towards the future. We’ve pushed our differences aside,” Godfree said. “There’s definitely no tension today between us. We want to say to the public that this (the proposed law) is not about us, it’s about you.” Meehan added: “We have been riding around together for three or four years. We go to rock concerts & things.” The seven WA motorcycle clubs were represented at the rally; Club Deros, Gypsy Jokers, Coffin Cheaters, Outlaws, Rebels, God’s Garbage & The Veterans. Meehan said there were no Finks members at the protest. The NSW-based motorcycle club has been said to be establishing a stronger presence in WA. Last year the Finks confirmed it had accepted ousted Coffin Cheater Troy Mercanti as a nominee, paving the way for him to become a fully-patched member when he is released from prison. The Finks’ move heightened fears of a reignited war between bikie gangs. Meehan said there were representatives from at least 15 bikie clubs from across Australia, following a national meeting of the United Motorcycle Council in Perth this week. “The whole of Australia has actually come on board (against the proposed laws in WA),” he said.

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Against bars, tables, chairs, & poles.

Nomads bikies chapter wiped out, say police – Feb 13, 2010 - *Australia* - Police say they have put an end to the criminal activities of a chapter of the Nomads outlaw motorcycle gang, with the sentencing of four members of one family on drug offences. The operation involved more than 200 police from Queensland's Crime & Misconduct Commission (CMC), Queensland & NSW police, & the NSW & Australian Crime Commissions. CMC director of crime operations, Detective Chief Superintendent Len Potts, said the operation had effectively dismantled the criminal activities of one chapter of the Nomads. "This is one of the few, if not the only, operation in which an entire chapter of an outlaw motorcycle gang has been completely dismantled & not resurfaced," he said.

Motorcycle gang members arrested after brawl - Feb 14, 2010 - *California* - By Debbi Baker - Two members of the Mongols Motorcycle club were arrested early Sunday morning after a brawl in a bar that sheriff's deputies had to break up with pepper spray. Deputies were called to Dirk's Nightclub on Broadway near Olive Street about 1:30 a.m., sheriff's Lt. William Donahue said. One of the Mongols hit another man over the head with a crutch, Donahue said. The 42-year-old was taken into custody & is being held on an assault charge on \$30,000 bail. The other was arrested for being drunk in public, Donahue said. The men came into the bar wearing their jackets & advertising their gang affiliation, the lieutenant said. The fight started after a friend of the victim gave a rose to one of the Mongols' girlfriends, Donahue said. Officials with the state Dept of Alcoholic Beverage Control were notified about the incident.

Bikies arrested for storming into club – Feb 14, 2010 – *Australia* - A group of bikie gang members & associates have been arrested for storming a Sydney nightclub early on Sunday morning. Police say four men assaulted security guards before forcing their way into the nightclub at King Street Wharf in central Sydney. Police say they had to use capsicum spray on one of the men who resisted arrest. A 27-year-old Doonside man was charged with affray & failing to quit a licensed premises, while a 26-year-old Emu Plains man was charged with common assault, affray & failing to quit a licensed premises. A 24-year-old Emu Plains man was charged with affray, failing to quit a licensed premises, hinder police & resisting arrest, & a 25-year-old from St Clair was charged with affray & failing to quit a licensed premises. Police say one of the men was a member of the Nomads gang, two others were nominees & the fourth man an associate. All four were granted bail to appear at the Downing Centre Local Court on March 3.

Tattoo parlor fire may be linked to bikie gang feud – Feb 14, 2010 – *Australia* - By Tom Reilly - Police are investigating whether a dispute between rival bikie gangs may have been behind a fire at a tattoo parlor owned by a former member of the rock group Rose Tattoo. The blaze at House of Pain, in Annandale, was spotted shortly before 12.30am yesterday & neighbours in adjoining units had to be evacuated. The parlour is owned by Steve King, who played with Rose Tattoo from 2000. King was believed to have been a member of the Nomads gang, but may have switched his allegiance & joined the Hells Angels shortly before Christmas. The Hells Angels have been on a recruitment drive & King is believed to be one of five Nomads who defected to the group, along with their former national president Scott Orrock. Such changes can cause tension between rival gangs, according to the bikie expert Arthur Venno. "There's a strong correlation between recruiting drives & inter-club tensions," Dr Venno told the Herald last month. "The growth of

one club can also have a flow-on effect on other clubs. A recruitment drive in one club tends to spark a recruitment drive in others in response." King displayed guitars from his time with Rose Tattoo in the parlor on Parramatta Road as well as other music memorabilia, all of which is thought to have been destroyed in the fire. A year ago the nearby Hell's Angel's clubhouse on Crystal Street, Petersham, was blown up & shots fired into another tattoo parlor on Parramatta Road.

Fears of a bikie payback – Feb 14, 2010 - *Australia* - By Lisa Davies - Police are bracing for a fresh round of bikie violence after a tattoo parlor owned by a former Nomads member was firebombed. The House of Pain, at Annandale, was gutted early yesterday but police are tight-lipped about possible causes of the fire. Emergency services were called as terrified residents fled smoke-filled units above the parlor. Sources told The Daily Telegraph the parlor was owned by former Nomads member Stephen King, who recently defected to the Hells Angels with his long-time friend Scott Orrock. A Hells Angels recruitment drive recently snared Orrock, King & 3 other experienced Nomads members, a source said. Orrock, however, was kicked out of the Angels soon afterwards. The Nomads' city chapter is now virtually defunct, but its western Sydney chapter is seemingly retaining numbers. In the early hours of yesterday, 4 Nomads affiliates from Doonside, Emu Plains & St Clair were arrested after a brawl at King St Wharf night-spot Bungalow 8. They were refused entry but ignored the order, forcing their way into the venue & allegedly assaulting security guards. Police had to use capsicum spray on one of the men after he allegedly resisted arrest. The 4 face charges including affray, failing to quit licensed premises, hindering police & resisting arrest. Police are keen to speak with witnesses to either incident, especially those who may have seen activity around the tattoo parlor before midnight on Sat.

In memory of El Forastero Shifty: John Robert "Shifty" Sheaffer, Sr., 63 of Independence, MO, passed away Friday, January 8, 2010 in Forest City, Arkansas. Shifty was born October 16, 1946 in Kansas City, MO the son of John L. and Nancy E. (Willis) Sheaffer. He had lived in Independence most of his life

Shifty was a long term member of the El Forastero Motorcycle Club. He received his patch when he was only 20 years old. He was truly a One-Percenter. He dedicated his life to the El Forastero and Galloping Goose Brothers.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by two sons, John Sheaffer, Jr. and Mike Sheaffer, both of Odessa, MO; one daughter, Shelly (Sheaffer) Longley of Liberty, MO; one sister, Nancy Venturato of Fort Collins, Colorado and seven grandchildren.

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