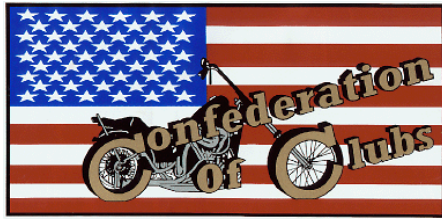


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Welcome **Vago Perk** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing List...

Welcome **Hells Angel Big Mark & Hells Angel Steve** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Mailing List...

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

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

Editor's Note: For *January* there were 3 issues, For *February* there were 2 issues, For *March* this is the 2nd 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!!!*

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

S.O.S. Family Memories- *By Sons Of Silence Dago*
from "I Told You So" CD...

Harpo, Brian, Uncle Ben,
These were giants among men --
might never see their kind again
But we've all grown because of them.

Bemis, Terry, In The Back,
Norby murdered by a crack
And P.K. gave his life one night
Doing what he knew was right.

That night outside the friendly tap
Chucker dying in my lap
Someone's knocking at the door
Eastman isn't here no more.

The road has asked for its share too.
It's where we live, it's what we do
And those it takes along the way
Remind us all to live today.

Looking further down the page
Natural causes and old age
I've seen the brightest lights wink out
But then I've seen some new ones sprout.

And others, only known to them
Chose the method, how and when
And though we'll never know the "Why"
They were sons until they died.

Lisa, Debbie, Cindy, too:
Sisters who have paid their dues
I've left a lot of others out
They're all remembered, that's no doubt.

A few got weak, they rolled and hid
I hope they pay for what they did
Like pigs they're living in their slime
While greater men are doing time.

So through the years and through the miles
Through the tears and all the smiles
Through the best times and the bad
Think about the lives we've had

And live today like it's your last
As it has been for others past
And know that we're the lucky ones:
Sons Forever, Forever Sons.

One day when we all have gone
And leave our young to carry on
We'll meet again when it gets dark:
"Donec Mors Non Separat"

Airport Security idea of the day: Here's a possible solution to all the controversy over full-body scanners at the airports. Have an explosion proof booth that you can step into that will not X-ray you, but will automatically detonate any explosive device you may have on you. It would be a win-win for everyone, & there would be none of this crap about modesty invasions or racial profiling!

Outlaws Motorcycle clubhouse raided – Feb 26, 2010 – *Tennessee* - By Monica Mercer & Todd South - Fifteen members of a local motorcycle group face up to life in Fed prison after most were arrested Thu on charges of conspiring to sell cocaine & crack cocaine & illegally possessing firearms. Fed authorities also have charged one of the defendants, all of whom belong to the Outlaw MC, with possessing & receiving child pornography images. Assistant U.S. Atty Chris Poole said the arrests came as the result of a 2 1/2 year undercover investigation into the club, located at 3014 Campbell St. in Chattanooga, but he declined to say anything else about the case. Agents with the ATF led the investigation with other local law enforcement agencies, including Chattanooga police & the sheriffs' offices in Hamilton & Bradley counties. According to the U.S. Dept of Justice, the Outlaw MC is supported by a well-known international biker gang called the Black Pistons MC. A black door & wooden fence surrounds the local compound on Campbell Street. Visible from the street is a black sign on the house with the words "Black Piston MC United States." Members of the Black Pistons are known to engage in assault, extortion, fraud, intimidation & theft, according to the justice Dept. The group has expanded rapidly throughout the United States, Canada & Europe over the last several years, according to a description of the organization on the Dept's Web site. David McDaniel said he has lived near the group's Campbell St clubhouse for almost a year & never had a problem with its occupants. "They're nice people," he said. "They stick to themselves." Other neighbors declined to comment about the location. Fed investigators raided the club's compound early Thursday morning, arresting 13 of the 15 people charged. Mr. Poole said late Thu that they still are seeking to arrest the last 2 people named on the indictments. Those charged include one woman. All range in age from early 30s to late 50s & are known by their nicknames such as Sawgrass, Cracker, Snake, Buddha & Doodah. Supporters of the club members, many with long hair & multiple tattoos, packed a federal courtroom in Chattanooga Thu afternoon. They looked on as the 13 who were arrested pleaded not guilty to all charges during their arraignments. Several family members & friends declined comment when asked questions about the motorcycle club culture. Hearings scheduled for Monday & Tuesday will determine if the defendants will be allowed to make bond. For now they are being held in the Bradley County Jail. ***The Suspects:***

- * Ryan "Lil R" Birt, 44, of Chattanooga - This suspect also was indicted on child pornography-related charges
- * James "JP" Parker, 45, Whitwell, Tenn.
- * Ronald "Snake" Howard, 58, Benton, Tenn.
- * Steven "Steve-O" Tucker, 38, Rossville
- * James "Smiley" Westbrook, 44, Rossville
- * David Woodward, 40, Cleveland, Tenn.
- * Robert "Bb" Boone, 49, Chattanooga
- * Jeremy "Cracker" Rittenhouse, 36, Chattanooga
- * Roger "Buddha" Roof, 46, Chattanooga
- * Charles "Robbie" Kinsey, 41, Ringgold, Ga.
- * Gary "Doodah" Raines, 58, Marion County, Tenn.
- * Hershell Raines, 26, Marion County
- * James "Dozer" Miller, 40, Chattanooga
- * Kelly Adams, 32, Chattanooga
- * Marcus Smith, 41, Chattanooga

I laugh, I love, I hope, I try, I hurt, I need, I fear, I cry. And I know you do the same things too, So we're really not that different, me & you. - Colin Raye

It's A Club!!! Not A Gang! – Feb 24, 2010 – USA – By “The Aging Rebel” - If you are a biker, especially if you are a patch holder, you only have to read the next paragraph. When your club gets hit with a RICO charge the first thing you should do is call an attorney in West Virginia named Deirdre H. Purdy. Her phone number is 304-655-7232. You may also find yourself in need of an expert witness to rebut the ridiculous things the ATF & the DOJ is saying about you. Your expert's name is William L. Dulaney. And his phone number is 828-227-2329. You already know almost everything else in this article, whether you have ever actually bothered to say it out loud or not. Have a beer. If you are a loyal reader who happens to be an FBI or an ATF Agent or a prosecuting attorney keep reading. No beer for you. Consider this is your final warning. Defense attorneys, do your damn job. Everybody else. Your call...!

The Pagan's Case: Last fall, 55 members & associates of the Pagan's MC were hit with a 44 count indictment that called the club a “racket.” A fistful of defendants, including former Pagan's Nat'l V.P. Floyd B. “Jesse” Moore have already been bullied into “confessing” that the Pagan's is a racket. Specifically, the indictment (and a superseding indictment filed 3 weeks ago) describe the motorcycle club as “a criminal organization whose members & associates engaged in kidnapping, robbery, extortion & conspiracy to commit murder.” The indictments also state that “the purposes of the enterprise included...enriching the members & associates of the enterprise through, among other things, extortion, robbery & the operation of an illegal gambling business.” A similar indictment with similar results was filed against the Mongols MC 17 months ago. Earlier this month Purdy, who is one of the defense attorneys in the Pagan's case, wrote a motion that attacked extensive passages in the indictment itself as “both irrelevant to the (actual) charges & prejudicial to the defendant(s).” Purdy characterized portions of the indictment as “surplusage” which is a legal way to pronounce bullshit.

Loew Strikes Back: Two weeks ago, on Feb 10th, Assistant United States Attorney Steven I. Loew, the author of the indictment, defended his choice of words. Loew justified his colorful descriptions of the Pagan's by arguing that, “The defendants are indicted for crimes they committed that were related to their membership in, & their association with, the Pagan MC, its support clubs & associates. The indictment charges that the defendants are a part of a criminal enterprise, & that those members, as individuals, committed crimes.” Loew then went on to tell the judge in the case, Thomas Johnston, that “since all the defendants were members of the Pagan's or one of its support clubs, it is obvious that describing the criminal enterprise is material & relevant to the charged offenses.” Among the accusations in the indictment that Loew thinks are perfectly reasonable to throw around are:

Pagan's Are Criminals: “The Pagan's MC was a national criminal organization located primarily in the eastern half of the United States.” “The Pagan's was territorial & protected its territory from rival motorcycle gangs through the use of violence & intimidation. Two of the Pagan's' main rival motorcycle gangs were the Hells Angels MC & the Outlaws MC. When members of rival motorcycle gangs, members of motorcycle clubs who associated with the rival motorcycle gangs, or people who wore clothing such as shirts or jackets with the names or logos of rival motorcycle gangs ventured into what the PMC considered to be its territory, PMC members & associates intimidated, threatened, attacked, beat, robbed, & sometimes killed them. “Once a week, usually on Sat or Sunday evenings, these local chapters held

weekly meetings referred to as ‘church.’ A full member of the Pagan's MC could be identified by his ‘colors’ or ‘cut,’ which was a sleeveless denim jacket bearing several patches affixed at specific places. These patches included, but were not limited to, a patch containing the word ‘Pagan's’ & a ‘1%’ patch. Members of the Mother Club wore a ‘13’ patch on their cut, signifying the traditional number of members in the Mother Club, & a 1% patch on the bottom back of their cut. Chapter presidents wore the 1% patch at the top back of their cut. The 1% patch signified the Pagan's’ ‘outlaw’ status. ‘Outlaw’ motorcycle clubs took pride in themselves as the 1% of motorcycle riders who were not law abiding. Pagan's members also owned various items of personal property bearing the word ‘Pagan’ or ‘Pagan's’ & various logos, insignia, emblems, & slogans signifying their membership & status in the Pagan's.”

Everybody Knows Pagan's Are Criminals: “The Pagan's made money from its support clubs,” the indictment continues, “and the Pagan's MC increased its power & influence by having more support club members. Accordingly, the Pagan's & its existing support clubs unlawfully threatened & intimidated people who wanted to start a motorcycle club in Pagan's territory & attempted to get the people to support the PMC & to not support any of the Pagan's rivals. Pagan's & support club members would confront & intimidate law abiding citizens & force them to get ‘permission’ from the Pagan's before starting even a lawful motorcycle club, & made them get ‘approval’ from the Pagan's for the club's name, logo, & the type of patches the lawful club could wear.” Loew also thinks it is perfectly reasonable to state in an indictment that “The purposes of the enterprise included the following: a) Enriching the members & associates of the enterprise through, among other things, extortion, robbery, & operation of an illegal gambling business. b) Preserving & protecting the power & territory of the enterprise through the use of intimidation, violence, threats of violence, assaults, & other violent crimes. c) Keeping victims & rivals in fear of the enterprise & in fear of the enterprise's members & associates through threats of violence & through violence.”

Astoundingly Obvious Except To Police: Purdy raises another point that never seems to be said out loud in biker cases. “The Club is 1st & foremost a motorcycle club. Its members join to associate with others who love to ride motorcycles, particularly large H-D motorcycles. They enjoy riding in groups, partying together, & admiring one & others' motorcycles, motorcycle after-market paraphernalia, & motorcycle paint jobs. They often dress in leather pants & jackets which, despite the now-ancient association with biker movies & Marlon Brando, are actually extremely safe riding gear because leather provides excellent protection from road burn in an accident. Members attend motorcycle expos or conventions where dealers set up booths to sell bikes, clothes, seats, saddlebags, after-market parts, books & offer the myriad kinds of merchandise associated with motorcycle ownership, riding, & club membership. These are the purposes for which members join this club. It is not criminal to be a Pagan MC member.” “No count of this indictment alleges any criminal activity by the MC itself because the club itself is not a defendant. For example, it is not alleged that the Club was involved in illegal drug sales or distribution. Instead, some club members used illegal drugs, which were not supplied by club members but by outsiders, including a Gov't informant. Similarly, some club members were prohibited from owning guns, but owned them. All the violence & threats of violence in the indictment are charged against some club members. Knowing association with criminals for noncriminal purposes is not criminal.”

What Racketeering: Purdy also challenges the whole motorcycle club as racket theory. “The indictment charges the Club is nothing but a criminal enterprise & that its first criminal purpose is to ‘enrich the members & associates,’ she observes. But, “There is only one crime-for-money charged in this many-count indictment. It is charged that local clubs in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, & Florida held motorcycle raffles & that sixteen defendants rode across various state lines to West Virginia with the raffle proceeds. According to the indictment, the raffle money was ‘proceeds of unlawful activity’ because the raffles were, for example, not registered with the appropriate secretaries of state. Even assuming, arguendo, that the raffle money actually was unlawful proceeds, all of that money was allegedly delivered only to 2 defendants: Defendants David Keith Barbeito & Floyd Moore. Assuming that the remaining 54 defendants purchased tickets, these defendants were not enriched, but impoverished by these transactions.” The defense attorney contests the allegation that, “The second & third purported criminal purposes are preserving the power & territory of the enterprise while keeping victims & rivals in fear through threats of violence & through violence. The indictment sets these out as distinct criminal purposes, but actually they are simply 2 variant statements of the same idea, the Club’s purpose to preserve power & territory. Preserving power & territory are not criminal purposes per se. Almost every human organization shares these goals in some degree.” Purdy also objects to the description of club members as “gang members” & calls that a violation of “each defendant’s First Amendment right to association for non-criminal purposes & each defendant’s Fifth Amendment due process right to the presumption of innocence.” And finally she compares the virtually boiler plate language Gov’t attorneys have used to describe motorcycle clubs as, “...a good description of the Catholic church, the Boy Scouts, Home Depot & Federal Express....”

Wait It Gets Better: Finally, at long last, a defense attorney in a biker case actually says out loud. “The surplusage portions of the indictment read like the promo for a new television series: Biker Gangs, Outlaw Rivals,” Purdy writes. “Defendants’ Fifth Amendment presumption of innocence is offended by the Gov’t’s press release approach to this case. The Gov’t should try this case in the courtroom, not by calling names in the court of public opinion.” Finally, Purdy challenges a greater giant than even she probably realizes. If the Gov’t insists on calling the Pagan’s a racket, she warns, the Gov’t better be able to prove it. “The charges that the Club is a national criminal organization, a criminal enterprise, & a gang of outlaws are unnecessary, irrelevant, untrue, unsupported by the remainder of the indictment, & highly prejudicial,” Purdy writes. “If the Court does not strike this language as surplusage, Defendants move the Court to hold a hearing under Federal Rule of Evidence 104, concerning preliminary matters, & require the Gov’t to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the club is a national criminal organization & that all of its members are ipso facto criminals.” And, then to back that up, Purdy tells the court she is ready to call an expert witness.

The Expert: The expert is Dulaney. In most of these cases the “expert” is either an ATF Agent who has made a career of harassing bikers, someone like John Ciccone, Darrin Koslowski or Jay Dobyns, or an out & out fruit cake like Chuck Schoville from International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association. Dulaney is a professor at Western Carolina University. His doctoral dissertation was titled, *Over the Edge & into the Abyss: The Communication of Organizational Identity in*

an Outlaw MC. And the chances are good that you have seen him on television. Dulaney has been interviewed on camera for 3 biker exposes on The National Geographic Channel: *Inside the Outlaws*, *Bandido Nation* & *Women in the Outlaw Biker World*. A fourth program for the same network called *The Biker’s Rub* is in production. Dulaney also appeared on the *Gangland* episode *The Outlaws* & in a Biography Channel episode titled *The Hells Angels*. Dulaney is also the author of a reasonably informed history of motorcycle clubs that appeared in the *International Journal of Motorcycles Studies*. He introduces himself to the court by explaining, “My research agenda includes comparing Gov’t, law enforcement, & media claims about motorcycle clubs with socially valid evidence. The result of this inquiry overwhelmingly shows that media & law enforcement paint an inaccurate picture of motorcycle clubs, one that is stuck in the past & does not represent the contemporary reality of motorcycling organizations.”

What Dulaney Will Testify: Dulaney has already summarized, “testimony that I would be prepared to offer & further support at a trial or hearing on this matter, if the Court qualifies me as an expert.” Among the highlights of what he is prepared to testify are: “The Pagan’s MC is not a criminal organization or a national criminal organization. Instead, the PMC is best described as a series of motorcycle organizations predominately scattered across the Eastern United States whose members are overwhelmingly not criminals. The PMC is a relatively small motorcycle club with chapters coming into & out of existence over time in locations limited to Florida, West Virginia, Eastern Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Delaware, New York, & Kentucky.” “Beginning in the 1970s, throughout the 1980s, & ending in the mid-1990s, some individuals who rose to prominence & leadership positions in motorcycle clubs were involved in organized crime; however, federal prosecutions at the time largely eliminated such activities.”

Keeping Peace: “There is a hierarchy that defines general motorcycle club culture. It is taught to & known by all as “motorcycle club etiquette.” Motorcycle club etiquette is simply one form of rules that all unique cultures or sub-cultures create in order to preserve peaceful coexistence. The one-percent clubs represent the pinnacle of the culture & so are responsible for keeping order in their territories. Established clubs may warn newcomers about the symbolic meaning of certain colors or patches to protect them from making errors from ignorance.” “The Indictment states that the ‘PMC had clearly established ties to other motorcycle clubs . . . used to facilitate illegal activity.’ In fact, the opposite is true, in that the most dominant club in an area has a duty of keeping the peace among clubs in the area. MC etiquette, mentioned above, can be described as a form of speech code that members of a culture or sub-culture must understand in order to belong to that culture. This is true of many well-known organizations, some considered ‘secret societies,’ such as Masonic Lodges & university fraternities & sororities. The PMC must enforce the rules of the culture - rules they did not create - in order for all other motorcycle clubs subordinate to them to operate without disturbance or disagreements within a given territory.” “My purpose (in testifying)” Dulaney concludes, would be “to provide an accurate portrayal of the Pagan’s MC & to point out that images from popular culture appear to have colored the creation of the descriptions of the PMC in the indictment.”

I am old. I am retired. I am grouchy.
I am intolerant, & I am judgmental. *I am also alive.*

Let's Meet Sutar – Feb 23, 2010 – USA - By “The Aging Rebel” - The Feds called him “Sutar.” In Norse mythology the Twilight of the Gods would begin when a Sun spirit named Sutar came north out of the hot place to destroy the old order. Norse mythology figures prominently in the identity of the Pagan’s MC so when the FBI hired an informant in April 2004 to try to corrupt the Pagan’s the Bureau code-named him Sutar. In court documents he is usually identified as “the known person” or “the second known person.” The case against the Pagan’s is based on the testimony of 4 paid informants. Three of the Confidential Informants, in Philadelphia, South Jersey & in West Virginia worked for the ATF. Sutar worked for the FBI. He was also a convicted murderer & for almost 5 years he was former Pagan’s Nat’l V.P. Floyd B. “Jesse” Moore’s personal Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Murder Conspiracy: In a plea agreement he signed late last year, Moore confessed: “In May 2006, Thomas Morris approached Moore about having a person ‘taken care of’ for reasons personal to Morris. Morris spoke to Moore about this problem because Morris knew that Moore was the national vice president of the Pagan’s & Morris thought that Moore would know someone who could take care of Morris’ problem. Morris was a local chapter president of the Avengers MC. Morris told Moore that a woman had ‘ruined his life’ & he wanted her ‘taken care of.’ Morris did not care how the woman was ‘taken care of,’ but he wanted her ‘out of his life.’ Moore understood that Morris wanted this woman killed. Moore told Morris he knew someone who might be able to help him with his problem. “Shortly after Morris’ initial conversation with Moore, Moore had a person known to both parties (the Known Person), who was a convicted murderer & member of the Pagan’s, contact Morris about the woman Morris wanted killed. Morris provided the Known Person with photographs of the victim & directions to her home. When the Known Person showed Moore the photographs & the maps at Moore’s residence in St. Albans, Kanawha County, West Virginia, within the Southern District of West Virginia, Moore told him to copy them & then destroy them. Moore also told the Known Person that if he helped Morris, it would give the Pagan’s the ‘weight’ it needed over the Avengers, since Morris was their local chapter president.” The “known person” in this confession was Sutar. The evidence that there ever was a conspiracy to murder derived entirely from Sutar’s words.

Sutar Large And In Charge: The fact that Sutar followed Moore around allowed the FBI informant to meet virtually every member of the club & members of other clubs as well. Sutar was not paid by the Pagan’s or by Moore. Moore, like most bikers, was a man of modest means. He retired as an electrical worker in 2003. Sutar’s income from 2004 until the present has come from the FBI & the sale of, sometimes stolen, motorcycles. From 2004 through the first 9 months of 2009 Sutar sought to incriminate everyone he met. None of Sutar’s allegations were ever verified by his FBI handlers but simply entered into the case file verbatim. Most of the reports were also unsubstantiated by independently verifiable facts. Beginning in 2004, Sutar bought & sold motorcycles & motorcycle parts. Some percentage of the motorcycles he sold were stolen. No accounting of where the bikes came from exists. On multiple occasions, Sutar sold a stolen motorcycle to a customer after assuring the customer that the bike was not stolen. Sutar then reported that that customer was riding a stolen bike to the FBI & was paid by the Bureau for reporting that crime. Sutar was also allowed to profit from the sale of the stolen bikes. No accounting of this profit exists.

What Sutar Got Paid: Sutar was paid \$3,500 per month plus expenses beginning at some point during the investigation through at least September, 2009. Simple arithmetic suggests that Sutar was probably paid about \$227,500. An FBI accounting states that Sutar was actually paid \$198,795.50 for “services rendered.” Sutar was also reimbursed by the FBI for plane tickets, hotel rooms, rental cars, his club dues & other club expenses including raffle tickets & mileage. On at least one occasion when the Gov’t payment to Sutar was late, he asked to be reimbursed for the late fees on his credit cards. Sutar is still being paid by the FBI & he has been promised a lump sum reward, a new identity & relocation at the conclusion of the current case.

The Rabbit Hole In West Virginia - Feb 5, 2010 – USA - By “The Aging Rebel” - There is an old joke in Los Angeles. The President wants to know who has the best police force so he releases a rabbit into a forest & tells cops from every city to go find it. Three minutes later the Los Angeles Police Dept drives out of the forest with a bloody & beaten bear. “Make them stop,” the desperate bear begs the President. “I confess! I’m a rabbit.”

Superseding Indictment: Blaire L. Malkin, the Assistant U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia & the man prosecuting the current Pagan’s case titled United States versus Barbeito & others, would never understand that joke. On Thu, Malkin re-indicted 37 of 55 defendants named in a racketeering indictment last Oct. Since that earlier indictment was unsealed, 17 defendants have confessed to being rabbits. One defendant, Charles H. Nichols, died in police custody. The superseding indictment also accuses a New Jersey man named Dante T. Demarco of beating up a suspected police informant. Both indictments accuse the Pagan’s MC of being “a criminal organization whose members & associates engaged in kidnapping, robbery, extortion & conspiracy to commit murder.” The indictment also asserts that “the purposes of the enterprise included...enriching the members & associates of the enterprise through, among other things, extortion, robbery & the operation of an illegal gambling business.” The accusations honestly describe the reality of what the defendants did approximately as a bear may be honestly mistaken for a rabbit. Either Blaire L. Malkin has been misled by his subordinates, or he is very stupid or he is a pathological liar.

Summary of Crimes: For the most part defendants have been accused of very banal offenses. The former Pagan’s V.P., Floyd B. Moore, apparently actually considered murdering a woman as a favor to the woman’s ex-boyfriend who happened to be the Pres of a chapter of the Avengers MC. The woman was never harmed but Moore did consider the crime. However that charge was dropped when Moore agreed to plead guilty to racketeering & that, in itself, testifies to the priorities of the prosecution. The fact that the conspiracy to murder charge was dropped at least suggests that the Gov’t viewed that accusation as a means to an end. Conspiracy to murder is a dramatic accusation. In Moore’s case it was a way to get leverage over a defendant who might discredit the Pagan’s. And, conspiracy to murder is included in the superseding indictment for the same insincere reasons. Other defendants are accused of physical assaults which seem intended to shock citizens who have never heard of professional ice hockey. Some defendants are accused of possessing small amounts of explosives. And that charge will probably most offend anyone who has never read the memoirs of Hunter S. Thompson. A defendant who was not a Pagan confessed to asking a club officer to collect a large debt for him. That explains the accusation of extortion. At one point, the patch of a member

of another club was pulled so that is described as a kidnapping & robbery. Most of the charges against the remaining defendants stem from either participating in a fund raising raffle or from “acting as bodyguards for a convicted felon.” The raffle is described in the indictment as “the operation of an illegal gambling business.” None of the men accused of acting as bodyguards for a felon knew that what they were doing was a crime. Who could ever imagine that each of Snoop Dogg’s bodyguards is guilty of a federal crime? And, when can we expect them to be charged? And, will the arrests be on television?

Yes But: The Gov’t knows its case against the Pagan’s is made mostly of fairy dust & bull feathers & they already know what a jury will think of a case that is mostly semantic. So twelve days ago the prosecution asked the court for “an order prohibiting the defendants from introducing irrelevant & inadmissible evidence & arguments at trial.” And by that, the Gov’t meant any argument, such as has been presented here, that suggests that the remaining charges are trivial & hardly describe a racket. “The United States has reason to believe that the defendants will attempt to assert arguments or offer evidence whose sole purpose is to encourage jury nullification,” the Gov’t complains. “For example, whether the underlying state law violation in the Violent Crime in Aid of Racketeering charges or the Interstate Travel in Aid of Racketeering Act charges was a misdemeanor, & their ignorance of the law regarding the illegal raffle & regarding (the ‘bodyguard statute.’) Such arguments & evidence would be irrelevant & inadmissible & must be excluded from trial.” In other words, any reasonable person must be compelled to agree that a bear is a rabbit. And a motorcycle club is a racket.

Dear Jarhead - Feb 25, 2010 – USA – Editorial The Aging Rebel - Jarhead writes about the Mongols case to say: “If you cop a plea, it is because you know you are guilty & going to trial is going to be a losing situation that will add years to your sentence. If you were innocent you would take it to trial & have the truth speak for itself. Just because you wear a patch doesn’t make you exempt from the bullshit you do in life. These guys don’t deserve any pity.” Because Jarhead may speak for a number of this page’s readers I decided to put my response to him here rather than in the comments section. I am not trying to ridicule Jarhead by singling him out. I am not trying to “ambush” him. I think he speaks for, at least, a minority of readers so I am going to say what I have to say

Dear Jarhead, First of all, everybody is guilty of something. That is how modern law enforcement works. Everybody is guilty & enforcement is selective. Fed law in particular has become radically disconnected from the English Common Law for which our forefathers shed their blood. Alan Dershowitz, a name you should know, wrote last year that “Fed prosecutors are abusing their power by using the criminal law to prosecute law-abiding citizens whose conduct is arguably covered by extremely vague criminal statutes that are capable of reaching acts that are believed to be lawful by those who commit them.... Because federal criminal law carries outrageously high sentences -often with mandatory minimums- these prosecutorial threats are anything but illusory. They turn friends into enemies, family members into Gov’t witnesses & employees into stool pigeons.... We are in danger of becoming a society in which prosecutors alone become judges, juries & executioners because the threat of high sentences makes it too costly for even innocent people to resist prosecutorial pressure. That is why nearly all criminal defendants today plead guilty to “reduced” charges rather than risk a trial with draconian sentences in the event of a conviction.” There is no more egregious example of what Dershowitz describes than the RICO

prosecutions of members of motorcycle clubs. And, there is no more flagrant example of that than the federal case US versus Cavazos et al. The Mongols case.

Soviet Style Justice: The Mongols case epitomizes Soviet style justice. And for many months while I covered this case I got something about it fundamentally wrong. I think a lot of bikers of a certain age made the same mistake. I could not understand why so many defendants were pleading guilty to Count One of the indictment which is the racketeering charge. I thought it was dishonorable of them to do that. I thought they were betraying their club. And, I was wrong. I was wrong. I can’t say it enough. I got that wrong. I apologize. Under George W. Bush, the Dept of Justice got much, much worse than I realized. These guys were not up against cops. They were not up against prosecutors. They were up against humanoids. The entire point of this whole shameful prosecution was to coerce those guilty pleas to Count One & the defendants were largely on their own. Most of the legal defense in this case has danced around the edges of legal malpractice. Okay, I will cut the lawyers some slack. This is an unprecedented case. This was the Pearl Harbor of motorcycle club cases. A huge, huge component of it was public relations & media manipulation. It took me awhile to figure this out. Some of the defense attorneys did not figure it out until it was too late.

Malicious Prosecution: This entire case is a malicious prosecution, for cynical means, by self-righteous & hypocritical Gov’t bureaucrats. I do not think that most of the defendants really had any choice but to acquiesce to a guilty plea to Count One. I know for a fact, for a fact, that there are defendants who pled guilty to Count One who were guilty of no crime other than belonging to a motorcycle club. That was it. That is all they did. I will swear to you that I know this is true. And they took a felony conviction & either the time they had already served or a comparatively short sentence just to get it over with. They took the deal because their choice was get it over with or face 20 years in a federal penitentiary for a RICO conviction. Twenty years. Twenty years is a big, big jolt. Twenty means a mandatory 16. After 16 years, not only are you not the same guy but nobody even remembers who you used to be.

More Than The Mongols: You need to get your head right on this, partner. This is not about the Mongols. This is not about whether the Mongols are warm & fuzzy or whether they play well with others or about some shit that happened in 1978 or whether some Mongols were rude to me at a swap meet in 1995. This is about RICO. This is about every single club in the United States. And, on this issue the Mongols were first out of the bunker & they took the bullet for everybody. Just the Mongols number, that’s it. Fate. Fate & let’s also not forget Doc. **Doc was not exactly JR Reed, okay?** Mongols defendants are not pleading guilty because they are guilty. Mongols defendants are pleading guilty because defense attorneys have not figured out how to fight these cases yet. Mongols defendants are pleading guilty because their lawyers do not know what else to tell them to do. That’s it. That is the whole game. I will tell you this, too. There but for the grace of God go I. Any one of these defendants could be me or you. They do not need my pity or yours or anybody else’s. But they do deserve the respect that you give them when you look at this case with your eyes open instead of with your eyes closed. Keep the faith. Ride safe. Keep your eyes open. Shiny side up. You know the rest. Your pal, Rebel

Editor’s Note: J.R. Reed was Nat’l Pres for SOS MC for about 18 years... May he R.I.P....

Bikie crackdown laws lie dormant – Feb 25, 2010 - *Australia* - The New South Wales Opposition is calling on police to finally use tough laws to outlaw bikie gangs, nearly a year since a fatal brawl at Sydney Airport caused the State Gov't to rush the legislation through Parliament. The NSW Atty-General & Police Commissioner have blamed the delay on the need for the Fed Gov't to pass legislation to support the anti-bikie laws. The Commonwealth bill has now become law & NSW shadow atty-general Greg Smith says there can be no further delay. "We supported the legislation & we do support strong action against criminal gangs," he said. "We are just wondering, have the gangs stopped acting criminally or what is it? They were looked upon like an invasion in the past, they were the worst possible criminal groups... "What has happened? Has the police action using normal powers been enough or has the Gov't lost its nerve?" A spokesman for the Police Commissioner says the Gangs Squad is looking at ways to successfully implement the laws.

Judge reverses ruling, lets 2 Pagan's out on bond – Feb 26, 2010 – *Charleston, West Virginia* - Two indicted members of the Pagan's MC have been freed after months in jail. U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Stanley ordered the release of 43-year-old St. Albans resident Eric Wolfe & 48-year-old New Jersey resident Rocco Boyd on \$10,000 unsecured bond Friday. Wolfe & Boyd have been held since Oct, when authorities rounded up more than 50 Pagan's members & associates charged in a federal racketeering indictment. Trial is set for May. Stanley ruled last fall that there were no conditions of release that would protect the public & make sure Boyd & Wolfe wouldn't flee. She reversed that ruling Friday. Charges against Wolfe & Boyd include obstruction of justice & assault stemming from the alleged beating of a suspected informant at a New Jersey motel in 2009.

Raid on Outlaws MC on Fed Charges – Feb 26, 2010 – *Chattanooga, Tennessee* - Fed agents & police have raided the Outlaws MC in Chattanooga while making arrests on narcotics, weapons & child porn charges. A statement by the U.S. atty's office says 13 defendants from southeast Tennessee & northwest Georgia appeared before a federal magistrate & pleaded not guilty. During a hearing Thu, U.S Magistrate Susan Lee set trial dates in late April & early May. The statement said the federal indictments stem from a long-term undercover investigation.

Outlaw Members Defend Arrested Bikers – Feb 26, 2010 - *Tennessee* - Friends & members of the Outlaw biker clubs defend those arrested in a 2 year undercover sting. One of the starting points of the string of arrests started at the Cleveland chapter. This afternoon, smoke was coming out of the chimney, indicating someone was there. After a knock on the door, a bearded man, holding a pit bull in his left hand & the door in his right, opened the door. When asked if he had any comment on the arrests, he responded, "We have no comment. No, it's just a bunch of bull---. Just a bunch of bull---. That's all it is. That's all we have to say." Both that biker clubhouse & Chattanooga's branch were infiltrated by undercover officers. Indictments show 2 separate cocaine distribution conspiracies. Others have been charged with gun crimes as past convicted felons. Off camera, people close to the bikers say they have never known or seen any drug or gun crimes committed. But the accusations within the indictments show a much different picture, including a network of drug trade spread across several southeast Tennessee counties. Bradley County Sheriff Tim Gobble said the 2 clubs were "most certainly criminal enterprises." The tipping point to the string of arrests started at the Cleveland club. Sheriff Gobble & A-T-F agents consider this a major victory. "It has ultimately culminated in a

payoff for the citizens of Bradley County. We have sent the message that outlaw motorcycle gangs don't have free operation, free reign to operate outside the law in Bradley county or southeast Tennessee," Sheriff Gobble said. Those accused have been divided into 2 trials. The first happens on April 27th. The second is on May 3rd. All the accusations are Fed felony charges. The trials will happen in the Chattanooga Fed courthouse.

Motorcycle Gang Leader & Former Deputy Headed to Prison – Feb 26, 2010 – *Texas* - A motorcycle gang leader & a former Hockley County Deputy are headed for Fed prison for their part in meth trafficking ring. 54-year-old Bobby Duwayne Froman, the gang leader, got 20 years in exchange for pleading guilty. 39-year old Jose Jesus Quintanilla received a 3 year sentence. These are just 2 of more than 2 dozen suspects indicted in a major meth trafficking operation from the south plains of Texas to California.

The Finks bikies exposed – Feb 26, 2010 - *Australia* - By Sean Cowan & Gary Adshad - Blackmail is a principal source of revenue for WA's fledgling Finks bikie gang, which has a long history of involvement in pack rape, drug trafficking, bashings & shootings in S.A. Investigations by The West Australian have revealed 42 of the gang's 46 members in SA have serious criminal records & the 3 WA men who have been associated with the gang, including jailed former Coffin Cheater Troy Mercanti, also have serious records. Over the past fortnight, 2 Finks associates in WA have been arrested at a Swan Valley concert or the gang's Balga clubhouse with unlicensed guns. In the past 4 years, there have been 111 allegations of blackmail made against the Finks in SA, of which 40 were formally investigated & involved 24 members of the gang. But only a handful of cases resulted in charges because the victims were too scared to give evidence. According to SA police, the Finks pose the greatest threat to public safety of any Australian bikie gang. One senior gang member has a business connection to Mercanti in WA & is currently in custody in SA on abduction charges.

Below the quiet surface, a bikie war simmers – Feb 26, 2010 – *Australia* – By Paul Kent – They came together like threads in a hangman's rope. Small whispers. The Nomads were over him, went one. He wasn't doing this, they said. They don't like that. He was letting down the club. They were no longer prepared to work under him any more . . . The resentment continued until, finally, the threads came together, the order was given . . . he was going to get knocked. The order was significant, as he was no average bikie. He was Scott Orrock, Nat'l Pres of The Nomads. And the order came from inside. There had not been a move by a club against its national president this dramatic since Mick Hawi told Jock Ross his time as president of the Comanchero was over and, when Ross resisted, Hawi told him it was going to happen & they could formalise it in one of 2 ways. Ross, who completely understood what was not said, walked away. So, like Ross did, Orrock walked away from the Nomads last Dec & met with Hells Angels leaders shortly after at a steakhouse in Strathfield. There, their business done, he & 4 other Nomads loyal to Orrock "patched over". Swapped their Nomad patches for the death's head of the Angels. The following day, Dec 3, 2009, Orrock's car was fire-bombed. A day after that his tattoo shop was broken into & trashed. Orrock went into hiding & he has not come up since. The unnatural quiet that has descended on Sydney this past 6 months has many of us believing that the bikie war, which flared so violently for 3 months beginning last Feb, has ended. But it is a false quiet.

When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade...!

Clubs billed as brotherhoods – Feb 27, 2010 - *Tennessee* - By Todd South - The Outlaw MC bills itself as “75 years of biking & brotherhood,” but some members of law enforcement say such clubs can be criminal organizations. Fifteen members of the Outlaws club in Chattanooga & Cleveland, Tenn., face the possibility of life in federal prison after being arrested on charges of conspiring to sell cocaine, crack cocaine & illegally possessing firearms. Most were arrested at the club’s houses in Chattanooga on Wednesday night & Thu morning. “Suffice it to say the Outlaws are a subculture that does not conform to mainstream culture. That’s a nice way to say they are a criminal organization,” said Special Agent Darryl Hill with the ATF. Agent Hill said the Outlaws rank among the top motorcycle gangs in the United States along with the Hell’s Angels, Pagan’s & Banditos. Based on the club’s own Web site & U.S. Dept of Justice data, the Outlaws range across the East Coast & South with an estimated 500 or more members among more than 90 clubs. It was not clear whether attorneys had been hired or assigned to the members arrested Thursday. Attempts to reach members of the club were unsuccessful, & there are no numbers or e-mail addresses on the Outlaws’ Web site. The Web site maintains the group’s veil of secrecy, saying, “Do not write us asking how to join! Find an Outlaw & ask him!” Mike Hall, director of the Tennessee 10th Judicial Drug Task Force, encounters a variety of criminal organizations in the Bradley, Polk & McMinn counties covered by his group. Along with other local law enforcement, including Chattanooga police & sheriff’s offices in Hamilton & Bradley counties, the task force assisted in the recent arrests of Outlaw members. “Motorcycle gangs are like any type of gang. It’s organized crime,” Mr. Hall said. Russ Dedrick, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, said overall criminal activity among motorcycle gangs is down in the district. “The Outlaws is just one organization,” he said, & many motorcycle clubs operate within the law. But motorcycle gangs involved in crime are not to be compared with small-time street-level drug dealers, authorities said. With their wide distribution & hierarchy, they operate “on a national level.” The secretive nature of these types of groups - which often have probationary periods & strict rules for membership - make it more difficult for police to infiltrate, he said. “It’s a strong-knit community; they consider each other family,” Mr. Hall said. “They would die for each other, & they would kill for each other.” Sixteen Outlaws club members in the Detroit area were indicted in federal court last August on charges including violent crime in the aid of racketeering, illegal drug distribution & gun violations, according to the Justice Dept. Following those indictments, the Justice Dept announced that “the Outlaws MC has been identified as an international criminal organization whose members & associates engage in acts of violence including murder, attempted murder, assault, narcotics distribution & firearms & gambling offenses.” “The Outlaws have a long-standing violent history with the Hells Angels MC, including assaults/batteries, shootings & fatalities,” according to the Justice Dept. That long-standing history of violence with the Hells Angels hit locally when, in August 2007, James Wayne Brock Jr. was hospitalized & later lost his hand in a car bomb blast in Whitfield County, Ga., according Chattanooga to Times Free Press archives. Authorities believe the bomb was retaliation for a shooting in which Mr. Brock’s father, James Wayne Brock Sr., shot a member of the Outlaws at a strip club in Forest Park, Ga., the archives state. Both the senior & junior Brock were members of the Renegades, a motorcycle club that aligns with & supports the Outlaws. Following that shooting, more local agencies began assisting federal agents with investigations on the Outlaws, said Bradley County Sheriff Tim Gobble. The evening prior to the raid at the Cleveland clubhouse, 2 undercover police

were threatened by Outlaws member Danny Decker, & the officers had to draw their weapons, Sheriff Gobble said. Mr. Decker was arrested on state charges related to the threats, the sheriff said. Sheriff’s deputies raided an Outlaws club in Knox County on New Year’s Eve 2009, arresting 2 members for allegedly threatening an undercover officer & charging them with aggravated robbery & aggravated kidnapping

Arsonist did town a favor? – Feb 27, 2010 – *Pennsylvania* - William Welebir will stand before a Fed judge May 5 & get the second half of the bad news. He got the first half last week, when a federal jury convicted him of arson for his role in the fire that destroyed Bad Water Bill’s Bar-B-Q Barn in Strasburg. During Welebir’s trial, prosecutors painted a fascinating portrait of the gritty world of outlaw motorcycle gangs, where the important things are bikes, drugs and, above all, turf. It’s a world that Welebir was eagerly trying to join when the restaurant went up in smoke in the wee hours of Oct. 25, 2003. A month before the fire, Welebir celebrated his 51st birthday, which made him a little old to be a “wannabe” anything. Nonetheless, he really wanted to be a member of the Pagan’s MC.

Biker Gangs in Abilene, Not a Problem – Feb 27, 2010 - *Abilene, Texas* - By Tim Johnston - Bobby Froman, a leader of a biker gang that supports the Bandidos Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, was convicted, today in Lubbock, for methamphetamine trafficking conspiracy. While the Bandidos are worldwide, they do have a local chapter, but the Abilene Police say those problems are a far cry from what happens here. “There’s a motorcycle club in town by the name, Bandidos, they’re probably tied to the Bandidos worldwide,” says Lt. Gary Bone, “but here locally we haven’t seen any issues with them.” As Kendall Green, a former Rebel Rider, with ties to the Abilene Bandidos, says those drug issues in other places will never be seen here. “The meth & stuff, it’s not coming from the Bandidos in Abilene, & it never will.” Instead, Green says this club works in a different way, taking part in toy drives & helping at churches. While Green has seen the bad side of biker gangs in his past, he gave that up for his daughter, who he says is his sole focus, now. Green says that many others are also changing their lives for the better, “Just because they ride together in a club, doesn’t mean they’re out to do rotten on you.” Although, there may be a local biker club supporting the red & gold, this club carries a message of hope & help to the Abilene community.

Ex-SFO boss on debt shame site – Feb 27, 2010 – *Australia* - By Jonathan Marshall - Former Serious Fraud Office boss Charles Sturt has been named on a website that seeks to embarrass debtors into paying back outstanding debts. The “Dirty Debtors” site, run by a Hells Angels member, alleges Sturt owes more than \$50,000 to Auckland company director William Mulholland. Sturt – who left the SFO in 2007 having forged a reputation as a fearless prosecutor of dodgy white-collar criminals & now works as a barrister – told the Star-Times his loans with Mulholland were “in dispute” & Dirty Debtors was not a credible website. “They are a real scummy lot.”

Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the Gov’t’s purposes are beneficent. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding.”
- Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis

Tracers work both ways. - Army Ordnance Manual...

Gang leader climbs out of police lock-up – Feb 28, 2010 - *Sweden* - The leader of a criminal gang arrested in Nörrköping in eastern Sweden on drug charges walked free on Sat when police left him unattended in an exercise yard. “This is serious,” Anja Neumayer, the station commander told news agency TT. The 22-year-old man, who heads up the Red & White Crew, a criminal wing of the Hells Angels biker gang in Sweden, was left unattended in a 5 metres squared exercise yard with only light netting overhead. “He somehow managed to get himself up & through the netting. It isn’t that strong so if you’re able to climb & jump it’s not impossible,” said Neumayer. “This is an old building, built with older security features than those used now.” According to police, the Red & White Crew, a so called biker gang “supporters group” which runs a number of criminal rackets in Sweden, has grown rapidly in numbers in recent years. Police in Nörrköping searched for the gang’s leader on Sat night but suspect that he may already have escaped overseas.

Dozen arrested in biker gang drug sting – Mar 1, 2010 – *Pennsylvania* - By Bob Kalinowski - A Mountain Top man is among 12 people charged in a second wave of arrests related to an investigation into drug dealing by the Outlaws MC. “This wide-ranging organization distributed & sold more than \$3.6 million worth of cocaine, serving as a major drug pipeline into northeastern Pennsylvania,” state Attorney General Tom Corbett said in announcing the latest arrests in “Operation Avalanche.” “We believe that today’s arrests, combined with the 22 drug dealers arrested last March during the first phase of the investigation, have completely dismantled this well-organized drug network.” All 12 suspects were charged with solicitation to deliver cocaine, criminal use of a communications device & possession of cocaine. They include John Kindler, 54, of South Main Road, Mountain Top. The others live in Nanticoke, Wilkes-Barre, Old Forge, Harveys Lake & Kingston. They were arraigned Thursday morning by Magisterial District Judge Paul Roberts in Kingston. They all were released on \$20,000 unsecured bail. The Luzerne County District Attorney’s Office will prosecute the defendants. The 22 people arrested in the sweeping March 2009 drug raid were mainly upper-level cocaine dealers of the network, while those arrested Thursday “fueled this organization as the upper-level dealers’ regular customers,” the attorney general’s office said. Authorities cracked the drug ring & made the latest string of arrests through a series of wiretapped phone conversations, video surveillance & undercover drug purchases by the Bureau of Narcotics Investigations. The local affiliate of the Outlaws MC was based out of a run-down home at 128 N. Main St. in Ashley until agents raided the property March 6. The initial set of charges were filed March 18. At the time, Corbett called the biker gang an “illegal fraternity” used to foster criminal activity. Authorities have said the biker gang takedown began when investigators were told Luzerne County corrections officer John “G Unit” Gonda, 38, of White Haven, “was selling large quantities of cocaine in the Wilkes-Barre area.” Investigators said the probe originated after Sam Hyder, then deputy warden of the Luzerne County Correctional Facility, passed along information from a source that Gonda was dealing drugs in the area. Investigators said they then met with informants who linked Gonda to cocaine, marijuana & heroin sales, & that led them to additional defendants. Gonda pleaded guilty to the charges in Dec.

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools...

- Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)

Many Biker Club Members Get Bond – Mar 1, 2010 – *Tennessee* - By Judy Frank - A number of biker club members arrested in a federal roundup last week are being released after signing \$20,000 bond documents. Bond hearings were held throughout the day Mon in U.S. District Court for members of the Chattanooga Outlaws Club facing charges ranging from conspiracy to sell cocaine to unlawful transport of firearms to possession of child pornography. The bikers who were released immediately after appearances before Fed Magistrate Court Judge Bill Carter face stringent restrictions on their activities until the scheduled trials late this spring. Prohibitions against out-of-state travel were eased for defendants who live in North Georgia so that they will be able to go to & from their homes. Trial has been set for April 27 for 4 men accused of 4 counts of conspiring to sell and/or distributing cocaine. They include: Gary “Doodah” Raines, 58, Marion County; Hershell Raines, 26, Marion County; Roger “Buddha” Roof, 46, Chattanooga; & James “Smiley” Westbrook, 44, Rossville, Ga. Ten more defendants – facing a complicated array of gun, drug & other charges – are scheduled to go on trial a week later, on May 3. They include: Marcus Smith, 41, Chattanooga; Ryan “Lil R” Birt, 44, Chattanooga; Kelly Adams, 32, Chattanooga; James “Dozer” Miller, 40, Chattanooga; Jeramy “Cracker” Rittenhouse, 36, Chattanooga; Robert “BB” Boone, 49, Chattanooga; David Woodward, 40, Cleveland, Tn.; Ronald “Snake” Howard, 58, Benton, Tn.; Charles “Robbie” Kinsey, 41, Ringgold, Ga; & Steven “Steve-O” Tucker, 38, Rossville, Ga. One of those defendants, Ryan Birt, is charged with 2 child pornography counts as well as one count of unlawful transport. Legal action also is pending against other defendants. For example, James “JP” Parker, 45, of Whitwell, has been charged with 6 counts of intent to sell cocaine, 3 counts of unlawful transport of firearms & 3 counts of violent crime involving drugs & a machine gun. Prosecutors have said that charges against the defendants grew out of a 30-month investigation into drug trafficking in Hamilton & Bradley Counties & other parts of Southeast Tennessee. During the probe, investigators were able to infiltrate both the Chattanooga branch of the Outlaws MC – headquartered at 3014 Campbell St. in East Chattanooga – & its affiliate, located at 1350 Strawberry Ln in Cleveland, Georgia. Lauren Coppick, ATF special agent, said the probe began after a Dalton, Ga., man with a “known affiliation” to the Renegades MC was the victim of a car bomb on Aug. 16, 2007. It was noted that the victim, 27-year-old James Wayne Brock Jr., had taken part in a shootout with a rival motorcycle gang, the Outlaws, in the parking lot of a Clayton County, Ga., strip club. Agt. Coppick said an informant got inside the club & it was learned that members were buying & selling cocaine. He said Miller was buying cocaine from Smith. He said agents were watching when Smith & his girlfriend, Ms. Adams, showed up with an ounce of powder cocaine & 2 ounces of crack cocaine. Smith was given marked money for the drugs. The agent said Smith & Ms. Adams were arrested later, & Ms. Adams had 23 grams of cocaine on her. He said the couple had a 7-year-old boy and, on one occasion, Smith remarked during a drug deal that “he had to hurry back because he had a kid in the car.” The agent said Smith & Ms. Adams lived in various locations, including a hotel at one time. They were arrested last week at an apartment. Ms. Adams asked to also be placed on bond, though the Gov’t initially opposed it. It was agreed that the probation office will carry out an investigation to see if arrangements can be made for Ms. Adams to have a residence & treatment. Her atty, Rich Heinsman, said she went to a Nashville prep school & had a fairly clean record except for the recent arrest. Her 7-year-old son is now with her sister. The atty said Ms. Adams also has a child who lives with his father in North Carolina.

Detective Says Underwear-Clad Biker Threatened To Kill Officers, Families – Mar 1, 2010 - *Tennessee* - A Bradley County detective testified Monday that a motorcycle gang member, clad only in his underwear in 23-degree weather, threatened to kill one officer & his family. Det. Carl Maskew testified at a detention hearing for 40-year-old Daniel Decker. Fed Magistrate Court Judge Bill Carter, noting that Decker has a long history of assaults, ordered that he remain in custody pending his trial. Det. Maskew said he & other officers had been carrying out a probe of the biker headquarters on Strawberry Lane & had driven by when someone in a light-colored Hyundai SVU came racing up behind them, while flashing the lights & honking the horn. He said they were able to get the tag number & traced it to White Road. He said the officers went there last Tuesday night & spotted the same SUV. They also learned that Decker was staying at that address. The witness said they had left that location when the SUV again roared up behind them. He said they pulled over at a church parking lot. He said Decker, clad only in briefs, jumped out of the vehicle & began cursing them. The detective said, "It was a fit of rage like I've never seen out of an individual." He said Decker demanded to know if they were law enforcement & he told him, "Do the blue lights give you any kind of hint?" He said Decker continued to berate them, telling one officer he would kill him & his family. He said Decker finally calmed down & he was allowed to go free - mainly because the officers did not want to tip off their upcoming raid at the motorcycle clubhouse. Decker's girlfriend, Angie Anderson, said they had just gotten into bed when they heard someone in the driveway & saw lights. He said they had some tools stolen recently & Decker believed it was the burglars returning. She said he hollered for the car to stop, and, when it didn't, he jumped into his SUV without bothering to get dressed. Decker was at the clubhouse at the time of the raid. Agt. Maskew said 2 guns were found in a different room than where Decker was situation, but he said while in the patrol car Decker was heard saying that he had handled one of the weapons. The witness said Decker served time in Florida for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, battery by a felon & felony assault.

Biker Investigation Began After Retaliatory Bombing – Mar 1, 2010 – *Tennessee / Georgia* - By Kristen Johnson - Members of a local motorcycle gang faced a federal judge today. All face a slew of drug & weapons charges in the wake of raids last week on Chattanooga & Cleveland Outlaw clubhouses.. The investigation into the gang began after a 2007 bombing between rival gangs the Outlaws & Renegades. Most received a 20-thousand dollar bond & were released. One man...picked up in Cleveland remains in prison deemed too dangerous to be released. The members will face trial in late April & early May.

Rebels banned from Glenelg pubs & clubs – Mar 1, 2010 – *Australia* – 13 members of the Rebels MC have been banned from Glenelg pubs & clubs after years of violent incidents. Police allege gang members were behind a series of attacks on hotel staff & patrons over the past 2 years & had been caught carrying - & firing - guns. Officers from the Crime Gangs Task Force obtained barring orders for 10 licensed venues following an investigation into their behaviour late last year. They found the Rebels created a "reasonable apprehension of danger to patrons & staff" when they were allowed in to the popular strip's pubs & clubs. Since Nov 2007, the task force has seized a large amount of drugs & firearms from Rebels members & associates.

I refuse to engage in a battle of intelligence with an unarmed man.

Authorities used insider to take down biker club – Mar 2, 2010 - *Tennessee* - By Monica Mercer - Fed authorities recruited a person to become a member of the local Outlaw MC with the express intent of infiltrating the bikers' world & taking them down on drug charges. Lead investigator Lorin Coppock, an agent with the ATF, testified at a court hearing Mon that their "C-I" was indeed a club member. But he declined to answer questions about the person's identity or how the person managed to gain admittance to the tight-knit, secretive club. The raid & ensuing litigation against the Outlaws has thrust the club into a spotlight, whereas normally they are known to keep to themselves & be very wary of outsiders. Federal agents conceded that many local bikers are law-abiding citizens, but that fact did not keep them from describing the local Outlaws as "a subculture that does not conform to mainstream culture." "That's a nice way to say they are a criminal organization," said Special ATF Agent Darryl Hill.

Comanchero bikie expected to testify – Mar 2, 2010 – *Australia* - One of the 12 Comanchero charged over a fatal brawl at Sydney Airport has signaled that he will plead guilty & may have to testify against his gang mates, a court has heard. Comanchero nominee Arnold Loto, through his lawyer, yesterday indicated he would plead to his role in the violence that went on to claim the life of Hells Angels affiliate Anthony Zervas. The 41-year-old from Heckenberg was the last of 12 Comanchero to be charged with murder, riot & affray following the incident at the Qantas terminal last year. Violence allegedly broke out between members of the Comanchero & Hells Angels outlaw motorcycle gangs following tensions between the clubs on a Qantas flight from Melbourne on Mar 22, 2009. Loto's barrister Dina Yehia SC told Central Local Court yesterday that her client's case would now be "a short matter". "I anticipate there will be pleas of guilty in respect of 1 count of affray & one count of riot," she said.

Biker gang experts aid in slaying probe – Mar 2, 2010 – *Canada* – By Dan Arsenault - Police experts on outlaw biker gangs & organized crime are helping to investigate the killings of a Bacchus MC member & his wife near Halifax last week. But an RCMP organized crime specialist said investigators have yet to determine if the homicides of James (Rustie) Hall & his wife Ellen Hall in their home in Barr Settlement, Hants County, have any links to criminal organizations. "It's very important that we put our specialized people, in terms of outlaw motorcycle gangs & organized crime, on the file to either confirm any possible ties to that side of the investigation or eliminate that," RCMP Supt. Brian Brennan said Monday. He confirmed what several sources had told The Chronicle Herald - that Hall was one of the eight members of the East Coast Riders MC who patched over in mid-January to create a Nova Scotia chapter of Bacchus, a New Brunswick outlaw motorcycle gang affiliated with the Hells Angels. The changeover ceremony took place in New Brunswick, & police set up checkpoints outside a Moncton location. Several of the old East Coast Riders decided not to patch over & their club disbanded. Police were still gathering evidence Mon inside the Barr Settlement Road home where the bodies of the two 53-year-olds were discovered Fri morning. Police haven't indicated how the Halls died. Police say the killings were not the result of a random attack. Neither of the Halls had a criminal record. Brennan said police don't know what role Hall played in the local Bacchus chapter. He said officers were poring over their biker files looking for anything relevant. "We're breaking all that info down & we're trying to develop a picture (to see) if there is any relationship between the homicide & the association to the outlaw motorcycle club," he said.

Denied parole because of her boyfriend – Mar 2, 2010 –

Canada - By Paul Cherry - A Kanesatake woman serving time for her role in a drug trafficking & money laundering scheme has been denied parole for a second time because she refuses to dump her boyfriend, a Hells Angel. Annie Arbic, 24, is serving a 38-month sentence she received in 2008 after being convicted in Project Cleopatra. The investigation, led by the RCMP, was dubbed Cleopatra because it centred on Arbic's mother, Sharon Simon, 53, a wealthy & powerful woman in Kanesatake. Simon received the equivalent of a 6-year, 9-month sentence in Project Cleopatra. Arbic was turned down for day parole last year & the National Parole Board did not see things differently on her second attempt, last month. Arbic has a spotless record as an inmate. She participated in rehabilitation programs while behind bars & is pursuing the equivalent of a high school diploma. It is her relationship with Martin Robert, 35, a full-patch member of the Hells Angels, that leaves the parole board leery about her chances at rehabilitation. Robert & Arbic were a couple before she was arrested in 2006, & she acknowledges she plans to continue the relationship when she is released even though he faces several murder charges as part of Operation SharQc, a police investigation into the biker gang. Robert, a member of the gang's Montreal chapter, was arrested in January in Mexico, as Quebec police worked to track down several Hells Angels who were still on the lam in the investigation that produced criminal charges against almost all of the gang's membership in Quebec last April. The 1st-degree murder charges he faces are part of the Crown's theory that the gang's entire membership voted in 1994 in favor of the conflict that came to be known as the biker gang war in Quebec.

Bomb Suspect Allegedly Had Ties To Pagan's – Mar 3, 2010 -

Baltimore, Maryland - The state fire marshal's office says a Hagerstown-area man charged in a bomb-making investigation has ties to the Pagan's MC. Court records released Wed allege Bryan Piper, 37, heads the local Sons of the North gang & is a former member of the Norsemen, a Pagan's affiliate. The documents allege investigators found pipe-bomb materials, hollowed-out hand grenades & more than 2 pounds of black powder in Piper's home south of Hagerstown. His lawyer, George Knight, says Piper had no intention of destroying anything. He predicts the charges will be resolved in Piper's favor. Piper is being held on \$800,000 bond. He was arrested Tue on 5 counts of manufacturing or possessing a destructive device.

Gun, drug charges are thrown out – Mar 3, 2010 - **California** -

By Joseph Serna - Judge doubts credibility of evidence used against man who allegedly fought in 2008 biker brawl. Prosecutors may re-file charges. Citing a mishandling of evidence by police, an Orange County Superior Court judge this week threw out all gun & drug charges against a man whose home was searched after a Newport Beach bar melee in August 2008. Brian Heslington, 37, of Costa Mesa, was cleared Monday by Judge Richard King after prosecutors declined to give the defense a sealed portion of the affidavit used to obtain a search warrant of Heslington's home in Aug 2008. Newport Beach police searched Heslington's home on Aug 6, 2008, more than a week after police alleged that he & Hells Angels members brawled with members of rival biker gang the Set Free Soldiers at Blackie's by the Sea, a bar on the Balboa Peninsula. After the search, Heslington was charged with being in possession of a controlled substance & a firearm. Newport Beach Police Det. Christine O'Donnell's testimony to a judge granting the search warrant in 2008 & testimony to King over the last few months appear to

have led to the case's dismissal. O'Donnell could not be reached for comment Tue. However, she maintained in previous testimony that there was a misunderstanding about the evidence between her & the prosecuting atty. When the judge granting the warrant asked for a certified copy of the sealed affidavit - the document giving police probable cause for a search & possibly containing information of an undercover officer - O'Donnell provided prosecutors both certified & noncertified documents. The certified copy remained at the Newport Beach PD instead of being on file with the Harbor Justice Center, attorneys said during a hearing last year. O'Donnell also photocopied a court seal prosecutors presented as authentic, according to court papers. In at least 2 hearings, O'Donnell failed to clarify her misstep to the court, King concluded in his ruling Monday in Santa Ana. Heslington's defense attorney, Scott B. Well, pointed to the misstep & cast doubt about probable cause for the search. In his 10-page opinion, King ruled that O'Donnell's testimony about the sealed document & photocopying the seal represented "false or reckless testimony." The judge also wrote that "there is a reasonable possibility that either a false statement material to probable cause or one made with reckless disregard for the truth was presented to the magistrate who issued the search warrant." King had ordered prosecutors to turn over parts of the affidavit to the defense. When they declined, King threw out the case. The district atty's office can re-file charges, officials said. During the fight at Blackie's, two men were stabbed & one was struck in the head with a billiard ball. Others involved in the brawl have been sentenced to prison or probation.

Lexington held secret meeting on biker party – Mar 3, 2010 –

South Carolina - By Tim Flach - Lexington Town Council proceeded with a session Monday on police plans to watch a biker group gathering after a warning from the town's top aide that it violated open meeting requirements. Town attorney Brad Cunningham agreed the unannounced discussion didn't comply with state standards for a day's notice of topics to be discussed or acted upon. "Once warned, I don't know what you can do," he said of the 7 council members' decision to hold the meeting anyway. Town administrator Jim Duckett confirmed warning council members the session was improper after he & Cunningham reviewed what is permissible under the "Sunshine Law." "I told them they shouldn't, they couldn't do it," he said. "It was not announced in advance to the public & didn't meet the requirements allowing it to be done that way." Police Chief Terrence Greene said during the meeting he outlined plans on how officers will handle a fundraiser for Hells Angels at a local bar Sat. Mayor Randy Halfacre said he arranged the briefing "to give us an update" as council members gathered for a meal prior to their public meeting. Since it was informational, "I don't see that as a violation" of open-meeting requirements, Halfacre said. Halfacre didn't remember being told the session was improper. Some council members said any violation was inadvertent. "I wouldn't call it a meeting; it was more of a briefing," Councilman Todd Shevchik said. "I don't know what all the guidelines are," said Shevchik, a magazine publisher. "There was some mumbling & discussion as to whether it was appropriate."

Whenever the legislators endeavor to take away & destroy the property of the people, or to reduce them to slavery under arbitrary power, they put themselves into a state of war with the people, who are thereupon absolved from any further obedience.

- John Locke (1690)

Man dies at Cairns Rebels clubhouse – Mar 3, 2010 – Australia

– By Carenda Jenkin – Police are investigating the death of a 47-year-old man after his body was found at the Rebels bikie club in Cairns. Paramedics were called to the Portsmouth club house at 8.30am this morning after a man was reportedly found unconscious & “blue in the face”. Cairns CIB officer-in-charge Det Sen-Sgt Ed Kinbacher said the man was an associate of the club. “We are investigating it & we treat all deaths as suspicious,” Det Sen-Sgt Kinbacher said. “A post mortem is being conducted.”

Motors running for Hinterland bikie run – Mar 3, 2010 -

Australia - Gold Coasters have been warned to brace for traffic chaos on Saturday as the annual Hells Angels bikie poker run winds through the Hinterland. The run attracts hundreds of motorcyclists & bikies from all clubs. The event will leave from the Hells Angels clubhouse in Tradelink Drive, Browns Plains, & is expected to wind through Canungra, Advancetown & Mount Tamborine.

Coffin Cheaters charged with kidnapping & extortion – Mar

3, 2010 – **Australia** - Warren Douglas Goedhart, 34, was arrested after simultaneous dawn raids on the Strang Court compound & a nearby house in Moran Place, Beaconsfield at 5am, in which an unlicensed pump action shotgun was allegedly uncovered. Police will allege that Goedhart was involved in the extortion of property & kidnapping of a man back in Oct 2009 in which a 58-year-old man was taken from his home by 2 men & forced to sign over a property, which was later sold. Police say Goedhart is a patched member of the Coffin Cheaters MC. He has been charged with kidnapping, Extortion, possessing a firearm & unlicensed ammunition.

Inquiry Widens To Officers In Federal Probe – Mar 4, 2010 -

Tennessee - NewsChannel 9 has discovered new details about the Chattanooga police officer off the job in connection with the undercover federal sting into the Outlaws biker club. We first broke this story about Officer Derrick Pendergrass on NewsChannel 9 at 6 Wed & on this website. Our investigative team first learned yesterday the A-T-F had also been to Chattanooga State. This afternoon, that was confirmed. The reason: Pendergrass' father-in-law, Fred Layne, works here & is also under question. Layne is the 3rd shift supervisor over Chattanooga State's security force is also off the job. You may remember Layne as a long-time officer with the Chattanooga police department. Chattanooga State says it learned Wednesday the A-T-F was also investigating Layne. Chattanooga State's administration released this statement, “We were notified by law enforcement of this investigation. Mr. Layne was then placed on administrative leave, pending the results of that investigation & our own internal review of the matter.” Our investigative team asked if a computer was seized. Chattanooga State's V.P. of Finance & Budget, Tammy Swenson, responded lawyers out of Nashville told them to say nothing more than what was on the statement. Meanwhile, it should be pointed out, Layne is on leave with pay. That is also true for his son-in-law. Our investigative team confirmed, Pendergrass was taken off the job last Thursday. That is relevant because it is the same day the A-T-F raided the Outlaws Clubhouse. Sources tell us Pendergrass wasn't affiliated with them but rides with Steel Brothers MC, which didn't fall into this sting. We spoke with Captain Ken Neblette who is over Internal Affairs. He said, “This is in the preliminary stage of the investigation & it is too soon to talk about it.” When asked if Officer Pendergrass' gun, badge or Computer had been confiscated, Captain Neblette said he could not

comment. Our investigative team spent the afternoon in the federal courthouse looking for a search warrant return related to Pendergrass and/or Layne. We have been unable to locate such a document. We checked into Officer Derrick Pendergrass' background & found Only a 3-day suspension for personnel reasons. Internal Affairs says the only sustained mark against the 7 1/2-year veteran was rudeness back in 2005.

Two out-of-state Pagan's released pending trial – Mar 4, 2010

– **Charleston, West Virginia** - By Andrew Clevenger - After almost 5 months in custody, 2 members of the Pagan's MC are headed home after a Fed judge released them to home confinement Thu. Sergio Velez Cuevas, 70, of Linden, N.J., & Joseph Robert Fareri, 49, of Philadelphia, were among 55 members & associates of the Pagan's named in a 44-count indictment unsealed in Oct. Since then, they have been held in West Virginia while they awaited trial, which has been set for May 4. Both men are named in 1 count only, which accuses them of transporting proceeds of an illegal motorcycle raffle to West Virginia in April 2008. According to prosecutors, Pagan's from multiple states traveled to St. Albans to deliver raffle proceeds, which funded the motorcycle gang, to Floyd “Jesse” Moore, Nat'l V.P. of the Pagan's & member of the governing mother club. Moore, 64, pleaded guilty to racketeering charges in Dec, admitting in part that he helped oversee the Pagan's, who used violence & intimidation to control their territory, which stretched from New Jersey to Florida. At a hearing on Thu, U.S. District Judge Thomas E. Johnston said that Cuevas & Fareri -- known as “Cano” & “Goat,” respectively, in biker circles -- might spend longer in custody awaiting trial than their potential sentences, if convicted, particularly if the case is delayed. “That's a real concern to me,” he said. If the 2 defendants have already spent significant time in jail, it could remove his ability to give them short sentences, should he choose to do so, he said. Johnston's concerns echo those raised by U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary E. Stanley, who earlier this week called a hearing to review Cuevas & Fareri's detention status. While Johnston presides over the trial & plea deals, it is Stanley's job to make preliminary rulings about who may post bond & who should be kept in custody. Stanley concluded that even if convicted, Cuevas & Fareri would probably face relatively short sentences. Johnston declined to rule whether Cuevas & Fareri knew that the raffles were illegal, which defense attorneys maintain is a key element to proving that they were involved in an interstate gambling enterprise. The judge said he will take up that issue, along with others raised by defense attorneys, during a motions hearing in the coming weeks. Because both Fareri & Cuevas have extensive criminal histories that include violence, Johnston ordered both to remain on home confinement with electronic monitoring. “My intent is that they stay home & stay out of trouble,” he said, warning that he was likely to have “a short fuse” if either Cuevas or Fareri violate the conditions of their release. “In all likelihood, I am going to put you back in custody, & then it's going to be your own fault if you end up serving too much time,” he said. To date, 18 defendants have pleaded guilty. One defendant died in custody, & prosecutors added another in a superseding indictment returned last month, leaving 37 with charges pending, including the national Pagan's Pres, David K. “Bart” Barbeito, 49, of Myersville, Md.

But if someone [a fellow believer] says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, & for the sake of conscience – I do not mean your conscience, but his. (1 Corinthians 10:28-29a)

Investigation finds no fault in fatal Brother Speed motorcycle crash – Mar 4, 2010 – *Oregon* - State Police have decided against issuing any citations in connection with a bloody Sept. 18 multi-motorcycle pileup on Interstate 5 south of Wilsonville. Sgt. Fred Testa, who supervised the investigation, said police uncovered insufficient evidence to accuse anyone of fault in the crash, which killed 1 member of the Brother Speed MC & critically injured 2 others. Police said the crash occurred around 2:45 p.m., when 26 Idaho motorcyclists were northbound on I-5, riding in a two-column formation behind a Toyota 4Runner SUV that slowed down quickly. The first 2 motorcycles in the columns maneuvered to avoid the 4Runner, but others following were unable to react in time. Then, a second SUV, a Nissan Pathfinder, was struck by one of the motorcycles swerving to avoid the ensuing pileup. Several motorcycles came to rest in the median & shoulders, tangled together. Testa said a young woman driving the 4Runner saw traffic ahead of her slowing quickly & tapped on her brakes a couple of times to alert the motorcyclists before applying steady pressure on the pedal to stop. “But there was no way she was doing it to cause a crash,” Testa said. “She was not at fault.” Testa also said there was no indication that the Brother Speed members were following too closely or were riding in an illegal formation. He said northbound traffic apparently slowed because of the “normal” bottleneck that occurs at the Boone Bridge, which crosses the Willamette River at Wilsonville. “It was the normal slowing we see there all the time,” Testa said. “The bridge is very narrow & it doesn’t have any shoulders.” Killed in the crash was David Bowyer, 44, of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, known in the biker community as “Detroit Dave.” Others who were critically injured eventually recovered. Eight other motorcyclists needed medical attention. Motorcyclists in the crash were members of Brother Speed’s Idaho chapters, making a “run” to Portland to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the club’s founding.

Hells Angels member arrested in Carlton takes plea deal – Mar 4, 2010 – *Minnesota* – By Lisa Baumann - The Hells Angels MC member arrested in Carlton last summer pleaded guilty to a felony as part of a plea agreement last week. Jeffrey Amato, 43, of Larchmont, N.Y., pleaded guilty to felony 5th-degree possession of a controlled substance & had charges of receiving stolen property, refusing to submit to a chemical test & driving under the influence dismissed in court last Wed. Under the agreement, Amato is to receive a 2-year suspended sentence, court documents showed. However, Amato may not qualify for a suspended sentence – he has numerous felony convictions in New York – so if he does not, he will have to return to Carlton for an amended sentence. Although hundreds of citations were given, Amato was the only member of the motorcycle club arrested during the club’s 5-day annual gathering, which took place in Carlton last July. The group reportedly plans to visit Gunnison, Colo., this summer for their 2010 annual run before heading to Sturgis, S.D., in August.

Airport brawl bikies admit riot charge – Mar 4, 2010 - *Australia* - Two members of the Comancheros bikie gang, charged over a fatal brawl at Sydney Airport, have pleaded guilty to riot & affray. Arnold Loto, 41, & another man were charged with murder after a fight at Sydney Airport in March last year. Hells Angels associate Anthony Zervas was killed in the fight at the airport’s domestic terminal.

After marriage, husband & wife become 2 sides of a coin; they just can’t face each other, but still they stay together.

- Hemant Joshi

Comancheros motorcycle gang finds new home - Mar 4, 2010 - *Australia* - One of the nation’s most feared motorcycle gangs has found a new home in the heart of Melbourne. The Comancheros have moved into a clubhouse in Thistlethwaite St, South Melbourne. Tradesman were this week putting the finishing touches on the property, next door to an automotive business. It is equipped with security cameras outside. There is nothing to indicate the group has moved in. But police are aware of the move. The Herald Sun revealed in November last year the Comancheros & another notorious gang, the Finks, were setting up in Melbourne. The Comancheros are well established in New South Wales but a confidential police report showed they had moved south & were looking for new members & a base. The Comancheros were involved in the 1984 Milperra shootout in Sydney in which 6 bikies & a 14-year-old girl died.

Supreme Court of Canada refuses to hear appeal from former Hells Angels – Mar 4, 2010 – *Canada* - The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear a constitutional challenge from 2 former Hells Angels. Steven Lindsay & Raymond Bonner were the first people convicted under Parliament’s 2002 anti-gang law. The Ontario Court of Appeal last year dismissed the challenge, upholding the convictions for committing extortion “in association with” a criminal organization. The former bikers had sought leave to appeal that decision to the Supreme Court, but the country’s top court today dismissed that application. At the pair’s trial in Barrie, Ont., in 2005 the Superior Court judge declared the Hells Angels a criminal organization for the first time in Canada. The anti-gang legislation the men were challenging allows courts to impose up to 14 additional years in prison to anyone who commits a serious crime “for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a criminal organization.”

Showdown at biker clubhouse – Mar 5, 2010 - *Daytona Beach, Florida* - WOFL FOX 35 - A battle is brewing in a Daytona Beach neighborhood. The Police Chief has positioned mobile command post & dozens of officers right in front of an Outlaw MC Clubhouse. What started the showdown? Police said there was outcry from the community for more patrols in the area. **Editor’s Comments:** This is caption to a Video where the residents want the Outlaws to Stay & the Police to Leave!!!

A Husband & wife are sitting quietly in bed reading when the wife looks over at him & asks “*The Question*”...?

Wife: ‘What would you do if I died? Would you get married again?’ **Husband:** ‘Definitely not!’

Wife: ‘Why not? Don’t you like being married?’

Husband: ‘Of course I do.’

Wife: ‘Then why wouldn’t you remarry?’

Husband: ‘Okay, okay, I’d get married again.’

Wife: ‘You would?’ (With a hurt look)

Husband: (makes audible groan)

Wife: ‘Would you live in our house?’

Husband: ‘Sure, it’s a great house.’

Wife: ‘Would you sleep with her in our bed?’

Husband: ‘Where else would we sleep?’

Wife: ‘Would you let her drive my car?’

Husband: ‘Probably, it is almost new.’

Wife: ‘Would you replace my pictures with hers?’

Husband: ‘That would seem like the proper thing to do’

Wife: ‘Would you give her my jewelry?’ **Husband:** ‘No, I’m sure she’d want her own.’ **Wife:** ‘Would you take her golfing with you?’

Husband: ‘Yes, those are always good times.’

Wife: ‘Would she use my clubs?’ **Husband:** ‘No, she’s left-handed.’ **Wife:** ----- silence ----- **Husband:** ‘S H I T...’

Neighbors pan cops' Outlaws stakeout – Mar 5, 2010 – *Daytona Beach, Florida* – By Lyda Longa - How's this for a buzz kill: Right smack in the middle of Bike Week, the most notorious bikers in town are dealing with uninvited guests that may stifle their party. The local Outlaws MC, welcoming dozens & dozens of its far-flung members to the club's new digs are now joined by the Daytona Beach Police Department's giant mobile command post, parked across the street. The crowd in blue swells 4 times a day, too, as police officers meet for their pre-shift briefings within a stone's throw of the motorcycle club's house on Tanglewood Street. Thursday morning, just before the crack of dawn, Daytona Beach police parked the RV-style vehicle on North Street, facing the Outlaws house at 605 Tanglewood. The Outlaws responded by sending the early morning shift inside the command post a dozen doughnuts. Their atty, Dave Robinson, delivered the hot treats. That didn't help. In the afternoon, the parking tickets began to fly as club members were told to move some motorcycles obstructing the sidewalk or jutting out into the street. "We just want to send them a message," Police Chief Mike Chitwood said. "We'll be holding our briefings there for Districts 1 & 2, & the command post will be there for an indefinite period of time." The briefings brought an onslaught of police officers & their marked cars into the neighborhood as they held their meetings outside the command post across from the Outlaws' front-yard gathering. Chitwood said the command post is set up in various neighborhoods where there are concerns about crime. He said residents have been outraged since the Outlaws moved in last year. But, longtime residents along Tanglewood, a narrow thoroughfare of Craftsman-style homes & newer residences, were disgusted -- with the cops. Late Thursday morning, at least 6 residents said the lawmen were just trying to intimidate the Outlaws. "That (the command post) is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of," said 74-year-old Ray Millard. "They (the Outlaws) have been very congenial neighbors to all of us. They're quiet & they have cleaned up the street." Other neighbors sang club members' praises as well, saying many Outlaws had helped them make repairs, watched out for their children & grandchildren & invited most of the people on Tanglewood to their new house for parties & barbecues. But police were having none of the neighborly feelings being espoused by the people along Tanglewood, and, by Thursday afternoon, a cadre of cops handed out a few parking tickets to anyone whose bike fender hung over the street or sidewalk. The enforcement infuriated Sandee Maroney, who oversees a property at Tanglewood & North, just across from the Outlaws' house where she would allow them to park. Maroney said she has asked city officials countless times to allow the bikers to park in a lot that is owned by a close friend of hers from Orlando. "I'm tired of this," Maroney said. "They won't let the Outlaws park on that lot for a few days during Bike Week, but this morning there were 5 police cars parked on that lot & I told them to get off the property." Maroney said the Outlaws moved into Tanglewood last year & bought a house that was once an eyesore. "That was the nastiest place I had ever seen," she said. "The Outlaws brought members from all over & they painted the house & cleaned it up. They've invited all of us to come over & partake in their parties." Maroney was planning to bake 8 pineapple-upside-down cakes for the club members for the weekend. Thursday morning she made them coleslaw. Resident Suzy Whitford, a 54-year resident of Tanglewood, said the show of force by police was unwarranted. Whitford, a retired part-time policewoman with Daytona Beach police, said people need to get their minds out of the 1970s & 1980s when the Outlaws were considered to be a murderous criminal organization. "It's 2010," Whitford said with an annoyed look on her face. "These people

are great neighbors. They're just like regular people. If you don't mess with them, they won't mess with you."

Fears after 3 attacks on Melbourne women – Mar 5, 2010 – *Australia* - By Wayne Flower - A Dangerous thief who held a knife to the throat of a three-year-old girl created a wave of terror last night when he carjacked & robbed 2 more females. Wearing the same black balaclava & armed with the same knife he used to monster a young mum & her toddler 24 hours earlier, the man robbed a woman in Melton before carjacking another woman in Burnside. Police warned the attacker was "extremely desperate" & had become more dangerous. The thief struck within 2 hours last night -- robbing a 23-year-old woman at a Melton ATM before carjacking a 28-year-old woman in Burnside & dumping her 10km away. "He's quite possibly drug or alcohol-affected," Det-Sgt Mark Guthrie said. He said the man should not be approached under any circumstances. The 2nd terrifying robbery happened at 5pm when the 23-year-old woman went to make a withdrawal from an ATM on Bakery Square & was told to hand over cash. Witnesses said the thief fled in the 1994 aqua-colored Ford Falcon sedan he stole in the carjacking at a Melton shopping centre a day earlier. A short time later the man struck again, climbing into the front passenger seat of a woman's car outside a Burnside supermarket & menacing her with a knife. He demanded the woman drive 10km before stopping at a service station on the corner of Little Boundary & Boundary roads in Brooklyn. The distressed woman was ordered to go inside & get cash -- but she told staff what was happening. Service station attendant Daryl Price hid her inside the servo's secure area & immediately called police. The impatient bandit drove up to the door of the servo, but quick-thinking Price enlisted the help of 3 bikies, members of the Rebels MC, who were in the forecourt. They surrounded the bandit's car as he was about to get out. On seeing the menacing bikies, the bandit sped off. Another attendant comforted the victim until her husband & police arrived. Price said the woman was stressed & distraught. "It was nasty. I wouldn't wish it on anybody," he said. Det-Sgt Guthrie urged the man to give up before something more drastic happened. "That's what I'm trying to stress to him, to hand himself in," he said last night. He said there was a strong possibility the man was from the Melton area. It was also likely someone knew him & had information that could lead to his arrest. The fugitive is described as Caucasian, aged about 50 & unshaven.

A Gynecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance & HMO paperwork & was burned out. Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial, he decided to become a mechanic. He went to the local technical college, signed up for classes, attended diligently, & learned all he could. When the time for the practical exam approached, the Gynecologist prepared carefully for weeks & completed the exam with tremendous skill. When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%. Fearing an error, he called the instructor, saying, "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade." The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark. This equaled an A." After a brief pause, the instructor added, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through the muffler, which I've never seen done in my entire career."

Biker Club Members Keep Salem Home From Going Up in Smoke – Mar 6, 2010 – *Salem, Oregon* – By Tim King - Bikers Alert Family, Battle Flames Until Firefighters Arrived... Local motorcyclists from the Free Soul & Gypsy Joker motorcycle clubs gathering for pizza in Salem Friday night, didn't know that they would end up saving a family from a house fire. And they definitely didn't expect to be the ones who would actually man the fire hose & evacuate the family. Even with small explosions taking place, these biker firefighters held their ground. Mike Kondash recorded incredible video, as the vehicle fire spread to the home itself. But the constant flow of water was making a difference. Another small explosion, soon a police officer arrived on the scene. The resident didn't know what started the fire. He explained that he had just arrived home, & had no idea the vehicle had somehow started to burn. The resident thanked the bikers for being there to help his family at such a critical time. The fire kept burning for several minutes, but by this point, the house fire itself was out. Mike Murdoch, one of the bikers directing water on the fire, said it had definitely gotten to the house & roof, but it appeared to mostly be out before fire crews arrived on the scene. Salem is known for having a lightning fast fire Dept, but these bikers, located close to the fire, were responsible for keeping the fire from spreading rapidly to the wooden structure. The Gypsy Joker & Free Soul Club members are also responsible for alerting the family to the fact that their home was on fire in the first place. Then Salem Fire rolled up with multiple units, & prepared to put a final end to this blaze. The house was charred; firefighters used axes to open the structure up in an effort to find hot spots. The club members were 2 houses away when, according to Mike Kondash, they smelled smoke that at first made him think of a bonfire, then suddenly they were all running to the house, where the SUV was burning, so they could help a family avoid tragedy. Both police & media typically brand motorcycle clubs as rivals. These club members from both the Free Souls & the Gypsy Joker clubs demonstrated that biker unity is present. This builds political solidarity, & it can even help put out fires. Jerry Smith & Mark Kondash were among the bikers who helped evacuate the residents & battle the fire that happened at a residence in the 3500 block of Hawthorne Ave NE around 10:30 p.m. Friday.

Convictions overturned in 2004 fatal stabbing case – Mar 6, 2010 – *Stockton, California* – by Scott Smith - An appeals court on Friday tossed out the convictions of 2 Jus Brother C members found guilty in connection with the 2004 fatal stabbing of a 22-year-old man outside a Stockton bar. Among errors, the judge allowed the prosecution to characterize Frankie Joe Prater & Robert Kenneth Memory as Jus Brothers with ties to the notorious Hells Angels MC, the state's 3rd District Court of Appeal ruled. The pair were convicted in what amounted to "guilt by association," the 61-page decision says. The prosecutor called them members of a criminal gang, but never proved it, the ruling says. The mistake led jurors to find Prater, 45, guilty of 2nd-degree murder for stabbing Mark Donahue in front of Shakers. Prater is at San Quentin State Prison serving a sentence of 16 years to life. Robert Kenneth Memory, 39, was sentenced to prison for more than 9 years on 2 counts of attempted voluntary manslaughter & 2 counts of assault with a deadly weapon. The "irrelevant, inflammatory evidence harmed the defendants' credibility," the appellate ruling says. It adds that "absent the error, it is reasonably probable they would have received a better result." The 2 men will likely be sent back to the Stockton courthouse for a new trial. San Joaquin County Superior Court Judge Linda Lofthus - who is now shepherding the high-profile death penalty trial of Tracy's Melissa Huckaby - oversaw the trial. San Joaquin County Deputy District Atty Kevin Mayo prosecuted

Memory & Prater. "While we're disappointed with this setback, we believe that Judge Lofthus' ruling & the convictions will ultimately be affirmed," Chief Deputy District Atty Ron Freitas said. "Clearly the gang evidence was an integral part of the case in identifying his killers & a motive for his senseless slaying." The case stems from a fight that broke out in the bar's parking lot the night of Nov. 5, 2004. A group of 5 young men - not including Donahue - were drinking at the bar & they were drunk, court papers say. Memory & Prater arrived with Prater's wife, Teresa. The 2 men wore their Jus Brothers' vests bearing the club's patch. They had a beer or 2 & went to the parking lot, where the young men began to badger the bikers, court papers say. A crowd of 15 to 20 people gathered around, where the confrontation escalated into a fight. Donahue arrived with his girlfriend & became embroiled, court papers say. Two of the 5 young men survived stab injuries but Donahue died. His front teeth were broken & 1 hand was cut as if he grabbed the knife's blade, among defensive wounds. He bled from the pulmonary artery, court papers say. "The fight happened quickly," court papers say. "It was only a few minutes from when Donahue arrived until he was lying in the street." The 2 defendants argued in trial & in their appeal that they were defending themselves from an angry mob at the bar. Sacramento attorney Charles Bonneau, who represented Prater on appeal, said that it is a strong self-defense case for his client. The next trial will look a lot different based on the appellate court's ruling, he said. "When you have irrelevant evidence of group membership, it's very hard to have a fair trial," Bonneau said. "Instead, you have guilt by association."

Hells Angels ride through Midlands: Are they here to stay? – Mar 6, 2010 – *Columbia, South Carolina* – By Jillian Capobianco - A Lexington bar owner organized a poker run for the Hells Angels & said there was no need for community members to be concerned. "There's always going to be someone who likes it & someone that don't like it & that's anything in life," said Joe Biedrycki, who invited our cameras to the poker run. The Hells Angels rolled into Lexington Sat for a poker run. The ride funds the Hells Angels' Sin City Defense Fund, a fund to cover atty fees & court costs after Las Vegas police raided 6 Angels' houses last fall. "They're not looked at for the good things they've done, they're looked at for the bad things that's happened in the past," said organizer Lisa Meyers, who is friends with the Hells Angels. She spoke for the Angels Sat because none of them wanted to go on camera. Also not appearing on camera was Lexington Police Chief Terrance Green, but Green did say Lexington would be protected from what he calls a biker gang. "I don't see it as gang activity," said Jerry Oliver with the American Legion Riders. Oliver was just 1 of many other motorcycle groups, including veterans & a Christian group, taking part in the poker run. "We don't want to start any trouble with anybody, we're just here to join together & help each other out," said a biker & bar owner who went by the name "Animal." Police were out in full force, taking pictures of the activity all day. Some curious community members came out as well, & had mixed feelings. "You hear things about the Hells Angels, I don't know if they're true or not, but you see documentaries on TV & you think they're killers & their initiation is horrible," said a woman named Rhonda. Sharon Ledford was in Columbia for her daughter's cheerleading tournament, & said authorities should have warned parents. "If you don't have that knowledge & you are unaware, how are you to protect yourself & your children?" she asked. Another thing is unclear, whether the Hells Angels are here to stay. We were told there is a Hells Angels Chapter in Lexington now, but Myers said she was "not allowed to say" if that is true or not. The poker run starts in & ends in Lexington.

Bikie gang crime claims point to turf war – Mar 7, 2010 – *Australia* – By Nicole Cox - More than half of WA's fully-fledged outlaw bikie gang members have been charged with crimes in the past 2 years, smashing claims by club leaders there are only a few rogue elements tarnishing their image. An extensive police dossier obtained by The Sunday Times shows that 135 patched bikies had been charged with 607 offences, including the serious crimes of extortion, abduction & drug dealing in the 2 years to December last year. The Gang Crime Squad dossier comes as police:

- * Warn of potential bikie turf wars over drug distribution networks, with the recent migration of the Comancheros, a notorious eastern states gang, into WA.
- * Seized a stolen high-powered Magnum .44 Dirty Harry-style firearm after it was delivered to the front verge of a Mt Hawthorn house - the home of a Comanchero associate's relative - with ammunition & a replica revolver on Wed.
- * Reveal that organised crime syndicates are looking to capitalise on the resurging local economy with cashed-up drug buyers paying \$2000 more an ounce for amphetamines in WA compared with users on the eastern seaboard, and;
- * Call on the public to be the eyes & ears of the police & do in any movement of bikies, no matter how insignificant, in a bid to monitor their every move & associations.

In a rare in-depth interview, the chief of WA's Gang Crime Squad Jim Migro told The Sunday Times that police had been aware of the Comancheros' emerging interest in WA as far back as late 2007 after a tit-for-tat firebombing at the Coffin Cheaters' Bayswater headquarters & what is believed to be a retaliatory attack on a Tuart Hill business owned by the now-WA Comancheros' president Steve Milenkovski. But they say it was not until late last year, after Milenkovski attended a cruise on Sydney Harbor hosted by the New South Wales Comancheros, that WA Police realised the gang's intention to establish a chapter in WA. The Comancheros are renowned for violence, including the brawl at Sydney airport last year which left a Hells Angels associate dead, & the infamous Milperra massacre in 1984 in which 7 people were killed. Milenkovski & 3 Comancheros associates have been charged in connection with a 5kg haul of methamphetamine that was allegedly uncovered by police in a vehicle transported from Sydney to Perth last week. The top-secret investigation, codenamed Operation Baystone, had been in train since December last year when police allegedly seized 2.7kg of methamphetamine from a house in Stirling. Gang Crime officers seized 111 firearms - 84 from bikies, nominees & associates - in the 2 years to Dec 2009. In addition, about 16 bikies & nominees are in WA jails. The United Motorcycle Council WA yesterday slammed the data & accused WA Police of "sneaky statistical spin" & "heavily slanted propaganda" to create public fear about bikies. But Det-Supt Migro said bikies were "very significant players in drugs" & WA Police had seized almost 18kg of amphetamines with an estimated street value of about \$13 million from outlaw motorcycle gang members since Jan 2008. "We've all heard them say in the past that they are no different to a social club or a football club. But I would say, go to a football club & look at the percentages of the numbers of people who have been charged," Det-Supt Migro said. "They are not a social club. They are not good-old boys who just go out & hop on Harleys & ride around. They are organized crime. There isn't just one or 2 people in these clubs who have committed crimes independently. We are saying that good percentages of these clubs' members have been charged with offences & some of them very significant." Det-Supt Migro said it was feasible that other new gangs would be attracted to WA to capitalize on higher drug

prices. WA amphetamine users pay \$8000 an ounce. He warned turf wars were a possibility. "The concern is that all of these people are driven by the desire to make money through selling illicit drugs & at times they will step on each others' toes," he said. "The interesting part, & not to say that turf wars won't happen again, is where people go to try to do their business. That will be what dictates whether or not there would be turf wars." Proposed anti-association laws, to be introduced to State Parliament in months, would give police the power to ban bikies from associating with each other & visiting certain places. Seven outlaw motorcycle gangs, excluding the Comancheros & Finks, have banded together to form the WA chapter of the council to fight the laws, which they say are an undemocratic crackdown on their right to mingle with each other. UMC WA spokesman Eric Meehan, a Club Deroes member of 20 years, criticised police data, saying that without the names of the people allegedly charged, there was no way for the public to verify whether the alleged offences, a third of which were traffic related, involved members. "It's sneaky statistical spin. Why release information on arrests & charges, rather than convictions?" he said. "If the Gov't wants to provide meaningful data, we urge them to release to the media the actual arrest records. This will allow the media to perform an independent check to determine if these people are actually club members, & whether the charges actually resulted in convictions." But Det-Supt Migro said: "If they represent all their members, they should know the criminal activities of their members. They should stand up & be honest about their activities." He called on the public to surrender info about bikie movements. "To do our business to try to stop their business, we really need the community to let us know. We are only as good as the information we receive from the public & from there we are able to operate & develop our investigation. "We are interested in anything & everything about bikies . . . What people might consider insignificant could be that piece that is missing in our jigsaw to bring about a result." Atty-General Christian Porter declined to be interviewed, but in a statement said: "The State Gov't cannot make it any clearer the legislation we are proposing is organized crime legislation. The laws will only target those groups who cohort together for the purpose of engaging in, or planning, criminal activities. If these groups are not involved in organized crime they have nothing to worry about."

Devilish deals – Mar 7, 2010 - *Australia* - Everyone understands that in order to catch crooks, the police sometimes have to resort to unorthodox methods when dealing with informers. But today's revelation in the Herald Sun that a man escaped being charged after confessing to selling 18 high-powered pistols to a Hells Angels associate goes way beyond the pale. The favored treatment came after the man agreed to make a statement against a Melbourne gun dealer alleged to have sold him unregistered weapons. Police have refused to comment on the matter as it is before the courts. But they will certainly need to be held to account if those 18 pistols are now in the wrong hands.

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