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Of which: 5 - Australia, 3 - England, 2 - Norway, 3 Finland, & 4 - Sweden... **Total of 223**...

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

We must all hang together, OR, assuredly, we shall all hang separately. - Benjamin Franklin

To Cut Costs, States Relax Prison Policies – Mar 24, 2009 – *Carson City, Nevada* – By Jennifer Steinhauer - For nearly 3 decades, most states have dealt with lawbreakers in 2 ways: lock more of them up for longer periods, & build more prisons to hold them. Now many governments, out of money & buried under mounting prison costs, are reversing those policies & practices. Some states, like Colorado & Kansas, are closing prisons. Others, like New Jersey, have replaced jail time with community programs or other sanctions for people who violate parole. Kentucky lawmakers passed a bill this month that enhances the credits some inmates can earn toward release. Michigan is doing a little of all of this, in addition to freeing some offenders who have yet to serve their maximum sentence. And last Wed, Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, a Democrat, signed legislation to repeal the state's death penalty, which aside from ethical concerns was seen as costly. Being tough on crime & sentencing has long been the clear path toward job retention for state lawmakers — Republicans & Democrats alike. But the economic crisis is forcing them to take a more pragmatic approach as prisoners are increasingly seen less as indistinct wrongdoers & more as expenses that must be reined in. “When state budgets are flush,” said Barry Krisberg, president of the National Council on Crime & Delinquency, “prisons are something that governors & legislators all support, & they don't want to touch sentencing reform. But when dollars are as tight as they are now, you have to make really tough choices. And so now things are in play.” Recessions tend to prompt changes to corrections policies. After the recession at the start of this decade, numerous states enacted laws eliminating some long mandatory minimum sentences; several began to offer early release & treatment options to some drug offenders. Those changes, though, were far less reaching than what is happening now & did little to curb exploding corrections budgets. In the past 20 years, correction department budgets have quadrupled & are outpacing every major spending area outside health care, according to a recent report by the Pew Center on the States. With 7.3 million Americans in prison, on parole or under probation, states spent \$47 billion in 2008, the study said. Faced with such costs, even states known for being particularly tough on crime are revisiting their policies & laws. “In Kentucky, our prison budget is approaching half a billion dollars,” said J. Michael Brown, secretary of the State Justice & Public Safety Cabinet. “And as dollars get scarce, it forces a tremendous amount of scrutiny.” The annual cost to keep someone in prison varies by state, & the type of institution, but the typical cost cited by states is about \$35,000, said Peggy Burke of the Center for Effective Public Policy, a nonprofit group that works with local governments on criminal justice matters. The most pervasive cost-saving trend among corrections departments has been to look closely at parole systems, in which it is no longer cost-effective to monitor released inmates, largely because too many violate their terms, often on technicalities, & end up back in prison. In California, among the few states to mandate parole for all convicts, parole violators — not new offenders — account for the largest percentage of inmates entering the system. New Jersey recently began a program for some offenders on parole with technical violations, like failing to report to a parole officer or changing their address without the officer's approval. Rather than being returned to jail, those former inmates are sent to a center for a clinical assessment of their risks & needs. With that change, the state is on track to save \$16.2 million this fiscal year. Other states are shortening paroles, or even sentences, to save money. In Kentucky, Gov. Steven L. Beshear, a Democrat, is about to sign a bill that makes permanent a pilot program that offers qualifying inmates credit for time served on parole against sentence dates, in part to avoid a pattern of inmates' choosing to

stay in prison rather than risking later parole violations. The trial program saved the state \$12 million last year. The state has also adopted a program that gives treatment rather than jail time to select drug offenders. In California, where Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, has called for \$400 million to be cut from the state's corrections budget, officials are seeking to remove low-level drug offenders from the parole supervision system & to provide them treatment options instead. Like other states making such changes, California is led by a governor who long opposed such shifts in prison policies. But Mr. Schwarzenegger, as well as other leaders & lawmakers who are far more conservative, has come around to a view held by advocates of sentencing & prison reform that longer sentences do little to reduce recidivism among certain nonviolent criminals. “In California we are out of room & we're out of money,” said the state's corrections secretary, Matthew Cate. “It may be time to take some of these steps that we should have taken long ago.” Several states are also looking at sentencing itself. In New York, for example, Gov. David A. Paterson, a Democrat, has proposed an overhaul of the so-called Rockefeller drug laws that impose lengthy mandatory sentences on many nonviolent drug offenders. Some states are simply consolidating operations & closing prisons, which is controversial among lawmakers & often riles a community. Colorado, Kansas, Michigan & New Jersey have all shut down or announced the closing of at least one prison. Others are proposing to do so. Here in Carson City, home to one of the oldest state prisons in the country, the state estimates it would save \$18 million a year by closing the prison. But the idea has rattled employees, some of whom have followed their parents' career paths, & the community, which considers the prison a provider of jobs & an important piece of Nevada history. “We are the oldest prison west of the Mississippi,” the warden, Greg Smith, said during a tour last week. “And the staff here takes a lot of pride in that.” The 220-year-old prison is older than the state of Nevada, & the buildings, according to officials, sit on land filled with saber-toothed tiger prints. It first housed men who gave “firewater” to Indians & is where the state's license plates are made. But the prison's aging facilities have raised questions about its efficiency compared with modern counterparts. The lament is similar in Michigan, where 3 prisons are set to be closed & more are being studied. “As the economy has worsened, prisons are the modern-day factory in our rural areas,” said Russ Marlan, a spokesman for the Michigan Corrections Department. “We built these prisons in the 1980s, & people were adamantly opposed to having them in their communities. Now we go & try to take them out, & they don't want them gone.” Meanwhile, some states that revised parole & sentencing in boom times are fighting a different battle: to hold on to the financing that made those changes possible. In Kansas, for instance, where drug treatment has replaced incarceration for some offenders & mentally ill offenders have received housing assistance, the prison population fell in recent years, largely because recidivism also declined, said Roger Werholtz, secretary of the Kansas Corrections Dept. Now many of those programs have fallen victim to budget cuts.

Two businessmen in Florida were sitting down for a break in their soon-to-be new store. As yet, the store wasn't ready, with only a few shelves set up. One said to the other, ‘ I bet any minute now some senior is going to walk by, put his face to the window, & ask what we're selling.’ No sooner were the words out of his mouth when, sure enough, a curious senior walked to the window, had a peek, & in a soft voice asked “What are you sellin' here?” One of the men replied sarcastically, “We're selling ass-holes.” Without skipping a beat, the old timer said, “You're doing well. Only 2 left.” Don't mess with Seniors.

Outlaws members held in shooting, beating - March 24, 2009 - *Florida* - By Karen Voyles & Austin Miller - The U.S. Marshal's Service arrested a Marion County fugitive in Missouri on Tuesday morning on the charge of attempted second-degree murder. Mark "Mean Mark" Walker, 42, a member of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club, was arrested in Stover, Mo., Tuesday morning. He is accused shooting a man in the face during a bar brawl in Ocala in July. According to the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Walker & another member of the biker gang, Glenn Arthur "Psycho" Sticht, 42, were at the South Pub, at 9360 S. U.S. 441 in Ocala, at about 2 a.m. on July 31. Walker & Sticht were arguing with a third man, Joe Money, 48, & began beating Money with glass bottles & then with a pool cues, authorities said. While a witness was on the phone with a 911 dispatcher, a gun was fired, hitting Money in the face, authorities said. Walker & Sticht were identified from a surveillance video that investigators said showed the beating continuing, even after the shooting. Money left the bar & went to Munroe Regional Medical Center for treatment of a gunshot wound to his jaw, authorities said. A .22-caliber handgun found at the bar is believed to have been used in the shooting. Sticht, who had an arrest warrant for aggravated battery, turned himself in to Lake City authorities several months ago. Marion County sheriff's Inspector Mike Mongeluzzo said that about 2 weeks ago investigators received a tip that Walker was staying at his brother's home in Missouri. He said they researched the tip and, once it was verified, contacted the U.S. Marshal's Service in Gainesville for assistance. Deputy U.S. Marshal John Hallman said the U.S. Marshal's Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force in Gainesville adopted Walker's case on March 11 & tracked Walker down in Missouri. Walker is expected to be extradited to Florida to face the attempted murder charge.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy - Mar 25, 2009 - *Michigan* - What's the most dangerous consequence of using marijuana? Under our current laws, it can be a bullet in the chest. Earlier this month, Derek Copp, a Michigan college student, heard a noise at the back door of his apartment. As he went to investigate, his eyes were blinded by a flashlight & a gunshot rang out. The next thing he knew, he was in a hospital fighting for his life. The intruders were police. They had a warrant for drugs, but all they found was "a few tablespoons" of marijuana. Derek had no weapons. Thankfully, the bullet that tore through Derek's lungs & liver didn't take his life. And every day since that incident, local Students for Sensible Drug Policy members have been standing up for Derek & opposing the policies that made this shooting possible. It's during moments like these that I'm as inspired as I am outraged. I'm outraged for the same reason that you probably are: peaceful people like Derek are constantly being put in the line of fire as our Gov't blindly pursues a mythical "drug free" society. But to see why I'm also inspired, you'll need to check out this 2 minute video of SSDP members taking a stand for Derek... In a world without SSDP, this could have simply been a sad news story about police making a terrible mistake. But because a strong network of student drug policy advocates had already been established in Michigan, the media couldn't ignore the fact that Derek is one of many casualties in the destructive War on Drugs. Looking forward to the day when good people no longer need to fear the police, Micah Daigle
Associate Director; Students for Sensible Drug Policy...

A gun is a tool, Marian; no better or no worse than any other tool:--an axe, a shovel or anything. A gun is as good or as bad as the man using it. Remember that. - Alan Ladd as Shane - Shane, 1953. (Screenplay by A.B. Guthie, Jr. & Jack Sher)

FAMM Applauds Senator Jim Webb's Bipartisan Bill to Overhaul America's Criminal Justice - Mar 26, 2009 - *Washington, D.C.* - Families Against Mandatory Minimums today expressed its support for legislation introduced by Senator Jim Webb (D-Va.) & a bipartisan group of his colleagues to establish a commission to examine the nation's criminal justice system. The National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2009 will charge the blue-ribbon commission to undertake an 18-month, top-to-bottom review of the entire criminal justice system & offer concrete recommendations for reform. Mary Price, vice president & general counsel of FAMM, issued the following statement in response to today's bill introduction: "We commend Sen. Webb & his colleagues for taking this important step. We believe the commission will find that any comprehensive reform of our criminal justice system must include eliminating mandatory minimum sentencing laws. These laws take authority away from courts which the American people believe are better suited to make individualized sentencing decisions. Today's one-size-fits-all mandatory sentencing laws have filled the prisons with low-level, nonviolent drug offenders who are serving sentences that do not fit their crimes. We can do much better, & Senator Webb's proposal is a step in the right direction."

A 2008 FAMM poll found widespread support for ending mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent offenses & that Americans will support lawmakers who feel the same way.

- Fully 78 percent of Americans (nearly 8 in 10) agree that courts - not Congress - should determine an individual's prison sentence.
- Six in 10 (59%) oppose mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent offenders.
- A majority of Americans (57 percent) polled said they would likely vote for a candidate for Congress who would eliminate all mandatory minimums for nonviolent crimes.

The poll bolsters the findings of FAMM's comprehensive report, *Correcting Course: Lessons from the 1970 Repeal of Mandatory Minimums*, which describes how Congress created mandatory minimum prison sentences for drug offenders in 1951 & repealed them in 1970 because the laws failed to stop drug abuse, addiction & trafficking. Congress repealed mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses in 1970 - & not one lawmaker who voted for repeal was defeated at the polls for that vote.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that supports fair & proportionate sentencing laws that allow judicial discretion while maintaining public safety.

Two priests died at the same time & met Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "I'd like to get you guys in now, but our computer is down. You'll have to go back to Earth for about a week, but you can't go back as priests. So what else would you like to be?" The first priest says, "I've always wanted to be an eagle, soaring above the Rocky Mountains." "So be it," says St. Peter, & off flies the first priest. The second priest mulls this over for a moment & asks, "Will any of this week 'count', St. Peter?" "No, I told you the computer's down. There's no way we can keep track of what you're doing." "In that case," says the second priest, "I've always wanted to be a stud." "So be it," says St. Peter, & the second priest disappears. A week goes by, the computer is fixed, & the Lord tells St. Peter to recall the 2 priests. "Will you have any trouble locating them?" He asks. "The first one should be easy," says St. Peter. "He's somewhere over the Rockies, flying with the eagles. But the second one could prove to be more difficult." "Why?" asketh the Lord. "He's on a snow tire, somewhere in Minnesota."

Comancheros chief Mick Hawi calls for talks to end feud – Mar 26, 2009 – *Australia* – By John Stapleton & Mark Dodd - The Comancheros yesterday banned the wearing of club colours & the riding of motorcycles in a bid to damp down the deadly bikie violence that has gripped the eastern seaboard. The stand-down order from Sydney Comanchero president Mick Hawi followed the revelation that one of the victims of a double homicide in Canberra was a former Rebels leader in Perth. Russell Field, 20, was charged in the ACT Magistrates Court yesterday with the murder on Tuesday of Rick Roberts, 57, & an unnamed 48-year-old man in the southern Canberra suburb of Chisholm. As Field was remanded in custody until April 15 by Magistrate John Burns, Hawi called for peace talks with other bikie gangs after the Comancheros' feud with the Hells Angels exploded into a deadly brawl at Sydney Airport on Sunday. In a statement released in Sydney by his lawyer Lesly Randle, Hawi said that in response to public concerns he had ordered his members to stop wearing their club colours or riding their bikes until a peace deal was struck. Randle said her client had "invited persons of influence" to a peace meeting as Derek Wainohu, the Hells Angels leader on the Qantas flight from Melbourne to Sydney on Sunday that preceded the brawl, was yesterday suspended from his senior position at the NSW Roads & Traffic Authority. Randle spoke outside Sydney Central Court after a magistrate refused to release on bail 4 men charged over that brawl, which ended with 29-year-old Hells Angels associate Anthony Zervas being bludgeoned to death at Sydney airport on Sunday. Despite argument from their lawyer John Korn that there was no evidence or CCTV footage implicating his clients, Magistrate Allan Moore refused their application for bail. Ismail Erden, 26, of Kingsford, Maher Aouli, 28, of Casula, Pomare Pirini, 21, of Georges Hall, & Zoran Kisacanin, 22, of Ingleburn, have been in custody since being charged with one count of affray over the clash. Korn said they would make a fresh bail application. Members of the Rebels, the Comancheros & Hells Angels told The Australian they had a policy of not talking to the media. "I will get shot if I talk to you," one of them said. It was revealed yesterday that 2 days before he was killed Zervas had stabbed an off-duty police officer, leaving him with serious knife wounds. The brother of a Hells Angels leader argued with the police officer at a block of flats in the Sydney beachside suburb of Brighton-le-Sands. An associate of Zervas, Michael Xippas, who was allegedly at the scene also appeared in court charged with failing to report a serious crime. He was refused bail. Speaking to reporters outside the Canberra court, Field's solicitor, Ben Aulich, said his client should be placed in protective custody.

Peace talks a waste of time, say bikie associates – Mar 26, 2009 – *Australia* – By Lisa Davies & Paul Kent - The leader of one of the nation's most powerful outlaw motorcycle gangs has called on rival leaders to meet for peace talks. But Comanchero chief Mahmoud Hawi's efforts were rejected as pointless, with a full-scale war between bikie gangs threatening to explode. Hawi issued the unprecedented call for rival gang members to sit down & sort out their differences - even asking police to oversee the meeting. Through his lawyer Lesly Randle, Hawi also vowed that none of the club's members would wear colours or ride their bikes until the community felt safe again. "(Hawi is) determined to explore all avenues in that regard, starting with (an order) that no bikes will be ridden & no colours or emblems worn," she said. He was also trying to gather all "persons of influence" to attend the talks, which Ms Randle said was a gesture of goodwill. However, a Sydney figure with strong links to bikie gangs declared Hawi's proposal dead in the water. The source told The Daily Telegraph Hawi's plan would not work because he lacked

the respect of rival gangs. Chillingly, he said the bikie war is far from over. "It is going to get worse before it gets better," he said. The source described Hawi's olive branch as a calculated bid to head off further legal troubles. "He is just assuming he is going to be pulled in next so he wants it to look good when they do," he said. The bikie war has developed to the point that any call for calm, at least until Hawi's yesterday, was regarded as a massive loss of face, he said. It seems rival bikie gangs want peace but have no idea how to achieve it without further bloodshed. A sit-down between rival gangs was the only solution to stop more blood being shed but, he said, it would take someone more highly regarded than Hawi to bring warring gangs together. The Daily Telegraph has learned police have been trying to find Hawi, 28, since his alleged involvement in the fatal brawl at Sydney airport on Sunday. Sources have told The Daily Telegraph Hawi was on the plane from Melbourne with fellow Comanchero members & initially told his crew to back off when the fight broke out with a Hells Angels member. Bikie gang sources said Hawi was lying low after allegedly being stabbed in the right shoulder by Anthony Zervas, the brother of a Hells Angel bikie who was killed in the brawl. Zervas was allegedly armed with a pair of scissors. Police are keen to speak to Hawi about the airport brawl, but as yet have not done so. Ms Randle earlier said that she had passed on to the head of the investigation a statement of willingness by her clients to assist. She said police had been given her & barrister John Korn's office & mobile numbers, & all they had to do was ask for whoever they wanted to speak to & it would be facilitated. This included Hawi, she said. Police were last night continuing to trawl through hours of CCTV footage provided by Qantas & the Sydney Airport Corporation in bid to build their case against bikie members. The fight on Sunday afternoon allegedly involved up to 20 men.

Top member of Hells Angels gets 9-year sentence in drug case – Mar 26, 2009 - *Toronto, Canada* - An Ontario judge has handed a senior member of the Hells Angels 9 years in prison for ordering associates to deal cocaine. Gerald (Skinny) Ward was found guilty of directing the commission of a criminal offence for the benefit of a criminal organization. The 61-year-old founding member of the Niagara Hells Angels chapter had pleaded guilty to cocaine trafficking & possessing the proceeds of crime. Court heard Ward directed 5 other members & associates of the Hells Angels to deliver 4 kilograms of high-grade cocaine to a former member of the Oshawa chapter of the gang who became a police agent. Justice John McMahon says Ward was clearly behind the drug transactions. McMahon said 14 years is an appropriate sentence for Ward, but credited Ward with 5 years already served in prison since his arrest in Sept 2006.

Goodbye Mom... A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped.. Furthermore she kept staring at him. She finally overtook him at the checkout, & she turned to him & said, 'I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son.' He answered, 'That's okay.' 'I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Good bye, Mom' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy.' She then went through the checkout, & as she was on her way out of the store, The man called out, 'Goodbye, Mom.' The little old lady waved, & smiled back at him. Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his Groceries. 'That comes to \$121.85,' said the clerk. 'How come so much? I only bought 5 items.' The clerk replied, 'Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too.' Don't trust little Old Ladies!!!

Bikies preparing for all-out war – Mar 27, 2009 – Australia –

By Michael Edwards - A senior bikie has warned Sydney's escalating feud between rival motorcycle gangs is set to explode, as clubs fly in reinforcements from overseas & stockpile weapons. The source, who has a long history with bikie gangs & wants to remain anonymous, is predicting more killings after months of rising unrest, shootings & fatal assaults. The man, who also has a criminal history, has rejected police suspicions that he could be linked to the recent violence. He says other senior bikies have scoffed at a recent peace overture made by Comanchero Pres Mick Hawi, & he is predicting further killings. Hawi has ordered his members not to wear club insignia or ride their bikes, & is calling for a meeting of senior bikies to sort out problems following the fatal bashing of a Hells Angels associate at Sydney Airport on Sun. New South Wales Police & politicians have expressed skepticism but Hawi's lawyer, Lesly Randle, says it is a genuine offer. "The course taken by the police to criticize genuine efforts by other persons of influence are unnecessary & unhelpful," she said. But the source, who travels with 6 bodyguards in 2 cars & would not do an interview on tape for AM, says Sydney's bikie war is far from over. He has laughed at the Comancheros' olive branch, saying other bikie clubs are also cynical about the prospect of peace & are describing the offer as a "ruse".

Stockpiling weapons: The source also describes chilling details about clubs' gathering strength. He says reinforcements from interstate & overseas have already arrived in Sydney & are preparing for war. He adds clubs are amassing a significant stockpile of firearms & explosives. The bikie has told AM the recent bombing of a Hells Angels Club in Sydney was just a test of bomb-making capacity. He says bikies have also been stealing cars to use in the city's spate of drive-by shootings. Canadian-based international bikie expert William Marsden says it is not uncommon for clubs to call for backup from their overseas affiliates. "That can be likely," he said. "It was known that the Bandidos, for instance, came to Canada to try & organise & strengthen their associate clubs against the Hells Angels. "They lost out in the end but absolutely that's been known. "But generally speaking, it's up to the individual clubs to strengthen themselves, to keep themselves going, to organise whatever retribution or war they're going to indulge in."

Bikie wars fuelled by drug & crime - Mar 28, 2009 – Australia

- By Ross Coulthart; The Australian - Nothing underlines the impotence of our present law enforcement response to outlaw motorcycle gangs more than the fact a man was bludgeoned to death in a crowded airport terminal last Sunday without police around to intervene. Australian cops are being outgunned & outsmarted by the bikies. The facts of last weekend's clash will rightly be resolved in the courts, but too often in other incidents across the country bikies quite literally get away with murder. The only thing that distinguished last weekend's violence from the long line of beatings, bombings, shootings, intimidation & murders now endemic in Australia's outlaw motorcycle gangs is that it happened in broad daylight in front of terrified adults & children. The so-called bikie war has not started at all because it never stopped. Since the Milperra massacre in Sydney a quarter of a century ago, it has seethed in the underworld of our main cities, with only a few dumped corpses & bombings occasionally surfacing in the news pages. This is also not the first time bikies have brawled on our streets. In one celebrated clash a few years back, 2 bikie gangs slugged it out on the steps of the Downing Centre Local Court in Sydney as police & court officials watched on. Tomorrow on the Seven Network's Sunday Night program we interview a gang insider, speaking out for the first time, who tells how the bikie culture has changed dramatically from the old

romantic notion of bikers as big-hearted, big drinking H-D lovers who do the odd charity drive for children's hospitals & enjoy the odd bit of biff. While there are still a few of the old-guard bikers who stay away from crime, he says bikie gangs have morphed into highly sophisticated fronts for organised crime & the violent clashes being waged between them for dominance are likely to get worse. "It's a new violence," he says. "In the old days the rule was: 'Never at work, never at home, never in front of women & children.' "Nowadays they don't give a shit. They will do it anywhere." Much was made this week of how the president of the Comancheros bikie gang, Mick Hawi, had banned all his members from wearing their distinctive gang colours or patches or riding their bikes. This was spun as a conciliatory gesture to ease public fears. But in the outlaw motorcycle gang fraternity, another explanation was circulating. Talk was that members of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang had issued a "shoot to kill" order on any Comancheros. "This is a declaration of war," the gang insider says. "All other gang members have been told to keep their heads down or face the consequences." Much of the present bikie wars is a simple battle for dominance between gangs, sparked partly by the entrance on to the local drug dealing scene of a self-styled Middle Eastern bikie gang calling itself Notorious. One factor fuelling this conflict is racial anger among traditional bikies at the "Leb boys" muscling in on their patch. But, as always, it is mostly about the money. As Sunday Night revealed a few weeks ago (despite Gov't claims the trade was now impossible) bikies are still buying huge quantities of over-the-counter cough medicines containing pseudoephedrine & turning them into hugely lucrative speed or ice. A former methamphetamine cook, Stevan Utah, now on the run from the Bandidos, told how \$1,000 of cough medicine could earn up to \$250,000 "deal for deal" on the street. Now Notorious wants a piece of the action that bikie gangs have been quietly controlling for years because the money to be made is huge. "I've been in houses where every room is full of money wrapped up in bundles," the gang insider tells Sunday Night. "They couldn't move it. They need Laundromats for the money." The view among the traditional bikie gang fraternity is that Notorious is not a genuine motorcycle gang at all but a criminal gang that is using the brand value of being a bikie gang to add cachet & fear to their efforts to muscle in on to the Sydney drug scene. They have even created their own patch & its publication in one Sydney newspaper served only to enhance the desired feared reputation. What Notorious has learned is what bikie gangs in Australia have known for years: police are reluctant to confront bikies. "The cops are scared of them," the gang insider says. "They have lost control. Gang members are caught with guns, drugs or shooting people, & they get a bit of community service. It's a pussyfoot approach. Anybody else would get the book thrown at them but these guys get away with it." This week, one self-styled gang expert proclaimed that police & politicians should bring gang leaders together to broker a peace before a feud escalates. The same academic also naively suggested in the pages of another Sydney newspaper that outlaw motorcycle gangs "perform an invaluable social service by keeping some of the most disturbed & unstable members of society in check through rigid internal structures". Gang insiders laugh at such claims. They say that to dignify the gangs' inflated sense of their own importance by brokering some implicit peace deal through them is precisely what is wrong with present policing approaches. Whatever any gang leader ever told the police, he would do anything to stay dominant. And even if gangs are banned by the proposed new laws, the killings will continue on behind the scenes as they have done for decades. The only way to nip the gangs in the bud is to harass their control of the drugs trade with the sort of anti-

racketeering laws used in the US that target the money that drives the crime. One of the reasons Notorious's entrance on to the bikie scene is so threatening is because, as the money rolls in, they are wooing Middle Eastern gang members from other gangs, such as the Hells Angels, Comancheros & Bandidos. This is a direct threat to the institutional control of the main gangs because most "full-patched" gang members know too much about the gang's dealer network & protection rackets to be allowed to leave. To be inside the gang is all too often to be privy to a major criminal enterprise. "Nobody can walk away," the gang insider says. "You can retire or step back but never walk away. If they go to another club, they give all the club secrets away, all the areas they deal. Many of the shootings in recent weeks are a case of: 'You steal our f--ing drugs & this is what happens.'" Anzac Day is traditionally a big day on the bikie calendar & this year it is likely to be a flashpoint for further violence. The speculation is that the Hells Angels will not brook anything less than complete capitulation by the Comancheros as a sub-club of the Angels. Anything else would be bad for business.

Secret men's business – Mar 28, 2009 – *Australia* – By Malcolm Knox & Dylan Welch - A 1990s deal broke with bikie tradition & there has been feuding in Sydney ever since. Here is a sign of the times. Line up the names of the Bandidos & Comanchero shot at Milperra's Viking Tavern on Father's Day 1984, & those of their bosses. Tony McCoy, Gregory Campbell, Jock Ross, Anthony Spencer, Mario Cianter, Leroy Jeschke, Ivan Romchek, Robert Lane, Michael O'Keefe. Now line up the names of those bikies involved in the violence of the past week, & those of their bosses: Ismail Erden, Maher Aouli, Pomare Pirani, Zoran Kisacanin, Mahmoud Dib, Mahmoud Hawi, Hassan Ibrahim, Derek Wainohu. The names tell a story, if not the whole story. Have bikie gangs, traditional bastions of white supremacy, discovered multiculturalism? Or have the One-Percenters of multicultural Australia discovered the outfits, the methods, the distribution networks, of the bikies? Are bikie clubs really bikie clubs any more, or are they crime gangs bonded more by commerce than a love of motorcycles?

Now, as 25 years ago, the clubs are showing how poorly they cope with change. Change, in the splintering of the Comanchero MC in 1984, brought on 7 deaths at Milperra. The current outbreak of drive-by shootings & fatal bashings - at least 22 serious reported incidents in Sydney in the past 6 months - are also the way the culture displays its inability, or unwillingness, to manage change. Three particular developments are believed responsible: the rapid growth of the Hells Angels in Australia, the worsening feud between the Rebels & the Bandidos & the advent of a new kind of pseudo-bikie gang, the Sydney-based Notorious.

The feuds run partly in parallel, partly intertwined. But they follow a similar theme: the old order does not like to be upset & the culture - anti-political & extra-legal - militates against peaceful settlement of disputes. For all their pretensions to history, the country's 20 or so active organized bikie gangs were born yesterday. The oldest, the Hells Angels, was formed in California in 1948. Its Australian offshoot was founded in the late 1960s but has only expanded in Sydney in the past 5 years. The Gypsy Jokers, Rebels & Coffin Cheaters were formed during the Vietnam War, often by ex-servicemen. The Comanchero date to 1973, the Nomads 1980 & the Bandidos 1983.

Gang analysts believe the clubs evolve in 5 stages: first as social clubs, then supporting themselves with small-scale drug dealing & car rebirthing, which move into basic pyramidal hierarchies &

organized criminal businesses such as standover violence, industrial muscle & major drug trafficking, & finally spinning off franchises. Internally, showing their military origins, they rely heavily on obedience to rank, which is earned through time, the observance of set rituals & proof of courage. "They are quasi-military groups who depend on strong bonds of internal trust & honor, which is what makes them so hard for police to counter," says Duncan McNab, co-author with Ross Coulthart of *Dead Man Running*, a best-selling book about the Bandidos. "They'll be at each other's throat one day, then doing a profitable deal together the next. While they're cooperating, they're absolutely loyal; otherwise they're brawling."

In Sydney, by the 1990s the dominant groups were the Rebels, the Bandidos & the Nomads, each with several hundred "patched" or full members. Although they took their names & inspiration from American groups, their personnel was home-grown. The defining recent moment in Sydney dates from the mid-1990s & an agreement between a Kings Cross nightclub identity, Hassan "Sam" Ibrahim, & the Nomads' then Nat'l Pres, Greg Craig. The Nomads controlled security in Kings Cross where Ibrahim & his brother, John, owned nightclubs where, it was alleged, the retailing of drugs such as ecstasy, cocaine & amphetamines took place. During the Wood Royal Commission in the mid-1990s, the Ibrahims were accused of being the "lifeblood of the drugs industry in Kings Cross". In July 1997, a secret police operation codenamed Oak pounced on what was suspected to be a Kings Cross cocaine distribution ring. Sam Ibrahim was charged with supplying cocaine & Craig with receiving stolen goods. Both charges were eventually dropped & the cases no-billed. But at the same time, Craig & Sam Ibrahim struck a deal that would forever alter the Australian outlaw bikie scene. On Wed, July 9, 1997, Craig handed control of the Nomads' Parramatta chapter to Ibrahim. The handover struck at the culture's very ethos. Ibrahim was not a time-tested Nomad nominee. Normally a prospective member went through years of probation & juvenile ritual (such as the Bandidos' custom of urinating, defecating & vomiting on a new member's vest & then having him ride in it until it dried out). Mostly this was to embed trust for criminal activities. Sometimes it even involved a shared love of motorcycles.

But Ibrahim's instant elevation to the presidency of the Nomads' Parramatta Chapter was unprecedented. It broke the tenet of white supremacy. The chapter's clubhouse in Granville was suddenly a melting pot of ethnicities - Lebanese, Turkish, Egyptian & Islander - as Ibrahim threw open the doors of the chapter to a group of men who previously had limited access to the power of the outlaw club machine. "The way Sam ran it was, 'Here are your colours, I'm your power base now, you've got the whole club behind you; do what you want - you've got no one to answer to,'" a source who was part of the Auburn scene in the late 1990s told the Herald. "Everyone joined. To our boys the bikies were so up high in the crime world that if you were one of them, it's like you were so powerful that you were untouchable."

Mahmoud Dib, Allan Sarkis & Paulie Younan, first given their "colours" by Ibrahim during his presidency, became major players in the Sydney scene. Dib is now the sergeant-at-arms of the Parramatta Bandidos, Sarkis is the Pres of Notorious & Younan is a trusted Sarkis lieutenant. Instead of observing the old rituals of initiation, Ibrahim acted more like a branch-stacker, filling the club with unemployed teenagers. "The worst thing that could have ever happened was the bikies opening the doors for these characters to be bosses in the bikies," the source says. "Before, they could only be members. Sam opened the doors to all these

characters that were 16 or 17 years old.” Since Ibrahim’s rise, the clubs have been suffering from a split personality disorder. On one side is the traditional membership, made up of beer-swilling, soiled-denim-wearing, working-class Anglo-Saxons who live to ride & love to brawl. The old bikies, adorned with the livery of far-right politics - swastikas, iron crosses & fascist eagles - lament the good old days when “Lebs” weren’t part of the make-up.

A State Crime Command source says: “A lot of the members left ... & went elsewhere. It was inundated with Lebanese bikers & they didn’t like it.”

And yet the “Lebs” also wear the fascist paraphernalia. The new bikie leaders, such as Hawi, Ibrahim & Sarkis, blurred the line between being a club member & being a “gangster”. The new breed are younger, they ride in big, black four-wheel-drives, often bulletproof, & wear expensive clothes & cologne. No fans of hard, dirty rock bands, they listen to American rap artists & electronica. They have been labeled “Nike bikies” because they prefer white sneakers to leather riding boots. Eventually the motorcycle itself became incidental. The formation 2 years ago of Notorious was dramatic. When Ibrahim was jailed in 2006 on charges relating to a shootout in Newcastle, his Parramatta Nomads chapter was closed down. Dozens of Ibrahim’s Nomads became Bandidos while a smaller group went on to form Notorious in mid-2007.

A senior Nomad says that Notorious “wasn’t a motorcycle club; they don’t have the organization we have, they’re just a bunch of kids”. The Nomads’ Granville clubhouse was firebombed, & Scott Orrock’s tattoo shop, Skin Deep on King Street, Newtown, was shot at. The Nomads disbanded their Parramatta chapter, but too late. Notorious, a security force cherry-picking bikie fashion, was on its way. “We hung out there so much, because in the beginning, it was the only hang-out for the boys,” the Auburn source says. “No one was allowed to drink, there was none of that, everyone used to just hang out there.”

Ibrahim was released from jail at the end of last year. A condition of his release was that he not associate with Nomads. He recently told the Herald he had retired from the bikie scene. An investigator who has watched the 2 groups for years says Ibrahim told people he was planning his own club when, about the same time, “Notorious appeared”. Says Ibrahim’s lawyer Brett Galloway: “He’s not involved in Notorious at all ... except that he knows a couple of them.” Duncan McNab thinks Notorious is the “wild card”. “They are only bikies insofar as it suits them, but what they’re really after is the rivers of gold - the billion-dollar drug trade.” While the milieu is in flux, the stakes are the same - control of the sale of illicit drugs, particularly amphetamines & ecstasy. The transformation of motorcycle clubs into criminal businesses started early. But as William Marsden, the American author of *Angels of Death*, wrote, there is a tipping point when business imperatives overtake everything else. “When business becomes the central goal of a chapter, it creates dissension in the ranks,” Marsden wrote.

Police believe the current phase in Sydney is less a bar-room brawl than a mercantile game of mergers, acquisitions & hostile takeovers.

It is believed that Commandeered, based in Brighton-le-Sands, were responsible for a bomb exploded under a Notorious leader’s car in Lane Cove last October. The Commandeers’ historical enemies, the Bandidos, are also at war with Notorious. This month, 2 associates of the Bandidos’ Parramatta chapter passed

information to Notorious disclosing their leaders’ addresses. The Auburn home of sergeant-at-arms Dib was shot up by a drive-by assailant on March 16; a relative’s house was one of 6 in 3 Auburn streets shot at last weekend. The Bandidos had also been at war with the Rebels, the biggest bikie group in NSW with 520 members & 40 chapters. Two years ago a number of senior Rebels defected to the Bandidos, seen as a significant betrayal because of the history between the groups. In 1997, the Bandidos’ Pres, Michael Kulakowski, allegedly had an affair with a woman connected to the Rebels, sparking a reprisal shooting in the Blackmarket nightclub in Redfern in which Kulakowski & 2 others were killed. The Rebels headquarters was set on fire 2 years later. Tit-for-tat shootings between the Rebels & Bandidos continue.

The template for all these groups - drug manufacture & supply, gun running, debt collection, enforcement - was always the Hells Angels, but the American powerhouse’s Australian presence was small & chiefly in Melbourne until the past few years. As recently as 2006, police sources estimated the Hells Angels had only 8 to 10 members in Sydney. But expansion had begun. Seven Hells Angels were arrested in the middle of 2006 over Kings Cross nightclub & strip club shootings. A police source told the Herald in 2006: “Sydney’s a ripe cherry with a big market.” The club’s Sydney wing, headed by 53-year-old RTA technical adviser Derek Wainohu, has been the focus of several incidents leading up to Sunday’s killing at Sydney Airport, mainly involving their chief antagonists, the Comanchero, who are based at Brighton-le-Sands & Marrickville & led by Mahmoud “Mick” Hawi. Some of that is due to the appearance of a new Hells Angels chapter in Sydney, the City Crew. It has been trying to insert itself into the inner-city scene.

The Comanchero too have been recruiting. As with the Nomads & Notorious, they’ve abandoned old whites-only exclusiveness. Commenting on the youth & Lebanese backgrounds of Comanchero recruits in 2006, a source told the Herald: “If they weren’t wearing the same patches you’d think they were from a different group.” The feud between the Comanchero & Hells Angels flared last winter when a Comanchero tattoo shop in Brighton-le-Sands was hit in a shooting & then firebombed. The Comanchero were then involved in a shootout outside Grappa restaurant in Leichhardt, & then, on Feb 4, the Hells Angels’ city crew clubhouse in Crystal Street, Petersham, was firebombed. Four days later, 4 Hells Angels kneecapped a 33-year-old man, believed to be a Comanchero, at a bike show at Silverwater. With so much bad blood between the Hells Angels & Comanchero, what appears to have been an unplanned brawl at Sydney Airport has the aspect of inevitability.

Hells Angel leader Derek Wainohu & Comanchero happened to be sharing the same flight, QF430, from Melbourne to Sydney on Sunday. One of Wainohu’s clubmates, Peter Zervas, was jailed in 2005 after firing at a group of Comanchero at Brighton-le-Sands. Both Wainohu & the Comanchero on the flight phoned ahead to Sydney for backup, & the ensuing wild brawl left Zervas’s brother, Anthony, dead in the departures hall.

Among bikies, honour - however twisted - is taken very seriously & is part of the brew of testosterone & amphetamine-fuelled aggression. Bikie culture is rooted in conservatism. Obedience to hierarchy, rules & rituals is everything - or it used to be. As in fascist political groups, they manufacture traditions - as rapidly as they can manufacture amphetamines. In return, they provide a sense of belonging, through uniforms, initiations & exclusions.

Offending these traditions is the common thread in bikie wars. It appears that the greatest source of anti-Lebanese antagonism is the perception of disrespect. One underworld source told the Herald: "Now look at all the little f---ers running around like they're king shits." Nobody likes an upstart. The next stage, McNab speculates, "could be that the older groups all get together to wipe out Notorious. It's conceivable that members may be flown in from overseas to help them." For all the boys-only rituals, bikies' wars are not ritualized. They are the real thing & disrespect for human life is at their core.

Gang war fears rise as Angels farewell victim – Mar 28, 2009 – *Australia* - New South Wales Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione says a turf war for control of the drug trade in Sydney's Kings Cross may partly explain the recent outbreak of violence between bikie gangs. The warning came on the day that Hell's Angels gang members farewelled airport brawl victim Anthony Zervas, while a fifth man was arrested & charged with affray over the brawl. Police have launched a new strike force, Raptor, to crack down on the outlaw bike gangs amid fears of an all-out underworld war. Scipione says a Kings Cross turf war may partly explain the recent violence, including the bashing death of Mr Zervas at Sydney Airport on Sunday. "The suggestion that they're at odds with each other in that area would be accurate," he said. He has also confirmed police are aware bikie gangs may be planning to bring reinforcements from overseas as the dispute heats up. But Scipione has rejected suggestions police have paid too little attention to bikie gangs in recent years. "I'd suggest that anyone that would even think the arrest of over 900 bikies over 2,000 charges is something just left to happen would be ... probably misreading the situation," he said.

Funeral: Zervas was farewelled by mourners including members of the Hell's Angels & the Bandidos in Sydney today. About 60 mourners, a number of them wearing the Hell's Angels colours, gathered at a Lakemba funeral parlour for a short service. The 29-year-old's coffin was carried in by senior gang members as media helicopters hovered overhead. Police maintained a small but visible presence near the parlour & in surrounding streets. Some Hell's Angels members also appeared to be patrolling the area. After the funeral, a motorcade of 20 Hell's Angels followed the cortege for Zervas to Rookwood Cemetery for his burial. Members of the Bandidos motorcycle club joined the Hell's Angels & the Zervas family for a graveside service conducted by a Greek Orthodox priest. Behind the scenes, police are promising a massive effort to end the bikie violence that is threatening to spill over into a full-scale war.

War Warning: This morning a bikie leader told ABC Radio's program that a gang war was a definite possibility. On a ride with his 6 bodyguards & the ABC's Michael Edwards, the bikie said gangs were stockpiling weapons & flying in recruits from interstate & overseas in preparation. The man, who refused to let his name be published, said he was not interested in a push by the Comanchero bikie gang for a peace deal. The Comanchero bikies want peace talks as early as this weekend because they are worried the New South Wales Gov't will push ahead with its plan for new legislation outlawing the groups. Lawyer Lesly Randle yesterday said Comanchero Pres Mick Hawi, who was on the flight into Sydney Airport on Sunday, had already spoken with the Bandidos, Rebels & Notorious. Ms Randle is disappointed by the attitude of the unnamed bikie & says the comments do not help ease the public's concerns. There have been dozens of drive-by shootings since the bikie war began & police are worried innocent by-standers will end up becoming the victims. Former police

detective Duncan McNab, who co-wrote Dead Man Run-ning, thinks the unnamed bikie leader's warning of all-out war is "on the money". "It is still completely & utterly unpredictable. I wouldn't be at all surprised if the war escalates sooner rather than later," he said. "The bikie war's been simmering for quite some time now & this is just another, albeit much larger, flare-up. "We've been having problems for years with these guys. It's really a dispute over turf & at the end of the day, money, so they're not going to give up easily." McNab is not surprised by the claims bikie clubs are bringing recruits into Sydney. "The bike gangs here & overseas have an enormously strong, close network so reinforcements coming in from either interstate or overseas wouldn't surprise me at all," he said. "I just rather hope that when half a dozen burly blokes arrive from the US, Canada or somewhere in Asia & get to Customs, that our gentlemen at the Customs desk might give them a good going over."

Fifth arrest: A 5th man has appeared at Sydney's Central Local Court charged with affray over the fatal brawl at the airport. Twenty-six-year-old Christian Menzies handed himself into police this morning. The court heard he was on a plane from Melbourne to Sydney with 4 other gang members & was involved in a fight with Hell's Angels members at the arrival gate. But Menzies' barrister said the police case against those involved in the brawl was premature & there was no evidence against his client, because CCTV footage still hasn't been properly reviewed. Magistrate Allan Moore denied Menzies bail, but ordered police to come up with more specific details before the matter resumes on Monday. On Wed, 4 Comancheros bikie gang members faced court charged with affray over the attack & were refused bail. New South Wales Police Minister Tony Kelly says more arrests are expected over the brawl. Assistant Police Commissioner David Hudson, from the State Crime Command, told 2GB this morning he was confident police could overpower the bikies. "Strikeforce Raptor commences today, with 75 police attached to the Gang Squad as supplementary attachments to get on the front foot with these gangs," he said.

ICV MC Paps died unexpectedly – Mar 28, 2009 – *Delaware, Ohio* - Richard L. Bargdill, 62 of Delaware, died unexpectedly Friday evening March 27, 2009 at home. He was born on Oct 6, 1946 in Delaware to Harry & Janet (Wallace) Bargdill of Delaware. He was a 1965 graduate of St. Mary High School & a US Army Veteran serving in Vietnam. He was active in the family business Bargdill Salvage & Towing. He was a member of the In Country Vets MC, American Legion, Amvets, Eagles & the VFW. He enjoyed motorcycle rides with friends & club members. In addition to his parents he is survived by sons: Richard Bargdill of Ashley, Keith Bargdill of Delaware; grandchildren: Breanna & Garrison; brothers: Harry (Janet) of Florida, Donald (Jackie) of Delaware, C. Joseph (Barb) of Delaware. Uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews & several lifelong friends. Friends may call Thur from 6-8 pm at the DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home, 75 W. William St, Delaware. Graveside services will be held Friday 10 am at the Oak Grove Cemetery with military honors by the Delaware County Veterans Assoc.

Additional Comments: Paps was the former State Pres of ICV MC Ohio ... as well as the former Secretary of the Ohio COC...

How do you know that my dimwitted inexperience isn't merely a subtle form of manipulation used to lower people's expectations thereby enhancing my ability to effectively maneuver within any given situation? - Deputy Dewey Riley, Scream 2

Big Daddy Killed in accident – Mar 28, 2009 – *Michigan* – Comments by LRMC Cash – Liberty Riders MC James Nickel from the MIO Chapter was killed in a motor vehicle accident this morning in Florida. The details are as follows, a kid turned in front of James & James T-boned the kid's car. James was still coherent when the ambulance arrived. As he was being transported to the county hospital James suffered a heart attack on route to Hospital & passed away. James's dad will have him prepared in Florida after that he will be transported to Michigan for services. We do not have that info as of late, but will relay info as it becomes available. Witness named Kris, indicated that James was not under the influence of alcohol. Kris was with James 5 minutes earlier, James was drinking soda pop as reported by Kris.

Silent Slaughter – Mar 29, 2009 – *History Channel* – Comments from The Aging Rebel Website - Gangland, on the History Channel, is scheduled to slander another motorcycle club this week. This Thursday, April 2nd at 9 pm Eastern Time, the "reality" series will air an episode titled "Silent Slaughter" which will dramatize, according to the network, the infiltration of the Sons of Silence Motorcycle Club by undercover agents. The network describes the Sons of Silence as "Colorado's largest motorcycle gang (which) has spread to 36 chapters throughout the world since its inception in the 1960s."

What Infiltration: The only "infiltration" of the Sons by "undercover agents" began in 1998 & culminated in the autumn of 1999. During that period, 2 subsequently discredited agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) named Blake "Bo" Boteler & Cole Edwards hung around, prospected & patched into the Sons of Silence. After the agents finally went back to their real lives, 42 people including 5 women were indicted for a variety of drug & firearms charges. In most cases the only evidence against the accused was the testimony of Boteler & Edwards. Thirty-seven suspects were arrested in a dramatic series of made for television raids carried out on October 8th, 1999 in Colorado Springs, Denver & Fort Collins, Colorado.

Thomas Strickland: The day of the raids, US Atty Thomas Strickland called it "a very substantial case." Strickland served as a U.S. Attorney for only 2 years but he built an impressive career on the arrests of the Sons. He is still bragging about it. He went on to run for the United States Senate. He has since worked in private practice & as a chief counsel for a health insurance company & he was recently named as Chief of Staff in the Dept of the Interior in the Obama Administration. Whether the case was good for Thomas Strickland's career or not, it was a classic case of bad law enforcement. Half of the people indicted in the case weren't even members of the Sons. During the raids agents trashed homes & stole & vandalized private property. Charges against most defendants were either dismissed or reduced.

Introducing Jay Dobyns: One charge in the original indictment that was soon dismissed, involving a bar fight in Colorado Springs, is particularly interesting now because in his current, best-selling book No Angel, former ATF agent Jay Dobyns takes credit for provoking the alleged crime. In part, on pages 83 & 84 of his book, Dobyns describes going to that bar intending to start a fight. He writes: "The Sons were a minor biker gang in Colorado Springs. We were running around as a made-up club called the Unforgiven...and we wanted to demonstrate that the Sons used intimidation & the threat of violence to maintain their turf. If we could do this, we could roll it into a RICO case being built against them. We wanted to do it that night by putting the screws to them,

by hanging out in their place & showing them up. They were small-time & my confidence was high."

Small Time Cops And Case: As the government's case against the Sons of Silence was self-destructing, a fairly distinguished defense attorney named Larry Pozner described the infiltration like this. "They (the ATF) take relatively minor offenses & trumpet them as the crime of the century. This is garden variety stuff made to sound like a major law enforcement coup." The ATF also attempted to try the case in the press, in order to prejudice prospective jurors until District Court Judge Edward Nottingham issued a gag order to make them stop on November 25th, 1999. And, now the ATF is going to try to win the case again. This time on The History Channel.

Possible Future Gangland Episodes: Late in 1999, an attorney named David Lane said of the case, "This happens all the time, especially when big headlines are involved. I've represented a number of unpopular groups, & the most dangerous gangs in the country are the DEA, the ATF & the FBI. Those 3 gangs are frequently out of control, & they basically ride roughshod over the Constitution of the United States on a regular basis." Maybe Gangland should do a show about those 3 gangs next.

Bob Illingworth's memorial service – Mar 30, 2009 – *Minnesota* - Illingworth, Robert C. 68 years young. Our warm, loving & passionate friend passed peacefully on March 24. He will be sorely missed by his loving family & many friends. His legacy for helping others in many different ways will long survive him. His passion for motorcycles included racing them, selling them & even trucking them to dealers throughout the Midwest. He was the founder & principal lobbyist of the **Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association** & contributed in many ways to the growth of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum. In the process he became a highly successful fund raiser for the Children's Care Hospital in Rapid City, SD. His own recovery inspired him to become a drug & alcohol counselor in order to help others also find a better life. After working at both the Missions Treatment Center & Hazelden Foundation, he founded Maple Lake Recovery Center, designed to help adolescents experiencing problems with alcohol & other drug abuse. Out heartfelt thanks to the many angels from Fairview Hospice for their gentle kindness. And as Bob loved say, "Keep moving forward." Memorials may be sent to: Children's Care Hospital & School, 2501 West 26th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 or online @ www.cchs.org/tribute A celebration of his life will be held Sat, April 25th at 1 PM, followed by refreshments at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100...

Editor's Comment: Each year at the annual MMRA Fundraiser, Bob would always ask me "Mike you are going to behave right!"

A duded-up city rider walks into a seedy tavern in *Sturgis, South Dakota*. He sits at the bar & notices a grizzled old biker with his arms folded, staring blankly at a full bowl of chili. After 15 minutes of just sitting there staring at it, the newby rider bravely asks the old biker, 'If you ain't gonna eat that, mind if I do?' The old veteran of a thousand rides slowly turns his head toward the young pup & says, 'Nah, you go ahead.' Eagerly, the guy wearing the shiny new leather fashions reaches over & slides the bowl into his place & starts spooning it in with delight. He gets nearly down to the bottom of the bowl & notices a dead mouse in the chili. The sight was very shocking & he immediately barfed up the chili back into the bowl. The old biker quietly says, 'Yep, that's as far as I got, too.'

Outlaws president resigns in disgust – Mar 30, 2009 – Canada

– By Peter Edwards - Mario Parente kept his mouth shut when enemies tried to gouge out his eyes & shoot him dead, but the life-long outlaw biker says he finally has to speak out. “I’m disgusted with everybody,” said Parente, 60, in a 3-hour interview with the Star, in which he announced his resignation as Canadian Pres of the Outlaws MC. “I wash my hands of them all.” The Outlaws are the world’s third-largest motorcycle club, behind the Hells Angels & the Bandidos. Parente had been their top Canadian officer for 9 years, in a tenure interrupted by an assortment of stints behind bars for offences that include manslaughter & drug trafficking. By “everybody,” Parente said he’s disgusted with officials in the justice system & many of his former biker club mates alike. Outlaw bikers don’t generally air club grievances, but Parente repeatedly said he’s not worried about repercussions. His disgust with the court system is nothing new, although it’s particularly heightened now. Parente said he felt cheated earlier this month when Crown prosecutor Alex Smith suddenly withdrew 17 drug & criminal organization charges against him & 9 charges against Luis Ferreira, 33, also of Hamilton, saying its prime witness no longer wanted to testify. That abruptly ended a 6 1/2 year court battle, in which Parente & Ferreira fought charges that the Outlaws are a criminal organization. Smith told the court there was no “reasonable prospect of conviction” without the witness’s co-operation. Parente said that’s a lame excuse. “If there was so much evidence, why didn’t the Crown come forward with it?” he asked. As Smith dropped the prosecution, he told Superior Court Justice Lynda Templeton that there had been no threats against the witness to scare him from testifying. Parente said the witness, a paid police agent, shouldn’t simply be allowed to bail out on the case after receiving thousands of dollars of Gov’t money. Parente, who spent 30 months in custody before winning bail, said it’s also unfair that the province hasn’t returned \$2,500 in cash, his H-D motorcycle, a truck & jeweler with the club skull logo, even though the charges have been thrown out. Parente, who has been an outlaw biker since age 18, said he felt profoundly let down by many of his former club mates during the prolonged court battle. He stressed that no criminal organization charges were proven in court against any of them, although 15 Outlaws pleaded guilty to criminal organization charges in exchange for freedom. Parente said he sold everything he owned to fight the charges. “They (other Outlaws) were out partying & didn’t donate a dime to help out,” he said. “I don’t get a nickel of support from anybody to fight something that implicates everybody.” Parente shrugged as he acknowledged he & other Outlaws committed crimes but argued that doesn’t make the entire club a criminal enterprise. “I have to say I’m not a saint,” he said. “I’ve made mistakes ... I’m not claiming that I’m goody two-shoes.” No one in the biker world can call him a rat either, he said. He noted he has always refused to co-operate with police, even after he was fired upon outside the Outlaws Hamilton clubhouse in 1984 & when a Quebec man tried to gouge his eyes out with a sharpened toothbrush in Hamilton’s Barton Street Jail in 1996. Parente’s working now as a private contractor. He said he’s happy with himself & Ferreira for not taking guilty pleas like other clubmates. And pleased with his girlfriend, for sticking by him. He said she has shown far more character than many of his former club mates. “With brothers like that, who needs enemies?”

A little boy says to his mother, “Mommy, how come I’m black & you’re white?” His mother replied, “Don’t even go there! From what I can remember about that party, you’re lucky you don’t bark!”

The story behind the Elgin County gangland massacre – Mar 30, 2009 – Canada – By Timothy Appleby - It was around 4 o’clock on a brisk April morning when a resident of the bucolic hamlet of Shedden in Southwestern Ontario heard what she later described as “a ruckus” outside her house. She thought at first it might be cats fighting, or raccoons. Then, shortly before 8 a.m., provincial police got a call from the owners of a nearby piece of farmland, close to the Stafford Line in Elgin County. There was something strange on the property, the caller said: a collection of abandoned cars. A small army of police raced down gravel roads to find a muddy field transformed into a mass death scene. Eight bloodied, bullet-scarred bodies were stuffed inside 4 vehicles - 2 cars, an SUV & a tow truck. This in a sleepy community of 300 that rarely witnessed a crime from one year to the next. The horror quickly gave way to questions: Who would have done this, & why? Three years later in London, Ont., a half-hour’s drive east of Shedden, some answers will finally begin spilling out this week at the trial of 6 men, each charged with 8 counts of 1st-degree murder in one of the worst gangland massacres in Canadian history. The 8 dead men were swiftly identified. Most were from the Toronto area & all were members or associates of the Texas-based Bandidos, the world’s second largest biker gang, founded in 1966 by a former U.S. marine & outnumbered only by the rival Hells Angels. Six were full-patch Bandidos: George (Pony) Jesso, 52; Frank (Bam Bam) Salerno, 43; George (Crash) Kriarakis, 28; Luis Manny (Chopper) Raposo, 41; Paul (Big Paul) Sinopoli, 30; & John (Boxer) Muscedere, 48, believed to have been the Bandidos’ Canadian president. The other 2 victims were associate member Michael (Little Mikey) Trotta, 31; & Jamie (Goldberg) Flanz, 37, a prospect for gang membership. It soon became clear none of the dead had any connection to the farmer’s field where they were found, in plain view, that April morning in 2006. They ended up there not by anyone’s design but by circumstance, police theorized, in what looked like a series of mishaps & miscalculations by the alleged killers. Harder to answer was who those killers were, but suspicion instantly fell on the Hells Angels. The Bandidos’ presence in Canada was always small, & the bloodletting left behind just a handful of members. That compares to around 34 Hells Angels chapters, nationwide, comprising perhaps 250 members or close associates. There was a long, bloody history of animosity between the 2 gangs. The Bandidos’ membership, moreover, was largely drawn from the now-defunct, Montreal-based Rock Machine, which battled the Angels for control of Quebec’s drug trade in a traumatic, 5-year wave of shootings & bombings that left more than 160 people dead. But within hours of the bodies being found, the Hells Angels issued a disclaimer on their website, & for once they & the police seemed in agreement. Ontario Provincial Police Inspector Don Bell, who at the time headed the province’s Biker Enforcement Unit task force, said the 8 bodies were the result of an “internal cleansing” within the Bandidos. He did not elaborate, but the police investigation quickly developed a working theory that the slaughter was the endgame in a power struggle between 2 Bandido factions, in which the U.S. parent organization took a role. The 6 accused were arrested in 2 groups. The best-known locally is long-time biker Wayne (Wiener) Kellestine, 59, an eccentric, sometimes gregarious figure. Within hours of the bodies being discovered that Sat morning, the Kellestine farmhouse was under surveillance by police, then cordoned off, & Kellestine was arrested Sunday night along with Brett (Beau) Gardiner, 24, originally of Calgary, & Frank (Frankie) Mather, 40, of no fixed address. Also picked up that day & charged with murder were 2 people whose cases are no longer before the courts. Then, in June, 2006, in Winnipeg, police arrested 3 more people & charged them with murder. One is Michael (Taz)

Sandham, 39, a onetime police officer in the Winnipeg-area town of East St. Paul before he was fired in 2002 for consorting with bikers. The other 2 are Marcello Aravena, 32, & Dwight (Big D) Mushey, 41, both of Winnipeg. Defending the 6 will be about a dozen lawyers, including such well-known figures as Tony Bryant, Paul Bernardo's current lawyer, acting for Aravena. Another is London veteran Clay Powell, who once defended Rolling Stone Keith Richards on heroin charges & whose client is now Mr. Kellestine. The jury - drawn from a pool of close to 2,000 people over an on-off selection process lasting several weeks - can expect to see & hear some grisly evidence. And as at the preliminary hearing for the 6 accused, all of whom have been in custody since they were arrested, security will be formidable. Lawyers & spectators will pass through 2 sets of checks, one at the courthouse entrance, & a second outside the trial courtroom, where just 6 seats have been set aside for the media, with other journalists watching & listening in an overflow room. Twenty-eight other seats have been reserved: 2 apiece for relatives of the 8 dead men, & 2 for each of the 6 defendants, who will arrive at court in handcuffs & leg shackles & sit through the trial in individual, specially constructed booths. The trial is projected to last 6 months. Presiding over it is Justice Thomas Heeney of the Superior Court of Justice who, in what may have been an understatement, told the pool of prospective jurors that if selected they should expect "a challenging & rewarding experience ... one which they will never, ever forget."

New laws likely to backfire – Mar 30, 2009 – *Australia* – By Catharine Munro & Dylan Welch - A Professor of criminal law & a close associate of the Hells Angels have agreed that the State Gov't's plans to ban bikie gangs are likely to backfire. Professor Mark Findlay, of the University of Sydney, said intelligence on gang operations was essential but their information was "pretty poor" because members were feeling threatened. A source close to the Hells Angels suggested that the measures could be playing into the hands of the worst elements of bikie culture. He said there was suspicion that the recent wave of violence was being orchestrated by people who want to see laws in place which would make the older, more traditional clubs suffer. "[The clubs] think this is being contrived so that these laws are put in place, because these laws won't affect Notorious & the Comanchero because they'll ignore them," he said. Late on Sunday Peter Zervas was shot outside his home in Lakemba, one week after his brother Anthony was fatally bashed at Sydney Airport during a bikie brawl. The Police Minister, Tony Kelly, said the situation was under control but the Premier, Nathan Rees, promised tough new laws by midyear. "Governments often respond to threats to public security with preventative or proscriptive legislation," Professor Findlay said. In 2003 the Australian Crime Commission was established, giving investigators special coercive powers, including the ability to summon a person to an examination to give evidence under oath & the power to obtain documents. But last week the commission's chief executive, John Lawler, told the Herald most bikies chose to be charged rather than give evidence. In 2006 new laws enabled the prosecution of anyone who was part of a criminal gang. But of the 164 people charged, only 23 were members of outlaw motorcycle gangs & only half of them have been convicted. The Opposition police spokesman, Mike Gallacher, disagreed. He said new laws should allow the Attorney-General to draw up a list of proscribed groups & argued it would not backfire.

An old saying is "An eye for an eye & a tooth for a tooth." I believe in a head for an eye & a hand for a tooth. Keeps folks away from my eyes & teeth.

Brother of dead bikie shot – Mar 30, 2009 – *Australia* – By Dylan Welch - The Hells Angels brother of a man bashed to death in a bikie brawl at Sydney Airport has been gunned down outside his Sydney home. Peter Zervas, the 32-year-old brother of Anthony, was shot 3 times as he tried to park his car in an underground car park at a Punchbowl Road apartment block in the suburb of Lakemba about 11.45 last night. He had got out of his car to open a mesh security gate allowing entrance to the car park when he was shot. He was treated by ambulance officers & taken to St George Hospital in a critical condition. As of 4am he was being operated on but was in a stable condition. "A 32-year-old-man stopped his motor vehicle in the driveway of a unit block ... a number of shots were then fired, hitting the man," Campsie local area commander, Superintendent Paul Lennon, said. "Another man was seen ... running from the unit block." That man was described as being about 175 centimetres tall, of large, muscular build, with collar-length dark hair & wearing dark jeans & a dark, long-sleeved jacket. He was seen running across Punchbowl Road after the shooting. "A [white] motor vehicle ... had to sound its horn to avoid colliding with the gentleman running across the road." Police want to speak to both the driver of the white car & the man who ran across Punchbowl Road. It is not yet known whether another motorcycle club is responsible for the shooting. The shooting comes only 2 days after Peter Zervas, along with family & members of the Hells Angels & Bandidos, buried his brother. It is also the latest in a string of bikie-related shootings that has swept south western & western Sydney. Both Zervas brothers were involved in a brawl with about 10 Comanchero Motorcycle Club members at Terminal 3 of Sydney's domestic airport on March 2, along with Hells Angels Sydney Chapter president, Derek Wainohu, & other club members. Anthony Zervas was killed after being hit with a metal bollard used in the fight. The outcome of Cabinet's discussions will be revealed after lunch. The ACT Gov't is taking a "watch & see" attitude after revelations that the bikie violence was escalating.

Suspected bomb found at bikie's home – Mar 31, 2009 – *Australia* – By Tim Vollmer - Bomb squad officers were last night working to diffuse a home-made bomb found in the garage of a senior Bandido. Police sealed off Augustus St, Merrylands, evacuating neighbours while members of the rescue & bomb squads attended the home. Despite requests from police to evacuate, Mostafa Jouayde, 29, president of the Parramatta chapter of the Bandidos refused to leave. He accused those responsible for the attacks on the home he shares with his wife & 19-month-old daughter of being cowards. "You want to see me, see me in the street. Say it like a man," he said. "Don't bring it to my door step. This is chickens . . . roaming behind my back door." Police received a tip off about the bomb just before 8.30pm with an unidentified male saying it was located in the garage. The heavily-fortified house, which has bullet proof front windows & a reinforced double brick rear wall, also had CCTV cameras covering the rear of the property. Jouayde said he was confident he knew who was behind the attack & believes police are unlikely to solve the ongoing feud. "I'll solve it myself" he said. "We're stubborn c . . . s, where are they going to put us all, do they have the space in jail? The police think it's about drugs, money & turf. I guarantee it's not about that, it's more than that."

Have you noticed that if you rearrange the letters in "illegal immigrants" & add a few more letters, it spells out: 'Fuck off & go home you benefit grabbing, kid producing, violent, non-English speaking cocksuckers & take those hairy faced, sandal wearing, bomb making, goat fucking, mutton eating, smelly rag head bastards with you.' How weird is that??

Tough new laws to target Northern Territory bikies – Mar 31, 2009 – *Australia* - By Rebekah Cavahagh - Tough new anti-bikie legislation - aimed at preventing violent gang members pushed out of southern states ending up in the Top End - is set to be introduced by the NT Gov't. The move comes after last Sunday's deadly brawl between the Hells Angels & rival gang Comanchero at Sydney airport & the spate of shocking violence & shootings that have followed in NSW since. Attorney-General Delia Lawrie said that violent bikie gangs were not welcome in the Territory. "The safety of the community is a top priority of this Gov't & we don't want criminal gangs fleeing other states & coming here," she said. Ms Lawrie said the NT Gov't will this week start consultation about its draft legislation to deal with illegal bikie gangs. Under the laws, the Police Commissioner will be able to make an application to the Justice Minister to have a bikie gang declared a criminal organisation on the basis of intelligence about its activities - & if any of its members continue to then associate with each other, they will be charged, & face jail terms if convicted. Police will also have the power to ban particular gangs or ring leaders from attending a specific event or place during a set period of time if they are led to believe they are deliberately planning to cause trouble. The tough new legislation will also see penalties beefed up to protect witnesses from being intimidated. And police will have access to streamlined court orders to enable them to force their way into any gang clubhouse that is barricaded. Ms Lawrie said the Gov't had been working on the legislation for some months to ensure it is as hard as possible for bikie gangs to continue or start illegal activity in the NT. "There are concerns throughout Australia about illegal bikie gangs - the NT needs to be part of a national approach," she said. "This Gov't has led the way on this issue - South Australia's illegal bikie gang laws are based on anti-consorting laws we developed & introduced, as part of the anti-gangs package, in the Territory in 2006." She said the legislation would be introduced to Parliament "as soon as possible". Ms Lawrie said tough bikie laws are also on the agenda for the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General meeting to be held in 2 weeks.

Sunset clause on bikie crackdown – Mar 31, 2009 – *Australia* - The New South Wales Gov't is putting a sunset clause on its new anti-bikie legislation, ensuring it will be reviewed in 2 years. Premier Nathan Rees & his ministers met yesterday to discuss the new laws designed to outlaw bikie gangs, which will allow the NSW Crime Commission to strip gang members of their assets. The laws will make it illegal for gang members to associate with one another & could also prevent them from working as security guards or tow-truck drivers. The Premier says the laws may not come into effect until June but scores of extra police have already been deployed to crack down on bikie crime. Overnight, Sydney police seized a suspicious package from a house believed to be linked to the Bandidos bikie gang after an anonymous caller. Rosehill police say a man, his wife & child live at the Merrylands home. A spokeswoman will not confirm if the man is a member of the Bandidos but says the Gangs Squad is helping with the investigation. The man has given police a statement & the suspicious package has been taken for forensic analysis. But police have been criticized for taking too long in their investigation of the bikie brawl in which 29-year-old Anthony Zervas was bashed & stabbed to death at Sydney Airport nine days ago. The barrister for five Comancheros bikies charged with affray over the brawl, John Korn, yesterday appeared in Sydney's Central Local Court at a bail hearing for one of the accused, 26-year-old Christian Menzies. The other four were refused bail last week. Korn said police still did not have enough evidence against the men. Meanwhile, police are yet to formally interview

the brother of Zervas who was shot outside a block of units in Sydney's south-west on Sunday night. Peter Zervas, a member of the Hell's Angels, is in a stable condition after being shot in his car at Lakemba. Police say he is lucky to be alive. Officers are still looking for the gunman.

Stop the violence, begs bikie mother – Mar 31, 2009 – *Australia* – By Geesche Jacobsen & Andrew Clennell - The distraught mother of Anthony & Peter Zervas has pleaded for an end to the bikie war in which one of her sons was killed & another seriously injured. Effe Zervas, speaking to channels Nine & Seven, said: "Just tell them to stop ... Violence is not the answer," repeating her plea like a mantra. Peter Zervas was reportedly having more surgery yesterday for a bullet lodged near his spine & was still too heavily sedated to speak. Mrs Zervas told Channel Nine she did not want another mother to have to experience her pain. "No more bloodshed ... If they want to kill my son, they can come & kill me so I don't feel any more pain." Meanwhile, the Premier, Nathan Rees, announced tougher measures against bikie gangs yesterday despite opposition in his cabinet & caucus to new anti-bikie legislation. Rees said declared members of a criminal group would be banned from working in "high-risk industries, such as security, motor traders, tow-trucks, firearms, second-hand goods, liquor & racing industries". The Gov't would also remove the presumption for bail for related offences. Several ministers argued in cabinet on Monday for a "sunset clause" to be inserted in the anti-bikie legislation to enable it to be active for only a couple of years. Six backbenchers also spoke out against the law in caucus. One MP said: "They were concerned about guilt by association ... but the Premier stood his ground & pointed out that when there is a full-scale bikie war taking place in the city, we can't do anything by halves." Public opinion about the bikie laws is also divided with only one in three voters supporting the new laws, according to a national survey. Polling by UMR Research shows people are concerned about the effect such laws would have on civil liberties. An overwhelming majority of respondents thought existing laws were not strong enough to deal with bikie gang violence & they would back uniform national legislation to control the gangs. But when asked if bikie gang members should be legally prevented from associating with one another - as proposed - support for the laws shrank dramatically. UMR found 31% would support laws stopping bikies from associating with each other, 46% opposed such laws, & 22% were undecided.

Gang laws to target bikies' finances – Mar 31, 2009 – *Australia* - By Kara Lawrence - Hitting bikies where it hurts - financially - will be a key aspect of new anti-gang laws being formed for New South Wales. NSW Premier Nathan Rees said State Cabinet had approved the stripping of assets from bikies, the introduction of aggressive new search warrants & the banning of bikies from security, liquor & gaming industry work, under the new laws. The move follows a spate of bikie-related violence including a murder, an attempted murder & a series of other shootings in Sydney in the past few weeks.

Molotov cocktail – Mar 31, 2009 – *Australia* – By Angus Hohenboken - Police investigating the discovery of a molotov-cocktail-like device outside a senior bikie gang member's house in west Sydney have made a plea for victims to act within the law. The device was found at the home of Pres of the Parramatta chapter of the Bandidos Mostafa Jouayde In Lisgar in Granville. No one was evacuated or injured over the incident, with police saying the device, which was found in a plastic bag, would have required a flame to cause damage rather than a remote detonator.

Bikies curse public war – Mar 31, 2009 – *Australia* – by Arthur Veno - War - it's the bane of outlaw motorcycle clubs. The bikie gang wars that have bloodied the streets of Sydney in the past two weeks have old-time bikie members angry. For them, bikie business is best conducted in private, away from the glare of TV cameras & newspapers. But the tit-for-tat shootings are the result of a breakdown in the traditional structure of bikie society. To understand that, you have to understand the bikie code. First formed in 1923 in the US, outlaw clubs have always identified & defined status by their ability to control turf, party hard, live life on the edge & reject mainstream values & rules. They see themselves as a family, a brotherhood. Respect by other members is far more important than any rules of society. Surprisingly, they are highly patriotic & live by a huge list of rules & regulations which, if broken, are punished immediately & most often physically. To gain entry, one must pass a series of hurdles that only the most committed complete. It means members are motivated, & taught to value their club above all else. At the same time, clubs use fear as a valuable weapon; not just to enforce their own rules, but to protect their turf from other gangs. Add to that a warrior mentality - where the ability to handle yourself in a fight is highly prized - & you have groups that deserve to be feared. Gang wars have their benefits. In big clubs, it builds cohesion & avoids what all clubs fear - fictionalization. Beyond any doubt factions are the main cause of the most deadly wars. It caused a 10-year war between the Coffin Cheaters & the Club Deroes in Western Australia. A mass defection of members from the Comancheros to form the Bandidos eventually led to the Milperra massacre in 1984. The current war between the Nomads-Hells Angels & the Comancheros in NSW stems from fictionalization. Former Pres of the Nomads Todd O'Connor & his few supporters wished the club to be more criminal, while the vast majority of members wished to keep the club "old school". He was pushed out - "placed out in bad standings" - & formed the street gang Notorious, thus causing a war by factionalising the club. Another way to cause a gang feud is for a member to defect from one club to another. This almost always results in violence. Inter-club disputes over dominance issues such as club colors worn & the look of one emblem being too close to another are also common causes of fights. Little is known about the criminal activities of bikie gangs. While the media & police sources speculate on gangs being involved in drug running, prostitution & other forms of criminal activity, no Australian bikie club has ever been successfully prosecuted for criminal activities. The most worrying aspect of the Sydney bloodshed is that standard rules of bikie culture no longer seem to apply. Club riding rules - which require members to ride a significant number of kilometres each year - no longer apply in some clubs. This made it easier for other - sometimes criminal - elements to become involved. Ethnic groups - who generally had no love of bikes - gained significant footholds in clubs due to this change. The rules for engagement of war also seemed to slip away. Instead of battles being held in private, they have now become very public, thus making life much more dangerous for the average citizen. Mix a warrior mentality, a slackening of traditional club rules, a factional war among former clubmates & a fight over the drug trade in NSW, & clubs now face a dangerous situation of an escalating war without foreseeable end. NSW is in a desperate situation where turf battles have now become entwined with Underbelly-style wars with key players in the drug trade being murdered & an attempt made by those criminal-oriented clubs to step into the gaps. The current war in NSW traces its beginnings to the death of Todd O'Connor, who was shot dead last Oct. The attack on the Hells Angels at Sydney airport by an ethnic faction of the Comancheros is also directly related to these events. To

date, Melbourne remains free from the war. However, all the warring clubs have a presence here. Legislation like that in South Australia banning the clubs may now be seen to be necessary by some. However, wherever it has been introduced around the globe, it has been a dismal failure. The answer lies, in part, with the old-fashioned clubs forming what are called in Queensland "round tables" where petty issues leading to wars can be resolved. Politicians are calling for a hard crackdown on any club-related violence by seizing the club, its assets and, most importantly, its identity. But these powers already exist & the introduction of new laws is simply politicians responding to public pressure to fix the problem. Leave cleaning out the criminal clubs to the "big blue gang" as the cops are called in bikie culture. They already have the tools to do so. Arthur Veno is the author of four books on bikies, rode with the Gypsy Jokers in Adelaide during their campaign to stop the Rann Government's introduction of its new anti-bikie laws, & has worked with law enforcement agencies. He is a professor at Monash University.

Shooting sparks gang demand for deadly retribution – Mar 31, 2009 – *Australia* - It is now difficult to restrain club members seeking retribution for a second public attack on a Hells Angels family, a source close to the club has warned. The victim of the latest violence, Hells Angels member Peter Zervas, who had buried his brother Anthony only last Friday, was in a stable condition in St George Hospital under police guard last night. Peter Zervas was shot at least four times in the driveway of the family home late on Sunday night. Anthony was killed in an airport brawl a week earlier. The violence provides fertile ground to garner support for the Govt's anti-bikie laws, while some in the bikie community are desperately trying to keep alive hopes for peace talks. "Every person is going to think logically that the number one suspect is somebody said to be associated to with the Comanchero." But, he said, it did not make sense that a Comanchero would be responsible for the shooting after the club's president, Mick Hawi, had called for peace. A Hells Angels source also discounted suggestions that the Comanchero would have attacked Zervas in a pre-emptive strike. Instead, the source said, some clubs were suspecting Notorious of being behind the attack, though they had little evidence. "There's a particularly strategic game being played. They think if they draw attention to the other clubs, it'll help them," the source said. But the ability of club leaders to restrain their members from seeking retribution was becoming more & more strained. "If it was your family that was being systematically shot, at what stage would you say enough is enough?" Despite the violence, senior members of almost every outlaw motorcycle club in the state were still pushing for a meeting this week. Such a meeting could provide an end to the bloody bikie conflict or could itself become a violent nadir, sources close to the clubs said. The meeting was originally organised as part of planned opposition to the Government's threats of legislation, but as the violence continued it had also become a "peace council".

Bikie laws 'won't affect unions' - Mar 31, 2009 - *Australia* - Proposed laws to tackle bikie violence can't be used against other organizations for political reasons, NSW Atty-General John Hatzistergos says. "Trade unions are specifically excluded from these particular avenues," Hatzistergos told Fairfax Radio on Monday. "They're not involved in criminal conduct of the kind that we've seen in the last week or so."

A little boy went up to his father & asked: 'Dad, where did my intelligence come from?' The father replied. 'Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine!'

'Bikie' arrested over major drug haul – Mar 31, 2009 -

Australia - A 45-year-old man allegedly linked to a motorcycle gang has been arrested over a \$300,000 drug haul found near Katherine, in the Northern Territory. Police pulled over a car towing a caravan yesterday afternoon and, with the help of drug dogs, allegedly found 5.8 kilograms of cannabis. Police say the bust was part of an operation cracking down on organized crime groups believed to be moving illegal drugs into the Northern Territory. Authorities believe the arrested man is part of a bikie gang. He has been refused bail & will face drug related charges in the Katherine Court tomorrow.

Bikies farewell 'Rebel Rick' with the haka – Mar 31, 2009 –

Australia - A funeral for a murdered Rebels MC member in Canberra attended by hundreds of bikies has concluded without incident. In the same show of strength & solidarity in which they arrived, hundreds of bikies have roared out of the Norwood Park Crematorium in Canberra, after the funeral of Richard Roberts. The 57-year old Rebel was gunned-down in the southern suburb of Chisholm last week, alongside fellow club member Gregory Carrigan. Despite occurring amid the spate of deadly bikie violence in Sydney - authorities say the Canberra double-murder is not related. At the funeral, National President of the Rebels MC Alex Vella has read a poem in honour of Mr Roberts, & a Haka has also been performed. The bikies are now on their way to Queanbeyan in southern New South Wales for the wake, lead by a heavy police escort.

Police praise Black Uhlans' outing – Mar 31, 2009 – **Australia** -

By Aleks Devic - Bikie gang the Black Uhlans roared into the Surf Coast on Saturday & police praised their behaviour. More than 300 leather clad bikies left Geelong about 11am & headed down the highway. Geelong police Inspector Barry Malloch said police assisted with traffic flow but did not provide an escort down to the coast. Have your say on the feedback form below "The bikies were quite good," he said. "They came down, enjoyed themselves & did not cause us any problems." Victoria Police attracted angry criticism last Oct when it provided VIP treatment to the Bandidos bikie gang for its annual national run, which included a leg between Geelong & Melbourne. About 200 police officers were redirected from regular shifts to provide the escort, while police worked 400 shifts monitoring the bikies during that weekend. The Black Uhlans MC enforcer, Tasman Marell, 35, was charged in Jan after police seized a pump-action shotgun, knuckleduster & drugs from his Hamlyn Heights home & car. He will appear in the Geelong Magistrates' Court to fight the charges on April 7.

Notorious president disputes drugs links – Mar 31, 2009 -

Australia - The head of the feared Notorious bikie gang has disputed claims they are involved a drug war with other bikies, saying the club has a strict no-drugs policy. Notorious has been reportedly involved in a turf war with the Bandidos, with control of the Kings Cross drugs trade & security business at stake. But the president of Notorious, Allan Sarkis, disputed the allegations & downplayed talk of war as "sensationalism". "(Reports) that we're a criminal gang, that we're fighting over drugs; we're not," he told The Daily Telegraph. "That we're fighting over security; we're not. "One thing we don't condone in this club is drugs or anything to do with drugs. "Linking us to drugs, or the drug trade, is way out of line."

Moe: 'My wife got me to believe in religion.' Joe: 'Really?' Moe: 'Yeah. Until I married her I didn't believe in Hell.'

It's finished – Mar 31, 2009 – **Australia** - Rees vows to wipe out bikie gang violence. The New South Wales Gov't says its proposed new bikie gang laws are designed to rid the state of bikie gang violence. Under the laws to go before State Cabinet tomorrow, the police commissioner will be able to make an application to the Supreme Court to have a bikie gang declared a "criminal organization" on the basis of intelligence about its activities. If any of its members continue to then associate with each other, they will be immediately charged, & face jail terms if convicted. The Gov't says the laws go further than the South Australian legislation, which is facing a High Court challenge. NSW Premier Nathan Rees says the laws should send a clear message to those involved in bikie gang activities. "[It means] that your days are up. It's finished," he said.

Bikie gangs surge into Qld – Mar 31, 2009 – **Australia** - By Tony Moore - Bikie gang membership has surged in the sunshine state, with 14 outlaw motorcycle gangs operating in South East Queensland, up from 10 gangs in 2005-06, authorities have revealed. Membership has jumped from about 600 to 830 fully-patched members, but their ability to participate in gang activities is about to become much harder under proposed anti-bikie laws being considered by the Queensland Gov't in response to a spate of shocking violence in New South Wales. Under the reforms, to be put in place by mid-year, members could be declared as meeting illegally & arrested. The proposed laws will allow police to crack down on outlaw motorcycle gangs by taking an order to the Supreme Court to ban clubs from meeting. According to a 2005-06 Australian Crime Commission annual report, there were about 35 outlaw motorcycle clubs in Australia, with 10 found to be operating in Queensland. "Initial intelligence indicates that there are currently 35 OMCGs operating in Australia with 3,500 full patched members," the report stated. About 600 members were identified as being from Queensland, however, Police Minister Neil Roberts said today that figure had risen to 830. The Nomads, the Bandidos, the Rebels, the Gipsy Jokers, & the Hells Angels are believed to be among the largest gangs in Australia. Bikie gang warfare in Sydney has prompted Queensland to introduce the new legislation, which will be modeled on laws already in place in South Australia.

Biker hitman confesses to 27 murders – Mar 31, 2009 - **Canada**

- A biker hitman pleaded guilty in Quebec City Tuesday to 27 murders that happened between 1978 & 2003. Gerald Gallant, 58, carried out executions for the Rock Machine, who were bitter rivals of the Hells Angels during the deadly biker war in the 1990's. Gallant also pleaded guilty Tuesday to 12 charges of attempted murder. Gallant was already serving a life sentence for a murder in Ste-Adele, in the He has since become an informant & his evidence led to the arrests last week of 10 people linked to the murders to which he has confessed. The 10 suspects were arrested in raids throughout Quebec last Thursday morning. One person arrested was charged with 16 murders. The majority of the crimes occurred between 1994 & 2002 during the biker wars. The raids were carried out in Quebec City, Donnacona, Warwick, Saint-Jerome, Trois Rivieres. The arrests were made as part of Operation Baladeur (Walkman). Some high-profile names among the arrested include: Raymond Desfosses, a high-ranking member of Montreal's West End Gang & Frederic Faucher, former leader of the Rock Machine.

The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him & said, 'Johnny! What are 2 & 4 & 28 & 44?' 'Little Johnny quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN & the Cartoon Network!'

St. Paul seeks to ban gang from Cinco de Mayo – Mar 31, 2009 – *Minnesota* – By Chris Havens; Star Tribune - St. Paul is going to court to sue a street gang & to ban some of its members from associating with one another in a specific area, becoming the first Minnesota city to enlist so drastic a measure to prevent street violence. The city has filed for a civil gang injunction, essentially a restraining order, against the Sureño 13 gang & 10 of its alleged “most-active & influential” members as a way to prevent violence during Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, to be held May 1-2. The event typically draws about 100,000 people each year from throughout the metro area & is the largest event of its kind in the state. The gang was responsible for a drive-by shooting & numerous assaults & incidents of disorderly conduct during last year’s Cinco de Mayo festival, according to court documents. Although Cinco de Mayo is the first event being tested for an injunction, it’s not the only target. There is likely to be a broader push by the city to curtail gang activity. For now, though, a judge has to approve the injunction request. A hearing is set for April 24. “St. Paul is a safe city, & these injunctions are an innovative tool to send a clear message to gangs that we will not tolerate any violence in our community,” Mayor Chris Coleman said Monday. Similar injunctions have been in place for years in such cities as Los Angeles, Sacramento, Calif., & El Paso, Texas. Authorities say the injunctions have reduced crime. Critics say the injunctions violate individuals’ constitutional rights & aren’t as effective as other measures. However, several state court challenges against the injunctions have been unsuccessful. An anti-loitering ordinance aimed at curtailing gang activity in Chicago was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1999 because it gave too much power to police. St. Paul City Attorney John Choi said St. Paul’s action is different because of the judicial review. What St. Paul is trying to do is establish that Sureño 13 is, in fact, a criminal gang & that it falls under a law that allows criminal gangs to be considered public nuisances. The city has the authority to seek an injunction if a nuisance is declared, & a judge must sign off. The city has filed documents outlining 13 criminal activities committed over the past year that it thinks makes its case. Violating a gang injunction would be a misdemeanor. Nine of the 10 alleged Sureño members have been served. Seven are adults, three are juveniles. Under the proposed order, the alleged members would not be allowed to do the following:

- Associate with one another or another known Sureño 13 member within the “safety zone.”
- Confront or harass anyone who was a witness to or victim of a crime or complained about a crime committed by the gang.
- Show gang signs. • Wear gang clothing.
- Recruit people.
- Threaten or harm former gang members or those who want to leave the gang.

At a news conference Monday to announce the filing, organizers of community festivals, including Rondo Days & the *Taste of Minnesota*, stood in solidarity with city officials, police & other leaders. “I fully expect this will be successful,” said Chris Romano, executive director of the nonprofit Riverview Economic Development Association, which organizes Cinco de Mayo. Police Chief John Harrington called the Sureños a “particularly problematic” gang that is relatively new to the area but has been growing quickly & become more brazen. The order would be in effect for 38 hours in a so-called “safety zone,” an area bounded by Plato Boulevard, Ohio St, Hwy. 52 & Sidney Street. Because it’s a civil matter, the city needs to provide only a preponderance of evidence, as opposed to proof beyond a reasonable doubt required in criminal matters. Criteria used by police to determine whether someone is a gang member include self-admission, tattoos, clothing, past crimes & information from confidential

sources. An affidavit supporting the injunction includes the opinion of a St. Paul police gang expert stating the 10 alleged members belong to the Sureños. But court documents do not detail their connections to the gang, & portions are blacked out. Chuck Samuelson, executive director of the ACLU of Minnesota, has problems with the city’s action. He questioned why rival gangs who provided information to police about the Sureños weren’t subject to injunction. He also said the alleged members don’t have same availability to legal representation that they would if it were a criminal matter. “We have a freedom of assembly,” Samuelson said. “If the police have the ability to do this, what other groups are next?”

Academic says bikie laws will catch ‘the slow & the stupid’ – Mar 31, 2009 – *Australia* – By Robyn Ironside - Proposed new laws targeting outlaw bikie groups will only catch “the slow & the stupid”, according to a University of Queensland academic. On Monday Premier Anna Bligh announced her Gov’t would draft laws over the next few months to declare groups involved in criminal activity as “prescribed organisations” & make membership of such groups illegal. The move was in response to concerns about escalating tensions between biker gangs which erupted into violence at Sydney Airport last month. But criminal law expert Associate Professor Andreas Schloenhardt said the laws being considered by the Gov’t were “counter-productive & potentially dangerous”. “Some people have said these anti-biker laws target only the slow & the stupid - people who are silly enough to wear badges that say ‘I belong to a criminal group’,” Professor Schloenhardt said. “The real danger are people who may not even identify themselves as members but work more clandestinely & are probably a lot more responsible for the violence that comes with these groups.” Professor Schloenhardt said that similar laws introduced in Japan simply led to groups reforming under different names. “Others will remove their insignia & other visible identifiers & move further underground, operate more clandestinely, & ultimately become more consolidated, violent, & powerful.” An attempt by the Opposition to introduce similar legislation in Oct 2007 was voted down by the Gov’t but yesterday Premier Bligh said the new draft laws “were better”. “There are a number of parts of the previous proposition that we believed were unworkable,” she said. At the time, then attorney-general Kerry Shine said strong penalties & laws already existed. Professor Schloenhardt urged the State Gov’t to wait for the conclusion later this year of a federal inquiry into legislative arrangements to outlaw serious & organised crime groups. “It would be a silly waste of taxpayers’ money to ignore this research,” he said. Yesterday Police Minister Neil Roberts moved to reassure recreational bike riders they had nothing to fear from proposed laws. He said the laws were necessary to prevent Queensland becoming a safe haven for illegal activity, but their scope would be limited. “This is all about identifying criminal activity,” Roberts said.

Search Warrants Issued For Biker Gang – Mar 31, 2009 - *Philadelphia* – Fox - *Pennsylvania* investigators come down hard on the Outlaws motorcycle gang in Philadelphia. Police swooped down on several locations in the last 10 days, executing search warrants & seizing evidence in a wide sweeping probe. When state narcotics investigators came calling 10 days ago, they had search warrants in hand & months of secretly recorded conversations to work with. Conversations between members of the biker gang that could lead to some very serious charges. No charges have been filed yet. This case will be presented to a state grand jury. Sources say search warrants were also executed in South Jersey by the New Jersey state police. No arrests were made.

Biker's legacy: Outlaws in church – Mar 27, 2009 – *Nevada* – By Marshall Allen - Riders of all stripes mourn gang member turned evangelist. The air smelled of exhaust & cigarettes & rumbled with the thunder of Harley pipes. Some of the hundreds of bikers wore tattoos of devils, skulls & raised middle fingers. Mottos on jackets & bikes said “Trust no one” & “We give what we get.” Disputes among the Bandidos, Hells Angels, Vagos & other outlaw motorcycle groups can erupt into brawls, stabbings & gunfire. But on this day they're gathering at Hope Baptist Church. With tears in their eyes. It's Wolf's funeral. James Corrao, a 53-year-old biker, was killed in a hit-and-run the previous Saturday by a suspected drunken driver. And some 600 people, mostly Christian bikers with tattoos & patches that proclaimed love for God, have filled the church today. They're here with motorcycle gang members who on most days have little use for one another. Until six years ago Wolf had been one of those outlaws, a “one-percenter,” a member of the biker gangs notorious for intimidation & mayhem. In his own words, which were read at the service, he was an outlaw among outlaws - an enforcer, bouncer & bodyguard. He had written the story of his faith a few days before his death, intending to share it at a Bible study that had been scheduled for this day. Wolf was covered in tattoos from his toes to his nose & so fearsome in his outlaw days that a gang gave him a full patch without the usual initiation period - a legendary sign of respect in the biker world. His life was characterized by violence. And misery. “I was mean & angry & I put (my wife) Debbie & my family through hell,” Wolf wrote. “But Debbie told me that one day the good man in me would come out.” Wolf's life hit bottom after the death of a brother & the loss of his job. He was beyond angry. He was empty. “I'm tired. I'm done. I don't wanna be this man no more,” a friend recalled him saying. It was about then Wolf turned to the Soldiers for Jesus MC - former outlaw bikers, drug addicts & alcoholics turned evangelists - & they led him to a relationship with God. “God has changed my life a lot & still is. The anger & violence - God has taken it away,” Wolf wrote after his conversion. “Most of us are no-good losers somehow, someway,” said Keith “Cannonball” Armstrong, president of the Soldiers for Jesus Las Vegas chapter & one of Wolf's closest friends. “But through the grace of God we have turned over a new leaf & God has found favor in our lives & picked us up & started us over.” The Soldiers still hang out at outlaw parties - but now they pray with other bikers. They're in the outlaw world but not of it. And today, at Wolf's funeral, it's a turnabout. The outlaws have joined the Soldiers in church. Hope Baptist had never seen so much leather. They are filling the seats & standing in a ring around the sanctuary & crowded in the back. Wolf's body, clad in his black leather vest, lies in an open casket flanked on each side by a Christian biker. Jesse James Corrao, 23, gets a hug from Keith “Cannonball” Armstrong at the funeral Saturday for his father, James “Wolf” Corrao, who was killed in a hit-and-run the previous weekend by a drunken-driving suspect. Formerly an outlaw, the elder Corrao quit his gang six years ago & gave his life to God. Wolf's 23-year-old son, Jesse James Corrao, a tattoo artist in Las Vegas, told the gathering, “I got to see my dad go from someone who was the worst person anyone could imagine to a man who changed more lives in six years than most people could in their lifetime.” One member of the Vagos, Tommy Mac, said outside the service that Wolf always showed everyone respect. When Wolf said that he loved you, “you felt it,” he said. “A lot of tough guys are here in this parking lot with tears in their eyes, myself included,” Mac said. The driver who killed Wolf tried to flee the scene. After he was caught, Mac said he begged the police to throw him in jail with the driver so he could “take him out.” He wanted to kill the guy. Not anymore. “Wolf

wouldn't want that,” Mac said. “Wolf already forgave that man. It's not up to us to judge him.”

Missing biker's classic cars up for bids – Mar 31, 2009 – *Canada* – By Robert Remington - Nobody is sure what happened to Cedric Smith. He may be at the bottom of a lake, in a shallow grave, a Dumpster or, to be macabre, a combination of all three. He could be hiding out under an assumed name, but that's unlikely. Friends & family say there is no way Cedric would have abandoned the antique car collection that was his passion. “Not a chance,” says his brother Mark. Smith, 1 of 17 members of the Vancouver chapter of the Hells Angels, has not been heard from since the 2008 May long weekend. His last credit card transaction was May 21, & there has been no activity in his bank accounts or cellphone. He is presumed to have been killed, perhaps by Hells Angels associates, after Smith fell for the ruse of an undercover RCMP officer in a covert drug operation. Dubbed Project Essen, it led to the arrests of 10 gang members in 2005, including Smith & Norman Krogstad, Pres of the Vancouver chapter. Smith's beloved car collection, possibly worth more than \$1 million, will be auctioned off in Calgary on April 24 & 25. Among them is a 1937 Cadillac Fleetwood that was used at the ceremonial opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. As befitting a Hells Angels biker, many of Smith's 11 vehicles are Al Capone-era “gangster” cars, including a black 1936 Cadillac, a dark maroon 1936 Lincoln & a dark blue 1938 Buick. Heninger says Smith's vehicles could sell for between \$50,000 & \$100,000 each. But he is uncertain what they might fetch in the current economy. “There is no reserve. They will all be sold,” he says. Mark Smith, who was in Calgary this month, said he has no idea what happened to his brother & won't speculate. The family, he said, had no choice but to sell Cedric's cars, even though his brother cannot be declared legally dead under B.C. law until seven years after his disappearance. Cedric, who never married & had no children, did not own the property where the cars were housed & the family had to clear them out, says Mark. Cedric's 3 siblings say they plan to put the proceeds from the auction into an account in their brother's name & hope that one day he shows up. Mark says Cedric was a skilled auto body repairman who built his car collection for more than 30 years. The family says they do not condone his Hells Angels affiliation & were shocked to learn of his arrest in 2005 at age 55 for drug trafficking. When arrested, police found \$73,000 in cash at his home. Smith was cultivated by the RCMP undercover agent for 2 years, beginning in 2003, who was soon buying kilos of cocaine from the senior Hells Angel member. Smith was convicted & sentenced to 4 years in jail. Released early on good behavior, he had been out of jail for about year when spotted by his Hells Angels brethren. A chapter member phoned RCMP to say that Smith had met “with foul play.” Before his disappearance, Smith had taken responsibility for his crimes & knew he could not go back to selling drugs, Mark says. Heninger says it is obvious from the condition of the vehicles that Smith was meticulous about his restoration work. “He apparently took all the door locks apart, polished all the screws, & put them back together. His buddies say he was crazy about it. When he was working on a project, he'd live on nothing but Tim Hortons coffee & doughnuts until he finished. He was a bit obsessive.”

A blonde calls Delta Airlines & asks, ‘Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?’ The agent replies, ‘Just a minute.’ ‘Thank you,’ the blonde says, & hangs up.

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