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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

Editor: Mike SOS MC Retired...

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In memory of *Sons Of Silence Silver Tongue* (Retired) from *Minnesota* who passed away on June 8... R.I.P. Silver Tongue...

Congratulations to *Legion of Doom Bullet* on your release...

Congratulations to *Pagan Pop-Tart* on your release to a Half-Way House....

Congratulations to *Mongol Michael* on your release to a Half-Way House....

Congratulations to *Hells Angel Randy* on your release to a Half-Way House....

Congratulations to *Sin City Diciples Joker* on your upcoming release on August 2nd....

Welcome *Fly-In Wheel Chino* to the NCOM BBB Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome *Sons Of Silence Jason* from *North Dakota* to the NCOM BBB Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome *Bandido Time, Bandido Jussi, & Bandido Prospect Lance* from *Finland* to the NCOM BBB Newsletter Mailing List...

Happy Birthday (Belated) *Mongol Yoyo* in April...

Happy Birthday *Outlaw Kid* on June 12th...

Happy Birthday *Highwaymen Junior* on June 21st...

Happy Birthday *Outlaw Mad-Man* on June 21st...

Happy Birthday *Mongol Chucky* on June 7th...

Happy Birthday *Bandido T-Black* on June 21st...

Happy Birthday *Iron Coffin Honky* on June 21st...

Happy Birthday *Outlaw Frank* on June 26th...

Editor's Note: I would like to Thank the *Pagan's MC Nation* for their donation to this Newsletter...

I just received a \$ 50.00 check from them And a commitment for \$ 50.00 per month...

Editor's Note: Thank You letters to Sponsors: As Always, if you would like, you could send your Thank You letters to Sponsors to me And I'll see that they get them... I still believe best sent directly to the sponsors... Respects, Mike SOS MC Retired

Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of **73 Motorcycle Clubs**...

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

Editor's Note: I would like to Thank my Wife "Kari" for getting these Newsletters ready to be mail...

Disclaimer: The News Media does NOT always tell the Whole Truth... It tends to sensationalize the News to Sell Newspapers...

In Fact, Many Times the News Media gets the Facts Wrong!!!

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 (**73 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hells Angels, Hells Lovers, Hells Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Hidalgo's, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Coffins, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Legion Of Doom, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Marauder's, Misfits, Mohawk Valley Riders, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Renegades, Sadistics, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Deciples, Sons of Legion, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Unforegiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets / Legacy Vets, Y-Rohirrin, Warlocks Pa, Warlocks, Winos Crew And Wheels Of Soul... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, Sweden, & Wales...

Editor's Note: In the interest of cost savings, If you can share One copy of this newsletter where I am sending multiple copies to the same institution, please let me know... Thanks, Mike

Editor's Note: I produce this National Coalition of Motorcyclists Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter which is a non-partisan newsletter for Bikers by Bikers. Information from the Newsletter contains News Articles & other information that may be of interest to a biker behind bars. Financial support for this Newsletter comes mainly from NCOM, Motorcycle Clubs, And Confederations Of Clubs...

Editor's Note (For BBB Only): Being a Patch holder in Good Standings does have it privileges... And this is one of them... If you are a Patch Holder in Good Standings & contact me, include your Chapter too... If you are Not a patch holder of a MC in Good Standings, Don't write me & request that I add you to the mailing list. You will only get rejected, as I only make very few special exceptions.

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Editor's Note (New): I would like to Thank all of the contacts from all of the Motorcycle Clubs that verify if requesting member is in Good Standing with their Club; & all of the other assistance that you give me, such as address changes, being released, & soliciting donations...

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Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

NCOM Convention Hits Jackpot in Reno: Freedom is an ongoing gamble, with bikers' rights activists wagering to win against an often stacked deck, always in favor of the House, but everyone came away a winner at this year's 28th annual NCOM

Convention over Mother's Day weekend, May 9-12, 2013 at the posh Silver Legacy Resort-Casino in Reno, Nevada. But it was work, not play, on the agenda for hundreds of attendees from across the country there to discuss topics of concern to all riders; such as biker profiling & discrimination, motorcycle-only roadblocks, knowing your rights, & mobilizing motorcyclists to advocate motorcycle-friendly legislation & defeat anti-biking bills. The traditional "Ringing of the Bell" ceremony paid homage to those freedom fighters who have gone before us, while for the first time a Veterans' Rights seminar was conducted by NCOM's newly-formed Veteran Affairs Special Committee in an effort to reach out to true defenders of Freedom. The National Coalition of Motorcyclists is solely sponsored by the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists nationwide legal services program & serves as an umbrella organization for more than 2,000 NCOM Member clubs, organizations & associations worldwide, representing well over a quarter of a million politically active motorcyclists. NCOM has successfully outreached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legal & legislatively, & has become a unifying voice amongst North America's motorcycle rights organizations (MROs), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sportbikers, & minority motorcyclists. This year's NCOM Convention was hosted by the Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs, & all motorcyclists were welcomed & encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars & group discussions that focused on legislative efforts & litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights & preserve Freedom of the Road. During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; Gov't: Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker; Media: Becky Cakes - Classic Parts Hotline; Commerce: Chris McIntyre - Eagle Rider Motorcycle Rentals; Legal: Boyd Spencer - AIM Attorney for Pennsylvania & New Jersey; Entertainment: Max "Pitstop" Martini - Actor / Boozefighters MC; Special Recognition: Christine Paige - Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame, & Suzanne "Baglady Sue" Austin - Comedian; & NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Frank Ernst of ABATE of Minnesota & a member of the NCOM Board of Directors. Next year's 29th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 8-11, 2014 at The Intercontinental Hotel in Dallas, Texas. For further info, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com ...

"Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act" Introduced in Congress: Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced "a bill to prohibit the U.S. Dept of Transportation from providing funds to state & local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle only checkpoints." Filed on May 7, the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act, H.R. 1861, "also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates," according to Rep. Sensenbrenner. "This will stop the DOT from manipulating State policies with Fed money." Contact your Fed representatives & request they support H.R. 1861, & that they sign on as a co-sponsor of Sensenbrenner's bill. You can call members of Congress through the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

NTSB Recommends Lowering Drunk-Driving Limit to .05: The National Transportation Safety Board has issued a recommendation that states lower their drunk-driving thresholds from a 0.08 blood-alcohol content to 0.05 BAC. The recommendation is one of several the NTSB made to curtail drunk

driving, which the Fed investigative agency claims is involved in a third of America's 34,000 traffic deaths each year. The agency acknowledged in its report there is no one "silver bullet," but estimated that 500 to 800 lives per year could be saved with the proposed lower limit. Chairman Deborah Hersman admitted the NTSB is aiming even higher; "Reaching zero deaths from alcohol-impaired driving." Not everyone agrees. "This recommendation is ludicrous," said Sarah Longwell, managing director of the American Beverage Institute. "Moving from 0.08 to 0.05 would criminalize perfectly responsible behavior. Currently, all 50 states have set a BAC level of .08, though most countries in Europe including Russia, most of South America & Australia, have set BAC levels at .05 to constitute drunken driving. The NTSB only makes recommendations on transportation safety issues, & has little actual regulatory power. It will be up to Fed agencies, Congress & state lawmakers to take action. The last move from .10 to .08 BAC levels took 21 years for each state to implement.

Weather & Economy Drive Up Traffic Fatalities: For the first time in nearly a decade, the number of traffic deaths went up last year according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), which cited warmer weather & an improving economy for the 5.3% increase in fatalities to 34,080, the highest since 2008. The rise follows a steady decline in fatal accidents since 2005 when 43,510 people died, culminating in a 60-year-low of 32,367 in 2011, but NHTSA Administrator David Strickland said, "With a rebounding economy there's increased discretionary driving, which is clearly always the leader in terms of dangerous driving scenarios." U.S. motorcyclist deaths outpaced the overall national numbers with a projected 9% more fatalities in 2012, up to more than 5,000, & in addition to climatic & economic factors the agency also blames a long-term decline in helmet laws with only 19 states requiring usage, down from 26 states in 1997. "The most notable thing was the warm weather," said Dr. James Hedlund, a former NHTSA official & the author of the report by the Governors Highway Safety Association, as thirty-four states east of the Rocky Mountains notched record average temperatures from March to May 2012, & forty-eight states recorded their warmest average temperatures on record. The report also cited 2 economic factors that may have contributed to an increase in the number of miles traveled via motorcycle in 2012 & thus a higher probability of accidents: a better economy & high gas prices. "An improving economy produces more discretionary income with which to buy & ride motorcycles," said the study. Several states reported an increase in the number of registrations in 2012, & Hedlund has found that over the past 3 decades, the number of registrations tracks closely with the number of deaths. GHSA's recommendations for cutting motorcyclist deaths include reducing alcohol impairment, reducing speeding, increasing driver awareness, & ensuring that motorcyclists are licensed. According to GHSA, NHTSA data shows that in 2010, nearly a quarter of riders involved in fatal accidents did not have valid licenses.

Connecticut Riders Decry Proposal to Regulate Exhaust Systems: An unexpected effort in the General Assembly to crack down on noisy motorcycles is being met by opposition from the motorcycle industry. Under language added last week to a bill involving off-road ATVs, the sale, registration or operation of a street motorcycle having non-stock pipes would become a fineable offense. Most after-market exhaust systems are not EPA-certified. The new provisions, if approved, would require Fed Environmental Protection Agency noise emission control labels to

be displayed on all motorcycles, & would institute fines of up to \$250 per offense for non-compliance.

Ohio Lawmakers Call for Ban on Traffic Cameras: Following a biting ruling by a judge who called traffic cameras a scam, legislation was introduced on Feb 20th in Columbus, Ohio by Representative Ron Maag (R-Lebanon) to eliminate the use of photo monitoring devices to detect speed & traffic signal violations. He & Rep. Dale Mallory (D-Cincinnati), one of many bipartisan co-sponsors, believe the removal of "speed-trap" cameras is necessary & must be addressed immediately since there is no existing state law regulating traffic enforcement cameras, so communities operate their programs under local ordinances. Their hard-line stance against the cameras comes on the heels of Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Ruehlman's permanent injunction, which prohibits the further use of speed cameras in Elmwood Place, a Cincinnati suburb. Ruehlman granted the injunction citing there was a lack of due process for alleged violators. Judge Ruehlman's decision was unequivocal. He made national news headlines when he called the speed camera system in Elmwood Place "a high-tech game of 3-card Monty.... It is a scam the motorist cannot win." Between the camera enforcement, the lack of proper signage, & the fees for administrative hearings, Ruehlman declared that the town of Elmwood Place had violated drivers' due-process rights, & may be the first case in the U.S. that specifically addresses the constitutionality of traffic cams. In Ohio, there are at least 16 municipalities that use some kind of red light or speed camera, according to the Insurance Institute for Hwy Safety. In the U.S., there are more than 650 municipalities operating either red-light or speed cameras. Nine states have passed laws prohibiting the use of red-light cameras, & 12 outlaw speed cameras, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association, while 29 states have no law on the books. Some Ohio legislators hope to make the Buckeye State the Lucky 13th state, & House Bill 69 has been assigned to the House's Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee for further discussion & vote.

Poker Run Legalization Bill in Illinois: Companion bills SB 1960 & HB 2520; the "Poker Run Act," have been introduced in Illinois to legalize poker runs for the charities that bikers do & for Not For Profit organizations. "No segment in our society raises more money for charities & local citizens that are down & out on their luck than bikers," said Bob Myers, State Legislative Coordinator for ABATE of Illinois, who went on to explain; "Since 'Land Based Gaming' has become law, the Illinois liquor & Gaming agents have been tearing down our fliers in restaurants & bars claiming they are illegal as they use poker cards, spinners, dice, & marble spinners to complete the run." ABATE intends to use the legislation to correct problems with "poker" runs & other events that the Gaming commission & Liquor Control Board are treating as gambling. Poker runs shall include "dice runs", "marble runs" or other events where the object is to build or obtain some matter of a score with which the participants use in a competition. Poker runs shall not constitute a game of chance under the Illinois Gaming Act or Liquor controls Act & shall not be regulated under those Acts.

Three-Wheelers may be Exempted from Louisiana Helmet Law: Louisiana was the most recent state to (re)impose a mandatory helmet law for all motorcyclists back in 2004, but the House Transportation committee recently advanced legislation that would exempt a new concept vehicle from the legal category that requires drivers to wear helmets. HB 218's exemption would apply to the three-wheeled Elio Motors vehicle, which is

preparing for production at the Shreveport plant that once made pickups for General Motors. Because the Elio has 3 wheels, it's considered a motorcycle under Fed & state safety regulations. "It definitely affects our sales because a lot of people don't want to order the car if it requires wearing helmets," said Joel Sheltroun, V.P. for governmental affairs at Elio Motors, adding that "We're not bound by automotive standards, but that is our goal."

Quotable Quote: "It's a world with 20,000 television channels... Get as far away from it as you can." - Honda ad

Bikie facing drugs & crash charges – May 15, 2013 – *Australia* – By www.ABC.net.au - A Hells Angels member is to face charges over an incident last March when he allegedly tried to evade police & crashed into a car at Marion in Adelaide's south. Police allege the man was seen riding his motorcycle in Marion Rd while disqualified & crashed into a car in Oaklands Road, sustaining serious leg injuries. Officers claim the man tried to hide 2 containers of methamphetamine after the crash. Authorities caught up with the man, 24 from Mile End, this week & laid charges. He was given bail & will face Adelaide Magistrates Court next month.

Warlock Motorcycle member shoots girlfriend in the head - May 16, 2013 – *Pennsylvania* - By Linda Reilly; www.DelcoTimes.com - A township man, whom police identified as a member of the Warlocks MC, is in custody for allegedly shooting his 19-year-old girlfriend Tuesday night in the apartment they shared. Michael DeLuca, of the 7400 block of West Chester Pike, wore a white disposable jumpsuit at arraignment Wednesday morning because police retained his clothes as evidence. Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood said the woman suffered a gunshot wound to the head at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday & was transported to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in extremely critical condition. After emergency surgery for the entry wound behind the right ear & exit wound through the left eyebrow, the victim's condition was upgraded to stable. "We received a radio call of a shooting & (DeLuca) gave conflicting statements that forensic evidence shows otherwise," Chitwood said. "We believe it was possibly domestic violence." Police recovered the projectile from the wall of the apartment, the shell casing from DeLuca & a .38-caliber handgun. "We don't know where he got the gun," Chitwood said. "He's a convicted felon who served 2 stints in prison. He's a Warlock. We got his colors. He tried to hide his jacket, but we found it." According to the affidavit, DeLuca called 911 & reported he had accidentally shot the woman in the head while cleaning his gun. When officers responded to the scene, DeLuca allegedly told them he & the victim were seated on the couch smoking marijuana while he was trying to tattoo his arm. "He said, 'I felt something in the couch & I pulled out a gun,'" Detective Leo Hanshaw wrote in the affidavit. "He said, 'The trigger was back & I shot her in the head. It was an accident.'" Two witnesses told police they heard a lot of banging & a male yelling from the apartment. "The witness then heard a loud bang & a man's voice saying, 'Get up. Get up,'" Hanshaw wrote. Another witness confirmed the sounds of banging, yelling & arguing coming from the apartment for an estimated 15 to 30 minutes. "The witness then heard a loud bang, crackling sound & a male's voice saying, 'Get up. Get up,'" Hanshaw noted. While being interviewed at the police station by Hanshaw & Capt. George Rhoades Jr., DeLuca allegedly told another story of trying to unload the gun when it went off, striking the woman. Magisterial District Judge Ann Berardocco arraigned DeLuca on charges of criminal attempt homicide, possessing instruments of

crime, aggravated assault, reckless endangerment & drug possession. Bail was set at \$2.5 million cash pending a preliminary hearing May 22 in district court.

Province wants Hells Angels deemed criminal organization – May 16, 2013 – *Canada* – By CBC New - New classification would help with future court cases against members, officials say... Manitoba has taken the first step to have an infamous motorcycle gang declared a criminal organization. On Thu, Manitoba Justice announced they have submitted an application to have the Hells Angels MC added to a schedule of criminal groups. If the petition is successful, lawyers would no longer have to prove in future court cases that the organization is involved in criminal activity. Provincial officials said it's the first use of the process under the recently changed Manitoba Evidence Act, & it would be the first proceeding of its kind in North America. The group will have an opportunity to object to the classification in writing, & an independent, external review panel will review the material to determine if the group is a criminal organization.

Greeley police look for suspects in biker brawl – May 17, 2013 – *Colorado* – By www.DenverPost.com - Greeley police were investigating a large fight Thursday night at the Road Kill Sports Grill that involved biker gangs, reports of gun shots & possible injuries. "We had some type of a fight at the bar here. There were reports of shots fired, & it appears to be gang related," Greeley police Sgt. Bill West said at the scene, clarifying that the incident likely involved biker gangs. The incident began about 9:30 p.m. at the sports grill, 2263 Greeley Mall. Law enforcement officers from the Greeley P.D., Evans P.D. & the Weld County Sheriff's Office had the outside perimeter of the entire restaurant cordoned off behind yellow police tape & were talking several witnesses inside the cordon. Outside the tape, a number of onlookers stood in the parking lot, watching the police activity as a light rain began to fall. Evans resident Doug Lyons said he had left the restaurant just minutes before the fight started. He said Road Kill has done a special biker night promotion every week in the spring & summer for several years. He said he usually comes to the restaurant for biker night & had never any problems before. Lyons said he did see a lot biker gang activity at the crowded restaurant on Thu, though he didn't know any specifics about what may have happened. West said 2 people showed up at North Colorado Medical Center with injuries after, but he couldn't say whether the injuries were related to the fight. He also said he couldn't say anything about the severity of injuries.

A Redneck with a bucket full of live fish was approached recently by a game warden in Texas as he started to drive his boat away from a lake. The game warden asked the man, "May I see your fishing license please?" "Naw, sir," replied the redneck. "I don't need none of them there papers. These here are my pet fish." "Pet fish!?" "Yep. Once a week, I bring these here fish o'mine down to the lake & let 'em swim 'round for a while. Then when I whistle, they swim right back into my net & I take 'em home." "What a line of baloney....you're under arrest." "It's the truth, Mr. Gov't man. I'll show ya! We do this all the time!!" "We do, now, do We?" smirked the warden. "Prove it!" The redneck released the fish into the lake & stood & waited. After a few minutes, the warden said, "Well?" "Well, WHUT?" said the redneck. The warden asked, "When are you going to call em back?" "Call who back?" "The Fish," replied the warden! "Whut fish?" asked the redneck. **Moral of the Story:** We may not be as smart as some city slickers, but we ain't as dumb as some Gov't employees.

Greeley police look for suspects in biker brawl – May 18, 2013 – *Colorado* – By www.TheDenverChannel.com - The Greeley P.D. said it is working to identify suspects in a biker gang stabbing at a sports bar Thu night. Officers were called to the RoadKill Sports Grill at the Greeley Mall at 9:30 p.m. on a report of a fight & shooting. Upon arrival, officers found more than 100 people in the parking lot who had been attending a “Bike Night” event sponsored by the business. During the event, which takes place in the parking lot, rival gang members from Hells Angels, Sons of Silence & Silent Warriors were involved in a large fight, police said. Two people were knifed during the fight, according to police. As the groups were fleeing the scene, a member of Hell’s Angels pulled a pistol & fired 2 rounds into a rival gang member’s motorcycle, police said. In addition, another person fired several rounds into the air. On Fri, the Roadkill Sports Grill was served with a motion to suspend its liquor license for a period not to exceed 15 days. A show cause hearing for the business will be scheduled to review the incident to determine if they are eligible to retain their liquor license. Greeley Police Chief Jerry Garner stated that incidents of this nature will not be tolerated within the city. He also thanked the Weld County Sheriff’s Office & the Evans P.D. for their assistance in the investigation.

U.S. Defenders Nationwide Call To Action – May 20, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By Paul Landers; US National Lt. Commander; <http://USDefenders.org> - *To all US Defenders / C.O.I.R.*, MRF alerts recently reported that Congressman James Sensenbrenner (Wisconsin) filed a bill on Tuesday, May 7th to prohibit the Fed funding of motorcycle only roadside checkpoints. Do not delay in contacting your reps today! The bill, H.R. 1861, has 9 original co-sponsors however; we need many more to pass this landmark legislation. Sensenbrenner had this to say in a ‘Dear Colleague letter’ that is circulating in the House of Representatives; ‘In the 112th Congress, I introduced H.R. 904, a bill to prohibit the **Dept of Transportation** from providing funds to state & local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle only checkpoints. Section one of the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act contains the same language as H.R. 904. However, this bill also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates.’ We did have a National CTA to support H.R. 904, & now are in support of this 2013 bill H.R. 1861. The bill was officially introduced on May 7th. It’s important to contact your sitting member of the U.S. House of Representatives & ask them to be a co-sponsor of this Bill. Ask them to contact Congressman James Sensenbrenner & lend their support as a co-sponsor of H.R. 1861. We would also like all of our members to urge their U.S. House Representative to support this legislation. I’m sure the Transportation Dept can find some more meaningful & worthwhile use of our limited tax dollars! You can contact the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121... To find out who your U.S. House Representative is log on to <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/> in the top/middle of the page Find Your Representative... Enter your zip code & find your representative. The following is a sample conversation with your representative. *Hello my name is (your name)* I live at (your address) I am calling you to ask that you co-sponsor & support Jim Sensenbrenner’s Bill H.R. 1861 Entitled Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act introduced on May 7th. As a concerned taxpaying citizen I would appreciate your support on this meaningful piece of legislation... US Defenders/ C.O.I.R.; National Office

The Gov’t cannot give to anybody anything that the Gov’t does not first take from somebody else.

Road Kill Sports Bar Has Liquor License Suspended - May 20, 2013 – *Colorado* - By Susan Moore; <http://k99.com> - A Greeley Sports Bar had its liquor license suspended after an incident in which 2 people were stabbed & a gun was fired on Thursday, May 16th. The Roadkill Sports Grill in Greeley lost its liquor license for 15 days after rival gang members from the Hells Angels, Sons of Silence, & Silent Warriors were involved in a large fight. A “Show Cause” hearing for the business will be held to determine if the Roadkill be allowed to retain their liquor license. The investigation continues as the Greeley P.D. tries to identify the primary suspects who were responsible for the stabbings. Three people leaving the scene were arrested on unrelated charges.

On May 16, 2013 at approximately 9:30pm, Officers of the Greeley P.D. responded to the RoadKill Sports Grill, at the Greeley Mall, on a report of a fight & shooting. Upon arrival, officers discovered 100-150 persons in the parking lot. They had been attending a Bike Night event sponsored by the business. During the event, which takes place in the parking lot, rival gang members from the Hells Angels, Sons of Silence, & Silent Warriors were involved in a large fight. During the fight, 2 subjects were stabbed. Both subjects transported themselves to the hospital for treatment. As the groups were fleeing the scene, a member of the Hell’s Angels took out a pistol & fired 2 rounds into the motorcycle of one of the rival gangs. In addition, several other rounds were fired in the air by an unknown suspect. At the time of the incident, there were over 100 citizens, including children, who were present, attending the event. Members from both groups were contacted by police officers as they were leaving the scene. The investigation continues at this time to identify the primary suspects who were responsible for the stabbing. Additional contact & witness statements are being obtained from those who were in attendance. Criminal charges are anticipated as a result of the ongoing investigation. Three subjects leaving the scene were contacted by an officer of the Evans P.D. & arrested on unrelated charges.

On May 17, 2013 the Roadkill Sports Grill was served with a Motion for Summary Suspension as a result of the incident. The businesses liquor license has been temporarily suspended for a period not to exceed 15 days. A show cause hearing for the business will be scheduled to review the incident to determine if they are eligible to retain their liquor license. Officers from the Greeley P.D., Weld County Sheriff’s Office, & the Evans P.D. responded to the scene. Chief Garner, of the Greeley P.D., stated that incidents of this nature will not be tolerated within the City of Greeley. He also wished to convey his thanks to the other Depts who assisted in this investigation.

If you’ve ever worked for a boss who reacts before getting the facts & thinking things through, you will recognize this. Magnum Steel, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning against a wall. The room was full of workers & he wanted to let them know that he meant business. He asked the guy, “How much money do you make a week?” A little surprised, the young man looked at him & said, “I make \$400 a week. Why?” The CEO said, “Wait right here.” He walked back to his office, came back in 2 minutes, & handed the guy \$1,600 in cash & said, “Here’s 4 weeks’ pay. Now Get Out & don’t come back.” Feeling pretty good about himself the CEO looked around the room & asked, “Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?” From across the room a voice said, “Pizza delivery guy from Domino’s.”

Outlaws MC meth probe nabs 2 more men - May 24, 2013 - *Maryland* - By Van Smith, <http://blogs.CityPaper.com> - When news broke in Feb that 2 Maryland men, including the Pres of the Philadelphia chapter of the Outlaws MC, had been indicted in a methamphetamine conspiracy after the FBI had infiltrated the club, one knowledgeable observer, who writes a blog called "Aging Rebel," predicted there may be other shoes yet to drop. Yesterday, they did, when an April 17 Pennsylvania indictment of Robert Mansfield, a Marylander, & another man named Joseph "Timber" Malcolm, was unsealed. The 2 are charged in Fed court with participating in a conspiracy to distribute meth & "collect an extension of credit by extortionate means." Mansfield appeared in U.S. District Court in Baltimore yesterday & was ordered detained & transferred to Philadelphia to answer to the indictment. It is not clear whether or not Malcolm is currently in custody. The indictment describes the same series of events that resulted in the earlier one, which charged 2 Maryland men - Ronald L. "Bugs" Sells of Churchville, Md., near Belair in Harford County, & Michael James "Maniac" Privett of Baltimore - with the same crimes. Sells & Privett entered guilty pleas on May 2, according to court records, & both are scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 6. Privett was released on \$50,000 bond on April 2, with the condition that he remain on 24-hour home confinement with electronic monitoring at a residence in the Graceland Park neighborhood of Baltimore. Court documents say that prior to being arrested in the case, Privett "had long-standing, full time employment as a pile driver in & around the Chesapeake Bay." According to court documents, Sells was paroled in 1978 after a 1972 second-degree murder conviction in Ohio & Privett, who was the "Warlord," or enforcer, for the OMC's Philadelphia chapter, has a criminal background that includes convictions for assaults, drug possession, & accessory after the fact. On the night in April 2008 when Norman Stamp, a 44-year Baltimore police veteran, was killed during a brawl at the Haven Place strip club in Baltimore during a gathering of the Chosen Sons MC, which Stamp co-founded, a man with the same name as Privett's was being initiated to the club, according to press accounts at the time. The events prompting the 2 Penn indictments are as follows, according to the indictment against Malcolm & Mansfield - which attributes to them statements that in prior court documents had been attributed to Privett: On Jan. 17, Malcolm & Mansfield gave about 2 pounds of meth to Sells & an undercover FBI agent posing as an OMC prospect, on credit, expecting to be repaid quickly. On Jan. 22, Malcolm & Mansfield went to Sells' home in Churchville to be paid, & Sells told them he'd given the drugs to the undercover prospect, who had not yet sold them, so Malcolm & Mansfield told Sells to give them the undercover prospect's contact information so they could find him & collect the money. The same day, Malcolm & Mansfield had Privett threaten Sells & the undercover prospect, & Privett told the undercover prospect to pay up or "people are going to die." On Jan. 29, Mansfield left a voicemail on the undercover prospect's phone, saying: "Believe you have something that belongs to me. I'd like to get it back. I got your motorcycle, I got your trailer. I got your girlfriend's address, where your kid goes to school & I'm, got your trailer too, I'm, I got, I got the tag to the Florida address. I'm gonna have that today, have to pay your son a visit. I'm gonna take the chopper & the truck. You have to get a hold of me & give me what is mine." On Feb. 1, Mansfield left another voicemail on the undercover prospect's phone, saying: "Now I don't have time for games, man. You want your bikes back, you need to come up with the money. Can't get a hold of [Sells]. Guess I have to start taking people apart, that's all. See you around." The same day, Malcolm left a voicemail on the undercover prospect's phone, saying: "You can believe one thing. You can fuck with me all you want to but

motherfucker, trust me, your whole family is in danger. Fuck you." Also on Feb. 1, Mansfield left yet another voicemail on the undercover prospect's phone, giving "the purported address" of the undercover prospect's family members & saying: "I'll have the address for your son's house ... this week. I got the tag numbers, I got your bike, I got your trailer. I want my money. Your whole family is going to be in danger if not. You need to pick up the fucking phone. You're supposed to meet [Sells] today, now he's not answering the phone either. As far as I'm concerned, both you all in the same boat."

Legislative Solution to Prosecutors' Tracking of Suspects Via Their Devices? - May 24, 2013 - *U.S.A.* - By Jeff Ifrah; www.jdsupra.com - The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the landmark 1966 case of *Miranda v. Arizona* underlined the importance of the 5th & 6th Amendments & drew a line that law enforcement must not cross - all in the interest of protecting individuals' constitutional rights. Unfortunately, however, the high court was not as clear regarding the level of protection required under the 4th Amendment in its 2012 decision in *U.S. v. Jones*. In *Jones*, the Court held that a 4th Amendment "search" occurs, & a warrant is required, when a GPS tracking device is attached by law enforcement to a person's vehicle & then used to track its movements. Remaining unclear from the opinion, however, was whether & when such searches could be ever be exempt from the warrant requirement. Further unclear was whether the ruling would apply to other technologies, such as Smartphones & OnStar systems. Because of these ambiguities, & magnified by developments in location technologies, 4th Amendment & privacy rights are giving way to aggressive law enforcement - & courts are divided on the propriety of these tactics. The Obama Admin recently argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit that the Supreme Court has given the Gov't broad exemptions to search warrant requirements (such as the "reasonable suspicion" & the "probable cause" exceptions) & that device tracking can fall under these exemptions. Far more troubling, however, is a recent opinion by a Fed magistrate in New York in which U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary Brown effectively eviscerated 4th Amendment protections for device tracking. Brown ruled that a search warrant is not necessary for authorities to obtain real-time location information for a suspect's cell phone. Brown held that "phone users who fail to turn off their cell phones do not exhibit an expectation of privacy." The magistrate's opinion would mean that we are all effectively giving our consent to search by virtue of using a ubiquitous (and near-essential) technology. Brown's opinion contrasts starkly with Justice Sonia Sotomayor's concurring opinion in *Jones*, in which she noted: People disclose the phone numbers that they dial or text to their cellular providers, the URLs that they visit & the e-mail addresses with which they correspond to their Internet service providers, & the books, groceries & medications they purchase to online retailers . . . I would not assume that all information voluntarily disclosed to some member of the public for a limited purpose is, for that reason alone, disintegrated to 4th Amendment protection. The contrasting statements among the courts have reinforced the need for Congress to step in & circumscribe law enforcement tracking tactics. Currently before the House are both H.R. 983, the Online Communications & Geolocation Protection Act & H.R. 1312, the Geolocation Privacy & Surveillance Act. Both bills are aimed at providing a legal framework for when & how location tracking devices can be used, & when & how data location records may be obtained. Both bills were introduced during the last Congress & reintroduced during this term. With bipartisan support, hopefully they will get traction. Meantime, you may want to keep your cell phone powered off.

Legal Aide – May 25, 2013 – *U.S.A.* - Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) introduced a bill Thu that would extend Fourth Amendment rights to electronic communications. "In today's high-tech world, we must ensure that all forms of communication are protected," Paul said. "Yet Gov't has eroded protecting the Fourth Amendment over the past few decades, especially when applied to electronic communications & third party providers." It's one thing for the U.S. military to raid a compound in Kabul using incendiary grenades to secure & enter the premises. It's quite another thing for U.S. police officers to execute a search warrant by throwing "flash-bang" grenades into a home, raining the place with rubber bullets, & kicking down every door in the house. Is that conduct necessary? Is it reasonable? Does the Fourth Amendment allow it? That's exactly what happened when police in Portland, Ore., executed a search warrant for a private home where the defendant resided & who was alleged to have physically attacked his girlfriend, & was reported to possess weapons & drugs. The police were informed that several other persons lived in the house, including an infant, & a prison associate of defendant's. The police decided, although the reasons are not clear, that it would be more risky to arrest the defendant outside the house than inside, so they obtained a search warrant & executed it at 5:30 a.m. Forty-four police officers participated in the raid. Police pounded on the front door yelling "police, search warrant," & a second later broke down the door with a battering ram. ...

NJ: Plain view of firearms cases in car is PC there are firearms there... Plain view of 2 firearms cases in the backseat is probable cause to believe the defendant is in possession of firearms. *State v. Reininger*, 2013 N.J. Super. LEXIS 73 (May 20, 2013). Defendants stop was valid based on a hit on license plate recognition software. *Hill v. State*, 2013 Ga. App. LEXIS 416 (May 21, 2013). The stop here was reasonably extended because the vehicle had Virginia LPN & the driver had a Illinois DL along with the driver's inconsistencies. *Calcaterra v. State*, 2013 Ga. App. LEXIS 422 (May 22, 2013). An officer can engage in "small talk" with a motorist while the DL & LPN are checked on computer. Here, defendant's escalating nervousness extended the stop because he made the officer concerned that he would do something bad. *Moore v. State*, 2013 Ga. App. LEXIS 414 (May 21, 2013).

Fed judge rules against Hells Angel in appeal – May 28, 2013 – **Wyoming** - By Ben Neary; www.SFGate.com - A Fed judge has denied an appeal from a former Nevada brothel owner & Hells Angels member who says he didn't get an adequate defense or fair trial before his conviction 5 years ago on child pornography charges in Wyoming. David Burgess is serving a 15-year prison sentence on his 2008 conviction in Wyoming on Fed charges of possession & transportation of child pornography. U.S. District Judge Alan B. Johnson of Cheyenne on Friday dismissed Burgess' request for a new trial. In a 149-page ruling, Johnson concluded that Burgess' claims that he didn't get an adequate defense were without merit. "The file, records, & all submissions by the parties conclusively show he is not entitled to the relief he seeks," Johnson stated. Burgess, a member of a Nevada chapter of the Hells Angels, owned a legal brothel, the Old Bridge Ranch, near Reno, Nev. Prosecutors say investigators found child porn on Burgess' computer following a 2007 traffic stop in western Wyoming. A Fed appeals court in Denver already has upheld Burgess' conviction. "There can be no doubt, let alone a grave doubt, that Burgess knowingly possessed child pornography as he traveled from Nevada into Wyoming," a three-judge panel of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver ruled in 2009. The U.S. Supreme Court later that year refused to review Burgess' case.

Burgess filed papers in 2010 with Judge Johnson, who had presided over his 2008 trial. Burgess claimed his defense lawyer, James Barrett, a veteran assistant Fed public defender in Cheyenne, was inadequate & had failed to prepare for trial or investigate his case. For his appeal to Johnson for a new trial, Burgess retained prominent San Francisco civil rights lawyer J. Tony Serra. Attempts to reach Serra for comment on Tuesday were unsuccessful. Kate Hallinan, a San Francisco lawyer who works with Serra, said Tuesday that Burgess' legal team is reviewing Johnson's ruling & may seek permission from the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals to appeal it there. Prosecutor Jim Anderson of the U.S. Atty's Office in Cheyenne prosecuted Burgess & opposed his request for a new trial. John Powell, spokesman for the office, said Tuesday the office had no comment on Johnson's ruling. In his court filing opposing Burgess' request for a new trial, Anderson dismissed Burgess' claims that Barrett had failed to prepare defense witnesses so they could present Burgess as a "great member of the community." "This is pure fantasy," Anderson wrote in 2011. "Regardless of how much witness preparation had occurred in this case, it would not have changed the basic facts: on July 24, 2007, (Burgess) a brothel owner & member of an outlaw motorcycle gang, was apprehended in possession of drugs & tens of thousands of images of child pornography." Burgess was arrested after state troopers pulled over his motor home, called the "War Wagon," on Interstate 80 in far western Wyoming. He told troopers he was on his way to the 2007 Hells Angels USA Run in Eureka Springs, Ark. Troopers testified that they originally pulled over the motor home because of an expired motorcycle trailer tag. They stated that a drug dog alerted to the vehicle, which prompted a search that turned up marijuana & cocaine. Following the traffic stop, authorities searched Burgess' computer that troopers found in the motor home on the grounds that it might show evidence of drug-dealing, court records say. Instead, prosecutors have said that agents at the state's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force turned up thousands of images of child pornography. Serra, in his motion asking Johnson to grant Burgess a new trial, claimed that Barrett had never looked into leads that Burgess & his friends had provided that would show that some of Burgess' business competitors were likely to set him up. Serra stated the Wyoming Highway Patrol had been alerted by Nevada law enforcement to watch for Burgess' motor home. Serra also claimed that Barrett didn't call a witness who could have testified that Burgess wasn't a sophisticated computer user with the skills or inclination to organize tens of thousands of images of child pornography.

Gov't at work... A guy stopped at a local gas station and, after filling his tank, he Paid the bill & bought a soft drink. He stood by his car to drink His cola & watched a couple of men working along the roadside. One man would dig a hole 2 or 3 feet deep & then move on. The other man came along behind him & filled in the hole. While one was digging a new hole, the other was 25 feet behind filling in the hole. The men worked right past the guy with the soft drink & went on down the road. "I can't stand this," said the man, tossing the can into a trash container & heading down the road toward the men. "Hold it, Hold it," he said to the men. "Can you tell me what's going on here with all this digging & refilling?" "Well, we work for the Gov't & we're just doing our job," one Of the men said. "But one of you is digging a hole & the other fills it up. You're not accomplishing anything. Aren't you wasting the taxpayers' money?" "You don't understand, mister," one of the men said, leaning on his Shovel & wiping his brow. "Normally there's 3 of us: me, Elmer And Leroy. I dig the hole, Elmer sticks in the tree, & Leroy here puts the dirt back. Elmer's job's been cut, so now it's just me an' Leroy.

Pagan's biker gang member to be sentenced on drug trafficking charges - May 28, 2013 – *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania* -

By Torsten Ove; www.Post-Gazette.com - A high-ranking member of the Pagan's motorcycle gang from Ross who pleaded guilty to drug distribution in West Virginia more than 2 years ago finally is set to be sentenced in July. Richard J. Speciale, known as "Big Rick," is scheduled for sentencing July 23 in U.S. District Court in Clarksburg, W.Va., & faces at least 10 years behind bars. Although Mr. Speciale pleaded guilty in 2011 to distributing cocaine in a case that began in Pennsylvania, his sentencing repeatedly has been delayed by motions on both sides. The U.S. attorney's office in Wheeling declined comment Tuesday & Mr. Speciale's lawyer couldn't be reached for comment. According to the FBI, Mr. Speciale ran an enterprise that distributed cocaine from June 2007 to January 2010, when Pittsburgh police & state attorney general's agents arrested him. Agents said he began dealing cocaine just 3 months after his release from Fed prison on a previous cocaine conviction in Fed court in Pittsburgh. Mr. Speciale was sentenced in 1998 to a decade in prison after an investigation by Fed agents & Shaler police during which he sold cocaine to undercover agents. The current case, which stems from a larger investigation of the Pagan's by a state grand jury sitting in Allegheny County, began with a controlled buy using an informant who had been arrested in 2009. In Dec of that year, agents arranged for the informant to buy cocaine from Mr. Speciale at his home. The investigation also made use of extensive surveillance, including a videotape from a pole camera mounted outside the home. In Jan 2010, Pittsburgh police & state agents detained Mr. Speciale after a traffic stop on Evergreen Road while other agents & Ross police executed a search warrant at his house. That search turned up \$146,000 in cash, cocaine, electronic surveillance equipment, packaging materials & a drug scale. The Gov't's evidence also included recorded phone calls in which Mr. Speciale is heard discussing drug sales. A Fed grand jury in West Virginia indicted Mr. Speciale about 6 months later based on controlled buys that he made in West Virginia with the informant. A state grand jury presentment indicated the Pagan's are supplied with cocaine by Mexican dealers in Atlanta & have 4 local chapters in this region & a national headquarters in Washington County.

Rock Hill Hells Angels ringleader sentenced to 17-plus years for drug, gun crime ring – May 29, 2013 – *South Carolina* –

By Andrew Dys; www.CharlotteObserver.com - A MC ringleader whose drug dealing, gun running & kickbacks were the springboard for police to infiltrate & break apart a crime ring run by the Rock Hill Hells Angels was sentenced to 17 1/2 years in prison Wednesday afternoon in Fed court, according to court documents & court officials. The biker's wife also was sent to prison for 7 years for her role in the crime wave that was dismantled after 20 Hells Angels & associates were arrested in a raid in both Carolinas in June 2012. Dan "Diamond Dan" Bifield, 61, was sentenced after pleading guilty to a single count of racketeering conspiracy, known as RICO, in Dec. Bifield has past felony convictions for possession of a firearm by a felon, extortion, heroin possession in prison, escape from prison, & attempted money laundering. He spent more than 2 decades in prison before his most recent arrest. He has been in jail since his June arrest. He faced a maximum of 20 years. Bifield's drug deal with an informant in 2011 started a wave of law enforcement action that infiltrated the motorcycle club & brought the eventual arrests & seizure of pounds of drugs, almost a hundred weapons, & other assets including motorcycles, court documents show. Prosecutors argued the Hells Angels ran a "gang" of statewide crime from their York County & Lexington County clubhouses.

Bifield, from Batesburg-Leesville in Lexington County but originally from the Northeast, was defiant to the end before sentencing. Bifield, who proudly stated in a statement to the court that he has been a Hells Angels member for 38 years, claimed in court documents filed just hours before he was sentenced in U.S. District Court that the FBI & the informant & prosecutors were the bad guys who set up the Hells Angels for the crimes. The Hells Angels "is not a criminal enterprise" & never was, Bifield claimed in court documents. "We are Americans, proud of our country, & we will fight & die for our country," Bifield stated. More, Bifield stated, "I am a proud member of the Hells Angels MC and, if I am to be punished for it & die in prison, let it be!" Bifield will be 78 years old before he is eligible to get out of prison. Prosecutors declined comment Wednesday. But in court documents, & in court testimony, prosecutors have balked at Bifield's claims of being a victim. Authorities have described him as a career criminal & "ringleader" in the Hells Angels crime ring who tries to "game" the system repeatedly after getting caught in felony crimes that included demanding kickbacks from underlings who sold drugs. Bifield's wife, Lisa, also pleaded guilty to a weapons charge. Lisa Bifield defaulted on a deal to testify against other Hells Angels for a possible shorter sentence of 5 years. She faced up to life in prison. Prosecutors declined comment after Wednesday's hearing, pending the sentencing June 19 of 3 more Hells Angels convicted in the case. Of 20 Hells Angels & associates charged, 15 either pleaded guilty or were found guilty at trial. Mark "Lightning" Baker, the Rock Hill chapter Pres, & 2 other full-patch members of the "Rock Hell Nomads" chapter who opted to go to trial, will be sentenced June 19. They could face up to life in prison after being convicted of violent crimes ranging from conspiracy to drug & weapons charges.

FBI raids motorcycle gang headquarters - May 30, 2013 –

Ohio – By www.MorningJournal.com - The FBI executed a search warrant at The Outlaws club house, 605 DeWitt Ave, yesterday morning but would not disclose why the house was raided. "This is an FBI matter, in conjunction with local law enforcement," said FBI special agent Vicki Anderson. "A search warrant was sealed but I can only confirm we were there" yesterday morning. The FBI raided the house at 7:30 a.m. but she would not confirm if anyone was in custody. The Perkins Township home has been The Outlaws headquarters for their Sandusky area club for more than 25 years, said Perkins Township Police Chief Ken Klamar. "They're relatively quiet," Klamar said. "There have been some traffic-related problems, but nothing major. We've have bars that give us more problems." Local authorities were unsure of approximately how many members of The Outlaws are in Erie County, but said the home was occupied by a permanent resident.

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test & inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, & get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.' The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, & they agreed on it. After about 6 weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up & I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut. The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, & I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.' His father replied, 'Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?'

High Rollers MC could lose permit – May 29, 2013 – *Wisconsin* – By Caro Spoto; <http://JournalTimes.com> - A local motorcycle club could lose the right to operate its Douglas Ave clubhouse if leaders don't do more to address loitering, noise & parking issues — that much was clear after a Wednesday vote by the City Plan Commission. The High Rollers MC were granted a conditional-use permit in 2009 to operate a meeting hall at 1333 Douglas Ave., a small building near the intersection of Superior Street. The permit was to allow the club to use the property for club meetings, event planning, birthday celebrations & to organize food & clothing drives for the homeless. The trouble, claimed city Associate Planner Jill Johanneck, is that over the years the clubhouse has gotten a reputation not for fundraising, but for large gatherings on Friday & Saturday nights — gatherings that have stretched past the club's 2:30 a.m. closing time & have led to fights & nonmembers loitering in front of the meeting hall, causing noise & parking problems. Those issues, she told commissioners, is what prompted staff to ask for a compliance review. Among the troubling things are reports of frequent police calls to the clubhouse for loud music, crowds, fights, large groups of people in the street, as well as an incident in which several people waiting outside claimed they charged a \$10 cover. "This was supposed to be a club situation only & it has turned into more than just the membership being present," Johanneck told commissioners. To help illustrate the concerns, Racine Police Sgt. Mike Mahnke played clips from squad car video taken outside the clubhouse at 2:36 a.m. & just after 3 a.m. on April 7. The video showed about a dozen people gathered outside the front door; loud talking & noise can be heard. There is also conversation with a man complaining to an officer that he paid his \$10 but hadn't been let in yet. "The issue would be that most of the time the building is at capacity & the remainder of the people are forced to wait outside," Mahnke said. Johanneck & Mahnke also pointed to a conversation with Margaret Brockman, the club's Pres, that was captured by the video, in which she states that there are about 100 people inside the clubhouse, a number she said she believed complies with occupancy limits. Johanneck stated during the meeting that the highest the capacity could be for the 682-square-foot building is 80 people. Pointing to the capacity issues, crowds & the report of charging people for entrance, Mayor John Dickert made a motion that the club's permit be recommended for revocation so that Brockman could work with police & city staff to determine what steps are needed to get the clubhouse into compliance. "I have been getting fairly consistent calls on this from folks in the area," Dickert said. "What you need to decide is one of 2 things: Whether you want to create an establishment here & (apply) for a liquor license or if you want to keep this a club & figure out how to do that." Brockman did not speak during the meeting, but later expressed concern that she had been singled out because of one night where she made a spur-of-the-moment decision to charge covers to try to keep the crowds away. She also said she was disappointed staff never mentioned that she came to City Hall first to see what could be done to address the problems. "I came down on my own. I asked for this meeting," she said. Clarification: Margaret Brockman was not introduced in this story. The oversight has been adjusted.

Chaffetz unveils prison program to reduce recidivism & lower crime – May 30, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By Derek P. Jensen; www.sltrib.com - Plan would put low-risk inmates in halfway houses, increase use of ankle bracelets... Hoping to shrink the glut of low-risk Fed inmates consuming tax dollars in prison, Rep. Jason Chaffetz is about to unveil a post-sentencing reform bill that would allow drug offenders & others to earn early release into

halfway houses, home confinement & ankle-bracelet monitoring. Quietly, the Utah Republican has worked Washington's back channels for 18 months to forge bipartisan support. He insists the program — vetted by the Heritage Foundation & the ACLU — would reduce recidivism, lower crime rates & rein in spending on the Fed prison system. "There's some really good work being done by states that we ought to learn from," Chaffetz told The Salt Lake Tribune editorial board this week. "It's a financial imperative, it's a moral imperative — it just makes a lot of sense." The challenge, Chaffetz concedes, is assuring the political right the measure isn't soft on crime, while convincing the left it goes far enough — short of unwinding mandatory minimum sentences. "The risk, if there is with this, is the over-simplification," the congressman said, bemoaning bumper-sticker politics. "It does take some explanation. It does take an adult conversation to say, 'folks, we can do this.'" The proposal marks a pivot for Chaffetz, whose more partisan turns with conservative media include talk of impeaching Pres Barack Obama regarding recent investigations, including the embassy attack in Benghazi, Libya.

Low risk? The program would work by dividing Fed prisoners into high, moderate or low risks of recidivism. They would be judged by level of engagement in existing programs, holding prison jobs & participation in faith-based services & educational courses. Low-risk inmates would earn 30 days credit per month, moderate would notch 15 days, while high-risk convicts could get 8 days worth of credit. Only low-risk prisoners would be eligible for pre-release custody into a halfway house, home confinement or ankle-bracelet program. Prisoners convicted of violent felonies, terrorism, rape or a sex offense against a minor would not be considered. Neither would undocumented immigrants, an "albatross" & too touchy a topic, Chaffetz says. The measure neither reduces minimum sentence time nor impacts Truth in Sentencing requirements. That's because 85% of each Fed sentence still would be completed as mandated — though some of it could be outside the prison walls. Paul Cassell, a former Fed judge who teaches law at the University of Utah, says the program could be novel. "It's very meaningful," he said. "Even if it tweaks the numbers by a few percentage points, that could add up to big bucks." Cassell says the key is finding a method that targets the right people so it doesn't become a get-out-of-jail-free card. It is a "myth" that Fed prisons are filled with nonviolent offenders who don't belong there, Cassell adds, while he says it's certainly true many sentences don't match the crime. "It's going to be the Goldilocks problem here: Can we get it not too hot & not too cold?" he said. "Can we find the people with a low risk of recidivism & release them?"

Minimum mandatory? » Brett Tolman, a former U.S. attorney, remembers how inflexible the Fed system seemed when a young man "who had a bad weekend" with drugs was slapped with a 35-year minimum sentence. Then there is Utah music producer Weldon Angelos, who had no prior criminal record & now is considered a casualty of the war on drugs. Convicted in 2003 while he was in his early 20s of selling small amounts of marijuana — a witness claimed he had a gun on his side — Angelos was sentenced to 55 years under Fed minimums. Cassell, the judge in the case hamstrung by the law, urged Pres George W. Bush to commute the sentence, calling it "unjust, cruel & irrational." Dozens of former Fed judges & prosecutors, including former Atty General Janet Reno, signed a friend of the court brief saying the sentence is unconstitutional. Angelos, who won't be released until 2051 when he's 72, lost his appeal in 2011 & the Supreme Court declined to hear the case. "We've got to fix the front end," said Mary Price, V.P. of the nonprofit Families Against Mandatory Minimums, which is still reviewing the Chaffetz bill. "We're still pouring thousands of people into prison

every year for sentences that are frankly too long.” Karen McCreary, executive director of ACLU of Utah, says she too would like to see reform to mandatory minimums but is intrigued by Chaffetz’ bill. “The drug wars have made our system so full, so this is a positive,” McCreary said. “It seems like a good step in the right direction.”

‘Attitude adjustment’ Because of mandatory sentencing laws, the population of Fed prisons has increased almost tenfold since 1980, according to a report by the Urban Institute. This degree of crowding “threatens the safety of both inmates & correctional officers, & it undermines the ability to provide effective programming.” The report notes half the drug offenders sentenced in 2010 were in the “lowest criminal history category.” The Chaffetz proposal is modeled partly on Texas, which became the first state to complete a so-called “justice reinvestment” process, saving the state \$1.5 billion in construction costs & \$340 million in averted operating costs. Tolman told the editorial board it’s time the feds learned effective prison models from states like Texas. “We’ve always been arrogant & felt that we can do things better,” Tolman said. “Either we’re so large & cumbersome that we can’t, or we’re so ignorant & stubborn that we won’t.” Expected to cost \$100 million to \$300 million, the program would be phased in over 5 years starting with 20 percent of prisoners the first year. Pre-release would not be automatic, rather subject to approval by the prison warden, chief probation officer & original sentencing judge. Chaffetz says the savings would go toward prison programs & jobs as well as FBI agents & deficit reduction. “99% of [drug convicts] are coming back out,” he said. “So we need an attitude adjustment about them.”

Police Can’t Peer in Windows Without a Warrant, Court Rules - June 3, 2013 - *Florida* - By Aaron Kase;

www.jdsupra.com - Police cannot step off the front stoop of a house to peer in a window without a warrant, even if the window is just Man peering through blinds a few feet from the door, a district court in Florida ruled last month. In *Powell & Wilbourn v. Florida*, the court decided that police had literally overstepped their bounds when they went snooping around a trailer searching for evidence that marijuana was being grown inside. “Because the officers intruded into a constitutionally protected area without a warrant & peered into a window from a part of the property where they had no lawful right to be, an unconstitutional search occurred,” the opinion states. The police, acting on a tip that Russell Powell & Benjamin Wilbourn had a small grow operation in the trailer, approached the dwelling in Dec 2010. The men were home, but didn’t answer the door when the officers came knocking. The cops decided to step 2 feet to the left of the door & look in a window, through which they could see a few plants & a grow light underneath the kitchen table. Officers then entered the home & arrested Powell & Wilbourn before calling in to get a search warrant. No good, the district court ruled, tossing the defendants’ convictions & adding some clarity over what rights police have when it comes to approaching private residences.

Sixth Circuit Crack Retroactivity Ruling Appealed – June 4, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By Famm; www.famm.org - Two weeks ago, we gave you the good news that 2 judges of a 3-judge panel of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the **Fair Sentencing Act** of 2010 is retroactive. People sentenced to the old crack cocaine mandatory minimums before Aug 3, 2010, in the states the Sixth Circuit covers, could now be eligible for resentencing under the FSA. The case is *United States v. Blewett*, No. 12-5226 (6th Cir. May 17, 2013). We also cautioned, however, that the Blewett case would most likely be appealed & possibly reversed -- meaning that it might not help anyone. Well, the Gov’t filed an appeal on

May 31, 2013, asking for what is known as “en banc” review. That means that all the judges of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals have been asked to review & reverse Blewett. We expect that the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals will decide to review the case. If it does, we expect the Blewett decision to be stayed until the full court hears it. This means that courts will not be allowed to resentence anyone using the Blewett opinion unless & until it is affirmed. We do not know how long the appeal will take. We also don’t know what the court will do. But Blewett is facing an uphill battle & is likely to be reversed. This is because, as the Gov’t pointed out, Blewett conflicts with decisions in every other court that have held that the Fair Sentencing Act is not retroactive. Members with incarcerated loved ones should be wary of anyone who promises that they can bring your loved one home sooner because of Blewett. Famm cannot tell you if you might benefit if the Blewett decision stands, & we cannot give you legal help or advice. You & your loved ones should talk to your attorneys if you have questions, or contact the Fed Public Defender in the district where the person was sentenced. The Fed defenders are monitoring the situation closely. Remember, even if the Blewett decision stands, it can only help Fed (not state) prisoners who **1.** Were convicted in a Fed court in Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, or Tennessee, **And 2.** Received a mandatory minimum sentence for a crack cocaine offense, **And 3.** Were sentenced before August 3, 2010. Keep checking our website, www.famm.org, for updates on the Blewett appeal & outcome. Even if the Court of Appeals reverses Blewett, we think the FSA should be made retroactive, because getting a fair sentence shouldn’t depend on when you went to court. Famm wants to see the FSA made retroactive, & we’ll be asking Congress to do just that. Sincerely, Julie Stewart; Pres

Former LV Hells Angels chapter Pres pleads guilty in 2008 cocaine sting – June 3, 2013 – *Nevada* – By Sun Staff;

www.LasVegasSun.com - Providing security during a 2008 cocaine buy at a Las Vegas hotel room netted a \$3,000 payment for a Hells Angels officer. It also will bring him 46 months in Fed prison. Unbeknownst to Paul Seifert, 46, former Pres of the Las Vegas chapter of the Hells Angels MC, he was providing security for an undercover agent from the ATF. U.S. District Judge Gloria M. Navarro Thu sentenced Seifert to the prison term followed by 5 years of supervised release after he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess 10 kilograms of cocaine with the intent to distribute. Navarro is permitting Seifert to self-report to Fed prison by Aug. 28. Seifert & 2 others, Keith Hare, 43, & Miguel Macias, 33, were charged in Nov 2011. According to Daniel Bogden, U.S. attorney for the District of Nevada, on May 2, 2008, Macias & Seifert, then members of the Hells Angels, met with an undercover ATF agent & agreed to provide security during a cocaine purchase. Macias & Seifert indicated they had experience providing security for similar transactions. Six days later, Seifert, Hare, & Macias met the undercover ATF agent at a hotel room in Las Vegas. Other undercover Fed & local officers posed as sellers for 10 kilograms of cocaine. The undercover ATF agent purchased the cocaine, & the defendants were paid \$3,000 for their “work.” Hare also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute & is scheduled for sentencing on Aug. 14. Macias pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute & conspiracy to possess methamphetamine with the intent to distribute. He was sentenced last year to 70 months in prison. ATF & Metro Police investigated the case, which was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Atty Andrew Duncan.

Make your voice heard at the U.S. Sentencing Commission! – June 4, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By FAMM; www.famm.org - Every year, the U.S. Sentencing Commission, which writes the Fed Sentencing Guidelines, suggests changes to the guidelines. These are known as guideline amendments. The process starts when the Commission publishes a list of priorities -- issues it wants to tackle -- & asks the public for feedback on whether that list is right. The Commission published its 2014 list of priorities on May 30. You have until July 15, 2013, to comment on that list. FAMM always responds to the Commission's priorities, & you should, too. It's important that the Commissioners know the public is paying attention to what they do & that their actions matter to thousands. So, please carefully read the list of priorities linked here, which includes an explanation on how to comment. If one or more of the priorities strikes you as important, please write the Commission, citing the amendment by number. FAMM supports all but one of the priorities. The priorities that are especially important to us are listed below with a brief explanation. Feel free to write about these & any other amendments that matter to you.

•**Amendment 1:** Continue the Commission's work in Congress to reform mandatory minimum penalties & promote reforms it suggested in its 2011 Mandatory Minimum Report. These include, among other things:

- Adopting a safety valve, like the one currently used for drug defendants, for low-level, nonviolent offenders convicted of non-drug crimes;
- Expanding the current drug safety valve to apply to people with more criminal history than currently covered;
- Reassessing the severity of 2-And 3-strikes drug sentences;
- Eliminating "stacking" of multiple gun sentences; ensuring extra sentences for recidivism apply only to defendants with prior gun convictions; & lowering the current 25-year mandatory minimum sentence for second gun offenses.

•**Amendment 2:** Possibly amend drug sentencing guidelines "across drug types." This is code for what we call "All drugs minus two" & means the Commission is considering reducing sentencing guidelines for all drugs by 2 full levels. Long-time FAMM supporters will remember that the Commission lowered the crack cocaine sentence guideline by 2 full levels in 2007 (and raised them back again in 2010). This is a longstanding FAMM priority that we have urged the Commission to act on. It would shorten drug guideline sentences (but would have no impact on mandatory minimum drug sentences).

•**Amendment 4:** Study & possibly amend the guidelines covering economic crimes, including examining the "loss" table.

•**Amendment 5:** Continue studying definitions of "crime of violence," "aggravated felony," "violent felony," & "drug trafficking offense."

•**Amendment 6:** Continue to study recidivism & what circumstances increase or decrease it & how such information could be used to reduce costs of incarceration.

•**Amendment 7:** Undertake a study of sentencing related to violations of probation & supervised release.

•**Amendment 8:** Possibly amend the policy statement guiding judges who are considering compassionate release. FAMM is very interested in expanding the use of compassionate release for prisoners.

•**Amendment 9:** Review & possibly amend the guidelines for firearm offenses.

•**Amendment 12:** Promote in Congress the Commission's recommendations from its 2012 report on child pornography sentencing, which found that nonproduction sentences are often severe.

FAMM opposes Amendment # 3:

- We do not want the Commission to promote legislation that

will make the Fed sentencing guidelines more mandatory by eliminating some of the discretion judges currently have. The Commission's recommendations can be found in its 2012 Booker Report, & our opinion of it can be seen here.

Finally, for the first time in our memory, the Commission asks that public comment "address the issue of reducing costs of incarceration & overcapacity of prisons" as it relates to each priority. This is very important because as a matter of law, the Commission is supposed to take prison capacity into account when creating sentences. It has never done so, however. This is an important step for the Commission, because for years it has created & increased sentencing guidelines that have helped fill the Fed prisons to overflowing. So, please write to the Commission before July 15, 2013. The letters do not need to sound lawyerly. They simply need to refer to the specific amendment(s) you are writing about (use the amendment number) & explain in plain language why the amendment matters to you. Feel free to share your own experience with sentencing if you have one, & how that has informed your opinion. Letters should be addressed to:

The United States Sentencing Commission
One Columbus Circle, N.E., Suite 2-500
South Lobby Washington, D.C. 20002-8002
Attn: Public Affairs -- Priorities Comment.

You should not expect an answer. We will keep you informed about the amendment process as the year unfolds, as well as how many letters the Commission receives from the public. Thanks so much! Julie Stewart; Pres

End the Love Affair – June 5, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By FAMM; www.famm.org - There are a lot of reasons I oppose mandatory sentencing policies. I hate that they take sentencing power away from the judge -- who is supposed to be neutral -- & give it to the prosecutor, who is far from neutral. I hate that mandatory sentences, in their rigidity, ignore complex human behavior in favor of formulaic "justice" (if X then Y). And I hate that so many Americans have accepted this overly simplistic system of punishment for violations of just about any law. But what probably bothers me the most is that mandatory sentences are so very long -- usually unnecessarily long. In the Fed courts, sentences of five, ten, & 20 years without parole are routine. Over 2,000 people in Fed prison have been sentenced to die there for their drug law violations. It's no wonder that no one bats an eye at a 10-year prison sentence when there are nonviolent offenders serving life. But that doesn't make it right. Two decades ago, the director of the Fed Bureau of Prisons was asked at a congressional hearing how much time a nonviolent offender needed to get the message. Her reply was 12-18 months & anything beyond that was merely punitive. Wow -- 1 to 1 1/2 years. Contrast that with the sentences handed out to these nonviolent offenders: Jack Carpenter for growing medical marijuana (10 years), or Celestia Mixon who was addicted to meth (15 years), or Michael Shuler for possessing heirloom guns (15 years). If each of those people had been given sentences of 1-2 years, would we be less safe? Would drug treatment have been a better option for Celestia than incarceration? I don't know the answers, but I am confident -- based on the testimony of someone who ran the Fed prison system & on my own experience over the past 20 years of meeting people who have been in prison -- that the combined 40 years Jack, Celestia & Michael will spend behind bars is overkill. It's natural to want to be safe. And when we're told by politicians (who are busy tripping over themselves to pass ever-tougher sentencing laws) that long, mandatory sentences = safer communities, it's not hard to see how we ended up where we are today. But that doesn't make it right. Or true. It's time to de-link public safety & long mandatory sentences because the evidence isn't there -- especially

for nonviolent offenders. It's time to ask the prosecutor in Montana who appealed a judge's two-year sentence for Jason Washington because it was below the mandatory minimum, "What's the evidence that a five-year sentence for growing marijuana is right? Will Americans be safer if Jason Washington serves an extra 3 years behind bars?" It's time to challenge the sentencing status quo. It's time to help your friends & community understand that 5 years is a very long time behind bars. Even 2 years away from home in an institution is a long time. People need to understand that the wake-up call some offenders need to get their lives on track happens during the first 18 months of incarceration. Former prisoners tell me that whatever benefit they got from going to prison definitely diminished after the five-year mark. So, I have a big request: help me change our culture. FAMM works tirelessly on policy change but what would help us more than anything would be to end America's love affair with incarceration. You can play an active & crucial role in making that happen. The next time you hear a friend or colleague say that someone got off easy with a five- or 10-year sentence, don't let the comment go. Speak up. Ask them to tell you what the benefit to society is of that sentence. Ask them if a sentence half as long might have had the same impact. Ask them if they've ever made a really stupid decision that could have landed them in big trouble if they'd been caught. Ask them if they remember who they were 5 or 10 years ago & what has happened in their lives since then. In other words, ask them to defend the length of a sentence given to a nonviolent offender. Don't let "if you do the crime, do the time" stand unchallenged -- if they support depriving people of their liberty for years, they should be able to defend their position, intelligently. This is a discussion that can start at the office water cooler & the neighborhood cookout & the family dinner table. We need to change hearts & minds now so the politicians will listen later. We received a big dose of assistance today from an unlikely source: conservative columnist George Will. While praising the sentencing reform bill introduced by Senators Paul & Leahy he wrote, "Almost everyone who enters the desensitizing world of American prisons is going to return to society, & many will have been socially handicapped by the experience... All this takes a staggering toll on shattered families & disordered neighborhoods." Amen. Now it's our turn. I'm counting on you to help me -- to help all of us. Every drop in the bucket eventually fills it up. My best, Julie Stewart; Pres, FAMM

Verizon records vacuumed up by NSA under 'top secret' Patriot Act order – June 6, 2013 – U.S.A. – By Zack Whittaker; www.ZDNet.com - *Summary*: The U.S. Gov't has collected millions of Verizon customers' details, including phone call & location-based data, under a top secret order that was leaked to a London newspaper. A "top secret" order issued by a little-known U.S. court isn't so secret anymore, after The Guardian published it on Wed evening. The London, U.K.-based newspaper revealed exclusively that the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) has & continues to vacuum up millions of Verizon customer details, including information on phone calls both within the U.S. & between the U.S. & other countries. Under the order, Verizon is ordered on an "ongoing, daily basis" to hand the NSA the information on all of the call data in its systems. As of the company's 2012 fiscal fourth quarter, Verizon had 115.78 million cellular subscribers. That's a good chunk of Verizon customers, but still excludes a larger number of overall customers affected by this court order. The document states that under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court, known as the FISC, the order was granted to the U.S. FBI on April 25. The order expires on July 19 — around 6 weeks from now. The 3-month order gives the U.S. Gov't agency an endless supply of data for

the period. The data that is being collected on Verizon customers — including cellular & landline customers — includes all call details or "metadata" relating to calls created by Verizon between the U.S. & abroad, or within the U.S., including local calls. This metadata, the publication reported, links into a 2005 ruling that determined that cell site location data is also considered as being under this scope. Location data of Verizon customers, therefore, is in the NSA's hands. This includes routing data, such as the originating & recipient phone number; the IMEI unique phone identifier; the IMSI number used to identify calls on cellular networks; trunk identifiers; phone calling cards; & the time, date, & duration of the call. Verizon customers that are outside of the U.S. & making calls to non-U.S. residents are exempt from the secretive court order. Names, addresses, & financial data are also not collected. That said, it's not exactly difficult for the NSA, in conjunction with the FBI, to work out who someone is from that very specific data. This comes only a month after former FBI counter-terrorism agent Tim Clemente told CNN that the U.S. Gov't can acquire personal & sensitive data, & that it is "captured as we speak, whether we know it or like it or not." It's not clear whether other cell networks, such as AT&T, T-Mobile, & Sprint, have been targeted with similar or identical warrants. Key "gagging order" provisions mean that the FISC court order does not allow anyone, including the aforementioned, to disclose the order to anyone. It relives similar orders under the Bush administration, in which the NSA was ordered to wiretap without warrant U.S. citizens in a mass domestic surveillance program. An AT&T whistleblower disclosed that the cell company was "complicit" in the U.S. Gov't's monitoring of phone calls, Web activity — including history & email details — & text messaging data of U.S. residents. The wiretapping stopped in Jan 2007. In 2008, the FISA Amendments Act was introduced. For the first time under Obama's time in office, the document proves that millions of U.S. citizens & residents are under surveillance by the Gov't — whether they are even suspected of committing a crime or not. The interesting factor here is that the FISC can order such widespread snooping under the condition that U.S. citizens could be communicating with foreign citizens — which, under FISA, such snooping is authorized. But the key factor here is "residents," & not "citizens." FISA also authorizes widespread snooping on "persons" within the U.S., as long as they are legally allowed to be there. It was, after all, designed & brought into law in 1978, at the height of the Cold War, where spying was widespread across the U.S., Europe, & Russia. But questions remain over why. Nobody seems to know exactly why Verizon was targeted with a "top secret" court order. Under Section 215 of the Patriot Act, first brought out in October 2001, just a month after the devastating terrorist attack in New York City, "business records" can be acquired by the U.S. intelligence agencies — such as the NSA & the FBI — in vast swathes with a single warrant. It also allows any "tangible thing" to be acquired by the Gov't, such as books, receipts, & even privately held computer databases, such as in this case. Last year, Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) & Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) revealed, while still under U.S. secrecy laws: "We're getting to a gap between what the public thinks the law says & what the American Gov't secretly thinks the law says." They specifically warned about the "business provisions" in the Patriot Act that allow the U.S. Gov't to acquire vast amounts of data with a single warrant, including medical records, so long as it pertains to an intelligence investigation. The secret interpretation of the "business records" provision by the U.S. Justice Dept led the 2 senators to speak, albeit within the bounds of U.S. secrecy laws, to disclose that there was a "secret interpretation." Section 215 has already been used to obtain driving license, credit card, car, & apartment rental records. Such

records are not within the parameters of the Fourth Amendment, which protects residents from “unreasonable” searches, because arguably they are not considered a “search.” The Patriot Act provision also means that such an order must be approved by the secret FISC, & can be so long as the data sought is relevant to a terrorism investigation. Such investigations do not require much, however. Basically, Verizon couldn’t do anything about this even if it wanted to. It’s not allowed to disclose anything about this order, & naturally declined to comment to The Guardian.

Brawl involved bikers – June 7, 2013 – *Delaware* – By Esteban Parra & Robin Brown; www.DelawareOnline.com - Former, current members of Pagan’s fought at Hooters... The melee at Hooters near New Castle on Wed night was between current & former Pagan’s MC members, sending one person to the hospital with deep facial cuts. About 50 people brawled outside the restaurant along U.S. 13, where more than 100 motorcycles were parked in the lot. The fight was between Pagan’s & former club members who left the group recently over differences, a source told The News Journal on Thur. More than 30 police vehicles from at least 3 agencies responded to the Hooters’ Bike Night shortly after 8:30 p.m., the spinning red lights of their cruisers lighting up the area. By late Thursday, police had made no arrests. State police Cpl. John Day did not release information on what caused the fight. But according to a man involved in the brawl, the incident occurred when a current member of the Pagan’s sucker punched a former member. “It got pretty out of hand,” said the man who did not want to be identified. The source said tensions were high since a large number of men parted ways with the motorcycle club last month. It erupted in the parking lot Wed. Current Pagan’s & their associates were at Hooters, as were about 35 former club members, according to the source. The man said he & his friends were there to enjoy the evening, adding that the Pagan’s usually hang out at a Claymont pub. “We’d been there quite a while,” he said. Then one of the Pagan’s punched a former member in the face, starting the free-for-all. A former Pagan was cut when he was hit with a bottle, causing him to get 11 stitches & 10 staples. Police confirmed one man with face cuts was treated & released at Christiana Hospital. “It got pretty intense,” the man said. Off-duty troopers already were at the restaurant for security detail when the first punch was thrown, Day said. Additional troopers, as well as Wilmington & New Castle County police, responded to disperse the crowd, he added. While investigators claimed not to know the “affiliation” of those involved in the fight, Day confirmed initial calls to police reported Pagan’s & Thunderguards fighting. But at least 2 people who said they were at Hooters when the fight went down were adamant that no Thunderguards – a black motorcycle group – were there. Stoney Woods, of New Castle, said he saw the fight start. “I was standing right there when it broke out,” said Woods, not part of either group. Some of those fighting were Pagan’s, he said. “The Pagan’s had their colors on, but the others didn’t have nothing. It was Pagan’s & other guys.” Woods said he didn’t stick around to see the fight end. “I got on my bike & left,” he said. A Hooters employee declined to comment about the fight, referring questions to company officials, who had not responded to requests for comment.

2 arrested after Cheyenne disturbance involving 17 – June 7, 2013 – *Wyoming* – By AP; www.SFGate.com - Cheyenne police say officers have arrested 2 people after a disturbance involving 17 people, including members of 2 motorcycle clubs. The disturbance happened Wed night, a few blocks from Holliday Park. Police said Thu that one person was taken to a hospital with injuries from the altercation night before going to jail. Police say

53-year-old David Bureski, of Cheyenne, was arrested on a fighting charge & 53-year-old Timothy Hougardy, of Cheyenne, was arrested on a concealed weapon charge for allegedly having an illegal knife. Bureski didn’t immediately return an email seeking comment. Hougardy has an unlisted phone number & couldn’t be reached. Investigators say some members of the Iron Order MC the Los Lobos MC were involved.

Lovelace crash was (May 31st, 2012) last Thursday many of the surviving MMG - Brothers, Families, Love Ones & Friends gathered at Open Road HD for Empowering Hope, Healing & Recovery event – June 7, 2013 – *Wisconsin / Michigan* – By Tim Tomann; Area Rep 1F Waukesha County - ABATE of WI - I know many of you have followed the MMG - (Muskegon Motorcycle Gang) Lovelace crash it’s hard to believe it’s already been one year. Last Thu, May 30th Open Road Harley-Davidson in Fond du Lac held a gathering titled (Empowering Hope, Healing & Recovery) it was one of the most moving things I have ever attended. Many of our Michigan MMG - Brothers, Families, Love Ones & Friends made the trip across the Big Lake too personally thank many of the First Responders, Polices/Sheriffs/Troopers, Med Flights Crews, Fire Fighters / EMTs / Paramedics, (ERs / Hospitals) Doctors / Nurses / Specialist / Technician, Open Road Harley-Davidson & the Wisconsin Motorcycle Community. What blow me away as I stood in that packed showroom filled with so many of these talented men & women were knowing this is just a fraction of all that were involved on that trouble day. Just a quick reminder this was one of worst motorcycle crashes ever! When Lovelace crossed that centerline he was going highway speed 55 mph, he directly hit 10 of the 12 bikes our (MI) brothers were hit one at a time head-on they didn’t stand a chance. The debris field or carnage was over 550 feet long that almost 2 football fields just imagine all that twisted metal, bikes/car parts everywhere & unfortunately 9 of our brothers who were unable to get up under their own power. One of them Dan Winsemlus died at the scene, Eric (Rick) Van Dam lost/left his left leg on the Hwy 151 & few days later after putting up a great fight Doug Yonker lost his battle. It’s still blows me away that more lives weren’t lost that day. It’s just proves again how great our first responders & medical system is – their dedication — skills of all these men & woman involved & a little divine intervention from above is the reason so many of our MI brothers survived that horrific crash. The pictures below will give you a glimpse of some pretty special (humble) folks who have been through hell & back. They kept saying over & over how blown away they where (ARE) that people they have never meet before. Opened their hearts, homes, wallets & have given their time to show up for all of those Lovelace hearing that they haven’t been able to make it themselves because of cost & distance — that they really, really appreciate everything we have done for them. Their pretty special folks just bikers like us. I hope many of you will be able to meet them first hand during Lovelace trial which is schedule for Oct 14th thru 18th in Fond du Lac.

Answering machine message, “I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes.”

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears & asks him how he is feeling. ‘I’m O.K. But I didn’t like the 4 letter-words the doctor used in surgery,’ he answered. ‘What did he say,’ asked the nurse. ‘Oops!’

Concern & confusion over swab/blood test checkpoints – June 10, 2013 – *Alabama* – By Mike McClanahan; www.CBS42.com - Rumors are circulating after a series of weekend roadblocks where people had their mouths swabbed, gave blood samples, or did both at several locations in Saint Clair County. A number of people thought authorities were collecting DNA samples, but investigators say it was actually a voluntary traffic safety study & law enforcement wasn't doing the swabbing. The timing of the tests didn't help any after the recent Supreme Court ruling that allows law enforcement to collect DNA samples from any arrested person. People who rolled up on one of these roadblocks which happened in the middle of the day & the middle of the night at 5 different spots around the county might have been shocked at what was going on, but we're told that it's all voluntary & all about traffic safety research. Lt. Freddie Turrentine with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office says the mouth swabs & blood samples will be screened for alcohol & other drugs- from prescription medication to over the counter & illegal drugs, but not DNA. He says off duty deputies took part in the roadblocks, but the checkpoints were part of a study paid for by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration & compiled by the Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation. He says it's not DNA testing. "They was looking for impaired driving is what they was looking for. They're trying to get, they're trying to do 60 sites across the country from June to Oct," said Lt. Freddie Turrentine. They're trying to collect 7500 samples for a database, according to Lt. Turrentine. "... to help in the future," said Turrentine. Rumors about DNA testing & confusion about the agencies involved led to a flood of questions on the Pell City P.D. Facebook page & a ton of phone calls, but Pell City P.D. Chief Craig Turley says the police Dept was not involved. Lt. Turrentine says the testing was all voluntary, the data collected is not linked to a person's name, license plate other identifying information, & the donors were compensated for their participation. "All voluntary I mean you was told you can go over here & participate or you can keep driving," said Turrentine. "If they did a swab, mouth test swab, they got ten dollars; if they actually let them draw blood they got 50 dollars for that. If they did both they got sixty." Several people shared their opinions with us but were not willing to go on camera. "I think it would help out a lot with drunk driving & you know the roads would be a little bit more safer so I wouldn't have an issue with it," said one driver. One woman was fired up, but not afraid to go on camera. "I don't see how that can be legal," said Estelle Forman. "But above all no I don't think it's, I don't think it's a good thing to do. I don't think it's the right thing to do. And if you want, I mean you can get DNA, but not on the side of the road." This was about long term data & not arresting people for being intoxicated, but there was one arrest of a driver who had an outstanding warrant & tried to run from a deputy- according to the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office. "A guy turned around, one of the deputies went after him, he had a warrant on him so he was arrested, but it had nothing to do with the roadblock," said Turrentine. "He had an outstanding warrant & he took off running & the deputy went after him."

Gov. Robert Bentley seeks review of roadblock surveys – June 11, 2013 - *Alabama* – By AP; www.TuscaloosaNews.com - Alabama's governor & attorney general are reviewing weekend roadblocks in St. Clair & Bibb counties where motorists were asked for breath, blood & saliva samples. Gov. Robert Bentley said Tuesday he has asked his secretary of law enforcement, Spencer Collier, to look into what happened. The governor said he has questions about how & why the surveys were carried out & what is being done with the information collected. "We'll do

everything we can to get to the bottom of the issue & make sure that the rights of our citizens are protected," Bentley said. State Attorney General Luther Strange said he learned about the activities from news stories. "I am shocked. This is very troubling & I intend to get to the bottom of it," Strange said in a statement. Off-duty officers in the 2 counties were used to set up the roadblocks for the study by the Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation. They were part of a series of roadblocks nationwide to study alcohol & drug use by motorists. The study is funded by the National Transportation Safety Board. Lt. Freddie Turrentine of the St. Clair County Sheriff's Dept, supervisor for the roadblocks, said the survey was voluntary & driver's licenses were not checked. Turrentine & Bibb County Sheriff Keith Hannah said both counties participated in the same surveys in 2007. A motorist who participated early Saturday morning, 32-year-old Erika Skeivelas, told AL.com that it didn't seem completely voluntary because 2 deputies had their blue lights flashing & stopped vehicles. "I tend to do what an officer tells me," she said. Jose Ucles, a spokesman for the NTSB, said motorists received \$10 for a mouth swab & \$50 for a blood test. If they declined to participate, they were free to drive away. "The data is anonymous," he said. Ucles said national surveys were done in 1973, 1986, 1996 & 2007, but this is the second time a survey has obtained data on drug use by drivers. He said the national survey uses officers to stop traffic for safety reasons.

Mongols Take on U.S. in Trademark Case – June 20, 2013 – *California* – *U.S.A.* - By Rebekah Kearn; www.CourthouseNews.com - The Mongols motorcycle gang, or club, sued Uncle Sam, claiming the Fed Gov't cannot seize its trademarks, because RICO law permits such seizures only against people. The Mongols Nation MC sued Atty General Eric Holder, in Fed Court. The Mongols claim they are not a criminal organization & cannot be held responsible for a few of its members' actions. And they claim that a Fed court already has ruled that the Gov't cannot use RICO law to seize an organization's trademarks, as Holder is trying to do. "The Gov't is improperly attempting to seize the collective marks of the club & its members because the RICO forfeiture statute is an in personam mechanism that can only be employed against individuals committing a crime under RICO & cannot be applied against the club which bears no responsibility for the actions of members who act outside of the scope of their membership with the club," the complaint states. The Mongols claim their club constitution "forbids criminal activity," expels anyone who is convicted of a "serious felony," & bans members from wearing their patches for "personal gain or criminal activity." Nonetheless, the Gov't filed a RICO indictment in 2008 against some of the Mongols' ex-members, in *United States v. Cavazos*. According to the Mongols' complaint, the Gov't claimed that the club was an "enterprise" & that law enforcement officials were "entitled to seize any item bearing or displaying the marks from any member of the club." The Mongols say the district court rejected that argument in 2009 when it ruled in favor of an undicted member who challenged the Cavazos action, in *Ramon Rivera v. Ronnie Carter*. Among other things, the court found that club members' right to wear marks as a form of free speech "outweigh[ed] the Gov't's interest in suppressing an intimidating symbol," the complaint states. The court also found that the Gov't had no right to seize the marks & stop the entire club from wearing them just because a few members were charged with racketeering, the complaint adds. The Mongols claim the Gov't has re-launched RICO forfeiture proceedings despite the Rivera ruling because the club dissolved & reincorporated in April 2012. The Mongols say they first registered their trademarks when the

club was established in Montebello, Los Angeles in 1969. "The marks were previously registered under Mongols Nation MC, Inc., but that corporation has since dissolved & the club subsequently reincorporated as MNMC," the complaint states. Since the Gov't failed in its attempt to seize their marks in Cavazos, the Mongols say, it has no right to seize them now just because the club has a new name & its marks are pending trademark approval under that name. "Here, the Gov't attempts to re-litigate the same issue with what it will construe as a different party," the complaint states. The club claims the Gov't's renewed attempt to seize their marks infringes on their free speech rights. "Members of the club wear patches to express their membership & association with the club. These patches further allow members to communicate with one another & to express their love of motorcycles & motorcycle riding. The nature of motorcycle riding stands for freedom & liberty," the complaint states. "The marks & their embodiment in the form of patches are collectively owned by the club & the members as a whole. The marks were determined in Rivera to be collective membership marks. The collective membership marks are expressions of free speech thereby protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution." The Mongols seek declaratory judgment that "the marks are not subject to RICO forfeiture," & that the club is their only lawful owner. They are represented by Bob Bernstein of Burbank.

Iron Horsemen Pres the Latest Maryland MC Leader to Face Criminal Charges - June 20, 2013 – *Maryland* - By Van Smith; <http://blogs.CityPaper.com> - First it was the Pagan's, then it was the Outlaws, & now it's the Iron Horsemen. Maryland leaders from all 3 motorcycle clubs have landed in trouble in recent times. In the fall of 2009, the Nat'l Pres of the Pagan's MC, David Keith Barbeito of Myersville, near Frederick, was indicted in West Virginia in a massive racketeering conspiracy to which he later pleaded guilty and in 2011 was sentenced to 30 months in prison. Fed inmate records show he was released in Dec 2011. Earlier this year, the Pres of the Philadelphia chapter of the Outlaws MC, Ronald L. "Bugs" Sells of Churchville, near Belair, was charged in a methamphetamine conspiracy to which he has since pleaded guilty, & is scheduled to be sentenced this summer. Two Baltimore men – Michael Privett & Robert Mansfield – were also charged in Pennsylvania as a result of the FBI's undercover infiltration of the Outlaws chapter. Most recently, & until now unreported by the media (or so it seems, based on Google searches), in May the Pres of the Southern Maryland chapter of the Iron Horsemen MC, Robert Scott Grieninger, pleaded guilty to a drugs-and-weapons indictment that resulted from a July 2012 raid on the business he manages, Scooters Garage in La Plata, according to court records. Also pleading guilty in the Charles County case was Grieninger's nephew, Christopher Scott Grieninger. Both are scheduled to be sentenced in August. Calls to their attorneys were not returned by press time. Details of the Grieninger case emerged in U.S. District Court in Baltimore on June 12, when the U.S. Attorney's Office filed civil forfeiture proceedings against property seized as a result of the raid: a 2007 Harley Davidson Street Glide motorcycle & a total of \$28,812.59, including money from 2 bank accounts & \$3,364 in cash. According to an affidavit filed in the forfeiture case signed by DEA Task Force Officer Haven Smith, the search warrant supporting the raid on Grieninger's business was "based on surveillance & several drug transactions" that occurred there between Christopher Grieninger & a "confidential source." Robert Grieninger was in the office – along with "four loaded firearms," a definite no-no, since he "has been convicted of felonies that disqualify him from ever owning, possessing, or being in the

vicinity of firearms" – when the raid team entered the business. When a K-9 unit started sniffing around the place, the affidavit continues, the dog alerted to the "the presence of drugs" in Robert Grieninger's Harley & his Iron Horsemen leather motorcycle vest. From the bike officers took "approximately 75 new & used small ziplock bags & 2 digital scales with suspected cocaine residue on both their weighing surfaces," & from the vest they took "three one-ounce plastic bags of suspected cocaine." On the same day, July 27, 2012, Robert Grieninger's La Plata home was raided, where Christopher Grieninger lives in the basement, according to the affidavit. There, officers found a "loaded Derringer pistol & additional live rounds of ammunition" & a "small ziplock bag of suspected cocaine." A decade ago, journalist Michael Amon, who then wrote for The Washington Post, wrote a piece about Maryland motorcycle clubs that extensively quoted Robert Grieninger. "Grieninger said he doesn't mind being called an 'outlaw,'" Amon wrote, "although he dislikes his club being called a 'gang.' He prefers the term '1 Percenter,' embracing the American Motorcycle Association's claim in the 1950s that 1 percent of motorcyclists give the other 99 percent a bad reputation." Amon quoted Grieninger saying, "you may have to go to prison if you are a 1 Percenter. You have to be willing to die for your brother or to go to prison for your brothers." Amon's piece recounts a late-1990s murder case against Robert Grieninger & another Iron Horsemen for "allegedly beating a man to death with a flashlight at the Mouse Trap bar in St. Mary's County. The murder charges were dropped, but Grieninger pleaded guilty to second-degree assault on another man at the bar & recently finished serving 4 years in prison." About 3 years after Amon's piece was published, Grieninger was again charged for violence – this time it was first-degree assault for an April 2006 incident outside Toot's Bar in Hollywood, Md., according to media coverage at the time. After cutting a deal with prosecutors, Grieninger served 90 days in jail in that case, for second-degree assault.

'Warlocks Rising' to debut next month on the cable net – June 20, 2013 – *Florida / U.S.A.* – By AJ Marechal; <http://Variety.com> - Discovery is cruising into the world of a notorious Florida biker club in new reality series "Warlocks Rising." Skein, set to debut on the cabler on July 5, follows members of the Warlocks MC as they struggle to balance family & club life. The Warlocks are known to be one of the country's "1% motorcycle clubs," implying that they're considered outlaws & non-law abiding citizens by the Gov't. Discovery has ordered 4 hourlong episodes of "Warlocks Rising." Show is produced by Discovery Studios, with Stuart Schonfeld, Cameron P. Casey, Eddie Barbini & Brian Knappmiller serving as exec producers.

Spanaway man plotted to destroy rival biker gang's bar, feds say – June 20, 2013 – *Washington* – By Adam Lynn; www.BellinghamHerald.com - Fed authorities have arrested a man they believe is the V.P. of a local motorcycle gang after learning he allegedly planned to blow up a Pierce County bar where members of a rival gang are thought to hang out. During raids last week members of a Fed task force found a dozen guns, blasting caps & explosives in the Spanaway home of Karl Wayne Twilleager & a storage unit he rents, also in Spanaway, court records show. Fed agents contend Twilleager planned to use the explosives — a dough-like substance known as Emulsion — to destroy Uncle Sam's Bar & Grill on Pacific Avenue, the records state. Twilleager was charged in U.S. District Court in Tacoma on June 13 with a single count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, but more charges are likely. The 66-year-old Twilleager, also known as King Karl, has a number of felony convictions,

including a 1994 second-degree murder conviction out of Grant County, court records show. On Tuesday, he was ordered held in Fed custody until the resolution of his case. He's yet to enter a plea. The task force began investigating the case in late May after receiving information that Twilleager & other members of his gang, the Ghost Riders MC, had been talking about blowing up Uncle Sam's, court records show. Initial talk was about blowing up the bar when it was closed so no one got hurt, the records show. Ghost Riders allegedly hold a grudge against the bar because members of a rival club, the Bandidos, hang out there occasionally, the records state. Last June, a number of Ghost Riders who attended a charity event at the bar were attacked by a larger group of Bandidos, court records show. Shots were fired, & one man was injured. Ghost Rider Derek Harms was arrested & charged with first-degree assault in that case. He's pleaded not guilty & is being held in the Pierce County Jail in lieu of \$250,000 bail. Harms is expected to claim self-defense during his trial, which is scheduled to begin next month. The bad blood between the 2 clubs has intensified recently, Fed agents wrote in court documents. "Karl Twilleager has talked about using the explosives to blow up the Uncle Sam's Bar & Grill ... as a message to the Bandidos Motorcycle Gang to back off, because the bar is a Bandido hangout," the agents wrote. Craig Arrowood owns Uncle Sam's. He said he had not heard of the plot to bomb his establishment. "That's ridiculous," he said. "We're a peaceful coalition of clubs. We have everybody in here all the time."

USA: Am I On Speaker? PA Supreme Court To Decide Whether Wiretapping Act Applies - June 20 2013 - *Pennsylvania* - By Aaron Weems; www.mondaq.com - The Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently accepted the case of Commonwealth vs. Spence, on appeal from the Superior Court. This criminal case involves the issue of whether eavesdropping on a speaker-phone telephone call constitutes a violation of Pennsylvania's Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act. The outcome of this case will have a significant impact on the introduction of electronic communication evidence in all types of cases, including family law cases. In this situation, the confidential informant was a high school student arrested for illegal possession of prescription drugs. The student was enlisted as an informant to try to arrest the dealer. In doing so, a Pennsylvania State Trooper with the Philadelphia Vice Narcotics Unit had the C.I. call the dealer; put the phone on speakerphone in the trooper's presence and order Percocet, OxyCotin, and Xanax. The dealer was to deliver them in person to a local Wawa. Upon the dealer's arrival, the police were waiting and he was arrested for possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture or deliver, as well as a count of possession of drug paraphernalia. At the criminal trial, the Delaware County Prosecutor had asked for a mistrial because they realized they needed to utilize the direct testimony of the confidential informant. During that break between trials, the defendant filed a Motion to Suppress the evidence on the basis that the State Trooper had violated the Wiretap Act and that any evidence derived from that violation was barred from introduction into evidence. The trial court judge agreed; the District Attorney's office appealed and the Superior Court judges agreed with the trial court, leading to another appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The impact of this decision will reach beyond criminal cases. A decision upholding the suppression of this evidence would mean that any time a person overhears a conversation on speakerphone that the potential would exist that that information could be suppressed presumably due to the speaker's lack of knowledge or consent to expose the info beyond the intended recipient. Family law litigation often employs the testimony and

evidence from individuals who have overheard conversations or recorded conversations (in person) with an unknowing speaker. The difference between a legal recording and an illegal recording can be a very fine line; the outcome of this case will further shape how electronic recordings are used and whether they will remain a legally reliable method for collecting evidence.

Mongols biker group sues feds over attempted trademark seizure - June 21, 2013 - *California / U.S.A.* - By Bruce Vielmetti; www.JSOnline.com - Fed agents can infiltrate outlaw motorcycle gangs, indict their members & maybe even seize some guns, cash or bikes, but they can't just take over the club's name, logo & trademark. Prosecutors tried that in California against the Mongols, but only wound up in a long, expensive legal fight that, so far, the Mongols are winning. But law enforcement is so taken with the idea of confiscating the symbol of the gang that this year, it launched another attempt earlier this year, indicting the group itself, & once again looking to take the trademarked pony-tailed bald man on a chopper trademark. And now the club has filed its own separate action in Fed court in California, to try to stop the U.S. Dept of Justice from seizing the club's colors. According to a story in Courthouse News Service, the Fed Gov't figures the prior court rulings don't apply because the club has reincorporated & is now a different legal entity. The Mongols Nation MC's not buying that. "The marks & their embodiment in the form of patches are collectively owned by the club & the members as a whole," the club's lawsuit states. "The marks were determined in Rivera to be collective membership marks. The collective membership marks are expressions of free speech thereby protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution." The U.S. Attorney in central California said in 2008 that the idea was that if the trademark was seized, then any time a law enforcement officer saw a biker wearing a Mongol vest or patch, "will be authorized to stop that gang member & literally take the jacket right off his back." The courts disagreed & eventually ordered the Justice Dept to pay lawyers for the club more than \$250,000 in legal fees.

The next Issue will catch up on the missed News Articles from June... As there were lots of news articles, too many for this issue... Thus next issue should come out in a week or two...

Golf Lessons: A man goes to a golf pro for some advice. 'Well, what should I do?' asked the man. 'Hold the club gently,' the pro replied, 'just like you'd hold your wife's breast.' Taking the advice, he took a swing, & POW, he hit the ball 250 yards straight up the fairway. The ecstatic man went back home telling his wife the good news about his lesson, & the wife couldn't wait for her lesson. The next day, the wife went for her lesson. The pro watched her swing & said, 'No, no, no, you're gripping the club way too hard.' 'What can I do?' asked the wife. 'Hold the club gently, just like you'd hold your husband's penis.' The wife listened carefully to the pro's advice, took a swing, and, THUMP! -- the ball skipped down the fairway about 15 feet. 'You know, that was a lot better than I expected,' the pro said. 'Now, take the club out of your mouth & hold it in your hands...'

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- We don't accept applications. We accept commitments...
- If we all do a little bit, Then no one has to do a lot...
- There can be no "I", there has to be "We"...
- One heart, One Voice...

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