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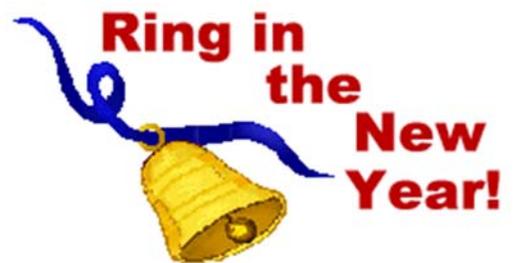
Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

Editor: Mike Davis...

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I would like to Thank the **Pagan's Cape May County Chapter New Jersey** on behalf of all the Brothers Behind Bars and on behalf of myself for their Donation of \$ 50.00 to this Newsletter... THANK YOU And Have a Very Happy New Year... Mike SOS MC Retired...

Editor's Note: For October there was 1 issue, For November there were 2 issues, For December this is the 2nd issue...

Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of 82 Motorcycle Clubs...

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

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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 (**83 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, 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, Estedes, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hellions, 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, Moloch, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Red Devils, Renegades, Sadistic, **Saddle Tramps**, Salty Dogs, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Deciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Thunderguards, Unforegiven, Unforgiven, 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, Scotland, Sweden, & Wales.

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.

Editor's Note: I would like to Thank all of the contacts from all of the MCs 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...

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...

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Let us form one Body, one Heart, And Defend to the last Warrior our Country, our Homes, out Liberty, And the Graves of our Fathers. - Tecumseh

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What we do: These are the different events that clubs put on for charities & good will for their communities.

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Life, Liberty & the pursuit of Happiness: That to secure these rights, Gov'ts are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, - That whenever any Form of Gov't becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, & to institute new Gov't, laying its foundation on such principles & organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety & Happiness. When a long train of abuses & force without legal authority, pursuing invariably the same Object demonstrate clearly a design to reduce them Under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Gov't, & to provide new Guards for their future security... - Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, And Robert Locke

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Two old drunks are sitting in a bar when the first one says, "Ya know, when I was thirty & got an erection, I couldn't bend it, even using both hands. By the time I was forty, I could bend it about ten degrees if I tried really hard. By the time I was fifty, I could bend it about forty 5 degrees, no problem. I'm gonna be sixty next week, & now I can bend it in half with just one hand." "So," says the second drunk, "what's your point?" "Well, I'm just wondering how much stronger I'm gonna get."

Deconstructing The Tipton Whitewash - Dec 5, 2014 - Florida

- By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - More & more with the passage of time, State Atty Angela Corey & Assistant State Attorney Brian Brady's official account of the homicide of Black Piston Zachariah "Nas T" Tipton by Iron Order prospect Kristopher Stone looks like a whitewash. Stone shot & killed Tipton outside Nippers Beach Grille last June 26. After stonewalling the public & the press about their investigation for 134 days, Corey & Brady announced Stone would not be charged "with any crime." Brady explained that Stone had been the victim of an unprovoked attack by multiple opponents that the Black Pistons were "muscle" for the American Outlaws Association & that the attack was the fruit of the Iron Order's refusal to pay a "tax" to the Outlaws. In the State of Florida's official summation of the shooting titled "State Attorney Review Justifiable Homicide & Justifiable Use of Deadly Force By A Citizen," witness statements collected by investigators in the hours after the shooting were interpreted & summarized in a way that seemed to provide Stone with an airtight alibi. The report includes summaries of statements made by eleven witnesses including Stone & another Iron Order prospect named Tim White. One of the witnesses cited in the State Attorney's official disposition of the homicide was a woman named Darlene Forkel. Using legally obtained documents, The Aging Rebel has compared 3 successive versions of what Forkel told police & concluded that Corey & Brady glossed over what might have been the most significant factor in deciding whether to charge Stone with murder.

Version One: In a signed, hand written statement given to police at 11:15 p.m., about 3 hours after Tipton was fatally wounded, Forkel said: "Myself & boyfriend arrived at nippers around 8 p.m. We drove up & down road to find parking for bike. There were 2 ladies ahead of us on bikes also & 5 guys passed us the other way as we were getting ready to park. We walked inside & I said Hi to some friends. I was there about 7 or 8 minutes & I realized I left my phone on my bike. I walked to the front & was going to the left. There were 2 men fighting on the ground to the right between 2 bikes. I continue to walk left & heard a sound like a firecracker & as I turned back to the right the man on the left was standing but off balance & falling backwards & the man on the right had a gun & shot more shots as the man on the left was falling. The man on the right moved to the head of where the man was laying on the ground. The man had blood on his nose & mouth area. He was holding his face & other men past him came walking to him & someone asked what he did & he stated he shot him. There was a couple of men near the man that shot the guy. All were wearing Iron Order vests. There was a lady came from behind me & ran to the guy that was shot & began CPR & a man also from behind me & began helping her. There was now a crowd around the shooting area & I walked back inside to where my boyfriend was & let him know what had happened."

Version Two: Forkel wrote her statement at the Jacksonville Beach P.D. The official account of the Forkel's interview differs from her written statement in both subtle & obvious ways. That report of the interview states: "Forkel stated she arrived to Nippers approximately 7 minutes before the altercation. Forkel advised she & her boyfriend parked their motorcycles near the Nippers valet stand (which was located east of the altercation). Forkel said after parking their motorcycles they walked down the sidewalk in front of Nippers, & entered the restaurant through the front doors. Forkel stated she did not notice any altercation before entering Nippers. Once inside Nippers Forkel noticed she had left her cell

phone on her motorcycle, & she went to retrieve it by herself. "Forkel stated when she exited the front doors of Nippers she immediately observed 2 males fighting approximately 20 feet to the southwest of her location. Forkel said she observed one male laying on his back on the ground, & the second male was on top. Forkel advised she observed the male on top was repeatedly striking the male on the ground over & over again with right fists. Forkel advised she turned & began walking east toward her motorcycle, & at this time her back was to the 2 males fighting. Forkel said she took about 3 steps, & that is when she heard the first gun shot. Forkel advised she immediately turned around & she observed the male that was on top coming off the male that was laying on the ground. Forkel stated she observed the male that was on top falling backwards, & the male that was on the bottom stand up & fire approximately 4 to 5 shots at the male that was falling backwards. The male that was being shot at fell to the ground & did not get back up. Forkel said she then observed a group of males approach the shooter, & they were all wearing Iron Order vests. Forkel advised the shooter was also wearing an Iron Order vest. The male that was shot was also wearing a vest, but Forkel could not say if there was anything on the back. "When the group of males approached the shooter Forkel heard him say 'I shot him.' Forkel said the shooter was a white male with short hair, blue jeans, wearing a blue bandana, an Iron Order vest, in his 20's, 5 feet 9, & 190 to 200 pounds. Forkel further stated she observed blood on the shooter's face. Forkel stated she observed the shooter walk over to a light pole lean against the pole. She later observed police officers place the shooter into hand cuffs, & walk him toward a police car. Forkel advised she then went back inside Nippers & told her boyfriend what happened. Forkel stated she & her boyfriend do not know either the shooter or the victim. "Forkel willingly filled out & signed a witness statement. I have nothing further to add to Forkel's interview."

Version Three: The third account of Tipton's death is both the briefest & is the final, official version of Forkel's statement. It reads: "Darlene Forkel was a patron at Nippers. She was exiting Nippers to get her phone on her motorcycle. She saw men fighting on the ground. One man was on top repeatedly striking the man on the ground (Kristopher Stone). She says the shooter was on the ground & pushed the deceased off him & shot at the same time. She heard 4 to 5 shots. Afterwards she heard the shooter say "I shot him" as he had blood on his face." The most important legal question the 3 versions of Forkel's statement raise, is whether Zachariah Tipton was standing & backing away from Stone the first time he was shot or, instead, was on top of Stone & assaulting him. It might seem trivial, but it is the bright & shining line that separates murder from self-defense. If Tipton was in fact standing & backing away from Stone when Stone shot him, as several informed sources speaking on condition of anonymity have told The Aging Rebel since last July, Stone should have been charged with murder. The official account never suggests that Tipton might have been backing away when he was shot although that's what Forkel stated. "...the man on the left was standing but off balance & falling backwards & the man on the right had a gun & shot more shots as the man on the left was falling." A second question parallels the first one. If, based on eyewitness statements, there was probable cause to believe that Tipton had stopped hitting Stone & was backing away when he was killed, why did Angela Corey & Brian Brady cover that up?

Someone said that you are not fit to sleep with pigs.
I stuck up for the pigs.

No Crime No Problem - Dec 6, 2014 - *California* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Entrapment is as American as cherry pie, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Thu. A 3 judge panel overturned the dismissal of a case against 2 men named Antuan Duane "Rat Tone" Dunlap & Joseph Cornell "Baby Flip" Whitfield who had been charged with conspiring to rob an entirely imaginary cocaine stash house. The imaginary crime was invented by the ATF. It is a standard technique of the Bureau to entice financially vulnerable men to participate in crimes invented by the ATF. In at least some of these stings, the ATF runs credit checks on potential entrappes to verify their financial vulnerability. Over & over, the men are offered a standard fee of \$1,000 for agreeing to a few hours of low risk work. In some cases, men are unaware of what sort of illegal deal they will participate in until literally seconds before the actual crime is underway. Typically the victims of these stings are asked to provide "security" for drug deals or drug robberies. ATF agents or other undercover agents provocateur play the parts of the robbers & the robbery victims, or the drug sellers & the buyers. The ATF supplies the men to be entrapped with guns & body armor. Typically the ATF supplies tens of kilos of cocaine or methamphetamine as theatrical props. During one recent "sting" in Las Vegas the ATF rented a private airstrip & supplied a private plane & pilot. A Fed prosecutor in Los Angeles named Reema El-Amamy once described these stings as "guerilla street theater."

There Might Go Judge Wright: In 2007, a lawyer named Andrew Carlon coined the term "The Sadistic State" to describe such entrappings. Carlon described the Sadistic State as "a state that has decided that, since its unique function is the power to punish, it must pursue punishment as an intrinsic good, independent of desert (or, indeed, of the other, more consequentialist aims of punishment), transforming itself into a punishment machine." Undeserved punishment, Carlon argues, "reduces to sadism" & leads to a state "which wields power, most fully realized through the infliction of pain, as an end in itself, the human beings in its power merely means to that awful end." Last March, Judge Otis D. Wright, a black, former Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy whose rulings generally favor prosecutors, seemed to have been genuinely touched by the sadism demonstrated in the entrapment of Dunlap & Whitfield & ruled that it amounted to "outrageous Gov't conduct." Wright wrote that a "reverse-sting operation like this one transcends the bounds of due process & makes the Gov't the oppressor of its people."

Three Wise Fools: The appeals court was neither touched nor convinced as Wright had been. Judges Atsushi Wallace Tashima, William Fletcher & Jay Bybee ruled that the ATF entrapment did not meet "the extremely high standard necessary to dismiss an indictment for outrageous Gov't conduct." The 3 judges also ruled that because the appeals court had been wrong before it had no choice but to continue to be wrong. "We have previously held that similar reverse-sting operations, if properly conducted, are a permissible law enforcement tactic" the 3 judges ruled. "While we, like the district court, question the wisdom of the Gov't's expanding use of fake stash house sting operations, we are bound by our court's prior decisions holding that when such sting operations are conducted, as in this case, within the guidelines established by our precedent, they do not violate due process & cross the line into outrageous Gov't conduct."

You must be the arithmetic man -- you add trouble, subtract pleasure, divide attention, & multiply ignorance....

MC holding a toy drive - Dec 11, 2014 - *Tennessee* - By Gerald Witt; www.KnoxNews.com - A MC toy drive will help children in 2 schools following a fatal bus crash that killed 3 people. The Outcast MC in Knoxville is collecting teddy bears & other toys to give to the students from the schools involved in the crash, & is seeking donations for the cause. Outcast member Baffin Harper said other MCs have contacted him to get involved, too. "It's more about touching the kids who weren't even in the accident who might be hurt of missing friends," Harper said. On Dec. 2, an eastbound bus carrying students from Chilhowee Intermediate Schools crossed a median on Asheville Hwy near Gov. John Sevier Hwy & slammed into a westbound bus carrying students from Sunnyview Primary School. Two students, Zykia Burns, 6, & Seraya Glasper, 7, died in the crash. Kimberly Riddle, 46, a teacher's aide, also was killed. "I've been hearing some good response & a lot of people are coming out," Harper said. The toy drive will end with a Dec. 19 rally where people can drop off toys & hang out. Harper said that his club & others will meet 7 p.m. at Don Pablo's, 2916 Knoxville Center Dr. In the meantime, donations are being accepted at Xtreme Hair Designers, 3605 Western Ave., according to Harper's daughter, Naekeya Evans. She said that people who want to help but don't have access to transportation can email her at naekeya@yahoo.com. The Detroit-based Outcast MC is composed of only black members, & many members are known for riding black motorcycles & wearing all-black leathers & clothes. Some of its members identify with a counterculture rooted in the late 1960s & a sense of unity akin to the Black Panther Party. Many chapters have also recently denounced the use of violence in favor of doing community work. Evans & Harper said their Knoxville chapter is about people who like to ride motorcycles. "There are people in this group ... who have big hearts," she said. "We're trying to make a change."

On an Electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."

At the Electric Company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be delighted."

At a Propane Filling Station: "Thank heaven for little grills"

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee: "Invite us to your next blowout."

Chicago radiator shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary.
We hear you coming."

At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet
-miss a car payment."

On a Plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed."

On another Plumber's truck: "Don't sleep with a drip.
Call your plumber."

On a Septic Tank Truck: Yesterday's Meals on Wheels.

Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck: "Caution
- This Truck is full of Political Promises"

In a Restaurant window: "Don't stand there & be hungry;
come on in & get fed up."

In a Non-smoking Area: "If we see smoke, we will assume you
are on fire & take appropriate action."

Jackpine Gypsies MC sued on allegations of bylaw violations

- Dec 11, 2014 - *South Dakota* - By Adam Hurlbur; www.BHPioneer.com - The Jackpine Gypsies MC, which established the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in 1938, is being sued by a club member who alleges club officers & directors performed official business in violation of club bylaws. Jackpine Gypsies MC member & Sturgis city councilman Ron Waterland filed a lawsuit against the club & its current officers & directors in S.D.'s 4th Judicial Circuit Court on Oct. 2. Waterland's has been a member of the Gypsies since 2000, has held various officer positions in the club, & was a member of the club's board of directors in 2003, when the club adopted many amendments to its bylaws. In a complaint filed by his atty, Roger Tellinghuisen of Rapid City, Waterland alleges that:

- **Certain club members** amended club bylaws in 2009 without following the guidelines established in 2003, which require all proposed amendments be read at 2 club meetings prior to the annual club meeting. Before the amendments are read, the club secretary must notify all members of the proposed amendments & when they'll be read.

- **The 2009 annual meeting** was held on Fri, Oct. 9 when it should have been held on Thu, Oct. 8. Bylaw amendments established in 2003 specify that annual club meetings will be held on the second Thu of Oct.

- **At the 2013** annual meeting, Lorna Paisley was named club treasurer. This violates both 2003 & 2009 amended bylaws, as Paisley is not a club member.

- **Waterland & other members**, he maintains, were in good standing with the club, some of whom were lifetime members, were notified prior to the club's 2013 annual meeting that they wouldn't be allowed to vote for officers & directors, as they were considered not in good standing. Club bylaws state that members must pay annual club dues & work at least 3 club events each year to remain in good standing; members for 25 years or longer are lifetime members & don't need to pay annual club dues or work events to remain in good standing.

- **Some members** were treated as though they were in good standing even though the club's records on membership work were inaccurate or missing altogether.

- **An annual audit** was not prepared, certified, & submitted to club members at the 2013 annual meeting, as required by 2003 & 2009 amended club bylaws.

Based on these allegations, Waterland seeks a court order declaring the 2013 election of officers & directors null & void, an order mandating the club conduct a new election of officers & directors following proper notice to members pursuant to the club's 2003 bylaws, an order declaring Waterland & similarly situated club members as members in good standing, & an order requiring the club to perform an audit of its finances, pursuant to both the 2003 & 2009 versions of the club's bylaws. Waterland also seeks reimbursement for his legal costs & attorney fees from the defendants. The defendants deny all of Waterland's allegations listed above in their official response, filed on Oct. 6 by their attorney, Jason Smiley, of Rapid City. The defendants allege they don't have sufficient information to either admit or deny that:

The 2003 bylaws described eligibility for membership, dues, requirements for continued membership in the club, eligibility to hold office in the club, & provided for an annual audit of the club's finances.

- **Waterland** has been a club member since 2000, has served as an officer and/or director of the club in that time, was a member

of the board of directors in 2003 when the club bylaws were amended & notified club members of the proposed amendments, adopted at the 2003 annual meeting.

Therefore, the defendants deny these allegations based on lack of evidence. The defendants claim some of Waterland's interpretations of the club's 2003 bylaws as filed in his complaint are incorrect as they're not direct quotations. Thus, they deny those allegations. The defendants have requested a trial by jury & seek dismissal of Waterland's complaint as well as reimbursements for all legal fees, including reasonable attorney's fees, as allowed by law. "I'm embarrassed that parties didn't even go through the normal channels within the club if they had a dispute, a difference of opinion — & that they even think the issue needs to have a judge help them decide," Club Secretary Jim Paisley said. Waterland has thus far declined to comment on the lawsuit, as has Jackpine Gypsies Club Pres Mark Patino. The lawsuit is currently still in the deposition stage.

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, & are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down & now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

Atty: What was the 1st thing your husband said to you that morning? **Witness:** He said, "Where am I, Kathy?"

Atty: And why did that upset you? **Witness:** My name is Susan!

Atty: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people? **Witness:** All my autopsies are performed on dead people. Would you like to rephrase that? **Atty:** Do you recall the time that you examined the body? **Witness:** The autopsy started around 8:30 pm. **Atty:** And Mr. Denton was dead at the time? **Witness:** No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him! **Atty:** Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse? **Witness:** No. **Atty:** Did you check for blood pressure? **Witness:** No. **Atty:** Did you check for breathing? **Witness:** No. **Atty:** So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy? **Witness:** No. **Atty:** How can you be so sure, Doctor? **Witness:** Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar. **Atty:** I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless? **Witness:** Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive & practicing law...

Atty: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

Witness: Yes. **Atty:** And in what ways does it affect your memory? **Witness:** I forget. **Atty:** You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

Atty: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo? **Witness:** We both do. **Atty:** Voodoo? **Witness:** We do. **Atty:** You do? **Witness:** Yes, voodoo.

Atty: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Witness: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

Atty: She had 3 children, right? **Witness:** Yes.

Atty: How many were boys? **Witness:** None. **Atty:** Were there any girls? **Witness:** Are you shitt'in me? Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

Atty: How was your 1st marriage terminated? **Witness:** By death.

Atty: And by whose death was it terminated? **Witness:** Now whose death do you suppose terminated it?

Prosecutorial Games in Rockford HA Case - Dec 11, 2014 – *Illinois* - By Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - 7 members of the Rockford charter of the Hells Angels MC pled not guilty Tue to the same set of charges against them that were dismissed last Aug. Richard Todd, Robert Bell, John Savalick, Tomasz Lech, Aloysius Balice, Chris Lawson & Jose Vielma are charged with armed robbery, aggravated kidnapping of a child younger than 13, unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle, aggravated battery with a Taser, aggravated battery with a knife, aggravated battery with an ax handle & mob action. Prosecutors originally charged 14 defendants in July 2013. 7 of the original defendants pled guilty to lesser charges; sentenced to 2-years probation.

Witness Safety: State's Atty Joe Bruscatto alleged that on June 27, 2013 the defendants confined an unnamed Rockford man to the charter C.H. & hit him with an ax handle, punched him, struck him with brass knuckles & a hammer, Tasered him & stabbed him. Police claimed the men cooperated to steal the victim's wallet, keys & truck & that they detained an 11-year-old girl while the victim was assaulted. The investigation started after the victim went to a hospital for treatment & police have never specified a motive. The victim appears not to have cooperated with the prosecution. Prosecutors asked Judge Joe McGraw to delay trial last summer so the state could strengthen its case against the men. When the judge refused the state declined to prosecute. At the time Deputy State's Atty Jim Brun made an incomprehensible statement that: "As I indicated, the State's Atty's responsibility is to provide a fair trial to all, so we're certainly not going to rush a case to trial just to say everyone has their right to due process & everyone has their right to a fair trial & part of that is to protect our, all our witnesses so that is part of our decision making process that we deployed at this time." His boss, Joe Bruscatto, issued a statement the next day that the charges were dropped because he had "to consider the safety of all witnesses."

More To Come: Criminal defendants in the USA have a Constitutionally guaranteed "right to a speedy & public trial" so the state's move to dismiss should have ended the case. But Bruscatto refiled the charges on Sept 30. The dismissal last Aug was a blatant attempt to overrule Judge McGraw & get the continuance the judge said they couldn't have. So far, the strategy is working. All 7 defendants remain free on bond. McGraw said the men can meet with one another for "lawful purposes" & that they cannot associate with known gang members. There is a motion hearing in the case on Jan 21. The defendants will probably move for a dismissal of the charges. The prosecutor will probably argue that the HAs is a criminal gang.

Victim identified in Fort Worth killing, 1 arrested - Dec 14, 2014 – *Texas* – By Monica S. Nagy; www.Star-Telegram.com - A man shot to death after an altercation among motorcycle gang members at a bar in the Riverside area has been identified as Geoffrey Brady, 41, of Arlington, according to the Tarrant County medical examiner's website. Brady died of multiple gunshot wounds at the Gator's Jam Inn on 2813 Race St. in Fort Worth about 9 p.m. Fri, according to authorities. Fort Worth police arrested Howard Baker, 59, of Fort Worth, at 1:15 p.m. Sat. Baker faces a murder charge in the death of Brady, & remained in Fort Worth jail on \$100,000 bail Sun, according to a Fort Worth police incident report. Two other men were shot, including a 44-year-old man who was taken to John Peter Smith Hospital, & a 32-year-old man who was taken to a local hospital in a private vehicle, police said. They are both reportedly in serious condition, Fort

Worth police said. A Ft Worth dispatcher received the shooting call shortly after 9:15 p.m. & 19 units had responded by 9:45 p.m. The victims were known members of documented criminal motorcycle gangs, according to a news release from Ft Worth police. More arrests are expected, police spokeswoman Cpl. Tracey Knight said. Police incident reports list 3 H-D motorcycles in relation to the shooting call. The bar is near the intersection of Race St & Sylvania Ave east of downtown Fort Worth.

Police claim progress in war against Rebels, with bikie gang not holding annual Nat'l run – Dec 14, 2014 – *Australia* – By Lucy Carter; www.ABC.net.au - Police say they are making serious progress in the war against one of the country's biggest outlaw motorcycle gangs, the Rebels. A targeted police crackdown & pressure from anti-bikie laws mean that for the first time ever the club has not held its annual national run - normally a display of the gang's size & strength. New South Wales police said they had little sympathy for the Rebels, with gangs squad commander Detective Deborah Wallace labelling the group a danger to the community. "Outlaw motorcycle gangs aren't just harmless MCs," she said. "They're well-organized criminal gangs, & they cause harm right across the country. So they need to be targeted for their criminal activities." Between Feb 2012 & Sept this year approximately 3,000 people were arrested by the Australian Crime Commission's Attero Nat'l Task Force, set up to crackdown on the Rebels. It laid more than 4,200 charges including serious assault, stalking, kidnapping & affray as well as a range of firearms & weapons offences, drug offences, property, street & traffic offences. A new national anti-bikie gang taskforce called Operation Morpheus has been operating since September, & includes officers from all state & territory police agencies as well as the Australian Crime Commission, the AFP & other bodies.

Strike Force Raptor disrupting Rebels 'on all levels': In Nov alone, more than a dozen Rebels members have been charged in NSW with serious offences including extortion, kidnapping & assault. Detective Deb Wallace said police were also disrupting the Rebels by targeting them for tax evasion & the illegal sale of alcohol. "Our officers do a whole range & at times they do long-term investigations & one of the strongest arms of our squad is Strike Force Raptor," she said. "They're our proactive arm & they are the ones that you'll see going through the CHs, going through the street every day. And their idea is to disrupt them on all levels." Adding to the Rebels' woes in 2014, their Nat'l Pres Alex Vella has been stranded overseas since the Gov't cancelled his visa on character grounds while he was on holiday in Malta in June. Then in Oct the High Court upheld revamped anti-consorting laws in NSW which make it an offence for convicted criminals to repeatedly associate with each other. Detective Wallace said all the pressure was having an impact on the Rebels. "I think we've had a significant impact ... this year they didn't have their Nat'l run which is the 1st time ever," she said. "I think they're feeling quite vulnerable at the moment, which doesn't mean we relax our strategies or relax our approach, it means we keep going." The Rebels were contacted for comment on this story, but declined on the advice of their lawyers. There is no word yet on whether the club plans to hold a national run in 2015.

Atty: Are you sexually active? **Witness:** No, I just lie there.

Atty: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

Witness: Uh, he's twenty.

Vagos, Hells Angels relations discussed at trial – Dec 15, 2014 – *California* – By Leah DeAnda; www.Record-Bee.com - While the prosecution appeared to invite broad conclusions about relations between the Hells Angels & Vagos MC members, the defense counsel targeted the details of Fri's proceedings. The majority of the day was filled with Lakeport P.D. Lt. Jason Ferguson's testimony. He provided insight into 2 separate incidents that predated the altercation at Konocti Vista Casino that spurred the case. The 1st, occurring April 11, 2011, involved an interaction between some motorcyclists & Vagos member Michael Burns, who was also involved in the fight at the casino. But Ferguson info about the situation did not establish direct evidence of any interaction between Burns & HAs members specifically, & the judge's previous decision to truncate the account limited the relevance of the testimony even further. In his account, Ferguson alleged "several" HAs members were among a group of about 50 motorcyclists outside the Clearlake Club. When Burns, wearing his "colors," drove by the club, some of the motorcyclists yelled out to him. "I didn't hear the specific verbiage, but my opinion was it was not positive; it was negative," Ferguson said. Shortly after, most of the motorcyclists headed southbound with Ferguson following. The account of the incident to the jury ended here. However, the prosecution may have found more relevance in what the jury was not allowed to hear. That is, Ferguson later found Burns beaten up after doubling back to the club. Without any evidence of the Hells Angels' involvement in the assault, Judge Michael Lunas had not allowed Ferguson to be questioned about Burns' condition. The defense did bring up the fact that Burns had passed in front of the motorcyclists twice, however. Discussion of the second incident, which took place May 14, 2011, was introduced by the defense & detailed a meeting of approximately 80 Vagos members, also at the Clear Lake Road Riders MC. The gathering took place the same day Sheriff Frank Rivero attempted to block HAs' members entry into the county for fear of a confrontation between the 2 clubs, although the Hells Angels never arrived. The counsel's questioning introduced an alleged possible bias of L.E. officials in favor of Vagos members, a claim it had previously attempted but failed to verify during discovery of the Lake County Sheriff's Office records. Ferguson agreed with attorney Jai Gohel's description of the Vagos gathering as unusual & affirmed he'd seen Rivero talking with the Vagos members. But asked if it was unusual to see several Hells Angels members outside the club or if Rivero had ever been seen "chatting it up with them" outside the club, Ferguson said no. Atty Patrick Ciocca, representing Timothy Bianchi, pressed the issue further by asking Ferguson about his role in coordinating the response to the Vagos' gathering. Ferguson said he had received information that some of the Vagos members would be armed that day, but that he didn't take action to prepare any differently. He also said he didn't recall any Vagos members being arrested or subjected to pat downs. Additionally, Ferguson was asked how many of the 12 or more Lake County Chapter Vagos members he had personal contact with before 2011. Ferguson was able to list 4 members by name & detailed his interactions with them, which included issuing one a DUI, stopping another for driving too fast & speaking with Burns at a bar a couple of times while he was off duty. Following Ferguson's testimony, 2 LCSO officers took the stand to answer questions about their involvement in executing search warrants on the homes of defendants Nicolas Carrillo & Bianchi. District Atty Deputy Art Grothe once again took time to introduce pictures of the defendants' Hells Angels gear & memorabilia into evidence. A picture of Carrillo's chest tattoo of

a death head, a symbol trademarked by the club, was also provided. Grothe also presented a picture of a sign reading "The meek shall inherit the earth when we're through with it. Hells Angels World" through use of the projector. He later presented a larger, printed-out version of the same sign, which he taped to the whiteboard at the front of the room & also submitted it as a separate piece of evidence. The print-out remained at the front of the room for the remainder of the jury session. Gohel asked one of the officers about the purpose of searching the residence & LCSO Detective Nicole Costanza affirmed the intent was to prove Carrillo was a Hells Angels member even though the LCSO already knew him to be one. She also said no evidence of any criminal activity was found in the home. After the jury was excused, discussion of the holiday's interruption in the trial schedule resumed. The defense's largest concern was with the delay of testimony by Jorge Gil Blanco, a gang expert who is expected to take a full trail week to testify. Lunas declined to make any scheduling changes though & next week a doctor who saw Burns after the fight, a Santa Rosa gang task force member & a LCSO detective will testify. The defense is also expected to subpoena other officers involved in the search of Carrillo's house.

4 In Custody for Firearms, Meth in Ventura County - Dec 15, 2014 - *California* – By <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com> - 4 Hells Angels MC members were in custody Mon for possessing firearms & methamphetamine near Ojai. According to the Ventura County Sheriff's Dept, around 1:30 p.m. Sunday about a dozen motorcyclists wearing Hells Angels patches were observed by deputies driving South on Maricopa Hwy, towards North Ventura Ave, conducting traffic violations. Deputies explained they conducted an enforcement stop on Baldwin Rd. An investigation revealed 2 concealed loaded firearms, meth & a weapon described as "brass knuckles." Noah Tedesco, 30, of Riverside, was taken into custody for possession of meth, while in possession of a firearm, & being a prohibited person from possessing a firearm. John Saucedo, 29, of Orange, was arrested for carrying a loaded firearm in his vehicle. Thomas Hold, 44, of Thomas Harbor City, was arrested for possession of brass knuckles. Tedesco & Stefan Amann, 40, of Lake Elsinore, were also taken into custody for being under the influence of a controlled substance. According to deputies, the men were attending a Christmas toy drive event at the Deer Lodge in Meiners Oaks. They are all being held at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

Christchurch gangs face police scrutiny – Dec 15, 2014 – *New Zealand* - By Blair Ensor; www.Stuff.com.nz - Ruakaka St in Christchurch is a quiet suburban street - home to young families & pensioners. But at the weekend, residents say the sound of loud music & motorcycle engines often erupts from a back section. The modest property at the end of a gravel drive in Hornby doesn't look untoward at 1st glance, but a security camera, large metal gate & big black dog are a giveaway. So is a man who appears wearing the red & yellow colors of notorious internat'l MC the Bandidos. The property is home to a senior figure of the bikie gang. In July last year, police acknowledged the Bandidos & Head Hunters had a presence in Christchurch. Both were yet to gain a foothold in the city & there was no cause for alarm among residents, police said. But has the situation changed? In recent years, bikie gangs from Australia have arrived in New Zealand & shaken up the local scene. Many clubs are now recruiting heavily, patching over rival groups, as they build strength. The Bandidos, Head Hunters & Hells Angels have all bolstered their ranks in different areas of the South Island in the past year. Police have

previously said that Christchurch could be attractive to organized crime as billions of dollars is poured into the rebuild. This week, they said that some outlaw motorcycle clubs were more visible in the city now than 12 months ago. That could be attributed to their willingness to wear their colors/patches publicly, rather than an increase in membership. Canterbury district crime manager Detective Inspector Virginia Le Bas said that, while their presence was a concern, “we’re confident that our policing activities . . . have had a disruptive impact on organized crime”. Staff across the district used a mix of overt & covert techniques to monitor gangs, identify illegal activity & prevent their expansion “so it doesn’t escalate out of control”, Le Bas said. In some cases, police & other agencies had helped people turn their back on the gangs. “To date our investigations haven’t identified that the gangs here have the same types of assets, wealth & functionality that the same gangs may have in the North Island.” Bikies, particularly members of the Head Hunters, had been linked to recent drug arrests, she said. There was a tendency for methamphetamine to be sourced from the North Island & brought south where prices were higher. “The various means by which this drug can be transported to the South Island are under constant scrutiny by the police,” Le Bas said. In Oct, Head Hunters gang member Michael Murray, 54, from Timaru, was arrested after 500 grams of methamphetamine, with an estimated street value of about \$500,000, was allegedly found inside a truck he was driving on State Hwy 1, near Taupo. The drugs were destined for the South Island, police said. Le Bas said the public were police’s “eyes & ears” & anyone with information about gang activity should come forward & speak to investigators. The Head Hunters formed in 1967 as a street gang in Glen Innes, Auckland. Police have said that the gang has at least 150 patched members nationally, some involved in drug manufacturing & supply, debt collection & intimidation. The gang uses gyms, fight nights or similar events to recruit & police are concerned by its rapid growth & propensity for violence. Only recently has the gang attempted to establish a foothold in the South Island. Underworld sources have confirmed the Head Hunters have at least half a dozen patched members plus prospects in Christchurch & there are plans to establish a CH. The gang has links to Nelson, Dunedin & Invercargill & a southern chapter of the club could soon be a reality, a source said. Among those flying the club’s colors in Christchurch is Lyndon Richardson, a former senior figure of the Invercargill Road Knights. Richardson is a patched member of the Head Hunters’ west chapter. He lives in Clyde Rd & owns a debt collecting firm called Ironclad Securities, which is based in Wordsworth St. The business has a gym & boxing ring on site. Police are currently assessing complaints about the conduct of the business. Richardson, who has done jail time for serious drug offending, told The Press Ironclad was a legitimate business. It was not a front for the Head Hunters. He said he was not the most senior member of the gang in Christchurch. The Press understands the Head Hunters has links to a violent street gang known as the Neighborhood Crips (NHC), whose members are known to deal drugs. Photographs show Richardson & senior NHC figure Rory Manuel partying together. Manuel is the son of Debbie Paul, who was murdered in a gang-related stabbing in 1985. The Bandidos, one of Australia’s most feared bikie gangs, first appeared in New Zealand in 2012. They established a chapter in South Auckland with the help of convicted killer & former Highway 61 member Kelly Raymond Robertson. Since then the MC, whose motto is: “We are the people our parents warned us about”, has expanded throughout the country. In the past year, international members

have travelled to New Zealand to help establish fully fledged chapters in Christchurch, East Coast & Wellington & probationary chapters in Dunedin & Invercargill. In the last fortnight, more than 20 people flying the gang’s colors gathered near Mosgiel. Last week, Dunedin police raided six properties & arrested three Bandidos. They were charged with an array of offences including possession of cannabis & methamphetamine. In Christchurch, police said they were yet to encounter any significant problems with the Bandidos, who have recruited members of other gangs including the now defunct Rock Machine. The club claims to have more than a dozen patched members & prospects in the city. The Pres of the Bandidos’ Christchurch chapter, who would not be named, said residents in the city should not be concerned about the club. Drug dealing & other criminal offending were against its rules. “The way that I’m running things, we’re not up to any [trouble]. We’re all about working & family. We just want to ride our bikes & enjoy our brotherhood.” Asked whether the chapter had a clubhouse in Christchurch, the Pres said: “Why would we need one? It’s just a place where the cops can harass us.” He would not discuss internat’l links to the New Zealand chapters or how they were formed. The Hells Angels, which formed a chapter in Auckland in the 1960s, now has a prospecting chapter in Nelson made up of former members of the Red Devils. The notorious international bikie gang is also thought to be making moves into Christchurch, where it is friendly with some of the city’s long standing clubs, including the Devils Henchmen, which has a clubhouse on Maunsell St in Woolston. The Rebels MC, which formed a chapter in the city in 2011, has a clubhouse on Vagues Rd. It is understood it still has a strong patched membership. Christchurch had been steeped in bikie gang history since the Epitaph Riders formed in 1969. The city was home to the country’s first gang war, waged between the Epitaph Riders & the Devil’s Henchmen in 1974. It was arguably the most congested outlaw city in New Zealand during the 1990s, but numbers fell away as old age & methamphetamine took their toll. Gang expert Dr. Jarrod Gilbert said the new clubs in Christchurch were filling a void left by groups that either had ailing memberships or no longer existed. Whilst there had been a “significant” resurgence in the city’s bikie scene in recent times, it was still well short of its heyday. The older demographic of the new clubs meant “all out warfare” was unlikely, he said. In Ruakaka St, the residents did not seem to have any major concerns about Bandidos living among them. In fact, most of them were oblivious to their presence other than the roar of motorcycle engines at the weekend. One resident said: “They don’t bother us & we don’t bother them.”

Atty: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your atty?

Witness: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

Atty: So the date of conception (of the baby) was Aug 8th?

Witness: Yes. **Atty:** And what were you doing at that time?

Witness: Uh.... I was gett’in laid!

Atty: Can you describe the individual? **Witness:** He was about medium height & had a beard. **Atty:** Was this a male or a female? **Witness:** Guess.

Atty: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

Witness: Gucci sweats & Reeboks.

Atty: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Witness: Come on man!

2nd suspect arrested in fatal shooting at Fort Worth bar – Dec 15, 2014 – *Texas* – By Monica S. Nagy; www.Star-Telegram.com - A 2nd suspect in a fatal shooting at the Gator's Jam Inn bar over the weekend was arrested Mon, police reported. Robert Stover, 47, of River Oaks was arrested at 12:30 p.m. Mon in the shooting death of Geoffrey Brady, 41, of Arlington. Brady was shot Fri following an altercation between motorcycle gang members at the bar at 2813 Race St. in Ft Worth, according to police. Stover was released from the Manfield jail on Mon after posting bond on \$100,000 bail. He faces a murder charge. His mug shot was not available. Howard Baker, 59, of Ft Worth, was arrested Sat in Brady's killing. He was released from jail Sun night after posting bond on \$100,000 bail. The men are both members of the Bandidos MC, said Cpl. Tracey Knight, a Ft Worth police spokeswoman. Two men wounded during the brawl — a 44-year-old man & a 32-year-old man — have been released from a hospital, she said. It wasn't clear Mon whether more arrests are expected. The bar is on Race St between Sylvania Ave & the intersection of East Belknap St & Riverside Dr.

Third Bandido arrested in motorcycle bar shooting – Dec 16, 2014 – *Texas* – By Deanna Boyd; www.Star-Telegram.com - Police have arrested a third man in connection with a shooting at a Fort Worth motorcycle bar that left one dead & 2 others wounded. Nicholas Povendo, 33, was arrested late Monday afternoon on a murder warrant accusing him in the fatal shooting of Geoffrey Brady, 41, of Arlington. Povendo was being held Tue in the Mansfield jail with bail set at \$100,000. Previously arrested were Robert Stover, 47, of River Oaks, & Howard Wayne Baker, 59, of Fort Worth. All 3 suspects are members of the Bandidos MC, police say. Baker & Stover have both been released from jail after posting \$100,000 bonds. The shooting occurred Fri after an altercation between motorcycle gang members at the Gator's Jam Inn bar at 2813 Race St. Two others were injured in the shooting but have since been released from the hospital. Tarrant County court records show Povendo has twice been charged with aggravated assault for threatening men with guns on separate occasions, but was no-billed by grand juries in each case.

Merry Christmas From The Ventura County Sheriff;s - Dec 16, 2014 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The Ventura County Sheriff's Office had a busy Sun. Two local MCs, a 3 piece patch club & a one piece patch club, had a brief & non-violent disagreement at the David Mann Chopperfest at the County Fairgrounds Sun afternoon. Local deputies as well as Ventura Police & the Calif H.P. responded by stopping admission to the mostly mellow, mostly artistic event before overrunning the fairgrounds brandishing attack dogs & orange, beanbag shotguns. There were no arrests.

Bogus Cases: Ventura County has a well-established history of hostility toward motorcyclists & of pursuing bogus cases against them. About an hour after the Chopperfest panic, County Sheriff's, including the Sheriff's Gang Unit, & Hwy Patrolmen contrived a traffic stop of a dozen Hells Angels & a chase car returning from the Ventura charter's annual toy run. According to a widely reprinted press release issued the next day by a Sheriff's Sergeant named Kevin Donoghue & a Captain named Don Aguilar: "On Dec 14, 2014, members of the Hells Angels MC were attending a Christmas Toy Drive event at the Deer Lodge in Meiners Oaks. Approximately a dozen motorcyclists wearing Hells Angels MC patches were observed driving south on Maricopa Hwy towards North Ventura Ave. Traffic violations

were observed by deputies & an enforcement stop of the motorcyclists was initiated. The motorcyclists were stopped as they turned onto Baldwin Rd from North Ventura Ave."

Merry Christmas: The Deer Lodge is about 15 miles north of Ventura & the Maricopa Hwy is the kind of picturesque road everybody likes to ride. It was a cool, cloudy day. Four men were arrested. The release identifies them as Noah Tedesco of Riverside, Calif; John Saucedo of Orange, Calif; Stefan Amann of Orange, Calif & Thomas Holt of Harbor City, Calif. All 4 live at least 100 miles south of Ventura. According to Donoghue & Aguilar's release: "During the subsequent investigation, the following items of contraband were located: 2 concealed loaded firearms, meth, & a weapon described as "brass knuckles". Tedesco was arrested for possession of methamphetamine while in possession of a firearm & being a prohibited person from possessing a firearm. Saucedo was arrested for carrying a loaded firearm in his vehicle. Holt was arrested for possession of brass knuckles. In addition to those violations, Tedesco & Amman were arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. All subjects were booked into the Pre-Trial Detention Facility."

Police drug raids on gang nets millions – Dec 16, 2014 – *New Zealand* – By Laura Walters; www.Stuff.co.nz - Police have seized millions of dollars' worth of drugs & cash & arrested 38 Headhunter gang members in an operation across the upper North Island. Officers from the Organized & Financial Crime Agency New Zealand & Northland District this morning arrested 13 Headhunter associates & prospects after executing a number of search warrants in & around Whangarei. The police investigation had run throughout 2014. Detective Inspector Bruce Good from OFCANZ said a Mercedes Benz car stopped on the Auckland motorway in Nov, being driven by 2 teenaged Headhunter gang associates, had been carrying meth with an estimated street value of \$2.5 million. Everyone arrested, including the 2 teenagers, today has appeared in court today, some at Whangarei District Court & some at Manukau District Court: All told, the operation saw police seize more than \$4 million in cash, methamphetamine & precursors with an estimated street value of \$4 million, & restrained assets worth \$9.1 million. They also confiscated 22 firearms. All of the operations were centered on organized criminal activity connected to the Headhunters gang. "Leading up to our termination in Whangarei this morning we had discovered a large scale meth manufacturing operation based in a rural location close to Whangarei," Good said. "We believe this operation was coordinated by & for the Headhunters Outlaw Motorcycle Gang." Detective Inspector Kevin Burke from Northland District said 2 clan labs, 3 firearms & a small amount of cannabis & methamphetamine were also discovered during this morning's operation. "Police intelligence indicates that this Whangarei operation had the capacity to produce \$3 million worth of methamphetamine per week," Burke said. "During these operations search warrants were executed in 7 of the 12 police districts which illustrate the scope of this organized criminal network." Thirty-eight Headhunter members, made up of patched, prospects & associates were facing meth related charges following the police operation. Canterbury Univ criminologist Greg Newbold said the bust was one of the largest seizures of its kind. However, it was hard to tell whether the seizure would make a dent in New Zealand's meth market. "There's a lot of meth around." If the seizure was big enough to affect the nation's meth supply it would not be long before someone filled the gap, thanks to steady demand, Newbold said. "It's not a battle that can be won. "Meth

is not a drug that can be eradicated.” Police could only hope to control the drug, he added. The arrests of 38 Headhunter members would impact the gang’s membership but would not wipe out the MC. Newbold said it was important to note drug manufacturing & dealing was not official gang business. The criminal activity was almost always private business carried out by individuals in gangs, he said. However, the head of the Police Association said gangs existed for the sole purpose of making money through drug trafficking & other criminal enterprise. Police Association Pres Greg O’Connor said the arrests were a reminder that police must be relentless when it came to the meth trade & the organized crime groups that ran it. “Outlaw motorcycle gangs such as the Head Hunters are at the heart of the meth trade in New Zealand. “They were responsible for bringing the drug, & all its attendant misery, to this country more than 15 years ago – when we first started sounding warnings about it – & they are still at the heart of the trade today.” The gangs had gotten smarter since the 90s but today’s arrests should serve as a “wake-up call” for anyone who still bought the lie that gangs were “just an aging brotherhood of motorcycle enthusiasts”, O’Connor said. Detective Inspector Bruce Good from OFCANZ said the operation was of “significant magnitude”. “It’ll cause problems for them [the Headhunters]. Some of the drugs were destined for Northland & some for the rest of the country. Will it stop them? Unfortunately, no.” While the operation had been a significant blow to the Headhunters, there were a number of other groups still manufacturing methamphetamine, he said. He described these groups as generally being “well organized, well-resourced & seemingly highly profitable”. “It’d be very naive to think this is the end of the game. Methamphetamine is a huge issue for New Zealand, not just Northland, & people will manufacture wherever they can.” Police Minister Michael Woodhouse said the arrests & seizures showed what police was doing to reduce the harm meth caused in the community was working. “Criminals need to know that drug activities will not be tolerated in our communities, & any profits or assets from these atrocious activities will be seized. The results of these operations go a long way in sending that message.” The Govt’s multi-agency approach involving intelligence-gathering, enhanced law enforcement, prevention & intervention would make a real difference in cracking down on the manufacturing & supplying of illicit drugs, Woodhouse said. On Dec 10, police from OFCANZ, Counties Manukau District & Waikato District completed an operation that targeted the manufacture & supply of methamphetamine in Auckland & Waikato. The operation uncovered \$1 million in cash, a cache of stolen weapons, a taser, & several thousand rounds of ammunition were discovered at the Miranda address of a senior patched member of the Headhunters. West Auckland Headhunters member Chris Morris, the father of Connor Morris who was killed earlier this year, was not one of the gang members arrested, police said, adding that no-one from the family had been arrested in relation to the operation.

In the front of a Funeral Home: “Drive carefully. We’ll wait.”
Sign over a Gynecologist’s Office: “Dr. Jones, at your cervix.”
On a Maternity Room door: “Push. Push. Push.”
In a Podiatrist’s office: “Time wounds all heels.”
At an Optometrist’s Office: “If you don’t see what you’re looking for, you’ve come to the right place.”
In a Veterinarian’s waiting room:
“Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!”

Police target bikies in dawn raids across the north coast – Dec 16, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.Echo.net.au - Police have targeted alleged members of the Rebels motorcycle gang in a series of dawn raids this morning. The dawn raids took place on properties in Ballina, Evans Head, Goonellabah, Jacky Bulbin Flat, Grafton & Forster. Richmond Local Area Command crime manager, Detective Inspector Cameron Lindsay, said 7 people had been arrested, with more arrests expected. Insp Lindsay said police would allege that the Pres, Sgt-at-arms, V.P., & other members were among those arrested. Police allege a 33-year-old man dealt drugs from a residence in Grant St, Ballina. He is also alleged to have knowingly dealt in the proceeds of crime as well as participating in a criminal group. A 46-year-old man allegedly dealt drugs from a residence in Evans Head. He also allegedly knowingly dealt in the proceeds of crime & participated in a criminal group. A 28-year-old man from Jacky Bulbin also allegedly dealt a commercial quantity of prohibited drug as well as possessing prohibited & sawn-off firearms. He also allegedly participated in a criminal group. A 25-year-old man from Goonellabah also allegedly dealt a prohibited drug. A 32-year-old man & a 26-year-old man, both from Bangalow, were arrested yesterday (Dec 15, 2014) in connection with these matters. The 32-year-old man allegedly dealt a prohibited drug & possessed a number of prohibited & sawn-off firearms & the 26-year-old man allegedly possessed a number of prohibited & sawn-off firearms. The search warrant undertaken at Jacky Bulbin Flat is still ongoing. Police estimate potential street value of the drugs seized during the investigation at more than \$400,000. Several charges & bail determinations are still pending. He said one arrest at Jacky Bulbin was particularly high risk, & so it was performed by the Tactical Response Group of police. ‘We allege this person was armed with shortened firearms & has a history of violence,’ he said. Insp Lindsay said the members of the criminal group were ‘major’ players in the distribution of Ice & amphetamines in the region. ‘We allege they have connections nationally with this group (Rebels MC) but this investigation centered on distribution of ice, which is insidious, in this region. He said some charges included the commercial supply of drugs, along with firearms offences, & charges relating to home invasions. ‘This has been a long & tireless operation & investigation. It’s taken over 12 months to get to this point today. Insp Lindsay had a simple message for OMGs. ‘They are not welcome here & we will target them,’ he said. ‘These are not legitimate clubs but organized criminals who undertake illegal activities in contravention of state & council laws.’ ‘Those involved in running these illegal activities should hand themselves in, as it’s only a matter of time before we identify & arrest them. ‘My officers & I are committed to ridding the area of organized crime & this operation sends a strong message that OMGs & their members are not welcome here.’ ‘Ice is making a real, adverse impact in this area. It’s an insidious drug that we have to stamp out.’ Strike Force Badim is made up of investigators from the Richmond Local Area Command Drug Unit. The strike force was formed in 2014, primarily to investigate the supply of methylamphetamine (Speed & Ice) by OMG members in the region. Richmond LAC officers were assisted by the Dog Unit, Police Rescue Squad, Aviation Support Branch, Tactical Operations Unit, Strike Force Raptor & investigators from neighboring commands.

Atty: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?
Witness: Huh....are you qualified to ask that question?

3 Bandidos members refused bail on extortion charges – Dec 17, 2014 - *Australia* - By www.SunShineCoastDaily.com.au - Three members of the Bandidos criminal motorcycle gang have been arrested in relation to an alleged extortion on one of their own members. The Sunshine Coast Gang Squad supported by officers from Task Force Maxima made the arrests this morning. The victim, a 49-year-old man was a member of the Bandidos Sunshine Coast Chapter. When he decided to resign from the club he was allegedly ordered by the Pres of the Chapter to hand over his new \$24,000 H-D motorcycle. The victim, a local family man, eventually handed the motorcycle over when members of the Bandidos attended his home. The 3 Bandido CMG members arrested are all senior members of the CMG & current or former office bearers. Two of the men arrested reside on the Sunshine Coast whilst the 3rd man, a Toowoomba resident is alleged by police to be a member of the Bandidos CMG Toowoomba Chapter. Each of the 3 members are facing charges of extortion & stealing. The Toowoomba Bandido member is also facing charges of receiving & fraud. The men appeared at Maroochydore Magistrates Court & Toowoomba Magistrates Court & were refused bail. They will remain in custody to appear at Court on Jan 19, 2015. Police investigations into the matter are continuing. Detective David Drinnen from the Crime Services Group on the Sunshine Coast said that these arrests show clearly CMGs can no longer continue to rely on their threats, or their intimidation tactics to hold power over victims. “The new legislation has given victims the confidence & support to follow through with their complaints & work with police to achieve positive outcomes,” Detective Inspector Drinnen said. Acting Detective Inspector David Cove said that there is a focus across Queensland at every local police district on CMGs. “The arrests today of these prominent Bandido members by the Sunshine Coast Gang Squad demonstrate that local policing effort against CMG offending at work. Task Force Maxima will continue in its work to support & assist CMG policing at the local level,” Acting Detective Inspector Cove said.

Video of Hells Angels, Vagos fight shown – Dec 18, 2014 – *California* – By Leah DeAnda; www.Record-Bee.com - Jurors were given their first viewing of a series of video clips depicting the altercation between Vagos & Hells Angels MC members at Konocti Vista Casino, the incident that brought about the trial. District Attorney Deputy Art Grothe walked the courtroom through all 27 clips originally collected by Sheriff Frank Rivero from the casino’s surveillance footage following the incident. Lake County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) then-detective & current Sgt. John Gregor, who led the investigation of the case, narrated the happenings of each clip with Grothe. The fight took place at approximately 1:22 p.m. on June 4, 2011, but the first handful of clips showed events from as early as 10:30 a.m. & focused on the Hells Angels’ booth at the tattoo convention in the Konocti Vista Casino (KVC) banquet room. A total of 7 clips preceded Vagos members Michael Burns’ entrance into the casino. “Would it be a fair assessment to say we’re going to show every single video clip you collected from start to finish?” Grothe asked Gregor. “Even the dull bits?” “Yes,” Gregor replied. All 3 defendants — John Johnson, Nicolas Carrillo & Timothy Bianchi — could be seen milling around the booth in early footage & there certainly were some clips lasting as long as 5 minutes or more appearing to lack relevant activity. Grothe intermittently asked Gregor questions, including a few about the significance of the number 81 & the colors red & white, which are associated with the HAMC. David

Dabbs, another HAMC member involved in the altercation, was also introduced to the jury by name for the first time. Dabbs has been at large since a warrant for his arrest was issued in 2011 & his name has scarcely been mentioned in court proceedings. Nearing the time of the altercation, Grothe pointed out that Bianchi & Dabbs had both taken off either their long-sleeved shirt or sweatshirt by 1 p.m., still 16 minutes before Burns made his first alleged appearance at the casino. Grothe later noted the rainy weather, as if to infer the removed the articles of clothing in order to prepare for a tussle. Burns was shown entering the casino at 1:16 p.m. & heading straight for the door of the banquet room. At 1:19 p.m., Christopher Perkins, another Vagos member involved in the fight, entered the banquet room. Perkins & Burns are seen casually strolling through the room, perusing the booths. Burns & Dabbs are shown passing by each other at least once, if not twice, but don’t interact. At 1:21, Dabbs, Bianchi, Carrillo & Johnson are shown together at the Hells Angels booth. Suddenly, just before 1:22 p.m., Burns & Perkins walk back into the main room of the casino, followed by Bianchi & Dabbs, & all 4 parties exit double doors into the KVC foyer. With the men closely grouped together, it’s difficult to tell precisely from the video what happened, except that almost immediately after entering the foyer, Bianchi threw the first punch. While the fight is under way, Johnson appears to casually walk into the main casino room with a hand in his pocket. Upon seeing the fight & with Carrillo following, both HAMC members join the fight. Security rushes in as Bianchi & Burns are on the ground. Less than a minute before Bianchi’s first punch was thrown, the brawl was broken up. Being separated from the tangle by 2 security guards, Perkins is seen struggling to get back in & at one point his hand appears to make contact with a guards’ neck. Security guards also come in with a mop cart, supposedly to mop up blood, as Burns makes it to his feet. His face is streaked with blood but he is otherwise under enough control to stand & steadily walk out of the casino. Perkins & Burns are shown leaving the casino just as LCSO Sgt. Gary Frace arrives. Meanwhile, Bianchi, Johnson, Carrillo & Dabbs make it back to their booth & other members begin packing up their support gear. In the last hour of the trial day, attorney Jai Gohel, representing Bianchi, began his cross-examination of Gregor. At Gohel’s prompting, Gregor said he had been aware of the incident on May 14, 2011 when Rivero attempted to block Hells Angels members’ entry into Lake County when he began participating in the investigation of the KVC fight. “As far as I knew, they weren’t related to each other at all,” Gregor said of the 2 incidents. Asked if he ever investigated how the Hells Angels were invited to the KVC tattoo convention, Gregor said he “never looked into that.” He also affirmed a LCSO deputy had said the casino didn’t want to give up their surveillance video clips to the office, although Rivero was able to quickly get a hold of them. Asked if he ever went back to KVC to request all the videos from the time of the fight be preserved, Gregor denied doing so. “So whatever you got from Sheriff Rivero was what you worked with?” Gohel asked. “Yes,” Gregor replied. Gregor also said he didn’t know if Burns had made an appearance at the casino before 1:16 p.m. With the day ending, the cross-examination of Gregor was continued & will be heard this morning at 9 a.m. Rivero has also been subpoenaed to appear today as a witness.

Atty: All your responses must be oral, OK?
What school did you go to? *Witness:* Oral.

Top 10 Legally Weird Stories of 2014 – Dec 19, 2014 – U.S.A.

- By Daniel Taylor, Esq., <http://blogs.findlaw.com> - Whether the world is actually getting weirder or we're just more aware of the odd things that people do these days, one thing is for sure: People do a lot of strange stuff. Often, these off-the-wall events have legal consequences. In 2014 there was certainly no shortage of legally weird occurrences. And since the name of this blog is Legally Weird, we went ahead & wrote about them. So without further ado, here are our 10 most popular Legally Weird blog posts of 2014. Prepare to get weird:

1. 'Viral' Lamborghini Poop Prank Ends in Taser Attack - In a suspiciously shocking video, a pair of Czech YouTube pranksters pulled a plastic poop stunt on a Lamborghini owner who turned out to be armed with a Taser. One of the men was tased by the car owner, with the whole thing being captured on video.

2. Patient Sues Doctors for Making Fun of Him during Colonoscopy - The doctors performing a Virginia man's colonoscopy added insult to injury when they allegedly made fun of the man while administering anesthesia. The patient captured the joking on a phone recording & sued for defamation.

3. Ex-Cop Busted for Hidden-Camera Bathroom Videos on Porn Site - A Missouri police officer was fired from his job & faced criminal invasion of privacy charges after allegedly recording men using the bathroom with a hidden camera. The videos of the men using the gas station bathroom were reportedly posted on a website operated by the police officer himself.

4. 'Early Bird' Food Fight at Golden Corral: 1 Senior Arrested - The "early bird" dinner crowd at a North Carolina buffet restaurant got rowdy one night when a senior citizen food fight broke out. A 64-year old woman was charged with assault & battery for allegedly attacking 2 other older women.

5. Med Student Auctions Her Virginity: Is This Legal? - The bidding war for a 27-year-old medical student's virginity reached over \$300,000 but also raised a number of legal questions.

6. Grandma Gets 6 Months in Jail for Public Sex in Retirement Village-A slightly more experienced woman from FL was arrested for having sex in public. The 68-year-old grandmother accepted a plea deal for 6 months in jail for the public tryst with a younger man, who also happened to not be her husband of 50 years.

7. Alleged Sexual Assault of Cows Caught on Video; 2 Arrested - A N.Y. farmer solved the mystery of why his cows seemed anxious when he caught 2 men in his barn on surveillance video. The video showed one of the men filming the other allegedly sexually assaulting the cows, & both were arrested.

8. Text Message Breakup Costs Man \$53K Engagement Ring - A N.Y. man paid a stiff price for breaking off his engagement via text message when a judge ruled that he could not recover the \$53,000 engagement ring he'd given his former fiancé.

9. A Different Kind of 'Revenge Porn': Val Midwest Jailed for School Pics - A porn star was sentenced to 45 days in jail after sneaking into her Old Catholic high school & taking photos of herself masturbating on the football field.

10. Penis Tattoo 'Sext' Message Appeal: Court Sides with Sender - A Georgia man with "Strong E nuf 4 A Man but Made 4 a Woman" tattooed on his penis was cleared of criminal indecency charges. The Georgia Supreme Court ruled that a photo of the man's penis sent to a woman via text message was not covered by the state's obscenity statute.

1 shot, 1 beaten in fight between MCs – Dec 21, 2014 –

Arizona – By Chris O'Haver; www.AZFamily.com - Police are investigating a fight between 2 MCs that left one man beaten & another injured by gunfire. Police were called to a "clubhouse" at 11th Ave & Buckeye Rd around 11:30 pm Sat for a report of shots fired. They found a 29-year-old man suffering from gunshot injuries. He was transported to a local hospital. Officers learned that a 28-year-old man had been dropped off at another hospital after being beaten at the CH. Police are still investigating, but they said it appears one MC was having a large party when members of another club arrived & a fight ensued. No suspects have been identified. Police did not have any info on the condition of the 2 men.

Cue The Clown - Dec 22, 2014 – **California** - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - There was a half day of testimony last Fri in the Lake County, Calif trial of 3 Hells Angels named Timothy Bianchi, Nicholas Carrillo & Josh Johnson. The 3 men are accused of beating a Vago named Michael Burns at a tattoo convention in Lakeport, Calif in June 2011. The fight lasted about a minute. The jury heard from 2 witnesses. The 1st was an emergency room physician named Steve Schifflett who testified that Burns had facial bruises, a cut lip & a possible broken nose. Burns declined to have his nose X-rayed. Someone had already stitched his lip by the time Schifflett saw him. Burns has always maintained that he suffered the injuries in a fall. He refused to testify during a pretrial hearing.

Burns: The second witness was Burns himself & he refused to testify again. That was prosecutor Art Grothe's only point. Grothe told the jury the Vago would refuse to testify & then he showed them the Vago not testifying. Burns doesn't have a lawyer & he has refused to invoke his 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination. All he said Fri was, "I refuse to answer that question." The 3rd time Burns said that, after Grothe's third question, the prosecutor told the jury, "I think we've established a pattern here." When the trial next resumes, the prosecution will call self-styled biker authority Jorge Gil-Blanco to the stand. Gil-Blanco, a San Mateo County Deputy Sheriff who may or may not know where the start button is on a Harley, has somehow made a career out of testifying about the styles, mores & alleged criminality of MCs. He is expected to testify that outlaw MC members never testify for the prosecution – even against their assailants. Jurors may have to guess the logical implications of that beyond the fact that many MC members are cynical about the criminal justice industry. The point of the trial seems to be to put on an expensive show that in & of itself will punish the 3 HAs for being HAs. A defense atty named Michael Clough called Grothe's examination of Burns "a charade." Gil-Blanco will begin his testimony Jan 7 & he may testify for up to a week.

The Show Must Go On: The decision to prosecute the 3 defendants seems to have more to do with attention whoring by a local sheriff named Francisco Rivero & by the FBI than with public safety or the righting of any wrong. The case against the 3 Angels was initially investigated by a Lake County Sheriff's Sergeant named Gary Frace. Frace didn't think there was much to prosecute & he closed the case. That prompted Rivero to reopen the "investigation" & order his internal affairs unit to investigate Frace. Eventually, after a Fed investigation that lasted more than a year, Bianchi, Carrillo & Johnson were charged with felony assault with a deadly weapon & a "gang enhancement."

I feel sorry for you because you are so homely, but I feel even sorer for other people because they have to look at you...

Hells Angels trail: Vagos member refuses to testify – Dec 22, 2014 – *California* – By Leah DeAnda; www.Record-Bee.com - A half-day on the court schedule yielded some interesting developments on Fri. Vagos MC member Michael Burns appearance at court. Vagos MC members or associates were also reportedly in attendance, according to District Atty Deputy Art Grothe, & about 6 new faces appeared in the audience. Burns was called to testify in the case stemming from a June 2011 fight between HAs & Vagos members at Konocti Vista Casino. Although the fight lasted no more than a minute & caused no serious injuries, it has produced a lengthy legal encounter. On Friday, however, Burns had little to say on the matter, apparently refusing to testify. After Grothe laid clear his reasoning for wanting to call Burns to the stand merely to show off to the jury Burns' refusal, atty Michael Clough warned he would be moving to file a mistrial on the grounds of prosecutorial misconduct & that Burns' previous testimony outside the presence of the jury was "improperly held." Burns had denied legal counsel under his first examination & Clough argues he unknowingly committed perjury. Clough has further argued Grothe's intention is to have gang expert Jorge Gil Blanco testify that members of criminal street gangs won't testify. "This is clearly a charade," Clough said. Defense attys Pat Ciocca & Jai Gohel joined Clough in his objections. Judge Michael Lunas decided to strike Burns' previous testimony & promptly hold a 2nd 402 hearing. After Burns was advised of his rights, Grothe began with 3 simple questions about his involvement in the fight with the HAs member, to which he replied "I refuse to answer that question." "I think we've established a pattern here," Grothe concluded. Upon the defense counsel's cross-examination of Burns, asking him whether he entered the Konocti Vista Casino with the intention of picking a fight with the HAs members & about a past of felonious activities, Grothe objected to the continued questioning. But without Burns invoking his 5th Amendment rights, the defense argued it was permitted to carry through with its questioning & that Burns' answers would also be admissible in future proceedings. Grothe "can't have it both ways," attorney Jai Gohel said. "If he wants to use Burns' silence, we get to ask him a bunch of questions & seek to use them as evidence of his complicity & knowledge of facts." Lunas decided to appoint council to Burns & ordered him to reappear Jan. 6 at 1:30 out of the presence of the jury. If Burns refuses to answer questions & fails to invoke his 5th Amendment rights, he is expected to be held in contempt of court. In front of the jury, Dr. Steve Schifflett, a Sutter Lakeside Hospital emergency room physician, gave testimony about his diagnosis of Burns the day after the fight. Schifflett explained Burns had facial contusions, a laceration on his lip that had been sewn (supposedly by Burns' wife) & abrasions on his face. He described Burns' nose as swollen & oozing but did not chose to take an x-ray to determine if it was broken. He was unaware of Burns seeking additional medical treatment. Following the holidays, the trial will recommence Jan. 7 with testimony from Gil Blanco.

Witness charged in connection with 2012 Iron Coffins slaying – Dec 23, 2014 – *Michigan* - By Trace Christenson; www.BattlecreekEnquirer.com - A prosecution witness in a 2012 Battle Creek homicide has been charged in connection with the case. Mario Barroso, 66, of Battle Creek was arraigned Tue on a charge of being an accessory after the fact in the Jan. 1, 2012, death of Leroy Taylor, 45, at the Iron Coffins MC. Two men, Matthew Starkweather & John Lindahl III, were charged with open murder & conspiracy to murder & Barroso was given

immunity & testified against them that he was present in the club at 15 Gilbert St. when Taylor died. However the murder charges were later dropped & former Asst Prosecutor Jeff Kabot said it was because of inconsistent statements by Barroso. Now Prosecutor David Gilbert said after a review of the case, he issued the new charge even without charging anyone with the killing. "He broke the law," Gilbert said of Barroso. "Mr. Taylor's death is being treated as a cold case & we are in the process of reviewing cold cases. He is charged as an accessory after the fact right now & I am not going to comment on anything else." However, Gilbert said he can proceed against Barroso without charging anyone with killing Taylor. "I can prove there is a homicide. I can't prove beyond a reasonable doubt who committed the homicide but I can prove beyond a reasonable doubt who aided & abetted the person after the homicide. I don't need to find anyone guilty of homicide to prove accessory after the fact," Gilbert said. "I just have to prove the homicide occurred." Barroso was arrested Tuesday morning & appeared before Calhoun County District Court Magistrate David Heiss later in the day. He faces up to 5 years in prison if convicted. A preliminary examination is scheduled before District Judge Samuel Durham on Jan. 6. Heiss set bond at \$10,000 but Barroso must post only 10 percent or \$1,000. He told Heiss he planned to hire his own atty. Taylor, 45, was found dead inside the club early New Year's Day by Battle Creek police. Starkweather, 35, of Battle Creek was charged with open murder & Lindahl, 57, of Kalamazoo with conspiracy to murder. Police & prosecutors alleged that Taylor, the former Pres of the MC, & Starkweather argued over money & Lindahl became involved before Taylor was beaten to death. He died of head injuries. Like the others, Barroso was a member of the MC. He testified he was inside at the time of the fight & was told to keep all non-members outside. Starkweather, through his attorney, J. Thomas Schaeffer, contended his client fought in self-defense because he was attacked by Taylor. Cases against both men were ordered to circuit court but before trial, Kabot dismissed the charges. Kabot said at the time that Barroso had changed his version of events & testimony several times & had told prosecutors he forgot what he saw. "I am concerned Mario would continue to change his story," Kabot said in July 2012. "I don't want to go into court crossing my fingers & hoping he will tell the truth." Earlier during a hearing in Lindahl's case, Barroso first testified the fight lasted two minutes & then 30 minutes, prompting Kabot to ask, "Are you just making up the times?" Gilbert declined Tuesday to say what might be new in the case to charge Barroso. "He is charged as an accessory after the fact right now," Gilbert said. "I am not going to comment on anything else."

You are so 2-faced that any woman who married you would be married to a bigamist.

A dope you are & dope will remain. Completely unlike cocaine. You add to, not diminish, pain!

You must have gotten up on the wrong side of the cage this morning...

Let's play house. You be the door & I'll slam you.

I believe in respect for the dead; in fact, I could only respect you if you were dead.

I always wanted to be a trouble-shooter, But now I see you are not worth it!

Hells Angels donate toys to Spokane kids – Dec 23, 2014 – *Washington* – By Jenica Villamor; www.krem.com - The Hells Angels MC in Spokane has made headlines over the years for their members' involvement with violence & firearms, but they completed a notable act of kindness recently for a local charity. On Sat Hells Angels members donated 26 brand new bicycles to every child staying at the Union Gospel Mission's Crisis Center on East Sprague. They also donated several truckloads of toys. The MC is located next door to the shelter. "I just saw some guys in leather jackets come in with a bunch of boxes," said one of the 91 moms staying at the center who didn't want to be identified. "I don't care about their reputation. They did something so wonderful for all the kids here." The bikers adjusted the bicycles to fit the kids & helped them pick out the toys as well. "My son was so happy & saw all the toys & the ball," said the mom. "Thank you so much, you made our Christmas." "It was incredible to see," said Rich Schaus, the shelter director. Schaus said the group got involved last year. "Someone tried to blow up their club house & some of our girls helped put the fire out. Ever since then we've had a great relationship," said Schaus. "They've also offered us protection sometimes when we have abusers." Hells Angel member "Smilin' Rick" Fabel said it's not about their image, but about helping innocent children. "We're not all bad," said Fabel. "The reality is sometimes they do good things & they should be applauded when they do the right things," said Schaus.

Motorcycles Are Scary - Dec 23, 2014 – *U.S.A.* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The National Hwy Traffic Safety Admin released a 6 page report last Fri titled "2013 Motor Vehicle Crashes: Overview" accompanied by 6 pages of statistical tables. Normally that wouldn't qualify as what eyewitness TV programmers call "breaking news." But except for the merry pranks & hollow threats of Pillsbury Doughboy body double Kim Jong-un this is a pretty slow news week. So yesterday the Wall Street Journal ran a feature titled, "Uneasy Rider: Boomer Deaths in Motorcycle Crashes Rise." The story was subtitled "More Older Riders Take to the Road, but Reflexes Aren't as Fast." The Journal piece is mostly blather. The story is personalized with the tales of Benjamin Garrett III who died after a Mustang turned in front of him & Randall Dowell who was hit by reckless driver in Ohio & lost a leg. The Journal mostly worries that motorcycles are more dangerous than cars & encourages readers to worry, too. It cites last Fri's NHTSA report as a major factual source.

James Hedlund: The Journal feature also leans heavily on the debatable opinions of "traffic safety consultant" James Hedlund who proclaims that older riders are more vulnerable. "Their reflexes & their vision aren't as good as they were," Hedlund says. Nor, he asserts, are older riders, who are H-D's core customers, as generally robust as younger riders. "The same impact will cause more damage to a 55-year-old than a 25-year-old." The Journal doesn't question or try to prove anything Hedlund says. The Journal's writer, Steven Turville, simply assumes that Hedlund is an authority on gerontology as well as traffic safety. In fact, Hedlund is not entirely comfortable with the idea of people riding motorcycles. "The way to make a motorcycle safe is to put 4 wheels & a body on it," he said. And according to the Journal he favors "mandating helmets for all riders in the 31 states that don't have such laws." The Journal doesn't acknowledge the possibility, that mandatory helmet use is an issue about which informed people can disagree.

Gawker: The Journal did a sloppy job. The paper ran an ill-informed editorial masquerading as a news feature. But the fallout from the Journal piece is going to be worse than it should be because the United States is now a nation held together mostly by propaganda & paranoia & because later yesterday the webzine Gawker ran a slightly snarky response to the Journal story titled "If You Buy a Motorcycle, You Will Die" Gawker, in case you've never heard of it before, calls itself "the source for daily Manhattan media news & gossip" & its slogan is "today's gossip is tomorrow's news." Gawker is much more influential in television newsrooms than it probably should be. "You'll get that beautiful chopper, you'll take it out on the open road, you'll open up that throttle & feel the wind in your hair & a heart-bursting sense of freedom & declare that you've never felt more alive," Gawker explains. "Then you'll get distracted or hit a pebble or feel a momentary wobble in your front wheel driving over some oil & before you even know what's happening you're sliding along the asphalt right into a fucking guardrail & you're dead." "Don't take my word for it," the Gawker writer, an astoundingly important & influential guy named Hamilton Nolan (Batman) argues. "Look at the cold hard facts: old folks like you are going out & buying motorcycles & then launching themselves over the handlebars & straight into hell, now more than ever." Then Nolan quotes from & links to the Journal piece to substantiate his "cold hard facts." Twist the story a little more & you might be able to imagine what television is about to make of Gawker's version of the Journal's version of what NHTSA actually said. Actually, NHTSA didn't say what both news outlets allege it said. It didn't imply what either the Journal or Gawker said it implied & in some cases NHTSA said the opposite. Here is what the report said.

What NHTSA Said: "A particularly notable decrease was seen in the number of motorcyclists who lost their lives in 2013, down over 6 percent from 2012—318 fewer motorcyclists' lives lost. Although the fatalities & injuries decreased from 2012 to 2013, the total number of crashes that occurred on the roads increased slightly – primarily a result of an almost 3-percent increase in crashes that resulted in no injuries, only property damage." 4,986 motorcyclists died in 2012. 4,668 motorcyclists died in 2013. "One notable decrease was the 6.4% decrease in the number of motorcyclists who lost their lives on the roadways in 2013 – 318 fewer motorcyclists. This was the 1st decrease in motorcyclist fatalities since 2009, the only other decrease since 1997." "As was seen with motorcyclist fatalities, the number of injured motorcyclists also decreased in 2013 by an estimated 5,000 from 2012 (not statistically significant), or 5.4%." "Motorcyclist fatalities now take up 14% of total fatalities, compared to 9% - 10 years ago." "Motorcycle riders showed the greatest decrease in the number of alcohol-impaired drivers involved in fatal crashes from 2012 to 2013, dropping 8.3% or by 117 riders. This was both the greatest percentage drop & the greatest drop in actual alcohol-impaired drivers." "There was a large decrease in motorcyclist fatalities for the 50- to 69-year-old population: 190 fewer fatalities in 2013 than in 2012 (60% of the total decrease for motorcyclist fatalities)." "There were 11 times as many unhelmeted motorcyclist fatalities in States without universal helmet laws (1,704 unhelmeted fatalities) as in States with universal helmet laws (150 unhelmeted fatalities) in 2013."

We heard that when you ran away from home your folks sent you a note saying, "Do not come home & all will be forgiven".

Is your name Maple Syrup? It should be, you sap.

Bad Santas, 2014: A Ho-Ho-Holiday Lineup – Dec 23, 2014 – U.S.A. - By Daniel Taylor, Esq., <http://blogs.findlaw.com> - We made a list & we checked it twice. It turns out Santa can be a little naughty himself from time to time. From Santas accused of taking gifts rather than giving them, to a Scottish Santa who eschewed reindeer in favor of riding atop the Duke of Wellington statue in Glasgow's Royal Exchange Square, this year has had no shortage of Santas behaving badly. Here are 5 of 2014's most notorious bad Santas:

1. Santa shooting. Detroit police say a man dressed as Santa was involved in a fight with another customer at a gas station when he pulled out a gun & fired several shots, hitting the customer & a passenger in the customer's car, WXYZ-TV reports. He was charged with multiple criminal counts, including attempted murder.

2. Ho-ho-holdup. A man took advantage of "Santa Con" - an annual event in which hundreds of people dressed as Santa converge on San Fran's Union Square - to rob a nearby bank, the Bay Area's KNTV reports. Police are still looking for the suspect.

3. Mrs. Claus is no angel, either. A man dressed as Santa & his female companion were both arrested in connection with the robbery of a Mississippi convenience store, reports Jackson's WAPT-TV.

4. Santa of Wellington. A man dressed as St. Nick climbed atop the famous Duke of Wellington statue in Glasgow, Scotland, reports The Telegraph. He was reportedly arrested & issued a fine after the incident, inspiring the Twitter hashtag #FreeSanta.

5. Santa House shut down. The annual Santa House in Elwood, Indiana, was shuttered after one of the Santas staffing it turned out to be facing criminal gun charges, reports The Herald Bulletin. Mark Gardner is accused of providing a handgun to his cousin, a convicted felon. Gardner had disclosed his arrest before being hired by the city, & his lawyer told the paper there was no legal reason he could not have continued playing Santa. But a sign posted on the front door of the Santa House broke the news to children that Santa had gone to the North Pole & apparently wouldn't be coming back.

An Excuse for Egg Nog: Can Drinking at Work Pay Off? – Dec 24, 2014 – U.S.A. - By Brett Snider, Esq.; FindLaw.com - Should you allow your employees to take a nip (or 3) of egg nog during work hours this year? The boozehounds over at The Huffington Post seem to think so, declaring that a little bit of drinking at work could go a long way. As Hemingway might have said, getting a little buzzed at the office might actually help your staff get their creative mojos working. But legally speaking, is it a smart idea to allow drinking at work?

Creativity on the Rocks, With a Twist: Does being buzzed really get the creative juices flowing? Well, kind of. A Univ of Illinois study published in 2013 found that individuals who were moderately intoxicated (averaging between 0.071 & 0.082% BAC) were slightly quicker than their sober counterparts at noticing changes in their environment. The study also found that sober subjects outperformed the buzzed crowd when a task involved working memory tasks. HuffPo characterizes this research as supporting the theory that a "creative peak" is reached at a 0.075% BAC. This is also (unsurprisingly) the sales pitch of a beer called "The Problem Solver," which invites you to imbibe it to reach this creative pinnacle. This claim is likely based on a 2012 study that found individuals at a .075% BAC were quicker at a creative problem solving task & were more likely to perceive their solutions "as the result of sudden insight."

Legal Reality Comes Rushing In: So you might have picked up that we're skeptical about the benefits of drinking at work. These studies may suggest that buzzed workers are more likely to think they're having an "ah ha!" moment, but being intoxicated also decreases their attentional control & memory. Even if this research is sound, mixing alcohol into your business may leave you with workers who are inspired but inattentive -- hello slip-and-fall injuries. They may be creatively "juiced," but your boozy employees may also be more likely to say inappropriate things to clients & coworkers -- hello sexual harassment suit. Creativity can be sparked in many ways, but you may wish to consider the riskier legal side effects of introducing booze into your workplace before uncorking some "inspiration."

The 12 Days of Christmas - for Lawyers - Dec 24, 2014 - U.S.A. - By Mark Wilson, Esq., <http://blogs.findlaw.com> - On the 12th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

12. Waivers Waving - Yup, the best way of going about stopping a class action is preventing it from starting. And how do you do that? Binding arbitration with a class action waiver, of course.

11. Circuits Piping -- But that's not counting the D.C. & Fed Circuits, which make Lucky 13. Why hasn't the Ninth Circuit been split up, again?

10. Lawyers Leaping -- Right into the criminal justice system. It's not even 10, but it might as well be, between the New York Ponzi scheme lawyer, the suspected DWI lawyer, the U. Conn. law professor nabbed in the prostitution sting, the lawyers who allegedly tried to kill their former managing partner ... well, the list goes on. The "naughty" list, that is.

9. Justices Dancing -- Well, maybe just one: We learned earlier in 2014 that Justice Sonia Sotomayor spiced up last year's SCOTUS Christmas party with an impromptu salsa dance. Who knows what shenanigans she'll get into this year!

8. Wage & Hour Claims -- Thanks to the NLRB, we have at least that many to look forward to next year with McDonald's alone, but this year was filled with more wage & hour claims than ever before.

7. Associates Swimming - That is, barely keeping their heads above water.

6th Circuit Losing -- Well, hopefully. The Sixth is, so far, the only circuit to uphold a same-sex marriage ban. Thanks to them, though, what everyone thought was a peaceful, happy cert. denial is going to turn into a full-on oral argument.

5! Law-yer! Films! -- Especially pertinent is the courtroom scene from "Miracle on 34th Street," in which the U.S. Postal Service proves that Kris Kringle really is Santa Claus.

4. Partners Fuming -- Did you lose that important case? Forget to cite that other important case? Well, it's practically the New Year, so you can forget about all that. Just make sure that you remember the case next time.

3. Junk Patents -- Santa brought us a fun surprise when "on a computer" business method patents fell in at least 3 big cases, including Alice v. CLS Bank.

2. (Thousand) Billable Hours - It's almost the end of the year, which means no bonus if you don't meet your billable requirements. Have you taken stock of every it'sy bitsy thing you can? Don't forget: A minute on the phone is 6 minutes on the phone.

And a Grand Old Scalia Op-ree! Seriously, though, the man loves opera. We imagine it's the only thing he & Justice Ginsburg can agree on.

Bikers Give National City Kids 2-Wheeled Christmas Surprises – Dec 25, 2014 – *California* – By Andie Adams; www.NBCSanDiego.com - A San Diego MC showed its softer side as members pumped air into children's bicycle wheels instead of motorcycle tires Christmas morning. The local chapter of the Boozefighters MC gave up the holiday with their family to roll out dozens of shiny new bikes for Nat'l City children. "Hey, we're busy, I'm always busy, but this is fun, & these kids, you can just see it in their eyes. They really are happy to get a bicycle on Christmas morning," said the motorcycle-enthusiast Santa Claus on scene. Hundreds of kids anxiously waited in line for their turn to sit in Santa's lap, get a toy & pick out their new bicycle & a helmet. One boy Edward told NBC 7 he had his eye on a black & green one all morning. "I wanna ride this all day," said Edward when he got on it. "I am thankful I got blessed today by the bikers." It's a blessing the club has been giving the neighborhood for decades. The Christmas With Kids giveaway started about 50 years ago with a man named Frank King. "He said every child deserved at least a toy at Christmastime. And he loved children," said his wife Charlene King. So Frank fixed up just a few bikes a year, loaded them in a truck & gave them to underprivileged children in Nat'l City, becoming the area's personal Santa. Before long, the BFMC joined in & kicked the project into high gear. Though Frank died in 2008, his legacy lives on through the MC, which holds toy drives throughout the year so they can give away balls, dolls & other treats on the big day. Christmas With Kids is now a public charity, so it can accept tax-deductible donations. "I think it's a godly program because we never have run out of a toy for a child," said Charlene. "If they're in line, they get a toy."



People treat New Year's like some sort of life-changing event...
If your life sucked last year, it's probably still going to suck Next Year too....

My New Year's resolution is to be more optimistic by keeping my cup half-full with either rum, vodka, or whiskey.

What's the problem with jogging on New Year's Eve?
The ice falls out of your drinks!

Many things can be preserved in alcohol this New Year's Eve.
Dignity is not one of them.

I want to get so drunk that if vampires bit my neck they'd get a Bloody Mary...

Anyone who says that alcohol is a depressant isn't drinking enough of it.

New Year's Eve forecast: Mostly drunk with a slight chance of passing out...

New Year's Eve is the only acceptable time to wear body glitter without being mistaken for a stripper.

No New Year's resolutions for ME.
I'm PERFECT!

Kari, Ciera, & myself would like to Thank Everyone who sent us Christmas Cards... They were all greatly appreciated... *With Respects*, Mike, Kari, & Ciera... We would also like to wish you all a Happier New Year & an early release...



My New Year's resolution is to stop hanging out with people who ask me about my New Year's resolutions.

My New Year's Resolution is to break my New Year's Resolutions.... That way I succeed at something!

Tonight the Mayor is dropping the ball in New York while Congress is dropping the ball in Washington.

I'm planning on finding new & interesting things to hate about my job in the New Year...!!!

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year & out the other...

I'm actually feeling pretty okay about not accomplishing anything this year.

You don't have to wait until midnight to see my balls drop...

There have been many times in 2014, when I have annoyed you, disturbed you, irritated you, & bugged the hell out of you...
Today I just wanna tell you I plan to continue in 2015..!

What happened to the Irish man who thought about the evils of drinking in the New Year? He gave up thinking...

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub & said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck, the bartender was almost crushed to death.



U.S. Defenders:

- 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...

National Coalition of Motorcyclists...
An Idea Whose Time Has Come...