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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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Welcome **Breed Ruthless** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing List...

Welcome **Warlock Scooter** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing List...

Welcome **Hells Angel Ian & Hells Angel Lorne** from *Canada* to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing List...

Editor's Note: To: Sons of Silence Mike, This is the monthly Donation from **Traveling Light Ministries**. We are a Biker Church in *Austin, Texas* supporting the patched community and want to ensure our Brothers Behind Bars are communicated to and taken care of. Thanks for all you do! Love and Respect, Pastor Rick...

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: Being a Patch holder in Good Standings does have it privileges... And this is one of them... *If you are a Patch Holder in Good Standings And contact me, include your Chapter too... If you are NOT a patch holder of a Motorcycle Club in Good Standings, Don't write me & request that I add you to the mailing list... You will only get rejected, as I only make very few special exceptions...*

Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 300 copies of this newsletter to members of 55 Motorcycle Clubs...

Editor's Note: I have about 20 new members of various motorcycles clubs to welcome, so it will take a few issues to get them all welcomed.

Editor's Note: For *January* there were 3 issues, For *February* there were 2 issues, For *March* this is the 1st issue ...

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

Hey Ho - By Sons Of Silence Dago from "I Told You So" CD...

Verse 1: Well, the Government Man - he's gettin' tired of me
He don't like how I live - he don't want me to speak
So he puts me away - for as long as he can
But I keep gettin' up - now I'm making a stand.
Better open my eyes, better choose my ground
And I better beware - or I won't be around.

Chorus: Hey Ho - We say, "Hell, no
We've had it up here and now you got to go -
1st Time: Your F.B.I. is a bad disease -
2nd Time: Your informant class is a bad disease -
3rd Time: Your A.T.F. is a bad disease -
Rather die on our feet than live on our knees.
Hey Ho -- lock and load -- you genocidal motherfuckers got to go.
You call it a crime to be an everyday man
Let's see who's left standing when the shit hits the fan."

Verse 2: Well, the Government Man - he's got his eyes on you
Better watch what you say - better watch what you do -
Don't be laughing too loud; don't be living too free
If you're white and you're proud - it's a conspiracy.
Better open your eyes, better choose your ground,
Better watch your back - or you won't be around.

Chorus 2:

Verse 3: Well this government, man, they're afraid of us
And there ain't nothing worse than these cowards with guns:
Ask Vicki and Sammy - Ask Gordon Kahl
Or Vernon Howell and family - how they murdered them all.
But it's opened our eyes - now we've chosen our ground
And we're watching all sides. We'll be coming around.

Chorus 3:

Verse 4: So, "Hey Government Man, we're really tired of you
Better take your best shot - 'cause you're just about through
'Cause I'm everywhere now - doing all that I can
To turn it around - and help take back the land.
Gonna put out your eyes and put you in the ground.
And it's too big to stop - Yeah, we're taking you down."

Final Chorus: Hey Ho - We won't take no more.
We're finished with your lies - and you got to go
'Cause your police state is a bad disease.
We'd rather die on our feet than live on our knees.
Hey Ho - lock and load -
You n____-huggin' motherfuckers got to go
'Cause you call it a crime to be a regular man
Let's see who's left standing when the shit hits the fan.

(Hey Government Man) When the shit hits the fan
(Hey Government Man) When the shit hits the fan
(Hey Ho -- Government Man) When the shit hits the fan
(Hey Ho -- Government Man) When the shit hits the fan!
(M 60 gunfire) "Bye-Bye"

Justice Dept. wants phone locales without warrant – Feb 12, 2010 – **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** - By Mary Claire Dale -
Should the Gov't be allowed to track a person's movements based on cell phone records, without evidence of criminal wrongdoing? A showdown on the issue unfolded Friday in a Fed appeals court in Philadelphia, as the Justice Department battled electronic-privacy groups. The privacy groups say the information could reveal when someone goes to a religious service, medical clinic or

political rally, or is having an extramarital affair. Third U.S. Circuit Judge Dolores Sloviter seemed to share that concern. "You know there are Gov'ts in the world that would like to know where some of their people are or have been," Sloviter challenged Justice Department lawyer Mark Eckenwiler, an associate director of criminal enforcement operations. "Can the government assure us that it will never try to find out these things?" she asked. "Don't we have to be concerned about this? Not this government right now, but a Govt?" Law enforcement agencies hope to obtain cell phone location data from cellular providers without first showing probable cause of a crime — & without the customer's knowledge. The data comes from cell phone towers, & in densely populated cities can pinpoint a person's location to within a few hundred yards. The issue is not whether the Gov't can obtain the information, but whether a probable-cause warrant should be required first. "An individual has no Fourth Amendment-protected privacy interest in business records, such as cell-site usage information, that are kept, maintained & used by a cell phone company," Eckenwiler wrote in his brief. Sloviter countered by asking Eckenwiler why there was a need to skip a probable-cause showing, saying that she knew no magistrates reluctant to grant search warrant applications. He replied that the relevant law does not require them. Eckenwiler said probable-cause warrants are only needed to obtain the contents of electronic communications, such as a text or e-mail, or to wiretap a phone. He believes the 1986 Electronics Communications Privacy Act allows police to obtain "non-content" data without a warrant. After Friday's hearing, Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chief author of the 1986 law, said his committee would revisit the legislation this year. "The question of how best to protect these digital communications, while providing law enforcement with the tools that it needs to keep us safe, has no simple answer. But, what is clear is that our Fed electronic privacy laws are woefully outdated," Leahy said in a statement. The appeal heard Friday stems from a Pittsburgh drug-trafficking case, in which the ATF sought the data as an investigative tool because the suspects frequently changed vehicles & residences. Magistrate Lisa Pupo Lenihan denied the 2008 request, calling the information "extraordinarily personal & potentially sensitive." The Electronic Frontier Foundation & the American Civil Liberties Union asked that Lenihan's ruling stand. Eckenwiler challenged the notion that Govt access to location data would turn a person's phone into a "tracking device." He said the ATF was only seeking past cell phone use in the drug case. However, a professor of cyberspace law called the distinction negligible. Police could ask a cell phone provider for historical data & then ask again a month later — thereby achieving the same end, argued Susan Freiwald, a University of San Francisco law professor. "Most cell phone users would be unpleasantly surprised, if not outraged, to learn that a law enforcement agent could gain access to their location information without first obtaining a warrant based on a showing of probable cause," she wrote in a "friend of the court" brief. Sloviter is joined on the three-judge panel by Judge R. Jane Roth, who was absent from the bench Friday, & visiting 9th Circuit Judge A. Wallace Tashima. The judges suspended the usual 30-minute time limit for oral arguments, extending the session to 80 minutes. Tashima questioned Freiwald's contention that the phone-location data lets police invade the privacy of the home. Freiwald believes the information can suggest when people are home, when they are awake & who might be with them. "We should be able to use our cell phones without them creating a virtual map of our movements & associations," Freiwald argued.

Bikies plan to ride on polling booths – Feb 16, 2010 – *Australia*

– By Bryan Littlely & Lauren Novak - Bikies will target polling booths at the state election with a Poker Run aimed at pressuring Premier Mike Rann & his Gov't. The "Run Rann Out" Gypsy Jokers event will leave the main street of Gawler at noon on March 20 & will stop at key polling booths. The run is intended as a protest, similar to last year's Gypsy Jokers annual Poker Run in March - dubbed the Freedom of Association Protest Poker Run - which drew more than 300 bikers riding through the Barossa Valley. All clubs are being invited to take part this year & at least 300 bikers are expected. The bikies do not plan to stop to vote en-masse but they will rumble past key polling booths in the northern areas in a show of force as people cast their vote. The Gypsy Jokers MC's website features Mike Rann in Adolf Hitler guise & Atty-General Michael Atkinson sporting a swastika. The event is another major distraction for the Premier, whose election campaign is already being hounded by former Parliament House waitress Michelle Chantelois & her allegations of an affair with Rann, which he denies. A spokeswoman for Rann said the planned biker run showed the Gov't's anti-bikie stance was "having an impact". Atty-General Michael Atkinson said the public supported the Gov't's moves to tackle serious & organized crime. "Yes they are tough but that's what is required to disrupt this sort of criminal behavior," he said. "The Gypsy Jokers are organizing a run for election day because they are worried - further evidence that these laws are working." Atkinson's spokesman brushed off concerns about the Atty-General appearing on the Gypsy Jokers website in a swastika, pointing out Atkinson had encouraged Croydon constituents to remove a Nazi flag after a party. The Advertiser last night spoke to Gypsy Jokers club Pres Diesel, who said the Run Rann Out name was chosen because the Premier "can't be trusted". He warned more protests were likely. "We're not laying down, we're going to protest until the High Court challenge (by the Gov't over anti-association laws) is done with & we'll protest some more if we have to," he said. "It makes a point & that's what it's all about. We're not going away." An insider told The Advertiser the event served as the club's annual Poker Run. "The run route will be kept confidential until close to the day, but it will almost certainly take in some polling booths . . . so members can vote, of course." Inspector Steve Taylor from the Crime Gangs Taskforce said SA Police were aware of the event & would "respond accordingly".

Gamers more scary than bikers – Feb 16, 2010 – *Australia* - An Australian politician who opposes the lifting of a censorship ban on adults-only computer games has said he feels more threatened by gamers than outlawed motorcycle gangs. South Australia's Atty-General Michael Atkinson, who has the right to veto the lifting of a national ban on computer games rated too violent & extreme for consumption, said he had received a threatening note from a gamer. "I feel that my family & I are more at risk from gamers than we are from the outlaw motorcycle gangs who also hate me," he told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation late Monday. "The outlaw motorcycle gangs haven't been hanging around my doorstep at 2:00 am, a gamer has." Australia currently has a ban on adults-only, or R18+, computer games although films with the same rating in terms of violence, strong language, nudity, drug use & adult themes are allowed.

Motorcyclists to continue crusade to repeal Nebraska's mandatory helmet law – Feb 16, 2010 – *Nebraska* - Even though the repeal of the helmet law failed once again in the Legislature, some Lincoln motorcyclists say they will continue to fight for what they see is their personal choice.

No biker tattoos for prison guards – Feb 16, 2010 – *Denmark* - Confusion reigns after guidelines are issued suggesting the inappropriate nature of "biker gang type" tattoos... Prison guards are up in arms after being advised by the Danish Prison & Probation Service that "biker gang type" tattoos are not appropriate when uniform. The new uniform regulations issued by the DPPS state that "the existence of visible tattoos could be found to damage the reputation that prison guards should have both outwardly & inwardly". The guidelines continue by stating that the "existence of large, visible "biker gang type" tattoos on the hands, arms, neck & head are in this way not desirable". Kim Østerbye, chairman of the prison workers' union, told Berlingske Tidende newspaper that the publication of the rules had crossed a line & the wording would only lead to confusion amongst union members. "What is a biker gang tattoo? What is an immigrant gang tattoo?" he said. "Tattoos in Denmark are completely normal."

Police begin crackdown on motorcycle gangs – Feb 16, 2010 – *India* - Personnel from the Ahmedabad City Police & the Traffic Dept have undertaken a combing operation to control the spiraling motor vehicle theft in the city. The police have already collected Rs 6,27,185 in the last 4 days by way of penalties. The combing started on Feb 5 after the Ahmedabad Police Commissioner issued a circular to organize a drive & catch offenders in connection with loots, motor vehicle thefts & road thefts in the city. Besides, the Traffic Police have also detained offenders for violating traffic rules. During a round the clock duty, the police seized 473 & 495 vehicles respectively in the first 2 days. On Monday, 72 vehicles were seized. Senior officers in the Traffic Dept said that of late, biker gangs had become a menace for the people. Incidents of motor vehicle thefts as also loots, chain & bag snatchings by motorcycle-borne gangs had increased. During the combing operation, stolen bikes used by the gangs were confiscated, the police said. The officers further said there is one suspected biker gang that has given a tough time to the police. Combing operation has been arranged to trace the gang & some others that have come up in the city lately, said an officer. The police have also checked more than 30,000 motorcycles in the city in the last 4 days. The combing would go on for a couple of weeks in the city, the officer added.

The Good Wife: One winter morning, a husband & wife in Jeffersonville were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." So the good wife went out & moved her car. A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street so the snowplows can get through." The good wife went out & moved her car again. The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park..." Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, & with a worried look on her face she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?" With the love & understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time."

The worst enemy of any free man is Gov't, & the worst enemy of any Gov't is a free man...

The Bull Sh-T Artist: By Bingo (DC Eagle/COC of Wisconsin) - Names, dates & places have been changed to protect the Guilty.

Big Gus was a 'hang-around' & always seemed to want to brag about all the things he had done in his life. But there was never any proof - of any of it. For one thing - he said that he Used to be able to lift weights & he had bench pressed 400 pounds. But his back was broken in an accident & he can't lift weights anymore. Yeah! Sure!

Well, it was 'Sturgis Time' & he stopped by this biker bar where we all hung out & he told us that him & his cousin Al were riding out to Sturgis the next day. He told us about his going there last year & that they rode all the way there & all the way back. That they were going to do it again. He bragged about the 2 of them passing all the other bikes on the way there - & on the way back too. He said they put on 3500 miles!

While he was busy telling about their last trip out there - Maverick slipped out the side door & without Big Gus knowing - he wrote down the mileage on his odometer - then came back in that side door again. He had the bartender put the piece of paper behind the cash register.

Sure enough - when Big Gus pulled up a week later & walked in - he ordered a beer & started telling us all about his ride out to Sturgis & back. How they met up with - & rode a little way with some women's club - but they weren't going fast enough for them! He told about going through small towns & scaring the people - about stopping off at bars & having a few drinks - about a fight they had with some cowboys in some little burg in Nebraska - & about a gal that he picked up on the way there that the 2 of them 'shared'.

Maverick had walked out after Big Gus walked in - & now - he came back into the bar holding a small piece of paper. He told the bartender to give him that other piece that was behind the cash register. He did some fast figuring with his pen, then turning around he yelled out: "Hey all you guys! Big Gus is back from his round trip ride out to Sturgis! He has rode his bike a total of 107 miles since he left here last week!" Everybody laughed!

Then Maverick told Big Gus: "Get your lying ass out of this bar & don't come back!" Saying that, he kicked Gus in the ass! Gus left. He don't come around us anymore! ***The moral of this story is*** - Don't let your mouth overload your ass.

DC Eagles MC History: The late "DC Danny" LeDesma founded the DC Eagles motorcycle club in 1963 in Chicago, IL. which is our parent chapter. While the first years were very turbulent to say the least, the larger clubs of the time figured out we were not going to fold up & quit. Much of our early survival was due to DC Danny's street smarts & his undying belief in the reasons he started the club. They were & still are the corner stone of our existence. Love, Honor, Respect And Complete Trust in your brother. Most of the clubs of Chicago formed a federation, which is still in effect today. One of the concessions Danny gave up was the wearing of the 1%er patch. Hence the evolution of the Diamond (with the letters & numbers 99% NFG), all DC Eagles wear above their heart. This patch is as or even more important to a DC Eagle than his back patch. The DC Eagles is a club consisting of Brothers from many other clubs. We say that all of these brothers got their training in previous clubs now they are getting their PHD in Brotherhood. Like all good clubs a person just can't walk up & become a DC Eagle. We have 4 active chapters, Chicago, Northern Wisconsin, Southern Wisconsin & Central Illinois based in Decatur, Ill. with many retired brothers around the world. If you think you have what it takes to be a DC Eagle, find one of our chapters & see if you make the grade. While we are not as large as some clubs we are no less serious about the things that bind us & set us apart as DC

Eagles. While we do belong to several federations of clubs & also have several brother clubs we still maintain our independence & loyalty to the beliefs that DC Danny founded the club on. As with any club we are always looking for new members, but be well advised we ain't no girl scout outfit just looking to put up numbers. We want brothers for life. Many of our members & retired members have two, 3 even 4 decades of brotherhood in this club. I love my brothers is not just a slogan for us it's a creed that we carry with us twenty-four hours a day.

Oregon Motorcycle Riders Converge on Capitol – Feb 17, 2010 – **Oregon** – By Bonnie King - Motorcycle club members, independent riders & even non-riders alike came together in solidarity Monday to protect rights specific to bikers. The first "call to action" by the US Defenders motorcycle group brought out over 70 bikes to the Oregon State Capitol on Monday making a positive statement of unity between clubs & independent riders. Quiet Mike, the Information Officer for US Defenders said he was pleased with the show of bikes, "It was an excellent turnout, the most motorcyclists we've had here for a long time." US Defenders is a movement formed from within motorcycle clubs from every state to implement & support motorcycle rights. The grass roots organization is made up of a nationwide Confederation of Clubs, composed of state "citizen biker manpower" from Motorcycle Clubs & Coalition of Independent Riders (C.O.I.R) representatives. Quiet Mike, who also serves as Vice-Chairman for Confederation of Clubs said this was a well-planned event. "We set up in room 150 in the capitol so people could come & meet with their state representative or state senator. Several people set up appointments in advance, & they were able to express their concerns about how bikers' rights are being affected." Some of the issues important to Oregon bikers include Senate bill 603 which affected firearms allowed on ATVs & motorcycles. That bill went back to committee. "It was a poorly written piece of legislation," Quiet Mike said, "but it's important that our reps know we're paying attention." Many people were there to discuss helmet laws, others for civil rights where profiling motorcycle club members is concerned, and, some brought up that deaths by vehicles should be regarded as crimes across the board, & the responsible party should receive more than just a traffic fine. "It needs to be vehicular manslaughter," Mike said. "When someone gets killed whether they're walking, driving a truck, or riding a bike, the traffic infraction is inequitable for everybody. Motorcycles are not the only issue. If your mother, your sister, or your brother gets killed at a red light, it's not a crime, it's just a traffic fine." The motorcycle riders showed up in unison, to make their voices heard by their elected officials. They were organized, polite, & made a not-so-subtle statement that they are a large contingency – over 17,000 strong - within the state that stands together on policies that affect motorcycle enthusiasts of all types, ranges & ages. Citizens in Oregon showed how a well-intentioned group can make a positive difference for their community, even if that community doesn't fall within the stereotypical mainstream.

Thomas Jefferson said in 1802: 'I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks & corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.'

Pagan's informant used drugs on his own, U.S. – Feb 17, 2010 – *Charleston, West Virginia* – By Andrew Clevenger - A key undercover witness in the racketeering case against members & associates of the Pagan's MC repeatedly bought & used drugs on his own, Fed prosecutors said Tue. The witness, identified only as a confidential informant for the ATF, revealed his drug-related activities when authorities interviewed him on Thu & Fri, said Assistant U.S. Atty Steven Loew. The revelations included multiple occasions when the confidential informant bought cocaine for several Pagan's who were named in Oct 2009 as defendants in a 44-count indictment, Loew said. The informant also reported sharing his own prescription drugs, including Adderall & Loratab, with members of the Pagan's, & he admitted using various illegal & prescription drugs, including cocaine, crack, Xanax, hydrocodone & methamphetamine, Loew said. The informant also sold 2 guns to defendants in the racketeering case, Loew said. Also, the informant stopped taking medicine for his bipolar condition for a period, Loew said. "Obviously, the criminal activity the [informant] engaged in while he was a confidential informant is appalling, & if the United States' case rested entirely on him, we'd be in a different boat," Loew said. But the man's information has been corroborated by other evidence & by at least one defendant who has already pleaded guilty, he said. Loew's disclosure came during a detention hearing for Dante T. "Victor" Demarco, a union bricklayer from New Jersey accused of helping to beat the informant in a hotel room in New Jersey in Jan 2009. Several Pagan's from West Virginia & New Jersey allegedly performed the "bang check," which included searching the confidential informant for a wire, according to the indictment & testimony at detention hearings. Earlier this month, a grand jury handed up a new indictment in the Pagan's case, which removed the 17 defendants who have already cut deals with prosecutors & added Demarco. Although the Gov't, wary of the possibility of violence & retaliation against potential witnesses, asked for Demarco to be detained pending trial, U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary E. Stanley released him Tuesday on a \$10,000 unsecured bond. She placed Demarco on home confinement, allowing him to continue working & taking care of his elderly, infirm parents. The Gov't's use of confidential informants to help compile its case against the Pagan's & smaller affiliated clubs looms as a major issue as the racketeering case goes forward. "I don't know if [the informant] will be a competent witness," Charleston lawyer Claude Smith, who represents Demarco, said during Tuesday's hearing. In Nov, Loew disclosed the existence of 4 confidential informants who had been paid by the Gov't in a letter to defense attys. In that letter, Loew indicated that the ATF's confidential informant was authorized to engage in criminal activity "at the request of & at the direction of his handling agents." Since he signed on in May 2007, the ATF's confidential informant had been reimbursed more than \$16,000 for travel & expenses, including about \$3,000 in medical bills after he was injured in a motorcycle accident while riding with the Pagan's. The ATF also loaned him a H-D motorcycle to use so he could join the Pagan's & paid for its repairs, according to the letter. Loew also disclosed Tuesday that the informant had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. The FBI had a different confidential informant on the payroll since April 2004. To date, that person, who is referred to in court documents as a convicted murderer, has been paid almost \$200,000. Other filings describe him as the personal sergeant-at-arms for Pagan's Nat'l VP Floyd B. "Jesse" Moore. The FBI's confidential informant was also authorized to break the law with prior knowledge of his handling agent, Loew's letter stated. Moore, 64, of St. Albans, pleaded guilty to racketeering charges in Dec, admitting in part that the Pagan's were a criminal enterprise with

a hierarchical organization. The ATF confidential informant acted as a go-between for members of the Pagan's & their cocaine dealer of choice, Ed "Fat Ed" Parsons, who pleaded guilty to distributing cocaine in Oct. On one day, the confidential informant went to buy cocaine from Parsons on behalf of Stephen Jeffrey "Oscar" Bailey 8 times, because Bailey was unhappy with the quality of the cocaine, Loew said Tue. After Bailey had bought roughly \$1,000 worth of the drug, he sent the confidential informant to get his money back. After the informant recovered less than \$250, Bailey sent word back to Parsons that if he didn't get the rest of his money back, Parsons' house might get firebombed, he said. To date, 17 of the original 55 defendants, including Bailey, have pleaded guilty to various charges, including funneling the proceeds of illegal motorcycle raffles, helping to stockpile explosives as part of an ongoing feud with the Hells Angels MC, intimidating other motorcycle clubs, extortion. U.S. District Judge Thomas E. Johnston is scheduled to preside over the trial of the remaining 38 defendants in May.

Burial Saturday For Shooting Victim; Was A Vietnam Veteran – Feb 17, 2010 – *Connecticut* – By Jesse Leavenworth - A Vietnam veteran & member of the Outlaws MC who was shot to death last week is to be buried Saturday. Joseph "HoJo" Ferraiolo, 64, was killed outside the Hamden tattoo parlor he owned on Feb. 9. Hamden police are investigating whether the killing was related to a biker club rivalry, according to the New Haven Register. The funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. at St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave., North Haven, with burial to follow in East Lawn Cemetery, East Haven. Visiting hours are set for Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Ave., North Haven. Ferraiolo was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran & father of 4 children.

A man walks out to the street & catches a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, & the cabbie says, 'Perfect timing. You're just like Frank. Passenger: 'Who?' Cabbie: 'Frank Feldman.. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time.' Passenger: 'There are always a few clouds over everybody.' Cabbie: 'Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone & danced like a Broadway star & you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy.' Passenger: Sounds like he was something really special. Cabbie: 'There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order & which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, & the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman, could do everything right. Passenger: 'Wow, some guy then.' Cabbie: 'He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic & avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, & he really knew how to treat a woman & make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; & his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too - He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman.' Passenger: 'An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?' Cabbie: 'Well, I never actually met Frank, he died & I married his f***ing wife.

There is not a man of us who does not at times need a helping hand to be stretched out to him, & then shame upon him who will not stretch out the helping hand to his brother.
-Theodore Roosevelt

Joe Gustafson lives above the law in north Minneapolis – Feb 17, 2010 – *Minnesota* - By Erin Carlyle - Former Hells Angel is about to get taken down... Joe Gustafson sat there, handcuffed, in a recliner in his living room, as Fed agents rifled through his personal things. They were tearing through the house, taking his guns. He showed them the serial numbers carved onto the sides, but it didn't matter. He was a prisoner in his home & he couldn't stop them. They'd come in the morning, before sunrise, stealing into the sleepy Victory neighborhood in north Minneapolis where Gustafson ran his bail bonds business & raised his sons. They stormed past the house's steel-plated facade in riot gear, as if they expected a shoot-out, as if he were some big-time gangster waiting with pistol cocked. They tinkered with the security camera, the one he'd installed to watch the front door. They crawled all over his lawn in blue jackets, their backs blazed proud yellow: FBI & IRS. Gustafson-a 54-year-old former Hells Angel with a gray ponytail, an Angels tattoo on his chest, & motorcycle boots-was furious. The Fed agents descended upon his house, the house of his daughter-in-law, & a third house where a friend of theirs lived, all for no good reason, he says. "To be honest with you, I'm kind of in the dark about it, you know? I believe it's unjust & uncalled for, you know what I mean?" Gustafson says it's just like the raid several years ago, when the cops came to his house accusing his son of title fraud & tax evasion, or when they investigated him for dealing in stolen Harleys as part of a Hells Angels chop shop. They couldn't pin him with anything then, he says, & they won't this time, either. "I'm licensed as a bail bonds business, I do bounty-hunting work, all my guns are legal, I have a license to carry," he says. "Totally, this is some bullshit, you know what I mean?" A Fed grand jury is expected to hand down indictments of Gustafson, his son, & their underlings soon-possibly within weeks. Fed prosecutors are arguing that Gustafson & son are the masterminds of an organized crime ring specializing in arson, fraud, extortion, drugs, & kidnapping. Subpoenas are circulating, even if few people involved in the case are willing to talk publicly. "I can confirm that we executed a search warrant at that location in support of an ongoing investigation," is all that E.K. Wilson, an FBI spokesman, would offer. "We aren't really able to comment about an ongoing situation," says Janet Oakes, special agent & spokeswoman for the IRS. But several Minneapolis police officers confirm that the case is now with Fed prosecutors. "He's been a figure on the North Side for probably 30 years, if not more," says Minneapolis Police Inspector Mike Martin, commander of the Fourth Precinct. "He's one of these guys that wasn't accepted within the biker culture & was therefore excommunicated from the Hells Angels, & yet wants to still portray this image that he's affiliated with them, & use that to intimidate people."

Joseph Robert Gustafson got his first serious criminal conviction, for felony aggravated assault, in 1979, when he was 23. A man named Donald Peterson was moving furniture for his ex-wife outside a home in north Minneapolis when Gustafson, accompanied by his older brother James, showed up carrying a heavy pipe. The beating was so vicious that Peterson was left with a fractured skull & jaw & lost 14 teeth. When police asked Gustafson about it, he told them he was under the influence of medication & didn't remember anything. Big brother James dummied up as well. All the Gustafson boys got in trouble, but none more than Joe's younger brother Harold. Like Joe's, Harold's fists could deliver devastating blows. After one night of drinking in 1976, Harold beat a man so badly that he was left mentally incapacitated, unable to speak or feed himself. At 19, Harold was headed to prison for 5 years. He'd been out of St. Cloud penitentiary for just over a year when, in Oct 1982, he put

on a mask & stormed the basement pharmacy of a hospital in St. Paul. Harold & 2 other men tried to rob the cashier. When the security guard, an off-duty Oakdale cop, tried to intervene, someone shot him dead. The family jumped to Harold's defense. They said that on the evening of the murder, Harold was at his parents' house, eating chili & giving the family tattoos. The jury didn't buy it. In 1984, Harold got life in prison. Around the same time, Joe got arrested on felony drug charges. He was sitting on his motorcycle, blocking traffic, jawing away at someone in a parked car near the intersection of 26th St & Sheridan Ave N, according to court records. When a Minneapolis cop told him to move along, Gustafson refused. The officer asked for his name-Joe gave a fake one-and patted him down. Gustafson had 6 ¼ grams of cocaine attached to a beeper in the inner pocket of his black leather jacket. But Joe had a plan. On March 1, 1985, he took a man named Andrew Carey Beggs for a drive in his pickup truck, according to court records. Gustafson steered past a 1972 Pontiac Ventura parked in a north Minneapolis alleyway, & dangled some keys. If Beggs claimed the blow, the car would be his, Gustafson promised. Beggs & Joe met to go over the story, along with Gustafson's girlfriend, Colleen Livingston, & his mother, Patricia. One of the women took notes to help Beggs remember the story. A few days later, Beggs & Joe met with Gustafson's attorney so that Beggs could practice some more. The day before Gustafson's trial was to begin, Beggs told his story to the Minneapolis police in the lawyer's office. Beggs said he'd been drinking that night with Gustafson & had won the cocaine in a pool game. He'd slipped it into his jacket pocket, then loaned the jacket to Gustafson to wear. The next day, however, Beggs had a change of heart: He confessed that Gustafson had bribed him. Beggs gave the police the title & keys to the Ventura as proof. He also recorded a damning conversation on tape. "You're supposed to just say ya just won the shit, ya know what I mean?" Gustafson asks Beggs, according to the criminal complaint. A jury convicted Joe of bribery & of conspiracy to commit perjury, both felonies, but not of the drug charges. Twenty-five years later, Gustafson cites the case as an example of how the law has continually screwed him over. "It wasn't my coat," he says. "When I went to prison, it was for conspiracy to commit perjury & bribery-pertaining to a case I beat in a jury trial! Does that make any sense to you?"

Joe Gustafson Became a father young, eight days before his 19th birthday, when his 18-year-old girlfriend, Colleen Livingston, had a son, Joseph Duane. Six & a half years later, Colleen gave birth to a second boy, John Albert. When his kids were small, Joe was riding with the Hells Angels. Before he killed the cop, Harold had introduced Joe to Paul "Rooster" Seydel, the VP of the Minnesota chapter of the Hells Angels. Joe got his patch faster than any Angel in Minnesota club history-some claim he paved the way by donating about \$40,000 to the club, which Joe vehemently denies. Either way, Hells Angels membership was a point of pride for the family. Like their daddy, the young Gustafson boys wore their hair biker-style, flowing down their backs. "John-o, when he was eight or nine, had hair past his butt," says Chris Caine, who grew up around the block from Gustafson's parents' house. "When they were kids, John-o was like, 'Oh, my dad's a Hells Angel.'" At some point, Gustafson got kicked out of the club. There are many stories circulating about what happened, but Gustafson won't discuss it. "Anyhow, it just wasn't the way it was supposed to be," he says. "I should have transferred to another state is what I should have did. Because-you know what I mean-I'd probably still be in it then, you know?" In 1988, when his boys were 13 & 6, Gustafson was convicted of domestic assault. He beat Colleen, & on at least one

occasion broke her fingers. Eventually, Colleen left him. So he raised his boys alone, & they followed in his steel-toed footsteps. John-o's criminal history is short. He was cited at 19 for having pot in his car, & at 20 for slashing tires & knifing an enemy's shoulder at a party. His only criminal conviction was a misdemeanor, driving with a suspended license. The older son, Joe Jr., racked up the more serious record, collecting felonies for car theft, assault, & property damage. In 1993, Gustafson & Joe Jr. paid a visit to a house on Aldrich Ave N, according to court records: They were looking for vengeance for a murdered friend. "You guys got guns, we'll come back with guns," said Little Joe, inviting a shoot-out. As father & son turned to leave, one of their enemies reached out & grabbed Big Joe. Quickly, Little Joe pulled out a knife & stabbed the assailant in the neck. Big Joe says that court records don't tell the whole story-specifically that the men had stumbled into an ambush with a bunch of Crips who'd been picking on Little Joe. "They gutted me from my rib cage to my belly button," he says. "Lucky we got out alive." Little Joe got a plea bargain that lowered a felony assault charge to a misdemeanor. He was supposed to stay away from weapons & work or go back to school. But as the years passed, his violence only escalated. In one episode outside of Gabby's Bar in northeast Minneapolis, 22-year-old Little Joe shouted racial slurs at 2 black men & threatened them with a knife. Then he jumped into a stolen car & gunned it, hitting 4 people, including his girlfriend, Mindy Heinkel. She needed surgery-a steel rod in her right femur & a steel plate in her left. Big Joe says that Little Joe was acting in self-defense. "There were 4 or 5 black guys assaulting my kid. He was by himself with his girlfriend," Big Joe says. "The shit was on. You know, when you get a bunch of drunk black guys in there in the first place, that should have been some kind of self-defense." Little Joe was convicted of 4 felonies & 2 gross misdemeanors in Hennepin County Court. In meting out the sentence, Judge Thor Anderson summed up Little Joe's lifestyle: "Your underlying problem is that you are a thug, you are full of anger, you are impulsive, & wherever you are, there's a fight."

It was still dark on a frigid April morning in 2003 when the squad car arrived. Inside John-o's house, his stunned girlfriend was trembling. Michelob beer bottles were strewn about the room. John-o, 21, lay dead. A single bullet was in John-o's head. His father was a mile & a half away, & got the call from a friend, not the police. "I never even get a phone call," Big Joe says. "You know, every phone call a parent don't want to get? I didn't even get one of them." Big Joe remains convinced that John was murdered. His evidence: John-o was right-handed, but he was shot on the left side of his head. The gun that killed him was tucked neatly into a quarter-inch space under the couch, as if it had been gingerly moved aside. John's blood was spread throughout the house: in the sink, in the hallway, in the bedroom closet, on the bedroom door jamb. And John had been robbed. "These fucking cops," Big Joe says. "They don't even investigate." "They're trying to push it off as a suicide. That's bogus," Big Joe says. "He had it going on for 22-year-old kid. You know what I mean? He had Cadillacs. He wouldn't have a reason to want to kill himself." Big Joe hired a private investigator, who agreed that John had been murdered. The private eye turned his research over to the Minneapolis Police Department, but nothing came of it. Stories still circulate about what really happened that night, & who killed John Gustafson, but one fact remains the same: When John died, his head was shorn clean-no ponytail.

After his Son's death, Joe Gustafson's hair turned white virtually overnight. He stayed inside his steel-plated home, rarely seen.

Little Joe talked about changing his life. He started working construction-but his business wasn't exactly on the up & up. The family invested in property. Little Joe went to the real estate training academy of Russ Whitney-the late-night infomercial guru who "turned \$1,000 in borrowed money into a personal wealth of \$4.7 million-in only 18 months!" Little Joe, apparently, aimed to do the same. By the time that John died, the Gustafsons owned land across the North Side. "My son thought he was going to be in the business. He was going to be the housing guy, you know?" Big Joe says. Among the acquisitions was 3302 Washington Ave. N., a square beige house facing I-94. Big Joe put up a "Gustafson's Bail Bonds" sign, lettered in Hells Angels red & white. Half a block down, the Hells Angels have their clubhouse. Former associates say Big Joe put the sign up to tweak his old friends. Big Joe denies it: "It's nice to see your name in lights, & that's why I bought it," he says. The family seems to have a knack for buying houses extremely cheap. Big Joe bought 2517 James Ave. N. for \$39,396 from the El Forastero MC, a group friendly with the Hells Angels. Between 1996 & 2001, the Gustafsons paid \$10,000 for 2615 Newton Ave. N., \$51,869 for 1418 Newton Ave. N., \$55,000 for 3117 Girard Ave. N., \$71,000 for 3500 Queen Ave. N., & \$72,577 for 3214 Vincent Ave. N., according to property records. Sometimes, the Gustafsons even got properties for free. A woman named Valerie Keesling handed over 738 31st Ave. N. to Big Joe through a quit claim deed. John Van Hall also signed his house over to Big Joe through a quit claim, property records show-no money exchanged. (Big Joe says they gave Van Hall a little cash.) One day, bullets sailed through Big Joe's house at 4131 Thomas Ave. N. & lodged in his fancy stereo system. Afterward, Gustafson put 4-by-8-foot, 500-pound sheets of steel on the house's facade. That annoyed the neighbors, but Big Joe didn't seem to care. "What I'm doing here is to secure myself, you know what I mean?" he said at the time. "I believe it's for my protection." When Little Joe's housing empire wasn't going as well as a Russ Whitney seminar promised, Gustafson started to sell the properties. Marie Alexander, a woman who served eviction papers for the Gustafsons, bought 2615 Newton for \$169,000. According to property records, Little Joe had paid \$10,000 for the same house a decade earlier. Four months after Alexander bought it, 2615 Newton caught fire-twice in 8 hours. The Minneapolis arson unit ruled the first fire arson, the second a re-kindle. Total damage: \$50,000. Other properties followed the same pattern. The Gustafsons sold 3500 Queen Ave. N. to Joshua Ramos for \$197,000. (They'd bought it for \$71,000 four years earlier.) 4 ½ months later, the house went up in flames. Minneapolis investigators ruled it arson, likely aided by an accelerant. Total damage: \$150,000. Around this time, Michael Densinger bought 3117 Girard Ave N. from Little Joe for \$160,574. (Little Joe had gotten the house for a third of the price-\$55,000-four years before.) Densinger's new property also went up in flames. It, too, was ruled arson, aided by an accelerant. Total damage: \$100,000. Several more of the Gustafsons' properties burned, including 2527 James Ave. N., 1418 Newton Ave. N., & 738 31st Ave. N. Total damage for six arsons: \$745,000. Gustafson says his renters are to blame for the blaze at 2517 James, & for another at a house on Aldrich. "They were tenants from hell & they were renting the places & what they actually were was crackheads," he says. "Some of the crackhead people that they ripped off went back & started both of my houses on fire, on Aldrich & on James down there. You know what I mean?"

Meanwhile, Little Joe ran around town intimidating people. In March 2005, 30-year-old Little Joe went on a drunken rampage with a claw hammer. He pulled into the back parking lot of

Standup Franks in north Minneapolis, according to police records, wearing his red "Gustafson's Bail Bonds" jacket, gold rings gleaming from seven of his fingers. He jumped from the car, screaming at a man named Ravindra Persaud. Little Joe pulled out a hammer & smashed in the windows of Persaud's van. Persaud threatened to call the police. "I'm going to kill you," Little Joe said, swinging his hammer at Persaud. Persaud jumped back. Little Joe swung again. "You motherfuckers don't know who you're messing with," Little Joe raged. "I'm Joey Gustafson!" Then he drove off, gunning for Persaud, who had to leap aside to avoid being hit. Little Joe continued his rampage at the Star Bar in Columbia Heights later that night, where he smashed in the windows of 5 cars. For this, Little Joe was convicted of felony property damage & sentenced to 17 months in jail & five years of probation. But charges were never pressed for the incident at Standup Franks because, according to a police report, Persaud wouldn't cooperate. Despite his temper, Little Joe managed to surround himself with friends-or, more accurately, people who thought they were his friends. The people who bought houses from the Gustafsons before they burned down-Marie Alexander, Joshua Ramos, Michael Densinger-were more like groupies. They called themselves the BDP: the Beat-Down Posse. "People go to Joe that can't go to the cops," says a former member of the BDP who requested anonymity for fear of being attacked by his former cohorts. "They go to Joe for protection, or to even the score. That's what the feds can't understand-how he stays in business." About 15 people were part of the BDP, each with a specialty. Troy Neuberger was Little Joe's bodyguard & in charge of all the finances. Neuberger lived with Michael Densinger, whose criminal records include forgery & theft, in the bail bond house-Big Joe rented it out rather than work there. The BDP used the bond house as a shooting gallery. The BDP stole product & cash from drug dealers. One night, they were having a party in a house on 32nd & Grand when a dealer stopped by. The BDP took his money & drugs. They beat him & left him in a bathtub, in a pool of his own blood. The kid was beaten so badly that a few BDP wondered if he'd died. Afterward, Little Joe started threatening the witnesses, one former BDP says. Little Joe would show up in the middle of the night & threaten to kill anyone who talked-and their families. Big Joe once bailed out a man named Hector Fonseca on a \$12,000 bond. When Fonseca skipped town & went back to Mexico, Big Joe lost money. That became an excuse to rob Mexican families, & to bust down the doors of drug dealers, a former BDP member says. "He used the excuse of looking for that dude, Hector Fonseca-he used that to the hilt. He used that forever," says the source. "He used that as an excuse to kick people's doors in, to beat people up, to take people's money." Big Joe says it was no excuse-they were simply looking for Hector. They went to drug houses, he says, because those were the kind of leads they got. "We can go legally kick in the door, & look for Hector. And that's what we did. We weren't there to take anything from anybody-all we had to do is take Hector."

Little Joe is inside a Hennepin County Jail cell now, on charges of domestic strangulation-his wife called the cops a few weeks back. Big Joe says the charge is bogus: "She's already recanting her story, you know what I mean?" Meanwhile, a secret grand jury is hearing witness after witness tell tales of the Gustafsons' legacy of brutality. Father & son are likely to face charges that, if upheld, could lock them both up for the rest of their lives. Big Joe is unrepentant. He says he has done nothing wrong & has nothing to fear. "I think they're kind of prejudiced against me because I'm an ex-Hells Angel. And my brother was convicted of a cop killing in St. Paul. I really do believe a lot of this shit's

personal, or political. You know? "The only goddamn problem is I'm probably guilty of fucking being too good to my kids," he says. "I left home when I was like 13. These kids-I give & give & give to them. The 35-year-old, I still pay for his cell phone & goddamn car insurance & stuff. That's about it. I love my kids too much. That's the only thing I'll be goddamn guilty of. "You know what, I don't feel ashamed of anything I've done in my life. You know what I mean? If I did it all over again, I'd do it the same damn way. You know?"

Gold Coast bikie turf war – Feb 18, 2010 – *Australia* – By Ben Dillaway - A Bloody turf war could erupt on the Gold Coast with pseudo-bikie gang Notorious declaring it will muscle its way into the city. Last night a member of the feared Sydney gang broke ranks, saying the gang was on a recruiting drive & looking to expand to the Coast to snare a slice of the city's lucrative illegal drug trade. "Notorious is trying to recruit as many people as they can & at the moment they're trying to make a chapter inside the Gold Coast & one in Melbourne," said member 'Wahlid' on Channel 7's Gangs of Oz program. The Coast is already home to eight bikie gangs -- Hells Angels, Rebels, Finks, Bandidos, Lone Wolf, Odin's Warriors, Nomads & Black Uhlans motorcycle clubs -- leaving no room for any new players, according to police & bikie sources. "Geographically there's only so much that can go around for them," said a senior police source yesterday. "I couldn't see it (the expansion) happening -- there's too many here." An underworld source with links to several Coast clubs said there would be a war if Notorious tried to muscle in. "No one will let it happen -- no doubt it will be (expletive) hectic & get pretty heavy," he said. The Bulletin has heard that Notorious members recently looked at buying a popular nightclub in Surfers Paradise, but balked at the price being asked. There was also a backlash from the local industry, with workers threatening to walk away from their jobs if 'Sydney gangs' began to take over. Last year Notorious dominated headlines in Sydney as members were arrested for fatal shootings & vicious assaults. "They're crazy (expletive) & they aren't scared to do anything," said the underworld source. "But they will self-destruct." Notorious was formed by Allan Sarkis & David Lima on the back of Sam Ibrahim's defection from the Nomads outlaw motorcycle gang. *Notorious members do not ride motorcycles.* NSW police have named nightclub boss John Ibrahim as a member but his solicitor said the suggestion was 'absurd'. Last night the Notorious member, who had his image, voice & name changed to protect his identity, said they were 'into everything' as long as it made them buckets of cash. "Notorious, they are into drugs, they are into weapons, they are into everything you can think of," he said. "They have got links to every industry, from the post office to the police force. "The aim of Notorious is to make as much money as they can by getting as much area in Sydney as they can." He said new members were given a handbook with information about the gang's wide-reaching operations. "You get a handbook where you learn how to make drugs, how to make guns, where to get (them), what areas are controlled by the gang, everything like that," he said. "One chapter's about weapons, one's about drugs & the other's about area -- it's really detailed man, point form."

Of all tyrannies a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience. - C.S. Lewis

Judge sends robbery, kidnapping charges against Outlaws to grand jury – Feb 18, 2010 – *Knoxville, Tennessee* - A judge today sent robbery & kidnapping charges against 2 Outlaws MC members to a grand jury for review. General Sessions Court Judge Patricia Long ruled there was probable cause to believe bouncer- turned-undercover deputy Joseph Linger was robbed of his Outlaws vest & T-shirt & held against his will at the Outlaws Clifton Road clubhouse in Dec. Defense attys Mike Whalen & Phil Lomonaco argued Mark Lester & Kenneth Foster were merely de-vesting Linger of his Outlaws credentials after Linger's wife told club members he was an undercover deputy with the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Prosecutor Leslie Nassios countered that the men threatened Linger & had guns within their reach. "Just because you call yourself an Outlaw does not mean you can act outside the law," she said. Linger conceded he joined the Outlaws to get a job at KCSO. "You know one of the (club) rules was that patch & insignia was never going to belong to you, right?" Whalen asked Linger while he was on the witness stand. "When they asked you to give the vest back, did you?" "After I was threatened," Linger responded. Linger had been a bouncer at a Sevier County bar when he met Outlaws members & was offered membership. He, in turn, went to KCSO offering to snitch on the group & was hired as a deputy. Linger said Lester threatened to hit him with a gun when he refused to turn over the vest. "I was scared," he said. Nassios said Whalen's defense theory of a de-vesting was "asinine." The Sheriff's Office later raided the clubhouse but found only a small amount of marijuana. There were several Outlaws in the courtroom, & Sheriff Jimmy "J.J." Jones packed it with extra security.

Arson trial begins – Feb 18, 2010 – *Virginia* – By Sally Voth - The man accused of torching Bad Water Bill's Bar-B-Q Barn in Strasburg in 2003 was heard on a recording played in U.S. District Court on Wednesday saying if motorcycle gang members found out he was talking to investigators, they'd murder him. "I will help you as much as I can, but I don't want to stick my head out on a chopping block," William Wardell "Cozmo" Welebir says on the 2003 phone call. Welebir, 56, of Port Richey, Fla., faces a single count of arson. His trial started Wed morning. Assistant U.S. Atty Joe Mott called to the stand Domingo Perez, who now works part time for the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office, but at the time of the Oct. 25, 03, fire was an intelligence analyst with the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force. A man who identified himself as "Mr. Wagner" had called a state police tip line, & Perez was put in touch with him in Nov 2003. Public Defender Andrea Harris said Welebir was "Mr. Wagner." "I'm kind of concerned there's going to be a loss of life," Welebir says in the recording. A chatty Welebir starts the conversation by saying he had been in a veterans' mc called the Free Patriots that did charity runs, but eventually disbanded. While in that club, he met a couple of members of the Pagan's MC, including the Northern Virginia chapter's Pres, referred to as "Blacksmith." Welebir also met Pagan's & members of the Warlocks MC -- subject of a regional multi-jurisdictional takedown several months before -- while working at a Bunker Hill, W.Va., club, he tells Perez. Bad Water Bill's was a popular hangout for Warlocks members & other bikers, its owner, Mary Fisher, testified on Wed. On the recording, Welebir says he contacted the crime hotline because the man who'd been president of the Free Patriots had recently joined the Pagan's & was exhibiting some disturbing behavior. That man owned the Redwood Motel in Stephens City, he says in the recording, & the motel was being used for drug activity, including making "bathtub crystal meth." Welebir says the man was being told what to do by the Pagan's. Welebir says it became clear the new Pagan's assignment was to burn down

Bad Water Bill's. He said it was because the Titans MC, which was sponsored by the Warlocks, was going to have a charity bike show there later on the day of the arson. In the recording, Welebir also refers to a man known as "Coop" who had started a motorcycle club in Leesburg called the Red Devils, which he says was a Hells Angels support club. He says the Pagan's had been trying to get 'Coop' to join them instead, & "Blacksmith" was trying to let him know the Pagan's weren't going to allow the Hells Angels to move into Virginia. "At this Halloween party, there was talk of murdering this guy for no other reason than the fact he joined another club," Welebir says. "At this point, I had to say something." He says he was also angry because someone had vandalized his motorcycle. Welebir says the motorcycle gang-related crime was escalating. "There's already been 2 drug-overdose deaths at the Redwood Motel last year," he says. "It's out of hand. Somebody needs to stop it." Complicating matters were connections area motorcycle gang members had with police officers & emergency dispatchers, Welebir says in the recording. He says he tipped off law enforcement to a party where large amounts of drugs would be present. "They had the information before the party began that the police were investigating their party," Welebir says. "I can't have anything tied with [the investigation]. These people will kill me. I can't risk being a witness. They will stop at nothing. They're capable of doing anything on a whim." In the recording, Welebir says that bulletproof glass was being installed at "Blacksmith's" house in Front Royal because the Pagan's feared retaliation from the Hells Angels. "He said because we're going to get blamed for that fire over at Bad Water Bill's," Welebir says. Some motorcycle gang members tried to get him to join a club, but he wasn't interested, he says. "I don't need to have a patch on my back to know who I am," Welebir says on the recording.

Jurors get lesson in motorcycle gang etiquette at arson trial – Feb 18, 2010 – *Virginia* – By Sally Voth - Jurors in the Bad Water Bill's Bar-B-Q Barn arson trial were schooled in Pagan's MC etiquette by a gang member who spent 2 hours testifying Thursday morning. Pagan treasurer James Arthur "Art" Calhoun of White Post was a prosecution witness in the trial of William Wardell Welebir, 56, Port Richey, Fla., who is accused of torching the Strasburg restaurant in 2003. Calhoun, 51, who was identified Wed as the owner of a Stephens City roadside inn that was a Pagan's hangout, described Welebir as a club "hang-around." "I didn't think he was Pagan's material," Calhoun testified during the 2nd day of the trial in U.S. District Court. U.S. District Judge Samuel G. Wilson, who is presiding over the trial, asked "what's Pagan's material?" Calhoun replied, "Someone who is a little street savvy." Welebir had slipped up at a motorcycle event by publicly identifying Calhoun to someone who was not a member of the Pagan's, Calhoun said. Prospective members are schooled in Pagan ways, he said. Welebir is accused of setting fire to the Strasburg restaurant early in the morning of Oct. 25, 2003, because a Titans MC event was planned there later in the day. Calhoun identified the Titans as a "duck club," which he compared to a major league baseball farm team, of the Hells Angels MC. There has been bad blood between the Hells Angels & Pagan's for nearly a decade, Calhoun said, but "there's animosity between all 1 percent clubs." Outlaw motorcycle clubs often describe themselves as the 1 percent of motorcyclists who flout the law. The Pagan's wanted to keep the Hells Angels out of the area, Calhoun said. Calhoun said he watched Bad Water Bill's in the hours before the fire to see if any Hells Angels were there. "It's not our type of retaliation. We're more one on one, face to face," Calhoun said.

\$130K dope stash found – Feb 18, 2010 - *Australia* - Some carried guns, others handled sniffer dogs & several were gloved as police descended on the western end of Grafton Street yesterday & Stanthorpe, where up to \$130,000 worth of cannabis was seized. About 8am yesterday 8 police cars – including 4 dog squad vehicles – swooped on 3 Grafton Street homes, all of which are *believed to be linked* to the Bandidos MC. A Warwick Police Criminal Investigation Branch spokesman confirmed a total of six Warwick & 2 Stanthorpe residences were raided. “Fifty-one mature cannabis plants were seized in Stanthorpe – 3 people were charged with possession of a dangerous drug & producing a dangerous drug,” the spokesman said. It was estimated the mature plants – measuring about 244cm (8 ft high) – were worth between \$2000 to \$2500 each, with the largest pictured above estimated at \$5000.

Rebels outlaw bikie gang member arrested – Feb 18, 2010 – *Australia* – A member of the Rebels outlaw motorcycle gang has been arrested on drugs charges. The Modbury Heights man, 43, was arrested with a Cumberland Park woman, 27, by the Crime Gangs Task Force at Salisbury on Wed. The pair was allegedly found with a small amount of methamphetamine in their possession with a larger amount found in the house of the bikie, police said. A total of 30 grams of the drug was allegedly found. They were given police bail to appear in court at a later date.

Area cocaine ring suspect pleads guilty – Feb 19, 2010 - *Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania* - By Sheena Delazio - A city man charged for his role in a \$3.6 million cocaine distribution ring pleaded guilty Thursday. Francis Buraczewski, 38, of Mill Street, pleaded guilty to charges of corrupt organizations & criminal conspiracy before Luzerne County Judge Joseph Cosgrove. Buraczewski will be sentenced on the charges on April 14. Deputy Atty General Tim Doherty said Buraczewski participated in the drug ring operated by members of the Outlaws MC, which distributed cocaine throughout the area beginning in July 2008. According to court papers, Buraczewski on Jan 26, 2009, arranged to buy “a half” of cocaine from John “J Bone” Ricci. Three days later, Buraczewski again asked Ricci to sell him 3.5 grams, a “ball,” & “a half,” 1.75 grams of cocaine. Investigators said Buraczewski obtained more than 5 grams of cocaine in 2 separate packages, which is “consistent with redistribution of cocaine.” In Dec, John “G Unit” Gonda, 38, of Fern Ridge Road, White Haven, pleaded guilty before Luzerne County Judge Chester Muroski to charges of corrupt organizations, criminal conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance & delivery of a controlled substance. Investigators said Gonda & 22 other members of the Outlaws were charged in the ongoing investigation, known as Operation Avalanche. Undercover agents on March 6 simultaneously raided the group’s clubhouse at 115 N. Main St., Ashley, as well as Gonda’s residence & 4 other locations. Investigators said they made about 30 controlled cocaine purchases from Kevin Nowakowski & Outlaw members John “J Bone” Ricci & Ronald Molnar since July. Thousands of calls were intercepted through court-authorized wiretaps that led agents to identify Anthony Manchio, of Wapwallopen, as the Outlaws’ main cocaine supplier. Ricci, 36, of Hanover Township, was scheduled to enter a guilty plea in December as well, but his attorney, John Donovan, told Muroski that he & Doherty needed more time to discuss a possible plea agreement. Nowakowski & 11 others involved in the drug ring are awaiting trial on similar charges.

Man who fish in other man’s well often catch crabs.

Socializing with Outlaws cost a Knox County Sheriff’s Office deputy her job. Joining them netted an ex-bouncer one. – Feb 19, 2010 – *Knoxville, Tennessee* - By Jamie Satterfield - “I have information another member of the sheriff’s Dept was fired for hanging out with the motorcycle club,” defense attorney Mike Whalen said at a preliminary hearing for 2 Outlaws MC leaders accused of robbing & kidnapping a bouncer turned undercover deputy. “What I want to know is: Did (KCSO Deputy Joseph Linger) join the motorcycle club so he could get hired?” It took 2 rounds of aggressive cross-examination to get that answer. “So you were happy with your career in bouncer world?” Whalen asked at one point. “Other than joining the motorcycle club, had you developed some other skill qualifying you for the job?” Linger finally conceded he joined the Outlaws in Aug 2008 after a KCSO buddy told him the agency “would be interested” if he could infiltrate the group. Sheriff Jimmy “J.J.” Jones acknowledged after the hearing that a female deputy who sometimes rode with the Outlaws resigned after being confronted about violating the agency’s policy against socializing with suspected criminals. Linger was hired a short time after he joined the Outlaws & began secretly recording the goings-on at the group’s clubhouse on Clifton Road. Outlaws commanders Mark Lester & Kenneth Foster are accused of robbing Linger of his Outlaws vest in a confrontation at the clubhouse in Dec. After Thursday’s hearing, General Sessions Judge Patricia Long sent charges of aggravated robbery & aggravated kidnapping against the pair to a grand jury for review. The decision did not come without a fight. Whalen, who represents Foster, & attorney Phil Lomonaco, who represents Lester, contend there was no robbery or kidnapping. Instead, they contend the pair confronted Linger after hearing from Linger’s wife that Linger was working undercover for KCSO & essentially de-vested him. Prosecutor Leslie Nassios called the defense theory of a de-vesting “asinine.” Linger testified that an angry Lester demanded his vest, took his service weapon, unloaded it & threatened to hit him with it when he balked at giving up the garment. He said Lester searched him for a body wire & rifled through his wallet in search of identifying information. “He made it clear to you, ‘I ain’t taking your money?’ “ Whalen asked. “He wanted everything to do with the club.” “Correct,” Linger said. Linger acknowledged the 2 Outlaws leaders told him they were merely “holding” his vest & Outlaws shirt pending a probe of the wife’s claims & that they gave him back his gun & bullets. But he insisted both men had guns within their reach & said he felt “threatened.” Authorities later raided the clubhouse but came away with only a small amount of marijuana. Whalen argued that Linger knew he had to give up the vest if he ran afoul of the club rules. The 2 leaders’ angry handling of the de-vesting shouldn’t have surprised Linger, Whalen said. “He didn’t join the Boy Scouts,” Whalen said. “He joined the Outlaws MC. There’s not a kidnapping & there was no robbery, & this ought to stop right here.” Lomonaco said the pair were understandably angry. “If you find out someone’s spying on you ... you get a little upset,” he said. But Nassios said it didn’t matter if the vest & shirt belonged to the Outlaws. “Under the letter of the law, Joseph Linger had property taken from him by 2 men who had weapons within their reach,” she argued.

I was in the restaurant yesterday when I suddenly realized I desperately needed to pass gas. The music was really, really loud, so I timed my gas with the beat of the music. After a couple of songs, I started to feel better. I finished my coffee, & noticed that everybody was staring at me.... Then I suddenly remembered that I was listening to my iPod.

Slaying victim's wake set today – Feb 19, 2010 - *Connecticut* - By Ann DeMatteo - People from across the state & beyond are expected to descend upon the North Haven Funeral Home today to pay their respects to a man whose slaying remains unsolved 10 days after he was shot dead outside his tattoo parlor. Police are still investigating why someone would ambush Joseph “Ho-Jo” Ferraiolo, 64, the operator of “A Touch of Color” at 1212 Dixwell Ave., Hamden. “We’re working on it actively,” Hamden Police Chief Thomas J. Wydra said Thursday. Wydra is declining to identify any suspects, but said previously that police were trying to find out whether Ferraiolo’s slaying had anything to do with motorcycle gang rivalry or whether he was being targeted for another reason. The Outlaws MC Web site identifies Ferraiolo as a member of the Connecticut chapter, based in Waterbury. Numerous messages left on the site offered condolences to his friends & family. He was shot outside the rear door of the tattoo parlor the night of Feb. 9 & died from multiple gunshot wounds, authorities said. Ferraiolo was a private in the Marine Corps who served from 1962 to 1965. He will be buried at East Lawn Cemetery in East Haven with military honors. The Patriot Guard Riders are expected to be out in force Sat at his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave., North Haven. The group, which honors veterans, will stage a flag line at the church & cemetery, according to Connecticut Capt. Bob Stone. The Outlaws & his family requested the Patriot Guard, Stone said. His wake is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Ave., North Haven. North Haven police were planning to provide traffic & pedestrian control in & around the funeral parlor, as they do for any larger than normal wake or funeral. Police Chief James X. DiCarlo said police would also escort the funeral cortege from the funeral home to the church Sat morning, a common practice.

Jury deliberating in Bad Water Bill’s arson trial – Feb 19, 2010 – *Harrisonburg, Virginia* - By Sally Voth - The fate of a former Front Royal man charged with burning down Bad Water Bill’s Bar-B-Q Barn on Oct. 25, 2003, is in the hands of a Fed jury. William Wardell Welebir, 56, has been on trial for arson in U.S. District Court since Wed. Welebir did not take the witness stand in his own defense Friday. Defense witness Josh Vossel, a former member of the Pagan’s MC, said he was a club “hang-around” at the time of the fire. “But even as a hang-around, if you had been asked to burn down Bad Water Bill’s, you would have, would you not,” asked Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Mott. Vossel said he would. Pagan’s president Paul “Blacksmith” Hampton, now deceased, “liked to use civilians for a lot of his dirty work,” Vossel said. “That way it has nothing to do with the Pagan’s.” In closing arguments, Mott said that Welebir contacted at state police tip line because he didn’t get the respect he wanted from the Pagan’s. Defense atty Andrea Harris said the testimony from Vossel & a current Pagan, James Arthur “Art” Calhoun, was not credible. Welebir was trying to do the right thing & became the target of a sloppy investigation, Harris said.

Arsonist found guilty – Feb 20, 2010 – *Harrisonburg, Virginia* – By Sally Voth - More than 6 years after Strasburg’s Bad Water Bill’s Bar-B-Q Barn was destroyed in a 3 a.m. blaze, one of the culprits has been brought to justice. The other is dead, according to the U.S. Gov’t. William Wardell “Cozmo” Welebir, formerly of Front Royal, & now of Conway, S.C., was convicted Friday in U.S. District Court on a single count of arson. Prosecutors didn’t have to prove that he actually set the Oct. 25, 2003, fire, but had at least aided & abetted the arson. Welebir faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison, with a 20-year maximum.

New bid to control bikies – Feb 20, 2010 – *Australia* – By Nigel Hunt – Police have lodged an application for a control order against a senior member of the Rebels outlaw motorcycle gang, using an untested section of the Government’s controversial anti-bikie legislation. The bold move is targeting Rebels bikie Jamie Malcolm Brown, 23, who has an extensive criminal record of violence & firearms offences, including the brutal assault of 2 women at the Seaford Hotel last August. The control order sought against Brown, who is in prison, is to ban him from attending any licensed venue or hotel, from being on the footpath adjoining them & from associating with fellow Rebels Scott Webster, Christopher Clemente & Mikel Higgins. The police application, lodged in Adelaide Magistrates Court late on Friday, is not contingent on the outcome of the High Court challenge to Section 14 (1) of the Serious & Organized (Control) Act. It has been made using Section 14 (2)b of the Act, which allows the court to make an order “if the defendant engages, or has engaged, in serious criminal activity & regularly associates with other persons who engage, or have engaged, in serious criminal activity.” As part of the application using this section of the Act, police lodged an extensive package of affidavits & other supporting evidence, comprising 4 folders. Using this section of the Act also does not require the target to be a member of a “declared” organisation - an integral component of Section 14 (1) that is to be contested in the High Court later this year after being declared invalid by the Full Court last year. Atty-General Michael Atkinson, who is still considering a police application to declare the Rebels a criminal organisation, yesterday welcomed the new move, saying police had to “jump through hoops” to compile an application using this section of the Act.

Pattaya’s Big ‘Bike Week’ An Outstanding Success – Feb 20, 2010 – *Thailand* - The “Burapha Bikers Week” was again held in Pattaya & proved to be even bigger than the 2009 event. This has become a well established event on Thailand’s promotional calendar with bikers coming from all over Thailand, plus many dedicated motorcycle enthusiasts visited from overseas. Powerful promotion equals success, so the “Burapha Bikers Week” was again held in Pattaya & started with a biker’s parade around the city. This finished at the “Hardrock Hotel” on Pattaya’s Beach Rd & then it was back to the huge outdoor stadium facilities at Soi Chaiyapruerk-1 in Jomtien, where nearly all of the events were held. On the big stage there were continuous shows every evening, with drinks, food & fun for everyone, which made this a “must see” event. Bikers came from all around Thailand, plus there were a large number of overseas visitors, & some even chose to camp on site in amongst the trees. Pretty ladies fitted in perfectly with stands with the stands of famous brand name bikes, such as Harley. Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki & BMW, & likewise there were many independent sellers of accessories & anything else that was relevant to bike week. The Pres of the Burapha Bike Club, Khun Jumin, who stated, – This “Burapha Bikers Week” was the most successful ever held, & our strong promotional campaign resulted in 10% of overseas bikers gaining recognition of this popular event.” Khun Jumin went on to say, – “Even though there was well over 1-million baht in cash receipts, the cost of running such an event runs into millions of baht. However, our objective is not to make huge profits, but to offer a free event to bikers from both Thailand & around the world.” We also interviewed Steve, who is a veteran Harley biker, & has attended every Thai bikers event n the last 10-years. Steve said, – I have seen this “Burapha Bikers Week” get stronger every year, so it is definitely the best in Thailand, & is now widely recognized by bikers around the world.”

Biker 'Brotherhood' roars in for funeral of slaying victim -

Feb 21, 2010 - *North Haven, Connecticut* - By Mark Zaretsky - Bikers from as far away as Florida, Maine & Chicago - - & a Connecticut motorcycle honor guard - - joined homicide victim Joseph "Ho-Jo" Ferraiolo's grieving family Sat to give him a sendoff worthy of his colorful life. Dozens of beefy guys on H-Ds, wearing the colors of The Outlaws, The Brotherhood & other motorcycle clubs thundered up Livingston Drive to St. Therese's Church on Middletown Ave at the head of the funeral procession. They were greeted by 32 more clean-cut members of the Patriot Guard Riders — all standing at attention on both sides of the entrance to the church, each holding an American flag. The former came to honor Ferraiolo as a fellow biker. The latter came to honor him for his service as a U.S. Marine. "We're here to stand in honor of a Marine, a decorated soldier who served our country honorably ... & to thank him for his service to our country," said Patriot Guard Riders State Captain Bob Stone. Ferraiolo was a private in the Marine Corps from 1962 to 1965. He was buried at East Lawn Cemetery in East Haven with military honors. "We're buryin' a brother," said a bearded, graying Outlaw whose jacket identified him as a member of a Virginia chapter. "We don't do interviews." Ferraiolo, 64, was shot the night of Feb. 9 outside the rear door of his "A Touch of Color" tattoo parlor in Hamden. He died from multiple gunshot wounds. Police are still investigating why someone would ambush Ferraiolo, Hamden Police Chief Thomas Wydra said last week. In the church, Ferraiolo's sister, Rosemarie Schroeder, spoke of the various roles her brother, who was an altar boy as a child, played. She said that "as proud as he was to be a Marine, he was just as proud to be an Outlaw." Schroeder addressed how Ferraiolo could at the same time be a Marine, a biker, a "protector" within his family — who "had a knack for showing up when you needed him" — & could also be someone who loved to dance & had "a special relationship" with their mother: "He made her laugh. He made her angry. He made her proud," she said. "Our brother was a good, kind man," she said. "If Joey had money, Everyone would eat!" He "was a good, kind & generous man & he did not deserve to die like that," she said. St. Therese pastor the Rev. Timothy Meehan preceded Schroeder, saying "an old Irish prayer" that he said was appropriate for Ferraiolo, even though Ferraiolo was "not nearly as Irish as I am." It read:

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Six members of the Connecticut & Massachusetts chapters of The Outlaws, which Ferraiolo was a member of, served as pallbearers. A number of local Outlaws members had crisp new patches sewn to their leather jackets that read: "In Memory of HoJo — 2/9/10." A contingent of bikers went in to pay their respects during the funeral Mass — with a number of them taking Communion. Many others stayed outside & waiting for the Mass to end before heading on to the cemetery. Outlaws members came from chapters, identified by patches on the backs of their jackets, as far away as Illinois, Milwaukee, Detroit, Indiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire & Maine. Joining them were members of other motorcycle clubs. Including the Hawgs, Deacons, Black Pistons, Faces of Death & the Righteous Unruly. While many bikers wouldn't talk, one Black Pistons member from Pennsylvania said it wasn't that unusual for people to come from far away for a funeral — & he would have been there just the same if Ferraiolo, who he had met but didn't know well, had died

of natural causes. He came "because I'm a brother," he said as the procession roared off to the cemetery after Ferraiolo's funeral Mass. "It's a brotherhood — true brotherhood. That's stuff we believe in. ... It's all out of respect & love."

Nick the Knife's sentence extended –

Feb 21, 2010 - *Australia* - By Emmaline Stigwood - Already in jail for a biker-related violence, Nick 'The Knife' Forbes has had 8 months added to his sentence for refusing to co-operate with the Crime & Misconduct Commission. The Supreme Court in Brisbane was told Forbes, a one-time Finks biker, was called to the CMC in late 2008 so it could find out if the victim of an ear-slicing attack at the Currumbin Rock Pools was paid to not give evidence. One man has been sentenced to jail for the violence meted out to David Holmes, who was taken from his home & had bits of his ears cut off in 2007, allegedly as revenge for a botched drug deal & missing money linked to the Lone Wolf biker group. The case hit major problems at the committal hearing in 2008 when Holmes declined to give evidence & it was later discovered he had been paid \$10,000. The court was told on Tuesday the CMC was interested in 'getting to the bottom' of who made the payment & Forbes had been 'of interest' because he had been in custody with alleged ear cutter Aaron Scheers. Lawyers for Forbes, already jailed for a series of assaults & for his involvement in the Royal Pines 'ballroom blitz' shootout, told the court the contempt charge was accepted & Forbes had 'respectfully declined' to give evidence because he felt he should have the 'right to silence'. Justice John Byrne said refusing to co-operate should be deterred. Forbes was due to be paroled in April. Scheers, who also faces contempt action, has pleaded guilty to kidnapping & grievous bodily harm over the ear-lobbing incident but is yet to be sentenced because of legal moves to withdraw his pleas.

Bikie's partner given gun license –

Feb 22, 2010 – *Australia* - By Angela Pownall - WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan has failed in a bid to stop the partner of the head of WA's Rebels biker gang from having a gun license. Kelly Anne Nickels, who is the partner of Rebels State president Peter Johnston, has won an appeal against a decision to revoke her firearm license after police raided the couple's Busselton farm, which is also home to a Rebels clubhouse, in April. The State Administrative Tribunal judgment revealed how Ms Nickels' license had been repeatedly renewed before the raid - despite her convictions for assaulting police - because WA Police does not check the probity of the State's 85,000 gun owners when they renew their license. Judge Janine Pritchard & tribunal member Tim Carey said it was surprising that Ms Nickels' convictions in 2001 & 2006 did not cause a review of her fitness to hold a firearm license. The tribunal ordered her firearm license to be reinstated, declaring she was a fit & proper person to hold a license & that she was remorseful for her previous offending & had shown a change in her character.

Pacific cruise story... A cruise on the Pacific goes all wrong, the ship sinks, & there are only 3 Survivors; Jim, Tom & Susie. They manage to swim to a small island & they live there for a couple of years doing what's natural for men & women to do. After several years of casual sex, all the time, Susie felt absolutely horrible about what she was doing. She felt having sex with both Jim & Tom was so immoral & bad that she killed herself. It was tragic, but Jim & Tom managed to get through it. After a while, Jim & Tom's resistance to nature's urgings waned, & the inevitable happened. Well, a couple more years went by & Jim & Tom began to feel absolutely horrible about what they were doing. I didn't see this one coming: So, they buried Susie.

Truth of kidnap caper, hatched in a Missouri bar, is stranger than fiction

– Feb 22, 2010 – *Missouri* – By Donald Bradley - A budding band of armed Missouri kidnapers drove to New Jersey, grabbed the wrong guy, hauled him back across 5 state lines & ended up with car trouble a hundred miles short of their destination. When their captive took advantage & tried to make a break for it, they beat him down, all in front of a convenience-store clerk. The cast includes the self-proclaimed son of an infamous godfather of the Hells Angels, 3 bad-biker wannabes, a fellow burned in a construction deal out West & the straight man — an unassuming owner of a pet food store in Newton, N.J. The whole cross-country caper is pretty funny, although before it ends, grim scenes unfold, including one in a Missouri kitchen where a man's fingers are blown off, terrorizing his wife, & the moment outside the store where the wrong Jeffrey Muller gets Tasered, beaten & thrown in a car. The 3 thugs try to convince the Ozark, Mo., clerk that the man screaming for help inside her store is crazy & they're just trying to take him to a mental treatment facility in Nevada, Mo. She doesn't buy their act, 9-1-1 is punched into the phone. The Hells Angels connection added a dramatic element, especially after Bates County Sheriff Chad Anderson issued a news release during the investigation saying that Barger had recruited his Hells Angels wannabes to kill him & his chief deputy, Justin Moreland. Two problems. One was when Missouri investigators contacted Sonny Barger's lawyer. Barger, the former motorcycle club president, now lives in Arizona after a bout with throat cancer & a term in federal prison. He has no children & had never heard of William Barger. The other problem? "Funny thing," Vernon County Sheriff Ron Peckman said last week. "None of them owned a bike." It's not surprising that this caper began in a bar. One night last fall, Roy Slates, 55, a Nevada, Mo., building contractor, sat drinking & bemoaning the loss of \$400,000 in a Utah construction deal years before, in which one Jeffrey Muller reportedly defaulted on a loan. Douglas Stangeland listened to the story, then told it to Barger. A deal soon was struck between Slates & Barger in which Barger would send his would-be gang members to find Muller & strong-arm money from him or, short of that, bring him the man himself. In return, Slates agreed to pay them 25% of what they recovered, & he gave Barger \$10,000 to finance the job. On the night of Nov. 9, three armed men wearing ski masks barged into the rural Vernon County home of Charles Scammell, who runs a Kansas City-area construction firm. They demanded information about Muller. Yes, Scammell told them, he had had business dealings with Muller 10 years earlier & thought he lived in New Jersey. Before the visit was over, one of the intruders blasted Scammell's hand with a shotgun, taking 3 fingers. After getting what they wanted, the men tied Scammell & his wife to kitchen chairs, told them not to tell the police & left. The crime went unsolved for 2 months. Whatever information they got out of Scammell, it apparently wasn't much to go on. On the morning of Jan. 8, a Friday, Newton, N.J., police received a call from Jeffrey Muller's wife, who said she had driven to their store, J&G Pet Food, & found it still dark. Her husband's Ford Ranger was there, but there was no sign of him. Police noted that Muller's eyeglasses & sack lunch were on the ground. The area was secured, a canine unit brought in, a helicopter deployed. Not much to go on, until the Police Department got a call the next morning from Lake Ozark, Mo. We've got your Jeffrey Muller, the Missouri officers told them. They also had Swarnes, Stangeland & Wadel. Authorities in New Jersey said they think the men used a local phone book to find their man — who had a different middle initial, lived in a different county & was not the right age. The snatch team apparently observed Muller before making their move. He said he had seen them in his store on

earlier occasions. The Missourians approached Muller as he entered his store, the victim told Newton police detectives, & asked his name. "Jeffrey Muller," he answered. They said he was going with them. When he refused, they Tasered him. Family members said Muller was told — falsely — that his wife also was a captive, but he was given no clue why this was happening to him. "I sell dog food!" Muller yelled as he was wrestled into his captors' beige Malibu. They tied his hands & legs, and, waving handguns, demanded bank account information. Not hearing what they wanted, they pointed the Chevy west. About 1,100 miles later, the car broke down early Saturday in Lake Ozark, a tourist town that's seen a lot, but nothing like this. Authorities said that by that time, it had dawned on the kidnapers that, yes, they had grabbed the wrong Muller — & he had seen their faces. Two of the men went into a convenience store to try to find a remedy for their ailing car. Left alone with the third abductor, Muller fought his way out of the car & took off running. The 2 others tackled him & dragged him back to the car. But he slipped away again, this time making it into the store, shouting. Back in New Jersey with a black eye, Muller told The Star-Ledger of Newark that his determination to see his grandchildren get married inspired his escape. "That's what gave me the go to break loose. That's what saved my life." Meanwhile, the right Jeffrey Muller has been told about events, said authorities, who offered no information on his whereabouts. It could have been worse, said a Newton detective. His name is Muller, too, & the prosecutor in the case is named Mueller. "We've had a good time with that around here," the detective Muller said, chuckling. Stangeland, Swarnes & Wadel are charged in New Jersey with kidnapping Jeffrey Muller & in Missouri for kidnapping, assault & armed criminal action in the Scammell home invasion. Swarnes already is in New Jersey, & Stangeland & Wadel appeared in Miller County, Mo., Circuit Court earlier this month for an extradition hearing. Barger also is charged with kidnapping in the Scammell case & with Slates could face more charges in New Jersey, Sussex County officials said. On Feb. 4, authorities in Vernon County charged Slates with concealing a felony & hindering prosecution in the Scammell case. "Seemed that no matter what these fellows did, nothing seemed to go right for them in this deal," Peckman said. As he told the New York Post: "Makes for a good movie."

A Mexican woodpecker & a Canadian woodpecker were in Mexico arguing about which country had the toughest trees. The Mexican woodpecker claimed Mexico had a tree that no woodpecker could peck. The Canadian woodpecker accepted his challenge & promptly pecked a hole in the tree with no problem. The Mexican woodpecker was amazed. The Canadian woodpecker then challenged the Mexican woodpecker to peck a tree in Canada that was absolutely 'impeccable' (a term frequently used by woodpeckers). The Mexican woodpecker expressed confidence that he could do it & accepted the challenge. The 2 of them flew to Canada where the Mexican woodpecker successfully pecked the so-called 'impeccable' tree almost without breaking a sweat. Both woodpeckers were now terribly confused. How is it that the Canadian woodpecker was able to peck the Mexican tree, & the Mexican woodpecker was able to peck the Canadian tree, yet neither was able to peck the tree in their own country? After much woodpecker pondering, they both came to the same conclusion: Apparently, Tiger Woods was right, when he said; your pecker gets harder when you're away from home.

Beer is proof that God loves us & wants us to be happy.

- Benjamin Franklin

Pagan pleads guilty to racketeering charges – Feb 22, 2010 - *Charleston, West Virginia* - By Andrew Clevenger - A Huntington Pagan admitted Mon in Fed court that he set up a plot to kill a Pagan in prison because members of the motorcycle club believed the inmate was providing info about the club's activities to authorities. David A. Cremeans, 49, known as "Kicker" in the biker world, also admitted that he traveled to Portsmouth, Ohio, in Nov 2004 to help the Pagan's shut down a smaller, affiliated club, the Road Disciples MC, armed & prepared to use force if necessary. In exchange for Cremeans' guilty plea to racketeering charges, prosecutors agreed to dismiss 11 other counts against him, including retaliation against a witness & drug & gun charges. Cremeans, the one-time treasure of the Charleston chapter of the Pagan's, plotted with members of the Last Rebels MC to kill a member of the Pagan's who was serving a sentence at the Fed prison in Ashland, Ky., according to the stipulation of facts entered as part of Cremeans' plea deal. "They wanted him to shut up, & wanted to get back at him for running his mouth to law enforcement officers," the stipulation states. Cremeans reached out to Michael Stevens, a guard at the prison, the stipulation states. Cremeans knew Stevens' brother, Richard Stevens, who was a local chapter Pres of the Last Rebels, a Pagan's support club. Although the Pagan's did not allow anyone with a job related to law enforcement to join the Pagan's or any affiliated club, Michael Stevens thought he would be admitted to the Last Rebels if he arranged for the murder inside the prison, the stipulation states. Last Rebels national Pres Thomas Geer, who like Cremeans & the Stevens brothers was one of 55 defendants named in a 44-count indictment unsealed in Oct, vouched for Michael Stevens, according to the stipulation. Authorities secretly recorded a conversation among Cremeans, Michael Stevens & an unidentified Pagan about the plot, in which Stevens described his plan to hire a big inmate to kill the intended victim: "The large, cooperating inmate would stab himself & then, 'stomp [the victim's] gut out,' so it would look like self defense." Cremeans planned to pay the inmate by putting a series of small deposits into the inmate's commissary account, because a large lump sum would attract attention, according to the stipulation. "Michael Stevens said he would explain that plan to the cooperating inmate because 'you just stomped this guy's heart out of his throat,' so putting a lot of money in his account at one time would be suspicious," the stipulation states. Authorities moved the intended victim to another facility before he was harmed. Cremeans faces up to 20 years in prison when sentenced by U.S. District Judge Thomas E. Johnston on June 29. Cremeans is the 18th defendant to strike a deal with prosecutors, but only the second to admit to racketeering charges. Pagan's Nat'l V.P. Floyd A. "Jesse" Moore, 64, of St. Albans, pleaded guilty to racketeering in December, conceding that the Pagan's is a hierarchical gang engaged in organized crime. Racketeering charges remain pending against Pagan's Nat'l Pres David "Bart" Barbeito, 49, of Myersville, Md. A grand jury upgraded charges against Richard Weaver, 52, of St. Albans, when it handed up a superseding indictment earlier this month. Other defendants have admitted to helping stockpile explosives as part of an ongoing feud between the Pagan's & the Hells Angels MC, intimidating other motorcycle clubs, extortion & selling drugs. Pending counts accuse gang members & associates of kidnapping, robbery & transporting the proceeds from illegal raffles of motorcycles across state lines. One defendant died in custody, & another was added when the new indictment was unsealed. Thirty-seven defendants remain, & are scheduled to go to trial in May.

A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way. - Mark Twain

Police raid Finks clubhouse – Feb 2, 2010 – *Australia* – By Lisa Quartermain & Narelle Towie - Police today raided the Balga clubhouse of outlaw motorcycle gang the Finks, seizing drugs & ammunition. About 10 officers from the Organized Crime Squad swooped on the heavily fortified house at 6 Olney Ct after securing a firearm warrant following 2 separate incidents on the weekend. Officers were called to the street 2 nights ago to attend an argument involving neighbors & located parts of a firearm. On Sunday night, a 47-year-old Finks biker was allegedly caught carrying a loaded gun & drugs at a concert in Caversham. The biker was charged with possessing an illegal drug & being armed in public. It is understood the Henley Brook man was at the concert with Tammie Cherie Kingdon, the de facto partner of jailed former Coffin Cheater turned Finks biker Troy Mercanti. The pair & another friend were ejected from the Day on the Green concert, featuring Rob Thomas, by security staff just before 9.30pm. As the trio was being escorted out, a man allegedly became involved in a scuffle with security staff, during which a loaded .25 calibre pistol fell from his clothing. Police allegedly found a gram of a white powder, believed to be cocaine, in a vial on his necklace, & charged him with possession of a prohibited drug & being armed in a place of public entertainment. He is due to appear in Midland Magistrates Court next week. Inspector John Adams said a small amount of cannabis & bullets were found in the house. Police had tried for about half an hour to get inside the property, but couldn't because it was heavily locked up. An occupant eventually let police in but no charges were laid over the cannabis & ammunition seizure. The Finks clubhouse - a suburban house surrounded by a green fence, with a big red & yellow Finks MC banner in the front yard - is at the centre of a police case against Ms Kingdon, who is fighting a charge of property laundering, reportedly linked to the purchase of the clubhouse for the motorcycle club. Kingdon is also defending 4 charges of stealing, believed to be linked to a trust fund set up to support the children of slain Coffin Cheater biker Marc Chabriere, who was shot during a turf war between the Coffin Cheaters & rival gang the Club Deroes. Kingdon is on bail to reappear in court on April 29 & trial is expected to take place in the District Court before a jury at a later date. Mercanti is currently serving a 2-year sentence for assaulting a man in Northbridge in May 2007.

Editor's Comment – Feb 23, 2010 – *Minnesota*...

FYI – No Action Requested... Today I turned 50 years old...
Respects, Mike Sons Of Silence MC Minnesota...

Final arguments heard in case alleging cop leaked info to Hells Angels – Feb 23, 2010 – *Canada* – By Allan Benner - Defence attorney Ron Brady argued security lapses at the Port Colborne police station makes it impossible to determine who leaked information to the Hells Angels. But Crown prosecutor Robin Flumerfelt said the evidence overwhelmingly points to the guilt of Const. Dean Rudge, regardless of the inadequate security. After hearing final arguments Monday, concluding more than 2 weeks of testimony in a Welland courtroom, Judge Harrison Arrell will announce his verdict May 13 into charges against Rudge, who was arrested April 4, 2007, for breach of trust by a public officer. Considering lax security at the Port Colborne police station, Brady said, anyone from a disgruntled former police officer to a cleaning person could have had access to confidential documents that were later found in the possession of a member of the Hells Angels.

Death stares every man in the face...

All a man can do is stare back & grin...

Hells Angels may hold key to pirate hero Störtebeker's missing skull – Feb 23, 2010 – *Germany* – By Roger Boyes - When the fearsome Baltic pirate Klaus Störtebeker was executed 600 years ago his headless body is said to have walked 12m (40ft) along the length of Hamburg quayside. He had struck a deal with the elders of the port: any of his 70 men that he managed to pass in his post-decapitation walk should be spared. The quivering corpse passed 11 fellow pirates before the executioner put out a foot & tripped him up. Little wonder, then, that the skull of Störtebeker has fascinated Germans for so long - & that its theft from a Hamburg museum last month has kept police busy. They interrogated members of the often reckless FC St Pauli fan club & dug deep into the city's Goth scene before concentrating on a new possibility: that the pirate's skull has become a trophy in the turf wars between rival biker gangs. On Sat night a skull was placed outside the offices of the Hamburger Morgenpost with "No Tacos" written on its crown. "Tacos" is slang for the biker group Bandidos, which is challenging the Hells Angels for control over northern Germany's lucrative drugs trade. Ralph Wiechmann, head of archaeology at the Hamburg Museum, was called in to examine the skull & ruled that it belonged to a more recent corpse than that of Störtebeker. The pirate's skull has a gaping hole on its right side, where it was nailed to a wooden stake outside the harbour gate to deter people from piracy. The latest skull bore axe wounds but no nail hole. Even so, the local press continues to insist that a Hell's Angels chapter is the likely culprit. The Morgenpost cites an "insider from the biker scene" as saying that the skull was offered to the Hells Angels free of charge by an unnamed thief. "The piratical skull & crossbones is certainly part of the insignia of aggressive motorcycle gangs," a police investigator said. "Störtebeker is a hero for some of these people." Störtebeker is regarded as a Robin Hood or even a Che Guevara figure by many northern Germans, because he robbed the rich merchant ships of the Hanseatic League. However, there is little evidence of him redistributing his booty to the poor. Indeed, legend has it that after his execution Hamburg senators found that the masts of his ships had cores of gold & silver. The possibility that Störtebeker, who was decapitated in Oct 1401 (or a year earlier, by some accounts), aged 40, was little more than a bloodthirsty crook, has not detracted from his iconic status. He has a statue honoring him in Hamburg & a brewery in Stralsund, on the Baltic Sea, named after him. "The skull is an important relic of Hamburg history," Lisa Kosok, the director of the Hamburg Museum, said. "It is priceless." It disappeared for a few centuries but re-emerged in 1878 during excavations to expand Hamburg harbor. The age of the skull was confirmed in 1999. The Hamburg senate failed to keep its promise to Störtebeker & the 11 men were not spared. After chopping off the heads of all of Störtebeker's pirates the executioner was asked if he was not a little tired. He replied that he had enough energy to execute the senate elders as well. This was probably intended as a joke - but the senate ordered the executioner to be beheaded.

Motorcycle camaraderie – Feb 23, 2010 – *Texas* – By Katy Ralston - A&M bikers create recognized organization to foster friendships & spark interest in riding. It has come to be known as one of Texas A&M's age-old sayings: from the outside looking in you can't understand it; from the inside looking out you can't explain it. For senior electrical engineering major Bart Basile, the saying is true the moment he mounts a motorcycle. "It's really hard to describe, it's like A&M - you can't describe to someone on the outside. Whenever any of us get on a bike you are one with the environment around you," Basile said. "In a car you are kind of surrounded by a box, but when you are on a motorcycle it's a completely different feeling whenever you get on the road. It's

just you & the bike & the road & there is nothing else really that matters." Riding, he said, is his addiction. "I wanted to join a community that would support riders," Basile said. "So I found the A&M MC about a year & a half ago."

Nursing Home Residents Form a Biker Gang – Feb 23, 2010 – *Illinois* - By Andrew Greiner - Lydia Scheltes woke up in her bed at Bethesda Retirement Center one morning with pinkish hair, a tattoo on her arm & a hangover. Not a typical morning for the 90-year-old. "Seniors are more fun than you'll ever know," she said. Scheltes wasn't alone: Seven ladies & one dude – aged 65 to 97 – all had a similar hazy look in their eyes after they hung out with bikers at the Evil Olive bar in Wicker Park on Feb. 11. Some of them were still wearing their own biker gear. Bethesda's residents usually spend their time knitting or quilting or doing an activity typical of their age group, but they wanted something different for a change. They often drive past the Evil Olive during day trips & fantasized about what goes on inside. One day Elizabeth Barrett, 68, asked their Life Enrichment Director, Ruth Werstler, if they could check it out. "I did a little digging & found out it was a nightclub," Werstler said. "But that didn't deter them. They still wanted to go." In fact, Barrett upped the ante: She suggest going out as bikers. "It was all my idea," Barrett says with a devious laugh. "We aren't the regular type of nursing home." Werstler indulged her crew & reached out to various people who could help transform the retirement home crew into a boss biker gang. She recruited hairstylists, make-up artists, a professional costumer & a tattoo artist from Artreach at Lillstreet to donate their time to make the ladies look fearsome. About 100 people showed up to the club, including members of the Latino American Motorcycle Association & Chicago's Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. "These women were serious, man," said Evil Olive General Manager Eric Bollard. "They showed up with pink hair & skull caps. It was for real. . . . One woman walked straight up to the bar & ordered a Dirty Martini. It was great." They even turned the event into a semi-fundraiser. Werstler is trying to raise \$25,000 for a touch screen computer system for the non-profit retirement home so that the women can learn & use the Internet. The bikers who showed up pitched in about \$250 toward the "Never-Too-Late." But it wasn't the money that tickled the residents. It was the exhilaration of an evening that felt like it "flew by in a nanosecond," said 66-year-old Janet Kaplan. Kaplan, who is wheelchair bound & admittedly extremely overweight, was disappointed when she first arrived at the club because there were stairs by the entrance. "I said, We're not going to make it," Kaplan said. "Then before I knew it a group of bikers came & grabbed my wheelchair. All I saw was my head being tipped back & my feet were up in the air & they had me in the club." The bikers gave the women club hats, & spent time chatting them up, flirting & even dancing. "One of our residents, Katie, just turned 97, & she got up with her walker & shook her booty," Kaplan said. "She shook it good." The one thing the women didn't get a chance to do was ride on a motorcycle, because it was too cold. But that's coming. LAMA & A.B.A.T.E. members made plans to come by the residence center in the spring & take the ladies for a ride. "I want to be the first one on the bike," said 90-year-old Scheltes. They may ride straight back to Evil Olive. "Man, those ladies were an awesome bunch," Boland said. "Everyone was so into it that we're thinking about arranging another party for them soon."

And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. (Matthew 10:14)

Montana man admits ripping off – Feb 23, 2010 – *Ohio* - A Montana lawyer & motorcycle enthusiast has pleaded guilty in Ohio to stealing \$100,000 from the American Motorcyclist Association. Dal Smilie said Monday he gets the feeling his life is over. He apologized for humiliating his family & the AMA, the nation's biggest motorcycle membership organization. The 62-year-old Smilie is a former chief lawyer for the Montana Department of Administration & was a member of the Pickerington, Ohio-based motorcycle group's board of directors for 25 years. He says he logged 2.5 million miles traveling for the AMA but overstated his expenses for two years. He pleaded guilty to grand theft & receiving stolen property. A judge sentenced Smilie to 3 years & 8 months in prison but suspended the sentence in lieu of 2 years of community control & a \$1,000 fine. Smilie repaid the AMA before he was charged.

Truckload of marijuana disappears – Feb 23, 2010 – *Kentucky* - A truckload of confiscated marijuana that could be worth more than \$1 million disappeared somewhere between Memphis & Louisville, Ky., sources say. The more than 1,700 pounds of pot went missing during a controlled drug delivery going from Memphis to Louisville, The Memphis Commercial-Appeal reported Sunday. A Memphis PD travel memo obtained by the newspaper said the drugs -- confiscated from a semi Feb. 10 -- were escorted to Louisville by Memphis police & Shelby County sheriff's deputies. Sources said the officers saw several vehicles pull up to the tractor-trailer parked in Louisville, leave, come back, then leave again. When they checked the contents of the truck it was empty, the sources said.

Five arrested in bar brawl – Feb 24, 2010 – *Louisiana* – By River Bureau - Ascension Parish sheriff's deputies arrested 5 people this morning following a brawl & shooting at Fred's on the River in Port Vincent involving the Bandidos motorcycle gang, the Sheriff's Office said today. Among those arrested are 4 members of the gang, including Pres Joe "Bandido Joe" Flores, & a friend of the lone shooting victim, deputies said in a news release. The incident escalated into a shooting after the victim, Steven Hoff, 31, 30914 La. 16, Denham Springs, called his friend for help as gang members arrived at the bar on La. 42 along the Amite River & argued with him, deputies said. Hoff was recently kicked out of the gang, deputies said. Hoff's friend, Brian McDonald, 39, 15357 Joe Sevario Rd, Prairieville, came to the bar & brandished a gun to get the gang members off Hoff who was being beaten at that point, deputies said. McDonald is not believed to be a member of the gang, deputies said. The gang members went outside the bar where Chester Hunnicutt got a gun & gave it to Flores, deputies said. The gang members went back inside & rushed Hoff & McDonald, deputies said. Flores allegedly shot Hoff several times & the gang members beat McDonald, deputies said. Authorities arrived a short time later & took the gang members into custody, deputies said. Hoff was taken to a hospital & is listed in stable condition following emergency surgery, deputies said. McDonald, who was treated for non-life-threatening injuries, was arrested on counts of aggravated assault, disturbing the peace & possession of a firearm on an alcoholic beverage outlet, deputies said. According to deputies, the gang members arrested & the counts against them are: - Joe Louis Flores, 31, 34230 Hocks Cove, Denham Springs, attempted second-degree murder, possession of a firearm in an alcoholic beverage outlet & 2nd-degree battery.
- Jose Felisiano Flores, 31, 11040 Burgess Ave., Denham Springs, second-degree battery & disturbing the peace.
- Derrick Johnson, 35, 13458 Prairie Lane, Walker, 2nd-degree battery & disturbing the peace.

- Hunnicutt, 38, 44523 La. 42, Prairieville, principal to attempted 2nd-degree murder, possession of a firearm in an alcoholic beverage outlet, 2nd-degree battery & disturbing the peace. No bonds have not been set. No charges have been filed against Hoff at this time but the matter is still under investigation.

Minnesota bikers rally against careless driving – Feb 25, 2010 - *St. Paul, Minnesota* - By Gordon Severson - At the State Capitol a wave of black leather & bandanas flowed through the front doors as hundreds of Minnesota bikers rallied on Wed February 24th for "Minnesota Biker Day." "When we can smell that leather, that riding leather, we know we're smelling freedom. That's what it's about, being able to have those freedoms to go out wherever we need to go & really enjoy life, enjoy nature, & everything this state & our country has to offer," Republican Senator Michael Jungbauer said. Every year avid bikers rally to voice their concerns about the no helmet law, but this year new issues have risen for the group. As part of Pawlenty's \$1.2 billion budget cut proposal, many dollars from a motorcycle safety fund would be funneled out to make up for some of Minnesota's deficit. "I think it's important that we don't raid this fund, raiding this fund would decrease safety & affect bikers everywhere," DFL-Representative Terry Morrow said. Another main issue the group is concerned with includes careless driving legislation that would beef up penalties for people that drive while texting, talking on the phone, & partake in other distractions. Besides Minnesota bikers, many other groups met today with legislators. Students from private colleges in Minnesota rallied as well as a large group of citizens from Rochester Minnesota. These citizens later met with Governor Tim Pawlenty & voiced concerns about issues their city has with his budget proposal.

16 in motorcycle club face drug, gun charges – Feb 25, 2010 – *Chattanooga, Tennessee* - By Todd South - Sixteen members of the local Outlaw MC were indicted today on several charges of conspiring to sell cocaine & crack cocaine & possessing illegal firearms. One of the 16 even was charged with possessing & receiving child pornography images. Fed investigators raided the club's compound at 3014 Campbell St. early this morning, arresting 14 of the 16 charged. The U.S. atty's office in Chattanooga said late today that they are still seeking to arrest the last 2. Those charged include one woman. All range in age from early 30s to late 60s. Countless supporters packed the Fed courtroom this afternoon as the 14 who were arrested pleaded not guilty to all charges during their arraignments. Hearings will take place Mon & Tue, which will determine if the members of the motorcycle gang will be allowed to make bond. For now they remain incarcerated at the Bradley County Jail. The U.S. Dept of Justice Web site lists the Black Piston MC as one of its top 8 outlaw motorcycle gangs. The Black Pistons act as a support organization for the Outlaw MC. Those belonging to the club are known to engage in all sorts of criminal activity including drug trafficking & extortion, according to the DOJ.

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