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In memory of Vietnam Veterans MC Charles, from Pennsylvania who died in automobile accident... See article...

Congratulations to Hells Angel Chris (Sin City Chapter) on your Release to a Half Way House...

Welcome Avengers Pork Chop to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter mailing...

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Of which: 6 - Australia, 2 - Norway, 3 - England & 3 - Sweden... **Total of 170...**

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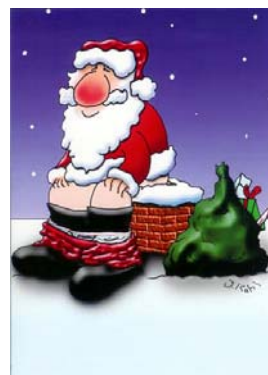
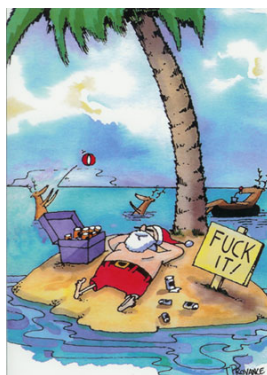
Editor's Note: For October there were 3 issues, For November there were 3 issues, For December this is 2nd issue so far...

Please Note:
CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told Santa that
you have been GOOD this year ...



He died laughing



Hells Angels Indicted On Fed Gun Charge – Dec 3, 2008 – *South Dakota* - One of 2 Hells Angels acquitted in state court of attempted murder for a 2006 shooting at Custer State Park with rival bikers has been indicted on a Fed gun violation. U.S. Attorney Marty Jackley said Chad Wilson is charged with being a nonimmigrant alien in possession of a firearm. He said it arose in part from the shooting. Wilson is a Canadian citizen from San Diego & faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted. After deliberating over 3 days, jurors on Nov. 18 found Wilson & John Midmore of Valparaiso, Ind., not guilty of trying to murder 5 people affiliated with the Outlaws MC during the Sturgis motorcycle rally. Midmore has dual citizenship in Canada & Australia but is a resident alien. He was released on bail that evening.

Warrant expands biker probe – Dec 3, 2008 – *California* - By Rosalio Ahumada - Local & Fed authorities Tuesday night were looking for a Modesto private investigator suspected of extortion & racketeering stemming from a Fed investigation into a retired Stanislaus County sheriff's deputy who owns a Denair motorcycle shop. Members of the Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force searched for Gary Ermoian, 50, at his Modesto home & his business Tuesday morning, said Steven Jacobson, an investigator from the Stanislaus County district attorney's office & a task force member. Fed prosecutors & investigators were tight-lipped about Ermoian's arrest warrant & declined to discuss the circumstances that led to it. The felony arrest warrant was issued by the U.S. atty's office for the Eastern District of California & tied to high-profile raids of Road Dog Cycle, owned by Robert Holloway, task force members said.

Motorcyclist shot at - Dec 3, 2008 - *Australian Associated Press* - A Motorcycle rider & his pillion passenger have been taken to hospital after being shot at as they rode along a western Sydney highway, police said. The H-D rider & his female passenger were riding along the Great Western Highway in Mays Hill yesterday, when they were shot at from a dark-colored sedan just before midnight. The man was hit a number of times, causing him & his passenger to fall from the bike. They were taken to Westmead Hospital but their injuries were not considered life threatening, police said. A police spokesman would not confirm reports the rider was a member of the Gypsy Jokers biker gang. Three lanes of the highway were closed as police this morning investigated the shooting.

Bar owner accused in drug scheme – Dec 4, 2008 - *Pennsylvania* - The owner of Pappy's Bar in Jacobs Creek, South Huntingdon, & 2 bartenders are accused of a yearlong scheme to sell cocaine to patrons. Amanda Lee Gluz, 28, of Jacobs Creek, & Dennis Michael Millon, 53, of Belle Vernon, face charges of manufacture, delivery & possession, criminal conspiracy & corrupt organizations filed last month with Scottdale District

Judge J. Bruce King. The last charge refers to delivery of cocaine that monetarily benefited the bar & owner Robert Welty or Gluz & Millon, who received either cocaine or cash. According to criminal complaints filed with King, Gluz & Millon conspired with Welty to sell 1.75-gram packages of cocaine, known as "teeners," to customers for \$80 each, between Oct. 3, 2007, & Oct. 3 of this year. Welty, 48, of Jacobs Creek, was earlier charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, marijuana & psilocybin mushrooms after police raided his bar, police said. In addition, he was charged with delivery of a controlled substance, criminal conspiracy & corrupt organizations. Welty is free on \$250,000 bond. He faces a preliminary hearing Jan. 22 before King. Jasup Peter Hoffman, 54, of 704 Michigan Ave., Jeannette, was charged in October with selling cocaine to Welty. Police said Hoffman sold about \$12,000 worth of drugs every 7 to 10 days. Hoffman is charged with violation of the state Controlled Substance, Drug, Device & Cosmetic Act & criminal conspiracy. Police executed a search warrant Oct. 3 at Pappy's Bar. Six ounces of cocaine -- both in bulk & packaged for sale -- \$8,000 in cash & several firearms were found. According to the criminal complaint, Welty offered to cooperate with police & said Hoffman would deliver the cocaine either to the bar or to Hoffman's residence. Police said Welty told them Hoffman was a member of the Pagans motorcycle gang. Hoffman is free on \$50,000 percentage bond. He faces a preliminary hearing Jan. 27 before Jeannette District Judge Joseph DeMarchis. Gluz is free on \$50,000 percentage bond. Millon is free on \$30,000 percentage bond. Both waived their rights to preliminary hearings before King.

According to a Marine Pilot: In addition to communicating with the local Air Traffic Control facility, all aircraft in the Persian Gulf AOR are required to give the Iranian Air Defense Radar (military) a 10 minute 'heads up' if they will be transiting Iranian airspace. This is a common procedure for commercial aircraft & involves giving them your call sign, transponder code, type aircraft, & points of origin & destination. I just flew with a guy who overheard this conversation on the VHF Guard frequency 121.5 MHz while flying from Europe to Dubai. It's too good not to pass along. The conversation went something like this...

Air Defense Radar: 'Unknown aircraft at (location unknown), you are in Iranian airspace. Identify yourself.'

Aircraft: 'This is a United States aircraft. I am in Iraqi airspace.'

Air Defense Radar: 'You are in Iranian airspace. If you do not depart our airspace we will launch interceptor aircraft!'

Aircraft: 'This is a United States Marine Corps FA-18 fighter. Send 'em up, I'll wait!' **Air Defense Radar:** (no response ... total silence) Semper Fi

Hence to fight & conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence; supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting. - Sun Tzu

One in 6 motorcyclist deaths due to crash barriers – Dec 4, 2008 – *USA* - By Steve Farrell; Politics & the law - One in 6 motorcyclist deaths could result from hitting a crash barrier, according to research released today by the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) Riders who collide with barriers are 15 times more likely to die than a car occupant would be, the research claims. And barrier support posts cause injuries 5 times more severe than those which occur in the average bike crash, according to 'Barriers to change: designing safe roads for motorcyclists'. IAM director Neil Greig said: "France has retro-fitted lower rails to prevent riders hitting support posts at the most vulnerable sites on its road network... If it can be done in France it must now be done in the UK."

Hells Angel portrays himself as 'old school gangster' in music video – Dec 4, 2008 – *Canada* – By Kim Bolan, Vancouver Sun - The tinted window of the classic white car rolls down to reveal the stony face of Hells Angel Hal Bruce Porteous. He beckons to an awestruck teen who leaves his bike behind & gets into the car. This is the opening scene of a rap music video starring Porteous, a Vancouver member of the notorious motorcycle gang who sings under the name Hal Heffner. A Vancouver Sun investigation has uncovered dozens of online photos & videos featuring Porteous, sometimes in Angels colours, posing with scantily clad women & partying with friends. Other images show him backstage with pop stars Fergie, Rihanna & Swollen Members. He promotes himself as an "old school gangster" in music videos for such songs as Do Ur Time, Living Large & the self-titled OSG. He's draped in gold chains & surrounded by flashy cars & women in bikinis. One of the men featured with Porteous in some of the photos & a video is Robert J. Shannon, a Maple Ridge trucker who pleaded guilty this week in Seattle to a conspiracy to distribute cocaine & marijuana, as well as money-laundering. The U.S. alleges the drug ring operated for the benefit of the Hells Angels. Police & criminologists say the gangster imagery of Porteous's music & the fact he is a real-life full-patch member of an alleged criminal organization make for a disturbing mix. Criminologist Darryl Plecas of the University of the Fraser Valley said the "messaging" in Porteous's songs can entice youth to the gang lifestyle. "This particular kind of negative messaging just can't be good news," Plecas said Wed. "The more people are exposed to what could be called negative definitions & negative experiences, you increase the probability that you are going to end up in crime. The name of the game is to reduce the number of negative influences." There is no lack of flash in Porteous's OSG video, which starts in black & white with the boy being taken into the limo & introduced to men dressed in Mafia-like suits, sunglasses & hats. When the video moves to colour & modern times, Porteous raps while a bundle of cash flies through a counting machine. Some of the lyrics from his songs include: "I solve all my problems with a loaded gun," "Double-cross me & you'll run for your life," & "Basically, my attitude is f--k authority." Plecas said some may argue the lyrics are irrelevant, but he argues, "If they are not influential or not important, then why have the lyrics at all?" Simon Fraser University school of criminology director Rob Gordon said Porteous's imagery is "over the top." "He is not trying to sell the Hells Angels like they try to sell the Hells Angels with the toy drive," he said of the bikers' annual charity event. Instead, the videos are promoting "a combination of violence, sex & gang culture," Gordon said. "It boils down to what impact it has on kids that look on this stuff." Porteous did not respond to online requests for an interview about his music & his relationship with Shannon, the man sitting in a Seattle jail awaiting his sentencing hearing next March. Nor did Hells Angels Vancouver spokesman Rick Ciarniello respond to an e-mail request for

comments on Porteous's music career or the U.S. allegations that Shannon's drug ring was linked to the biker club. The Vancouver Angel, who is listed as a goldsmith on the land title for his Maple Ridge home, is selling his debut CD Living Large on his website. He says the luxury home featured in the OSG video is his house. "All the things you will see are not movie-making magic, it is my life," he said on the website. "The cars, the girls, the bling are all normal parts of my every day. All the cars are either mine or my friends, the bling ---- I make! Yes it's All Real!" He also says he & his friends "live large - we drive the best rides, with gold & diamonds profilin,' the babes are all lined up We're never goin to Stop!" Porteous is featured on the site with members of the band Swollen Members, with whom he says he has performed. The Sun reported in 2003 that several Hells Angels members & associates were featured in a Swollen Members video. At the time, full-patch member Damiano Dipopolo said he was a close friend of Shane Bunting, a.k.a. Mad Child, one of the group's lead singers. "He was putting the videos together & asked whether we wanted to be in them. We just showed up & volunteered our time," he said, stressing that his club had no business relationship with the rap group. According to property records, Porteous lives in a Maple Ridge home assessed this year at \$705,000. His name surfaced in a Fed Court of Canada case earlier this year as 1 of 42 Hells Angels, relatives or associates being targeted for special audits by the Canada Revenue Agency. The Gov't dropped its demand for detailed financial information after the bikers challenged the CRA in court. Porteous was flying back from Brazil with fellow Vancouver chapter member Rick Conway when they were met at Vancouver Airport by a revenue agent & 2 cops, court documents said. Porteous "was extremely unhappy to be served at this location & tried to get into a verbal confrontation," the agent later wrote in his file memo. "Porteous made a reference that we were cockroaches which should be stepped on." Porteous was also named in a 2004 trial of Rick Mandi - a Hells Angels prospect at the time - who was convicted of beating a man he believed had stolen marijuana belonging to Porteous. Porteous's move into the rap music world isn't surprising considering the relationships in the U.S. between some rappers & gangs, Sgt. Shinder Kirk of the B.C. Integrated Gang Task Force, said Wed. "It was just a matter of time before these guys would look at opportunities to earn legitimate money & certainly at some point influence others," Kirk said. He said it is no secret that kids living in poverty or facing other risks are susceptible to imagery promoting the gang lifestyle, whether in songs, video games or movies. "Certainly the music, the lyrics, the status of someone involved in the music industry, can play a significant part in an individual's makeup & how it manifests itself in a social setting - in other words, encouraging criminal behavior," Kirk said. "When someone is blatantly associated to a group that may be involved in criminal activity, that possibly compounds the effect."

The Job - Urine Test: Like a lot of folks in this state, I have a job. I work, they pay me. I pay my taxes & the Gov't distributes my taxes as it sees fit. In order to get that paycheck, I am required to pass a random urine test with which I have no problem. What I do have a problem with is the distribution of my taxes to people who don't have to pass a urine test. Shouldn't one have to pass a urine test to get a welfare check because I have to pass one to earn it for them? Please understand, I have no problem with helping people get back on their feet. I do, on the other hand, have a problem with helping someone sitting on their Butt, doing drugs, while I work. . . . Can you imagine how much money the state would save if people had to pass a urine test to get a public assistance check?

Judge says EHT police officer can sue Wildwood officers –

Dec 4, 2008 – *New Jersey* - A jury should decide whether several Wildwood police officers acted appropriately when they detained an Egg Harbor Township police officer who was working undercover in the city in 2005, U.S. District Court Judge Jerome B. Simandle ruled this week. Simandle, however, ruled that James Frohner cannot pursue his claim against the city because the city could not have foreseen the events surrounding Frohner's activities that night, & the city had no policy that addressed the circumstances of Frohner's case. Frohner, who is now retired, is seeking unspecified monetary damages in a suit charging several city officers with illegally detaining him & then searching his car. Frohner was working undercover for the FBI during the Roar to the Shore motorcycle event in September 2005 & claims that he was dragged from his car & handcuffed after identifying himself as a law enforcement officer. Atty James Savio, representing the city, said Wed that the judge's ruling narrows the issue for a jury, but whether it makes a practical difference for the city is another issue. Attorney Arthur Murray, of the law firm Jacobs & Barbone, represents Frohner. "Overall, Judge Simandle's decision is reasoned & well-balanced, indicating that the inappropriate actions of the Wildwood police chief & 2 of its officers cannot be condoned by the court & must be presented to a jury for determination," Murray said in an e-mail. Murray said he expects the case will likely go to trial within the first 3 to 6 months of 2009. Frohner charges that his rights were violated under state & Fed law, including his right to due process & his right to be free from unreasonable search & seizure. He also charges that he was subject to false arrest & false imprisonment.

Police close book on Bandido murder- Dec 4, 2008 – *Australia*

– By Julie McNamara - Police won't interview any more people over the murder of Bandidos' outlaw motorcycle gang member Ross Brand. Geelong brothers John Bedson, 25, & Derrick Bedson, 21, have been remanded in custody over the murder of Brand & have both been charged with murder & intentionally causing serious injury. Anthony Stillitano, 72, was charged with being an accessory to murder after the fact, as well as a number of firearm & drugs offences. Eight people with links to either the Death Before Dishonour or Rebels Motorcycle Clubs were arrested on November 26 after homes in Whittington, Ceres, Highton & Ocean Grove were raided by police. Drugs & weapons were seized in the raids & the 7 men & 1 woman underwent questioning before the Bedson brothers & Stillitano were charged. Police media spokeswoman Beck Angel said homicide detectives had no plans to make any further arrests & if they did, it would only be in relation to minor offences. Brand, 51, was gunned down in front of the Bandidos' Breakwater clubrooms on October 22. Six shots were fired with 1 striking Brand in the forehead while 2 shots struck a second man in the buttocks & arm.

Hartford motorcycle business owner – Dec 4, 2008 – *Alabama*

– by matt Elofson - Geneva County Sheriff's investigators charged the owner of a motorcycle business in Hartford with stealing more than \$8,000 while he operated his business. Investigator Ben Berry arrested Donald Lashley, 34, of Hartford, on Wednesday evening & charged him with 2 felony counts of first-degree theft by deception. Lashley, the owner of Wiregrass Chopper, was originally arrested Tuesday evening after authorities seized more than 3 gallons of moonshine, along with what Sheriff Greg Ward described as case after case of beer & numerous bottles of whiskey from inside the business. Investigators charged Lashley with felony possession of manufactured alcohol, the moonshine & misdemeanor violation of

the prohibition law for all the beer & whiskey. Lashley is being held in the Geneva County Jail without bail on a parole violation. "They had a full fledged oak bar that had just been built with 3 & a half gallons of moonshine," Ward said. "Over in the corner they had a dance pole with some mirrors." Deputies seized the illegal alcohol at Wiregrass Chopper, a motorcycle store located on Alabama Highway 52, about half a block off the town square in downtown Hartford. Ward said investigators found the illegal alcohol in a room concealed behind a door past the purchase counter inside the business. Berry said investigators seized several computers & a digital camera from inside the business, & first learned of the backroom setup after a customer reported it to law enforcement. "Mr. Lashley told us he was attempting to start a charter group of the Hells Angels," Berry said. Berry said the investigation into the operation of the business continued late Wednesday & resulted in the theft charges. Berry said Lashley sold 2 motorcycles to a couple, including a 2005 Honda motorcycle & a 2008 H-D Police Special, for a combined \$8,500 without delivering the motorcycles. He said the couple made 2 separate payments & never received their merchandise. The Geneva County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Hartford PD & agents with the Alabama Alcohol Beverage Control. More charges could be filed pending the completion of the investigation.

Old lady KO's well known Geelong boxer Jimmy Tsitas - Dec

4, 2008 – *Australia* – By Joel Cresswell – It's taken an absent-minded oldie to do what countless brutes couldn't; KO the career of Geelong boxing luminary Jimmy Tsitas. Doctors have ruled out a planned eighth comeback for Tsitas, 42, after he shattered his pelvis in a motorcycle accident last week. An elderly Geelong woman T-boned Tsitas' motorcycle with her car after she failed to give way at an intersection on Bacchus Marsh Road. The force of the collision threw the middleweight through the car windshield. Speaking from his hospital bed yesterday, Tsitas could see the irony in his misfortune. "I've been hit by shovels, I've been hit with gloves - anything you can think of & nothing has stopped me until an old lady hit me," he said. "It's bloody hard to believe but it's a fact." He faces a year of intensive rehabilitation after surgery to insert metal plates in his hip. Tsitas is now a boxing promoter & trainer at his Grovedale gym, but had been preparing for another return to the ring. "It breaks my heart. Boxing is something that I love, it made me look good & feel good about myself - I'd walk down the street & people would yell out 'G'day Jim'." "To be told that's all over is hard to come to terms with." He said he holds no grudge against the woman who ended his career. Rather, the experience has seen the pair forge a unique bond. "She rang me up crying her guts out & said 'Can I come in to give you a cuddle?'," he said. "No matter how tough I think I am, I was crying like a baby with her. "We both went through a pretty big thing together & to be able to come out the other side is beautiful." As a former Bandidos MC member, Tsitas has also had to dismiss rumours his injury was gang-related. "It was a nice old lady in a car who hit me, there was nothing malicious about any of it," he said. Tsitas has vowed to regain his mobility & continue training young boxers. "This isn't the end of me, I'll be back in the paper again with the boys I take to the Australian championships," he said.

Now that the election is over, I hear that Sarah Palin is going to show there is no animosity about losing the election. She has invited both Obama & Biden on a moose hunting trip. She has already lined up Dick Cheney to teach gun safety & Ted Kennedy to drive them to their cabins after the pre-hunt party.

Mercanti faces jail for nightclub assault – Dec 4, 2008 - *Australia* - Former senior Coffin Cheater bikie Troy Mercanti's downward spiral quickened yesterday when he was found guilty of grievous bodily harm after knocking out a drunken man in a violent nightclub confrontation. Mercanti, 41, who was thrown out of the bikie gang in January, could be jailed when he is sentenced on Tuesday after being remanded in custody.

Search yields firearms cache related to gang – Dec 5, 2008 - *California* - A search of a north Visalia residence today led to discovery of a trove of weapons, ammunition, explosives & drugs, Visalia police said. Police added they also found indicta of the Mongol Motorcycle Gang at the residence, in the 1700 block of North Tipton Street. In addition, police said, they stopped & later arrested a Visalia man as he drove away from the home. He was identified as Edward Aguirre, 46. Police said they found a zip gun & methamphetamine. He was held on drug & weapons charges. Inside the house, police said they found 30 firearms, 2,000 rounds of ammunition & other unspecified weapons & explosives, plus methamphetamine, marijuana & \$746 in cash.

Rolling Stones insider pins Altamont fracas on cop – Dec 5, 2008 – *California* – By Dean Goodman - December 6 is a day that will live in infamy in the annals of rock 'n' roll. On that day in 1969, the Rolling Stones gave a free concert at the Altamont Speedway, east of San Francisco, & watched helplessly as their gesture of goodwill spurred random beatings & the fatal stabbing of a fan by a Hells Angels member. The events are captured in the Maysles brothers' 1970 documentary "Gimme Shelter," the world's first rock 'n' roll snuff film. And "Altamont" has become a byword for chaos, the gold standard for how not to organize a concert. Many commentators have dissected Altamont, generally blaming either the Stones, because they should have handled things better; or the Angels, because clubbing fans with pool cues is never a good idea. The Stones themselves have generally shied away from the issue. But a new memoir by their former tour manager, Sam Cutler, is the closest thing to an insider's view. Cutler appears in "Gimme Shelter" as the mustachioed roadie who coolly pleads with fans to climb off the scaffolding or get off the absurdly tiny stage. His bold forecast to the 300,000-strong crowd that "this could be the greatest party of 1969" turns out to be a little off the mark. In "You Can't Always Get What You Want" (Random House Australia), Cutler blames the disaster on "criminal cowardice" by the authorities. Law enforcement departments wanted the event to be a disaster to create a backlash against politically radical elements in the rock 'n' roll world, the British native said in a recent interview from his new home in Australia. "The feds were there, there was all kind of people, all kinds of heavy law enforcement people & they chose absolutely not to do anything during the event," Cutler said. Maybe a half-dozen uniformed policemen were on duty at the speedway, Cutler said, & they were more interested in towing away cars. And thus it fell upon the Hells Angels to provide a semblance of order at the hastily organized event. As legend has it, they were paid \$500 worth of beer for their services. The Rolling Stones' set, along with those of opening acts such as Jefferson Airplane, was interrupted from the start by brawls. The Hells Angels did not exactly feel kinship with the flower-power crowd, & they were also anxious about their beloved H-D motorcycles in the crush of humanity. As the Stones performed "Under My Thumb," 18-year-old Meredith Hunter appeared to pull out a gun, perhaps for self-defense. Hells Angels member Alan Passaro pounced on Hunter with impressive athleticism, stabbing him multiple times as the Maysles' cameras rolled. Hunter was whisked away, & soon pronounced dead. The Stones, unaware of the gravity of the

situation, kept playing. The band & their entourage were lucky to escape with their own lives after the show was over. They piled on top of each other in a small helicopter. Almost immediately, Altamont triggered recriminations. Hells Angels leader Sonny Barger said Stones frontman Mick Jagger "used us for dupes." The band was also pilloried by the media, even though the Stones had little to do with the show's organization. Since they were on tour, the management of local rockers the Grateful Dead handled such issues as the hiring of the Hells Angels. "The Rolling Stones came to play music for people, to bring people a good time, & it all went pear-shaped," Cutler said. "I don't think it was the fault of the Rolling Stones." No official enquiry was launched into Altamont, which Cutler considers shocking. Nonetheless the band hurriedly left the country, fearful of legal action. A penniless Cutler stayed behind to clean up the mess, & never saw Jagger again. In his book, he details how he risked his life to attend a basement summit with a dozen angry Hells Angels members. After everything was settled, Cutler went on to work for the Dead, & he devotes the second half of his book to his exploits with them. Passaro went on trial, & was acquitted after claiming self-defense. He was later found drowned under suspicious circumstances with a large amount of cash in his pockets, according to Cutler. The movie, at least, was a hit. Co-director Albert Maysles often tells the story of a group of Hells Angels members who attended a theatrical screening & laughed hysterically during the death scene. "It's not one of my favorite movies of all time," said Cutler.

Kansas City man sentenced for killing – Dec 6, 2008 – *Independence, Missouri* - A Kansas City man was sentenced for life in prison Thursday in Fed court for the murder of an Independence man in 1998. Darren A. Frank, also known as "Derwood," was sentenced to life without parole. The 42-year-old killed Douglas C. Weil while Weil was manufacturing & distributing methamphetamine between 1996 to 1999, according to a statement by the U.S. Attorney's Office. He killed Weil to prevent him from communicating with a law enforcement officer about the manufacture & distribution of the drug, according to the statement. Frank was a member of the El Forasteros outlaw motorcycle gang. He was offered \$5,000 to murder Weil, who was suspected of cooperating with law enforcement, according to evidence presented during the trial.

Lipstick in School: According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick & would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips on the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them, & the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom & met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine all the yawns from the little princesses). To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, & cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror. There are teachers ... & then there are educators.

The internet is for porn! The internet is for Porn!
Grab your dick & double click!

Hells Angels biker fundraiser goes smoothly – Dec 6, 2008 – *Arizona* – By Chris McDaniel - The dreams of terminally ill children in Yuma are a little easier for them to grasp today. That's because money raised during Saturday's Red & White Support Run will help fund their last requests through the local Catch A Dream organization. The Hells Angels gave a helping hand to this worthy cause by donating money from their motorcycle run to Catch A Dream of Yuma County. While involvement by the Hells Angels has stirred up controversy in Yuma over the past week, Marty LaBelle, operations manager for Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson, says the focus should be & has always been on the kids. "The turmoil has been exceptional," he said. "I think all things aside, look at the children who will benefit. These kids will be able to do something great. They can experience some joy before they die. "The medical bills are just killing some of their parents, so this is a way to help them afford to get some of the things that their kids want. Some people have been asking why we would take money from these guys, & I say that it is for the greater good. Despite some of the negative publicity going around, today's event has been a great success." Between 300 & 400 bikers from various motorcycle clubs rode their hogs to Bobby's dealership to sign up for a chance to participate in the ride. "When they sign up the bikers pay \$20 & are given a shirt & a card which they can have stamped during their pit stops at several locations participating in the run throughout Yuma County," LaBelle said. "They travel all the way out to Dome Valley before they end up at the new Mine Shaft to eat some lunch. After the event is over, the Hells Angels will give a portion of their earnings from the run to Catch A Dream." After the run was completed, the bikers, who hailed from as far away as Nevada & California, converged on the new Mine Shaft to enjoy live entertainment, catch up with friends & maybe have an ice cold beer. They were also eagerly anticipating the results of the drawing for a brand-new 2009 Custom H-D Sportster, which was purchased by Brice Zeller, owner of the Mine Shaft. Brice then donated the motorcycle to be given away to help raise additional funds for Catch A Dream. "For the past few months, Bobby's has been selling tickets to anyone who wanted to buy them," LaBelle said. "We sold out of tickets today. All of the proceeds from these tickets will go directly to helping Catch A Dream." Mark Zeller, brother of Brice, has a personal interest in helping Catch A Dream. "Catch a Dream is important," he said, "because my grandson died when he was just 3 years old. He always wanted to ride a train but couldn't. This is why I want to help other kids in need." Mark is aware of the notoriety of the Hells Angels but insists that they are of no threat. "Today is going very good," he said Saturday. "There haven't been any problems & everyone is having a good time. Everyone is enjoying the good Yuma weather." Brice agreed. "We do 2 runs a year, & we have been doing so since 2005. We have never had any problems with bikers." LaBelle said he thinks that the Hells Angels may not be as bad as some would like to believe. "You know, most of those guys are good guys. There are a lot of business professionals, people that are retired military & other everyday people. Because of their history, people tend to judge them prematurely." In addition to the large crowds, Saturday's event attracted well-known celebrities. "At least 8 big clubs came today," said Brice. "Even Sonny Barger came to sign autographs & take photos with people. He's the one who founded the Oakland Chapter of the Hells Angels in the late 1940s." The lucky winner of Saturday's motorcycle drawing was Bill Falkenberg.

I fear not armies; I fear not lies;
But a drunken old bastard with death in his eyes....

Hells Angel is expected to change plea Monday – Dec 6, 2008 – *Lynn, Massachusetts* - Reputed Hells Angel Christopher Ranieri is expected to plead guilty to a misdemeanor tax evasion charge in Fed Court Monday. Fed agents arrested the motorcycle club member in 2007 along with 5 other men identified as Hells Angels. Ranieri, of 38, Great Woods Road, Lynn, was then arraigned at U.S. District Court on a complaint of failure to report taxes where he pleaded innocent. A 2005 arrest report lists Ranieri's occupation as an "embroiderer," & states that he is a ranking member in the Angels' Boston area hierarchy. According to an affidavit by the Criminal Investigation Dept of the Internal Revenue Service, Ranieri failed to report his personal taxes & those of "Boston's Best Silk Screening & Embroidery" (Boston's Best) for 2005 & 2006. The affidavit goes on to say that even though Ranieri failed to file taxes in 2005 & 2006, he did receive IRS forms from employers & payors indicating that he had earned income during those years. In total, the IRS says Ranieri received \$49,000 in reported income & had over \$126,000 in deposits to his personal checking account in 2005, & in 2006, he received \$17,554 in reported income & over \$161,000 in deposits to his personal account. Aside from Ranieri, Thomas Nolan, 34, of Lynn; Shawn Hines, 38, of 32 Great Woods Road; Christopher Sweeney, 37; Glen Flanagan, 45; of Laconia, N.H.; & Eric Franco, 32, of Lynn, all reported Hells Angels were arrested. Ranieri's brushes with the law include a traffic stop by State Police on Jan. 6, 2005. Ranieri, wearing a black jacket with a double lightning bolt emblem embroidered on it along with the words, "Filthy Few, Boston" dashed into the marsh along Route 107 after State Trooper Daniel Crespi spotted what he thought was a gun under the jacket. Police eventually coaxed Ranieri out of the swamp & arrested him on several charges. Miliotis defended him in court & he was given a 90-day suspended sentence for assault on a police officer. The arrest occurred 5 weeks after another Hells Angel was arrested & charged with assaulting an off-duty police officer. Lynn police & the Angels have clashed over the years, most notably on Sept. 5, 1996 when 100 police, state & Fed agents, backed up by a State Police armored personnel carrier, raided homes owned by club members on Shaws Court, a dead end off Essex Street. Fed agents are also investigating the Hells Angels business interests, specifically sales of garments & other items bearing the group's logos, in the United States & Europe.

Hells Angels biker makes 1st court appearance – Dec 6, 2008 – *Rapid City, South Dakota* - A Hells Angels biker from Canada indicted on a Fed gun charge made his first court appearance in Rapid City. Chad Wilson of San Diego is charged with being a nonimmigrant alien in possession of a firearm. He & John Midmore of Valparaiso, Ind., were acquitted Nov. 20 of attempted murder for a 2006 gunfight at Custer State Park involving members of the Outlaw MC. Wilson testified he fired several rounds with a handgun after the Outlaws confronted them at Legion Lake Resort & had he other guns with him. Fed grand jurors indicted him on the firearm charge Wed. He was transferred from Sioux Falls to Rapid City & pleaded not guilty Friday in Fed court. Midmore is out on bail.

The Mustang Ranch & \$750 billion bail-out: Back in 1990, the Gov't seized the Mustang Ranch brothel in Nevada for tax evasion and, as required by law, tried to run it. They failed & it closed. Now, we are trusting the economy of our country & 850+ Billion Dollars to a pack of nit-wits who couldn't make money running a whore house & selling booze. Now if that don't make you nervous, what does???

Hells Angels build trust fund – Dec 7, 2008 – *Australia* – By Robyn Wuth - Queensland's outlaw menace is uniting behind the world's most feared motorcycle gang, the Hells Angels, to counter Taskforce Hydra, the state's elite bikie squad. The Hells Angels club has established a trust fund to fight Hydra fines & charges through the courts & are being supported by at least 10 of the state's 14 outlaw gangs. The fund, promoted on the club's official website, calls for bikies to unite against police. "Do not allow Taskforce Hydra or any other overzealous coppers to infringe upon our inalienable use of a public carriage way," the site states. "If they will (sic) do it to us, who is next? "When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty." The fund has been established with a Brisbane law firm & was originally designed to test fines issued by police on the club's annual poker run this year. However, as Hydra has increased pressure on bikies throughout the state, the gangs have formed an uneasy alliance to strike back. Fed hearings into organised crime were held in Brisbane last month, when the gangs mobilised en masse in the biggest show of force seen in the state. The protest was orchestrated by the Hells Angels members who met with rival gang representatives at a Brisbane coffee shop. Since then, the fragile peace has held & sources say the gangs will fight fines & charges through the courts. "The campaign will clog the courts as bikies fight the changes," said a bikie source. "They'll tie up the coppers & make them waste as much of their time as they can." The bikies have also vowed to fight the introduction of any laws banning them from wearing their colours. The Hells Angels site also promotes the club's 2009 poker run with this message: "Do not allow the Gov't or there (sic) servants attempts (sic) at stopping this event or others." While Hells Angels have been based at Browns Plains for several years, they have maintained a relatively low profile. Police say the gang has actively recruited & has moved to incorporate other clubs to the Hells Angels logo. It is a similar tactic the Hells Angels have used globally with great success. While bikie gangs have long been branded organised crime groups, the crime commission says the gangs have reached a new level of sophistication, moving into mainstream industries to launder existing funds & to exploit new income streams. But detectives say the drift towards seemingly legitimate work is designed to conceal criminal activities. According to police, key bikies are now using the strategies they developed during a series of bloody internal gang wars to intimidate business competitors or anyone they perceive as a threat. In Victoria, police have had more experience in fighting the Hells Angels. In June, 2004, Victoria Police seized assets worth \$3 million in raids on properties owned by Hells Angels members. Tow-truck drivers were called to help impound several high-powered cars, & a safe expert was hired to open one of the gang's safes. A few weeks later, one of the tow-truck drivers was pulled over & beaten by unidentified men. He has refused to make a statement to police. Less than 3 weeks after the raids, the safe expert's factory was badly damaged by a deliberately lit fire. No one has ever been charged. In late 2003, a Richmond lawyer who tired of acting for a member of the Hells Angels eventually sacked his client. Following the dispute came the almost inevitable payback -- 3 attempts to set fire to the lawyer's office.

Crash victim was 'a big-hearted guy' – Dec 8, 2008 – *Pennsylvania* – By tom Joyce - A Wrightsville man who died in a crash on Sat night was a Vietnam veteran, a H-D rider & a loyal father, husband & friend, according to his wife. Charles W. Sultzbach, Jr., 61, died after a vehicle wreck about 6 p.m. Saturday, according to the York County Coroner's Office. The crash occurred in the 600 block of Cool Creek Road in Hellam Township, police said. His wife, Grace Sultzbach, said Sunday

night that she didn't know many details of the crash. She said police told her that, for an unknown reason, the Dodge Ram pickup her husband was driving crossed the center line & hit another truck head-on. Police told her nobody in the other truck was hurt, Grace Sultzbach said. Grace Sultzbach said her husband had been on disability. She said he loved his family, which included her & 5 children. He was also devoted to the extended family that encompassed members of the Vietnam Veterans MC. Grace Sultzbach said her husband was very active in the club. He participated in charitable runs for it, as well as for other clubs. She said he just liked riding his Harley & would do so as often as time & weather permitted. "He was a big-hearted guy," she said. "He was always there. He always wanted to make sure everyone else was taken care of."

Facts for fighting gangs – Dec 8, 2008 – *Boston, Massachusetts* - State law enforcement officials are standing careful guard over a database that includes detailed information on street gang activities across the Commonwealth. Protecting much of the information, however, is not only unnecessary but contrary to the interest of public safety. MassGangs, a product of the state Criminal History Systems Board, will allow urban & suburban police departments to store, update, & share information on violent street gangs, including members, criminal histories, & unique identifiers such as gang tattoos & insignia. The database, supported by a \$1.2 million federal grant, is designed for police eyes only. That blackout makes sense for information pertaining to specific investigations. But much of the general information is of as much or greater use to parents, teachers, & business leaders concerned about identifying & preventing gang violence. . Police are never shy about asking for the public's cooperation in solving a crime. Yet faced with a chance to share key information, law enforcement goes undercover. Police in metropolitan Chicago take a different & better approach. They provide detailed information to the nonprofit Chicago Crime Commission, which in turn publishes a remarkable reference book - "The Gang Book" - aimed at educating citizens, demanding police accountability, & advancing smart policies on guns. The "Gang Book" provides mug shots of gang leaders, detailed maps of the neighborhoods traversed by many of the roughly 100,000 gang members in metropolitan Chicago, & a directory of gang hand signs, tattoos, & gang colors. A slang glossary & statistics on gang-related violence are included. Readers learn not only how to identify gang members but their links to the illegal trade in drugs, false identity cards, green cards, passports, & driver's licenses. "Our strategy has always been to make private investigative tools available to the public," says J.R. Davis, chairman of the Chicago Crime Commission. He acknowledges that some gangs consider it a badge of honor to be included in the reference book. But the educational value of the book for teachers & parents who need to understand the allure of gangs, or businesses that need to identify gangs in their area, easily outweighs such concerns, says Davis. Letters from Chicago's school & police leaders included in the "Gang Book" attest to the publication's educational value. Leaders in Boston neighborhoods plagued by gang violence are exploring the creation of a crime commission capable of publishing a similar book on gangs. But it can only succeed if state law enforcement officials put aside their own turf concerns.

A man who has nothing which he is willing to fight for, nothing which he cares about more than he does about his personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made & kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."
-John Stuart Mill

Hells Angel ‘smelled a rat,’ murder trial hears – Dec 8, 2008 – *Canada* - Senior Hells Angel Remond (Ray) Akleh says he began smelling a rat almost immediately after Steven Gault began hanging around the biker club in Oshawa. Akleh said that he was warned in 2001 by 2 Peterborough bikers that they suspected Gault was secretly informing to police, after a police raid produced guns which had been hidden in the wall of a biker’s home. Few people besides Gault knew where the guns were stashed, the Peterborough bikers said. “They were alleging that Gault was working for the police,” Akleh told Superior Court in Whiby today. Akleh & Mark Cephes Stephenson are each charged with murder conspiracy & counsel to commit murder for allegedly directing Gault to murder Frank (Cisco) Lenti of the rival Bandidos club in the summer of 2006.

More psych tests for Hells bunker blaze suspect – Dec 8, 2008 – *Canada* – By Shuyee Lee - The man who’s accused of torching the Hells Angels bunker in Sorel 2 months ago will be spending the holidays at a psychiatric facility. 40-year-old Steve Carbonneau was unshaven & wearing a light blue sweatshirt & handcuffs, showing zero emotion during his brief time in the courtroom. He was found fit to stand trial after a psychiatric evaluation but he’ll have to undergo another one so he’s back in court in early February. The first 30-day evaluation, ordered November 8, only started late last month. His lawyer Marcel Guerin says we know now that Carbonneau understands the charges against him but now we have to see if he was criminally responsible for his alleged actions. His 2 co-accused, his uncle & a friend he lost contact with from high school, are already out on bail. They’re all charged in connection with the October Hells Angels bunker fire in Sorel, after a tanker truck full of gas rammed into the building. A love triangle was reportedly the motive but it may also have been a figment of Carbonneau’s imagination.

Bikie inquest questions police pursuits – Dec 8, 2008 - *Australia* - A malfunctioning radio has been blamed by 2 police officers for not reporting a Gold Coast pursuit which ended with the death of an Odins Warriors motorcycle gang member. An inquest into the death of Craig Robert Shepherd, 26, who died during the high-speed 7km pursuit in 2006, will examine why the 2 officers failed to follow proper procedure & immediately report the chase. Shepherd & a female pillion passenger were thrown from the bike - Shepherd died from his extensive head injuries, while the woman suffered permanent brain damage. Police alleged that Shepherd, a member of the Odins Warriors motorcycle gang, was speeding & had earlier ran a red light when he was spotted by a police car on July 12, 2006. The ensuing chase along the Pacific Motorway reached speeds of about 160km/h before it entered the narrow & winding lanes of Beechmont Road at Nerang. Police estimate Shepherd’s Triumph Rocket motorbike was travelling at least 63km/h - which was over the speed limit - & as much as 97km/h as it took a sharp corner. The inquest is one of 7 which will form a state review in police pursuits. The inquest also heard from 2 witness accounts that the police car giving chase kept a safe distance from the motorcycle.

Criminals’ money will target organized crime – Dec 8, 2008 – *Australia* - The State Gov’t will give police & the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) a multi-million dollar fighting fund to combat outlaw bikie gangs & other organised crime. Attorney General Christian Porter & Police Minister Rob Johnson have signed a two-year agreement which gives more funding to police & the DPP from criminal property confiscation grants. “This

Gov’t is serious about getting tough on crime & we are putting the money in to prove it,” Porter said. “Tough criminal property confiscation laws are the brainchild of a previous Liberal-National Gov’t & we plan to use criminals’ money to fight organised crime. “This total injection of resources - \$13.35million over the next 3 years - will give crime fighters more financial muscle so that they can use the laws to maximum effect against organised crime.” Police will receive a guaranteed \$3.45million from the grants fund over the next 3 years to target bikie gangs & suspicious people with unexplained wealth.

World’s oldest profession, too, feels crisis – Dec 8, 2008 – *Prague, Czech Republic* – by Dan Bilefsky - On a recent night at Big Sister, which calls itself the world’s biggest Internet brothel, a middle-aged man selected a prostitute from an electronic menu on a flat-screen television, pressing his index finger against it to review the age, hair color, weight & languages spoken by the women on offer. Once he had chosen an 18-year-old brunette, he put on a mandatory burgundy terry cloth robe & proceeded to one of the brothel’s luridly-lit theme rooms, an Alpine suite decorated with foam rubber mountains covered with fake snow. Nearby, in the brothel’s cramped control room, 2 young technicians used joysticks to control the dozens of hidden cameras that would film his performance & stream it, live, on Big Sister’s Internet site. Sex is free at Big Sister, but that is not cheap enough for some men. Customers get the cut rate in return for signing a release form that allows the brothel to film their sexual exploits. Even with this financial incentive, Big Sister’s marketing manager, Carl Borowitz, 26, a Moravian computer engineer, lamented that the global financial crisis had diminished the number of sex tourists in Prague. “Sex is a steady demand, because everyone needs it, & it used to be taboo, which made a service like ours all the more attractive,” said Borowitz, who looks more like Harry Potter than a Czech Larry Flynt. “But the problem today is that there is too much competition, too many free pornography sites & people are thinking twice before making impulse purchases, including paying for sex.” Big Sister is not the only brothel suffering the effects of a battered global economy. While the world’s oldest profession may also be one of its most recession-proof businesses, brothel owners in Europe & the United States say belt-tightening caused by the global financial crisis is undermining a once-lucrative industry. Egbert Krumeich, manager of Artemis, the largest brothel in Berlin, said that the recession had helped dent revenue by 20 percent in November, which is usually peak season for the sex trade. Meanwhile, in Reno, Nevada, the multimillion-dollar Mustang Ranch recently laid off 30% of its staff, citing a decline in high-spending clients. Big Sister is not struggling as much as some of its more traditional rivals; its revenue is largely derived from the €30, or \$40 monthly fee each of the company’s 10,000 clients pay to gain access to its Web site. But Borowitz said Big Sister hoped to offset a 15% drop in revenue over the past quarter by expanding into the United States. Big Sister also produces cable TV shows that air on Sky Italia & Television X in Britain, as well as DVDs like “World Cup Love Truck” & “Extremely Perverted.” Ester, an 18-year-old prostitute at Big Sister who declined to give her last name, said that big-spending clients had diminished, but noted that she was still earning nearly €3,000 a month, enough to pay rent & to pay for her favorite Louis Vuitton purses. “The reason I do this is for the money,” she said, after gyrating half-naked around a pole. Being filmed, she added, made her feel more like an actress than a sex object.

Cum catapultae proscriptae erunt tum soli proscrip catapultas habebunt - When catapults are outlawed, only outlaws will have catapults.

Bikie dead, one injured in crash – Dec 8, 2008 - *Australia* - A Weekend motorcycle run to Portland turned to tragedy when one rider was killed & another seriously injured on Saturday afternoon. The Princes Highway was blocked for more than 4 hours after the accident at Aringa, about 10km west of Port Fairy. About 50 members of the Bros MC had been riding to an annual Portland gathering when one was involved in a collision with an Audi coupe on a bend. It is believed strong gusty winds contributed to the initial smash, which caused the car & another rider to crash down an embankment. The Audi driver, a Melbourne man in his 50s was not injured. The first crash rider, a 43-year-old Talbot man, died at the scene from multiple injuries. His name was not available last night. His clubmate, a 49-year-old man from Yarraville, was stabilised at the scene before being taken by road ambulance to Warrnambool Hospital & then by helicopter to the the Royal Melbourne Hospital. A hospital spokesman last night said the man was in a stable condition with abdominal injuries & multiple leg fractures.

Officials to meet to discuss biker rallies – Dec 9, 2008 – *South Carolina* – AP - Horry County officials will discuss what to do with area motorcycle rallies that some residents say bring noise & increased crime with them. A committee of county council members is meeting in Conway Tuesday night. The group has met several times, voting last month to restrict vendor permits to spread out congestion from the rallies. The H-D spring rally & the Atlantic Beach Bikefest bring hundreds of thousands of people to the Grand Strand each May in what some businesses say is a boost to the area's economy. Last month, Myrtle Beach city council members delayed the implementation of several rules aimed at reducing the size of the rallies, including requiring bikers to wear helmets & bars to close at 2 a.m.

Hells Angels clubhouse searched by police – Dec 9, 2008 – *South Carolina* - Four police agencies conducted a raid on a local Hells Angels motorcycle clubhouse, but no arrests were made, officials said. A state issued search warrant was served about 8:30 p.m. Monday at the clubhouse on Secondary Highway 814, near Mill Pond Road, in the Socastee community, Horry County police Capt. Scott Rutherford said. Officials left the residence at 11:30 p.m. & no injuries were reported. "It's based on an ongoing investigation between 4 agencies, Horry County PD, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, the State Law Enforcement Division & Myrtle Beach Police," Rutherford said. The search was not related to narcotics, but Rutherford said he could not release additional details because of the ongoing investigation.

Man sought in Ohio stabbing nabbed after 29 years – Dec 9, 2008 - *Arizona* - AP - The U.S. Marshals Service says they've arrested a man who had been on the run for nearly 30 years for a fatal stabbing in Ohio. Marshals spokesman Matt Hershey said Tuesday that a fugitive task force took 55-year-old Ronald Stahlman into custody in the mountain town of Payson northeast of Phoenix. Hershey says Stahlman was a member of the Outlaws motorcycle gang when he & other members assaulted a man in Warren, Ohio & Stahlman stabbed him several times. He fled Ohio shortly after an arrest warrant for homicide was issued in 1979. Stahlman's wife & two young children joined him in the Phoenix area, where they lived assumed names for many years before moving to Payson. He & his wife were in their home when deputy marshals made the arrest on Monday morning.

Harley-Davidson Visionary – Dec 9, 2008 – *USA* - (Remember When an American Co. Restructured Right?) - Vaughn Beals Was One Of 13 H-D Execs Who Rolled The Dice On Buying The

Company From AMF - And Built H-D Into A Brand Known Around The World. It may be a textbook case of turning around a company that's routinely taught in business schools these days, but when Vaughn Beals & 12 other Harley execs bought the then-troubled manufacturer from AMF with hopes of a turnaround, it was anything but a sure thing. On the risk involved in buying H-D in a leveraged buyout: You know that if you bet your net worth at an age when you're approaching retirement, that's scary. And we fully understood the Japanese threat. We had visited the Japanese manufacturers, & we saw what they did & what they didn't do, which sometimes is more surprising. It was a tremendous challenge. The good news is that it worked. On the constraints imposed on day-today operations in the early years: We ran the company for 5 years - 5 years - with zero cash. When we collected for a motorcycle - when a motorcycle was sold to a dealer - we paid the bank. When we needed money, we went to the bank. The management group & the employees understood how this worked, & made it work, & the results are what they are today. For the company to get from 23% to 46% market share in a 5-year period against new Japanese heavyweight motorcycles, that says that what we did worked, & we put those guys in the minority. That's when I retired with my fingers crossed—and legs crossed. That was well rewarded because the market share is still there today, in the mid- to high-40s.

Mexican citizen busted for crabs – Dec 9, 2008 – *Texas* – AP - Ever on the lookout for drugs, guns & money, customs agents at a South Texas international bridge crossing busted 191 units of an unusual sort of contraband — hermit crabs. A 49-year-old Mexican citizen from McKinney, Texas, was crossing back into the United States at the Hidalgo Port of Entry when U.S. Customs & Border Protection officers found a box full of live hermit crabs inside his vehicle & another bag of the crabs in the trunk, according to an agency statement Tue. The 191 crabs taken in the Nov. 30 bust were given to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, & the man was issued a \$1,910 fine for not declaring the crabs.

Five key suspects – Dec 9, 2008 – *Australia* – By Gemma Jones - Five men are being targeted by police over a bizarre Sydney murder in which a young woman's body was dumped at the bottom of The Gap to make it look like she had jumped to her death. Katrina Ploy's handbag & clothes were found at the top of the north face of The Gap near Watsons Bay, in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, on December 18, 2006. Her dark blue Hyundai sedan, which had been recorded travelling through the Cross City tunnel late the night before, was nearby. On Christmas Day police found her body. It had drifted round to Little Bay beach. A post mortem revealed she had not suffered a single broken bone, internal bleeding or other injuries associated with a cliff fall. The cause of death was drowning. For the first time, police have revealed their belief 26-year-old Katrina's death may have been an elaborate murder. Homicide detectives have pieced together her final weeks, including speaking to a new witness who saw Ms Ploy with tattoo shop owner & former Bandidos motorcycle gang member Adam O'Brien in the week before she died. The former Bandidos sergeant-at-arms is 1 of 5 persons of interest & has exercised his legal right to decline a police statement. Ms Ploy had formed a friendship with Mr O'Brien at a Sydney gym & witnesses have come forward after seeing them together there & out socially. Detective Sergeant Paul Quigg now wants help from anyone who saw Ms Ploy at Tattoo Nation in Wentworthville after another witness placed her there. Four other men have consented to police interviews.

Inside the Hells Angels clubhouse – Dec 9, 2008 – *Canada* – By Jeff Mitchell - Welcome to 487 Ortono Ave., Oshawa -- a bit of a fixer-upper, but with unique potential: a reinforced front door fit for a bank vault, nine-foot steel fence, outdoor security cameras & a spacious area that can be used as a rec room or, as was the case with the previous owner, a booze can. The previous owner? The Hells Angels. Current title holder: The Attorney General of Ontario, acting on behalf of you. Not much has happened with the property in the shadow of Hwy. 401 at Bloor Street & Wilson Road since the fall of 2006 when police, armed with a writ of seizure, laid siege to it. The Oshawa chapter of the club -- known among the Angels as the Asylum Crew -- assumed the digs from the Satan's Choice Motorcycle Club when the homegrown bikers were assimilated by their international brothers in 2000. The newly-minted Angels decked out the building in the club's signature red & white & had a rendition of the menacing Death Head logo emblazoned on the red front door. Red letters on the white siding beside that reinforced steel door state simply, "Hells Angels Oshawa." The police seized the clubhouse under the Province's Civil Remedies Act, legislation that allows the Crown to apply to the court for forfeiture of goods & property deemed to be proceeds or tools of crime. A voluminous & fascinating file at the Superior Court in Whitby describes what is essentially a bunker in which the Crown alleges the Angels convened to plot criminal activity. As if that weren't enough, the government alleged the Angels were using a bar in the building as a booze can at which drinks were served & money collected, a contravention of the Liquor Licence Act. The action was commenced Sept. 28, 2006, when Operation Tandem, an 18-month investigation into drug dealing among outlaw bikers, concluded with the arrests of 16 gang members & several associates on charges ranging from drug trafficking to conspiracy to commit murder. Over the years police spent countless hours conducting surveillance at the clubhouse, meticulously documenting activity at 487 Ortono; it was the site of weekly "church" meetings for Angels to discuss club business, & members also held parties there. Authorities have made occasional incursions armed with search warrants looking for Liquor Licence Act violations. For instance, in November 1989 police executed a search warrant, seizing cash & an account book itemizing bar tabs, as well as eight 40-ounce bottles of liquor. Several similar raids occurred over the years. The clubhouse is designed specifically to keep non-Angels out, as is evidenced by the rebar welded over the tiny window in the front door. The building was "fully fortified to deter & slow the entry of police during the execution of search warrants," the Crown alleged. "The door is consistent with the makeup of a bank vault," documents at the courthouse say. The Province's legislation ultimately conquered all of those fortifications. On Sept. 2 of this year the property was forfeited to the Crown when the Angels opted not to contest the action. The Province was also allowed to keep more than \$11,000 in cash found squirreled away in a wall within the clubhouse, but several motorcycles seized in 2006 were returned to their owners. The property now sits dormant but not forgotten. It still attracts gawkers who are able now to approach the once-menacing edifice without fear; some pose for pictures in front of what at first glance appears to be a derelict & nondescript shack. And there's no immediate plan for the property, either, said Attorney General spokesman Brendan Crawley. The Province's file was last updated when the court case ended in September, he said. "There's been nothing that's happened with the property since that time," Mr. Crawley said Nov. 28. As for the Angels, their ranks were decimated by Project Tandem but that may be temporary. One police source noted that soon -- once a member now in jail is released -- they'll be back up to six members, the minimum required for a Hells

Angels chapter. In the meantime, their former meeting place still stands on Ortono Ave. Empty...

Hells Angels divided on killing rival biker – Dec 9, 2008 – *Canada* - Toronto Hells Angel Donny Petersen shot down talk of murdering rival biker Frank (Cisco) Lenti of the Bandidos club, a Whitby court heard. Remond (Ray) Akleh told court today that Steven Gault of the Hells Angels Oshawa chapter threatened to murder Lenti on June 24, 2006, rather than allow Lenti to join their club. Akleh & Mark Cephes Stephenson, president of the Hells Angels Oshawa chapter, are each charged with murder conspiracy & counsel to commit murder for an alleged plot to kill Lenti in the summer of 2006. The Crown alleges that Gault was their would-be hitman. Akleh testified today that it was Gault who was pushing for Lenti's murder. Akleh told Superior Court that Gault told him in a loud voice that he was strongly against Lenti being allowed into the Hells Angels, the world's largest outlaw MC. "(Expletive) him. He'll be dead before he comes into the club," Akleh recalled Gault as saying. Akleh said Gault made his comments in Windsor, at a national gathering of the Hells Angels. Akleh said he immediately went to see Petersen, Ontario spokesperson for the Hells Angels, & Petersen reacted strongly. "I said something to the effect of, 'We're talking about bringing Frank Lenti aboard & Mr. Gault wants to kill him,'" Akleh told court. "He (Petersen) said, 'No (expletive) way anybody's going to kill Mr. Lenti,' & then he went right over to them," Akleh continued. No murder plot against Lenti was ever carried out. Court has heard that Gault received more than \$1 million as a police agent for an 18-month operation against the Hells Angels, that ended in September 2006. Akleh told court that he informed against Gault for free, & that he feared Gault was plotting to murder himself & his family.

Ex Biekie Troy Mercanti jailed for attack – Dec 9, 2008 – *Australia* - By Todd Cardy - Former Coffin Cheater biekie boss Troy Mercanti has been jailed for breaking the jaw of a man during a verbal stoush over a woman at a Northbridge bar. District Judge Mary Ann Yeats today sentenced Mercanti to 2 years, 4 months behind bars with the father-of-3 eligible for release on parole in 14 months. Mercanti winked to supporters in the court after the sentence was delivered. A jury last week found Mercanti, 41, of DunCraig, guilty of assault causing grievous bodily harm to Gregory Fistonich at the Geisha Bar about 5.30am on May 13 last year, rejecting his testimony that he acted in self defence. Fistonich suffered a broken jaw, was knocked unconscious & fell to the ground when he was punched by Mercanti who testified that he felt "intimidated" & "frightened" by the larger man who referred to a woman he was with as a slut.

Fellow Business Executives: As the CFO of this business that employees 140 people, I have resigned myself to the undeniable fact that Barrack Obama will be our next President in January, & that our taxes & Gov't fees will increase in a BIG way. To compensate for these increases, I figure that clients will have to see an increase in our fees to them of about 8% but since we cannot increase our fees right now due to the dismal state of our economy, we will have to lay off 6 of our employees instead. This has really been eating at me for a while, as we believe we are family here & I didn't know how to choose who will have to go. So, this is what I did. I strolled thru our parking lot & found 6 Obama bumper stickers on our employees' cars & have decided these folks will be the first to be laid off. I can't think of a more fair way to approach this problem. These folks wanted change & I gave it to them. If you have a better idea, please let me know. Sincerely, Bob

Jewish outrage at bikie laws analogy – Dec 9, 2008 – *Australia*
– By John Wiseman - Jewish leaders are outraged by comments from a new political group likening South Australia's anti-bikie laws to the persecution of Jews in Nazi Germany. But an unrepentant Freedom Rights Education & Environment Australia party, which admits to having members from outlaw motorcycle gangs, said the Jewish community should be supporting its position, not denouncing it. Free Australia spokesman Paul Kuhn sparked the angry reaction with his comments during an interview on ABC radio in Adelaide. "If you look at the (Rann) Gov'ts behavior & its statement, & swap the word 'bikies' for 'Jews' it is very clear what is happening," he told listeners. South Australia has taken a series of measures including introduction of the Serious & Organised Crime Act to enable police to act against outlaw bikie gangs, making the gangs illegal & membership or association with them illegal. Kuhn told The Australian he stood by the comments. "The law that this Gov't has introduced ... last time this sort of event happened where you get locked up for simply knowing somebody, not for what you do, but for knowing somebody -- this happened in Germany in 1936. "Jewish groups, they should be alarmed because it's exactly the same thing that's happening." But the Executive Council of Australian Jewry & the Jewish Affairs Council were highly critical of the comments. Pres of the Council of Australian Jewry, Robert Goot, said Kuhn's analogy was outrageous. "It trivialises the Holocaust," he said. Colin Rubenstein, of the Jewish Affairs Council, told The Australian: "It completely ... devalues what happened to the Jews in Nazi Germany ... & it is in nobody's interest to make statements like that." Tony Levy, of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission, branded the comments ridiculous. "I don't think the South Australian Gov't is contemplating extermination of all bikies," he said.

Prosecutors Seek Assets of LA Gang Members – Dec 10, 2008 – *Los Angeles, California* – By Greg Risling - Los Angeles prosecutors on Monday filed the state's first lawsuit seeking to seize homes, businesses & other assets from known members of the city's largest gang to cripple their criminal enterprises. The lawsuit, filed against nine leaders of the 18th Street gang who are all serving prison time, is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation. It aims to reduce the wealth accumulated by gang leaders through illegal activities. "The days of allowing vicious gang criminals to accumulate & spend their ill-gotten gains - sometimes even from behind bars - are over. It's time the gang leaders literally pay for their crimes," City Atty Rocky Delgadillo said. A state law passed earlier this year allows cities to sue for the financial damage gangs cause communities. Only gangs already targeted with restraining orders declaring their behavior a nuisance can be sued. Family members of gang members also can have items taken away if it's proven they are proceeds earned through criminal activity. Damages gained from any lawsuits would be funneled back to the neighborhoods through programs & other measures. Gangs typically profit from money laundering, drug sales & extortion of street vendors. In the area just north of downtown Los Angeles dominated by the 18th Street gang, people can be "taxed," as extortion is known on the street, as much as 30%, said Bruce Riordan, the city atty's director of anti-gang operations. Authorities said as many as 35,000 people statewide claim to be members of the 18th Street gang.

Do we really think that a Gov't-dominated education is going to produce citizens capable of dominating their government, as the education of a truly vigilant self-governing people requires?"
- Alan Keyes

Horry, bikers to meet on rally – Dec 10, 2008 - *South Carolina*
- By Mike Cherney - The Horry County Council did little to resolve issues surrounding the area's motorcycle rallies at a meeting on Tuesday, but agreed to meet in a smaller delegation with some biker groups to try to hammer out a compromise. "We're closing in on something which will likely make some folks happy & just as likely make some folks unhappy," said County Council Chairwoman Liz Gilland, adding that she hoped to have a new policy in place by the end of January. Some residents & council members say the H-D spring rally & the Atlantic Beach Bikefest, both in May, bring unwanted noise, congestion & unruly behavior to the Grand Strand. Each event attracts about 250,000 people. Some local businesses, however, say restricting or eliminating the rallies would deal a major blow to the region's economy. Some bikers also say targeting the bike rallies, & not other tourist groups, is discriminatory. "Chances are good that we'll irritate everybody just a little to some extent," Gilland said. Gilland said she & Councilmen Howard Barnard, Harold Worley & Brent Schulz would meet with biker, vendor & business representatives to discuss a plan that was given preliminary approval by the council last month. The plan still needs two more votes by the council to be approved.

Four FDNY firefighters busted in bar brawl over T-shirt taunts – Dec 10, 2008 – *New York* - Four firefighters were arrested after a wild bar brawl that erupted after they hassled a Staten Island man for wearing an FDNY T-shirt, law enforcement officials said Monday. The firefighters were drinking with friends at McFadden's pub in Turtle Bay for several hours on Saturday night before the fracas broke out, the Manhattan district attorney's office said. The boozing bravest spotted 22-year-old Christopher DiForte wearing a T-shirt with the Dept's logo, law enforcement sources said. One firefighter asked DiForte which unit he was in, & when he answered that he was not in the FDNY, they began harassing him, the sources said. When DiForte started mouthing back, a fight broke out. "It was a run-of-the-mill T-shirt," one law enforcement official said. "The real firefighters took umbrage that he wore it." Firefighters John Tew, 37, & Matthew Veitch, 27, jumped at DiForte, who began swinging his pint glass wildly at his assailants, officials said. He shattered the glass on the head of 25-year-old Matias Acevedo, a friend of the firefighters, who suffered a nasty gash, officials said. Several other bargoers then joined the fight, some brawling with the firefighters, some against them. The first police officers to arrive at McFadden's could not quiet the 20-person melee, which spilled out onto the street. When the brawlers were finally taken to the 17th Precinct, two firefighters walked from the bar & began to harass cops at the stationhouse on behalf of their locked-up colleagues - & got arrested themselves, officials said. Brothers Michael Fassino of Squad 61 & Ryan Fassino of Engine 315 were charged with disorderly conduct, officials said. Tew, a 9-year FDNY veteran assigned to Rescue 4, was charged with assault, disorderly conduct & obstructing governmental administration. Veitch, who works at Ladder 173 & joined the FDNY last year, was charged with disorderly conduct & obstructing governmental administration. DiForte was charged with assault & criminal possession of a weapon.

A superior man, when resting in safety, forgets not that peril is ever present. When in a state of security, he forgets not that ruin is only a breath away. When all is orderly, he forgets not that chaos ever hovers over him. Thus, his state & clans are preserved.
- Confucius

You can't read this & stay in a bad mood!

1. How Do You Catch a Unique Rabbit? Unique Up On It...
2. How Do You Catch a Tame Rabbit? Tame Way...
3. How Do Crazy People Go Through The Forest?
They Take The Psycho Path...
4. How Do You Get Holy Water?
You Boil The Hell Out Of It (I love that one!)
5. What Do Fish Say When They Hit a Concrete Wall? Dam!
6. What Do Eskimos Get From Sitting On The Ice too Long?
Polaroid's...
7. What Do You Call a Boomerang That Doesn't work? A Stick.
8. What Do You Call Cheese That Isn't Yours? Nacho Cheese.
9. What Do You Call Santa's Helpers? Subordinate Clauses.
10. What Do You Call Four Bullfighters In Quicksand?
Quattro Sinko...
11. What Do You Get From a Pampered Cow? Spoiled Milk...
12. What Do You Get When You Cross a Snowman With a Vampire?
Frostbite...
13. What Lies At The Bottom Of The Ocean And Twitches?
A Nervous Wreck...
14. What's The Difference Between Roast Beef And Pea Soup?
Anyone Can Roast Beef...
15. Where Do You Find a Dog With No Legs?
Right Where You Left Him...
16. Why Do Gorillas Have Big Nostrils?
Because They Have Big Fingers...
17. Why Don't Blind People Like To Sky Dive?
Because It Scares The Dog...
18. What Kind Of Coffee Was Served On The Titanic? Sanka...
19. What Is The Difference Between a Harley And a Hoover ?!
The Location Of The Dirt Bag...
20. Why Did Pilgrims' Pants Always Fall Down?
Because They Wore Their Belt Buckle On Their Hat...
21. What's The Difference Between a Bad Golfer And a Bad Skydiver?
A Bad Golfer Goes, Whack, Dang!
A Bad Skydiver Goes Dang! Whack.
22. How Are a Texas Tornado And a Tennessee Divorce The Same?
Somebody's Gonna Lose A Trailer!

New technology may halt police pursuits - Dec 11, 2008 - By Larry Copeland; *USA Today* - Emerging technology could soon slam the brakes on high-speed police chases, which kill hundreds & injure thousands a year. OnStar, the General Motors unit that manufactures GPS systems for vehicles, offers Stolen Vehicle Slowdown technology: An OnStar operator can send a signal to a stolen vehicle, restricting its fuel flow & slowing it to 3-5 mph. The technology is available on about 1 million 2009 GM vehicles. Another company, Virginia Beach-based StarChase, is field-testing its Pursuit Management System. It's a laser-guided launcher on the front grill of a police car that fires projectiles that stick on fleeing vehicles, enabling police to track the car by GPS. The system, which has been tested by police in Columbus, Ohio, & Suffolk County, N.Y., is in final testing by the Los Angeles Police Department, StarChase spokeswoman Mandy McCall says. "That kind of technology is exactly what we need," says Geoff Alpert, a criminology professor at the University of South Carolina. "One of the most powerful tools the police have is to turn off their lights & siren because the pursued suspect will slow down." David Hiller, Nat'l VP of the Fraternal Order of Police & chief of the 44-officer police department in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., calls the OnStar technology "very effective." "We have to engage in police chases," he says. "Any technology that assists us in preventing further police pursuit crashes is welcome." Barry Steinhardt of the American Civil Liberties Union says the OnStar technology is fine as long as the vehicle's owner is the person

reporting it stolen. Last year, 424 people were killed in police chases, according to Fed statistics. Alpert says the actual nbr is 800-900. More than 40,000 people die each year in crashes. The technology raises hopes but is no magic solution, says Candy Priano, whose 15-year-old daughter, Kristie, was killed in a police chase in 2002. "The human element plays a far more integral part in chases than any technology," she says. "I hear the police saying, "Our policy is restraint, but I don't see them actually implementing it." Priano, 56, says many chased suspects are accused of shoplifting & minor traffic violations. "None of these were murder, rape or pedophile suspects," says Priano of Chico, Calif. Her daughter was killed by a teen who had taken her mother's car & was fleeing police, Priano says. "They (police) knew her name," she says. "They knew her address. It was the mother who had called in."

Gang expert testifies at Hells Angel's trial – Dec 11, 2008 – *California* – By Raul Hernandez - A gang expert testified Wednesday at the trial of a Hells Angel facing charges stemming from a 2006 bar fight in Newbury Park. The Hells Angels MC is a violent criminal organization whose primary crimes include assaults with deadly weapons, drug dealing & the theft of motorcycles, Ventura County Sheriff's Senior Deputy Jeremy Paris said. Paris was testifying at the trial of Brandon Thomas Mundell, 28, a San Fernando Valley resident accused of going to the now-closed Take Five Bar with two other Hells Angels & getting into a fight with patrons about 1:40 a.m. Jan. 19, 2006. The men went to the bar to challenge & fight with rival motorcycle gang members, the Mongols, who have a chapter in Camarillo, according to police. Mundell brandished a knife at the bar, police said. Mundell has pleaded not guilty to assault with a deadly weapon, which prosecutors allege is a crime that was committed for the benefit of the Hells Angels. Mundell also pleaded not guilty to driving under the influence & causing injury during the bar brawl incident. Prosecutor Derek Malan said that Mundell is facing up to 11 years & four months in prison. In addition, he has assault with a deadly weapon charges pending involving a 2007 incident. Paris' testimony is being used solely to give jurors insight into the history & organization of the MC, which, he said, was formed in 1948. Ventura County Superior Court Judge Kevin DeNoce will decide today whether two videos of the Laughlin River Run in Nevada on April 27, 2002, will be shown to jurors. A brawl erupted between the Hells Angels & the Mongols inside Harrah's casino, which left two Hells Angels & one Mongol dead. Outside the presence of the jury, Mundell's lawyer, Dino Inumerable, objected to the showing of the video to jurors, arguing that it was "extremely prejudicial" & accumulative against his client. "I think at some point it's got to stop," said Inumerable about the prosecution's gang evidence. DeNoce said jurors will be told that the video can be considered only for the gang allegation in this criminal case & not to prove that Mundell was a bad person or had a disposition to commit crimes. Inumerable, who works at the county Public Defender's Office, said that there are defense issues regarding the credibility of prosecution witnesses & whether the alleged crimes were committed for the benefit of the gang. Paris, who has investigated & interviewed motorcycle gang members, testified that the Hells Angels MC has more than 3,000 members & more than 200 chapters. He said the president of the Ventura County chapter is Sabian Francisco Reynoso, who was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon & is in custody. Paris said there are about 12 members of the Ventura chapter, & that the Mongols recently allowed members of the local Carnales MC to become Mongols. Mundell belongs to the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Hells Angels, which has 12 to 15 members, according to Paris.

Prosecuting Angels – Dec 11, 2008 – *South Dakota* – by Jason Ferguson - For the past 2 ½ years, Custer County States Atty had devoted the vast majority of both her personal & professional life to a single goal—putting Chad Wilson & James Midmore behind bars. When she & follow prosecutor Mike Moore came up short of that goal, it ate at her. The disappointment is still evident, & she still replays the trial in her mind. The woulda, coulda, shouldas are there. Kelley’s involvement in the prosecution of 2 Hells Angels members accused of attempted murder for their role in an Aug 2006 shooting at Legion Lake Resort consumed her for a long time.

To some extent, it still does. “It was incredibly stressful,” she said. “We spent over two years of our lives embroiled in this case, living it day-in & day-out. I think I have dreamt about it every night since I’ve been back.” Plenty of armchair quarterbacks have second guessed the way the case was prosecuted. Even more have second guessed whether or not the case should have moved forward at all. It was merely one set of thugs shooting at another set of thugs, they say. Who cares if they kill each other, they say. Lost in that attitude is the understanding of the entire scene—and the hundreds of innocent bystanders who dove for cover as shots rang out. And, while not many people will argue that the Outlaws get in trouble for singing in church too loud, Kelley said on that particular day at that particular time, they had done nothing to warrant being shot at. The law applies to everyone. Victims are not defined by tattoos, criminal records or mode of transportation. “Just because your victims are less than desirable, you can’t look the other direction,” she said. “The laws are there for a reason. It is against the law to try to kill someone.”

Unlike the jury, Kelley has no doubt Wilson & Midmore are guilty. In addition to the eyewitnesses who gave the same account of the incident—one in which the truck pulls up & Wilson gets out & starts shooting at Outlaw members—Kelley said evidence at the scene supports those accounts. These accounts, from eyewitnesses who have nothing to gain from their testimony—testimony given in the face of dozens of Hells Angels gathered in the Minnehaha County Courthouse during the trial—tell Kelley all she needs to know about who was the aggressor on that fateful day in Custer State Park. “They (the witnesses) have no reason to lie,” Kelley said. “Putting the Angels & the Outlaws aside, these people tell me what happened. I have no reason to doubt them.”

Part of the problem for the prosecution may have been that some of its witnesses were Outlaw members. Kelley said that although many independent eyewitnesses took the stand, some of the jurors may have had a hard time seeing any member of a motorcycle gang—whether they were shot or not—as victims. “Whether you like them or not—and I’m not saying they are the cream of the crop as far as citizens—in this instance, they were victims,” she said. “On another given day, maybe they aren’t. But I can’t deal with what might happen on another day or what might have happened in the past. I have to deal with what happened on that day.”

Kelley may get another chance to prove her theory about the events that went down that day. Kelley & Moore are still deciding whether or not to proceed with charging Wilson & Midmore with conspiracy to commit murder, a charge the 2 were initially charged with but which was separated from the rest of the charges against the 2 by Judge Gene Paul Kean. The judge must first determine if proceeding on that charge would constitute double jeopardy, followed by the prosecution determining whether or not they want to proceed with the case. “We have expended a lot of money, effort & time,” Kelley said. “Going through that—can we

do that again? If we do move forward, I think we have a case.” Kelley said Kean’s decision to separate the conspiracy charge from the rest of the charges—including attempted murder & commission of a felony while in possession of a firearm—actually hurt the state’s underlying case. It denied the prosecution a chance to have several experts testify on the state’s behalf, which Kelley believes would have helped the state’s case.

That wasn’t the only obstacle the prosecution faced during the trial. Twice appeals about evidence in the case went to the Supreme Court level. The defense introduced 3 experts the prosecution weren’t informed of until a week into the trial. Kean also allowed the defense to play an animation of its version of the events to the jury after the state had closed its case. Kelley & Moore got to see the animation only 2 hours before it was presented to the jury. “I don’t know if there was anything we could have done any better,” Kelley said. “I think our case in chief went exceptionally well. There are things that happen that are beyond your control.”

Wilson isn’t out of the woods yet, as he is now facing federal charges of being a nonimmigrant alien in possession of a firearm. The Fed indictment accuses him of being admitted into the United States under a nonimmigrant visa & unlawfully having several guns. It’s a charge that couldn’t be brought by the state, & could mean 10 years in prison for Wilson if he is found guilty. Kelley said if the state moves forward with the conspiracy charge, Wilson will still face the Fed charge 1st. If he is convicted, the state could then request custody of him to prosecute him on the state charge. Kelley said the federal charges will have no bearing on whether or not the state decides to proceed with the conspiracy charge. One thing is certain. Kelley, who has been a prosecutor for most of her 12 years as a lawyer, could be a prosecutor for another 120 years & not see another combination of circumstances & atmosphere she saw while leading the prosecution on this case. Even Moore, yet more of a veteran of trial law—including several high profile cases—commented he had never been involved in a trial of this nature.

Kelley & Moore woke up at 5:30 a.m. each day to begin their work day, often working until 2 a.m. They ate breakfast at the hotel, had lunch delivered to the courthouse & took only an hour break in the evening before starting work again. A security detail was available to take the prosecutors where they needed to go, & their floor at their hotel had 24-hour law enforcement surveillance, complete with cameras that monitored who came & went onto the floor.

The Angels were an ever-present force at the trial, turning out in droves for seemingly inconsequential parts of the trial. They even showed up in full force for jury role call, which lasts literally only a minute. “They had a clear purpose for being there,” Kelley said. “They were there to say, ‘We just want you to know we’re still here.’”

Despite being ubiquitous at the trial, Kelley said she never felt in danger, & was never threatened—either overtly or covertly—by any members of the Hells Angels. In fact, she said, one of the members held a door open for her at one point. They did lose their cool when Kelley requested a hearing date to proceed with the conspiracy charge after Wilson & Midmore had just been acquitted of the other charges, letting out an audible groan & some other colorful phrases. That, however, was nothing compared to the antics of the defense lawyers, who approached the prosecution & told Kelley to “bring it on.” “It kind of threw me,” Kelley said. “It was very unprofessional conduct. It was

almost like someone trying to instigate a fight. We just removed ourselves from the courtroom at that point.”

In talking to jurors about the case afterward, some mentioned concerns about intimidation from Hells Angels, but none would say those concerns played any role in the verdict. Kelley said jurors told her going into the initial vote, it was a 50-50 split to acquit the 2, with 3 jurors being adamant about their innocence. Over the course of the 2 ½ days of deliberations, those 3 jurors broke down the rest of the pool, eventually leading to the not-guilty conclusion. “At some point they have to come to a decision, or come back with a hung jury,” Kelley said. “I don’t fault the jurors. I respect the decision they made. That’s how our system works. That’s why it’s there. To understand what goes on in the minds of 12 jurors in a closed-off room & what makes them do what they do—that’s between them.”

Along with the claims of self defense, the defense team used what has become known as the “LAPD defense,” attacking the crime scene preservation & investigation by Custer County law enforcement officials who arrived on scene.

Kelley said she took offense to that tactic, & to those who try to blame local law enforcement for the acquittal. “For lack of a better term, I think it’s crap,” she said. “These individuals were shot, & at least two of them are alive because of what our law enforcement & our EMTs did. I think we should be proud of that.” Kelley said if officials had approached the crime scene the way the defense felt it should have been approached, two of the victims of the shooting would have died, & Wilson & Midmore would have been facing murder charges. Instead, officials chose saving lives over absolute integrity of the crime scene, something she feels nobody should have to apologize for. “They took control, made sure there was no more shooting & that no one else at the scene was in danger,” she said. “I’m sure if you talked to the victims, they would be proud of what our resources did. I am proud of them, & I would never fault them for what they did.”

Kelley said the total price tag of the incident, including the trial, security & incarceration of the two, will cost around \$300,000 to \$350,000. Fortunately, Custer County is part of the state County Legal Expense Relief Plan (CLERP), which helps pay for prosecution of large cases a small county couldn’t pay for by itself. Under CLERP, Custer County pays the first \$25,000 of prosecution, followed by 10 percent of anything beyond that. The rest of the money is paid through the pool of counties that participate in CLERP. The county also will pay smaller expenses, such as Midmore & Wilson’s medical care while incarcerated, as well as \$20 per day while they were incarcerated in Sioux Falls. Moore & his assistant, Jeff Banks, were reimbursed only for out-of-pocket expenses. Kelly said having the trial in Custer County would have cost the county more money, because of overtime for Custer County Sheriff’s deputies for providing security for the proceedings. In Minnehaha County, the sheriff managed to keep overtime at a minimum by scheduling deputies’ normal hours as security detail for the trial.

The trial put Kelley through the gamut of emotions, & also put a strain on both her private practice & the state’s attorney’s office. Despite it all, including the verdict, Kelley said she is proud the county moved ahead with the prosecution. “We made a statement that if you’re going to come into Custer County & commit crimes, you’re going to be prosecuted,” she said. “It sets a bad precedent if you allow these people to just walk out the door because of who they are or the cost you’re going to incur if you pursue this thing.”

Despite that satisfaction, however, there will always be that seed of disappointment. “I still adamantly believe these two are guilty. When you look at the independent witness testimony & supporting evidence we had, it was very clear. If you get lost in the details, then maybe you find a different conclusion,” she said. “They don’t always turn out favorably. I would love a different verdict. I have to live with what I have. On that day, Chad Wilson & John Midmore were the aggressors. They should be behind bars, & that bothers me.”

Biker says he tried to protect pal – Dec 11, 2008 – *Canada* – By Peter Edwards - Hells Angel Remond (Ray) Akleh says he was trying to protect biker Frank (Cisco) Lenti, not murder him. “I never had a concern with Mr. Lenti,” Akleh told Superior Court in Whitby yesterday. “I didn’t want anything to happen to Frank.” Akleh, 46, & Mark Cephes Stephenson, 45, Pres of the Oshawa Hells Angels chapter, are each charged with conspiracy to commit murder & counsel to commit murder for allegedly recruiting Hells Angel Steven Gault to kill Lenti, member of the rival Bandidos club, in summer 2006. The alleged plot was never carried out.

Rules of Minnesota:

1. Pull your droopy pants up. You look like an idiot.
2. Let’s get this straight; it’s called a “gravel road.” I drive a Pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you’re going to get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.
3. You say our lakes smell to you. They smell like money to us. Get over it.
4. So you have a \$60,000 car. We’re impressed. We have \$250,000 combines that are driven only 3 times a year.
5. So every person in every pickup waves. Its called being friendly; Try to understand the concept.
6. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of ducks are coming in; we WILL shoot it out of your hand. You better hope you don’t have it up to your ear at the time.
7. Yeah, we eat walleye & northern pike & love it. You really want sushi & caviar? It’s available at the corner bait shop.
8. The “Opener” refers to the first day of deer season. It’s a Religious holiday held the closest Saturday to the first of Nov.
9. We open doors for women. That is applied to all women, regardless of age.
10. No, there’s no “vegetarian special” on the menu. Order steak. Or you can order the Chef’s Salad & pick off the pound of ham & turkey.
11. When we fill out a table, there are three main dishes: meats, vegetables, & breads. We use three spices: Onion, Pepper, & Garlic!
12. College & High School Football is as important here as the Lakers & the Knicks, & a hell of a lot more fun to watch.
13. Yeah, we have golf courses. But don’t hit the water hazards -- it spooks the fish.
14. Colleges? Try St. Olaf, Concordia, or St. John’s . They come outta there with an education plus a love for God & country, & they still wave at passing pickups when they come home for the holidays.
15. We have more folks in the Army, Navy, Air Force & Marines, than any other state, so “Don’t screw with Minnesota .” If you do, you will get whipped by the best.”

Let no one think of me that I am humble or weak or passive; let them understand I am of a different kind: dangerous to my enemies, loyal to my friends. To such a life glory belongs.
- Euripedes

Bikers won't like sound of this! – Dec 11, 2008 – *New York* – By Frank Lombardi - Vroom that noisy motorcycle once too often & the city could own it. In a new bid to stem motorcycle noise, the City Council is set to pass a bill requiring all bikes to sport tags certifying approval by the Environmental Protection Agency. No EPA tag, you get a ticket, without the officials having to prove the bike exceeded the 80-decibel limit set by the city's noise code. "Today we go a long way toward taking the squeal out of the hogs," said Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Queens), chairing a final bill hearing Wednesday in the Public Safety Committee. Under the bill, expected to pass the full Council Dec. 18, a first conviction carries a maximum \$1,000 fine & temporary confiscation until the penalty is paid. A second conviction hikes the maximum fine to \$2,500 & imposes permanent forfeiture. NYPD Lt. Daniel Albano testified that existing laws require cops to catch noisy motorcyclists in the act, which is difficult & can entail potentially hazardous chases. The new measure would let single officers on foot patrol - or other city agents - ticket parked motorcycles, he said. It gives police "an extra tool to get at what is truly a serious problem," said Councilman Alan Gerson (D-Manhattan), who crafted the bill based on a law in use in Denver. But biker Bill Ferraro, president of the Union Ironworkers MC, Local 580, testified that "it's unsafe for us to ride when the pipes are too low." He also said the city can't close its budget gap "with confiscation of bikes & seizure."

Outlaw motorcycle gang member charged - Dec 11, 2008 - *Australia* - An outlaw motorcycle gang member is due to face court today charged with drug supply offences following an investigation by the Wetherill Park Region Enforcement Squad. Strike Force Bozzer was established in June this year to investigate the ongoing supply of methylamphetamine in the South West Metropolitan Region. During a covert investigation between July & Oct it will be alleged detectives seized a quantity of methylamphetamine worth an estimated potential street value of \$10,000. As a result of ongoing inquiries, a 28-year-old man was arrested at Silverwater yesterday morning & questioned. He was subsequently charged with 8 counts of supply indictable quantity of prohibited drug & one count each of supply drug on ongoing basis & supply prohibited drug. He was refused bail & is due to appear in Central Local Court today. Yesterday's arrest was the first to be made by the strike force, with detectives continuing their inquiries into the supply of illicit drugs.

Two firearms seized, four men with links to outlaw motorcycle gang Charged - Dec 11, 2008 – *Australia* - Four men with links to an outlaw motorcycle gang have been charged by Gangs Squad & Bankstown Local Area Command detectives following a vehicle stop in Sydney's south-western suburbs overnight. About 11.30pm highway patrol officers from the Middle Eastern Organised Crime Squad stopped a Holden Commodore in Queen Street, Revesby. The vehicle was stopped in relation to alleged defects. During a search of the vehicle officers will allege they located two semi-automatic rifles – one of which was loaded. A number of other items located in the car were seized for forensic examination. With the support of police from the Bankstown, four men were arrested at the scene. The men – aged between 21 & 46 - were taken to Bankstown Police Station where they were questioned by detectives from the Gangs Squad & Bankstown LAC. They have each been charged with being armed with intent to commit an indictable offence & possessing a loaded firearm in a public place. All have been refused bail & will appear in Bankstown Local Court later today.

An optimist is an ill informed pessimist.

Stabbing By Admitted Motorcycle Gang Member – Dec 11, 2008 – *Ohio* - By Nathan Frick - A man sits in jail under a \$50,000 bond for attempted murder charges after a stabbing in Cleveland yesterday morning. A Cleveland police report says Randy Castle, 29, walked up to Gary Webb on Webb's back porch on Willow Springs Road at midnight Tue. In the report, Webb says Castle asked him for a light & when he replied, Castle pulled out a knife & stabbed him in the neck. Police say after the stabbing, Castle fled to his girlfriend's apartment where he was later arrested. He was flown by helicopter after found bleeding profusely from his neck, to Erlanger Medical Center. A spokesperson from the hospital says he is no longer a patient there but provided no other information. Webb admitted to being a member of the "Black Pistons" motorcycle gang to police. He faces an attempted 1st degree murder charge. The report also says the victim & the victim's family do not know Castle.

Drive-by link to armed Bandidos bikies? – Dec 11, 2008 – *Australia* - By Kara Lawrence - POLICE are investigating possible links between a drive-by shooting in Sydney's west & the discovery of four armed men with ties to the Bandidos outlaw motorcycle gang soon after. The shooting occurred about 11pm on Wednesday in Bobin Rd, Sadlier. Police said several shots were fired into the front of a house where two adults & four children lived. While the bullets penetrated the house, none of occupants were injured in the attack, a police spokesman said. Half an hour later, highway patrol officers attached to the Middle Eastern organised crime squad pulled over a Holden Commodore in Queen St, Revesby in Sydney's southwest. Police first stopped the car due to vehicle defects.

Raid at Coffin Cheaters – Dec 11, 2008 – *Australia* - Police & customs teams have raided the Bayswater headquarters of the outlaw Coffin Cheaters bikie gang early this morning. A coordinated WA Police, Australian Fed Police & Customs operation targeted the bikies' Raleigh Road headquarters. The raid began about 5.30am, with the Gang Crime Squad in attendance. About a dozen marked & unmarked police cars lined the street outside the bikie base & Customs officers & sniffer dogs have entered the premises. Police would not say what they are searching for, but said they are investigating "organised crime."

Absolute Governmental Authority: A U.S. Dept of Water representative stopped at a ranch & talked with an old rancher. He told the rancher, "I need to inspect your ranch for your water allocation." The old rancher said, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there." The Water representative said, "Mister, I have the authority of the Fed Gov't with me. See this card? The card means I am allowed to go Wherever I Wish on any agricultural land. No questions asked or answered. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?" The old rancher nodded politely & went about his chores. Later, the old rancher heard loud screams & saw the Water Rep running for the fence & close behind was the rancher's bull. The bull was gaining on the Water Rep with every step. The Rep was clearly terrified, so the old rancher immediately threw down his tools, ran to the fence & shouted out..... "Your card! Your card! Show him your card!"

If I go to heaven when I die. I don't want sixty virgins.
Just one dirty girl from Vegas...

I'll wage they found no bullets in his back."
- Jim Bowie's mother after hearing of his death at the Alamo.

In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock. - Thomas Jefferson

Cops lied about fatal chase, inquest told – Dec 11, 2008 - *Australia* - Police officers deliberately lied about the circumstances of a fatal motorcycle chase because they knew they had broken pursuit protocols, an inquest has been told. Biker Craig Robert Shepherd, 26, was killed & his female passenger seriously injured when their motorbike skidded around a tight bend at Beechmont Road on the Gold Coast in 2006. They had been pursued for over 20km by police, who initially spotted them speeding along the Pacific Motorway at more than 160km/h.

Sturgis rally bar shooting case moving forward – Dec 12, 2008 – *South Dakota* – By Jason Gross - Attorneys continue to gather information in the case of a Hells Angels motorcycle gang member involved in an August shooting during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. A motions hearing for Joseph P. McGuire was held Monday morning at the Meade County Courthouse. McGuire's attorney, Angela Colbath, has itemized more than 40 potential items she needs. Meade County State's Attorney Jesse Sondreal requested at Monday's hearing that Colbath provide a computer hard-drive system for the information. He said all other pertinent data is being gathered. Colbath said McGuire had surgery last week & is recuperating in Rapid City. She added McGuire's physical health may be a concern. No trial date for McGuire has been set, as the information discovery process is still ongoing. The next hearing is scheduled for 3 p.m., Jan. 12, 2009. McGuire must appear at that time. McGuire, of Imperial Beach, Calif., has pleaded not guilty in 4th Circuit Court to aggravated assault & an alternative count of simple assault. He was charged in connection with an Aug. 9 incident at the Loud American Roadhouse in Sturgis. During a scuffle, McGuire was shot by Ronald Smith, an off-duty police officer from Seattle, Wash. Grand jurors later found that Smith acted in self-defense. Smith is a member of the Iron Pigs, a motorcycle group comprised of police officers & firefighters.

Police storm Coffin Cheaters' clubhouse – Dec 12, 2008 - *Australia* - Police stormed the heavily fortified Bayswater clubhouse of the Coffin Cheaters biker gang yesterday & used specialist equipment designed to detect hidden vaults & cavities. The forensic mapping technology uses lasers to compile a computer-generated model of a building's interior & exterior measurements, which can also be compared with council records. Police used the same techniques at the Gypsy Jokers' Maddington headquarters in November 2001 when the mapping revealed a secret room behind fake shelving. Gang crime squad officers refused to comment on whether they found anything yesterday or if the detailed work would be used in the next round of the police's anti-fortification battle with biker gangs. In August, the Gypsy Jokers had to remove fortifications, which included a 2m concrete wall, remote-controlled gates, surveillance equipment & floodlights, from the Maddington clubhouse after losing a High Court fight with police. Customs & Australian Federal Police sniffer dogs, which can search for explosives & drugs, joined gang squad officers at the Coffin Cheaters' Raleigh Road premises yesterday. Neighbours who were woken by the early morning raid claimed police jumped over the clubhouse walls about 5.30am, before using sledgehammers to break down doors. At least four club members were in the property at the time & were taken outside & guarded while police worked around them. Later in the afternoon, WA Police extended the search to nearby properties & gardens. Police seized guns, ammunition, swords, drugs & cash during raids on the Coffin Cheaters' clubhouses in Bayswater & Beaconsfield last November.

I plan to live forever... So far, so good...

Gang man facing extradition – Dec 12, 2008 – *New Zealand* - A member of a notorious Australian biker gang wanted across the Tasman for his alleged part in an ambush on a rival gang has been arrested in New Plymouth. Rebels biker gang member, New Zealander Peter Douglas Rauhina, 37, faces extradition to Australia to answer charges arising from a confrontation with members of the Bandidos gang. Security was extremely tight in & around the New Plymouth District Court yesterday amid rumours that the Bandidos had put a "hit" out on Rauhina.

Informer wanted to kill biker – Dec 12, 2008 – *Canada* - A Hells Angel who was secretly working as a police agent was bent on murdering a rival biker, Whitby Court heard yesterday. "He'll be nothing," Steven Gault told Remond (Ray) Akleh of the Hells Angels elite Nomads chapter on Sept. 27, 2006, in a secretly recorded conversation. "He'll become a nothing ... He'll be fertilizer." The conversation was picked up by a police recording device carried by Gault.

Cops help couple break the chains of love – Dec 12, 2008 – *Dearborn, Michigan* - If you love something set it free. And if you can't, call the police. The Detroit Free Press reports police in suburban Detroit responded to a call Thursday by a man who handcuffed his wife to their bed but misplaced the key. Dearborn police used a universal key to free the woman. Sgt. Ray Patrick calls the situation "more of an intimate relationship than an unlawful imprisonment."

Bullshit & Brilliance: A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles, along for the company. One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies & before long, Cuddles discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch. The old poodle thinks, 'Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!' Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap the old poodle exclaims loudly, 'Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?' Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him & he slinks away into the trees. 'Whew!' says the leopard, 'That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!' Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use & trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, & figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans & strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of & says, 'Here, monkey, hop on my back & see what's going to happen to that conniving canine! Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back & thinks, 'What am I going to do now?', but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, & just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says. 'Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard! Moral of this story.... Don't mess with old farts .. age & treachery will always overcome youth & skill! Bullshit & brilliance only come with age & experience.

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