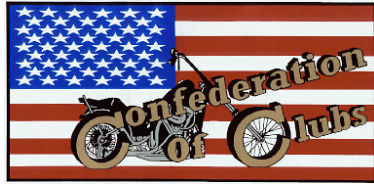


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Editor: Mike Davis SFFS...

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Thank You Sons Of Silence MC And Silent Thunder MC of North Dakota!!!

Editor's Note: Next issue I'll get the Welcomes and etc taken care of... Thanks for your patients...

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 (58 Clubs): Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Damned Deacon, 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 Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Misfits, 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 And Wino Crew ... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, & Sweden...

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Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 300 copies of this newsletter to members of 58 Motorcycle Clubs...

Editor's Note: For April there were 3 issues, For May there were 2 issues, For June this is the 1st issue ...

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

Hebrews 13:3: Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, And those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering...

Wild Bill (In memory of Bill Gelbke)

By Richard 'Bingo' Cosby (DC Eagle MC / COC of *Wisconsin*)...

Mad Dog's Hideaway was a biker bar off on the side of the road...
It was owned by a guy named Louie who lives by the biker's code...
A biker rode up one sunny day and strutted right into the bar –
Dressed all in leather – had a beard
And in his mouth a stubby cigar. He got a beer and said "My name's Wild Bill."
Then he started to drink his brew –But silence fell the length of the bar –
As is the Angel of Death walked through! Louie stood up and said: "Oh No!
Because that name is sacred in here! That name is taken – I'm sorry pal –
But I won't charge you for that beer. I'll tell you the story and I hope you see
Why in here you can't use that name. Wild Bill was killed by the Green Bay cops!
And – much to their lasting shame! A biker's biker! I want you to know!
He was respected this nationwide! Outlaw and citizen bikers alike
All lost a brother the day he died! I ride a bike that that man built
It's a Gelbke Auto Four. I hope you can see why that name is out –
And if you can't – then you hit the door!" That guy got up and walked right out!
In just a minute – back he came! He ordered a round for the entire place –
And smiling said: "Big Bill is my name!"

The Bottom Line... Words & Music © Copyright Feb 4, 2001...
By James M. "Dago SFFS" Marchellino

Verse 1: Don't know if it's right
But I'm tired of being wrong.
I couldn't sleep tonight
Thought I'd write a song.
I think about the highway
I think about home.
Do I need somebody?
Am I better off alone?

Chorus: Guess it all comes down to the bottom line
How I live my life.
And I deal with things that bind me...
So I gotta decide how it needs to be
And put these things that are killin' me behind me...

Verse 2: I think about tomorrow
But I'm living for today.
I've seen my share of sorrow,
Wanna make it go away.
Been too many heartaches
I was blinded by my pride.
Had enough of losin'
Gotta see the other side.

(Chorus)

Bridge: But it feels like I'm the last in line to see
what things I do have been doing back to me.
Like a moth drawn slowly to the candle's flame -
I can know, But I don't know if I can change....

Verse 3: I wonder about the future
As I think about the past.
I've been beaten by the hard time,
This has gotta be the last.
I'm getting tired of runnin'
But I'm sick of standing still.
Better find me somethin'
That'll help a soul to heal.

Chorus: 'Cause it still comes down to the bottom line
How I live my life
And I deal with the things that bind me...
So I gotta decide how it needs to be
And put these things that are killin' me Behind me...

Yeah, it all comes down to the bottom line
How I live my life.
And I deal with things that bind me...
So I better decide how it needs to be
And put these things that are killin' me Behind me...

Outro: Don't know if it's right-
But I'm tired of being wrong.....

Las Vegas P.D. out of control – May 14, 2010 – *Nevada* –
Author Unknown - Thought I should pass this along, as my attempts at getting local news coverage seems to have fallen flat. The North Las Vegas P.D. has gotten out of control. This is the story of what happened to my club, a family club, just a couple of weekends ago. Our civil rights were violated, & many of us are still suffering because of the series of events described below. I would greatly appreciate your consideration for publishing our story in your magazine, as I believe these events represent a potential nightmare for any organized groups in the future. If you need any more information, please feel free to contact me. The weekend of April 17, 2010 should have been a time of celebration for Downaz Ridaz M.C. Instead, it was filled with chaos & confusion for members & guests of the club's scheduled activities commemorating the first anniversary of the Las Vegas Chapter. With a "Meet & Greet" at the clubhouse on North Pecos Rd. scheduled for Friday night to kick off the weekend, the club members took extra steps to ensure that none of the activity could be misconstrued as illegal or negligent in any way. After repeated visits by a representative of the North Las Vegas Business License Division & several officers from the North Las Vegas P.D. in the weeks leading up to the event, the club (which functions as a community support group & lends help to several charity organizations) was well aware that no food or beverages could be sold without proper licensing. It was stated that alcohol was allowed to be kept on the premises for consumption by club members, as long as it was not sold. The "Meet & Greet" was promoted as a free event, open to all in the motorcycling community. Complimentary sodas, water, & food prepared by members & friends was offered to guests at no charge. The party

carried a “casino” theme, & decorations included gaming tables & plastic chips. It was made clear to all that no illegal gambling was to take place. The games were for decoration & entertainment only. Having witnessed first-hand the recent events involving the treatment of local riders, the club members took all necessary steps to keep the event organized & orderly. At approximately 9:30 pm on Friday, with a small number of guests having arrived at the party & members of other clubs beginning to show up, approximately 25 uniformed & undercover officers from the North Las Vegas Police Dept’s gang unit, S.W.A.T., & representatives from the Business License Division & Nevada Gaming Control Board swarmed the gathering, immediately ordering guests to leave & announcing that “the party is over”. Two members who were directing traffic at the entrance to the parking lot, in an effort to promote the safety of riders entering the property, were placed in handcuffs & accused of illegally working as security officers without proper work cards. Several other members were also placed into custody & held on the premises while the representatives from the Business License Division & the Gaming Control Board, with the assistance of the North Las Vegas P.D., began to confiscate & dispose of all alcohol, soda, water, & food inside the clubhouse. While members were cuffed & detained for three hours inside, the ticket books came out & several fines were issued. Gaming Control found no evidence of gambling taking place, & witnesses stated that it had been verbally expressed that the games were for decoration only. One gentleman, who had stepped out of his business a few doors down to see what was going on, was also placed into custody for having an “open container”. He was drinking Coca Cola & had it in a plastic cup with ice. After hours of writing & questioning several members of the club, including the Pres & Sec, all of those in handcuffs were systematically loaded into the back seats of the patrol cars outside. No Miranda rights were issued, & at no time was anyone formally placed under arrest. As officers were beginning to leave the property, one rider entered the parking lot & proceeded to drive around to the front of the clubhouse. As he approached, a hooded undercover officer, without identifying himself as a police officer, stepped into the rider’s path & yelled an order to stop. The rider swerved to the right to avoid the unidentified officer, & as he passed, the officer withdrew his handgun. With the rider to his left & still in motion, the officer reached out & grabbed the rider by the shirt, jerking him off of his bike & onto the ground. Several other officers rushed over to assist in subduing a stunned & potentially injured rider while repeating, “Stop resisting!” All 7 in custody were transported to the North Las Vegas Detention Center, on N. Las Vegas Blvd., arriving at approximately 1:00am. Joe Patterson, owner of “Free At Last Bail Bonds”, was contacted immediately & made aware of the situation. By 7:00am on Sat morning, bail had been arranged for most of the members in custody. However, bond could not be posted, as the files on the members were routinely “shuffled to the bottom the stack” each time they were to be processed by the jail’s administrators. Several friends & family members of the detained riders tried vigorously throughout the night to gain information, only to be given conflicting updates & stories each time they called. None of the members in custody were given information about what charges they were being held on or the status of their cases. By 4:30pm, the riders were finally officially booked & bond was posted. Sat night’s Annual Dance was held at the Eagle’s Lodge (1601 E. Washington Ave.), & despite several members still being held in the Detention Center, the party was a huge success. Many in attendance stated that it was the biggest & best annual celebration they had ever attended. An estimated 250 or more bikes were in the parking lot, with a constant police presence in the area. There were no security

issues whatsoever, & everyone had a great time. Trophies were handed out for categories such as “Most Rep MC”, “Longest Distance Traveled”, & “Most Rep Social Club”, as well as several plaques showing appreciation of support by other clubs. Sunday’s “Internat’l Buffet” themed brunch was cancelled. Most of the riders in custody were released at approximately 6:30am on Sunday morning. Upon release, they were issued citations for charges ranging from “Working without valid work cards” to “Operating a business without a license”. Members were told that printed flyers are not considered a legal form of communicating information about a public gathering, as a charge of “Advertising without a license” was also added. Fines total into the tens of thousands. The effects of being detained for an extended amount of time have even caused some members to have their careers put in jeopardy, as well as the loss of time with friends & family. To add insult to injury, policies at the North Las Vegas Detention Center dictate that monies confiscated upon entry are returned in the form of pre-paid credit cards which carry extremely high fees & make recovery of the cash difficult. The club is currently being advised by legal counsel.

The bottom line – North Las Vegas PD has made it clear to the motorcycling community that bikers are not welcome. They may be harassed, followed, put under surveillance, or jailed without reasonable cause & held for the maximum amount of time before being charged. They do not distinguish between “Family clubs”, “Riding clubs”, or other types of organizations. If you have a patch, you’re a target.

Editor’s Note: I wasn’t able to verify the Author, so take this with a grain of salt... Also from research on the internet, Downaz Ridaz M.C. appear to be a Sport Bike Club...

Tampere Police Raid Bandidos – May 20, 2010 – **Finland** - Police in Tampere raided the local clubhouse of the Bandidos MCs motorcycle gang on Thursday. Police suspect several members of a variety of crimes, but have declined to give specifics as the investigation is ongoing. Around 20 police patrol cars were present at the raid. The Bandidos gang has a dangerous reputation & many of its members have been convicted of drug-related offences & violent crimes. “Police used backup for the operation for safety’s sake,” says local police commissioner Jari Luoto. He added that the search was conducted without any problems. More details on the suspected crimes & results of the search are expected in August.

HA member convicted in thumb clipping case – May 20, 2010 - **Denmark** - A member of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang was convicted today in the beating & mutilation of his ex-wife’s boyfriend – despite the victim’s lack of testimony. In Jan last year the 35-year-old boyfriend was taken at knifepoint into a car by two men & driven to a deserted area in the city’s Amager district. He was then beaten into unconsciousness & awoke to find his thumb had been severed. Yet according to Politiken newspaper, the victim testified in the Copenhagen city court today he could not remember who his attackers were. Prosecutors had jailed the man two weeks ago for withholding information, believing he knew the gang member was behind the crime but was afraid to say anything. Judges in the case believed other witnesses were scared into silence as well, but they still found the ex-husband guilty of the assault, indicating he was jealous of the boyfriend. The other man charged in the case was acquitted due to lack of evidence.

Some People are like Slinkies - Not really good for anything but they bring a Smile to your Face when pushed down the Stairs.

El Forastero MC members Eric get 5 years for meth

distribution – May 21, 2010 – *Kansas City, Missouri* – By Justin Kendall - Earlier this week, El Forastero MC members Eric G. “Little Eric” Burkitt & Robert E. Stewart were sentenced to 5 years in Fed prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute meth to fellow bikers between Jan 1, 2002, & July 31, 2007. Burkitt & Stewart pleaded guilty in Nov, admitting as El Forastero members they paid dues to the club -- money they knew could be used to buy meth, cocaine & marijuana for parties called “runs.” El Forastero members were required to go on three runs a year (although they could go on more) in which the pooled money to pay for a party site, food, drinks, entertainment, and, yes, drugs. El Forasteros are hardcore outlaw bikers known as 1 percenters. In 2005, the club considered Burkitt an up-and-coming prospect (“Live Free & Die”). At the time, a motorcycle crash into the back of a fire engine nearly kept Burkitt from getting his patch & becoming a full member of the group. At the time, one of the club’s members described Burkitt as timid around women. “We’re like, ‘Man, quit being so fucking quiet. You want to know why you never get laid, motherfucker? Because you act too goddamned nice to these girls. You can’t act like that, man. You’ve got to be a fucking dickhead. If you want to get some pussy, you can’t act like some shy boy. Nice guys finish last. You’ve got to tell them how much of a slut they are & how fucking much of a pimp you are. And then they’ll fucking want to fuck you.’ He’s starting to catch on.” In March 2009, Jackson County prosecutors charged Burkitt with forcible rape, 2 counts of forcible sodomy, 2 counts of assault, & sexual misconduct. A plea hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. May 25.

Hells Angels coming to town – May 21, 2010 – *New Jersey* – By Audrey Levine - The Manville P.D. is planning for an increased presence at Rhythms of the Night on S Main St on Sun when the Hells Angels Newark hosts its annual spring party at the restaurant from 1 to 6 p.m. “We are just providing a police presence to ensure that things go smoothly,” said Manville Police Chief Mark Peltack. “The Hells Angels had a spring party in Bridgewater last year, & it went off without a hitch.” But the increased police presence will entail having Manville’s entire Dept on duty for the 5 hours in addition to a large nbr of officers from surrounding towns & other personnel. “With this economic climate, we really appreciate the assistance,” Chief Peltack said, adding Manville approached departments from Bridgewater, Franklin, Hillsborough & the county sheriff’s office. “Nothing of this nature has been held in Manville before,” he said. “But the restaurant is a private business & has the right to host anyone. And the building is all up to code & knows its capacity & to maintain it.” * Rhythms of the Night is expecting about 300 members of the Hells Angels to show up for the party, & the building can normally hold more than 600 people for an event. Rock band Diesel will be the performing band, & food will be served. The organization is made up of motorcycle enthusiasts, who use motorcycles as their chief means of transportation. The only issues for residents in the surrounding area during the party, Chief Peltack said, will be parking as some areas in Little Weston will be closed for street parking during the duration of the event. Drivers will be able to pass through the area without any problems, he said. As for those officers who will be working while not officially on duty, Chief Peltack said, the event will incur some overtime costs to cover the work the extra people will be doing. But, he said, this is just something that will have to be done on this day. “We have to strike a balance between safety & overtime costs,” he said. “Safety always wins out.” With the event, Chief Peltack said the Dept is just doing what it can to ensure everyone’s safety, but is not anticipating any issues to

occur. “We will be ready if there are any problems.” “We’re just hoping everything goes as smoothly as it has in other areas.” The motorcycle club did not provide comment on the event.

Jury retires in Outlaws drugs case – May 21, 2010 - *United Kingdom*

- By Eryl Crump - A Jury has been sent home in the case of seven men, including three North Wales members of The Outlaws motorcycle club, who are accused of conspiring to supply more than £40,000 worth of illegal drugs. The jury retired to consider their verdicts yesterday morning but by 4pm had failed to reach any decision. Judge Merfyn Hughes QC told them to resume their deliberations on Stuart Dawson, 46, of Cadwgan Road, Old Colwyn, Michael Byrne, 39, of Coed Gwern, Abergele, Adrian Sheriff, 46, of Min y Don, Abergele, Jason Burke, 38, of Leigh, Lancashire, Paul Pheasey, 36, of Bury, Victor Hagger, 58, of Ashford, Kent, & Michael Barnes, 44, of South Wales – this morning. During a 2-week trial the jury heard nearly 2 kilograms of amphetamine, with an estimated street value of £20,000, were alleged to have been found in the roof lining of a van being driven along the A55 on Nov 11 last year. A similar amount of drugs was found in a car in August the previous year. When police raided the Outlaws’ clubhouse in Sept last year they found 500g of amphetamine & a smaller amount of cocaine. A raid in November found a firearm & ammunition in Byrne’s motorcycle pannier. He is also accused of possessing the cocaine, valued at £1,500, with intent to supply.

Outlaws Gang Leader Guilty On Drugs Charges - May 21, 2010 - *United Kingdom*

- By Darren Little - The leader of one of Europe’s most notorious biker gangs is facing a prison sentence after being found guilty of drug offences. Stuart Dawson, known as Dink, was convicted of conspiracy to supply class B drugs at Caernarfon Crown Court. He is the Europe & Asia head of the Outlaws gang & was found guilty after extensive surveillance work in his stronghold of Colwyn Bay. It was from there that he oversaw the rapid growth of the gang as it challenged bitter rivals the Hells Angels in its heartland. The feud led to the murder of Hells Angel Gerry Tobin on the M40. He was shot by Outlaws who were angry that a rival festival had been held in Warwickshire, an area they considered to be their turf. After the shooting the killers were in contact with the Outlaws hierarchy within minutes. Outlaws & Hells Angels also clashed at Birmingham Airport, using machetes & iron bars to attack each other in the arrivals hall. Dink ran the Outlaws from his chapter’s clubhouse in Colwyn Bay, but travelled widely overseeing the setting up of new chapters all over the world. It is thought he spent £200,000 in the last 10 years on foreign travel, but his undoing came just a few miles from home. Detectives noticed a pattern in phone calls between high-ranking Outlaws prior to drugs deals. On the last occasion, Dink was present. Amphetamines worth £20,000 had been sold. Last year Dink spoke exclusively to Sky News, denying police assertions that he was the head of one of Europe’s biggest organized crime gangs. Detectives believe Outlaws are involved in drug dealing, murder, prostitution & extortion across the world. Last July Dink told me: “If any of our members have done anything wrong they’ve been duly punished for it. “It’s ridiculous to say we’re an organized crime group, we’re disorganized really, we’re just different.” The Outlaws gang was established in 1935 in Chicago.

If a person of color is conservative,

they see themselves as independently successful.
Their liberal counterparts see themselves
as victims in need of Gov’t protection.

Police target Hells Angels in Gothenburg – May 21, 2010 – *Sweden* - Police in Västra Götaland in western Sweden raided a Hells Angels club in Gothenburg on Wed evening as part of national drive to tackle organized crime. The police operation targeted a Hells Angels chapter in Gunnilse in Gothenburg & several people were detained during the course of the raid. “We were very happy with the outcome,” said police spokesperson Stefan Gustafsson to news agency TT. The raid was part of an ongoing investigation into allegations of assault, robbery & aggravated weapons offences, & was preceded by surveillance. Västra Götaland police were joined by officers from the National Criminal Investigation Department & hit the club premises at around 6pm on Wed & continued all evening. A forensic examination & thorough search of the premises was conducted later. When the officers forced their way into the premises they found around 20 people present, of whom around a dozen were taken into custody. “We didn’t ring on the door first,” Gustafsson said. The arrested have been identified & were interviewed during the course of the evening & the prosecutor will later decide whether to keep them in custody for further investigation. Several were already wanted in connection with other ongoing investigations. Elsewhere, Gothenburg municipality voted on Wednesday to call on restaurant & bar owners to bar anyone bearing a biker club logo from entry. The proposal was presented in the autumn & the ban was voted through by the municipal executive board on Wednesday, the local Göteborgs-Posten daily reports. Eskilstuna municipality took a similar decision last year but the ban was ruled unconstitutional by Södermanland Administrative Court in March 2010. The court ruled that that ban was in breach of legislation guaranteeing freedom of expression. But Gothenburg municipality have decided to push ahead with the ban regardless. “We don’t know if this part of our licensing guidelines conforms to the law & if it can be applied in bars & restaurants, but we see this as a show of support for restaurateurs & want to try it out,” municipal councilor Dario Espiga told the newspaper. The 3 main criminal motorcycle gangs operating in Sweden are the well-established Hells Angels & Bandidos & the Outlaws, who are relatively new on the scene. The groups themselves habitually argue that while individual members may commit crimes, the clubs themselves preach “brotherhood” above all.

Outlaws Gang Leader Jailed Over Drugs – May 22, 2010 – *United Kingdom* – By Darren Little - The leader of one of Europe’s most notorious biker gangs has been sentenced to 5 years in prison after being found guilty of drug offences. Stuart Dawson, known as Dink, was convicted of conspiracy to supply class B drugs at Caernarfon Crown Court. He is the Europe & Asia head of the Outlaws gang & was found guilty after extensive surveillance work in his stronghold of Colwyn Bay. It was from there that he oversaw the rapid growth of the gang as it challenged bitter rivals the Hells Angels in its heartland. The feud led to the murder of Hells Angel Gerry Tobin on the M40. He was shot by Outlaws who were angry that a rival festival had been held in Warwickshire, an area they considered to be their turf. After the shooting the killers were in contact with the Outlaws hierarchy within minutes. Outlaws & Hells Angels also clashed at Birmingham Airport, using machetes & iron bars to attack each other in the arrivals hall. Dink ran the Outlaws from his chapter’s clubhouse in Colwyn Bay, but travelled widely overseeing the setting up of new chapters all over the world. It is thought he spent £200,000 in the last ten years on foreign travel, but his undoing came just a few miles from home. Detectives noticed a pattern in phone calls between high-ranking Outlaws prior to drugs deals. On the last occasion, Dink was present.

Amphetamines worth £20,000 had been sold. Two Outlaws presidents & 3 of their key personnel were also convicted of conspiracy to supply class B drugs. Last year Dink spoke exclusively to Sky News, denying police assertions that he was the head of one of Europe’s biggest organised crime gangs. Detectives believe Outlaws are involved in drug dealing, murder, prostitution & extortion across the world. Last July Dink told me: “If any of our members have done anything wrong they’ve been duly punished for it. “It’s ridiculous to say we’re an organized crime group, we’re disorganized really, we’re just different.”

Court gives inmate gift; 4 bikini photos - May 21, 2010 - *Wisconsin* - An inmate at Wisconsin’s maximum security prison will soon have four reasons to smile. An appeals court on Thu ordered prison officials to give inmate Johnny Lacy four photographs of women in bikinis that he ordered through the mail. The court said the photographs were improperly withheld from Lacy under a prison policy banning pornography. Two of the photos show women sitting on the beach in bikinis & two others show the same woman standing in a pink bikini in front of a wall. The court says the four photos do not violate the prison’s pornography ban although several other shots he ordered were too risqué & were properly withheld.

Colwyn Bay Outlaws bikers jailed for drug offences – May 22, 2010 – *United Kingdom* - Three members of the Outlaws motorcycle group have been jailed for offences involving drugs worth £20,000. The group’s European president Stuart Ian Dawson, 46, of Old Colwyn, Conwy, received a 5-year sentence after being convicted of two drugs offences. “Close aide” Adrian Sheriff, 46, & Michael Byrne, 50, both of Abergele, Conwy, were given 4 & 5 years. North Wales Police said the sentences proved its ability to take on organised crime groups. Four other men received prison terms at Caernarfon Crown Court varying between 18 months & two-and-a-half years for their roles. The arrests followed the discovery of amphetamines when 2 men from south Wales travelled to North Wales. The prosecution had alleged that the north Wales branch of the Outlaws at Colwyn Bay was a drugs distribution centre. Adrian Sheriff & Michael Byrne were also jailed Acknowledging that the Outlaws motorcycle organization was “perfectly lawful”, Judge Merfyn Hughes, QC, told Dawson: “You used your role as European Pres to further your own criminal activity. “In doing so you have brought that organization into disrepute, conducting an organized, wholesale & commercial drug supply.” Det Ch Insp Gerwyn Lloyd welcomed the sentences. “This demonstrates that we are more than capable of taking on organized crime groups of this type,” he said. “Those convicted are a small minority of the public who consider themselves to be above the law. We will use all the available policing tactics to bring these people to justice.” North Wales Police said it would be making an application to the courts for a serious crime prevention order (SCPO) against Dawson & Sheriff. Gang leaders: SCPOs are designed to disrupt the activities of organised crime gang leaders, with any breach of such an order resulting in criminal proceedings. The move would make the force one of the first in the UK to take such steps. A financial investigation would also begin, said police.

Longest Nerve in the Body? Did you know that in the human body there is a nerve that connects the eyeball to the anus? It’s called the Anal Optic Nerve, & it is responsible for giving people a shitty outlook on life. If you don’t believe it, pull a hair from your ass & see if it doesn’t bring a tear to your eye. Have a super day.

Widow of biker killed during 2009 Bikefest sues Leesburg – May 23, 2010 – *Florida* - By Stephen Hudak; Orlando Sentinel - The family of a South Florida motorcyclist who was drunk when he crashed & died during last year's Bikefest in Leesburg blames a rut in a county road for the fatal wreck, according to a lawsuit filed in Circuit Court. A lawyer for the biker's widow, Lisa Williams, 45, contends that a deep rut on the shoulder of West Main Street caused Roger E. Williams Jr. of Fort Lauderdale to lose control of his 1997 H-D & fall. Williams, 53, a plumber who had tattoos identifying himself as a member of the Florida chapter of the Outlaws MC, tumbled in front of a small pack of bikers April 25, 2009, & one rider ran over him. Claims representatives for both the city & Lake County rejected the widow's request for compensation in excess of the statutory \$100,000 limit, which led her lawyer to file the wrongful-death lawsuit in Tavares. Williams also was survived by a 6-year-old son, listed in the lawsuit as a plaintiff. Though a police investigation cites the rut as a contributing factor in the crash, Leesburg officials denied responsibility for the accident, pointing out that the stretch of road blamed in the crash is not city-owned or maintained. County officials also saw "no basis for payment" in the information provided by the Williams' lawyer. According to a 65-page report of the crash, Williams was the lead bike in a group of four riding west on Main Street when "for reasons unknown" he drove onto the shoulder, where his tire dropped into a 4-inch deep, 5-inch wide, 24-foot long rut. The motorcycle, which was approaching Oklahoma Ave, suddenly flipped to its right, throwing Williams onto the pavement & into the path of other bikers. A spokeswoman for the 5th Circuit Medical Examiner's Office, which conducted an autopsy on Williams at its offices in Leesburg, said 2 toxicological examinations measured Williams' blood-alcohol at 0.12 percent, a level exceeding the .08 percent statutory threshold at which Florida law presumes a motorist to be impaired. The deputy medical examiner who removed Williams' riding vest before performing the examination also found a small baggie of marijuana, a pipe & a lighter in one pocket & a pack of breath mints in another. Police also found a handgun & ammunition in his belongings. The biker who ran over Williams had a blood-alcohol level of .047 percent & traces of cocaine & a painkiller in his blood, but investigators concluded he was not impaired. The State Atty's Office declined to prosecute. According to the lawsuit filed by Mary Jo Meives, a lawyer with the Accident & Personal Injury Law Center in Hollywood, the city & the county owed a duty to Williams & other Bikefest participants to properly maintain the heavily traveled road or to set up traffic cones or other barricades to alert riders of a danger. The lawsuit makes no mention of Williams' blood-alcohol level. The lawyer contends that city & county officials should have known that bikers were likely to use the shoulders of roads during the popular annual event, which attracts more than 250,000 visitors over the extended weekend. In correspondence to city & county officials, representatives for the estate, Lisa Williams & her son Richard also argued that Williams was riding "in a reasonably safe manner" when his front tire dropped into the rut. Williams' death was one of two biker fatalities that marred the 2009 event. No fatalities were reported this year. The event recorded 6 fatalities in 2006, leading organizers to bolster safety efforts.

If a conservative slips & falls in a store,
he gets up, laughs & is embarrassed.
If a liberal slips & falls, he grabs his neck,
moans like he's in labor, & then sues.

RCMP reviews officer's letter of support – May 23, 2010 – *Canada* - A letter written by a Surrey Mountie supporting a bid by a former Hells Angel to get a trafficking charge dropped is under review. A letter written by a Surrey Mountie supporting a bid by a former Hells Angel to get a trafficking charge dropped is under review. The Vancouver Sun revealed this week that an RCMP member had written to a Fed prosecutor on behalf of Joseph Calendino, who wants his charge stayed because of his work helping Surrey school kids. Calendino, who was once with the elite Nomads chapter of the notorious biker gang, pleaded guilty to the trafficking charge last Nov. But he changed his position this spring, applying for a stay instead. A Surrey Provincial Court judge was told this week that a Surrey Mountie provided a letter of support, but that the Crown counsel had asked for a letter from a more senior officer. Since January 2009, Calendino has been on a paid contract with the Surrey school district to give talks to at-risk teens about how to avoid gang life. District spokesman Doug Strachan said Calendino has done positive work & "his presentations really resonate." "The students seem to glorify gangs & that is one of the challenges, & Mr. Calendino is able to speak from experience about the realities of gang life & address some of the misconceptions that many young people have," Strachan said. "The fact that he has an outstanding charge to be dealt with is certainly something we are aware of & we make sure he is accompanied whenever he is with students in the schools." Calendino was charged in April 2008 with one count of trafficking in a controlled substance in Surrey. He is next due in court June 11. He was convicted in Kelowna in 2007 of an assault against a casino patron while wearing his Hells Angels colours. Calendino's initiation of the fight was captured on video. Witnesses refused to testify. The Kelowna attack led to Calendino being thrown out of the Hells Angels. He was also convicted in 2003, along with former Nomad James Holland, of carrying loaded, restricted weapons outside the Plaza Nightclub in Vancouver. When Vancouver police arrested Calendino, he resisted, & his loaded .45-calibre semi-automatic handgun fell from his waistband onto the sidewalk. Holland has also since left the Hells Angels.

7 Motorcyclists Lead Police On Wild Chase – May 24, 2010 – *Florida* - Seven motorcyclists have been arrested for allegedly fleeing authorities at speeds exceeding 100 mph. The group ranged in age from 20 to 53 years old. A Highway Patrol trooper who clocked them at 125 mph tried to pull them over, but the motorcyclists allegedly accelerated & fled. Five were apprehended when backup officers responded to the trooper's call for help, but two others accelerated to an estimated 140 mph. Authorities say they finally surrendered after realizing they were being tracked by a Lee County sheriff's helicopter. All seven motorcycles were seized & the drivers were charged with felony aggravated fleeing to elude.

A man was driving down the road & ran out of gas. Just at that moment, a bee flew in his window. The bee said, 'What seems to be the problem?' 'I'm out of gas,' the man replied. The bee told the man to wait right there & flew away. Minutes later, the man watched as an entire swarm of bees flew to his car & into his gas tank. After a few minutes, the bees flew out. 'Try it now,' said one bee. The man turned the ignition key & the car started right up. 'Wow!' the man exclaimed, 'what did you put in my gas tank?' The bee answered, bp...

If a conservative is homosexual, he quietly leads his life.
If a liberal is homosexual, he demands legislated respect.

Bikie link to Hindley St stabbing – May 24, 2010 – *Australia* – By Fiona McWhirter - The man stabbed outside a tattoo parlour on Hindley Street this morning is the son of the alleged leader of notorious street gang the New Boys. Giovanni Focarelli, 20, of was stabbed twice in the stomach by a passenger of a dark Nissan Skyline that pulled up outside Ink Central at about 4.15am in what is believed to be another chapter in the escalating feud with rivals the Hells Angels. Crime Gangs taskforce Detective Superintendent Des Gray said Focarelli, whose father is alleged New Boys leader Vincenzo, was working at the tattoo parlour when a passenger in the car called him over before attacking him with a knife. He said Focarelli staggered back into the tattoo parlour & was given first-aid by police before he was rushed to the Royal Adelaide Hospital in a serious but stable condition. Gray, while not linking the attack to the Hells' Angels, said the incident was a targeted & deliberate attack & an "attempt to kill" Focarelli. Last month the Ink Central tattoo parlour was the site of a brawl between members of the New Boys & Hells Angels followed days later by the New Boys firebombing of the house of a late Hells Angels member. In Feb 2 Hells Angels associates died in a botched attempt on a New Boys member. Det Supt Gray said police were yet to interview Focarelli & that the identities of his assailants remain unknown.

Police claim pub brawl assault – May 24, 2010 – *Australia* - A police officer was allegedly assaulted while helping arrest two bikies after an apparent brawl between Gypsy Jokers gang members & off-duty police at a Kalgoorlie pub early yesterday morning. The on-duty officer fell to the ground after struggling with a 42-year-old he was trying to escort to a police van, police allege. Police claimed the officer was attacked as he lay on the ground & he needed surgery yesterday for a broken left arm. It is believed police were called to the Palace Hotel about 1am to break up a fight involving about eight men. Off-duty police had been at the Hannan Street bar for an officer's farewell party when the bikies arrived. It is not known what sparked the disturbance. Gypsy Jokers members Philip John Buckley, 42, of Armadale, & 31-year-old John Henry Sharp, of Kalgoorlie, were charged. Buckley was charged with assaulting a public officer & obstructing public officers as well as disorderly conduct in Kalgoorlie Police Station. Sharp has been charged with obstructing public officers. Both will appear in the Kalgoorlie Magistrate's Court on June 3.

Motorcyclists protest Quebec insurance hikes – May 24, 2010 – *Canada* - Thousands of Quebec motorcyclists staged a rolling, plodding protest in different regions of the province over the long weekend. It was the 19th time since last year that the bikers have held an Operation Escargot, as it's known. The bike owners drove together at the minimum speed allowed by law — which on expressways is a sluggish 60 kilometres an hour — to voice their discontent with hikes in the premiums levied by Quebec's automobile insurance corporation, the SAAQ. Those fees have been going up every year since 2008, with the owners of certain bikes, ones the SAAQ deems high-performance & high-speed, now charged 340 per cent more for insurance than three years ago. The premiums rose to \$667 in 2008, \$1,030 last year & \$1,410 this year. Éric Lessard of the Common Front of Motorcyclists, an alliance of three motorbikers' groups, said it's OK to charge higher premiums to drivers with bad records, but unfair to impose steeper costs on all owners of a particular make of bike regardless of their accident history. The owners of passenger vehicles pay about \$260 per year & the owners of less powerful motorcycles pay about \$518 annually for registration, which includes insurance for bodily injury. The SAAQ says the

old rates were too low for it to be able to afford the payouts it has to make under the province's public, no-fault insurance system. Any Quebec resident hurt in a motor-vehicle accident, including pedestrians & cyclists, cannot sue for their injuries but receive compensation directly from the Gov't. Given that motorcycle riders are likely to be more severely injured in accidents, they should pay more for insurance, the SAAQ's then president, John Harbour, said last fall. "The risks are not the same," he said. "It's not that they're poor drivers — they simply lack the protection." Motorcyclist Greg Young said the premium increases on high-performance bikes are a "tax grab." "Everything that they're doing is gouging," he said.

Warring bikers decide to play nice – May 25, 2010 – *Germany* - As authorities increase pressure on German biker gangs amid an escalating turf war, the two main groups - the Hells Angels & the Bandidos - have forged a truce, a media report said on Tuesday. Negotiators for both gangs reached a deal on Monday in a prominent Hannover lawyer's office, & will publicly seal the agreement with a handshake & a press conference on Wed, according to news magazine Der Spiegel. The pact comes just a few weeks after Schleswig-Holstein became the most recent state to outlaw specific chapters of the groups, calling them a threat to constitutional order. Further bans are up for discussion at a conference of state interior ministers planned for Thursday & Friday in Hamburg, where The Hells Angels were banned in 1986, but have continued to operate under different names. The new peace agreement applies to all gang members, & violations will be handled internally, Der Spiegel reported. The violent conflict between the rival groups has made nationwide headlines in recent months. German authorities cracked on both gangs with a series of raids, confiscating illegal weapons, drugs, counterfeit money, stolen motorcycle parts & other contraband. There were also shootings, including the murder of a police officer on March 17, 2010. According to Der Spiegel, the groups are tired of the attention. "We have no desire to be portrayed as criminals any longer," a Bandidos member identified as Mischa told the magazine. "It must end." An unnamed criminologist who specializes in biker gang activity told the magazine that the peace deal is an attempt at creating a new image for the groups. "The bikers seem to have recognized that the continued conflict threatened them & offered ever fewer opportunities to earn money," he said. Police seemed unimpressed by the announcement. "It does not matter to us at all, who is making peace with whom," Uwe Keller, a criminal justice official at the Schleswig-Holstein State Office, told AFP. There have been no fresh outbreaks of violence however, since the truce was first mooted, 8 weeks ago. A joint statement from both gangs said "a path toward co-existence in the future had been found & that the conflict between the two clubs was at an official end, effective immediately."

At the Bar! The Hot Chick: Having already downed a few power drinks, she turns around, faces him, looks him straight in the eye & says, "Listen here good looking, I screw anybody, anytime, anywhere, your place, my place, in the car, front door, back door, on the ground, standing up, sitting down, naked or with clothes on. It doesn't matter to me. I just love it." **Eyes now wide with interest,** he responds, "No kidding. I'm a Congressman too. What state are you from?"

If a conservative is down-and-out,
he thinks about how to better his situation.
A liberal wonders who is going to take care of him.

Man in drug case gets house arrest – May 25, 2010 - *Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania* - Sheena Delazio - A Harveys Lake man was sentenced Monday to one year of house arrest for his role in a \$3.6 million cocaine distribution ring. Michael Scavone, 44, who was sentenced by Judge Tina Polachek Gartley, also received three years, six months probation for his crimes. He also was sentenced on unrelated charges of operation of a watercraft with a high level of alcohol in his system. Scavone pleaded guilty to the charges, including possession with intent to deliver & criminal use of a communication facility, in April. He was represented by attorney John Pike. Deputy Atty General Tim Doherty prosecuted the drug ring charges. The drug ring was busted when undercover agents on March 6, 2009, simultaneously raided the Outlaws MC clubhouse & a member's home, as well as four other locations. Investigators said they made about 30 controlled cocaine purchases from several members beginning in July 2008. Thousands of calls were intercepted through court-authorized wiretaps that led agents to identify Anthony Manchio, of Wapwallopen, as the Outlaws' main cocaine supplier. Manchio is currently awaiting trial on similar charges. According to court papers filed by state authorities, Scavone's role in the drug ring came in phone calls made to John Ricci, 36, of Hanover Township, in which Scavone made arrangements to meet Ricci & purchase cocaine. Ricci has entered a guilty plea to his role in the ring & is awaiting sentencing. In the unrelated boating case, a state Waterways Conservation officer said Scavone was operating a boat at a high rate of speed on Harveys Lake & had a blood-alcohol content level of .158 percent about an hour after operating the boat. Another man, Kenneth Koonrad, 26, of Wilkes-Barre, also was scheduled to be sentenced Monday for his role in the drug ring, but Pike, who also is his attorney, continued his sentencing to Oct. 5. Koonrad pleaded guilty to similar drug charges in April. Scavone was ordered to have no contact with any co-defendants in the drug case, to undergo a drug & alcohol evaluation & received 23 days credit for time already served. Polachek Gartley also ordered him to complete 50 hours of community service.

Hells Angels Jammin' with 81 – May 25, 2010 – *New York* – By Lisa Petrocelli - The Hells Angels of New York State hold an annual event called Jammin' with 81. This 3-day red & white celebration is usually held at the Green Island Rod & Gun Club in Schaghticoke, New York & this year was held this past weekend, May 21-23. This was a well-organized event designed to be enjoyable for everyone. Although it is typical to see many motorcycle clubs represented at biker club events, the Hells Angels attract the widest variety. Colors from across New York State & beyond could be seen among the various vendors & all throughout the campsite area. Jammin' with 81 is open to the public & occasionally those curious enough will venture out to an HA event & once they do, they usually return. In the case of this particular event, there are as many regulars as newcomers that show up. The weather cooperated, the food was good, there was music in the air, & there were no bad attitudes to keep everyone from enjoying a great weekend. There were games, contests, & a few tattoo artists ready to create little masterpieces on all who were ready & willing. To name just a few of the clubs from this area in attendance: 69ers MC (Troy & Brooklyn chapters), Un-Easyriders MC, Boozefighters MC, Mortal Skulls MC, Bladesmen MC, Road Dragons MC. Outside the Capital District area there was representation from clubs in the NYC, Massachusetts & Rhode Island areas, & of course Hells Angels chapters from across New York & surrounding states, providing enough eye candy to cause a major distraction! In order to experience all the benefits of attending this annual event, it's

better to pitch a tent & plan to stay awhile. It's just way too entertaining to pack into a few hours!

Drug charges laid against Rebels Outlaw Motorcycle Gang – May 25, 2010 – *Australia* - By Chris Robinson - Police have charged 21 members & associates of the Rebels Outlaw Motorcycle Gang after a year-long operation targeting drugs & weapons in Perth. Two patch members, 2 nominees & 17 associates of the group were charged after Gang Crime Squad detectives seized a significant amount of drugs, firearms, ammunition & cash from 25 locations across the metropolitan area. Det-Supt Charlie Carver said the operation had targeted security officers & managers from a number of licensed venues across Perth. He said the "significant" drug haul included 9.4 kg of cannabis, 480 g of cocaine, 2.6 kg of MDMA tablets & 1.4 kg of methyl-amphetamine. "On top of that, we seized six firearms, including a 9mm semi-automatic handgun, & 230 rounds of various ammunition," he said. \$255,000 cash was also seized as part of the operation, which concluded today.

Bikers Inside the Beltway – May 25, 2010 – *Washington, DC* – By Jeff Hennie; MRF - Last week the Motorcycle Riders Foundation held their 2nd annual national motorcycle lobby day known as the Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway event. This year, dedicated motorcyclists rode in from 13 different states to meet with their entire Congressional delegations. In total, over 200 individual meetings were held with Senators & Members of Congress. The MRF secured free parking at the base of the US Capitol for the motorcyclists who attended. The group was addressed by staff members from the US House of Representatives Motorcycle Safety Caucus. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ), US House Motorcycle Safety Caucus Chair, had this to say, "As motorcyclists, it is our job to help educate the American public on the differences between motorcycles & other vehicles on the roads today. We all know education is a key component of motorcycle safety. Advocacy is an important part of spreading the message & educating others who may know very little about motorcycles & what it is to ride. A crash avoided is the ultimate goal." Overall, the event was a tremendous success. Keep an eye out for details on next year's event & make plans to attend. Anyone who has attended will tell you about the powerful impact this event has on Congress, & on the attendees themselves. Thanks to everyone who rode out; you are the lifeblood of this event. Look forward to next year's Bikers Inside the Beltway, which promises to be even bigger & badder.

Nothing going right? A little guy is sitting at the bar staring at his drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to him, grabs his drink & gulps it down in one swig. "Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as the little guy bursts into tears. "Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd Cry. "This is the worst day of my life," says the little guy. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting, & my Boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car stolen & I don't have any insurance, I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife in bed with the gardener & then my dog bit me. "So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in & sit here watching the poison dissolve; then a wise ass like you shows up & drinks the whole thing!"

Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice.
Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.

- Senator Barry Goldwater (1909-1998) U.S. Senator from AZ

Highwaymen lawyers, prosecutors clash in closing arguments

– May 25, 2010 – *Michigan* – By Paul Egan - Prosecutors & defense attorneys in the Highwaymen MC racketeering trial disagree on the most fundamental point -- which side of the room has the worst criminals in the case. In her closing arguments after a trial that spanned close to 2 months, Assistant U.S. Atty Diane Marion said six alleged Highwaymen leaders oversaw an organization that supported drug dealing & interstate theft & used violence & intimidation to maintain control both inside & outside the organization. “They take action against rival clubs who invade their turf or their territory,” Marion said. “Belonging to the Highwaymen gave them a sense of power,” she said. “It gave them a sense of authority on the street.” But defense attys said the worst criminals associated with the Highwaymen are the ones who testified as Gov’t witnesses. Their testimony was colored by cash payments & promises of reduced sentences or other deals related to their own crimes, lawyers argued. “I wish I could pay a witness, but I would be in jail for obstruction of justice,” said John Brusstar, the atty for alleged club godfather Leonard “Dad” Moore. Though some Highwaymen members may have sold drugs, “Leonard Moore never got any money out of this,” he told a jury of 8 men & 6 women, which includes alternates. Closing arguments are expected to last the rest of the day & could continue into Wed. Six alleged leaders of the homegrown Detroit motorcycle club are accused of crimes that include conspiracy to commit murder, assault, drug dealing & interstate transport of stolen goods. The trial in front of a jury & U.S. District Judge Nancy G. Edmunds is the first phase in the Gov’t prosecution of more than 80 alleged Highwaymen members & associates in one of the largest indictments ever brought in the eastern district of Michigan. The case is the result of a lengthy FBI investigation.

Cash blurs organized crime lines as once-loyal gangsters

follow the money – May 25, 2010 – *Canada* – By Rafe Arnott - New era in casting aside allegiances... The days of organized crime members swearing allegiance to a single gang are numbered, police are saying. Modern gangsters flip sides on a dime, & often flip internal alliances within their own ranks to stay at the top of the food chain. “The notion that a gangster is tried & true to a certain [gang] is over, it’s not like Los Angeles with the Crips & the Bloods,” said Abbotsford Police spokesman Const. Ian MacDonald. A criminal could be a “card-carrying member” of a gang, & be considered a loyal soldier, but could have been in a rival gang previously, MacDonald said. Using the example of a recent arrest involving a known member of the Red Scorpions gang, he said the same person was picked up in a combined forces operation against the Hells Angels months earlier in Vancouver. It’s not about how long a criminal is with one gang, it’s about what they can do for business, according to MacDonald. “What can you do to ensure my product arrives where it needs to arrive? What can you do to lend enforcement muscle to what I’m trying to achieve today?” he said. Dr. Darryl Plecas is the RCMP University Research Chair in the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice at the Univ of the Fraser Valley, & said most of the Lower Mainland’s gangs are relatively new & there has not been enough time for them to develop loyalty & allegiance. “[Criminals] only have allegiance because it is convenient, it’s not in the old sense of gangs where it is about honor, & honor is everything. *“The missing variable is honor.”* “That has broken down across the board,” Plecas said. MacDonald thinks most of those organizations have a level of understanding about people fluctuating between groups. “The colour isn’t bled down to your soul,” he said, “There is an understanding in the Lower Mainland & British Columbia that people are going after money.” RCMP Sgt. Shinder Kirk is with the Integrated Gang Task Force,

& said gangs are constantly changing, making investigations difficult. “It’s difficult because it’s nebulous. “It is a fluid criminal relationship. They will come together, break apart & join other criminal organizations or loose groups to further their own criminal enterprises,” Kirk said. Two gangs could be at war with each other, but individuals within those factions are still maintaining personal relationships, he said. “They’re still doing business or socializing.” Criminal stratification is not based along ethnic lines or the colour of skin, nor is it geographically based, according to MacDonald, who said it doesn’t matter who grew up with who, or where. “They’re not guarding the [turf] around their homes. “They’re chasing money,” MacDoanld said. Plecas said the lack of traditional ethnic lines in forming gangs is because modern gangsters only think of themselves & not the group. Gangs are trying to form, or re-form without any history, he said, adding, what gang member is going to die for another member when they barely know each other? Plecas said it is a case of greed, of too much too soon. “[Gangs] are not solid structures & they’re not likely ever to be. “They grew too fast.”

Run for the Wall to roll through Southwest Virginia

– May 26, 2010 – *USA* - Run for the Wall has been a Memorial Day tradition for over 20 years. The ten-day motorcycle ride starts in California & rolls along to the nation’s capital. Each year over 500-thousand bikes participate in the Run for the Wall. Several hundred will be coming through Southwest Virginia as they close in on the final destination of Washington, DC. The cross-country journey is designed to create support for American prisoners of war, those missing in action, & to help heal those injured by war. The riders will make their way into Wytheville today before traveling to Salem on Thursday. By Sunday, more than 500,000 veterans will take part in the Rolling Thunder Parade from the Pentagon to the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial. “We have 1,800 just from the Vietnam War & Southeast Asia that are unaccounted for,” said Peter Mortlock, American Legion Post 3 spokesman. “World War II, go back that far & you have 78,000 that are unaccounted for. So it is a very big deal.” Mortlock said the Run for the Wall makes veterans feel proud & hopeful that someday all of the dead & missing in action are accounted for. Friday morning they’ll ride to Arlington in time for Memorial Day weekend.

Motorcycle club raises funds for March of Dimes

– May 26, 2010 – *South Carolina* - The Blue Knights MC hosted the Bikers for Babies event featuring more than 100 riders from the surrounding area. Individual riders, motorcycle clubs & car clubs hit the road to help support March of Dimes research, programs to help mothers have full-term pregnancies & babies begin healthy lives. This is the first year the Blue Knights hosted the Bikers for Babies event. The ride was in conjunction with the March for Babies Walk. All money raised by Bikers for Babies supports the local March of Dimes chapter-wide initiatives in the Lakelands area. In 2009, the South Carolina March of Dimes invested \$1.5 million in program services, including research grants & local community services.

400 Pot Plants Turn Out to Be Horsemint

– May 26, 2010 – *Texas* - Cops in Corpus Christi, who are clearly very well-intentioned but maybe not the sharpest tools in the police shed, seized some 400 marijuana plants from a city park. Only, they were not marijuana, so much as, “horsemint.” The police, ever the responsive, civic-minded public servants, “hauled away 300-400 medium-sized plants,” stopping because it became too dark only to test them to find out they were a common weed called “Horsemint”.

Hells Angels & Bandidos Agree to a Truce – May 26, 2010 – *Germany* - Worried about a nationwide ban, the Hells Angels & Bandidos are arranging a truce in Germany. For over a year the 2 biker gangs have been involved in violent conflict. But on Wed a ceasefire will be sealed with a handshake in Hanover. At the end of April, the biker gangs Hells Angels & Bandidos were banned in the northern German state of Schleswig-Holstein -- a result of a rash of violent incidents between the 2 groups in the recent past. This month, other German states were considering following suit. Now, though, that may no longer be necessary. The 2 gangs, sworn enemies who have been involved in an escalating conflict over control of various criminal activities & terrain since early 2009, said on Monday that they want to make peace.

The truce -- agreed to by the vice president of the Bandidos in Europe, Peter M. & Frank H., the president of the Hells Angels Charters in Hanover -- will be sealed "by a handshake" on Wed in a lawyer's office in Hanover. The announcement comes just in time for the biker gangs. On Thursday & Friday, interior ministers from Germany's 16 states are to meet in Hamburg, & biker-gang violence is high on the agenda. Many anticipate that the ministers will recommend pursuing a nationwide ban.

'Won't Soften Our Stance': Both gangs, "violate the law & infringe on the constitutional order," Klaus Schlie, interior minister of Schleswig-Holstein, said at the end of April in justifying his state's ban. "We won't soften our stance one little bit." The biker gangs said that a tentative truce had been in effect for the past 8 weeks. No serious incidents have been recorded during that time. In announcements posted on their websites, the gangs wrote that, after 2 months' of preparation, "a path toward co-existence in the future had been found & that the conflict between the 2 clubs was at an official end, effective immediately." Any infringements by gang members against the truce will be punished within the gangs themselves, the announcement said. Biker gangs have found their way into German headlines often in recent weeks for brutal attacks on each other -- often involving knives, machetes, guns & even hand grenades. "We no longer want to be constantly portrayed as criminals," said Bandidos member Micha. "It has to stop."

'Doesn't Matter': The peace process seems a clear effort to improve that image. "The bikers seem to have recognized that they are in danger of tearing themselves apart with this continuous fighting & that they have fewer opportunities to earn money," a criminologist who has been investigating the biker scene for years told Spiegel Online. Police reaction to the announcement was restrained. "It does not matter to us at all, who is making peace with whom," Uwe Keller, a spokesperson from Schleswig-Holstein's State Office for Criminal Investigation, told the news agency AFP. Police accuse the biker gangs of being involved in a wide variety of criminal activities, including organized crime in red light districts, robbery, blackmail, drug dealing, receiving stolen property & possessing unlicensed firearms.

No. 08-6027 United States v. Almany – U.S. Court of appeals for the 6th Circuit - In sum, the District Court erred by sentencing Almany to both a 5-year mandatory minimum sentence under the firearm statute & a 10-year mandatory minimum sentence under the drug statute. This case must be remanded for resentencing, & Almany remains subject to the mandatory minimum under the drug statute. Accordingly, it is so ordered. **Editor's Note:** Write me for the full ruling if you think it will help you...

If a conservative doesn't like a talk show host,
he switches channels.
Liberals demand that those they don't like be shut down.

El Forastero Eric Burkitt pleads guilty to lesser charge in rape case – May 26, 2010 – *Missouri* - By Justin Kendall - Accused of multiple sex crimes, El Forastero MC member Eric G. Burkitt pleaded guilty Tuesday to felonious restraint & received a 5-year prison sentence. Burkitt, 25, was charged in March 2009 with forcible rape, 2 counts of forcible sodomy, 2 counts of assault, & sexual misconduct for allegedly assaulting a 29-year-old woman in Nov 2008. Burkitt was known in the outlaw motorcycle club of 1 percenters as "Little Eric." In 2005, club members considered him an up-and-coming prospect ("Live Free & Die"). At the time, one of the riders described Burkitt as timid around women. "We're like, 'Man, quit being so fucking quiet. You want to know why you never get laid, motherfucker? Because you act too goddamned nice to these girls. You can't act like that, man. You've got to be a fucking dickhead. If you want to get some pussy, you can't act like some shy boy. Nice guys finish last. You've got to tell them how much of a slut they are & how fucking much of a pimp you are. And then they'll fucking want to fuck you.' He's starting to catch on." On Nov 11, 2008, Burkitt allegedly "caught on." Court documents give this account: Burkitt met a woman at Twin Cities Tavern to talk about her soon-to-be ex-husband. They left the bar in his pickup truck, but Burkitt stopped in a parking lot at 2 East 59th St & asked for a kiss. The woman said "no." He kissed her anyway. Then he allegedly went off, shoving her head into a door frame, removing her shirt & kissing her breasts. The woman tried to fight him off, but she told police that Burkitt ripped her pantyhose & penetrated her vagina with his finger, pulled off her pantyhose, put on a condom & penetrated her vagina with his penis. She claimed Burkitt couldn't keep an erection, so he performed oral sex on her. While this was going on, Burkitt allegedly slapped her 4 times & tried to choke her with her necklace, but it broke. The woman also lost her 2-chain belly button ring with a cross. When it was over, Burkitt dropped the woman off at Twin Cities Tavern. She reported the rape around 3:19 a.m., picked; Burkitt out of a photo lineup & told police that he was wearing a "Run what you bring" T-shirt & blue jeans during the alleged attack. Doctors at St. Luke's Hospital examined the woman & noticed facial trauma, including redness on the left side of her face. The woman's bra & shirt were also torn. The crime lab discovered saliva & semen on the woman's torn clothing as well as a condom. Authorities searched Burkitt's home on March 25, 2009. They found 5 handguns, 1 assault weapon, 2 mushrooms, 322 unidentified pills, brass knux & T-shirts with the slogan, "Run what you bring." In an interview with police, Burkitt claimed he didn't know the woman. Last week, Burkitt & fellow El Forastero Robert E. Stewart were sentenced to 5 years in federal prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute meth to fellow bikers between Jan 1, 2002, & July 31, 2007.

New Law Bans Synthetic Marijuana – May 26, 2010 – *Georgia* - Gov. Sonny Perdue has signed a bill that bans the drug K2, also known as synthetic marijuana. Perdue said on Monday he had signed the bill, sponsored by Rep. Jay Neal, R-Lafayette, & Sen. Ed Harbison, D-Columbus. At the time the legislation was being considered, Harbison said the measure was needed to protect young people from products that may cause irreversible harm to their bodies. Perdue calls it a potent drug that can be difficult to detect. K2 is also known as spice. It drew attention earlier this year when two teens were hospitalized at North Fulton Medical after smoking it.

If a conservative doesn't like guns, he doesn't buy one.
If a liberal doesn't like guns, he wants all guns outlawed.

Bail revoked for bikie 'enforcer' – May 26, 2010 – Australia -

By Adrian Lowe – One of 2 men charged over the armed robbery of a \$400,000 Lamborghini from a Port Melbourne dealership on Tuesday is the “enforcement officer” of the Melbourne branch of the Finks MC, a court has been told. The Lamborghini Gallardo was allegedly stolen from the Lorbek Prestige Cars dealership in Plummer Street, Port Melbourne, just after 11am & later recovered nearby in Bertie St. Police allege Richard Michail, 36, of Port Melbourne, & Matthew Ward, 33, of Happy Valley in South Australia, threatened the dealership’s principal, Srecko Lorbek, with a gun that resembled a police revolver & slammed his head into a car windscreen. Michail was bailed on Tue night in an out-of-sessions court hearing. Yesterday police applied to have that bail revoked. Detective Senior Constable Christopher Sheen told the Melbourne Magistrates Court that Michail was the “acting sergeant” of the Finks bikie club in Port Melbourne, which was “largely an enforcement role”. Senior Constable Sheen said Michail & Ward threatened Lorbek with the handgun & told him that if he did not hand over \$50,000, they would steal the car. Michail & Ward face 6 charges each, including armed robbery, robbery, intentionally causing injury & making an unwarranted demand with menaces. Police opposed continuation of Michail’s bail, saying he was a flight risk, having moved from Queensland 3 years ago. “The Finks MC could have links in every other state,” Senior Constable Sheen said. “[It is a] national crime organization with extensive links. He’s got links to other known criminals. The victim is terrified of repercussions.” The detective said it appeared Michail also had links within the Comancheros bikie gang. Defence lawyer Tania Bolton said Michail had stable ties to Victoria, including family & a career, & he was not a flight risk. Ms Bolton said Michail had been co-operative with police & invited them to search his house, car & office. Magistrate Anne Goldsbrough said she found the \$400,000 price tag on the car “unbelievable - but that’s what I’m told”. She said the fact that the gun had not been recovered was extremely concerning & she revoked Michail’s bail. Ward, who wore a black T-shirt with the words “Finks Adelaide” emblazoned across it, appeared in court yesterday. The men will reappear in court today, when Ward is expected to apply for bail.

Handshake Says Peace For Warring Bikers – May 26, 2010 –

Germany - Their feuding members have fought bloody street battles with grenades, guns & machetes. But a firm handshake will be all it takes to finally bring to an end months of brutal violence between Germany’s biggest biker gangs, Der Spiegel reported Tuesday. Leaders from the Hell’s Angels & the Bandidos will meet Wednesday in a lawyer’s office in Hanover, northern Germany, for the gentlemanly gesture. The sworn enemies brokered an urgent peace deal after German authorities began moves to ban biker gangs in the face of escalating violence. The warring clans have already been outlawed in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein -- & other regional powers look set to follow suit despite this week’s ceasefire. A joint statement from both gangs said “a path toward co-existence in the future had been found & that the conflict between the two clubs was at an official end, effective immediately.” Police seemed unimpressed by the announcement. “It does not matter to us at all, who is making peace with whom,” Uwe Keller, a criminal justice official at the Schleswig-Holstein State Office, told AFP.

Peace breaks out in German biker war – May 27, 2010 –

Germany - Two rival gangs in the German city of Hannover have agreed to end their long-running & often violent feud. The Hells Angels & the Bandidos had been involved in peace talks for months. Explaining the terms of the truce, one Hells Angel said:

“Both parties have agreed that the Hells Angels won’t go into Bandidos territory & vice-versa. Also both clubs will not admit existing or former members of the other club.” The gangs are often accused of having links to drugs & arms dealing, robbery, money laundering & prostitution rings. They could face a nationwide ban when state interior ministers meet today to discuss the matter. Police unions have dismissed the peace deal as a stunt to avoid legal sanctions & cover up their involvement in violent organised crime.

Prague Hells Angels Motorcycle Rally – May 27, 2010 - Czech Republic – U.S. Embassy Prague -

This Warden Message informs American citizens that the Hells Angels MC will hold its ‘World Run’ in Prague from Friday, May 28th through Sunday, May 30th. The event will be held in a tourist camp at the Divoká Šárka Park & could attract over 2,000 Hells Angels members. Czech Police will be closely monitoring the gathering & are expected to have a sizeable protective presence. Most Hells Angels members are expected to stay within the venue, but groups could travel to local bars in the area or to downtown tourist zones. Beginning Friday, May 28th, police will place motorcycle checkpoints near park entrances along Evropská Street, to control movement into & out of the location. Vehicular travel along Evropská Street is expected to remain open throughout the event, although periods of traffic congestion are possible (particularly on Friday & Sunday when the majority of arrivals & departures are anticipated). The ‘World Run’ occurred in Prague without major incident 5 years ago; however, Hells Angels members have been involved in violent altercations since the inception of the club. American citizens are urged to use caution when in the vicinity of the Divoká Šárka Park, as well as the McDonald’s Restaurant near the entrance to the park for the duration of the gathering. American citizens are also urged to exercise caution while traveling on Evropská Street near the park, within tourist zones of Prague, or while in any other areas where potentially unruly groups may be present.

Two arrested in motorcycle hit-and-run – May 27, 2010 –

Charleston, West Virginia - Charleston police arrested two people in connection with a hit-and-run accident that left a St. Albans man seriously injured. Sgt. Shawn Williams said James Dixon, 45, of St. Albans was heading east on Kanawha Boulevard when Amanda B. Pritt, 25, of Sissonville made an illegal U-turn in her white Pontiac Torrent. The SUV slammed into Dixon’s bike, knocking him to the ground & sending the motorcycle skidding on its side for 50 to 60 feet. Pritt & her passenger, identified as Daniel G. Pauley, 30, also of Sissonville fled the scene. Dixon was transported to Charleston Area Medical Center’s General Hospital & later lost his leg due to the severity of his injuries, police said. The sergeant said the city’s traffic division received a tip the SUV was hidden in the woods near a Tolley Drive home & that Pritt & Pauley were involved in the hit-and-run. The couple told police they were trying to buy drugs on the West Side when the crash occurred. Pritt told police she fled because she was afraid. Pauley was charged with failure to report an accident & was being held at South Central Regional Jail. Pritt was charged with failure to report an accident, leaving the scene of an accident causing injury, a turning violation, driving without insurance, driving on a suspended license & failure to render aid.

A man inserted an ‘ad’ in the classifieds: “Wife wanted”.

Next day he received a hundred letters.

They all said the same thing: “You can have mine.”

Highwaymen racketeering case goes to jury – May 27, 2010 – *Michigan* – By Paul Egan - Jurors began deliberating today in the Highwaymen MC racketeering case after a Fed prosecutor sought to refute about 7 hours of closing arguments made by 6 defense attorneys over 2 days. Asst U.S. Atty Chris Graveline confronted a theme the defense hammered on repeatedly -- that the worst criminals in the club were the ones who testified at trial on behalf of the Gov't. James Thomas, the Detroit atty representing lead defendant Aref "Steve" Nagi, told jurors the Gov't is asking them to rely on criminals to provide proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the 6 alleged Highwaymen leaders are guilty. Since a reasonable doubt is defined as one that would cause a person to hesitate in making the most important decisions in their life, Thomas asked how jurors would react if Burton & 3 other of the Gov't witnesses knocked on their door, said there had been an accident down the street, & asked the juror to go investigate while Burton & the others watched their home & children. "You'd hesitate," Thomas predicted. Only 1 former Highwaymen, Doug Burnett, who made drug controlled purchases for the FBI, was paid for working on the case, Graveline said. That was so he wouldn't need to keep a job & would have more time to hang out at the clubhouse & elsewhere to gather evidence, he said. Burnett testified he received a \$25,000 bonus after there were guilty pleas in a related drug case & said he thought he might receive another bonus if there were convictions in this case, Thomas said. "That's not being on the payroll," Thomas said. "That's not working for a wage. That's bought & paid for testimony."

Realities Ride & Rally expected to fill the street – May 27, 2010 – *Fort Collins, Colorado* – By Stacy Nick - The image of a gang of burly outlaw bikers riding into town to raise havoc will have to take a backseat this Memorial Day weekend. More than 5,000 motorcycle enthusiasts are expected to fill the streets of Fort Collins, not to inflict terror, but to bring hope. The annual Realities Ride & Rally rolls into town beginning Fri for a holiday weekend full of bikes & bands, all in an effort to raise money & awareness regarding the issue of child abuse. Organizers expect this year's event to attract approximately 10,000 attendees from all walks - & rides. "It's not a rowdy Sturgis thing," said Craig Secher, Pres of the event's main sponsor, Realities for Children. The organization is dedicated to serving the unmet needs of abused & neglected children in Larimer County by working with various youth agencies & programs. "This event really is for everyone - whether they ride or not," Secher said. Now in its 9th year, the event will feature a 100-mile ride, more than 20 hours worth of live music, the Colorado ColorFest Tattoo Contest, the Suicidal Lifestyles Stunt Show, Vemma Verve!'s Burnout Pit & Thunder Roads' Vintage Bike Show. It will also feature more than \$10,000 in cash & prize giveaways. Last year's event raised \$55,000, said Holli A. Milenski, Realities V.P. of operations & promotional coordinator. This year they hope to raise \$70,000.

Hells Angels party strains police budget in Manville – May 27, 2010 – *New Jersey* - After officials reported that overtime for an increased police presence during a recent event hosted by the Hells Angels cost local taxpayers \$8,500, the Borough Council in this Somerset County town is contemplating an ordinance that would give the borough jurisdiction over large events. The Newark chapter of the Hells Angels motorcycle club traveled into town Sunday for what was described on its website as an annual spring party at Rhythms of the Night on South Main Street. Hundreds of bikers attended the event, which was within capacity limitations for the nightclub, said Councilman Ed Komoroski. Komoroski said that in addition to the borough's 22 officers, police from neighboring Hillsborough, Bridgewater, the Somerset

section of Franklin & the Somerset County Sheriff's Office also were at Rhythms of the Night. A town-by-town breakdown of overtime costs for the police presence at the club was not immediately available. Komoroski made it clear that the motorcycle group & some of its members, who have patronized Manville establishments in the past, have never caused a problem in the borough. The increase in police presence was due to magnitude of the event, he said. Police Chief Mark Peltack told the council that no trouble broke out during the event. At the next night's Borough Council meeting, Komoroski proposed enacting an ordinance that would give municipal officials a say in what types of organizations & how many people can gather at local establishments. "It's not to single out any specific person, organization or business," Komoroski said Thursday. "My feeling is if the Police Department thinks there is a safety concern, it (event) should come to the mayor & council or some board to make a decision to say if this should go on. Sunday was a considerable amount of money — not just for Manville, but for Somerset County, the state & neighboring towns."

Hells Angels arrive in Prague, some detained – May 27, 2010 – *Prague, Czech Republic* - Participants in the Friday global meeting of the Hells Angels MC are coming to Prague, the commercial television station Nova said yesterday, adding that the police have detained 15 foreigners in connection with the event. Foreigner police spokeswoman Katerina Rendlova told CTK in the afternoon that the foreigner police had arrested one of the members of the HAMC at a border crossing with Poland. While checking him, the police found it was a Finnish citizen registered as undesirable & expelled him from the country, Rendlova said. Prague police spokeswoman Andrea Zoulova said in the afternoon that about 100 participants in the meeting had arrived for Prague, while others were coming. The Prague police have prepared a special traffic security action focusing on checks of HAMC followers, she added. Hells Angels meet every year in a different European town. In Prague, this is the second meeting. The first took place in 2005. Some observers say the HAMC is involved in drug dealing, blackmail & illegal arms trafficking.

Motorcycle gang files lawsuit in wake of New Year' Eve Raid – May 28, 2010 – *Tennessee* – By A.P. - A motorcycle gang that authorities raided on New Year's Eve has filed a multi-million-dollar lawsuit asking for damages for the raid. The suit by the Outlaws names Knox County, the city of Knoxville, Sheriff JJ Jones, & others. It asks for 6 million dollars in damages related to the raid Dec 31, 2009 at the gang's headquarters near Western Ave. The Knox County Sheriff's Office broke up a party at the group's clubhouse using concussion grenades & a SWAT team. Their attorney said the raid was staged for maximum visibility & never should have happened. "There were several people there that had nothing to do with what the police were there for. We think they picked the wrong time to do it. We think they went there when they knew they would have a lot of innocent people," said Phil Lomonaco, the motorcycle club's attorney. Lomonaco also claimed the sheriff's office sought out Judge Bill Swann to sign the search warrant because he normally handles divorces & was less familiar with this kind of case. Two members of the outlaws are still facing charges of aggravated kidnapping & aggravated robbery in connection with the raid. Three others were charged with drug possession.

A Gov'ts purpose is to serve those individuals from whom Gov't receives its authority; it has no other purpose.
- Jerry Ahern, Chapter 1 of "No Survivors"

Civil rights lawsuit filed over New Year's Eve 'Outlaw' biker bust – May 28, 2010 – *Knoxville, Tennessee* – By Michael Grider - Knoxville atty Phil Lomonaco filed a civil rights lawsuit against Knox County Sheriff Jimmy J.J. Jones, Knoxville Police Chief Sterling Owen IV, the City of Knoxville & Knox County, in addition to several others involved in the Dec. 31, 2009 raid of a home where an Outlaw MC party was being held. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of several Outlaw MC members, including Mark Lester & Kenneth Foster, who were charged with aggravated assault & aggravated kidnapping after allegedly keeping an undercover deputy against his will & forcing him to give back his gang-issued shirt.

Outlaws club member pleads in drug investigation – May 28, 2010 – *Pennsylvania* – By Sheena Delazio - But a member from Forty Fort opts to go to trial on trafficking-related charges. Two men charged with involvement in a \$3.6 million cocaine distribution ring appeared in Luzerne County Court this week, with one pleading guilty to a charge & the other asking for a jury trial. Larry Gwynn, 55, of Hanover Township, pleaded guilty Wed to a charge of criminal conspiracy, while Kevin Nowakowski, 34, of Forty Fort, requested a trial on related charges, including corrupt organizations & criminal conspiracy. According to court records, an investigation began in July 2008 when agents with the state Bureau of Narcotics investigation unit received information that someone was selling large quantities of cocaine in the Wilkes-Barre area. The investigation led to the arrest of several members of the Outlaws MC, based in Ashley. Gwynn, of Allenberry Drive, pleaded guilty to a single count of criminal conspiracy before Judge Tina Polachek Gartley. He will be sentenced on July 26. According to court papers, cell phones owned by Gwynn were used to make calls between Sept 12 & Nov. 6, 2008, arranging drug buys for other members of the Outlaws. Nowakowski, investigators allege, played a bigger role in the drug ring. Investigators said they made about 30 controlled cocaine purchases from Nowakowski & Outlaws members John "J Bone" Ricci & Ronald Molnar. Ricci has pleaded guilty to his role in the ring, & will be sentenced on July 26; Molnar also pleaded guilty & will be sentenced on June 25. Gwynn & Nowakowski are 2 of several Outlaws members who appeared in Luzerne County Court recently. Michael Scavone, 44, Harveys Lake, who was sentenced this week to one year of house arrest by Polachek Gartley, also received three years, six months probation for his crimes. Another man, Kenneth Koonrad, 26, of Wilkes-Barre, also was scheduled to be sentenced earlier this week for his role in the drug ring, but his attorney continued his sentencing to Oct. 5. Koonrad pleaded guilty to charges in April. On May 13, Lazaro Salavarrria, 44, Park View Circle, Wilkes-Barre, was sentenced to 2 to 5 years in state prison by Luzerne County Judge Lewis Wetzel after pleading guilty to charges of corrupt organization, criminal conspiracy, delivery of a controlled substance & criminal use of a communication facility.

Senior Finks Biker 'turned life around,' court told – May 28, 2010 – *Australia* – By Sean Fewster - A Senior Finks biker who turned a luxury house into an arsenal has asked to serve his punishment in home detention. William Davis today told the District Court he had turned his life around, kicked his drug habit & begun to "extricate" himself from the outlaw club. David Edwardson, QC, for Davis, said his client's 39 months on home detention bail without incident proved his rehabilitation was "well & truly advanced". "There has been a significant & dramatic change in his lifestyle... (the Finks are) a chapter in his life which is behind him," he said. "His focus is now very much on one path

& one path alone - his wife & child. "He's 51, & it's about time he focused." Davis, of Taperoo, last week pleaded guilty to numerous drugs & firearms offences. Judge Julie McIntyre remanded Davis on continuing bail for sentencing next week.

Man jailed for dismembering drug dealer – May 28, 2010 – *Australia* - By Jamelle Wells - A man who kidnapped Sydney drug dealer Terry Falconer & later helped dismember his body will spend up to 20 years in jail. Sean Waygood, 39, pleaded guilty to 8 charges after his arrest last year. The Downing Centre District Court heard he kidnapped Falconer, put him in a metal box & helped dismember his body. Falconer's body was found inside garbage bags in the Hastings River near Girvan on the New South Wales central coast in 2001. Waygood also committed firearms offences & conspired to murder two men, including the former head of the Bandidos, Felix Lyle. In sentencing Waygood to 20 years, a judge said he kept his crimes secret from family & friends. The court heard that by day he studied & worked as an occupational health & safety adviser. Falconer also spent four years in the Army as a highly trained commando. Waygood will be eligible for parole in 2024.

NAACP again monitors black bike rally – May 28, 2010 – *Myrtle Beach, South Carolina* – AP - Officials of the state chapter of the NAACP again will monitor a black biker rally on the South Carolina coast for instances of discrimination. The Rev. Nelson Rivers of Charleston joins other officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Myrtle Beach on Thursday to announce what is called Operation Bike Week Justice. NAACP officials will monitor police activity & treatment of black tourists during the Atlantic Beach Bikefest that attracts black bikers at Memorial Day. In 2008, officials in neighboring Myrtle Beach passed 15 laws to get rid of 2 springtime biker rallies. Last year, Atlantic Beach officials said about 175,000 people attended the black biker festival, down from as many as 400,000 in previous years.

Two Jus Brothers receive new trial – May 29, 2010 - *California* - Ashley Memory, 15, came to court Friday to see her father for the first time in four years. An appeals court in March tossed out the 2006 convictions of Jus Brothers MC members Frankie Prater, 45, & Robert Memory, 40, in connection with the fatal stabbing of a 22-year-old outside a Stockton bar, & Robert Memory was back from prison in Mississippi for a new trial. In a brief hearing Friday afternoon, San Joaquin County Superior Court Judge Linda Lofthus recused herself from the case & transferred it to another judge, setting a procedural hearing for Tue. Prater was convicted of second-degree murder in the stabbing of Mark Donahue in front of Shakers in 2004 & was sent to San Quentin State Prison. He did not appear Friday. Lawyers told Lofthus they did not know why he had not been brought to the courthouse. Robert Memory had been sentenced to more than 9 years in prison on 2 counts of attempted voluntary manslaughter & 2 counts of assault with a deadly weapon. The state's 3rd District Court of Appeal ruled Lofthus erred in allowing the prosecution to characterize Prater & Robert Memory as Jus Brothers members with ties to the Hells Angels MC, their conviction amounting to "guilt by association," the court said. In court Fri, Ashley Memory said her father looked about the same as he did when she last saw him, except "more sad, more depressed." Across the aisle from her were Donahue's parents, Steven & Sharon. They said it was hard returning to court. "It brings it all back," Steven Donahue said.

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you...

Hells Angels ride no more in German State – May 29, 2010 – *Germany* - The interior ministry of the north German state Schleswig Holstein has made membership in local chapters of the Hells Angels & Bandidos biker gangs illegal. Over 300 police officers raided the headquarters of the “HAMC Charter Flensburg” & “Bandidos MC Probationary Chapter Neumuenster” on Thu morning, as a ban against the groups came into effect. According to Klaus Schlie, interior minister of Schleswig Holstein, both clubs are in violation of penal law & go against the constitutional order. He said the goal of the clubs is to display criminal force in a certain area & to claim territorial rights over.

N.S. Hells Angel arrested in Montreal double homicide – May 31, 2010 – *Canada* - A Nova Scotia man arrested Monday in connection with a double homicide in Montreal in Jan is a suspected member of the Nomads, an elite branch of the Hells Angels, who was swept up in a 2001 raid on the Halifax chapter of the motorcycle gang. Jeffrey Lynds, 42, was arrested by police in Truro, N.S, following an investigation into the slaying of two men in Montreal’s Notre-Dame-de-Grâce district Jan. 24. Lynds has not yet been charged, & police would not speculate on what charges he could face. They would also not speculate on a motive for the Montreal killings.

Bar ban on bikie to be withdrawn – June 1, 2010 – *Australia* - WA Police have been forced to quash a prohibition order against veteran Coffin Cheater bikie Eddy Withnell after a Supreme Court appeal today - effectively allowing him back into licensed venues. In an embarrassing move just days after the Cameron Mansell arrest warrant bungle, police were today forced to concede that they had incorrectly classified confidential police information, which formed part of the application & had been kept secret from Withnell. Detective Superintendent Jim Migro, chief of the Licensing Enforcement Division, said police had received legal advice that some of the material presented to the Liquor Commission as confidential police information should have been classified as unrestricted information & made available to Mr Withnell & his legal advisers. “This is not a clerical error, this is about interpretation of new legislation which is complex & because of new advice from the State Solicitors’ Office, we’ve agreed to a request for the prohibition order to be quashed & we will be submitting a new application to the Director of Racing, Gaming & Liquor,” Det-Supt Migro said. Police are now working on a fresh prohibition order application banning Withnell from visiting or working in licensed premises.

Former bikie jailed - June 1, 2010 - *Australia* - A reformed bikie caught with an arsenal of weapons & ammunition stashed in a secret cupboard at his Adelaide home has been jailed for more than 6 years. Police found 8 guns & more than 3000 rounds of ammunition, hidden in the wall cavity of the laundry at the suburban North Haven address where William Davis, 51, lived in 2006. He was a member of the Finks bikie gang at the time & said he feared for his safety because of a dispute with a rival bikie gang. His cache of weapons included 3 assault rifles, bolt action rifles, semi-automatic shotguns & a .38 calibre revolver.

Pretend Biker Jailed – June 1, 2010 – *Canada* - A 31-year-old man who pretended to be an outlaw biker so his girlfriends wouldn’t report it when he raped, beat & stole from them was sentenced to six years in prison Wed. Peter Guido admitted that he pretended to be a member of the elite Hells Angels Nomads & routinely told the two women that their lives would be at risk if they didn’t submit to his demands for money & sex.

Year later, Gang Strike Force probe rolls on – June 1, 2010 – *Minnesota* - By Randy Furst, Star Tribune - While some critics expressed dismay as the investigation drags on, other experts said the time isn’t unusual. A year after operations of the Metro Gang Strike Force were suspended amid allegations of financial misconduct, document shredding & other improprieties, some of its critics say they’re dismayed that no one has been prosecuted yet. “This is like British Petroleum -- everyone pointing their finger at everyone else, & no one has assumed responsibility,” said Rep. Michael Paymar. Paymar, DFL-St. Paul, chairs a House committee with public safety oversight. He co-authored legislation to keep better tabs on drug & gang task forces -- one tangible result of the scandal over revelations that Strike Force officers seized money & property from people who weren’t charged, & that officers even took seized items home. The legislation was too modest for reformers who wanted to prohibit law enforcement departments across the state from keeping property without a conviction, but they said the legislation is a start, & they vow to push again next year for stronger measures. The other result critics called for -- criminal charges -- hasn’t materialized. But that door is still open, insist officials involved in probing the allegations. “We are looking at a pretty large entity over a large scope of time,” said FBI Special Agent E.K. Wilson. “Without saying how many individuals we are looking at, we have to look at it comprehensively.” Former U.S. Atty David Lillehaug said the probe’s length isn’t unusual. “In the average white-collar criminal case,” Lillehaug said, “the time from the start of a federal investigation to the time of charging or not charging is about a year & a half. Given the number of issues involving the Gang Strike Force, we might have to wait longer.” While the Justice Dept is examining allegations of corruption & civil rights violations, sources have indicated that charges, if they are forthcoming, most likely would focus on the latter.

U.S. Sentencing Commission’s Hearing on Fed Mandatory Minimums – June 1, 2010 – *USA* – By Mary Price, V.P. & General Counsel; FAMM - I’ve had a front row seat as she has borne witness to the staggering human cost of mandatory minimums. I think I’ve attended every congressional hearing, high level briefing, & sentencing commission panel she has been a part of. Yesterday, Julie brought people to their feet at the U.S. Sentencing Commission’s hearing on Fed mandatory minimums. Not the commissioners, not the policy wonks or attorneys or prosecutors in the audience. Not the panel after panel of experts & stakeholders. In one eloquent gesture, Julie brought it home. When it was her turn to speak, she asked every FAMM member at the hearing to rise & be recognized. They rose; some quickly, some slowly, some with dry eyes, some in tears. It was a moment of humanity & clarity. I don’t know when I’ve ever been prouder to work at FAMM & with Julie than I was at that moment. But, do you know what she said to me after she told the Sentencing Commission in no uncertain terms to forget politics & do the right thing? She said, “Mary, I want to scream from the rooftops that It’s Time To Quit Talking & Start Acting! Change these Unjust Laws that Everyone Knows Don’t Work!” After the family members, some of whom had travelled for hours because we asked them to join us at the hearing, came to thank her for being their voice to the people who make the laws, she told me: “Mary, we are not doing enough. We have to do more, work harder, be better than we are, so that we can deserve the trust that every prisoner & every one of their loved ones places in us.” She is right. We bear an awesome responsibility to bring the inhumane impact of mandatory minimums home to the experts, stakeholders & lawmakers who can change these unjust laws. Please help us bring this home for the people who matter most.

Federal gun charges filed against men at biker hangout – June 2, 2010 – *Oklahoma* – By David Harper - Two men who were arrested at the scene of a fatal shooting in April are now each charged with Fed gun crimes. Albert Ahlfinger, 49, appeared Tue in U.S. District Court in Tulsa after being charged with firearm possession despite having a felony record. Scott Sollars, 54, was charged separately with the same crime. Atty Beverly Atteberry said Sollars is planning to report to the Page Belcher Fed Building on Wed to make his initial court appearance. Illegal gun possession counts were previously filed against each man in Tulsa County District Court. State court prosecutors dropped the charge against Ahlfinger on Tue, & Atteberry said she expects the same to happen in Sollars' state case, assuming he reports to court as expected Wed. Assist U.S. Atty Joseph Wilson said the Tulsa U.S. Atty's Office routinely reviews potential Fed gun prosecutions & that these cases were selected because of the overall circumstances. The charges stem from an April 9 raid by law enforcement officers at a building at 1826 N. Kingston Place. Russell Doza was fatally shot there after he picked up a pistol & turned toward Tulsa County sheriff's deputies, officials said. The raid was conducted after an informant alleged that drugs were being sold at the building, which was the "Rogues Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Clubhouse," according to an FBI affidavit. In the building, firearms were "accessible to all subjects in the house," arrest reports state. Sollars & Ahlfinger both posted bond in the state case & were released from the Tulsa Jail on April 16. U.S. Magistrate Lane Wilson set a \$5,000 unsecured bond for Ahlfinger on Tue after the prosecution did not ask that he be jailed. Assist U.S. Atty Joel-lyn McCormick said Tue both Ahlfinger & Sollars would face a maximum of 10 years in prison if convicted of the Fed charges. The FBI affidavit says Ahlfinger's record includes a 1996 conviction for possession of a controlled substance & a 2008 stolen property conviction, both in Tulsa County. The same document says Sollars has convictions in Kentucky, Florida & Oklahoma dating back to 1975 for crimes such as burglary, auto theft, possession of a controlled drug & illegal gun possession.

New details in deadly stabbing in Oildale – June 2, 2010 – *California* - Sheriff Deputies say 18-year-old Roger Violano & 69-year-old Nerl Rinehart were stabbed during a fight outside Pirate Tattoo on N. Chester Ave Sun night. Violano later died at Kern Medical Center. "There are approximately 5 motorcycle gangs in Kern County that we're aware of. Often times gangs commit crimes to try to glorify their gangs, so the sheriff's Dept doesn't name them," said Senior Deputy Michael Whorf. So far, no arrests have been made.

Hells Angel loses latest anti gang patch bylaw challenge – June 2, 2010 – *New Zealand* - A Hastings member of the Hells Angels has lost his latest challenge to Whanganui's anti-gang patch bylaws. In rejecting Bryan Vincent Moore's appeal, Justice MacKenzie said in the High Court at Whanganui that he could still challenge the bylaws by way of a judicial review or under the Bylaws Act. Moore was convicted under the Whanganui District Council (Prohibition of Gang Insignia) Act 2009 in March when the district court ordered the gang insignia was to be destroyed or disposed of. Moore was prosecuted for wearing a Hells Angels t-shirt outside Whanganui police station on Sept 7 last year, within a week of the bylaw coming into force. In the district court, Moore challenged the validity of the bylaws, but Judge Barber ruled that the court had no jurisdiction to hear such an application, a decision upheld by the High Court. Justice MacKenzie said that Moore contended that there was no "specified place" for the gang patch prohibition because the council's bylaw in this regard

was invalid. The legislation prevents a bylaw being made which includes all public places within a district as "specified places". Whanganui District Council had included effectively the whole urban area of the city, though a small percentage of the total area of the district. Justice MacKenzie said a "close examination" of the council's decision-making process on this & other aspects of Moore's challenge to the bylaws would be required. The council would have to be involved as a party in such a proceeding. Justice MacKenzie said that, as the district court judge had said, Moore was still able to challenge the validity of the bylaw by way of an application for judicial review or under the Bylaws Act. He said that arrangements could easily have been made to have the prosecution delayed while such proceedings were progressed. "It is unfortunate that the procedure adopted has inevitably delayed a determination of the validity of the bylaw," MacKenzie said. "But that delay has resulted from the appellant's choice to assert the invalidity in what I have held is an inappropriate proceeding."

Angels fear tax man hell as legal fight fails – June 3, 2010 – *Australia* – By Janet Fife-Yeomans – Top Hells Angels bikies will be forced to answer questions about tax fraud & how they pay for their extravagant lifestyles after losing a court challenge against the Australian Crime Commission yesterday. The bikies fought tooth & nail against being dragged before the top crime-fighting body after nationwide raids on their homes in a crackdown on the gang's illegal activities last year. Their lawyers sought an injunction to block the examinations, arguing that not only were the commission's search & arrest warrants invalid but so was a secret meeting in a Darwin hotel room between the country's police commissioners to finalize the raids. The Fed Court rejection of their challenge means 12 of the bikie bosses will be quizzed about their present, future & past involvement in the Hells Angels as long as 19 years. Their identities have been suppressed. They must attend the commission's Sydney offices "from day to day until excused or released from further attendance". Sports cars, H-D motorcycles, drugs, firearms, their computers & a treasure trove of financial documents relating to club activities were seized during the raids as part of Strike Force Wolsely, one of the country's largest joint operations involving the ACC & NSW gang squad detectives. The 12 members of the Hells Angels were then served with summons to appear before the commission, which has sweeping powers to force them to give up their mates if they were involved in Fed crimes including drug & violence offences. The police chiefs, including NSW Commissioner Andrew Scipione, were at the Darwin SkyCity hotel on April 30 last year for the annual police commissioner's conference. The chiefs, who make up the board of the ACC, had an early morning teleconference with commission chief executive John Lawler to pass a special resolution to back up the powers of the 260 officers carrying out the raids by stating that the gangs had become so sophisticated that the police needed extra methods. Lawyers for the Hells Angels lost the argument that the meeting & the raids were invalid.

Kathy & Tim took their 6-year-old son (Jack) to the doctor. With some hesitation, they explained that although their little angel appeared to be in good health, they were concerned about his rather small penis. After examining the child, the doctor confidently declared, 'Just feed him pancakes. That should solve the problem.' The next morning when Jack arrived at breakfast, there was a large stack of warm pancakes in the middle of the table. 'Gee, Mom,' he exclaimed. 'For me?' 'Just take two,' Kathy replied. 'The rest are for your father.'

Bierstube tent party will rock on – June 3, 2010 – *Minnesota* – By Kathy Zillmer - Council approves Dokken event; security concerns addressed - The motorcycle gangs might be on their way, but Oakdale officials are OK with that. JW Bierstube's annual tent party, featuring performances by Dokken, Skid Row, Uncle Chuck & Ultimate Ozzy this year, received a special outdoor liquor license from the Oakdale City Council last week. When the council members 1st caught wind that the '80s heavy-metal band Dokken was part of the lineup June 19 & the event was being promoted as a "Bikerfest," they were nervous. But their concerns about noisy, leather-clad bikers descending on the suburb have waned in the past 2 weeks. The council members reviewed Bierstube owner Jim Yanz's license application at their workshop May 25 before unanimously approving the permit. They 1st discussed Bierstube's tent party at a May 11 workshop. Back then, they were upset that Dokken was advertising its show as a "Bikerfest". The label turned out to be an error that was corrected by the site manager after he was contacted by the Oakdale Police Dept. Ultimate Ozzy & Skid Row will perform Friday, June 18, & local act Uncle Chuck will open for Los Angeles-based Dokken the next night. Each show is from 7 p.m. to midnight. A concert tent that accommodates 2,000 people will be set up; between 1,000 & 1,500 fans are expected. The Bierstube is located on 10th Street in Bergen Plaza, which also has stores such as Rainbow Foods, K-mart & Anytime Fitness. The tent will be erected in the shopping center parking lot. The 2 concerts will kick off Oakdale's Summerfest Celebration, which takes place the following week. Crowd control, blaring music, security & performance times were also on the council's radar at its first workshop in May. And the council expressed frustration that Yanz booked the concert performers before his license application was reviewed, a process that includes making sure the venue meets safety codes, health requirements for food service & obtaining permission of the property owner. Yanz said at the May 25 workshop that he had some "managerial transitions" that put him behind at the restaurant, & that he takes full responsibility for booking the performers prior to receiving the license. He characterized it as a "miscommunication" between the city & him. "This is a blessing in disguise as far as future planning goes. I learned a valuable lesson," Yanz said. Yanz & the Bierstube's security manager have addressed all of the concerns about security & hair raisingly loud music.

Criminal element headed our way? Oakdale Police Chief Bill Sullivan said at the workshop that while the city's initial worries about the "Bikerfest" have been allayed, there could still be "outlaw motorcycle gangs" at the show. "If you start mixing outlaw motorcycle gangs & alcohol, we prefer not to do that. We have had an indication that there will be different groups represented, but we don't anticipate a big problem. We would be dealing with folks that we've dealt with before," Sullivan said. The council was assured that there will be 12 private security officers to monitor people at the concerts & anyone who might be loitering in the parking lot. "The later it goes, the more security we will have. If we sense something (is going on), we wouldn't hesitate to call police," Yanz said. "We hope to be able to take care of 100% of it, but as you know, things do happen." Security officers employed for the event are being outsourced from the Ramsey & Hennepin sheriff's Depts & the Oak Park Heights penitentiary. "Correctional officers are excellent for this type of event. They're used to those contained areas where you've got lots of emotional people," Sullivan said. Oakdale patrol officers will not be assigned to work at the concerts, he added. "This needs to be (the Bierstube's) problem & if there is an incident or situation we need to respond to we will do that. ... I think you can actually create more problems having the cops standing around all

night when people are drinking & everything else," Sullivan said. Sullivan added he does plan to be there each night to monitor the concerts & identify potential concerns to address before next year. The time of the concerts & the event's correlation with Summerfest will be discussed as part of the future special liquor license reviews. "The real fundamental issue here is: Was this the intent of Summerfest to have these kinds of events get to this scale & scope? If it is, that's fine; I don't have a problem with that. But we have to figure out how to coordinate the license & the band," Sullivan told the council.

Feds fight to keep Hells Angel in custody – June 3, 2010 - *Washington* – By Meghann - A member of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang who fought extradition to the United States for two years was granted bail by a U.S. magistrate in Spokane, but federal prosecutors are fighting the decision. Brian Lee Hall, 43, has been in the Spokane County Jail since May 7, more than four years after a grand jury indicted him on marijuana & money laundering charges. Hall, described in court documents as a full-patch member of the notorious biker gang, was arrested in British Columbia in 2008 & was in jail & on home-monitoring before consenting to extradition earlier this year. Fed prosecutors want him held without bail, but his attorney successfully argued last week that he should be allowed to return to Canada before the charges are resolved. A motion asking to reconsider Magistrate Cynthia Imbrogno's decision is to be argued on Thursday. Imbrogno cited Hall's lack of criminal history & his strong family support when allowing him to post \$400,000 bond - \$300,000 from Hall & \$100,000 from his grandparents, Howard & Lorna Bell - & leave the country. He's required to check in with authorities & not contact motorcycle gangs. A 19-page memorandum filed Monday by federal prosecutors says the letters from Hall's friend sand family presented to Imbrogno didn't prove Hall isn't a flight risk. It details several reasons to keep Hall behind bars, including the propensity of foreigners in drug cases to flee & the dangers associated with the Hells Angels.

Biker wants to go it alone for second trial in fatal bar fight – June 3, 2010 – *California* – By Scott Smith - A biker whose conviction & nine-year prison sentence was tossed out this year - sending him to be retried in Stockton for his role in a 2004 fatal bar fight - wants his second chance at justice sooner rather than later. Robert Kenneth Memory, 40, wants to go on trial beginning in August. And he wants to go it alone this time. He & Frankie Joe Prater, both members of Stockton's Jus Brothers MC, were convicted together in connection with the fight on Nov. 5, 2004, outside Shakers bar that left 22-year-old Mark Donahue dead. The state's 3rd District Court of Appeal in March overturned the convictions, saying the original trial judge mistakenly allowed the prosecutor to associate the pair with the notorious Hells Angels MC. In Wed's hearing - their first together since sentencing - attorney Victoria Bossi told San Joaquin County Superior Court Judge William Murray that her client didn't want to be tried this time with Prater. Bossi gave no explanation for Memory's request to be tried alone.

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- There can be no "I", there has to be "We"...
- One heart, One Voice...

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