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Of which: 6 - Australia, 2 - Norway, 2 - England & 3 - Sweden... **Total of 138...**

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Too Sick to Attend Poker Run, MC Visits Boy in Hospital - May 24, 2008 – *Omaha, Nebraska* - By Jenny Nowatzke - It's a sight you normally don't see. Dozens of bikers revving up their engines outside Children's Hospital. But, on Saturday, they had a special message to deliver to their biggest little fan. "Being sick & young, he couldn't have the real thing, so we brought him the next best thing," said Jose Thornburg, a member of the Tribesmen motorcycle club. Nine-year-old Max Low was first diagnosed with leukemia in kindergarten. "We did our 3 years of chemo & we did 4 months of no medicine, & it came back again on April first this year," said Max's mom, Bambi Low. Max was admitted to Children's Hospital on May 15th for more chemo - 2 days before a poker run was held in his honor in Council Bluffs. Since Max wasn't able to see the bikers that day, they decided to bring hog heaven to him. "There's kids up there that want to see policemen, firemen - he wants to see bikers! It was wonderful. Great," Thornburg said. "He still had his mask on, & I could see it turn up at the corners with a big grin, & he goes, 'sweet!'" said family friend Dana Vincent. But fake tattoos & biker gear weren't the only things Max received. Support for Max has been coming from all over the world. Places like Canada, England, even Australia - with a card drive called "Max a Million." "Our goal is to get one million get-well cards. So far, he has 7,011," said Max's sister, Jessica Low. "It's neat. Max & I sit down & open those cards & he loves it," Max's mom said. While greeting

cards & motorcycles won't make the cancer go away, they're a reminder to Max & his family to keep living strong. "He's my 'Mighty Max' for sure," Max's Mom said. Max will be on chemo for the next 2 years, & might need a bone marrow transplant.

Speeding biker 'not ashamed' of 164 mph stunt – May 24, 2008 – *Oregon* - The Eugene man who was caught riding 164 mph on I-5 in Oregon will spend 15 days in jail & 18 months on probation after being convicted of reckless endangerment & careless driving. Ben Kelley, 37, filmed his April stunt & put the video on YouTube, where others have relived it more than 16,000 times since it was posted last Fri. An Oregon State Police Lt wondered how much remorse someone feels for a crime he shares on YouTube. Kelley did learn his lesson, he told me in an e-mail Wed night. "However, I am not ashamed of what I did." "I put my video on YouTube because that was my original intention. That's why I put a video camera on my bike in the 1st place. I had a valid motorcycle license, insurance, & registration, & 18 years experience riding motorcycles, & I was not under the influence, I did not cause an accident, & no one was hurt. Yet I got 15 days jail, 18 months probation, 90-day license suspension, I have to take a driver improvement course, & I owe \$1,300 in fines, & it was \$520 to get my bike out of impound, & my lawyer fees were \$1,500. No prior record riding a motorcycle that weighs 342 lbs! Not a guy driving a 2-ton car while drunk! That's why I am not backing down

Two gang members charged with drug possession – May 24, 2008 – *Kingston, New York* – The Urgent task force has arrested 2 men following an extensive gang & drug investigation. The arrests were the result of an investigation into the “Few Good Men” motorcycle gang in Ulster & Putnam counties. Gang members were stopped by police in the area of the traffic circle in Ulster. A search of their vehicle & occupants turned up a .357 caliber magnum handgun, police type batons, bats, ax handles, cocaine, marijuana, morphine & other opiates. Joseph Wilczek, 53, of Lake Peekskill & Eric Peyser, 34, of Del Haven, N.J., were charged with felony criminal possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana & criminal possession of a weapon. Both men were arraigned & remanded to the Ulster County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash or \$50,000 property bond.

Bikies wasting their time – May 24, 2008 – *Australia* - SA Acting Premier Kevin Foley says any challenge to bikie laws will be a waste of time. The SA Gov’t says it fully expected a legal challenge to laws aimed at bikie gangs. An Adelaide barrister claims rival gangs are uniting to challenge the legislation in the High Court. The laws allowing police to place control orders on individuals, limit where they go & who they talk to have been condemned by the Law Society & Bar Association. Foley says the bikies will be wasting their money & the legislation is watertight. “Perhaps a little surprised, maybe we shouldn’t be, that a bunch of do gooders would want to hop into bed with the bikies & defend their civil liberties & their rights in the High Court of Australia,” he said. “I think mums & dads of this state wanting their families & societies kept safe from this filth would not view that at all well & would be horrified at the thought.”

Caine & the Angels – May 24, 2008 – *Canada* - The name on the cover of his book says Alex Caine. It’s the same name signed on his official Bandidos membership card. What his true name is, you may never know. Thirty years as a confidential informant -- paid to infiltrate some of the most notorious parts of North America’s underworld -- have given him cause to keep his identity under wraps. He’s taken photos of the Hells Angels; served as a secretary-treasurer for the Bandidos; worked as a faux music promoter & as a guy willing to buy large quantities of drugs, guns & anything illegal. Now he’s 59 years old, & the Gatineau-born Caine says he wants out. His new book, *Befriend & Betray: Infiltrating the Hells Angels, Bandidos & Other Criminal Brotherhoods*, is his attempt to set the record straight. Told in first person, his memoir paints a portrait of a lifestyle that is rarely seen outside of confidential documents & Hollywood films. Given his line of work, his stories are hard to verify. When the Citizen contacted 2 of his former handlers -- a Mountie he met early in his undercover career, the other an agent with the ATF -- neither knew of his whereabouts, nor that he’s written a book. Once his work with them was done, he was gone from their lives. The people who edited his book say Caine is the real deal -- a guy who has lived the life he is writing about. At least as far as they can tell from background checks. One thing is for certain, though: Caine can tell a story. The rabbi said it best. “Décrisse de la!” he said when he heard what was going down in San Diego. “Get the hell out of there!” There was no way for Q-Bob -- the latest of Caine’s long list of aliases -- to explain why he didn’t have the Bersa .380 semi-automatic he had been assigned to deliver. It had been given to him in Nevada several days before by Bobby Perez, a member of the San Diego chapter of the Hells Angels, to bring to their clubhouse in El Cajon, California. Perez & the rest of the Dago Hells Angels -- the nickname of the Hells Angels in San Diego -- were staying in Laughlin, Nevada, following a shootout at a Laughlin casino on April 27, 2002. Three bikers -- two Hells

Angels & a member of the rival Mongols -- had been killed, & the body of a fourth was found on a California highway an hour after the shootout. Christian Tate, a 28-year-old member of the Dago Hells Angels, had been shot & killed while riding his bike on Interstate 40. Perez wanted Caine to deliver the gun to the clubhouse the day the Dago Hells Angels would be taking part in a memorial ride for Tate. Trouble was, he no longer had the gun. It had been seized by his U.S. handlers, who told him to make up a cover story to explain why it was missing. Checking back with his “rabbi” -- RCMP Staff Sgt. J.P. Lévesque, a former handler & trusted friend -- had only strengthened Caine’s convictions. Showing up without the gun was not a good idea. Caine was 2 years into his investigation of the Dago Hells Angels & could not afford to create any doubts about his outlaw persona. He went to Dumont’s -- the El Cajon clubhouse -- prepared for anything. When he showed without the gun, he was ordered to the back of the building. “I knew what often happened behind Dumont’s,” Caine writes in his memoir. “It wasn’t a place I was going to visit.” He fled to his truck & hit the gas. When the police made arrests 13 months later, there was no mention of Caine’s involvement in the case. A story in the San Diego Union-Tribune in June 2003 included only one reference to “informants.” Caine says he was born on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River, in Dec 1948. The house he first lived in was on Rue Rouville, a street he describes as being on “the wrong side of the tracks” in Hull. His father was a francophone & his mother a “half-Irish & half-Indian” anglophone. Back then, Hull was a tough town for outsiders. His mother, in particular, was never accepted by the locals -- or her in-laws -- because of her anglophone background. Even the kids on the streets stuck with their own. “You had your brothers, & you had your friends & your neighbours, & your-own-side-of-the-street-type of thing,” Caine said in a recent interview. When he was six, his mother “went to the movies” one day & never came back. His father decided to split up his family. Caine’s brothers went to stay with family friends, his little sisters stayed with their dad, & Caine & his sister Louise were sent to an Ottawa orphanage. A year later, his father retrieved his kids, but things were never the same. Caine said he learned to shut down -- a trait that would serve him well later in life. “That lack of trust never left me,” he said. “I went into a career that specializes in not telling anybody anything -- ever.” His early adulthood seems pulled from a Hollywood road movie: He worked a factory job, moved to British Columbia & drifted for a while, then crossed the border to sign up for military service in Vietnam in the fall of 1969. Early in 1971, he returned to Hull. Before long, the lure of easy money brought him back to the West Coast. “I was hired to bring a couple of French guys to Vancouver to help them buy drugs,” Caine said. The pay was \$500 & a pound of marijuana. But after he picked up his marijuana, he was picked up by the police & ended up serving time in prison. When he was later paroled, he decided to go straight: School, a job, a girlfriend in the suburbs. But he started to run into problems again in the summer of 1977 -- the same year he got his first undercover job. A Vancouver drug dealer, Joseph (Hobo) Mah, was pressuring him to get involved in his business. The 2 had met in prison. Both liked martial arts & hung out on occasion. Mah had connections to the Triad & had his eye on bringing in heroin from Hong Kong. He wanted Caine to be his partner. The way Mah saw it, the choice was whether he was “in or out.” Caine’s girlfriend told him to call the police. After mulling it for a day, he called the RCMP & asked to speak to the drug squad. A few days later, the Mounties called back. “At first they offered me money,” he said. “I said: ‘I don’t want your f--king money. That’s 30 pieces of silver.’” Instead, he ended up agreeing to a different offer: He was paid just enough to cover the wages he earned as a carpenter.

In exchange, he helped them get inside Mah's operations. Through months of undercover work -- including a series of fake buys & overseas trips -- Mah was put in prison. It was the first of many freelance assignments in which Caine would be paid to pretend to be something he was not. Throughout his career, Caine says, he had a knack for climbing the ranks of criminal gangs & befriending people at the top. When he was working his way up the Bandidos in Bellingham, Washington, he started out by fetching beer for their get-togethers. By the end, he was handling their books. One of his early Bandidos acquaintances, George Wegers, eventually became the worldwide president of the outlaw motorcycle club. With the Dago Hells Angels, Caine breezed into town as an unknown quantity & eventually was taking their pictures at parties. He was trusted enough that he was allowed to have a photograph of himself & Sonny Barger -- the legendary founder of the club's Oakland chapter -- taken inside a Hells Angels clubhouse in California. All in all, it's a remarkable story -- that a 5-6, 130-pound guy from Hull made a life for himself being paid to sneak into criminal gangs & rat out their secrets from inside. While some people may not believe his story, Caine says he's not concerned. "I don't come out smelling like a rose in that book, & I don't try to," he said. "People can do what they will with it & think what they will of me. It doesn't matter. Because it's the truth ... & nobody can get around that." The life he led was tough on his personal life. Two marriages, 2 divorces. Three kids who didn't know why their father was gone for weeks & months at a time. What matters most to him now is what these people think about him. Especially now that they know. "It's been redeeming to a lot of the people that over the past decades thought I was some crook that came & went out of town," he said. "It was good for my children to realize why dad was gone so much & that I wasn't some bad guy."

California Hell's Angel Shot On 101--Could This Signal A Biker War? -- May 25, 2008 -- California - As first reported, new details have emerged about the drive-by shooting of a Hell's Angel last night which resulted in the death of the victim. Originally thought to be riding a Harley in a pack of Angels heading north on Highway 101, the victim was actually riding in a white Chevrolet pickup truck that was leading the pack north. Bikers have been known to use a war wagon that carries bike parts, "supplies", & other equipment that the bikers do not have room to carry or do not want to carry on their person or bike. Speculation circulating today is that the shooter(s) were traveling in a red SUV & that the SUV may have "damage to it's windows" according to CHP authorities. The Next Move? Worse yet is the fact that these types of open executions are often followed by retaliation & the spark that ignites a full scale biker war. Northern California long the stronghold of the Hell's Angels, has been invaded recently by the Angel's most hated enemy the Mongols. The Mongols were the Angel's adversary in the now legendary Laughlin, Nevada casino mayhem that included shooting & stabbing victims.

The County Was Hoppin wth Hawgs -- May 25, 2008 -- **California** - Murphys & the Murphys Hotel was once again the center of the local Harley Davidson Universe last weekend. We spoke with a tired but satisfied Murphys Hotel owner Dorian Faught late last Saturday Afternoon & he mentioned they had already had over a thousand customers during Saturday alone. This didn't even take in the 200 plus bikers from the Top Hatters MC that were in town for a Poker Run... If you were out & about you couldn't help but notice that seemingly every hotel, restarunt & more were filled with vehicles of the 2 wheel variety. From Mike Pizza in Angels Camp to the Hawgs lining Downtown

Angels Camp & the entire town of Murphys that becomes Biker heaven for one weekend every May. Several Business business owners we spoke with mentioned that they had a very good weekend. One even said that the bikers as a group spend more in her store than anyone else.

Knievel jumps 24 trucks - May 25, 2008 -- **Ohio** - Robbie "Kaptain" Knievel, son of the late daredevil Evel Knievel, successfully jumped over 24 delivery trucks Saturday night at the site of one of his father's most famous stunts. "Hopefully I'll see you after the jump," Knievel told the crowd before he climbed the start ramp. Knievel, 46, had said he would need to be going 95 miles per hour at take off for the 200-foot jump, which began from a three-story tall ramp & was completed amid wild cheers, booming explosions & shooting flames at Kings Island amusement park near Cincinnati. After touching down at the tip of the landing ramp, Knievel gave the crowd a thumbs-up, raced his bike back & forth & popped a wheelie. "He took a really hard shot at the landing," said Knievel's business partner, Jeff Lowe. "But he's thrilled. We're all thrilled. He was a lot more nervous about this jump than he let on." Evel Knievel jumped 115 feet over 14 buses at Kings Island in 1975 in an event that was watched by more than half of the nation's television viewers. He died last year at the age of 69 after suffering from failing health for many years. Robbie Knievel dedicated his stunt to his father, U.S. war veterans & those serving in the military.

All revved up -- May 25, 2008 -- **Mississippi** - By Leigh Coleman - Throngs of bikers rolled through South Mississippi on Saturday enroute to the 26th Annual All Harley Memorial Blowout at the Gulfport Dragway. Motorcycle enthusiasts are pinched at the pumps like everyone else, but that did not stop the Blowout faithful from coming out & supporting this year's event. The 4-day biker event is a huge logistical undertaking but representatives from the Asgard MC & the Gulfport Dragway, Inc. said it's worth it. Proceeds go to support multiple sclerosis programs & research along with numerous other local charities, organizers said. "We depend on the weather & economy for the success of this event," said Smokey Stepputat, director of public relations for the Asgard MC. "The economy & rain affected our numbers somewhat this year because people travel long distances for this event & gas prices are way up. We started the Blowout with only 200 & we will put this event on no matter how many people come out," he said. There was plenty of action & the burning smell of nitro during the ripping loud Top Fuel drag races. Mark Blackmer of Hurricane Racing in Long Beach set the record in the Top Fuel last year at 202 mph. He qualified first this year with a high speed of 190 mph. "I come to the Blowout every year & I would not miss it," said Blackmer. "Why go 400 miles away to a bike rally when you have a great rally right here? This is my home track & all of my friends & sponsors are here, too." More than 50 vendors selling Harley Blowout souvenirs, motorcycle gear, biker accessories, & food on a stick lined the drag strip. Bikini & tattoo contests, swap meets & live music entertained the crowds. Tents, campers & trailers packed the grounds & a steady stream of biker traffic rumbled through the gates this weekend. The drag racing finals will be held today after a flag raising ceremony & the Blessing of the Bikes by the Christian Motorcyclists Association. Motorcycle & racing magazines cover the event every year bringing national attention to South Mississippi. "We have been putting on this event for 26 years & if it works we do not try to fix it," said Stepputat. "I love this dragway & the Blowout," said Mike Holland of Thunder Roads magazine. "I really love the smell of nitro & there is plenty of that here."

Samantha Morgan, daredevil rider, dies – May 25, 2008 – *Florida* - By Kelly Wolfe - Samantha Morgan was a quiet legend - a lithe, blonde, sexy, swaggering chick with more street cred than public accolades. She made a living doing stunts on a 1931 Indian motorcycle & performed her gravity-defying show for crowds across this continent & others. “She was beautiful, smart & talented,” said longtime friend Russell Noel, who said Morgan was already riding motorcycles when he met her at age 14. “She always had an interest in speed, in motorcycles,” said Dianne Hancock, who said she is Morgan’s sister. Hundreds of people crowded into the VFW Post 2007 on Saturday afternoon to raise a glass to a friend, artist & pioneer. Morgan, 54, was discovered dead in her bedroom April 28. It’s unclear how she died. Ms. Morgan lived in Loxahatchee when she wasn’t on the road, & she spent the last months of her life piecing together the history of the kitschy carnival act that became her life’s work when she was just a scrawny 14-year-old runaway. “That was her life, the motor drome,” Hancock said. The 100-year-old act - where motorcycle riders perform stunts on a 90-degree angle inside a portable, bowl-shaped arena - doesn’t draw the crowds it once did. And Morgan was worried the motor drome, also called The Wall of Death, would be forgotten. “She loved it, & she wanted it to live on,” Hancock said. After all, it was within The Wall of the Death that Ms. Morgan found a life. She ran away from home in Long Island at age 11, back when she was still Marsha Greene. She lived on the streets until she discovered “wall riding” at a county fair 3 years later. There, she met legendary motor drome rider Sonny Pelaquin, who gave her a job. Pelaquin was Noel’s uncle. Noel said Ms. Morgan started out as a go-fer, willing to sit in a hot ticket booth for hours if it meant that one day she’d get a shot at riding inside the wall. “My uncle believed in paying your dues,” Noel said. “But she knew what she wanted to do, & she was willing to do what it took to get there.” Ms. Morgan was so good, & so tough, she commanded respect in a field where there were very few women. She broke many bones - her back 3 times, alone. In 2006, she was inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame in South Dakota for her contribution to daredevil riding. In all her photos, she’s wearing her trademark sunny grin. Hancock said her sister also had a quiet side, fitting stained glass together into works of art. She also loved animals, & was a good friend. “She’d give people second, third & fourth chances,” Hancock said. “She never wrote anybody off.” And Noel said she never stopped loving her motorcycle - an Indian 101 Scout. “She rode until the day she died,” he said.

Couple’s murders tied to bikie death - May 25, 2008 – *Australia* - IT IS the murder investigation that has baffled & frustrated police for 15 years. Anthony Perish, 91, & his wife Frances, 93, were gunned down outside their Leppington farmhouse on Sydney’s southern outskirts in June 1993. The Yugoslav migrants had become market gardeners & built a successful poultry farm. Police believe their bodies were dragged inside their home & laid out on their beds. A trail of tissue paper & flammable liquid was strewn through the house along with a crude timing device that failed to go off. Despite 2 inquests during which 20 suspects were identified, no one has been charged with the slayings. However, detectives working with the coroner’s office & the NSW Crime Commission in the past 18 months have been investigating the case in connection with the 2001 killings of barman Ian Draper & convicted drug dealer Terry Falconer. Draper, 37, was last seen leaving work at the Mount Pritchard & District Community Club in the early hours of August 3 that year. His Ford Fairmont turned up 6 weeks later at Bringelly but he was never seen again. Four months after the disappearance, Falconer was on day release from Silverwater

prison & employed at a smash repair shop in Ingleburn when he was abducted by 3 men posing as police officers. Within days his crudely dismembered remains began surfacing in the Hastings River near Wauchope on the NSW mid-North Coast. The first parcel, wrapped in wire mesh & weighted with rocks, was discovered by a fisherman. During the following week police dragged 5 more bags from the water & a seventh & final was retrieved almost a year later, in September 2002. Falconer, 52, had been serving 5 ½ years for his role in manufacturing a large quantity of speed. He was also known to be a one-time associate of the Gypsy Jokers bikie gang. At the second Perish inquest, in 2003, his name was put forward as a person of interest by Andrew Perish, a grandson of the murdered couple. It is not known whether the claim was given much credence as Andrew Perish was also named as a suspect in his grandparents’ deaths & identified as a former member of the rival Rebel bikies. But what is now known is that just days before his violent end, Falconer was visited for a second time in jail by detectives investigating the Perish murders. According to a homicide squad source close to the inquiry: “Whether or not Terry was involved or simply knew something, who knows? “But he was definitely going to be called to the inquest when he was killed, so you can draw your own conclusions.” The chief detective on the Falconer case, then sergeant, Gary Jubelin, told The Sun-Herald in 2003 that the former tow-truck operator’s “knowledge of criminal activities” had been a key factor in his demise. Yet investigators are understood more recently to have pursued the theory that he committed the Perish killings & was murdered in retribution by people unknown. The Crime Commission set up Operation Oaklands in 2006 to investigate further the 3 murders. Commission assistant director Mark Standen told The Sun-Herald that Draper’s “suspected death” had been included in the reference when it was learnt he had witnessed a fatal hotel bashing for which Andrew Perish had been charged but acquitted.

Bush inducted into biker group – May 26, 2008 - *Washington, DC* - US President George W. Bush donned a black leather biker jacket Sunday as he was given honorary membership in the Rolling Thunder motorcycle group which paraded through Washington to honor veterans on Memorial Day. Tens of thousands of members of the biker group joined the parade down the US capital’s main boulevards Sunday in the group’s annual “Ride for Freedom” event to celebrate US soldiers & sailors & press for greater benefits for veterans. Rolling Thunder leaders including National Executive Director Artie Muller met Bush at the White House, where they presented him with the vest in honor of their 21st Memorial Day ride. Bush called the masses of motorcycles, which he observed from his helicopter just moments before, “a magnificent sight.” “We just choppered in, Artie, & saw your brothers & sisters cranking up their machines & driving through the nation’s capital -- many of them have got the flag on the back,” Bush told them. “And I am just so honored to welcome you back. I want to thank you & all your comrades for being so patriotic & loving our country as much as you do,” he said. “And our troops appreciate you, the veterans appreciate you & your president appreciates you,” Bush said.

Political Correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, & rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end...

A Nation of Sheep will beget a Government of wolves.
– Edward R. Murrow

Shooting occurred following funeral of Hells Angel – May 26, 2008 – *California* – By Gary Klien & Nels Johnson - A Hells Angels associate killed in Marin County on Sat night was identified as a 27-year-old San Leandro man who had attended a Hells Angel funeral earlier that day on the Peninsula, authorities said Sunday. The victim, whose name was not released pending notification of family, was shot at about 8:15 p.m. Sat while riding in a white Chevy pickup truck that was leading a procession of Hells Angels motorcyclists through Marin to Sonoma County. Sheriff's investigators said someone in a red sport-utility vehicle, possibly a Dodge Durango, opened fire on the Chevy pickup on northbound Highway 101 between Tiburon Boulevard in Mill Valley & the Paradise Drive exit in Corte Madera. The victim was struck in the upper body. The driver of the pickup truck, a member of the MC, veered off the freeway at Paradise Drive & called 911 from the pay phone at California Highway Patrol headquarters in Corte Madera. The victim was rushed to Marin General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Sheriff's Sgt. Keith Boyd said an "altercation" on the highway preceded the shooting, but it was unclear whether incident was connected to the motorcycle association. "We're not sure whether this was a targeted incident or a random act of violence," Boyd said. The red SUV exited the freeway & escaped. It was unclear whether the other Hells Angels members chased the vehicle & obtained the license plate number, but none was provided to investigators. Boyd said he had no indication the Hells Angels are trying to find the killer themselves to dispense "street justice" on their own. "We're hoping that the members of the club will be open & honest & provide as much information as possible," he said. The red SUV might have damaged windows. Earlier Sat, the victim attended memorial services on the Peninsula for Carl "J.R." Serrano, a member of the Hells Angels MC Frisco chapter in San Francisco. Serrano, 56, died of cancer on May 4 in a prison in North Carolina, according to Duggan's Serra Mortuary in Daly City. There was a viewing at the mortuary Fri night, attended by 50 to 100 Hells Angels members & other mourners. A memorial service was at the mortuary from approximately 11 a.m. to noon Sat, & about 200 people attended. Daly City police parked across the street from the mortuary to monitor both services, a standard procedure for Hells Angels funerals, said Daly City police Lt. John Gamez. "It's just a routine to make sure there's no rival club members in the area," Gamez said. "It went very smoothly ... no indication anything was going on." But according to a mortuary spokesperson, investigators took the unusual step of coming into the mortuary after the mourners had left Fri & making copies of the guestbook & family photographs. "It wasn't our Dept who did that," Gamez said. "There could be other agencies involved in intelligence gathering. No uniformed police officers were in there, & no one went in there at my direction." After the memorial service Sat, a procession of Hells Angels rode to San Francisco, then came back through Daly City on their way to a burial service at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Colma, Gamez said.

Vigil honors fallen heroes – May 26, 2008 – *Tennessee* - By Tavia D. Green; The Leaf-Chronicle - Light shined on POWs, missing warriors - Darlene Francisco sat in a lawn chair with other Gold Star Wives of America members as the sun set Sunday evening. Francisco watched the Vietnam Veterans of America candlelight vigil for the first time & said the ceremony was emotional because she thought about her husband, Michael. He served in the military 22 years & died from a terminal illness in 1995. The vigil paid respect to missing military service members & prisoners of war. "It's hard," she said. "It reminds me of my husband being in the service. It's heart-wrenching to know that it

continues to go on today with the wars now." The Vietnam Veterans of America local chapter held the annual candlelight vigil for the 19th time Sunday in Public Square. Each of 33 prisoners of war & those missing in action were represented as their name was called & a bell rang. Then a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Legacy Veterans or 2nd Brigade Motorcycle Clubs posted a black-draped chair in remembrance. "Absent, but not forgotten," rang from audience members as a motorcycle club member saluted in honor of the missing soldier, then a candle was lit. Those sitting in bleachers watched as the warm summer breeze silently flickered across the candles. "The purpose is to not forget those left behind & missing & the sacrifice they gave," said Johnny Conway, president of VVA Chapter 396. "We're enjoying nice weather, moving around & having freedom, & we don't know what condition those missing are in." State Rep. Joe Pitts was the guest speaker & gave a speech mentioning those who fought in the past & those who are fighting in Iraq & Afghanistan. Pitts said he hoped today is the last Memorial Day without the troops at home. "The men & women who put that uniform on & run into the battlefield ... they should be honored." Maryanna Christy, chapter representative for VVA, said the ceremony happens every year to keep the memory & sacrifices of POW/MIAs deep in the hearts of those they fought for. Christy said when they began the vigil in 1989, there were 43 POW/MIAs. Ten have been found, the latest one in 1995. The ceremony originally honored POW/MIAs of the Vietnam War, Christy said, but now it honors those from all conflicts. "This is to remind the people that all the military from Tennessee did not come home," she said. "We never give up on their bodies being found & brought back to their home state." During the ceremony the Montgomery Central JROTC & the Clarksville HS JROTC posted & presented the colors, while the Wester Family sang patriotic songs. Dignitaries included state Sen. Rosalind Kurita.

Editor's Note: The Feds have me on the Domestic Terrorist Fly Watch List... The last 2 times I flew, I could not pre-print my boarding passes... I could not even print at the Airport Kiosks... **Las Vegas (April - for Work)** - I flew from St. Cloud (very small one) Airport & the gal (she also loaded luggage on the plane) that I gave my ticket & drivers license punched me up on the computer & looked at me funny & said, I haven't seen one of these for a very long time. I said what? She said, "So you are a Hitman"... I said it is just because I am in a motorcycle club... Also note the Guy from work here who booked his ticket at the same time at the travel agency that St. Cloud State University has an account with, got his stuff searched very thoroughly also... When he was going thru Security the St. Cloud Cop pointed him out to the 3 TSA agents... They must have figured he was carrying my guns, because they didn't find any in my luggage!!! They didn't find any in his luggage either!!! **Houston (May - for NCOM)** – Once again I could not pre-print my boarding pass. I flew from MSP Airport & the lady that I gave my Drivers License & electronic ticket to, after I asked what the computer showed, she said "Security risk or something"... I told her it is just because I am in a motorcycle club... She said not that reason, it was because of my last name "Davis" is an Irish name (I am ½ Irish)... Funny my parents don't have the same problem with the last name of "Davis"! And they fly regularly... **So by combining** what the 2 ticket gals said, I must be a "Hitman for the IRA"!!! (Which I am NOT!!!)

For those who never fought for it,
Freedom has a taste the protected will never know.

One man can change the *World*... With enough ammo...

Atlantic Beach Bikefest – May 26, 2008 – South Carolina - By Robert Morris - In between the arrow-shaped sign in the ground that said “Dragway” & the leather-clad bikers asking for money, a man with a carnival-barker’s voice stood on a grassy corner & pitched his baked goods to the line of waiting cars. “I got all the latest flavors,” he cried. “This cake is slammin’. Grandma made the cake.” A distant rumble sounded from the woods behind him - the first hint of Sunday’s reopening of the Myrtle Beach Dragway & the Carolina Knight Riders’ Memorial Day party. The Dragway was closed last year for repairs, said promoter Melvin Ware, but it is now back, longer & safer. With the rain Sat, all Ware had a chance to do was turn on the lights, but Sun, the whole place came alive with high-speed motorcycles & heavily customized cars. “It’s going to be a mixed bag, but really good for the community,” Ware said. The track sits near the clubhouse of the Knight Riders MC, a group that has received accolades in recent weeks for their role as founders of Memorial weekend bike activities in 1980. H-D’s corporate office created a poster of them that now hangs inside the CH, & the Horry County Council issued a proclamation commending their “promotion of biker social responsibility,” said John Glover, the club Pres & a supervisor for The Coast RTA. “Every historical event you go to, it’s kind of like a reunion,” Glover said. “The fellowship draws them here. Look around the yard here - it’s people from all walks.” As much classic R&B as hip-hop came from the club’s loudspeakers. “For an older crowd, it’s all right,” said Brandon Walker, a 22-year-old who was brought by his stepfather. “I can’t complain.” The logo for American IronHorse motorcycles tattooed on his chest, John Jones of Jacksonville, N.C., was among the first racers to arrive at the track. All his friends call him the fastest guy in the world, he said, because he always finds ways to push their bikes faster than they can. “Where there’s a track, that’s where I’m trying to get to,” Jones said. “There’s nothing like the wind blowing in your face. You’re free, & when you become free, the world is endless.” Even hidden off a rural highway between North Myrtle Beach & Conway, the track offers all the accommodations of a major racing stadium, in its own way. Near faded bleachers, tents provided shade for a VIP table. In the grass, girls in fashionably revealing attire posed for photos with highly customized motorcycles. The long, thin driveway to the track served as sort of a parade route itself, with the crowds in the grass turning to nod & point at any passing vehicle of note. “This is not just about black bike week,” said “Young Mitch” Johnson, a trackside host. “This is about bike week itself. I see people bringing their kids. It’s about unity, & about coming out & having a good time.” At the starting line, bikers gunned their engines & ground their tires into the pavement, blowing smoke & warming the rubber so it would grip the road. After the green light at the starting lines, the motorcycles lunge forward, their front wheels sometimes leaping into the air as they fly across the 1/8-of-a-mile track at more than 100 mph. “I love it. We need this. It’s another place to go,” said Kenneth Giles of Georgetown, but said the first few trial runs failed to impress him. “I’m looking for the true guys, but they look like they’re scared of each other.” Times & speeds blinked on electronic signs by the track. As each race faded into exhaust & flapping flags, exhilarated children danced in the grass with joy.

Here is a riddle for the true intellectual: At the exact same time, there are two 35 year old men on opposite sides of the earth: One is walking a tight rope between two skyscrapers. The other is getting “oral pleasure” from an 85 year old toothless woman. They are both thinking the exact same thing. What are they both thinking? “Don’t look down”!

Fishery gangs: ones that get away - May 26, 2008 – **Australia** – By Jordan Baker - Mud crabs, prawns & barramundi are among prized species being targeted by organised crime groups to fuel an illicit domestic seafood market. Thieves - including bokie gangs - are moving beyond abalone & shark fin to native & coral fish, oysters, eel, sea cucumbers, sea urchins & seahorses, a study by the Australian Institute of Criminology warns. National parks in NSW are exploited by illegal divers & families using the guise of indigenous hunting. The families are “reputed to be well organised, with half a dozen groups working on the coast in specific areas”, the report says. The chief targets in NSW are oysters, eels & deep-sea species such as tuna. Aquaculture farms are also victims. The main tactics are sending illicit catch to legitimate processors in Sydney & Queensland, & stealing other people’s catches. Oyster theft is so well organised that thieves use lifting equipment on vehicles to steal whole racks from farms, the report says. Outlaw motorcycle gangs are infiltrating the industry in some states. Bokies are believed to have been involved in pearl theft in Western Australia, the trading of fishing licences in the Northern Territory & abalone poaching in South Australia. While the main market for abalone & shark fin is Hong Kong, there is “an extensive illicit Australian market for these other species”, the report says. “The market includes clubs, restaurants, hotels, fish & chip shops.” The study was prompted by research showing there had been growth in organised crime involving abalone & rock lobster, & an increase in criminals using the industry to launder money & make drugs at aquaculture farms. The criminology institute produced the report with the Australian Crime Commission to estimate the extent to which organised crime put existing or proposed fisheries at risk. Demand & better fishing techniques have increased the threat to fragile fishing industries such as Australia’s. Half the fisheries officers interviewed by researchers said their jurisdiction was ineffective in dealing with crime. Many believed punishments were inadequate. Prosecution data shows that many matters were undefended. Most attracted minor fines, & only a small fraction resulted in a serious penalty. In Queensland, 51% of fines were less than \$500. The report says the recreational sector provides the best cover for organised crime. Some fishermen used secret compartments in boats or mixed legal & illegal catch, & a few earned extra money from illegal drugs. No public estimates are available of illegally obtained fish in the domestic black market.

Police charge 2 bikies over pub brawl - May 26, 2008 – **Australia** - Police investigating a brawl inside a Bunbury nightspot have charged 2 members of the Coffin Cheater motorcycle gang with assault. Police were called to the Fitzgerald Hotel about 9:30pm on Sat night. It is alleged at least 2 Coffin Cheaters were fighting with security guards inside the hotel. A 29-year-old man has been charged with assaulting a public officer & a 34-year-old man has been charged with assault occasioning grievous bodily harm. One of the security guards was taken to the Bunbury Hospital with cuts to his face. The hotel was closed for the rest of the night. Police say they do not expect to lay any further charges but are continuing to question witnesses. The 2 men are due to appear in the Bunbury Magistrates Court today.

Catholic School Whiz Kid: The teenage boy was not doing well at all in public school, so the parents decided that it would be time to send the lad to Catholic school for the year. At the end of the term, sure enough the son’s marks were straight A’s. The parents were overjoyed & asked their son, “How did you improve so greatly? Are the nuns that much better teachers?” “Not really better teachers,” said the boy, “but everywhere I looked I saw a man nailed to the cross, & I knew they meant business here.”

License plate readers revolutionize policing - May 26, 2008 – *Canada* - By Jeff Nagel - Peace Arch News - Police cameras that quickly scan thousands of passing licence plates for likely offenders are making it dead easy to catch car thieves, prohibited drivers & other scofflaws. And that's just the tip of the iceberg of potential uses for the technology that police think will be a transformative, even revolutionary crime-fighting tool. The Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) system has civil liberty & privacy watchdogs twitchy. But senior RCMP officers hope to get clearance to expand it from being a Lower Mainland-only pilot project with just nine cars to between 30 & 60 camera-equipped cars across B.C. in as little as 5 years. Other forces across Canada are poised to follow B.C.'s lead. "It's very promising," said Insp. Norm Gaumont, the head of traffic services for the RCMP in B.C. "This system will change the way we do policing in a major way." Instead of manually typing in a plate on an in-car computer to search the national policing database, the cameras automatically scan passing plates in front & on both sides of the cruiser. "We can do up to 3,000 plates an hour," Gaumont said. "As we're driving, this thing is constantly looking." It works equally well whether officers are slowly sweeping parking lots or flying down the freeway – cameras can read plates of oncoming cars speeding by at 160 km/h. The system compares plate numbers to data downloaded to the car computer. The in-car computer pings as it detects hits, flashing up the vehicle image & data on its probable occupant. Officers instantly know if the car is stolen, or if the probable driver is unlicensed or prohibited from driving because of past drunk driving convictions. They also know if the driver has past convictions or owns guns. More than 70% of hits are unlicensed drivers, 20% are for uninsured vehicles, 8.4% are prohibited drivers & 0.9% are stolen vehicles. Since Feb 2007, ALPR cars have read 540,000 licence plates, matched 9,000 of those as hits in the database, leading officers to take action in 3,000 cases that ultimately resulted in 1,075 charges laid. Gaumont says those caught often have a long history of dangerous or drunk driving & are considered the worst of the worst. "You really want to keep them off the road," he said. "This allows you to quickly scan & identify the bad apples." Matches sometimes come in so fast officers can't keep up. In one case, 7 different vehicles of unlicensed or uninsured drivers were being towed simultaneously after being detected by a single ALPR car. Driving violators & car thieves aren't the only targets. Amber Alerts are programmed into the system to spot child abductors. And the RCMP plan to add plates of convicts out on probation. That would allow officers to detect the vehicle of someone released on curfew conditions not to be out at night, for example – something that might help keep prolific offenders on track. Sex offenders released under condition to stay away from schools could likewise be detected. "You could easily have this thing set up & all of a sudden pick up a vehicle that's not supposed to be around a school yard," Gaumont said. "It gives you an individual you should be checking on." ALPR police cars converging on a murder scene could record the plates of all vehicles leaving the area, serving up a raft of potential suspects & witnesses for investigators to pursue. "Let's face it, that's extremely beneficial," Gaumont said. "There's great potential." All licence plate numbers detected are kept on file for 3 months & "hits" (where the driver is in the national police database for a warrant, charge or past conviction) are kept for 2 years. Each reading links a vehicle to a particular time & place. That means it may also be possible for investigators to run a plate number through the ALPR archive to see where it's been recently detected. A torched car with dead people inside might be an obvious candidate for a search of its movement history. Could ALPR cameras record cars visiting a sex trade area where a serial

killer stalks prostitutes & thereby tighten the net much faster on the next Robert Pickton? Gaumont is more reluctant to discuss these possibilities. And he plays down the suggestion that police could even mount a network of stationary ALPR cameras in the region to track the movements of vehicles of interest. "We don't want to give the public the perception we're keeping all these plates, all this information, we're watching you forever," Gaumont said. "There's this paranoia in Canada about Big Brother watching." Micheal Vonn, of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, is among the alarmed. "This allows for the kind of surveillance of movement that people don't understand," she said. A licence plate is publicly visible with no expectation of privacy. And the ALPR system in theory only accelerates the police ability to run plates through their database. But Vonn argues the effect is profound when plates can be rapidly analyzed & the resulting stream of data forms a whole new map of people's movements that can be archived. "Three months worth of information on you as a completely innocent human being is collected by the police presumably in case we find out you've done something wrong," she said. "This is the new intelligent policing. It is one more incremental step in creating this vast matrix of surveillance." Vonn worries about "function creep" – that once the system is in place police might make expanded use of it beyond what they now claim is intended. It might seem like a good idea to record plates of cars fleeing a murder scene, or those parked at a Hells Angels clubhouse or those of revelers entering the Merritt Mountain Music Festival (which was done last year). But Vonn asks whether that would extend to monitoring lawful protesters at the 2010 Olympics. Counter-terrorism is an expected use of ALPR. B.C. Information & Privacy Commissioner David Loukidelis also has concerns about how the system will be used & how long data will be stored. The RCMP must meet the requirements of the Fed privacy commissioner, but ALPR also has to pass muster with Loukidelis if it's to be used by municipal forces. "I can't on the face of it see why you would be keeping benign information," he said, referring to the archiving of non-hits. "That's a question I'll be asking."

Slain Hells Angels associate identified – May 27, 2008 – *California* - An associate of the Hells Angels MC who was shot & killed on Highway 101 in Marin County was identified today as 25-year-old William Crompton Maclean of San Leandro.

A nun, badly needing to use the restroom, walked into a biker bar. The place was hopping with music & loud conversation & every once in a while the lights would turn off. Each time the lights would go out, the place would erupt into cheers. However, when the bikers saw the nun, the room went dead silent. She walked up to the bartender & asked, "May I please use the restroom?" The bartender replied, "OK, but I should warn you that there is a statue of a naked man in there wearing only a fig leaf." "Well, in that case, I'll just look the other way," said the nun. So, the bartender showed the nun to the back of the tavern & she proceeded to the restroom. After a few minutes, she came back out & the whole place stopped just long enough to give the nun a loud round of applause. She went to the bartender & said, "Sir, I don't understand. Why did they applaud for me just because I went to the restroom?" "Well, now they know you're one of us," said the bartender. "Would you like a drink?" "But, I still don't understand," said the puzzled nun. The bartender laughed & said, "Every time the fig leaf on the statue is lifted up, the lights go out. Now, how about that drink?"

Never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

Vietnam Vets stand on their own 2 wheels – May 27, 2008 – *Alaska* – By Beth Bragg - They go by names like Bulldog & Fog, their forearms are covered with tattoos, & their mothers are probably still unhappy about the way they wear their hair. They're not the portrait of patriotism typically conjured up on Memorial Day, when World War II veterans nearing their 90s & young women with children in tow & husbands in a far-away desert stand side by side at somber ceremonies, saluting the flag & shedding a tear for absent soldiers. Members of the Vietnam Veterans MC don't show up for such occasions looking all clean-cut & shipshape. And who would expect them to? They fought for their country at a time when their country was going through social upheaval, a time when hippies & the counterculture & sexual revolution & civil rights shared the headlines with the war in Southeast Asia. They are the Easy Rider vets, brothers in black leather bonded by their service in an unpopular war -- & their love of motorcycles. Once all but invisible, these days club members are an expected & colorful addition to veterans events. "The reason we disappeared is we wanted to turn invisible," said Chris "Fog" Wetmore, because coming home from Vietnam often meant a hostile reception. His eyes hidden behind mirrored sunglasses & his hair flowing well below his shoulders, Wetmore recalls running into the mother of one of his best friends shortly after he returned from Vietnam to the rural California town where he grew up. He was washing his car when the woman drove up & lit into him. "How could you do that?" she railed. "I can't believe you went to that terrible war & did all those terrible things." "I was dumbfounded," Wetmore said. "I don't think I've ever talked to her since that day, & she still lives next to my folks." **Re-Emerge in the '80s:** For years, Wetmore avoided gatherings like Monday's & kept quiet about his status as a Vietnam veteran. So did Fred "Bulldog" Becker IV, who remembers ducking into the first restroom he saw after returning from his third tour of duty in Vietnam -- he wanted to shed his military duds & put on clothes that didn't tell the world he was a soldier. "After the war," Becker said, "we all went away." Many of them began to re-emerge in the 1980s, Becker said, around the same time the Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened in 1982 in Washington, D.C. -- an event Becker described as "an awakening for us." The motorcycle club was formed in 1984, Becker said, & Alaska's chapter opened in 1987. Club members have a two-fold mission:

- To demand an accounting for an estimated 1,900 to 2,400 troops still classified as missing in action in Vietnam, as well as for MIAs from other wars.
- To ensure other soldiers get the kind of public support they didn't always enjoy.

"If you have a problem with the war, deal with the Gov't, but honor the troops," Becker said. "No more spitting. No more name-calling." **'They Stood Tall':** This is a committed group, with weekly meetings & annual events like Sunday's memorial event at Byers Lake State Park, where 300 motorcyclists showed up. Laddie Shaw, a Vietnam vet & former Alaska State Trooper who frequently rides with the club, said he's not a member because he can't make the time commitment. "I love these guys. I'd love to have that (jacket) patch. I just don't have the time," he said. "It's a lot tougher to join than the Boy Scouts." He's not kidding. Becker, an Air Force member from 1961-'68, said the club makes only 2 requirements of members -- they have to have a motorcycle & they have to have discharge papers as proof of their military service. They don't even have to be Vietnam vets. The club has created a "Legacy" membership for veterans who served in the military after 1972. Legacy members will make sure the club & its missions stay alive even after the last of the Vietnam vets are gone, said Becker, who is 65. Even so, club membership isn't a guarantee for anyone with a Harley, a leather jacket & a tour of duty in Vietnam. Wetmore, 62, said he spent more than a year as a

"prospect" before he was made a member. "I became a full member 2 years ago this week," he said. "They made me carry my jacket around in a box for the whole weekend. I didn't know what was in it. I thought it was Bulldog's birthday present. "They put you through stuff like that." Wetmore wound up in Vietnam because the draft board dropped into his life shortly after he dropped out of college. He didn't want to join the Army, but he didn't want to go to Canada either. "I took pride in the service, even though I was adverse to doing it," he said. But it wasn't until about 15 years ago, when he first started riding with the motorcycle club, that Wetmore learned to embrace his status as a Vietnam vet. "I recognized the camaraderie they have," he said, "and that they stood tall."

Biker called model inmate, court hears – May 27, 2007 - *Canada* - Outlaw biker Francesco (Frank, Cisco) Lenti has been calm, polite & tidy in jail after being arrested for fatally shooting a Hells Angel, & his good behavior has rubbed off on other maximum security prisoners, Lenti's manslaughter trial heard today. "He is basically a model inmate," Mike Grimson, deputy chief superintendent of the Eastern Ontario Correctional Centre in Lindsay, told Newmarket court today. "There have been no problems whatsoever with Mr. Lenti?," asked Crown Attorney Peter Westgate. "No sir," Grimson replied. Lenti, 60, pleaded guilty last month to manslaughter for fatally shooting David (Dred) Buchanan, a high-ranking member of the West Toronto Hells Angels Motorcycle Club, at a Vaughan strip club after midnight on Dec. 2, 2006. Lenti also pleaded guilty to aggravated assault on shooting Carlo Verrelli & Dana Carnegie, also of the West Toronto Hells Angels, at the Club Pro Adult Entertainment lounge where he worked as a security consultant. Justice Michael Brown is expected to announce Lenti's sentence next month. The Crown is seeking a sentence of between 10 & 12 years, with 3 years deducted from his sentence as a credit for the 18 months he has already spent in custody.

Biker killer finds God, court is told – May 27, 2008 – *Canada* - A Bandido biker who killed a member of the Hells Angels found God after the shooting & is hoping to only do a year or 2 in jail. "I started reading the Bible daily & asked the Lord to come into my life. I have read the Bible from start to finish," Francesco "Cisco" Lenti told Justice Michael Brown in Newmarket court yesterday at his sentencing hearing. Lenti's lawyer, Louie Genova, has asked the court to consider a four- to five-year sentence with a credit of 4 1/2 years for time he has already served behind bars. Genova told the court that Lenti was a kind, mild-mannered man who was provoked into the shooting. "If it wasn't for the conduct of the deceased, the killing would never of occurred. My client is a lover, not a fighter," Genova said, noting Lenti has 8 children, aged 4 to 39, from 6 different unions. Lenti was working his job at a bar in Vaughan the night of the shooting. When he came downstairs at 12:53 a.m. on Dec. 2, 2006, he saw 4 Hells Angels members sitting in the club who quickly surrounded him & began arguing. The Hells Angels objected to Lenti's Bandidos loyalties & the fact he was trying to establish the gang in Ontario. Two security cameras in the lobby captured the escalating argument. Buchanan punched Lenti, giving him a black eye. Lenti pulled out a 9-mm pistol from his waistband & shot Buchanan, Carnegie & Verrelli. Carnegie fled the club & Lenti shot Buchanan through the left cheek, killing him.

Most of what you've heard about me is true.
I've got the scars to prove it.

Canadian foreign minister resigns over secret papers – May 27, 2008 – *Canada* - Harper accepted the resignation of Maxime Bernier, who had come under fire in recent weeks amid reports that a former girlfriend had previous relationships with men associated with Hells Angels motorcycle gang members. Canada's embattled foreign minister resigned after leaving classified documents in a nonsecure location, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced on Monday. Harper accepted the resignation of Maxime Bernier, who had come under fire in recent weeks amid reports that a former girlfriend had previous relationships with men associated with Hells Angels motorcycle gang members. Harper said that Bernier's controversial relationship with the woman was not a factor in the resignation. But it was announced that Bernier's former girlfriend, Julie Couillard, was preparing to go on a French-language television station to say that Bernier had been careless with classified documents. Bernier wrote in a letter of resignation that he became aware on Sunday night that he had left behind classified documents at a private residence. Couillard would not comment on the nature of the document except to say that Bernier left it behind at her place. In addition, a Quebec newspaper reported that 3 years ago, Couillard had been working for a company vying for a contract for airport security. The front-page story said Couillard's boss, who was also her then-boyfriend, owed money to Hell's Angels. Bernier first drew the attention of Canadians when he appeared at his swearing in ceremony last August with the provocatively dressed Couillard on his arm. Bernier has come under fire for a variety of gaffes, including promising aid for Myanmar on a plane that was not available. "Why should the Gov't have to keep on cleaning up after this minister? Wouldn't it be just simpler to get rid of him?" Michael Ignatieff, a member of Canada's Liberal Party put to the Canadian parliament on Monday. Speaking to the media, Ignatieff said, "I don't want that woman reading Gov't briefing books. Period. And no Canadian does." "She's obviously a security risk," added Serge Menard, a Member of Parliament & the former minister of public security for Quebec. CBC television reported that a decade ago, Couillard had lived with a member of Hell's Angels who was murdered while awaiting trial, & that she married another member of the gang. David Emerson, the international trade minister, will take over as interim foreign minister.

'Stunters' give cops headaches – May 27, 2008 – *USA / California* - By William M. Welch - Sgt. John Lago is cruising the Hollywood Freeway when his radio carries the call of another California Highway Patrol officer who has tried to pull over a motorcyclist, only to see him race off at high speed. Both troopers give chase, skillfully picking their way through 10 p.m. weeknight traffic at 120 mph. They radio for a helicopter backup, but the aircraft is too far away. In only minutes, tonight's outcome is clear: The rider of the agile, 600cc Honda sportbike has outrun them. "Bummer," Lago says. "I hate it when we lose a chase because you know the guy's going (to go) on MySpace & brag he outran the cops. It's just going to encourage more knuckleheads." While the CHP officers often apprehend their targets, tonight's disappointment is all too common for this team. In squad cars & on powerful BMW motorcycles of their own, these officers go after what they regard as a growing problem on the nation's highways - riders of high-performance motorcycles who use public roads for triple-digit speeds or perilous stunts such as riding while standing or on one wheel. "We're not going to tolerate their behavior," says Lago, himself a motorcycle rider. "They're ruining it for everyone else." Across the USA, reckless motorcycle "stunters," as the riders like to call themselves, are being targeted as a hazard to themselves & others. Motorcycle

deaths climbed from 3,034 in 2002 to 4,493 in 2006, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The largest 10-year age group of rider fatalities is 20- to 29-year-olds. Though most are not stunters, many states have reported problems with stunters & are proposing laws to deter them. Florida this month passed legislation to make it illegal for a motorcyclist to lift a wheel off the ground, called a wheelie, or to place license plates on a hinged frame that violators use to flip their tag out of sight & avoid identification. Florida state Rep. Carlos Lopez-Cantera, R-Miami, pushed for the law in response to complaints about bikes speeding at 136 mph, popping wheelies & hiding tags. In Kansas City, police from several agencies in the region met in June to discuss what to do. "It's getting worse," Capt. Dek Kruger of the Kansas Highway Patrol told The Kansas City Star. "Aggressive motorcycle driving is an issue throughout the metro area. We're seeing 'em popping wheelies on the interstates & performing stunts on the street." In Oregon, state police arrested a motorcyclist after a chase in which the biker hit 164 mph - as recorded by a video camera that the motorcyclist had pointed at his own speedometer. The American Motorcyclist Association, a national organization based in Ohio, has opposed new penalties against reckless motorcyclists because it says such penalties should apply to reckless automobile drivers, too. AMA lobbyist Imre Szauter said similar efforts to crack down on motorcyclists fell short this year in California & Missouri. "We will not defend public reckless operation," Szauter says. "That kind of riding needs to be done on the track." While the image of H-D-riding gangs of outlaw motorcyclists dies hard, it is the modern super-capable sportbikes, most imported from Japan or Europe, that are the focus of law enforcement's attention, Lago said. One reason is the performance. For \$10,000 a buyer can get a sportbike capable of 180 mph even before any hot-rodding work. The Internet is a factor as well. On websites & forums riders post photos & videos of their exploits. Lago says he & other law officers regularly read Los Angeles sportbike websites to gain intelligence on when & where bikers plan get-togethers. At a recent late-night gathering in a parking lot in Hollywood, several hundred riders showed off their bikes & club names such as "Fearless Stunters," "Law Breakerz" & "Suicide Tribe." One cycle was equipped with multiple video screens & cameras, allowing the rider to both show stunt videos & record his own. At another lot in Calabasas in the San Fernando Valley, rider Thad Wiltz, 56, of Van Nuys, demonstrated that the riders are not all kids. He displayed his Suzuki Hayabusa, a 1340cc superbike that he had hopped up with a turbocharger, giving it, he says, 380 horsepower. "I go to the drag strip with it," he says. "It can do 178 mph in the quarter mile." Ryan Suchanek, 27, of Milton, Wis., has made stunting his profession. With his crew called "VerticalMischief," he performs all over the world & sells DVDs of his stunts. He lost his left leg when he collided with a car in October. He still performs, wearing shorts to show off his metal prosthetic limb. "I'm not going to lie. I started (stunt) riding on the street. As long as you're doing it safe & not affecting other people, I don't see a huge problem with it - as long as it is controlled," he says. "As long as they make bikes that can pop wheelies, we're going to be popping wheelies." That's not what Lago likes to hear. In California, he says, sportbikers have shut down entire freeways with hundreds of riders slowing traffic & clearing lanes for stunters. In 2006, the CHP arrested 11 leaders of a group that hired its own helicopter to videotape just such a stunt, he said. On another recent night, Lago & his team found themselves surrounded by more than 100 sportbikers who prevented officers from arresting speeding riders. "It's like a swarm of bees - they surround you," he says. "It was so out of control I couldn't believe it."

Rocky fugitive turns gun on himself in boat drama – May 27, 2008 – *Australia* - A Man who shot himself while police questioned him on a boat at 1770 on Sunday is believed to be Rockhampton fugitive bikie Michael James Miller. Inspector Graham Coleman said the man pointed the gun at police before turning it on himself. He said police were conducting routine water patrols at Round Hill Creek, about 500 metres from the 1770 marina, when they noticed the unregistered, unmarked boat moored in the creek. “During their enquiries & their discussions he’s produced a firearm, which was initially pointed at police & he’s shot himself,” Inspector Coleman said. Miller, 50, a Rockhampton Rebels Motorcycle Club member, had been on the run since he failed to appear on drug charges in Feb 2006.

North Wales Police to use racing bikes in operations – May 27, 2008 – *United Kingdom* – By Kelly Fenna – North Wales Police will this week take delivery of 4 super-powered racing bikes for use in covert operations, the Daily Post can reveal. At that means police officers on unmarked high performance motorbikes will start patrolling North Wales on the look out for speeding & illegal bikers. Officers say the 2 Honda Fireblades & 2 Honda VFRs are the latest weapons in a bid to cut down the soaring death toll on the region’s roads – but bikers say it will “alienate” some riders. The Honda Fireblade has been dubbed a “muscular predator” with “aggressive performance.” The 180bhp bike can reach speeds of up to 179mph & costs around £9,300. The bikes will be unmarked & powerful enough to outpace most conventional motorbikes, meaning speeders will find they can no longer escape pursuing officers. The force is leasing the bikes, which would together cost more than £35,000, for nine months before deciding whether to add them permanently to the fleet. But last night, former police advanced motorcycle instructor Bob McMillan claimed the move would “do nothing to reduce fatalities”. McMillan, 60, is an ex-general manager of Honda UK Motorcycles. He blasted police tactics as “narrow-minded” & “negative.” He said officers on bikes would be better utilised stopping, talking to, advising & riding with motorcyclists. “A new approach such as this would have 2 positives,” he said. “One, it would be an excellent demonstration of police riding skills & 2 it would help to humanise the police, which in turn would bring them respect – something that is sadly lacking with the current divisive methods used for speed enforcement.” North Wales Police last night defended the decision to hire the bikes. A spokesman said: “We are very serious about tackling the causes of road casualties around the roads of North Wales. “We have carried out consultations with responsible motorcyclists who come into the area. “They are overwhelmingly of the opinion that covert speed enforcement works & is an important deterrent. Part of our serious approach is that we need the right enforcement tools to do the job.” And safety campaigners said the new police motorbikes could help to combat road deaths. A spokeswoman from road safety charity Brake said: “Road deaths are a huge problem & it is good that North Wales Police are trying to stamp out one of the biggest causes of death & injury on our roads. “It is equally important however, that police don’t risk causing an emergency to get to an emergency – as with any force it is important to stick to guidelines & always put safety first, especially when making a decision whether or not to carry out high speed chases.” Last year, 13 motorcyclists were killed in North Wales & many more were involved in accidents.

Man pardoned 86 years after execution – May 27, 2008 – *Australia* - By James Grubel, Reuters - A man hanged in 1922 for the murder & rape of a young girl in the southern Australian city of Melbourne was posthumously pardoned for the crime on

Tuesday after new tests found crucial evidence against him was flawed. Authorities in the Victorian state pardoned Colin Campbell Ross, who was hanged for raping & murdering a 12-year old girl & dumping her body in an alley in 1921. “This really is a tragic case where a miscarriage of justice has resulted in a man being hanged,” Victoria’s Attorney-General Rob Hulls said on Tuesday. “This pardon is a recognition that there are serious doubts about Mr Ross’s conviction for murder.” Australia is a strong opponent of the death penalty, with the last hanging taking place in Melbourne in 1967 when petty criminal Ronald Ryan was executed for his involvement in a prison escape, during which a prison guard was shot dead. Hulls said the case was a warning to anyone who believed Australia should re-introduce the death penalty, which was formally abolished in Victoria in 1975. The Ross case has been controversial since he was executed 115 days after his arrest, with witnesses saying he was at work at the time of the crime & with Ross going to the gallows protesting his innocence. The prosecutors relied on hairs found on a blanket at Ross’s home, which experts at the time said came from the murdered girl Alma Tirtschke, & from a jailhouse confession, reported by a fellow inmate who had convictions for perjury. But a researcher found the hairs used as evidence against Ross in an archive in 1995, & new tests proved they did not come from the murdered girl. Hulls asked for the case to be reviewed 2 years ago, resulting in a panel of judges finding the case against Ross was flawed. Ross’s niece Betty Everett, who acted as the family spokesman, said she was relieved to know her uncle was not a killer. “A shadow has been lifted from my heart,” Everett told Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio. Tirtschke’s niece Bettye Arthur told Melbourne’s Age newspaper that the case was a tragedy for everyone involved. “It is a tragedy for everyone involved that the actual perpetrator was not caught, & an innocent man lost his life,” she said.

Berkshire bikers to rally for charity – May 27, 2008 – *Massachusetts* - By Jessica Willis - They love to ride, they love the rolling hills & scenery in the Berkshires, & they love to give. They are not “rough, tough people.” They are, in the words of one biker, “the guy & girl next door.” So, when you see a big pack of motorcyclists roar into the county on Thursday, don’t run the other way. They’re headed to Eastover Resort to take part in the ninth annual Berkshire Bike Rally, a weekend-long roundup that raises money for local charities. A portion of the event’s proceeds will benefit the Berkshire County chapter of the Massachusetts Special Olympics. In the past 8 years, the rally has raised more than \$50,000 for children’s charities, according to Betty Smith, one of the organizers.

Sales of fuel-friendly motorcycles on the rise – May 27, 2008 - *USA* - Iraqi war veteran Nick Serio was beaming as he signed the paperwork for his new blue Harley-Davidson Sportster, the last one in the shop. The further the price of gas goes up, the more wannabe motorcyclists think, “This is not a bad idea,” said the 31-year-old soldier from Fort Richardson, who grew up riding dirt bikes in West Virginia. While fuel prices weren’t the main reason for buying the Harley, “it was a factor,” said Serio, who returned from an extended tour in Iraq in December & will return to civilian life in June. It costs Serio more than \$100 to fill up the fuel tank in his truck, which gets 17 miles to the gallon, but he expects to get 40 to 60 miles a gallon with the Sportster. Depending on the model, Sportsters are listed at between \$7,000 & \$10,000. “It’s going to be a lot more convenient,” he said.

Loved by some, Hated by others, Forgiven by the Grace of GOD.

Prisons prepare to integrate cellmates - May 27, 2008 – **California** – By Tanya Schevitz - San Quentin State Prison inmate Lexy Good is white, hangs out with whites on the prison exercise yard & must be careful not to associate with blacks & Latinos. No cards, no basketball outside the color lines. Those are the unwritten inmate rules of prison life. People stick to their own race. Good, who's doing a short stretch for receiving stolen property, likes it that way. "We segregate amongst ourselves because I'd rather hang out with white people, & blacks would rather hang out with people of their own race," said Good, 33, of Walnut Creek. "Look at suburbia. Look at Oakland. Look at Beverly Hills. People in society self-segregate." Soon that may change in the prisons. San Quentin & 30 or so other state penal facilities are gearing up to carry out a Fed court mediation agreement for integrating double cells & ending the use of race as the sole determining factor in making cell assignments. Men in CA's prisons have long been segregated in cells to quell racial tensions. California's other 155,700 male inmates, may soon be forced to live in a 4-by-9-foot cell with an inmate of a different race. A 1995 lawsuit filed by a black California inmate, Garrison Johnson, said that the California Dept of Corrections' practice of segregating prisoners by race violated his rights. A 2005 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court led to Fed court mediation & the agreement that double cells would be desegregated. While most inmates & correctional officials agree that it is a noble idea, many fear the worst. "They should be thinking about what kind of war they are going to start," said a San Quentin inmate who identified himself only as S. Styles, 36, of Vallejo. "It is like putting a cat & a dog in a cell together." Lt. Rudy Luna, assistant to the warden at San Quentin, said there is some concern among prison officials about the change because much of the violence is already based around racial gangs. **State mandate:** "There is always concern, but that is a rule that has been sent down. There are a lot of times we don't like what we have to do," Luna said. "I think we will have a spike in fighting because we have races that don't get along. If it was up to us, we'd keep it the way it is. But it is a state mandate." Among the state's male inmates, about 28.9% are black, 39.3% are Latino, 25.9% are white, & 5.9% are classified as other, according to figures from the state Dept of Corrections. "There are a lot of incidents in prison where you have a group of inmates going against another group of inmates," said Terry Thornton, spokeswoman for the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation. "You have these groups aligned along race but it is about control. It is about criminal activities." As currently planned, the cell integration will begin July 1 as a pilot project at 2 prisons - Mule Creek State Prison in Ione (Amador County) & the Sierra Conservation Center in Jamestown (Tuolumne County). Next year, the plan calls for integration to begin at other prisons. **Interviewing inmates:** In carrying out the plan, prison officials will interview & evaluate each inmate. Department of Corrections officials know some inmates cannot be placed with inmates of other races. But those who are deemed eligible & still refuse will face discipline ranging from loss of privileges to solitary confinement. Guards & staff have also been undergoing training for the past year on procedures & have been told to be alert for signs of abuse or fighting, Thornton said. "The benefit is for inmates to live how they are supposed to live. It is rehabilitative. This is how we live in the world. It should be the same way in prison too," Thornton said. "It breaks down all of those prejudicial barriers." Inmate David Johnson said that all the races sit together peacefully in the prison church & they work together with few problems. But he wouldn't socialize with inmates of another race outside of those settings where he is forced to mingle. **Loyal to his race:** "Prison politics" dictate that he stay loyal to his race, Johnson said. And the repercussions for a

violation are swift & severe. "You would be taken care of in some way. You could get stabbed or worse," said Johnson, 38, of San Diego. "Whether you agree with the (unwritten) rules or not, you have to follow them." That's why prison officials said the new plan will help the prisons manage the criminal prison gangs, which are divided racially & strictly control who their members associate with. "Ninety percent of the gang members don't want to be in a gang but they can't get out. But now we are giving them a way out. It will be an excuse for a white to be with a black & a black to be with a white," Luna said. The race lines are stark throughout the prisons. One recent sunny afternoon on the exercise yard of San Quentin, a group of 2 dozen or so African American inmates congregated around the basketball court, shooting hoops or just talking. White inmates were in the middle of the yard, playing ping pong or cards. And the Latino inmates were at the far end of the yard where there was some exercise equipment. In a nearby courtyard, inmates who had recently arrived sat in small groups, mostly segregated except for those doing an intake exam. Carnell Bradley, 23, Gregory Ealey, 27 & Wayne Griffin, 22, all of Oakland & all black, sat together & agreed that the integration plan is flawed. **'That is how jail is':** "It is going to cause problems. As soon as the cellmates get into a fight, it will become a race against race thing," said Ealey. "It is going to bring everybody into it because that is how jail is. It is just more comfortable being with your own race." However, experts say it can work. The Texas prison system integrated its cells in the early 1990s & eventually saw a decline in racial tensions, said Professor Jim Marquart, chair of the criminology department at the University of Texas at Dallas, who studied the transition & is advising California during its process. "The people said, 'It can't be done, you are going to have helter skelter in the prisons.' On the other side, you had people say it can be done. But basically, it was somewhere in between," said Marquart, who authored a report called "The Caged Melting Pot." He said there was a spike in interracial violence at first. But after a while it died down, & the levels of interracial violence are now less than in the general population. "We are not here to say that everybody is holding hands & singing Kumbaya. There is a lot of hate. There is a lot of animosity. But inmates are intelligent & they want to just do their time & they want to go home," said Marquart. "It worked here. It is an uneasy peace & truce, but it worked. I have ultimate faith in their ability to do it in California."

Bikie gang headquarters raided – May 28, 2008 – **Australia** - Police have raided the Bunbury headquarters of the Coffin Cheaters just days after a member & associate of the outlawed motorcycle gang were allegedly involved in a brawl that forced the closure of the city's main street. Officers from the gang crime squad & Bunbury police station have been at the Zoe Street headquarters for several hours today but it unclear at this stage whether any charges will result from the raid. Coffin cheater member Brant Gregory Tyler, 34, of Bunbury, has been charged with assault occasioning bodily harm after allegedly punching a security guard at Fitzgerald Irish Pub last Sat night. The security guard was hospitalised with head & face injuries. Adam Michael Steward, 29, an associate of the motorcycle gang, has been charged with assaulting a police officer, one of many called to deal with ensuing brawl that spilt out of the pub & into Victoria Street. Both men were not required to plead to the charges when they appeared in the Bunbury Magistrate's Court on Monday & were remanded on bail to reappear on June 16.

Nude maid steals \$40,000 - May 27, 2008 – *Tampa, Florida* - Associated Press - A nude maid cleaned up good at a Florida man's home. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office says the maid stole more than \$40,000 from a Cheval home despite not wearing any clothes. The 50-year-old man hired the maid from the Internet on Friday to clean his suburban Tampa home. Authorities say the woman arrived at the home in a one-piece, light colored dress. She took off the dress & cleaned the house for \$100-per-hour. Sheriff's office spokeswoman Debbie Carter says the man told deputies he left the maid alone in the bedroom to clean. When the man's wife came home from vacation, she discovered \$40,000 in jewelry missing from their bedroom.

San Jose family files \$20 million lawsuit in Taser-related death – May 28, 2008 – *California* – By Sean Webby; Mercury News - The daughter of a Mongol MC member, who died after a being zapped with Tasers during a naked, drug-fueled struggle with San Jose police in a motel room a year ago, has sued Police Chief Rob Davis, the city & the company that makes the electric stun guns for \$20 million. The Fed lawsuit alleges that on March 25, 2007, police officers excessively beat & Tased to death Steve Salinas, a 47-year-old truck driver, even though he was unarmed & not resisting. It also alleges that police were inspired & protected by city police training & policies that encouraged racial profiling & unjustified violence. "I will not let those who took my father, a former Marine & loving father, get away without justice being served," said Noreen Salinas, the San Jose daughter of the dead man. Davis had no comment today, but police have long said that Salinas resisted arrest & that proper, legal police procedures were used to control him. The Santa Clara County coroner's office concluded Salinas - who was under the influence of a toxic, if not lethal, dose of PCP & had heart disease - died of cardiopulmonary arrest during a violent physical struggle. The medical examiner noted that Taser use was an "other significant condition," but did not conclude that it contributed his death. Since 2004, five people have died after being shocked with Tasers by San Jose police. Each time controversy & calls for a ban on Taser use & lawsuits have followed. Opponents have labeled the weapon too dangerous. But San Jose police - one of the first departments to issue Tasers to all its patrol officers, defend the stun guns as an appropriate tool to deal with violent suspects & one which has dramatically cut down on injuries & officer's use of guns. In the latest lawsuit, attorney Dale Galipo alleges officers responded to Salinas' room at the Vagabond Inn that night with no probable case & then used excessive force on him without provocation. "The use of excessive force against individuals by police officers is totally out of control," said Galipo in a statement. "Since police officers are virtually never criminally prosecuted or disciplined for using excessive force, even when the force results in an individual's death, the only recourse the family has is to file a civil rights lawsuit against the involved police officers & the involved policy agency." The county district attorney's office decided late last year that the officers involved in the struggle with Salinas were not criminally liable for his death. Attorneys for the city of San Jose & Taser Intl. could not be immediately reached for comment today.

Man convicted of killing witness – May 28, 2008 – *Kansas City, Missouri* - By Mark Morris; Kansas City Star - A Fed jury convicted a Kansas City man Tues in the murder of a possible witness to a drug investigation. Jurors determined that Darren A. Frank, 42, helped John P. Street kill Douglas Weil in 1998 while they were manufacturing & distributing methamphetamine. Frank faces a mandatory life sentence. "This defendant was the enforcer for a major producer of methamphetamine in Independence ... &

the triggerman in a murder that was designed to silence a potential informant," U.S. Attorney John Wood said in a written statement. "Today's conviction represents significant progress in our effort to combat gang violence & illegal drug trafficking." Street was convicted in late 2006 of killing Weil. A judge sentenced him to life. Evidence at the trials showed Street manufactured meth that he distributed to an outlaw motorcycle gang. A witness in Street's trial told jurors she overheard Street offer Frank \$5,000 to kill Weil. Earlier, police had stopped Weil as he moved a piece of stolen construction equipment for Street. The truck Weil was driving had residue from a methamphetamine lab in it, according to testimony. Someone beat, stabbed & shot Weil before putting his body in the trunk of a car, which authorities found parked outside an east Kansas City motel.

Business As Usual - May 28, 2008 – *United Kingdom* - One Percent Entertainments Group, which organizes the annual UK festival Rock & Blues Custom Show (described as a "three-day festival of motorcycles, rock music & drinking" that regularly attracts some 15,000 people), has released the following statement regarding this year's 25th anniversary of the event, also known this year as "RBCS 25": "As of today, the 28th May 2008, the event premises license as been reissued to Amber Valley District Council & we fully intend to be moving the event back to its spiritual home of Coney Grey Showground Pentrich Derbyshire. One Percent Entertainments Group & its legal representatives will be fighting this license application all the way over previous representations made from the Derbyshire constabulary as to why we formerly withdrew our application for RBCS 25 at Catton Hall. Since then we feel those concerns do not exist. "We would like to again thank the many thousands of people who have emailed their best wishes & continued support towards this 25th milestone event. We appreciate that lots of people have been confused about what as actually been going on in the background but it has been difficult due to legal reasons to fully explain everything but we want to thank everyone for their patience & we want to reassure anyone who has purchased tickets for this event that they will remain valid for the event which will take place on the same dates as previously advertised, which are 24th – 27th July 2008. "One Percent Entertainments Group are completely & utterly dedicated to making RBCS 25 work & run again this year as one of the safest festivals in the UK & are drafting in some of the UK's leading public entertainment specialist company's in the country to ensure its smooth & orderly running, 'no news there then, just business as usual.' "We would like to remind the general public that this event has an impeccable safety record & in 24 years of history as never suffered any occasions of public disorder. The event website will be up & running again in its entirety later this week where you can keep up to date with developments as they happen." The UK media reported earlier in the month that British police shut down the 25th anniversary of the Rock & Blues Custom Show fearing that Hells Angels will seek "high-profile retaliation" for last summer's daring UK motorway murder of a Canadian member of the world's largest motorcycle gang. The police pressure on organizers & municipal licensing officials is evidence of their fear of a brewing biker feud in Britain after the murder of Gerard "Gerry" Tobin last August. Tobin, 35, who left Calgary in 1999 to start a new life in England, was shot off his H-D motorcycle last August on a busy highway. Police say the shots came from inside a car that followed him from the Bulldog Bash in Warwickshire. Investigators believed he was targeted because he was wearing his Hells Angels motorcycle club insignia on his back, signifying full membership in the gang

Motorcycle poker run to raise funds – May 28, 2008 – **Connecticut** – By Don Bond - A motorcycle poker run in memory of a Canterbury woman killed last year in an accident will benefit 2 causes she championed. Lisa Spino was a passenger on a motorcycle on May 12, 2007, when the bike collided with a car on Route 169 in Canterbury. She was thrown into the roadway & died of her injuries. Spino was 39 at the time of her death. The run, set to begin at noon Sunday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall on Windsor Avenue, Plainfield, will benefit the Connecticut Humane Society & ongoing research on autism. “Those were 2 of Lisa’s favorite charities,” said Leo Berube, a member of the Freedom Riders U.S.A. MC, which is sponsoring the event.

Boss wins \$2.4 million case against ANZ bank – May 28, 2008 – **Australia** – By Gil Taylor - Rebels bikie boss Alex Vella has won a multi-million dollar lawsuit against the ANZ bank & 2 mortgage companies. It’s alleged that in 2005 Vella’s then friend & business partner Tony Caradonna stole certificates to 3 of Vella’s properties & forged his signature. Caradonna, who has since been charged with fraud, is accused of using forged documents to re-mortgage the 3 properties to the tune of \$2.4 million. It’s alleged Caradonna also withdrew around \$300,000 from the pair’s ANZ bank account. The Supreme Court has ruled that Vella retained the properties without penalty, including the rebel biker’s fortress like club house in western Sydney. The ANZ has been ordered to pay at least half of the 300,000 amount allegedly withdrawn by Caradonna who was arrested last week over the matter. Caradonna is in protective custody claiming he’s afraid of Vella. But the bikies’ lawyer Maurice May says that’s ridiculous.

King working on bylaw – May 28, 2008 – **Canada** – By Bill Rea - Outlaw motorcycle gangs, like Hells Angels, are a major concern for York Regional Police, & for King Township. Joy Hulton, solicitor for York Region, recently told Regional council the club has switched clubhouses, leaving their location in Vaughan, & finding a house near Schomberg. Hulton was accompanied by Police Inspector Thomas Carrique & Detective Peter Fleming as she pushed for the Region & the local municipalities to pass uniform fortification bylaws.

Roar of the motorcycles drowns out patriotism – May 29, 2008 – **USA** – By Garrison Keillor - About 300,000 bikers spent Memorial Day weekend roaring around Washington in tribute to our war dead, & I stood on Constitution Avenue on Sunday afternoon watching a river of them go by, waiting for a gap in the procession so I could cross over to the Mall & look at pictures. The street had been closed off for them & they motored on by, some flying the Stars & Stripes & the black MIA-POW flag, honking, revving their engines, an endless celebration of internal combustion. A patriotic bike rally is sort of like a patriotic toilet-papering or patriotic graffiti; the patriotism somehow gets lost in the sheer irritation of the thing. Somehow a person associates Memorial Day with long moments of silence when you summon up mental images of men huddled together on LSTs & pilots revving up B-24s & infantrymen crouched behind piles of rubble steeling themselves for the next push. You don’t quite see the connection between that & these fat men with ponytails on Harleys. After hearing a few thousand bikes go by, you think maybe we could airlift these gentlemen to Baghdad to show their support of the troops in a more tangible way. It took 20 minutes until a gap appeared, & then a mob of us pedestrians flooded across the street & the parade of bikes had to stop for us, & on we went to show our patriotism by looking at exhibits at the Smithsonian or, in my case, hiking around the National Gallery, which, after you’ve watched a few thousand Harleys pass, seems

like an outpost of civilization. There stood Renoir’s ballerina in pale blue chiffon & Monet’s children in the garden of sunflowers. And Mary Cassatt’s “The Boating Party,” which I stood & stared at for a long time. A lady in a white bonnet sits in a green sailboat, holding a contented baby in pink, as a man rows the boat toward a distant shore. (Perhaps the boat is becalmed.) The man wears a navy blue shirt, he is preoccupied with his rowing, & the lady looks wan & mildly anxious, as well a mother should be. The baby is looking dreamily over the gunwales. Is the man a hired hand or is he the husband & father? A work of art can lift you up from the mishmash of life, the weight of the unintelligible world, & vulgarity squats on you like an enormous toad & won’t get off. You stroll down past the World War II Memorial, which looks like something ordered out of a catalog, a bland insult to the memory of all who served, & thousands of motorcycles roar by disturbing the Sabbath, & it depresses you for hours. If anyone cared about the war dead, they could go read David Halberstam’s “The Coldest Winter: America & the Korean War” or Stephen Ambrose’s “Citizen Soldiers: The U.S. Army from the Normandy Beaches to the Bulge to the Surrender of Germany, June 7, 1944 to May 7, 1945” or any of a hundred other books, & they would get a vision of what it was like to face death for your country. But the bikers riding in formation are more interested in being seen than in learning anything. They are grown men playing soldier, making a great hullabaloo without exposing themselves to danger, other than getting drunk & falling off a bike. No wonder the Current Occupant welcomed them with open arms at the White House, put on a black leather vest, & gave a manly speech about how he’d just “choppered in” & saw the horde “cranking up their machines” & he thanked them for being so patriotic. They are his kind of guys, full of bluster, giving off noxious fumes, & when they leave town, nobody misses them. Meanwhile, the man pulls at the oars, the lady wonders if this trip was a good idea or if some disaster is at hand, & the child lolls on her lap, dazed by the sun. They started this trip in 1894 & haven’t advanced an inch, meanwhile half the people who ever stood & watched them have reached that distant shore & the rest of us are getting closer every day. I am the boatman & maybe you are, too — it is quiet on the water, we lean on the oars, & we are suspended in time, united with every other man, woman & child who ever voyaged afar. Garrison Keillor of St. Paul is host of “A Prairie Home Companion,” which can be heard Sat nights on public radio stations across the country.

The body builder takes off his shirt & the blonde says, “What a great chest you have!” He tells her, “That’s 100 lbs. Of dynamite, Baby.” He takes off his pants & the blond says “What massive calves you have!” The body builder tells her, “That’s 100 lbs. of dynamite, baby.” He then removes his underwear, & the blonde goes running out of the apartment screaming in fear. The body builder puts his clothes back on & chases after her. He catches up to her & asks why she ran out of the apartment like that. The blonde replies, “I was afraid to be around all that dynamite after I saw how short the fuse was!”

Love those Nuns: Sitting behind a couple of Nuns at A Detroit Red Wing Hockey Game (Whose Habits partially blocked their view), Three Men Decided to badger the Nuns in an effort to get them to move. In a very loud voice, the first guy said, ‘I think I’m going to move to Utah, there are only 100 Nuns living there.’ The second guy spoke up & said, ‘I want to go to Montana, there are only 50 Nuns living there.’ The third guy said, ‘I want to go to Idaho, there are only 25 Nuns living there.’ One of the nuns turned around, looked at the men, & in a very sweet, calm voice said, ‘why don’t you go to Hell. There aren’t any Nuns There.’

Councilwoman Galvan honors Bandidos, then apologizes – May 30, 2008 – *Texas* – By Ken Rodriguez - That's the new punch line at City Hall. I don't know how the 60-something councilwoman looks on a Harley. But I know how she looks to cops & council colleagues - like an officeholder suffering from Common Sense Deficit Disorder. On behalf of the city, but without council approval, Galvan honored a local chapter of the Bandidos MC. On behalf of the council, but without alerting the mayor, she applauded a group that rides by the motto, "We are the people our parents warned us about." Police officers fumed. Council members expressed disbelief. "It's shocking," one said. "That's not something I would have signed off on," said another. Galvan issued a certificate to the Bandidos' Northwest chapter in March. In appreciation for 10 years of supporting charitable causes, the certificate said, the club's dedication to the community is worthy of praise. The certificate also said: "The members of city council of the city of San Antonio extend their sincere congratulations as you celebrate this important milestone & offer best wishes for many years of continued success." Galvan's presentation went largely unnoticed until WOAI-TV aired a report on the Bandidos last week, a piece designed to show a more favorable side of the bikers. Standing beside them at an outdoor event, Galvan is shown reading from the certificate. In an on-camera interview, she says, "They are good people, even though they make a lot of noise." Cops began calling one another. Did you see that? Galvan sent a letter to police Thur. Part of it reads: "I would like to extend my sincerest apologies to all who may have taken offense." Police union president Mike Helle did not like the "may have taken offense" qualifier. "Any time you give accolades to the Bandidos," Helle said, "you are slapping everybody in law enforcement — not just SAPD." The apology, Helle said, did not go far enough. Galvan did not return repeated calls for comment. The mayor? Galvan's salute upset & embarrassed Phil Hardberger. He may have been more upset about something else. "I'm amazed anyone would think they have the authority to do such a thing," the mayor said, "but they do." No one seems to know how or when the privilege began, but council members can officially recognize or honor virtually anyone. They can issue letters or certificates of recognition on the city's behalf. They don't have to clear them with their colleagues. "There's a weakness in our system," the mayor said. "I'm going to try & change it." At a minimum, Hardberger wants a council majority to approve future letters of acclaim. "Clearly, that was not a statement of the whole city council," the mayor said. The Bandidos, some will rightly argue, do perform charitable work. The club, Conexion reported in Dec, donated toys to underprivileged & abused children at Christmas. As one Bandido told the Express-News in 2004, "We're about love, loyalty & respect." Whatever you think of the Bandidos - outlaw motorcycle gang or benevolent, misunderstood bikers - the city is siding with police on this one. There may be good people in the club's northwest chapter. But the Bandidos — with chapters around the world — have a history that dates to the '60s. Homicide. Assault. Drug-dealing. Prostitution. Not exactly the kind of record City Hall should celebrate. I don't know if Galvan was trying to secure the biker vote when she runs for re-election. But it appears she's lost police support. Helle says his membership will probably pull it. Evidently, Galvan did not see the big picture when she offered her salute. It's one thing to honor someone in your district. It's another to embarrass the city in the process.

Biker group to sue DMV & State Police for Roadblocks – May 31, 2008 – *New York* - State Police are checking for proper helmets & licenses at a roadblock en route to a biker rally in the Adirondacks. The National Coalition of Motorcyclists calls this

"unconstitutional." The checkpoint on the Adirondack Northway in Queensbury was set up in response to a recent rise in motorcycle registrations & deaths. More than 50,000 riders are expected to attend the Americade Rally in Lake George that takes place June 2nd through the 7th. A similar roadblock was set up last week for the American Motorcycle Jamboree (AmJam) held at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds. Promoters reported attendance was down at the 24-year-old event as a result. An atty for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists filed a letter of intent to sue on Sat.

A biker & his buddies wonder if ethanol is too hot for Harleys - May 31, 2008 – *Florida* - *Question*: As you know, most Central Florida gas stations are selling gas with up to 10% ethanol. Most of us know that this gas burns much hotter, & may not happily co-exist with the fiberglass or plastic gas tanks in our boats. However, nothing has been written about motorcycles. My H-D buddies & I are not getting any answers from our Harley dealers. Can you help us out? Most of our bikes use premium gas. Should we go to a lower octane? Is there some additive to help with this problem? Or do we have a problem at all? Help me & my biker buddies get some peace. **A:** Stick with the premium fuel in your bikes. Other than a small decrease in fuel economy, you shouldn't see any problems with the 10% ethanol blend.

Rebels linked to pub brawls - May 31, 2008 – *Australia* - Brawls at 2 pubs in Adelaide's south overnight are believed to have involved members of the Rebels MC. Police are investigating the fights - one leaving a man with serious head injuries - which broke out at the Port Noarlunga & Lonsdale hotels, after 2am. They believe the same group of people were behind both incidents. "(Police) are investigating possible links to 2 disturbances at 2 southern suburbs hotels overnight," a police spokesman said. The 1st brawl broke out at 2.15am but those involved had fled by the time police arrived. Instead, they arrested 3 people for street offences, including 2 men, aged 20 & 22 for failing to cease loitering & an 18-year-old woman for disorderly behavior. A 2nd fight broke out half an hour later at the Lonsdale Hotel, leaving a man with serious head injuries. The 28-year-old was rushed to the Flinders Medical Centre where he is still being treated. Police have spoken to numerous witnesses & are continuing their investigations.

Honor Few, Fear None – June 2, 2008 – *California* - By Ruben Cavazos – Book Price \$ 19.95 - The stunning, never-before-told story of Ruben "Doc" Cavazos, international president of the Mongols MC. When Ruben "Doc" Cavazos changes his clothes at daybreak, he is no longer a CAT scan technician at the University of Southern California Medical Center. He becomes the man known—and, in a few special cases, feared—as Doc, international president of the Mongols, the fastest-growing & most closely watched organization of its kind in the United States. In reality, the Mongols are a tightly knit band of brothers devoted in equal measure to the club, their fellow Mongols, & their freedom. They live to enjoy life, party, & travel the open road. Above all, they demand respect. When pushed too far, Mongols join together to push back. Just ask the Hells Angels, the Ukrainian mafia, the Mexican mafia, & the U.S. government. All have tested the Mongols' resolve. In Honor Few, Fear None, Doc is ready, for the first time, to share the stories of the Mongols' battle to survive & thrive against incredible odds & sometimes terrible violence. Doc takes you to the streets & into the bars, the secret meetings, the brawls, & the shoot-outs, all proof that if you live like a Mongol does, you must honor few, fear none.

Hells Angel slaying suspect arrest – June 2, 2008 – *California* -

By Gary Klien - A 19-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested Saturday on suspicion of shooting a Hells Angels associate to death on Highway 101 last weekend, joining a 20-year-old Mill Valley woman in the Marin County Jail pending a court appearance Tues. Joseph Farnsworth was arrested at a residence on Rheem Avenue in Richmond after Marin detectives arrived with a search warrant, said sheriff's Sgt. Keith Boyd. Investigators seized a 9mm handgun & are conducting ballistics tests to determine whether it was used in the killing. The 2nd suspect, Jessica Andrea Gordon, has been in custody since her arrest early Thur. Authorities did not immediately release her name because of security concerns & efforts to "maintain the integrity of the criminal investigation," Boyd said. The suspected motive for the shooting is road rage. "This appears to have no tie to any affiliations or relationship that William Maclean may have had to the Hells Angels," Boyd said of the victim.

Hells Angels remember slaying victim - June 2, 2008 -

California - William Maclean, was on hundreds of bikers' minds Sunday as the Sonoma County chapter of the Hells Angels sponsored its seventh annual Poker Run from Corte Madera to Stafford Lake. The run occurred one day after Maclean's suspected killer, 19-year-old Joseph Andrew Farnsworth of El Cerrito, was arrested. Swarms of bikers left the Golden Gate H-D dealership in Corte Madera in waves & made the run north to Novato & out to the rolling western Marin hills where they gathered, enjoyed a barbecue & remembered the man known as "Young Will" or "Willy." "I really didn't expect this type of turnout," said Maclean's brother-in-law, Sonoma chapter president Raymond Foakes, who was driving a pickup truck that was fired upon on Highway 101, mortally wounding Maclean. "I think this proves what type of character this young man had that so many people showed up. I think that really speaks to it," said Foakes, a 44-year-old Petaluma resident whose wife, Desiree, is Maclean's sister. The chapter's Poker Run, which normally draws a few hundred bikers, attracted more than 600 this year, law enforcement officials said. Bikers from nearly 20 Hells Angel chapters, some from as far away as Europe, arrived at the Harley dealership on San Clemente Drive, packing the parking lot & surrounding streets. At about noon, the bikers roared up San Clemente in stages & made their way to the freeway for the 20-mile journey to Stafford Lake. "These guys weren't out looking for trouble; it found them last week," said Peter Guerriero, owner of Golden Gate H-D.

Hundreds join rally – June 2, 2008 – *California* - Neutral Ground event attracts motorcyclists - About 3,000 people gathered Sat morning at Natividad Creek Park to promote an end to violence in Salinas. Thunder Riders motorcycle group organized the first-ever "Neutral Ground" peace rally. Despite the number of people attending, the city saw its 14th homicide this year by 9 p.m. the same day. The rally came less than a week after the city's 12th & 13th homicides, when 2 Salinas men, mistaken for gang members, were fatally shot on Tulip Circle in an incident that left some residents wondering if anybody in Salinas is safe. During the 5-hour festival Saturday, motorcycle enthusiasts from San Jose & south Monterey County came together to show children alternatives to gang life. "We used the motorcycles to lure them here," said event organizer Vince Sanchez. "Once they are here we can educate them about gangs."

Man gets 7 years in jail for drug charges – June 2, 2008 – *Canada* - By Brian Caldwell - The influence of a father on his son came full circle in a Kitchener courtroom. As a boy growing up

in Cambridge, Barry Comeau got guns as gifts from his biker dad. As a man, he was sentenced on Friday to the equivalent of seven years in prison for packing a pistol while dealing drugs. The handgun was found in Comeau's expensive SUV last Sept, along with 1.3 kilograms of high-purity cocaine, 1,300 ecstasy tablets, methamphetamine, hashish & marijuana. Comeau, 26, admitted he was "tempted by the easy money of dealing" after growing up with a father who had ties to an international motorcycle gang. His lawyer, Harold Cox, cited that early influence on Comeau -- now a father of 4 himself -- to argue for a sentence of four years or less. Justice Michael Epstein, however, stressed the need to deter & denounce a crime that devastates individuals & their communities. "The courts see a stream of unfortunate people ravaged by drugs," he said.

Bike gangs not linked to fishing industry - June 2, 2008 – *Australia* - Northern Territory police say they have no evidence to suggest organized criminal activity is occurring in the NT fishing industry. A national report on illegal fishing made public last month raised concerns about the vulnerability of the fishing industry to organized crime. Study author Judy Putt collected anecdotal reports about an outlaw motorcycle gang buying fishing license in the Northern Territory. The report also links bikie gangs with the theft of pearls in Western Australia & the illegal abalone trade. Police say they are aware several years ago a commercial fishing license was obtained by a person with links to a gang but the license has never been used.

A Japanese doctor says, "Medicine in my country is so advanced that we can take a kidney out of one man, put it in another, & have him looking for work in six weeks." A German doctor says, "That is nothing, we can take a lung out of one person, put it in another, & have him looking for work in three weeks." A British doctor says, "In my country, medicine is so advanced that we can take half of a heart out of one person, put it in another, & have them both looking for work in 2 weeks." The Texas doctor, not to be outdone, says, "You guys are way behind. We took a man with no brains out of Texas; put him in the White House. And now half the country is looking for work."

A guy was seated next to a 10-year-old girl on an airplane. Being bored, he turned to the girl & said, "Let's talk. I've heard that flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger." The girl, who was reading a book, closed it slowly & said to the guy, "What would you like to talk about?" Oh, I don't know," said the guy. "How about nuclear power?" "OK," she said. "That could be an interesting topic. But let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow & a deer all eat the same stuff... grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, & a horse produces clumps of dried grass. Why do you suppose that is?" The guy thought about it & said, "Hmmm, I have no idea." To which the girl replied, "Do you really feel qualified to discuss nuclear power when you don't know \$hit?"

Confession: The new priest, born & raised in *Texas*, is nervous about hearing confessions, so he asks the older priest to sit in on his sessions. The new priest hears a couple of confessions, then the old priest asks him to step out of the confessional for a few suggestions. The old priest says, "Cross your arms over your chest, & rub your chin with one hand & try saying things like 'yes, I see,' & 'yes, go on,' & 'I understand.'" The new priest crosses his arms, rubs his chin with one hand & repeats all the suggested remarks to the old priest. The old priest says, "Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee & saying, 'No shit . . . what happened next?'"

Pennsylvania helmet – June 1, 2008 – *State named already* - Even though not required, head protection is worn by many riders. When it comes to motorcycle helmets, few riders sit on the fence. Most states have mandatory-helmet laws, passed to protect riders from what legislators consider bikers' misjudgment. In Pennsylvania, experienced riders can wear a helmet or not. There's no easy answer to the debate. Motorcycle fatality rates have increased steadily since 1995, when the federal government stopped punishing states that didn't enforce mandatory helmet laws. In 1996, the death rate was 5.5 deaths for every 10,000 registered bikes, according to a Gannett News Service analysis of federal data. By 2006, it had increased to 7.2. Over the same period, more states repealed helmet laws, & helmet use declined dramatically. But the correlation between helmet use & fatal accidents in New York & Pennsylvania doesn't necessarily suggest that helmets are always life savers.

Kimmer's request to go to City Council – May 31, 2008 – *Wisconsin* - Members of motorcycle gangs should be able to wear their club colors with pride when they go into Kimmer's Bar & Grill, a committee recommended Wed. Kim VandenBusch, owner of the tavern at 702 N. Quincy St., had filed a business plan with the Green Bay Police Dept that included a promise to post a "no club colors" sign in the window. VandenBusch told the city's Protection & Welfare Committee that she made the promise because she thought the city wouldn't renew her liquor license without it. But many of her customers are motorcycle club members, & she wanted to have the provision removed from her business plan. Motorcycle enthusiasts turned out in force when the issue first came up two weeks ago. Vietnam veterans, firefighters & even police have motorcycle clubs, the committee learned, & the colors ban would affect them all. The committee postponed the issue until Wednesday to give police time to research whether VandenBusch's tavern had been a source of problems for police. Capt. Bill Galvin of the police dept told the committee Kimmer's was not a problem bar but that police were concerned by the number of motorcycle gang members that hang out there. Galvin said the Outlaws, one of the nation's largest & most notorious motorcycle gangs, has a chapter in Green Bay, & another gang, the Black Pistons does also. Members of both hang out at Kimmer's, & Galvin was concerned that the tavern could be a draw for rival gangs. He said 23 members of the 2 clubs locally have a wide criminal history, with convictions for drugs, sexual assault, burglary, battery, weapon possessions & other offenses. Galvin said none of the problems were related to the tavern. The committee on Wed heard from a handful of bikers who protested that the ban was discriminatory. Jeff Aronson of Green Bay, who wore a Black Pistons jacket to the meeting, told the group that the ban was unfair to VandenBusch's business, & that having bike club members remove their jackets would do nothing to change who they were. "We don't go there to cause trouble," he said. The committee voted unanimously to lift the ban for three months & then revisit the matter to see whether problems developed. The City Council will consider the recommendation Tues. "We have freedoms in this country, including the freedom to ruin our businesses," said Alderman Tom Weber, who was temporarily serving as chairman of the committee. "It's your business & your responsibility — not just the responsibility to your business & your customers but to your neighborhood & neighbors." He told her if the tavern becomes a problem, the committee likely would become tough on the issue.

Roadmen MC Member died – May 26, 2008 – *Ohio* - Richard "Hunter" Hood, 37, died Monday May 26 in a motorcycle accident in Verona. He loved motorcycles, hunting, fishing, & anything outdoors. He had a degree in Wildlife Management & was a member of the Roadmen MC in Dayton.

God Bless Grandma --- Gotta Love 'Em!!! Here's a quote from a Gov't employee who witnessed a recent interaction between an elderly woman & an antiwar protester in a Metro station in DC: There were protesters on the train platform handing out pamphlets on the evils of America. I politely declined to take one. An elderly woman was behind me getting off the escalator & a young (20-ish) female protester offered grandma a pamphlet, which she politely declined. The young protester put her hand on the grandma's shoulder as a gesture of friendship, & in a very soft voice said, 'Lady, don't you care about the children of Iraq?' The old woman looked up at her & said, "Honey, my father died in Germany during World War II, I lost my husband in the Korean War, & a son in Vietnam. All 3 died so you could have the right to stand here, & bad mouth our country. And, if you touch me again, I'll stick this umbrella up your ass & open it."

John was a salesman's delight when it came to any kind of unusual gimmick. His wife Marsha had long ago given up trying to get him to change. One day, John came home with another one of his unusual purchases. It was a robot that John claimed was actually a lie detector. It was just about 5:30 that afternoon when Tommy, their 11 year old son returned home from school. Tommy was over 2 hours late. "Where have you been? Why are you over 2 hours late getting home?", they asked. "Several of us went to the library to work on an extra credit project" said Tommy. The Robot then walked around the table & slapped Tommy, knocking him completely out of his chair. "Son, this robot is a lie detector; now tell us where you went after school." "We went to Bobby's house & watched a movie." "What did you watch?" asked Marsha. "The 10 Commandments." answered Tommy. The Robot went around to Tommy & once again slapped him, knocking him off his chair. With lip quivering, Tommy got up, sat down & said, "I am sorry I lied. We really watched a tape called Sex Queen." "I'm ashamed of you Son," said John. "When I was your age, I never lied to my parents." The robot then walked around to John & delivered a roundhouse right that nearly knocked him out of his chair. Marsha was bent double laughing, almost in tears. "Boy, did you ever ask for that one! You can't be too mad with Tommy. After all, He is your son!" The Robot immediately walked around to Marsha, & slapped her 3 times.

I did the math on the Paul McCartney-Heather Mills divorce. After 5 years of marriage, he pays her \$49 million. Assuming he banged her every night during their 5 year relationship (and being married men, we all know THAT doesn't happen), it ends up costing him \$26,849 per lay, not counting attorney's fees & court costs. Eliot Spitzer's call girl Kristen charges \$4,000 an hour. Crazy, right? But... Had Paul McCartney employed Kristen for 5 years, he would've paid \$7.3 million for an hour of sex every night for 5 years (a savings of \$41+million). Value-added benefits are: a 22 year old hot babe, no begging, no coaxing, never a headache, wide open menu, ability to put Both legs around you, no bitching & complaining or "to do" lists. Best of all, she leaves when you're done, & comes back the next day, ready for another round. All at 1/7th the cost, with no legal fees. Is it just me, or is Kristen a Way better deal...