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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

BY CHUCK MICHEL
CRPA PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL

That Obama missive may turn out to be the understatement of the century, as the progressive social engineers packing the Biden Administration are aggressively pushing their extreme agenda through our sock-puppet president. Their dream sheet of far, far left goals is being pushed behind deceptive narratives and innocuous sounding labels to fool most of the people most of the time into buying it. And many fools are.

On the table: open borders, trillions on a newly expanded, pork-laden "infrastructure" initiative that spends almost nothing on infrastructure, mail-in voting and, of course, gun "safety" laws. The progressive agenda is about creating millions of new diehard Democrat devotees using cancel culture, a complicit, fawning mainstream media, scare tactics, campaigns of false virtue, shaming and simply censoring those who disagree, and simply giving low engagement and ill-informed people free stuff and entitlements so as to buy their pre-paid postage mail-in vote.

Gun control is right out in front, with "the Second Amendment has



limits" Biden twirling his executive order pen like a cheerleader baton and signing unilateral proclamations instructing his DOJ to push model red flags laws across the county, re-interpret the 1934 National Firearms Act to condemn more firearms and move to reclassify and regulate gun

parts in the name of banning "ghost guns" (the latest emotion-laden and misleading buzz phrase that gun banners can hide behind). The Biden handlers are also having "five federal agencies [make] changes to 26 differ-
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(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.)

ent programs to direct vital support to community violence intervention programs as quickly as possible.” The White House made clear the agencies are acting where Congress has not: “These changes mean we can start increasing investments in community violence interventions as we wait on Congress to appropriate additional funds.” What’s that really mean? More gun-control laws.

Bipartisanship? Well, the mayor of one small town is a Republican, and he says he’s okay with it. So that counts as bipartisanship, right? Congressional debate and support? Why bother.

So as Warren Zevon’s lyrics, reconstituted with one of my favorite quotes from General Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr., plead: “Send lawyers, guns and money ... the bovine scatology has impacted the oscillating device.”

Indeed. The relentless attacks on gun owners’ fundamental rights by self-promoting politicians, bureaucrats and self-appointed, billionaire social engineers who think they know better will continue and expand as we face the onslaught from both state and federal “progressives” manipulating a covid-exhausted public with false promises and a flourish of “Don’t forget we hate Trump, and it’s all his fault,” for a cherry on top.

CRPA and the freedom-loving “gun culture” in California have been fighting this manipulative dogma for decades. So in that respect, this year is no different. We know that what we can’t stop in the Legislature, we have to protect in one of the last strong holds available—the courts. More and more in this rigged political environment, our hope for a meaningful 2A lies there.

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**THE NINTH CIRCUIT SHOWS
ITS DISTAIN FOR THE SECOND
AMENDMENT AGAIN**

The CRPA Foundation (CRPAF) Litigation Victory Program and its A-Team of seasoned Second Amendment civil rights lawyers are second to none when it comes to fighting for your 2A rights. CRPA has won some big cases in court and is protecting those wins, perhaps in the Supreme Court.

Our legal team chooses cases carefully and has the rare expertise to deep dive into complex, constitutional issues and to persuade judges. In 2020, the CRPA Foundation supported cases that protected gun shows on state property, protected First Amendment and Second Amendment rights of gun owners, fought for your ability to own and possess standard-capacity magazines like gun owners in other states (remember CRPA’s “Freedom Week?”) and fought to reverse California’s am-

munition sales restrictions law. The winning rulings we got in these cases are critical to creating a pro-Second Amendment body of legal precedent that will help gun owners across the country. But even with amazing winning rulings from federal courts, CRPA must keep fighting.

Right now, many of these “wins” are being appealed by the state of California. The politicians cannot accept the fact that the Second Amendment means something, that we are winning and that federal judges—even a Ninth Circuit panel—sided with us. But many Ninth Circuit judges still hate the 2A and work hard to undermine it.

The latest example is the *Young v. Hawaii en banc* decision. Readers may remember the great CRPA initial win in the *Peruta* case in 2014. The Ninth Circuit three-judge panel, in an opinion written by Judge Diarmuid O’Sconnlain, with Consuelo María Callahan joining and Sidney Runyan Thomas dissenting, held that the requirement of establishing a special need (i.e., “good cause”) to get a license to carry in public was unconstitutional, and that the Second Amendment does in fact protect the right of law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm.

The anti-2A judges on the Ninth Circuit, led by Judge Thomas, then decided to hear the case *en banc*—meaning every judge on the circuit will hear the case rather than the typical three-judge panel. That 11-judge panel overturned the three-judge panel’s ruling, dodging the central issue of whether there was a right to carry a firearm in some manner (either open or concealed), holding that “there is no Second Amendment right for members of the general public to carry concealed firearms in public.” The Supreme Court declined to review the case.

By recasting and mischaracterizing the underlying constitutional question, the Ninth Circuit *en banc* panel left open whether, if there was no right to conceal carry, there was a right to carry openly. Several lawsuits were immediately filed to force the court to answer that question. The *Young* case was late to the party but leap-frogged past CRPA’s *Flanagan v. Los Angeles County CCW* case by seeking an injunction early on and losing that request. They appealed that early loss.

Then the plaintiff in *Young* got lucky with the draw on the three-judge appeals panel. Judge O’Sconnlain, who wrote the winning *Peruta* opinion, was on it. He then wrote the majority opinion in the case of *Young v. Hawaii*, which said that the Second Amendment protects the right to open carry in public. Of course, Hawaii requested a rehearing *en banc*, and the Ninth Circuit *en banc* panel ruled in a 100-plus-page 7–4 opinion, written by George W. Bush-appointed Judge Jay Bybee, and held that effective ban on public open carry was not protected by the 2A. Bad, bad, bad.

SCOTUS HOPEFUL

But the *Young* loss may prompt the SCOTUS to act. The SCOTUS

justices are now considering a New York case challenging New York’s public carry licensing scheme, under which almost no one gets a license. That case, *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Corlett* has a good chance of being accepted for review by the SCOTUS and could overturn *Young* and a whole bunch of other incorrect court decisions that have misinterpreted and misapplied the rulings in *Heller* and *McDonald*. Fingers crossed.

Giving up at this point is not an option. We need your help to support CRPAF’s programs and to bring these landmark cases all the way up to the Supreme Court. Sadly, if we do not continue to fight and defend these victories, future generations of Second Amendment supporters in California could face extinction. Gun-control groups and politicians want to cancel our gun culture in California as a signal to the rest of the country that “guns are bad,” that gun owners should be ashamed and that other states should follow California’s lead. But we are not ashamed. CRPA is proud of those who choose to own a gun for sport, hunting or to defend their families. You should be proud, too.

Chuck

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MEMBERS' VOICES

And The List Goes On

The attached is an email from a friend in Idaho who has moved from Shasta County. I find it alarming that the Attorney General's office has decided to publish a list of handguns that no longer will be allowed to be sold in California. I opened the list and wanted to print it but decided not to because it would take 84 pages of paper (see oag.ca.gov/firearms/de-certified-handguns). The list of permissible handguns takes a few pages. What is going on? This smacks of a deliberate and obviously blatant assault on the Second Amendment. Are we living in California or perhaps "Commiefornia?" Please look into this matter and proceed with a lawsuit, since I find it not only unconstitutional but anti-constitutional.

—Alexander Tary

Challenging the California roster law is among CRPA's top priorities, since it so drastically limits the choices for new handguns. Many of the unlisted handguns are actually newer designs that are SAFER than the listed models. CRPA is actively fundraising to support a 2A lawsuit to put a stop to this.

Mistaken Identity

I refer to issue 1052, Mar/Apr 2021. While I am happy Diane Reichenbach was able to purchase a gun, I am sorely

offended by the photo of her standing on the flag of the United States.

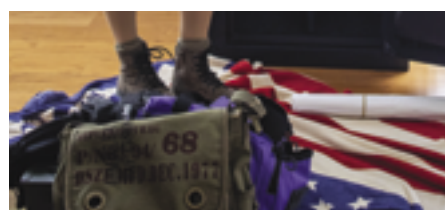
This photo is in very poor taste for an organization proclaiming to uphold the Second Amendment rights of citizens and yet allowing our national emblem to be so desecrated. Shame on you. I expect better in the future.

—Peggy, CRPA Senior Life Member, Chico

In CFL for March/April, on pages 20–21, it appears that the gun seeker is standing on an American flag!!! For shame! That should disqualify her from gun ownership, since, in my view, it is akin to renouncing one's citizenship. See Form 4473. And she is old enough to have had civics, when it was still taught.

—Michael K. Fox, Veteran and CRPA Life Member, South Pasadena

Hello, my name is Chuck McFate, and I am a business affiliate of the NRA



and CRPA. I was reading through the March/April edition of the *California Firing Line*. I was stunned when I got to pages 20 and 21! There looks to be an American flag on the floor in front of a safe with a woman standing on top of it! I know (I hope) it is staged with

the trendy older woman in her camo shorts and boots with different gun magazines conveniently placed, but I am hoping I'm wrong

that it's an American flag as I cannot see the whole thing. If it is actually an American flag, "Don't tread on me" kind of fits this picture. Stay well and keep up the good fight, Chuck!

—Chuck McFate, Sunland

CRPA got a lot of mail about the photo that ran in the last issue that some thought depicted a flag being stepped on. Actually, it's a BLANKET, not a flag. But it's good to see folks respond patriotically!

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WHAT SHOULD MILLIONS OF
LAWFUL GUN OWNERS DO?

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

America is politically polarized and sharply divided like never

before. We've seen violence and anarchy in the streets, occupation of government buildings and a "blame and shame" campaign against everyone except those actually committing the violence. Many police forces were told to stand down in the wake of total destruction and chaos and were stripped of funding. As police step back and disengage rather than risking backlash for being proactive, many places are seeing increased violent crime with no real plan by politicians to end it. Businesses and citizens that just want to exist peacefully are increasingly unprotected and at risk.

One vastly underreported statistic is especially telling. Looters, rioters and others connected with the unrest that followed George Floyd's death killed approximately 13 people in Summer 2020: Javar Harrell, Chris Beaty, Myqwon Blanchard, Marquis M. Tousant, Jose Gutierrez, Victor Cazares, Jr., David Dorn, Horace Lorenzo Anderson, Tyler Gerth, Antonio Mays, Jr., Secoriea Turner, Jessica Doty-Whitaker and Aaron Danielson.



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Protests and riots after George Floyd's death also resulted in over \$500 million in damage to about 1,500 properties, making them the most destructive riots since the Los Angeles riots in 1992.

THE CARNAGE AND APPEASEMENT

Some examples of carnage and appeasement from 2020* include:

Minneapolis. As of July 20 in Minneapolis, 269 people (82% of whom were Black) had been shot—60% higher than the 5-year average for the same period and the same number as were shot in all of 2019.

Homicides, too, are up by a shocking 114% from last year. Remember the government building (police station) that was taken over by protestors? The mayor ordered the police to stand down and abandon the building to the angry crowds. The precinct was then burned to the ground.

Seattle. Remember Seattle last summer? Perhaps the most outrageous example of local officials' dereliction of their law enforcement / public safety responsibilities comes from Seattle. For 23 days in June, armed leftists occupied six blocks of

the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood, declaring the area a "police-free" zone they called the "Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone" (CHAZ), later changed to "Capitol Hill Occupied." Bands of self-appointed, gun-toting "guards" set up encampments and patrolled the area, looted stores, smashed windows and prevented residents from leaving or visitors from entering. They destroyed businesses in the occupied blocks. The mayor allowed rioters to trash the city. On June 30, after four shootings in the Capitol Hill Organized Protest (CHOP), Mayor Durkan finally

People used to believe that the government could protect them; now they see that in the face of anarchy and mob rule, politicians placate, appease and let the mob take over.

allowed police to end the chaos. She acknowledged that the occupation resulted in great destruction and economic loss but also caused a 525% increase "in person-related

crime," including "rape, robbery, assault and ... gang activity." Seattle is a bastion of left-wing politics, but the Washington state police also indulged lawbreakers during the

unrest.

Portland. By September 2020, Portland had 3 months of nightly riots. By June 24, only a few weeks into the riots, they had caused over \$4 million in property damage and \$18 million in lost revenues for Portland businesses. On August 16, for example, which marked the 80th night of demonstrations, municipal authorities reported that over sixty 911 calls (reporting theft, vandalism, suspicious activity, hit and runs and burglary, among other things) went unanswered.

Chicago. In Chicago, where rioting and looting sporadically recurred starting in late May, "some local officials have blamed ... the shattered windows and raided shelves" on "liberal policy changes" by Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx. That said, the strength of Mayor Lightfoot's own commitment to addressing the lawlessness was dubious. On a particularly violent weekend in early June, Lightfoot refused to deploy the National Guard beyond Chicago's central business district, drawing condemnations from officials representing districts on the south and west side of the city, which were left unprotected during Chicago's deadliest weekend in 60 years. Over that weekend, 24 people were killed and at least



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61 injured by gun violence, and the city's 911 dispatchers received 65,000 calls in a single day—50,000 more than normal. As chaos unfolded, one Democratic city councilwoman told the mayor on the phone, "My ward is a shit show ... [Rioters] are shooting at the police. I have never seen the likes of this. I'm scared."

Kentucky. Louisville did not get as much attention but also saw destructive riots that left the city's downtown "look[ing] like a war zone," according to a local paper. On August 11, a downtown Louisville business sued the city on behalf of all Louisville businesses that "suffered property damage through the actions of the rioters/the mob ... from May 29, 2020, through June

2, 2020."

New York. When violence in New York City erupted in May, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that NYPD officers would use "a light touch" with demonstrators. Governor Cuomo said, "The police must stop the looting and the criminal activity. That is the essence of the police force. They are supposed to protect the community, protect the property ... They did not do that in New York City last night. And I am disappointed and outraged." The head of a local police union echoed Cuomo's criticisms, saying that although the NYPD was "more than capable" of handling the situation, their "hands [we]re being tied ... We ha[d] no leadership coming from

City Hall. We [we]re being told to stand down."

Los Angeles. The Los Angeles City Council voted in 2020 to defund the police by \$150 million, leading to the lowest staffing levels for the department in 12 years. The new Los Angeles District Attorney recently announced a laundry list of offenses that will be "declined" by his office and not prosecuted anymore, including making criminal threats, prostitution, resisting arrest, drug possession and trespassing—just to name a few. The new D.A. has also done away with cash bail, death penalty, sentencing enhancements for repeat offenders and special circumstances. Emboldened criminals know they can get away with almost anything.

(*Excerpts are from Bernstein, David E., "The Right to Armed Self-Defense in the Light of Law Enforcement Abdication," Oct. 1, 2020. Liberty & Law Center Research Paper No. 20-03, George Mason Legal Studies Research Paper No. LS 20-19. Available at SSRN: papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3703927.)

THE RESPONSE AMERICANS PREPARE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES

A home invasion happens every 15 seconds in America. Crimes like carjackings and home invasions are increasing. Riots make it possible for you to drive to work and get caught up in the middle of something violent that you never intended to be a part of. Faced with the increased risks of civil unrest and disengaged police they can't depend on, people responded logically; by securing the means to defend their families. More than 1 million new gun owners are reported in California. Over 39 million NICS checks were processed in 2020 for purchases of firearms. Law-abiding people have recognized that they must prepare to protect themselves and their families. Police who are told to "stand down" and are limited by funding decreases cannot be, and often aren't willing to be, where they are really needed. With fewer police on the streets, reduced resources, new laws that put criminals back out on the streets and politicians who refuse to hold criminals accountable for crimes perpetrated against the citizens, what else would people be expected to do?

The failure of politicians over the past year to protect the people has been astonishing. People used to

You do not have to be a victim to mob rule and chaos.

believe that the government could protect them, but now they see that in the face of anarchy and mob rule, politicians placate, appease and let the mob take over. A passive response to angry mob rule is the new standard coming—all the way from Washington. Remember when Kamala Harris said, "Violent protests are not going to stop, this is a movement, I'm telling you. They are not going to stop! Everyone beware because they are not going to stop ... They are not going to let up, and they should not" (bing.com/videos/search?q=kamala+harris+statement+on+riots+keeping+going&docid=607995347648578310&mid=BA366E42A8ABAE09EAEBA366E42A8ABAE09EAE&view=detail&FORM=VIRE).

Wasn't it just last year that we were being told that only police

should have firearms? Now they want to disarm everyone. We know that lawful gun owners are trained and know how to safely operate their firearms, and we know that there are far more instances of the "good guy with the gun" helping others than harming them (concealedcarry.com/news/armed-citizens-are-successful-95-of-the-time-at-active-shooter-events-fbi). For those who are still trying to decide about becoming a gun owner, now is the time to act. If you are a new gun owner, make sure that you know how to use your firearm in a stressful situation. There are classes available and many local ranges that can help you get more comfortable. If you are not a CCW holder and you are in a county where you can get one, apply now. Don't wait any longer as the timeframe to get approved can be months depending on your county. Gun owners should also know the laws of self-defense in their state and support groups like CRPA who are fighting to protect your rights every day. You do not have to be a victim to mob rule and chaos. The Second Amendment protects your right to defend yourself and your family. CRPA protects your right to continue to bear arms for all lawful reasons. **CRPA**

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THE SLIPPERY SLOPE OF RED FLAG LAWS

THE ROAD TO RED FLAG HELL IS PAVED WITH FALLACY

BY DAN GIFFORD

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Proposals for the enactment of “Red Flag” laws, or “Extreme Risk Protective Orders” as some call them, are at the top of the current list of demands by “progressives” and way too many forward thinkers who function largely on emotion and assumed truths. But two glaring fallacies underlie those proposals. One is

a disproved, self-evident truth that firearms are inherently evil, as are their owners, and catalysts for violence, while the other is the claim that such laws will not be ill-administered and lead to bad ends that endanger other rights.

Proposed red flag laws would allow police to violate both one’s Second Amendment rights and the rights of due process by confiscating one’s firearms based on a claim that the gun owner is unbalanced or prone to violence. The working details vary among the various state and federal versions, but their results are the same. One’s constitutional rights may be clipped on a mere fantasy allegation by anyone, from an angry wife to a snooping do-gooder and thereby initiate a sequence of events that could, and already has, lead to the deaths of police and gun owners.

The danger becomes all the more likely when a medical professional such as a psychiatrist claims a gun owner has gone off the rails. But is a psychiatrist’s claim truly an indication of real danger? Most people would likely believe it is. Tests of that belief conducted by Stanford University Professor of Psychology David Rosenhan and others in a landmark 1973 study indicate such an opinion is far from a slam-dunk fact. Rosenhan had sane people fake hal-

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lucinations in order to test the widely held belief that psychiatrists could reliably tell a truly mentally ill person from one who actually had all his marbles in working order. The results showed “psychiatrists cannot reliably tell the difference between people who are sane and those who are insane.”

Though Rosenhan received much push back from the psychiatric community, the essence of his conclusion was found as far back as 1887 by investigative journalist Nellie Bly. She successfully faked symptoms of mental illness to gain access to a lunatic asylum in order to expose its inhumane conditions. At

the very least, Bly’s fakery and Rosenhan’s study bring into question the legitimacy of the psychiatric opinion, an opinion to which all red flag laws I’ve seen give added weight regarding who is sane and who is dangerous.

Is that warranted?

It has been my observation that psychiatrists are far from objective about gun owners. For instance, almost all mental health professionals at Johns Hopkins, where my mother was a professor of epidemiology and public health, openly viewed gun ownership as a dangerous compensation for things like low self-esteem or sexual

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inadequacy. That bias, I noticed, often masked an elitist desire to restructure and control society to their liking and was expressed as objective fact in the famous 1960s study chaired by former Johns Hopkins President Milton Eisenhower.

His National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence study recommended that private handgun ownership be banned, but the bias behind that and other recommendations was stripped away in a later study by the Carter Administration that was intended to confirm the Hopkins findings and provide a launch pad for draconian gun laws. It didn't.

Carter researchers found the Hopkins study was "results-oriented" and intentionally constructed to come to the conclusions it did. The surprise Carter conclusion, which was shoved under the proverbial publicity rug, stated: "It is commonly hypothesized that much criminal violence, especially homicide, occurs simply because [firearms] are readily at hand and, thus, that much homicide would not occur were firearms generally less available. There is no persuasive evidence that supports this view." The lead researcher then delivered what remains the coup de grâce most have never heard: "A compelling case for gun control cannot be made."

That should have pushed the red flag law idea over the precipice, but it didn't. Gun-control activists keep making up "truths" that reflect their own irrational biases, mental instabilities and fetishes without any regard to the likelihood that their new laws would bring about a legal and constitutional slippery slope and a descent into a police state of informers and arbitrary arrests.

Red flag law proponents dismiss that scenario and buttress their dismissal with the opinions of academics such as Diablo Valley College Philosophy Professor Jacob E. Van Vleet. He and other elites generally maintain the slippery slope concerns are fallacies "precisely because we can never know if a whole series of events and/or a certain result is determined to follow one event or action in particular. Usually, but not always, the slippery slope argument is used as a fear tactic."

Maybe so, but that's a rhetorical cop out, for there is an overriding reality about the type of constitutional-rights-busting power implicit in red flag laws that was stated by English Baron John Emerich Edward Dalberg Acton: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." That does not mean America would necessarily slide all at once into an East German-style Stasi police state overnight. Experience has shown it might take a while.

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only a long staircase where each step downward must be first tolerated by the American people and their leaders," former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson of Wyoming has said. But "Once the down staircase is set in place, the temptation to take each next step will be irresistible," noted former *New York Times* columnist William Safire. The late U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas understood: "As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there is a twilight when everything remains seemingly unchanged. And it is in such twilight that we all must be most aware of change in the air—however slight—lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness."

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As the Sir Thomas More character in the movie "A Man for All Seasons" asked a zealot who wanted to knock down all the laws of England to find the devil, "And when the last law was down, and the Devil turned 'round on you, where would you hide, ... the laws all being flat? This country is planted thick with laws, from coast to coast, Man's laws, not God's! And if you cut them down, ... do you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then?"

Wake up and smell the brimstone.

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TALES FROM UNDER THE DOME LAW ENFORCEMENT'S FAUSTIAN BARGAIN

BY STEVE HELSLEY

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DT he 1960s and 1970s were decades that saw law enforcement suffer the slings and arrows of public criticism. In the opinion of many during those eras, cops were “pigs.” By the 1980s, respect was growing as crime

surged and the public wanted more protection. Meanwhile, liberal-leaning legislators feared being on the wrong side of public opinion, so they voiced support for law enforcement. Concurrently, public sector unions were expanding and taking a larger role in

politics. While seemingly natural partners for gun owners, police unions usually remained silent on legislation that diminished 2A rights. Instead, they focused on better benefits, feeling that being in-synch with the anti-gun crowd was necessary. What

follows focuses on California, but gun politics and human nature are universal. The gun-control measures mentioned represent only a small sample of the harm done.

Unless you are a political “junkie,” the name Ralph Dills probably won't ring a bell. Dills was the longest serving legislator in California history, having been in the State Assembly from 1938 to 1949 and then in the Senate from 1966 to 2002. His signature

piece of legislation was the “Dills Act” (Code Sections 3512–3524). This Act, among many other things, formalized collective bargaining for state employees. It was signed into law by none other than Governor Jerry Brown.

Three decades later Brown would have to confront both the problems and the special interest groups he helped create, but that's another story.

When the Dills Act became law,

the California Correctional Officers Association (founded in 1957 and later renamed the California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA)) was a largely irrelevant employee organization representing guards working at California's three adult prisons. In those years law enforcement wasn't a significant political “player;” however, the Dills Act set CCPOA in motion to become a leviathan in California politics.



► **Los Angeles, California / USA - 04/25/2006:** An unrecognizable policeman from the LAPD, Los Angeles Police Department, standing in the middle of the Hollywood boulevard. (D-VISIONS / SHUTTERSTOCK.COM)

In 1982, the Dills Act resulted in the formation of collective bargaining groups for state employees—one of those was Unit 6, CCPOA. California was experiencing a rapid population growth of both “good guys” and “bad guys.” At that point, California had 12 prisons and 25,000 inmates. Ultimately, those numbers would grow to 34 adult prisons that, at their peak in 2006, housed over 165,000 inmates. Such growth meant a number of things, including a constantly growing number of dues-paying CCPOA members. Senator John Kennedy of Louisiana seems to be the current “go-to” member of Congress when reporters need a memorable quote. Decades ago that role fell to Jesse “Big Daddy” Unruh, California’s Treasurer between 1975 and 1987. His observation about money was that it was “the mother’s milk of politics.” Before long, CCPOA had a lot of “milk.”

Ruger introduced their Mini-14 rifle in 1974, and by the 1980s, it was the issue rifle for the California Department of Corrections. Not surprisingly, a significant number of CCPOA members purchased one for their personal use. Later, a collector’s “commemorative” version was produced for CCPOA members. In 1989, when many semiautomatic firearms were deemed “evil” enough to be restricted by the Roberti-Roos Assault Weapon Control Act of 1989, somehow the Ruger Mini-14 and its cousin the Mini-30 escaped notice. It may have been the first example of law enforcement carving out an exemption for their members, or perhaps politicians saw no need to anger a powerful union that distributed lots of milk.

During the 1991 gubernatorial campaign, CCPOA contributed \$1 million to the winner, Pete Wilson, a natural pro-police, tough-on-crime politician. (They would open their wallet again

for his re-election campaign.) With the Golden State’s crime rate peaking in the early 1990s, a welcome addition to law enforcement’s “tool chest” was the successful 1993 ballot initiative “Three Strikes and You’re Out,” a change in the law destined to grow both the prison population and the ranks of the CCPOA. At the federal level, President Biden (then a U.S. Senator) was pushing what became the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. It included the language

of the federal assault weapon ban—the author of which was California Senator Dianne Feinstein. While likely just a coincidence, it too anticipated no need to restrict firearms as “harmless” as the Ruger Mini-14 and Mini-30.

By the mid-1990s, Democrats controlled both the Assembly and Senate, and gun-control legislation was one of their priorities. Through it all, rank-and-file law enforcement groups usually watched from the side-

lines, even though the proposed bills negatively affected their members and their members’ families. Fortunately “gun control” was not part of Governor Wilson’s agenda, so his veto pen was regularly unsheathed. That changed when Gray Davis was elected in 1998—with help from the CCPOA in the amount of \$1 million.

Two major gun-control bills would soon arrive on Davis’ desk. The first was to impose restrictions on so-called “unsafe handguns.” It was (and continues to be) a public policy fraud. The law enforcement response was to create an exemption allowing peace officers, but not the average citizen, to purchase “unsafe handguns.” (Ever wonder why cops should have unsafe handguns if they really are “unsafe?”) The second bill restricted the future sale or transfer of so-called “high-capacity” magazines. All such magazines legally possessed when the bill became law were grandfathered; meaning you could keep what you had, but you couldn’t acquire any more. The CCPOA continued as a significant source of funds for Davis when he successfully ran for a second term in 2002; however, his career

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was cut short by a successful recall election in 2003.

California’s prison population was continuing to climb and peaked in 2006 during the Schwarzenegger Administration (2003–2011) that followed Davis. “Arnold” and the CCPOA were at odds over private prisons and many other issues, so he was denied their financial support. Among the anti-gun bills Schwarzenegger signed were the so-called “.50 BMG ban” (2004) and the “microstamping requirement” (2007). Note: no micro-stamped firearm has ever been sold in California.

When Jerry Brown ran against Meg Whitman for governor in 2007, the CCPOA added \$2 million to his campaign coffers. When he ran for re-election in 2011, the special agents of his Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) supported Whitman. After 4 years of working for him as Attorney General, they had seen enough. Brown responded by decimating BNE, the oldest state-level, drug law enforcement agency in the United States, just as the opioid crisis was peaking. Obviously Brown had little regard for drug law enforcement and

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had a willing co-conspirator—BNE's boss, Attorney General Kamala Harris. Her passivity then is likely a window on what we can expect from the new occupant of One Observatory Circle in Washington, D.C. She has been described as an "empty pants suit;" we shall see.

The world of the police chief has a significant political component. Chiefs are generally hired and serve at the pleasure of a city council or city manager. The career path usually involves moving to progressively

larger departments that offer higher pay and possibly enhanced benefits. Generally, California's chiefs are compensated very well (salary, medical and other benefits). For example, two departments in the Sacramento area, with sworn staff sizes of 150 or less, have a salary range for their chief that is higher than California's governor, who oversees 230,000 employees and the United State's Secretary of Defense who is responsible for the activities of 3 million employees. Generalizations are always dangerous, so

I approach the following cautiously. The same peace officer who would run into a burning building wearing gasoline-soaked clothes will, all-to-often, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, become a "flaccid sea anemone of political virtue" when he/she becomes a chief of police. It must be that most chiefs believe that expressing a politically incorrect position (read "pro-Second Amendment") could threaten their current position and/or advancement opportunities. Politicians seek the endorsement of police

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chief associations based, in part, on the incorrect assumption that chiefs are knowledgeable about firearms, firearm laws and the efficacy of gun control. Beyond the firearms their officers are trained to use, most chiefs are clueless about the broader universe of firearms. In fact, chiefs likely know less than their subordinates about firearms and the relevant laws. In their defense (something that pains me), as it relates to California, the total universe of lawyers who understand the labyrinth of firearm statutes in the penal code could fit in a minivan.

California sheriffs have been a

mixed-bag. Rural sheriffs and a few of those who command larger departments have been strong 2A defenders, as demonstrated, in part, by their willingness to issue concealed carry permits. Some sheriffs have been incredibly bad, with one of the worst being former LA County Sheriff Lee Baca. As he's now in prison, having been convicted of obstruction of justice and lying to the FBI, he's no longer a threat to your constitutional rights.

The organizations representing chiefs, sheriffs and other non-correctional peace officers never had the level of influence or funding that the CCPOA enjoyed. However, politicians sought the endorsements of their organizations as proof of their fealty to public safety.

The CCPOA and the state prison system will probably shrink in the years to come. Fewer prisons holding fewer inmates mean less money for the CCPOA to spread around. When the CCPOA donated \$1 million to Governor Wilson in 1990, it was a very big deal. Now the likes of Michael Bloomberg, George Soros and others can make it seem like chump change. If politicians don't believe in strong law enforcement and have decided their high propensity donors share that perspective, they'll gladly take your money and then betray you. Big Daddy Unruh eloquently explained how the process works: "If you can't take their money, drink their booze, eat their food, screw their women and vote against them, you don't belong here."

Change in the attitudes of politicians about law enforcement came slowly, as it had in the 1960s. Sanctuary cities have sprung up across the country, and, as a result, some very nasty people were recycled through the justice system at the expense of innocent victims. Uncontrolled illegal immigra-

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tion with its attendant drug smuggling and human trafficking continues to be a serious problem. The "word police" cautioned against calling those who crossed the border illegally what they are—illegal immigrants. The law enforcement folks who protect our borders are constantly trashed for doing what the law requires by the same elected officials who would repeal the Second Amendment. And then came the riots, or as some described them, "mostly peaceful protests." Events in Seattle, Portland and Minneapolis were some of the most disturbing,

as officers could only watch while previously unthinkable lawlessness occurred before their eyes. It was an ugly example of police chief emasculation at the hands of their city leaders.

A small window on the future opened in 2016. After decades of "playing nice" with Newsom and his predecessors, along came Proposition 63, a ballot initiative designed to restrict firearm rights in a variety of ways. Rank-and-file members must have cried "foul" as CCPOA's president wrote that his organization "vehemently opposes" the initiative and that "it lessens our ability to protect ourselves and the public." Predictably, the proposition held a deal for cops and their retired brethren—magazines grandfathered in 2000 would be subject to seizure from the "unwashed masses," (read, "the average citizen") but those who were more deserving (read, "cops and retired cops") could possess an unlimited number and variety of those same magazines. So a cop who retired in 1991, who had no training with an AR and didn't own an AR could lawfully possess a truckload of 100-round AR magazines. Newsom obviously didn't get it, and if he cared about CCPOA's opposition to other parts of the proposition, he didn't show it. Apparently, his calculation was that in spite of that vehemence, their milk would continue to flow into his campaign coffers—and he was correct with millions contributed to his 2018 campaign. In 2019, with a \$2 million donation, the CCPOA threw their support behind a 2020 ballot proposition, which would keep criminals locked-up longer. However, their support of the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020 was pulled back in response to Newsom's objections. In a burst of uncharacteristic candor, a Newsom media aide observed "The smart move right now

is to work together with the governor on issues that matter most: wages, benefits and working conditions." Surprise, surprise, Newsom agreed to a 3% pay increase for correctional officers that the Legislative Analyst's office described as having "no evident justification." The prior year, Governor Brown had approved a 5% raise.

In spite of their close relationship with Newsom, in 2020 he moved to close, by 2023, all state-run juvenile prisons as well as two adult prisons—the first of which was Deuel Vocational Institution in Tracy with its 1,500 inmates and 1,080 employees. Many of those people are surely dues-paying CCPOA members. Additionally, five for-profit prisons in California were also shuttered. Perhaps the love affair is over.

There were also signs of change on both the local and national level. In San Francisco and Los Angeles, district attorneys were elected who are incredibly anti-law enforcement. District Attorney George Gascon in Los Angeles was elected with the assistance of \$2.5 million from George Soros. He immediately announced radical changes to the criminal justice system—so radical, in fact, that the

prosecutors in his office immediately challenged them in court. In Washington, we have a president and vice president who have chosen to disavow their oft-stated tough-on-crime positions. They have also made it clear that semiautomatic rifles and high-capacity magazines should be confiscated. Now that both Houses of Congress are controlled by the advocates for "sensible" gun control, can a tidal wave of gun-control bills be far off—including attempts to destroy the firearms industry?

For decades, organizations representing California's law enforcement officers worked to avoid onerous firearm restrictions by cutting side deals with legislators in hopes of trading the silence of their members for more pay and benefits. Those halcyon days are a memory as law enforcement is now perceived by many politicians as being nothing but a group of racist thugs. As George H.W. Bush said, "Read my lips." Speaker of the House Pelosi said of the Portland officers that they acted like "storm troopers." President Biden accused the officers who were protecting the capitol of employing a "double standard" vis-à-vis Black Lives Matter. For the cop on the beat, the

rewards for commitment to public safety include denigration, reduced funding, legalized drug use, emptied prisons, autonomous zones and gun bans—what's not to like?

It's time for rank-and-file peace officers to recalibrate and demonstrate an increased commitment to the Constitution, and specifically the Second Amendment. At one time, their money and endorsements were politically useful, but now they are no longer perceived as being critical for re-election—in politics, everything is about elections. If law enforcement continues pandering to those who denigrate them, it will be as if they are looking for a meaningful relationship at the Mustang Ranch. **CRPA**

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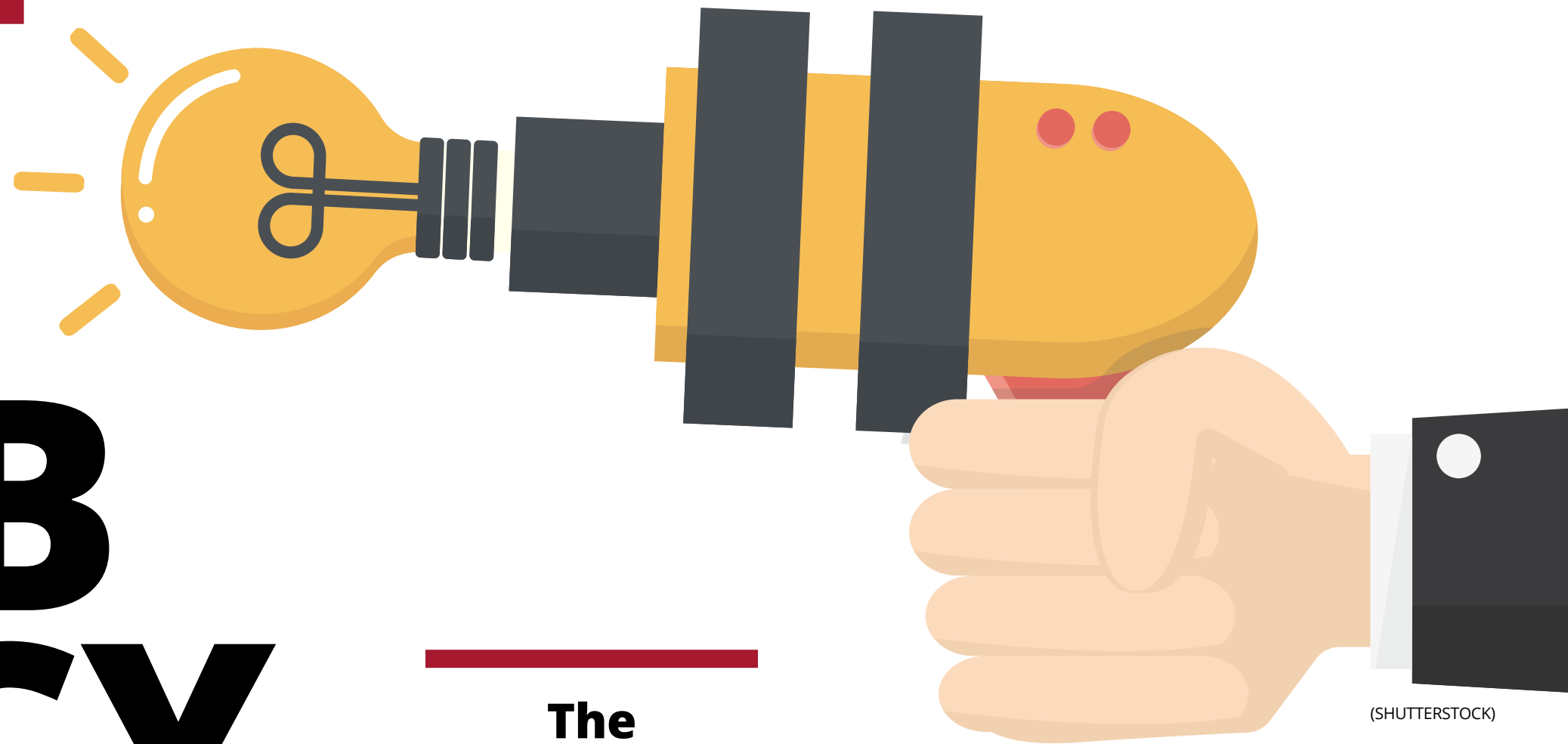
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SMART GUNS? DUMB POLICY



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BY LARRY KEANE

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President Joe Biden said he's figured it all out. Guns can be made safe if the firearm industry would just team up with Silicon Valley to create bio-enabled, so-called "smart guns."

This is according to a long-buried interview with the *Las Vegas Sun* conducted during the presidential campaign. The information contained in it is just now coming to light, and some of the findings might show why. President Biden, as a candidate, was making outlandish pie-in-the-sky claims about theoretical, unproven and unreliable firearm technology.

President Biden claimed, according to this interview, "I also dealt with the folks in Silicon Valley; we have the capacity now to build any weapon where it can only be fired with your biometric marker. And that technology doesn't violate anyone's Second Amendment right at all. If you pass the background check, you can purchase a weapon which only you can pull the trigger."

The president's campaign-trail claim of DNA-enabled smart guns is completely false.

SMART GUN'S FAILING GRADE

He's right on one count. As vice president, he did deal with tech leaders to attempt combining authorized-user, or so-called "smart gun," technology into firearms. It didn't work. It didn't get to the point where it could even be properly tested.

Then-Vice President Biden was in charge of an Obama Administration task force to come up with gun-control answers. One was to pursue so-called smart gun tech through the National Institutes of Justice. Of-

ficials there couldn't even test a prototype because nothing was developed to the point where a safe and reliable product incorporating such a capability was available on the marketplace today. It still isn't.

In 2017, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) Earl Griffith, chief of the Firearms and Ammunition Technology Division, said the technology still wasn't there. "Some critics out there would say we have the technology, and it would work, but I'll tell you we don't think the technology is

there yet,” Griffith said.

That was after the U.S. government sunk at least \$12.6 million in research to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to work with the tech industry to produce a working solution. It still eludes, but that doesn't keep President Biden from dreaming.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES

Early on in the presidential campaign, President Biden claimed, “... we have the capacity now in a James-Bond-style to make sure no one can pull a trigger unless their DNA and fingerprint is [sic] on it.” That's some serious science-fiction fantasy technology. It makes for a good movie. In real life, it's clumsy and failure prone at best and impossible at worst.

The president's campaign-trail claim of DNA-enabled smart guns is completely false. No one has introduced technology that would match a DNA sample to activate a firearm. However, attempts have been made at fingerprint-style authorized user-technology. Think of the way a fingerprint is used to open a smartphone. Now, think of all the times a smartphone won't open when a fingerprint is applied. A little wet, not the right angle, dirty, God-forbid bloody ... all these can cause a failure of the fingerprint lock to not activate the technology.

In a life-or-death situation when an individual is under duress and trying to activate the tool that would save their lives [sic], swiping a fingerprint screen is the last concern. If your iPhone doesn't open, you're inconvenienced. If your firearm doesn't work at the moment you need it, you could be dead. That's why study and survey work on this topic show that reliability

H.R. 1008 would mandate that every gun sold within 5 years be equipped with the unworkable technology.

is of paramount concern. Because the technology is not yet sufficiently reliable, there is very limited consumer interest in purchasing authorized-user-equipped firearms.

UNWANTED MANDATE

Just five percent of those surveyed said they would consider purchasing a gun equipped with this technology. A full 70 percent said they had reliability concerns. They should. Firearms are more than just recreational target shoot-

ing tools. They're also self-defense tools and in a life-or-death moment, they must work each and every time as intended. There is no room for a second attempt at a fingerprint match or battery failure.

Let me be explicitly clear, contrary to the false claims of gun-control groups, the firearm industry does not oppose the research and potential development of this technology being applied to firearms. Consumers are best left to decide what they want, and the free market does a good job of weeding out bad ideas so good ones flourish. What NSSF strongly opposes, however, is the mandate of such technology, like what has recently been proposed by U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY). She introduced H.R. 1008, legislation that would mandate that every gun sold within 5 years be equipped with the unworkable technology. It goes further. It also would require all legacy firearms be retrofitted within 10 years. That's sure to go over well with collectors.

The firearm industry also has seri-

ous concerns about product liability. Even the DOJ's researchers agree that any so-called “smart gun” technology has to be as reliable as present-day technology. There's no room for failure. That's what good engineering does—it eliminates points of failure. This is a particularly important concept for tools that are used to defend innocent lives. Forcing manufacturers to adopt this unproven and unreliable technology exposes them to lawsuits when it fails, and it will. It also exposes them to allegations that models that previously didn't incorporate smart gun technology are potentially “defectively designed.”

Product reliability will be demonstrated when the government adopts this technology for the

firearms used by the Department of Defense or federal, state and local law enforcement. So far, however, none have stepped up eager to slap a microchip and fingerprint reader in the side of a service firearm. The National Fraternal Order of Police warned that police officers should not be used as guinea pigs. Not a single police department has adopted and mandated their use. It is an anathema on the battlefield where a soldier could be left defenseless if he or she couldn't pick up a gun in a firefight to defend themselves [sic] and others. It's easy to understand why. The technology isn't reliable, and if it is electronic, it is vulnerable to hacking or denial of service.

This is what gun-control advo-

cates won't admit. There's nothing that they promise can't be done through so-called “smart gun” technology that's not already available by less expensive and more reliable means. The solution to ending unauthorized use of firearms is properly applied gun locks. That can be as simple as the cable locking device that comes with the firearm, which the firearm industry has provided in the gun case when they're [sic] sold at retail. There are other options too, like trigger locks, lock boxes or safes.

President Biden and his collaborators in Silicon Valley should take a drive through the rest of America. Americans prefer their elected officials to be a little smarter and their firearms to be left alone. **CRPA**



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A TALE OF TWO SHOOTINGS AND UNBALANCED MEDIA COVERAGE

BY KONSTADINOS T. MOROS

Anyone who has been a law-abiding firearm owner or advocate for a while can tell you that when it comes to media coverage of stories that involve firearms, anti-gun bias is the name of the game. I always considered this to be a true but overstated point. Yes, perhaps the news media is very much attracted to dramatic mass shootings in an “if it bleeds, it leads” sort of way, but otherwise one would expect to see similar amounts of coverage.

A case study I looked into showed me how wrong I was and revealed the true scope of how much the

national media plays up news stories that can cast guns in a negative light, while ignoring stories that demonstrate the usefulness of a firearm in a self-defense situation.

Just after midnight on Saturday, April 11, 2020, a large party of 400 people in an apartment complex in Bakersfield, CA, erupted into violence. Details remain sparse, but what the various articles agree on is that four men in a white vehicle were responsible for what appears to have been a drive-by shooting at the party, which was occurring in violation of COVID orders. Six people were injured, but thankfully none suffered any life-threatening injuries, and there were no fatalities. The shooting was likely gang-related, because police reported that none

of the witnesses were cooperating, a telltale sign of gang-related violence. Even the victims who were injured by the gunfire would not assist the police in tracking down the men who shot them. The incident was thus typical of gang-related shootings, but with the good fortune of no one being killed.

At almost the exact same time as the incident in Bakersfield, another shooting occurred in a different part of the country. In Fredericksburg, TX, 73-year-old Curtis Roys was awoken after midnight by a loud banging noise outside his home. According to a local news article, he found a man on his back patio who, when confronted, pushed his way inside through the patio door and began to assault Roys with a blunt object. The man also put Roys into a headlock until he lost consciousness. Roys’ fiancée, 65-year-old Melody Lumpkin, pled several times for the man to stop assaulting Roys, but he would not relent. Lumpkin then retrieved a handgun and fired a warning shot, but even that did not dissuade the assailant who continued his violent assault on Roys. Left with no other option, Lumpkin shot the home invader in the head, putting an end to the attack and likely saving her fiancée’s life. Once Roys regained consciousness, he called 9-1-1. The home invader, identified as 19-year-old Cleto Neri Solorzano, was pronounced dead at the hospital shortly after. Based on these circumstances, one thing is clear: had Lumpkin not had access to a firearm, she and Roys would likely both be dead given the physical advantage this violent young man had over the much older couple.

We thus have one criminal shooting incident and one self-defense incident. The coincidence of these two shootings occurring at almost

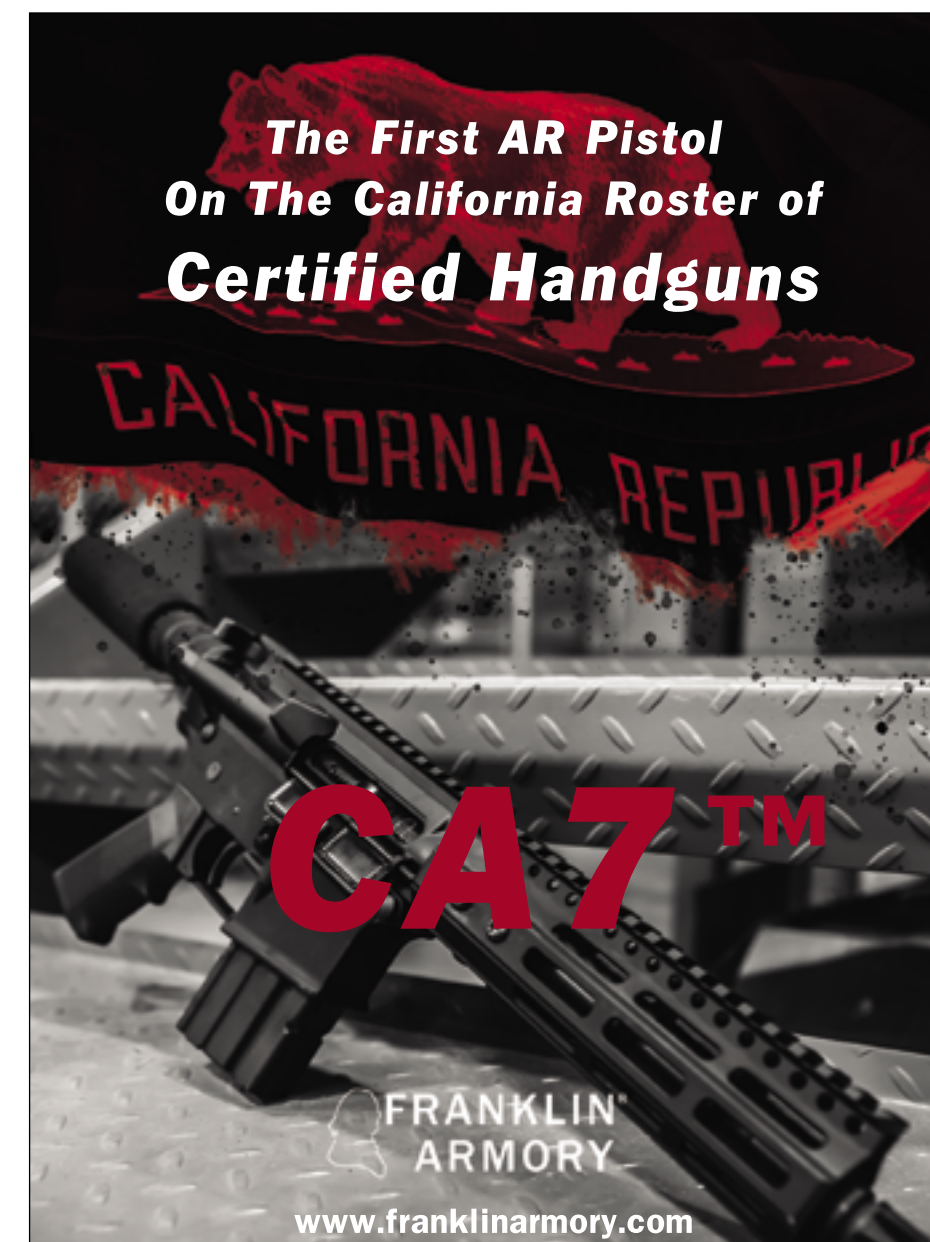
the exact same time makes them the perfect subjects for a comparison of how much media coverage, negative and positive, of gun-related stories receive in the news. Usually, a perfect comparison is not feasible, because if the shootings occurred on different days, there could be competing higher profile news stories on any given day that could crowd out the coverage of one incident but not the other. Also making this compar-

ison ideal is that neither case is extraordinary; the Bakersfield incident was probably a gang-related shooting in which no one was killed, while the Fredericksburg case aligned with a typical home-defense shooting. The only possible differentiator is that the articles on the Bakersfield shooting mention that the party was occurring in violation of COVID orders. Thus, if the media is relatively unbiased, we would expect to see

both incidents get similar levels of coverage.

The Bakersfield incident certainly got attention. In addition to local news stories and an article in the *Los Angeles Times*,¹ the shooting was covered on CNN,² FOX News,³ MSN,⁴ AP News,⁵ ABC News⁶ and more. The BBC also felt the shooting was worthy of international coverage,⁷ and even *People* magazine, which is a celebrity news publication, decided to cover it.⁸

As for the Fredericksburg home-defense shooting, I can find news articles about it in local news sources KVUE-ABC,⁹ CBS Austin¹⁰



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and in the *Fredericksburg Standard*,¹¹ another local publication. And that's it. Not one national media outlet that I could find covered the story.

This sort of blatant bias in coverage is one of the reasons why many Americans erroneously think mass shootings and other crimes involving guns are far more common than defensive gun use, even though in reality the latter greatly outnumbers the former. People are simply less likely to hear about incidents that aren't in the news. All of this is of course intentional, because most major media has a clear agenda. They will heavily cover any story that they believe makes guns look bad, but they tend to ignore defensive gun use stories unless given no other choice, in which case we get breathless op-ed pieces about how the "good guy with a gun" is the exception and not the norm.¹² Even when heroic actions involving the legal use of firearms receive national coverage, they tend to fall out of the headlines far faster than coverage of criminal events, especially mass shootings. The bias of the media is as blatant as it is abhorrent. If an event paints the right to bear arms in a positive light, they will resist covering it.

The best we can do as responsible gun owners is to do our part and get the message out to friends

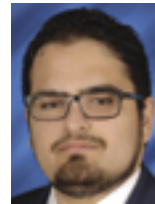
11. [fredericksburgstandard.com/news/man-dies-following-home-intrusion](https://www.fredericksburgstandard.com/news/man-dies-following-home-intrusion).

12. For example, see the coverage of the Fort Worth church shooting stopped by the heroic actions of Jack Wilson in this op-ed published in *USA Today*: [usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/01/01/jack-wilson-white-settlement-shooting-hero-column/2784355001](https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/01/01/jack-wilson-white-settlement-shooting-hero-column/2784355001).

and acquaintances about the use of firearms for good. That way, they are not only exposed to the anti-gun agenda of our national media. When you hear about a good example of legal self-defense, share it on social media and start up a respectful conversation with anyone who engages with questions.

You'll just apparently need to be prepared to search local news to find such stories. **CRPA**

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HISTORY OF GUN REGULATION IN THE UNITED STATES

1791



Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified which states: well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

1934

NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Imposed a tax on the making and transfer of firearms and required firearm owners to register NFA weapons and silencers with the Secretary of the Treasury



1939

UNITED STATES V. MILLER



Supreme Court upholds a federal ban on sawed-off shotguns

GUN CONTROL ACT



1976

FIREARMS CONTROL REGULATIONS

Prohibited Washington D.C. residents from owning handguns



1961

THE FIREARM OWNER'S PROTECTION ACT

Amended the NFA definition of "silencer" to include combination of parts for silencers and prohibited the transfer or possession of fully automatic firearms.



THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PROTECTION



Banned the manufacturing, importing, and selling of ammunition that can penetrate a bulletproof vest

1993

THE BRADY HANDGUN VIOLENCE ACT

Established the NICS and instituted a 5-day waiting period before a firearms sale could be made (some provisions overturned in 1998)



1994

VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL & LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT

Instituted a ban on 19 types of semi-automatic rifles, including AR-15s, Tec-9s, and AK-47s and (expired in 2004)



2008

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA V. HELLER



Reversed the 32-year-old handgun ban in Washington D.C.

2018

BUMP STOCK BAN



The Department of Justice clarifies the definition of "machinegun" to include bump stock-type devices and required them to be destroyed or turned in to the



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MARIJUANA AND FIREARMS IN CALIFORNIA

BY CRPA STAFF



CRPA has received numerous questions from California gun owners following the changes to California law allowing the recreational use of marijuana. As a reminder, any use of marijuana constitutes a prohibition on firearm ownership and/or possession under federal law, regardless of California allowing its recreational use. The following information has been prepared to assist our members, gun owners and firearm dealers regarding this issue.

FEDERAL LAWS CONCERNING MARIJUANA AND FIREARMS

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) revised the Firearm Transaction Record (Form 4473) in May 2020. This form is used by all federally licensed firearm dealers, including California-licensed firearm dealers, to process the sale or transfer of a firearm. As part of the changes to this form, the ATF has now clarified question 21.e to now ask prospective firearm purchasers:

Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance?

Warning: The use or possession of marijuana remains unlawful under federal law regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medicinal or recreational purposes in the state where you reside.

This language is based in part on the prohibition under U.S. Code Section 922(d)(3) of Title 18 prohibiting the sale or transfer of any firearm or ammunition to any person that is "an unlawful user of or

(SHUTTERSTOCK)

Prior criminal convictions involving marijuana may still present problems for individuals seeking to purchase a firearm in California.

addicted to any controlled substance," which includes marijuana. Similarly, Code Sec. 922(g)(3) prohibits any person who is an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance "to ship or transport in interstate or foreign commerce, or possess in or affecting commerce, any firearm or ammunition."

Note that question 21.e only asks if you are an unlawful user or addicted to marijuana *in a present tense*. In other words, the question is not asking if you were *previously* a user of or addicted to marijuana; which also means if you are not *currently* a user of or addicted to marijuana, you may truthfully answer "no" to question 21.e.

In relation to the above, the Ninth Circuit in 2016 issued an opinion in the case of *Wilson v. Lynch*, which challenged the federal statutes prohibiting the possession and acquisition of firearms by persons who have

been issued medical marijuana cards under their respective state's laws. In upholding the federal restrictions as constitutional, the court concluded that even though medical marijuana users are less likely to commit violent crimes, and perhaps even less likely than other illegal drug users to interact with law enforcement officers or make illicit drug purchases, such arguments "are not sufficient to overcome Congress' reasonable conclusion that the use of such drugs raises the risk of irrational or unpredictable behavior with which gun use should not be associated."

CALIFORNIA ISSUES CONCERNING MARIJUANA AND FIREARMS

Even if you can truthfully answer "no" to question 21.e, prior criminal convictions involving marijuana may still present problems for individuals seeking to purchase a firearm in California. By way of example, a felony

conviction for a marijuana-related offense is generally considered “a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year,” according to Code Sec. 922(d)(1). Individuals with such convictions must answer “yes” to question 21.b. on Form 4473.¹ And even if the individual were to answer “no,” the required background check would likely result in a denial.

But even if an individual's prior conviction for a marijuana-related offense is not one that would prohibit firearm ownership under federal law, the California Department of Justice (CA-DOJ) may nevertheless deny an individual if his conviction occurred is less than 1 year old. This is also true if the individual was never convicted. In such situations, the CA-DOJ will assume the individual is “addicted” to marijuana within the meaning of the federal restriction. Should an individual attempt to purchase a firearm during this time, he will likely receive a denial letter from the CA-DOJ stating the following as the reason for the denial:

DRUGS: Any person addicted to the use of any narcotic drug. Federal Brady Act includes all drug-related misdemeanor charges (except those involving alcohol/tobacco) where the arrest occurred within the past year and: 1) a conviction is present in the

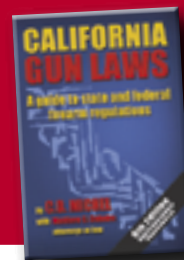
record; or 2) DOJ has attempted and is unable to obtain disposition information; or 3) the subject was placed on diversion, and there is no indication that both the diversion was successfully completed and that the court has entered the appropriate orders expunging the record.

The above language appears to reflect a policy decision from the CA-DOJ as applied to arrests and/or convictions for drug-related offenses

(including marijuana) occurring within the past year. If you are denied a firearm purchase and receive such a letter, consult an experienced firearms attorney to discuss your options.

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1. An individual with such a conviction may be able to truthfully answer “no” to question 21.b if he or she later obtained post-conviction relief that restored the person's right to own and possess firearms. In California, this can generally be accomplished by reducing the felony conviction to a misdemeanor or obtaining a full and unconditional pardon from the governor. Individuals with such convictions should consult an attorney experienced in restoring firearm rights following felony convictions to determine what options may be available to them.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

RECYCLING ... NOT ALWAYS A GOOD THING!

I think all of us can agree recycling is a great idea we can all get behind: taking something old and using it again ... good right?

No, not always—some of your representatives in Sacramento have taken to recycling old, bad legislation to an art form! For this article I'd like to focus on two of the worst bills we are facing this year: Senate Bill (SB) 264 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1223. Both are very BAD ideas that our politicians just can't seem to let go of!

Let's start with SB 264 by Senator Dave Min of Orange County. This one goes well back in almost the exact form, except targeting one county or venue at a time, to 1997! As amended, SB 264 prohibits the sale of all firearms, ammunition and “firearm precursor parts” from all

state property and county property! It directly prohibits a state officer or employee, or operator, lessee or licensee of any state-owned property from contracting for, authorizing or allowing these sales. SB 264 is a direct attack on a lawful process already in place and is unconstitutional.



BY ROY GRIFFITH
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Clearly this legislation will devastate gun shows, both the for-profit and non-profit groups that participate and those who exercise their rights to attend and lawfully purchase items at these events throughout California.

Prior versions of this bill have been vetoed by two previous governors, and it has failed numerous times to even get out of the house of origin. This week it passed its first committee. I was not surprised but very disappointed to hear Senator Min make the same false claims made by previous authors that

Clearly SB 264 will devastate gun shows.

these gun shows represent a threat to our communities. We have asked bill authors many times to back up these claims with documentation. The California Rifle & Pistol Association has submitted public record requests seeking documentation to support these statements, and to date no records have been produced. Making such inaccurate claims to legislators in an effort to wrongfully influence policy decisions is unethical and an unfair to California citizens.

Promoters and operators of gun shows in California must comply with no less than 26 sections of the Penal Code. Gun sales are highly regulated in California, and the rules are no less stringent for those vendors at gun shows. Vendors that participate in gun shows may not

do so unless all their licenses have been submitted to the California Department of Justice (CA-DOJ) before the event for the purposes of determining whether the vendors possess the proper valid licenses and comply with all relevant laws. If they do not pass the review of the CA-DOJ, they are prohibited from participating.

As stated, SB 264 also prohibits the sale of “firearm precursor parts” on state and county property. AB 879 (signed into law last year) when implemented in 2022, will task the CA-DOJ with recording a staggering number of transactions as firearms are made of literally dozens of parts. Now add to the list of responsibilities patrolling “gun shows” all over California for “parts” that are not even clearly defined! All this while the list of over 10,000 known, armed prohibited felons continues to grow in California.

The “firearm precursor parts” issue makes my head spin! In July 2016 Governor Brown signed into law AB 857 the “ghost gun” serialization requirements. AB 857 already makes it illegal to turn any “precursor part” into a firearm without proper registration and serialization from the CA-DOJ, requiring the completion of a background check. What is the true intent and necessity of banning the sale of “firearm precursor parts” on state and county land? Even as SB 264 calls for this prohibition and further compounds the workload of the CA-DOJ, we are still waiting for the definition of *firearm precursor parts*! You with me on this twisted mess? If SB 264 is passed it will result in unnecessary and costly lawsuits. It will create an enforcement nightmare for state and county law enforcement who are already spread far too thin! For full details

AB 1223 seeks to impose an excise tax of \$25 on the sale of handguns, semiautomatic rifles and shotguns.

on our opposition to SB 264 refer to the legislative link on our website, crpa.org.

Next on the list of recycled bad ideas is AB 1223 by Assemblymember Marc Levine. AB 1223 seeks to impose an excise tax of \$25 on the sale of handguns, semiautomatic rifles and shotguns. Additionally, it will impose a yet-to-be-determined tax on the sale of all ammunition. This bill will require the revenue generated by this tax to be used to fund grants through the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (CalVIP) which supports local and community-based violence intervention and prevention efforts. This recycled bill was previously introduced in the 2019 session as AB 18. At that time, the bill author stated the annual cost estimates from gun violence

in the United States reached \$229 billion each year. These costs are caused by criminals, not you the law-abiding citizens the bill author wants to tax! CRPA will always stand with law enforcement throughout California and put the safety of our communities first, but taxing law-abiding citizens for the actions of less than a fraction of criminals, who by their nature are not law-abiding gun owners and account for less than a fraction of 1% of the population, is not the answer!

Firearms and ammunition sales already bring millions of dollars of sales tax into California’s state budget each year. Many communities throughout California already face over 10% in sales tax alone. Additionally, an average of \$40 million is made available for conservation and education efforts in California each

year from an 11% federal excise tax imposed on the sale of sporting arms and ammunition (Pitman Robertson Act). Furthermore, the proposed tax, which clearly impedes constitutionally protected activity, raises serious legal questions as to whether funds raised in this manner can be spent on this kind of policy.

THE GOOD STUFF

It’s not all doom and gloom in the Capital this year. As you know, I usually like to close on a positive note.

There are many really good bills we are getting behind and supporting this session. Going forward, I will focus on a couple each article. First, as I said above, CRPA will always have the back of our law enforcement officers. One such bill is AB 216 by Assemblymember James Ramos of San Bernardino County. AB 216 clarifies rules for off-duty law enforcement officers, exempting them from prohibitions on carrying licensed concealed firearms into establishments open to the public.

In California, off-duty peace officers often find themselves in situations where an event or location open to the public, such as sporting events, concerts, amusement parks, carnivals and fairs, prohibits off-duty peace officers from carrying licensed concealed weapons into the venue. Sadly, we live in a different world. With crimes, civil unrest and active shooter incidents on the rise, proper in-the-moment response is vital to critical intervention and often the difference between life and death. Our law enforcement officers have the ability and are trained to respond to a serious situation that endangers life or property.

Another great bill we are all in support of is AB 645 by one of our finest, Assemblyman James Gallagher of Yuba City. AB 645 seeks to protect and reinstate penalties as outlined in the Fish & Game Code and gives the judicial system the authority and options they need to appropriately penalize the most egregious poachers who unlawfully take our precious wildlife resources from us all. As part of the “roll back” on penalties for true criminals, AB 1950, signed into law by Governor Newsom last year, pretty much turned all misdemeanors into a slap on the wrist with probation not to exceed 1 year! The problem is most all violations of the Fish and Game Code and Title 14 are misdemeanors. Three-year probation terms are critical to recover fines and protect California’s unique and treasured wildlife resources! Thank you Assemblyman Gallagher for taking on this important cause!

For a complete list and up-to-date status of all the bills we are tracking, refer to our website at crpa.org! Thank you all for joining us in this fight and your continued support! **CRPA**

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LITIGATION REPORT

GAMBLING WITH OUR RIGHTS

BY ALEX FRANK

The legal landscape of gun rights in the United States is in a paradox

at the moment. For the first time ever, the Supreme Court appears to have a majority of solid conservative jurists who are faithful to the Constitution and poised to interpret the Second Amendment as the framers intended. That's incredible. On the other hand, the U.S. Senate and Congress are both under leftist/liberal control and are more poised to attempt to nullify the Second Amendment than at any time in history.

It seems inevitable that Congress will attempt to pass significant gun control legislation in 2021. Given the laundry list of items on the anti-gun wish list ranging from “universal” background checks, to an “assault-weapons” ban, to repealing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms act, there is definitely room for Congress to attempt to inflict some serious damage to gun rights and the firearms industry.

It also seems inevitable that the Supreme Court will grant certiora-

ri in a Second Amendment case. There are a handful of cases on the Court's docket with pending certiorari petitions as of March 2021. Several of them are challenges to the federal statutes which prohibit all felons, even non-violent ones with decades-old convictions on their records, from owning firearms. Such a case would be a suitable opportunity for the Court to elaborate on the proper application of scrutiny to Second Amendment rights questions, as well as the method for determining what the historical scope of weapons ownership is.

There are also “hardware” cases in the pipeline to the Supreme Court, such as *Duncan v. Becerra*. In keeping with the 9th Circuit's historical commitment to suppressing Second Amendment rights, the 9th Circuit announced on February 25, 2021, that it would hold an *en banc* rehearing of the matter. Recall that this CRPA-supported case already earned well-deserved wins in both Judge Roger Benitez's district court and in the regular 9th Circuit 3-judge panel. However, now the 9th Circuit will attempt to reverse those hard-fought wins before an 11-judge *en banc* pan-

el. Virtual oral argument is currently scheduled for June 22, 2021.

Due to President Trump's appointments, the 9th Circuit is not the staunchly activist-left court that it once was. Nearly half of the court can be considered conservative at this time. That makes the *en banc* rehearing something of a gamble. It's possible that the panel of 11 judges who will be drawn from the 29 jurists currently on the 9th Circuit could be decisively conservative, and therefore, likely to uphold the win that the 3-judge panel issued in 2020. Regardless of the outcome of the *Duncan* re-hearing, this case will see a certiorari petition to the U.S. Supreme Court. If so, this could be the “hardware” case that could be the new touchstone for the Court's conservative majority to breath new life into Second Amendment rights. And it's now more imperative that the Court does so than ever. A strong revitalization of the *Heller* decision is exactly what we need to challenge whatever insults to the Second Amendment the U.S. Congress concocts. **CRPA**

CALIFORNIA AND 9TH CIRCUIT LITIGATION MATTERS

This report provides an overview of just some of the efforts being taken to protect the rights of California gun owners. Although litigation plays an extremely important role in the fight for the right to keep and bear arms, there are many other tremendous and equally important endeavors throughout California and across the nation.

Protecting the Second Amendment requires an enormous amount of resources and involvement in all levels of California's government, including all 58 counties, all 482 municipalities and all state and local agencies tasked with enforcing the myriad of complex and ever-expanding gun laws.

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CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S AMMUNITION SALES RESTRICTIONS	<i>Rhode v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on April 26, 2018, in response to Proposition 63 and Senate Bill 1235's restrictions regarding the sale and transfer of ammunition in California. The lawsuit challenges these restrictions as a violation of the Second Amendment, Commerce Clause and Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution, as well as a violation of the Firearm Owner's Protection Act.	On April 23, 2020, the Honorable Roger Benitez granted plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction. Consequently, the state was instantly legally barred from enforcing the ammunition laws at issue in this case. On April 24, 2020, Judge Benitez then denied the state's request to stay his injunction. However, the state applied to the 9th Circuit later that day for a stay, which it granted, reinstating the status quo pending appeal of preliminary injunction. Oral argument before the 9th Circuit will likely be heard before summer of 2021.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S "ASSAULT WEAPON" RESTRICTIONS	<i>Rupp v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on April 24, 2017, in response to SB 880 and AB 1135. It challenges California's entire “assault weapon” ban as violating the Second Amendment and due process and takings clauses of the U.S. Constitution. Plaintiffs filed a preliminary injunction motion to prevent the State from requiring individuals to provide the date they acquired their firearms and the name and address of the person from whom they acquired them, as a condition of registration, but that motion was denied on May 9, 2018.	On July 22, 2019, the court granted the state's motion for summary judgment, ending the case in the state's favor. Plaintiffs appealed to the 9th Circuit on August 27, 2019. Plaintiffs filed their opening appeal brief on January 27, 2020. The state filed its brief May 26, 2020. Oral argument is scheduled for October 8, 2020, in Pasadena. The matter is now submitted, and resolution is pending.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S BAN ON STANDARD-CAPACITY MAGAZINES	<i>Duncan v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed in response to SB 1446 and Prop 63. It challenges California's ban on the acquisition and possession of magazines over 10 rounds. On June 29, the district court granted plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, halting enforcement of the newly enacted possession ban while the case is litigated. The state immediately appealed the injunction order. In July 2018, the 9th Circuit upheld the issuance of the injunction.	The federal District Court, where Judge Benitez presides, granted Plaintiffs' summary judgment motion, which permanently enjoined Penal Code Sec. 32310 on March 29, 2019. This legalized the acquisition of standard-capacity magazines. However, the court entered a stay of the injunction, effective 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2019. On August 14, 2020 the 9th Circuit affirmed plaintiffs' win. On August 28, 2020, the state filed a petition for en banc review. On February 25, 2021, the 9th Circuit agreed to an <i>en banc</i> rehearing of the case. That rehearing is currently scheduled for June 22, 2021.
CHALLENGE TO DOJ'S RECENTLY ENACTED "ASSAULT WEAPON" REGISTRATION REGULATIONS	<i>Villanueva v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on September 8, 2017, in response to California DOJ adopting regulations concerning newly classified “assault weapons” under SB 880 and AB 1135. It challenges the regulations under California's Administrative Procedure Act because they were enacted without legislative authority and without any input from members of the public.	On May 30, 2018, the court issued an order upholding the regulations as valid. Plaintiffs appealed and filed their opening brief in California's 5th District Court of Appeal in late March 2019. On January 14, 2021, the Court of Appeal affirmed the decision upholding the validity of the regulations.

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CHALLENGE TO VENTURA COUNTY'S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION	McDougall v. County of Ventura	Plaintiffs filed this case and a motion for preliminary injunction on April 14, 2020. Plaintiffs moved for a temporary restraining order on April 24, 2020. The court denied the motion. Plaintiffs filed again, but the court denied again.	Plaintiffs' original motion for preliminary injunction was set to be heard on May 19, 2020, but withdrawn on May 18 due to Ventura County's change of policy allowing gun stores to conduct business. The court granted Defendants' motion to dismiss on September 22, 2020. Plaintiffs appealed on November 19, 2020, and filed their brief in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on March 4, 2021.
CHALLENGE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION	Brandy v. Villanueva	Plaintiffs filed their complaint on March 27, 2020, and their request for both a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction on March 30, 2020. On April 6, 2020, the court denied plaintiffs' temporary restraining order.	The federal court in Los Angeles denied plaintiffs' preliminary injunction motion on April 6, 2020. On July 8, 2020, Plaintiffs dismissed the City of Los Angeles and Mayor Garcetti from the suit. On October 20, 2020, the court granted defendants' motion for judgment on the pleadings, and dismissed the case with prejudice. Plaintiffs appealed on November 19, 2020, and filed their opening brief on March 4, 2021.
CHALLENGE TO SANTA CLARA'S (AND OTHER BAY AREA COUNTIES) ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION	Altman v. County of Santa Clara	Plaintiffs filed their complaint on March 31, 2020, and a motion for temporary restraining order/preliminary injunction on April 10, 2020. The court denied the temporary restraining order and did not rule on the preliminary injunction.	Plaintiffs' preliminary injunction was denied on June 3, 2020. By the time the court ruled on the motion, the only county remaining in the suit was Alameda county because the others permitted firearms stores to open as "essential businesses." Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint in January 2021.

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CHALLENGE TO UNDER 21 FIREARM PROHIBITION	Jones v. Becerra	There have no significant case developments yet. The court denied plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on November 3, 2020.	Parties will continue to adjudicate the case, and there will likely be motions for summary judgment. Plaintiffs appealed the loss of their preliminary injunction to the 9th Circuit on November 6, 2020.
CHALLENGE TO A CALIFORNIA ASSAULT WEAPONS STATUTE THAT PROHIBITS USING A LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE IN A RIFLE CONFIGURED WITH A "FIXED MAGAZINE"	Miller v. Becerra	The state's motion to dismiss and plaintiffs motion for preliminary injunction are still pending before Federal Judge Roger Benitez as of September 2020.	The court will eventually rule on the pending motions. As of November 2020, the court was holding evidentiary hearings. Judge Benitez held a bench trial on February 3, 2021. Parties submitted a post-trial briefing, and on February 26, 2021, Judge Benitez ordered the state to provide specific evidence about the circulation of specific firearm categories for 2020 and 2021.
CHALLENGE TO WASHINGTON STATE'S UNDER 21 BAN	Mitchell v. Atkins	The district court denied plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and granted the state's motion for summary judgment on August 31, 2020.	Plaintiffs appealed to the 9th Circuit on September 21, 2020 and filed their opening brief on November 25, 2020.
CHALLENGE TO FEDERAL BAN ON FELONS' POSSESSION OF FIREARMS	U.S. v. Torres	After losing in the 9th Circuit, plaintiff petitioned for certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court on August 27, 2020.	The Court denied the petition for certiorari on December 14, 2020.
DOES CALIFORNIA'S UNSAFE HANDGUN ACT (I.E., THE ROSTER) VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	Renna v. Becerra	Plaintiffs are expected to file an amended complaint in January of 2021.	It is unclear, but plaintiffs will likely seek an injunction or summary judgment ruling sometime in 2021.

CALIFORNIA AND 9TH CIR. AMICUS OR CONSULTING SUPPORT

CRPA also provides consulting advice and prepares *amicus curiae* or “friend of the court” briefs in firearm- and Second Amendment-related cases.

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CHALLENGE TO SAN JOSE'S REFUSAL TO RETURN SEIZED FIREARMS	Rodriguez v. City of San Jose	Following the City of San Jose's refusal to return firearms seized by law enforcement, a lawsuit was filed alleging violations of the Second, Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. In September 2017, a federal district court upheld the City's refusal as constitutional. Plaintiff has appealed, with CRPA filing an important amicus brief on March 6, 2018.	The Supreme Court denied certiorari on October 13, 2020.

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CHALLENGE TO CA AND LOS ANGELES FIREARM CARRY RESTRICTIONS THAT PROHIBIT BOTH OPEN AND CONCEALED CARRY	<i>Flanagan v. Becerra</i> (Formerly <i>Flanagan v. Harris</i>)	The case was filed on August 17, 2016, as a direct response to <i>Peruta</i> . It seeks to force the court to decide whether it is willing to uphold a complete prohibition on the right of law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm for self-defense. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment. In May 2018, the court issued a decision granting defendant's motion for summary judgment.	The 9th Cir. rejected the State's petition to have the case heard initially by an 11-judge <i>en banc</i> panel along with the <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> lawsuit. However, instead of allowing the case to proceed, the 9th Cir. stayed the case on July 30, 2019, pending the outcome of <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> . Now that the stay in <i>Young</i> is lifted, this case will likely remain stayed unless something unusual occurs.
CHALLENGES DOJ'S USE OF DROS SURPLUS TO FUND APPS AS AN ILLEGAL TAX	<i>Gentry v. Becerra</i> (Formerly <i>Gentry v. Harris</i>)	Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint alleging that the DROS fee is an invalid tax. On August 9, 2017, the district court issued a ruling granting plaintiffs' request to prohibit DOJ from using DROS fees to fund unrelated law enforcement efforts and requiring DOJ to perform its statutorily required review of the current \$19 fee to determine whether it is "no more than necessary to fund" DOJ's costs for processing DROS transactions.	Trial was held in January of 2019. The Court upheld the DROS fee as a legitimate regulatory fee. Plaintiffs argue that the Court's finding contradicts established law regarding regulatory fees. As of November 2020, the matter is fully briefed. The court will likely schedule oral argument for 2021.
DOES THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL'S 48- HOUR LOSS/THEFT REPORTING ORDINANCE FAIL DUE TO PROPOSITION 63 PREEMPTION?	<i>Kirk v. City of Morgan Hill</i>	The trial court granted Morgan Hill's motion for summary judgment and denied plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment on July 30, 2020.	Plaintiffs initiated their appeal to the California Court of Appeals in January 2021.
DOES HAWAII'S PERMIT SCHEME FOR GENERAL OPEN CARRY PROHIBITION VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Young v. Hawaii</i>	This case was on track for an <i>en banc</i> hearing but was stayed pending the outcome of <i>NYSRPA v. City of New York</i> , the gun case that the Supreme Court held moot in June 2020. Shortly after that outcome, the 9th Circuit rescheduled the <i>en banc</i> hearing for September 24, 2020.	The 9th Circuit <i>en banc</i> panel reheard the case on September 24, 2020. Expect a ruling before summer of 2021. Regardless of who wins, the matter will very likely be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.
DOES HAWAII'S CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT REGIME VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Livingston v. Ballard</i>	Hawaii attorney general moved to stay the case pending <i>Young</i> , which the court granted on June 10, 2019. The case is effectively stalled pending further development in <i>Young</i> .	This case will remain stayed pending the resolution of <i>Young</i> .
DOES CALIFORNIA'S FIREARM RIGHTS RESTORATION REGIME VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Linton v. Becerra</i>	Plaintiffs filed their motion for summary judgment in June 2020. Briefing was complete at the end of September 2020.	On March 5, 2021, the court administratively terminated the pending motion for summary judgment and stayed the case due to the 9th Circuit's announcement that <i>Duncan v. Becerra</i> would be reheard en banc.

NATIONAL CASES WITH CALIFORNIA INTEREST

CRPA also litigates and assists in critical Second Amendment cases across the country that could set precedent for future challenges to California gun laws.

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DOES NEW JERSEY'S RESTRICTION ON LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs, Inc. v. Attorney General of New Jersey</i>	On September 1, 2020, the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling against plaintiffs, holding that large-capacity magazines are not protected under the Second Amendment.	The 3rd Circuit court of appeals denied the request for an <i>en banc</i> rehearing on November 25, 2020.
THIS IS A 4TH AMENDMENT CASE WITH A SECOND AMENDMENT INTERSECTION	<i>Caniglia v. Strom</i>	The Supreme Court granted the certiorari petition on November 20, 2020. CRPA has filed an amicus brief to bring the Second Amendment implications of the case into sharper focus.	Briefing is underway as of early 2021.
DOES A LIFETIME FIREARMS PROHIBITION BASED ON A NON-VIOLENT MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION (DUI) VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Holloway v. Barr (Rosen)</i>	The petitioners filed their certiorari petition on December 3, 2020.	The certiorari petition will remain pending on the Court's docket until the Court decides to hear it or reject it.
THE QUESTION PRESENTED IN THESE CASES IS WHETHER THE STATE MUST PROVE THAT A PERSON KNOWS THAT THEY ARE PROHIBITED PERSON DUE TO FELONY STATUS TO SUSTAIN A CONVICTION FOR VIOLATING 18 U.S.C. 922(G), WHICH PROHIBITS FELONS FROM POSSESSING FIREARMS.	<i>U.S. v. Gary & Greer v. U.S.</i>	The Supreme Court granted certiorari in these cases on February 8, 2020.	The Court will set a briefing and oral argument schedule for some time in 2021.
CHALLENGE TO NEW YORK'S PISTOL PERMIT ISSUANCE STATUTES	<i>Libertarian Party of Erie County v. Cuomo</i>	Petition for certiorari filed on February 9, 2021.	The certiorari petition will remain pending on the Court's docket until the Court decides to hear it or reject it.

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DOES THE SECOND AMENDMENT ALLOW A LIFETIME FIREARMS PROHIBITION FOR AN ADULT WHO WAS INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED OVER 2 DECADES AGO?	<i>Mai v. United States</i>	Petition for certiorari filed December 9, 2020.	The certiorari petition will remain pending on the Court's docket until the Court decides to hear it or reject it.
DOES THE SECOND AMENDMENT ALLOW A FIREARMS PROHIBITION DUE TO FELONY CONVICTION FOR MAKING WILLFULLY FALSE STATEMENTS ON A TAX RETURN?	<i>Folajtar v. Wilkinson</i>	Petition for certiorari filed on December 11, 2020.	The certiorari petition will remain pending on the Court's docket until the Court decides to hear it or reject it.
THIS IS A FOURTH-AMENDMENT-ORIENTED CASE INVOLVING USE OF FORCE AGAINST A PERSON WITH A HOLSTERED FIREARM	<i>Knowles v. Hart</i>	Petition for certiorari filed on December 17, 2020.	The certiorari petition will remain pending on the Court's docket until the Court decides to hear it or reject it.
DOES THE SECOND AMENDMENT ALLOW A FIREARMS PROHIBITION DUE TO A DECADES-OLD CRIMINAL COPYRIGHT VIOLATION?	<i>Flick v. Rosen</i>	Petition for certiorari filed on December 29, 2020.	The certiorari petition will remain pending on the Court's docket until the Court decides to hear it or reject it.
CHALLENGE TO MASSACHUSETTS' FIREARM STORAGE STATUTES	<i>Fleury v. Massachusetts</i>	Petition for certiorari filed on November 2, 2020.	The certiorari petition will remain pending on the Court's docket until the Court decides to hear it or reject it.



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ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW UNRUH CAUSES UNREST FOR LADIES NIGHTS

HOW TO KEEP YOUR BUSINESS FROM BEING A TARGET

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

You see them everywhere. Businesses advertising for a fun night out with the girls. Some are for half-price drinks at a local bar, some give special pricing to ladies at the gym, and some offer to teach self-defense to ladies in a non-male setting. Women love these kinds of events where they can share learning a new skill, meeting other ladies, or just getting out of the house for a fun night with friends. It all sounds like a great time that is harmless and a way to get women out to try

something new. These bonuses for women patrons may be useful in boosting business, but not so fast if you are a business in California! Recently, we have seen businesses in California get themselves into legal and financial troubles because of their “women-only” offerings. This is because California has an anti-discrimination law called the Unruh Civil Rights Act. Most people have never heard of Unruh. Unruh was actually passed in 1995 but has more recently come to the forefront. Unruh was initially a law to prevent discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) but was expanded

to other forms of discrimination for “intentional discrimination.” It is excessively broad and applies to “all persons within the jurisdiction” of the state of California. The law makes it illegal to discriminate on the basis of age, color, sex, race, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status or sexual orientation. Basically, a business cannot discriminate against *anyone*—even in the context of ladies’ nights. For each violation of Unruh, a business can be charged \$4,000 minimum in damages plus attorney fees. An act by a business is “intentional” when someone of the opposite sex is denied the same service or accommodations. The issue came to light when it was discovered that a southern California man and his friends were targeting businesses that offered discounts and special events to women only. He and his friends would visit the business, ask for the same deal as the ladies and when denied, they

would threaten to sue or offer the business to just pay them to settle the issue, and they would go away. Sometimes they would visit the business several times before notifying the business of their violation (remember it is \$4,000 for each violation which can really add up).

Many businesses paid the group just to avoid the cost of litigation and attorney fees. Unfortunately, some of our friendly neighborhood gun ranges fell prey to this scammer's use of the law and felt they had no choice but to stop ladies' nights or willfully pay the fines. It is a detestable situation when individuals can use the law to take advantage of businesses that are trying to do nothing more than generate business and offer what customers want.

We all know that ladies' nights are important, especially in the shooting sports and Second Amendment movements where women are one of the fastest growing segments of new shooters who are getting involved. It is important to provide a space for ladies to learn in an environment where their skills can be developed. Study after study have proven that not only men and women learn and process information differently, but the actual connections in their brains are different. (Lewis, Tanya, "How Men's Brains Are Wired Differently than Women's." Scientific American, December 2013). Many ranges have recognized this need for women to learn in a different environment and want to continue to offer this to women because it is important to their long-term success and continued participation in the 2A community.

In 2018, the Supreme Court of California noted a distinction of how Unruh is interpreted. In *Harris v. Capital Growth Investors*, the court

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noted that the legislative history and objective of the Act were to prohibit *intentional* discrimination in accessing public accommodations and required that plaintiffs must prove a case of intentionality in order to recover under Unruh. A word of caution, however: the court still resolved the Act to hold that a discount based on sexual differences violates the Act while discounts based on things like quantity, advanced reservation, time of purchase or other non-physical considerations were permissible.

So, what are businesses to do? They want to offer what customers want, but they don't want to be a target of professional plaintiffs. If you are a business, range owner or club in California you should do the following to protect your business:

1) Businesses can still promote ladies' nights and make the theme something that would be attractive to ladies, but they must offer the

same deal or ability to participate to *anyone* that comes to the event. Yes, if a man wants to come to the ladies' night event, that business must allow him to attend and charge him the same price as the women attendees.

2) Businesses should make sure that their employees and staff understand this as well. It only takes the unknowing person behind the counter, no matter how innocent, to deny services to someone and the business will find itself potentially paying out big time.

I know that some will say, "What's the point in having a ladies' night then?" Maybe they are right, but I know an awful lot of ladies out there who would appreciate the opportunity to have events geared specifically towards them even if non-female participants are in attendance.

California has once again succeeded in pushing the envelope too far and potentially damaging the ability of businesses to market programming and resources to those who would benefit from these kinds of promotions and education. With a little knowledge of how to handle these situations, CA businesses can avoid costly damage awards and litigation while still being able to offer the programs that we all love. **CRPA**

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LOCAL ADVOCACY REPORT

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

The **Local Advocacy Project** actively monitors all of California's 58 counties and 482 municipalities to support or oppose any proposed ordinance, law or policy likely to impact Second Amendment rights. Local efforts include developing and working with a network of professionals, citizens, local government officials and law enforcement professionals to effectively oppose local threats to California gun owners. These efforts also serve as the foundation for litigation efforts against municipalities that enact anti-gun-owner legislation. Please note that much activity has slowed with the COVID-19 restrictions, however we continue to monitor.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
WINNING! DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS MORATORIUM ON GUN SHOWS	For months the Del Mar gun show has been under siege from groups seeking to end the show. On September 11, 2018, the Del Mar Fair Board of Directors voted to institute an up to 1-year moratorium on gun shows beginning in 2019 while they "study the safety" of the gun show.	Additional legislation has been introduced at the state level that would prevent gun shows from occurring at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. CRPA was a named plaintiff in a federal lawsuit against the fairgrounds in an effort to protect your right to come together with others in the gun culture and hold lawful and safe events on public property. More information on the lawsuit can be found at michellawyers.com/b-l-productions-inc-et-al-v-22nd-district-agricultural-association-et-al	For now, the federal courts have ordered that the gun shows may continue at the Del Mar Fairgrounds while the litigation progresses; the next gun shows will be in 2020. The Fair Board settled rather than get a final ruling against them. Because of its blatant discrimination against gun owners and the gun culture, the fairgrounds had to pay our attorney fees, costs and damages.
CITY OF SAN JOSE	The Mayor for the City of San Jose wants to push mandatory insurance for all gun owners in the City as a way of paying for criminal violence that occurs in his City.	CRPA sent a letter previously on this same issue when the Mayor tried to make this a priority for the City.	The City is now waiting for research being done by the County on the feasibility of the issue. CRPA is monitoring the issue.
CRPA COALITION WORK	The CRPA has been working with other groups across the state for years to influence and advance pro-2A work in the state. We believe in leveraging our combined strength to get things done.	Coalitions are built from other non-profit groups with similar missions coming together. We work with local chapter leaders, elected officials and legislative teams to push support and protection of the Second Amendment.	Watch for joint letters from coalition groups to fight harmful legislation in the state and for work with other groups during this election cycle. To sign up for the Range Coalition, send an email to Ranges@crpa.org
COW PALACE GUN SHOWS DALY CITY	The California Legislature passed a bill in 2018 that would ban gun shows at the Cow Palace state venue as part of the concerted effort by opposition groups. This bill was vetoed by then Governor Brown. The pending legislation to stop gun shows and dismantle the Cow Palace authority was dropped; however, this came with the condition that the Cow Palace Board would stop holding gun shows in the future.	CRPA drafted a prelitigation letter to the Board of the Cow Palace to inform them of pending legal action should they persist with denying gun shows access to state property. The Board has reopened its discussion regarding banning gun shows and is currently discussing the matter in committee. Please watch for further calls to action.	The Board voted in November to re-consider its stance against gun shows given the possible constitutional violations that have been outlined by the federal courts on this subject. CRPA will continue to monitor the situation. As of January 2021, we are still waiting on a report from the Cow Palace Board as to what they plan to do with gun shows. COVID-19 has delayed holding meetings on these issues.
STATEWIDE PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS	CRPA regularly seeks and obtains public records in connection with any anti-gun efforts in California. Such efforts include proposed anti-gun ordinances, gun buyback programs and other anti-gun regulatory enforcement issues.	Responses to these requests often yield valuable results, such as which members of a local government entity are working with anti-gun groups, sources of funding and other important information.	Ongoing. CRPA attorneys monitor and review thousands of pages of public records requests each month.
CITY OF DUBLIN	The City of Dublin has become the latest misled city in California to pass a mandatory lock storage ordinance. The City now requires firearms in a private home to be kept in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock.	Note that this ordinance goes further than others in that it requires all firearms be locked or disabled and not just handguns.	The ordinance went into effect January 2021. Watch video of the City's reasoning here: pbtech.org/clients/dublin_cc/dublincc12012020.html

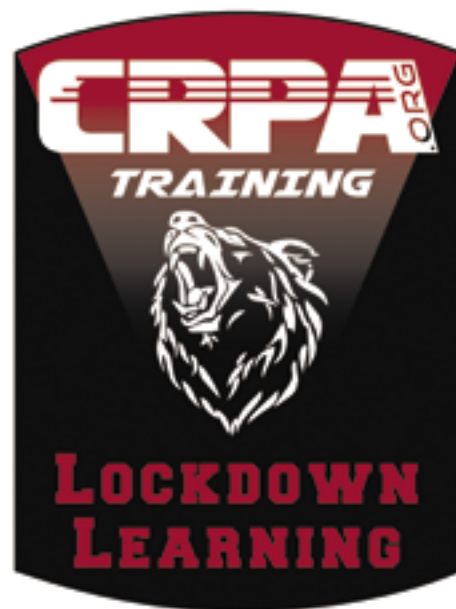
CRPA PROGRAMS UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT: A SESSION WITH RIC GRENELL

BY CRPA STAFF

The Honorable Ric Grenell, the Trump Administration's popular former acting National Security Advisor and Ambassador to Germany appeared at a special members-only virtual conversation session of CRPA's "Lockdown Learning" on April 6, 2021. The session sold out almost immediately after it was announced and represented the latest example of how the CRPA delivers excellent programming and training, despite California's coronavirus restrictions.

Mr. Grenell, who was interviewed by CRPA's Director of Development Rick Travis, thanked CRPA members for everything they do for our freedoms and spoke extensively about the extent to which Europeans have given up their freedoms to socialism, the need to be united in 2022, not allowing Congress to take away our 2A freedoms, electing



CA members who support the Second Amendment to the House of Representatives and stopping our dangerous slide in the wrong direction.

"GET IN THE GAME—WE HAVE A COUNTRY TO SAVE!"

Grenell also talked about the devolution of the Democratic Party since President John Kennedy, quoted President

Ronald Reagan and noted that Twitter's canceling of President Donald Trump was a defining moment. Addressing the need to stop canceling each other and the recklessness of California mailing ballots to people who weren't expecting them, Grenell discussed his plan to "Fix California," a non-profit that will try to clean up voter rolls. His initiative will include:

1. Sue every county to clean up voter rolls, cross-check against jury and death rolls and enforce laws
2. Launch an expansive voter registration drive and absolutely get all gun owners to vote—we need to collectively use our voice.
3. Initiate a ballot measure in 2022 that asks if you want education funding to follow the child—create competition!

"It is time that California stops being an ATM for the rest of the country and politicians."

When asked by Rick Travis about

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► Ric Grenell and Rick Travis during the CRPA's members-only conversation session. (JACOB RAMIREZ)

changing the narrative of the stereotypical gun owner, especially given the number and diversity of new gun owners, Grenell advised that it is time to ignore the media and push out our own narrative. He mentioned the need to highlight (as President Trump did) that the

false narratives are wrong, focus on our heroes who stand up and push our own messages. He noted that, despite the negative coverage, we are winning on this issue. The Trump Administration changed the face of the court systems, the CRPA has been highly successful with lawsuits, and

we need to press forward as all our big society issues have been changed in the courts. In conclusion, Grenell stated clearly that "My freedom is my right." **"We don't need to justify our freedoms; they need to justify why they are trying to take them away."** **CRPA**

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SPOTLIGHT ON TOM WOODWORTH

AN ENGAGED CRPA LIFE MEMBER

Tom Woodworth was born in Los Altos, CA, in 1955. He has spent the last 40 years as a heavy equipment operator. "I was an assistant chief of a small rural town volunteer fire department in Napa County through the '80s and '90s following in my grandfather's footsteps as he started the first volunteer fire department in Los Altos back in the early 1900s," shared Tom.



BY
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VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR

It was Tom's father that took him out to shoot for the first time when he was a young boy. "It was my grandfather's shotgun, an Iver Johnson Arms & Cycle Works .410-gauge single shot, which he purchased about 1910 to protect his chickens and livestock from coyotes on his farm in Stratford, California. He would shoot slugs to dispatch the coyotes. I recall my father putting up some cans to use as a target," Tom said of his first firearm experience. Tom still has his grandfather's shotgun today.

Tom has been a CRPA Life Member for many years and was actively involved in the start-up of the Mendocino County Chapter. "Kathy and Galvan Graham and I met with Kevin to start up the Mendocino County Chapter. At that meeting, we decided to include Lake County. Then Sonoma



► **Tom and his Ruger GP100® 10mm** complete with senior citizen sight. Tom collaborated with a local machinist to fabricate a small Picatinny rail that replaces the adjustable rear sight on Ruger revolvers to enable the red dot mount. (TOM WOODWORTH)



► **Tom Woodworth** with a 26-inch Blacktail deer harvested a couple years ago. (RON STICE)

County was added later; so, we are a three-county chapter," Tom recalled of the chapter planning meeting.

Tom has just retired and hopes to be able to devote more time to the

2A cause. He currently visits FFLs in the area regularly to make sure they always have CRPA brochures, membership applications, pocket copies of the constitution and copies of the *Cal-*



► **Tom Woodworth in his 2A room.** The three guns in the NRA rack are PCP air guns. (TOM WOODWORTH)



► **Tom Woodworth** at his home in Willits, CA. (TOM WOODWORTH)

fornia Firing Line magazine on hand.

How would someone describe you?

TW: Dedicated.

Why do you volunteer/donate?

TW: Unless we all get involved now, we could lose it all.

What do you hope the organization will achieve in the near future? In the long term?

TW: Of course, preserve the 2A, but also, I really would like to see a Northern California CRPA facility complete with training and [a] range. Also, we need to make a big effort to reach out to the 1 million-plus first-time firearm owners to hook them up with safety instruction, training and bring them

on board the 2A cause.

Do you have an anecdote about this cause/organization that moved you?

TW: Of course, the SCOTUS ruling in *Heller* but more recently Judge Benitez's ruling that gave us freedom week; hopefully he's not done yet.

What is it that you wish more people in our community knew about 2A?

TW: Frederick Douglass said it best: "A man's rights rest in three boxes: the ballot box, the jury box and the cartridge box." If you do not know who Frederick Douglass was, please, look it up. America sure could use men like him today! **CRPA**

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Last Name	
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Email Address	

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- ☐ Help with fundraisers
- ☐ Work on political campaigns or elections
- ☐ Voter registration drives
- ☐ Assist with youth/women's events / RSO
- ☐ Assist with training events / RSO
- ☐ Assist with hunting events
- ☐ Be a CRPA membership recruiter (earn \$)
- ☐ Liaison with local authorities and council members
- ☐ Teach firearm safety and proficiency classes
- ☐ Monitor/promote social media
- ☐ Promote CRPA/RKBA messaging/PR campaigns
- ☐ I am down for whatever to help the cause
- ☐ Other:

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Because of CRPA's tremendous growth, and with the support of our members and like-minded organizations, CRPA is expanding its involvement in local campaigns and elections and sponsoring and participating in more events. CRPA has made a substantial investment in grassroots/volunteer coordinating, local election messaging technologies and added staff to manage volunteers and events.

CRPA Chapters and affiliated groups maintain their independence, but work with CRPA and get access to: (1) real-time legislative information from our legislative advocates in the Capital; (2) CRPA/NRA campaign finance and PAC lawyers; (3) CRPA/NRA firearms lawyers who answer questions, fight for local FFLs and ranges in your area, oppose local gun control ordinances and file lawsuits; and (4) regular communication among coalition partners and other local groups to learn from each other and build a stronger network of activists. CRPA needs volunteers to work as Chapter Leaders; Government Liaisons (i.e., candidate development and local issues and ordinances coverage); Retail/Ranges Liaisons; Volunteers and Events Liaisons; and CCW Liaisons, among other things.

CRPA invites individuals as well as local 2A groups, clubs, ranges and FFLs to be a part of the effort in your county. Join us! **Volunteer for CRPA!**



► **CRPA Lead** Gary Brennon, CRPA volunteer Paul Dugas, and CRPA Staff Zach Johnson at the CRPA membership booth at the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club in Alpine California for the ASA Sporting Clay. (JENNIFER HEARTPENCE)

EVENTS & TRAINING

EVENTS

MAY

May 1-2
CROSSROADS OF THE WEST
ONTARIO GUN SHOW
Ontario Convention Center
Ontario, CA

May 8-9
ROUTE 66 RANGE DAY &
ARMED SCHOLAR
Route 66 Shooting Sports Park
San Bernardino, CA

May 15-16
SOLANO HOME & GARDEN
SHOW
Solano County Fairgrounds
Solano, CA

JUNE

June 5
THE WELL-ARMED WOMAN:
#NOTME DAY
Sac Valley Shooting Center Bays
5A & 5B
Sloughhouse, CA

June 5-6
CROSSROADS OF THE WEST
COSTA MESA GUN SHOW
Orange County Fairgrounds
Costa Mesa, CA

June 7
CALIFORNIA RIFLE & PISTOL
ASSOCIATION 146TH
BIRTHDAY

LOCATION KEY

- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
- CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- OUT OF STATE

June 19-20
STATE OF JEFFERSON
SPORTSMAN SHOW
Franklin Family Ranch
Montague, CA

June 23-26
"COUNTRY NIGHTS AND
CARNIVAL LIGHTS"
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► **Yreka High School Trap** teams last practice shoot hosted by Yreka Clay Birds at Dodge Range in Yreka, California. (BYRON DUNCAN)

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- Basic Rifle
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- First Aid/AED/CPR
- Wilderness First Aid
- Archery
- Basic Backpacking
- Leave No Trace
- Emergency Preparedness
- Photography
- Basic Map and Compass
- Trauma/ First Aid



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TRAINING

MAY

May 1
BASIC PISTOL COURSE
Fullerton, CA

May 8
RANGE SAFETY OFFICER COURSE
Fullerton, CA

May 15
BASIC SHOTGUN COURSE
Fullerton, CA

May 21–22 (Two-Day Course)
BASIC METALLIC CARTRIDGE RELOADING COURSE
Fullerton, CA

JUNE

June 5
BASIC PISTOL COURSE
Fullerton, CA

June 12
BASIC RIFLE COURSE
Fullerton, CA

June 19
BASIC SHOTGUN COURSE
Fullerton, CA

June 26
NRA RIFLE INSTRUCTOR COURSE
Fullerton, CA

JULY

July 10
RANGE SAFETY OFFICER COURSE
Fullerton, CA

July 17
NRA PISTOL INSTRUCTOR COURSE
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July 24
BASIC RIFLE COURSE
Fullerton, CA

July 31
NRA SHOTGUN INSTRUCTOR COURSE
Fullerton, CA

RANGE ETIQUETTE



(SHUTTERSTOCK)

HOW TO BE SAFE AND RESPECTFUL

The firearms community in California along with the rest of the country has seen an influx of new people to the community.

This is incredible as in 1 year nearly a million first-time firearms owners joined our ranks. We have all felt the crisis of ammunition shortages, firearm delays and a host of other problems. One of the largest issues is that of the shooting range and availability.

Shooting ranges typically were limited in available space for training and for

the public prior to 2020. The pandemic caused some ranges to close while others limited available lanes. Ranges were also confronted with a lower supply of ammunition at a time when the number of people coming to the range more than tripled in most areas of the state. This has resulted in some ranges experiencing people exhibiting a less than accepting attitude of people new to the sport. This article is to be a refresher for seasoned members of the sport and to serve as a guideline for our newest members of the community.

RANGE ETIQUETTE

Range etiquette is key to safety at any range as it requires the enforcement of rules that enhance safety and encourages courtesy for the benefit of everyone. Whenever I hear someone relate a poor range experience it always leads back to a failure to maintain proper range etiquette. The vast majority of ranges have posted a set of rules that are the basis for proper range etiquette and safety. These rules are enforced by individuals on behalf of the owners of the range and are called Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO), Range Safety Officer (RSO) or Range Masters (Range personnel).



BY RICK TRAVIS
DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT

Range personnel are there to enforce the rules below and are specific to their range. Ranges are not one-size-fits-all when it comes to rules, and the shooters must listen carefully to everything the range personnel tell them. In the case of an emergency, range personnel will advise you on what to do, and you should follow their direction. Complying with the instructions of the range personnel is not up to debate.

The rules that are seen at almost all ranges and that should be carried in the range bag of everyone at a range are as follows:

The Big Three rules that should be memorized by all gun owners:

- 1. Always** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- 2. Always** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- 3. Always** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

When I run a range for youth and families as an example, I do not allow them to step foot on the range until they can recite

The range does not belong to you (unless you are the owner).

these three rules without looking at them.

The following rules will also be posted at most ranges:

- 1. Be sure of your target and what is behind it.** This is important as many do not realize how far a projectile can travel.
- 2. Use correct ammunition.** Make sure the ammunition you are using is what was designed for your firearm. Those with antique or older firearms make sure to consult with a gunsmith before using modern ammunition as it has led to serious injury and irreparable damage to the firearm itself.
- 3. If your firearm fails to fire when**

you pull the trigger, call "Ceasefire" and handle with extreme caution. Remember Rule #1 and **always** keep the firearm pointed downrange in a safe direction. **Always** follow the directions of the Range Personnel.

4. Always wear ear and eye protection when shooting. Overtime, you will be the victim of significant hearing loss if you do not wear hearing protection. Eye protection should be worn while shooting, cleaning and engaging in all shooting sports activities from plinking to competitive shooting and from training to hunting.

5. Make sure the barrel of your firearm is clear of obstructions. This requires you to get training first on how to do this safely. **DO NOT ATTEMPT THIS WITHOUT SUPERVISED TRAINING—EVER!**

6. Do not alter or modify your firearm; have it serviced regularly. There are three things to remember under this rule. The first is that many of us will at some point alter the trigger, the stock, the barrel or some other part of our firearm. Doing

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so in almost all cases voids the manufacturer's warranty, and if something goes wrong you are responsible. The second is that firearms are, in general, complicated mechanisms that do not last forever. Therefore, many antique firearms are called wall hangers as the owner never intends to use them because there is a significant possibility of damaging the firearm and/or bodily injury. Finally, firearms should be serviced like any other tool by a professional from time to time. The book that came with your firearm will recommend servicing types and timing of when they should be scheduled.

7. Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using. Every new firearm comes with a guide from the manufacturer on how your new firearm works and the proper ways to handle this firearm. It is recommended that firearm enthusiasts take a basic course in each discipline (Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun) they engage in at the beginning and as a refresher from time to time. **Note:** I have had many individuals complain about taking a "refresher course" prior to becoming a certified instructor during the sign-up process. They always apologize after the course and state how much they learned. All of us are students of the industry and sport for life. Period.

8. Never use alcohol, prescription drugs or over-the-counter drugs prior to or during shooting. The use of any of these can and often does result in injury. Any substance that can impair your ability to drive a car, use machinery or think always applies to the use of firearms as well.

9. Store firearms. Store your firearms properly when traveling to the range and at the range. There are multiple options, and you should consult local laws and obtain the proper storage equipment from a reputable dealer.

10. Cleaning. This applies to both the firearm and you the operator of that firearm. The firearm should be cleaned according to the manufacturer's

recommendations. You should wash your hands with cold water and soap to remove residue from both use of the firearm and cleaning of the firearm.

The three "Always" rules for firearms safety combined with the general firearms and range rules provide the foundation for range etiquette. Each range, based on its location (indoor/outdoor) and activity at the time you're using the range, will dictate additional rules and regulations designed to insure both a safe and fun experience. These rules will be supplied by the range

ownership and/or the range personnel in charge of the range.

RANGE WRAP-UP

Ranges are an integral part of the firearms community. They have to be treated with respect in all cases. Here are some recommended guidelines that will improve range etiquette across the board.

When visiting a range do not destroy the target stands, posts, supports, holders or any item used to secure a target on the range. This sounds self-explan-

atory but when talking to range operators, clubs, shooting event personnel and government agencies the practice of shooting these items to the point of destruction is all too common. This leads to a reduced lane space for your fellow community members to the permanent range closure in the most severe incidents. Consider your firearm and the impacts it will have on shooting neighbors. Devices like muzzle recoil suppressors, ported barrels on large bore rifles will NOT make you friends at the range!

Targets are for shooting, and each range can determine the target type. This is most often violated at public shooting areas where people think bringing their trash from used appliances to abandoned vehicles is acceptable. It is not and never has been. More public shooting areas have been closed due to this practice. When you visit a public shooting area bring two trash bags. One for your trash and the other for trash left behind.

Ranges are not one-size-fits-all when it comes to rules.

Leave the range better than you found it. I have never heard an agency, owner or range personnel ever scold a participant for cleaning up a range, but I have heard the complaints about those who don't. Set the example and leave the range an inviting place and not an eyesore that can lead to its closure. Clean ranges are safer than dirty ones.

The range does not belong to you (unless you are the owner). This means you have no more right to be there than anyone else. Be polite to the shooters next to you. Respect others by not being distracting, unsafe, verbally abusive, talking too much, offering unwarranted advice or crowding them out.

Strive to make the range experience for the newcomers what you wanted it to be for you the first time you went to the range. For all of us that was a safe and fun experience that made us want to return again and again. Share your knowledge when asked! Additionally, if you have a question, do not be too proud to ask it! Together we can keep California's ranges open and a pleasurable place for all to learn and recreate safely. **CRPA**

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CRPA's Range Coalition members are businesses, clubs, private and public ranges throughout California. Range Coalition members are united to protect range operations and expand opportunities for public participation in the shooting sports so that all Californians have convenient access to ranges and to marksmanship, self-defense, hunting, safety and other training.

The CRPA Range Coalition advocates for ranges in Sacramento and locally to protect ranges and ensure that any proposed legislation or regulatory policies promote proven and sound best management practices and recognize the value of access to ranges and training programs. Through webinars and Information Bulletins, CRPA provides critical information to coalition members and range operators about environmental, safety, insurance, corporate, legal, operational and other important issues of interest.

California ranges are encouraged to participate in CRPA's Range Coalition by emailing CRPA at ranges@crpa.org.

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GOLDEN RULES OF GUN SAFETY

- 1. ALWAYS** treat all guns as if they are loaded.
- 2. ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- 3. ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- 4. ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- 5. ALWAYS** know your target, its surroundings, and beyond.
- 6. ALWAYS** know how to properly operate your gun.
- 7. ALWAYS** be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- 8. ALWAYS** use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- 9. ALWAYS** wear eye and ear protection.
- 10. NEVER** use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription, or other drugs before or while participating in shooting sports.



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A FUN PISTOL SHOOT IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

BY ROB LEE, CHAIRPERSON
FOLSOM/NORTH
SACRAMENTO CRPA CHAPTER

A year of pandemic restrictions has been a heavy burden on every part of this country and kept many of us from our extended families, work and hobbies.

Although most of us have been able to maintain our family and business connections via Zoom, GoToMeeting, FaceTime, emails, and telephones, it is just not the same when you want to be with people and do physical things. If you want to have a shooting event, then it is even more difficult.

Such has been the challenge for

our fledgling California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA) local chapters. Most of the early local chapters were organized and started in late 2019 and early 2020. Several of the chapters were lucky enough to have a few in-person meetings before the nationwide and statewide shutdowns severely limited our activities. It has been almost exactly a year since that life-changing virus swept through the country, but we have persevered.

In late December 2020, the leadership teams for the Folsom/North Sacramento and South Sacramento CRPA Chapters met and decided we could hold a legal and medically safe shooting match at an outdoor range if we followed the state and county health rules along with standard range safety procedures. More importantly, we

decided it would be more fun for our chapter members if we were to contact and invite like-minded gun organizations in Sacramento County and to include surrounding counties.

Because both of our chapters had a long-standing and established relationship with the local chapters of The Well Armed Woman (TAWW) (some of our members belong to both groups), we decided to hold a conference with two of the larger TAWW Chapter leaders. We set up a video conference in early January 2021, to explore TAWW's

► **Left: Roy Griffith** stands next to the Folsom/North Sacramento Chapter donation raffle display table. **Right:** Members help set up the steel tree target known as "The Beast." (JULIE LEE)

willingness to join us in organizing a fun pistol shoot for our members.

We were quite pleased the TAWW leadership felt it was a great idea and embraced the plan with the same enthusiasm that Tim McMahon, RSO, and I were feeling. In fact, they offered some of the better organizational ideas as to how to conduct the shooting event and immediately reserved range dates in February so we could use one of the largest outdoor shoot-

ing ranges in our area.

For those of you who are familiar with Northern California weather, scheduling an outdoor shoot in February is risky business. February is part of our rainy season, and it is also still cold for outdoor events. However, we were all hungry for any sort of event, so we decided to take a big gamble on the weather and hold the match, rain or shine, on February 27, 2021.

We were also lucky the TAWW

organization had an established relationship with the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center located in Sloughhouse, CA. The TAWW leadership team (Debbie MacDonald and Caren Heise) from the Sacramento and Placerville TAWW Chapters were able to gain priority for us on two of the primary shooting bays with rather short notice. This accelerated our planning timeline for the event and forced us to move quickly on the final



organizational details.

At the planning conference, we agreed to have a two-part event: The first part would be a Fun shoot for record (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) followed by a "steel tree" match for bragging rights in one shooting bay (which the Folsom/North Sacramento and South Sacramento CRPA Chapters would organize and manage); the second part of the event would be formal but free instruction in the second bay for new and less experienced shooters who wanted instruction. This part would be run and organized by the TWAU Chapter. The event was designed and structured so that our shooters could participate in both parts if they wanted to shoot in each bay.

Much to our delight, this proved to be a really good idea because we had a large group of shooters who wanted formal instruction on their basic shooting techniques but also moved over to our competition bay to apply their newly learned skills before the day ended. The TWAU organization brought several highly qualified pistol instructors who provided valuable help to our shooters. Additionally, because the TWAU group had the



► **1st, 2nd and 3rd place** trophies.
(JULIE LEE)

relationship with the range, they assumed responsibility for checking in the shooters and collecting a minor range use fee. We had over 60 registered shooters participate which is a success by any standard.

We collectively decided not to charge an event fee because a great deal of the work was being done by chapter volunteers from two CRPA and three TWAU chapters. In the

future, we may add a nominal fee simply to raise funds for each chapter's bank accounts to cover expenses of later events.

To cover expenses this time, our Folsom/North Sacramento Chapter Secretary (Donna vanAdrighem) volunteered to assemble several baskets filled with various fun things. These were used as a legal, donation-based raffle to raise funds for the chapter. Because we are organized as a nonprofit organization, we were able to take this approach to fundraising. However, there are several other ways to raise funds which we will consider in the future.

For the formal competition shoot, our Folsom/North Sacramento Co-Chairperson Thor Benzing suggested we use skeeball targets to make it interesting and a bit more challenging. If you are not familiar with skeeball targets, I have included a picture of one that has different point values in different locations on the target. The shooter is forced to decide where to place her shots for the most points. Even at 7 and 10 yards, it is more challenging than it looks. We were able to special-order the targets online from



► **Folsom/North Sacramento CRPA Chapter Secretary** Donna vanAdrighem staffs the Folsom Chapter donation raffle table. Carlene Ellis is on the left. (JULIE LEE)

a company that specializes in these types of targets (100 targets for \$48, plus shipping).

After the shoot for record was completed, we set up a steel tree competition in our bay. This competition was only for bragging rights. This proved to be a fun outlet for informal competition between two shooters. Plus, it was a good time filler while the instructional shooting was completed. Thanks to Caren Heise and her husband

for allowing us to use their personal steel tree. These things are heavy and indestructible, so have strong people available if you are going to use one of these specialty targets. Moving it was a physical challenge.

Although there are a thousand details required to organize a shooting match (fun or formal), it is not as hard as it might seem, and it will go smoothly if you have trained and experienced members in range

management and range safety. We are lucky to have a wealth of experienced members in our chapters who stepped forward to help. Both the TWAU and our South Sacramento Chapters recruited a fully trained and highly qualified medic for each shooting bay. My personal thanks go out to John Vertido and Donald Morgan for donating their personal time to keep us all safe.

Additionally, I would like to thank CRPA Director of Legislative Affairs Roy Griffith for attending our Fun shoot and CRPA Advocacy and Outreach Manager Kevin Small for his support. The CRPA challenge coins were a great help in building goodwill between the TWAU leadership and some of the key volunteers who made this event successful.

I am sure our CRPA chapters have lots of talent available to organize these types of events, and both the Folsom/North Sacramento and South Sacramento teams are available to discuss our experience with this event to help pave the way for your next event. We learned we can do anything when we put our time and minds to the task.

Be safe, shoot straight, fight back!

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The CMP's highest priority is serving youth through gun safety education and marksmanship events that encourage personal growth and life skill development. CRPA whole-heartedly joins in and supports these efforts.

CMP has also developed excellent match procedures at competitive and recreational shooting events that are being incorporated into CRPA's own event and match management processes. Individuals can keep informed about CMP affiliated matches by visiting the CMP's Competition Tracker page at <http://ct.thecmp.org>.

The CMP also sells select vintage military rifles to qualified U.S. citizens at a great price, along with competitive equipment and memorabilia! You can learn more about getting started on your own marksmanship journey through the CMP at <http://thecmp.org/get-started/>.

Visit us online at www.TheCMP.org

► **High Power Rifle Championship** winners. Bob Gill, 2020 California High Power Rifle champion, appears center with trophy. (MIKE BARRANCO)



FALL WEATHER LENDS SUCCESS IN THE 2020 CALIFORNIA HIGH POWER RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY MIKE BARRANCO

Forty-five competitors attended CRPA's 2020 State High Power Rifle Championship at Coalinga Rifle Club the third weekend of November. The match is traditionally held the first weekend in May but was postponed due to COVID. Thus, the weather for the match was cooler, and it was noticeably cooler at night for the people who camped outside at the range. More importantly with regard to shooting, the afternoon winds were quite tame, nothing like what we're accustomed to in the spring.

In the Standing match, repeat CRPA champion Jared Perry dropped two points for a 198-8X. Bob Gill was right behind at 197-9X.

Sitting Rapid Fire, as usual, featured a number of 200s: Mike Barranco with a 13X, Matt Early with 12Xs, Kaitlyn Bispo with 11 and Bob Gill with a 7X clean.

Prone Rapid Fire proved no more difficult for several competitors who cleaned both targets. Justin George won the 300-yard match with a 200-12X. Bob Gill, Dusty Carr and Hunter Blacksmith all fired 10Xs, and Mike Carlo shot a 9X.

The Prone Slow Fire match was favored with light afternoon wind that helped many competitors shoot above-average scores. Bob Gill dominated with a 200-16X, putting only four of his 20 shots outside the target's 6-inch X ring. Jared Perry was right there at 15Xs. Curt Gordon fired a 199-11X, and several others ended up in the high-190s, even down to the Expert classification. The score sheet indicates just how favorable conditions were for the 600-yard match: all but eight competitors shot a score in the 190s.

Bob Gill's total score of 797-42X won the championship and added to



► **M1A warriors** who gathered for a .30-caliber service rifle revival competed for the Broken Parts Trophy. (MIKE BARRANCO)

his collection of CRPA Bear Trophies. Jared Perry finished second at 739-37X. Jim O'Connell was High Grand Senior and third at 786-26X. Dusty Carr was the High Junior at 785-33X. Joe Blacksmith won the Master class at 784-22X. Long-time M1 shooter Paul Newcomb's modernization to the AR-15 helped him win the Expert class with a High Master score of 777-20X. And Junior Sandra Calderon was the High Sharpshooter at 740-9X. Amber Kingshill won the High Woman award with a 775-21X.

Thirty-seven competitors returned on Sunday with their mostly-AR-15 service rifles for the CMP Excellence in Competition match. Junior Kevin George led the group with a 491-17X to earn a silver leg. Fellow Grizzly Junior Kaitlyn Bispo was second at 486-12X and earned her first six points towards the Distinguished Rifleman badge. Six competitors brought their M1As and celebrated the pre-AR days when .30-caliber rifles ruled.

They were led by CRPA service rifle champion Matt Early, who fired a 484-16X and finished sixth.

Thanks to Curt Gordon, Brian Lok and the rest who helped conduct a great weekend of shooting. The 2021 Service Rifle and High Power Rifle Championships are on the calendar back in their usual spots—the first weekends of April and May, respectively. We hope you'll come to one of these fun events. **CRPA**

Mike Barranco serves on the board of directors of the CRPA and has competed in NRA High Power Rifle for 20 years. He earned both the Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot badges and High Master classification with the AR-15 service rifle. He is a shooting sports and hunting enthusiast who joined CRPA in 1980 with an interest in protecting our firearms civil rights. Mike is a graduate of U.C. Irvine in mechanical engineering and resident of Irvine.



NSSF: TOXICOLOGY STUDY ON GAME MEAT SKIPS THE SCIENCE

BY ELIZABETH MCGUIGAN

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It's hunting season, and that means it's also time for the pseudo-science cautionary news articles claiming traditional ammunition is a health threat. Don't believe them.

A recent piece in the *Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology* describes an analysis of metal

fragments in game meat. This weak research report is clearly part of an ongoing effort to reject the CDC's blood lead level thresholds and assert that there is no non-dangerous level for humans. Despite hundreds of years of evidence that it is safe to consume game meat taken with traditional ammunition that contains lead components, anti-hunting groups argue that the potential for metal fragments to remain in game meat poses a threat to humans.

The analysis published in the *Bulletin* is thin at best. The authors used a very small sample of only 10 deer.

And, while the research assumes that "the number of deer being sampled was equal to the number of deer submitted by the hunters for processing," there is no evidence to support this extrapolation.

A Centers for Disease Control (CDC) study of blood lead levels in North Dakota hunters validates what hunters have always known: consuming game harvested with traditional ammunition containing lead does not pose a human health risk.

The average lead level of the hunters tested was actually lower than the blood lead level of the average



American, including non-hunters.

The average lead level of children in the study was only .88 micrograms per deciliter of blood; the CDC’s level of concern for lead in children is 10—more than 10 times the amount found!

The difference between participants who ate wild game harvested with traditional ammunition and non-hunters was only .3 micrograms—a clinically insignificant number.

“POTENTIAL”

The study involved radiograph imaging of their game samples to find “potential metal fragments” based purely on appearance. This technique is fraught with error, as the imaging cannot reveal what the potential fragments actually are. Rather than metal, they may have been bone fragments. The notion

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that tiny pieces of lead can disperse widely through dense flesh is dubious at best.

Even with the small sample and the flawed use of imaging, the results showed that most of the packets did not contain suspected fragments. According to the report, “Thirteen of the 27 ground venison packets (48%) from shotgun-harvested deer contained at least one metal fragment In packets from shotgun-killed deer that contained metal fragments, the number of fragments ranged from 1 to 3,” again not showing a vast disbursement of fragments.

Further eroding the methodology, the authors note that:

“Due to budgetary limitations, not all suspected particles could be analyzed. Seven suspected metal fragments from six packets were chosen for chemical analysis because they originated from a single deer via a single commercial processor.”

This means that out of the 10 deer the samples came from, only samples for one single deer from one

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processor was tested to see whether it was lead.

SHIFTING STANDARDS

When this small sample was tested, the report found, “The elements copper, manganese and lead were below detection in 93.9%, 10.2% and 79.6% of the analytical subsamples, respectively. At least one subsample from each sample had a detectable quantity of lead.” These underwhelming results are far from a persuasive argument against the use of traditional ammunition.

The authors seem to agree, stating that “An average serving selected randomly from any one of our packets (shotgun-harvested, commercial processor) would be predicted to have lead concentrations within the range from BD to 8.42 µg g–1, or a dose from ~0.00 to 4.4mg of lead in one serving.” Despite the small, cherry-picked sample from a single deer and processor, the analysis still found that a serving of meat from that deer could have a dose of 0.00mg of lead.

HUNTERS’ CODE OF ETHICS

- Follow the rules of firearm and hunting safety. Insist that fellow hunters do the same.
- Respect the environment and wildlife. Study the ecosystem. Tread lightly. Leave no trash behind.
- Do not waste game or fish. Make full use of any animal taken. Take only what you will use, even if it is under the legal limit.
- Use only fair and humane methods of taking wildlife. Develop your hunting and shooting skills as necessary to ensure clean, sportsmanlike kills.
- Know your fitness, skill and equipment limitations. Hunt within those limits.
- Obey all hunting regulations. Hunt with the appropriate license and tags only in allowed areas during designated times and seasons. Obey bag and possession limits. Use only legal hunting methods and equipment. Report game law violations immediately.
- Ask landowner for permission to hunt and respect the land. Close any gates you open. Say thank you.
- Be considerate of non-hunters’ sensibilities. Strive to leave them with positive images of hunting and hunters.
- Don’t flaunt your kill. Be as discreet as possible. Treat game carcasses

- in an inoffensive manner, particularly during transport.
- Generally conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner. Hunt according to “fair chase.” Require the same of your hunting partners.
- Support NAM wildlife conservation programs and urge policymakers to support strong NAM-based conservation initiatives.
- Teach others the skills, techniques, rules and ethics of hunting. Pass these ethical hunting practices along to younger hunters.

HUNTERS ARE THE TRUE CONSERVATIONISTS

CRPA IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA HUNTING & CONSERVATION COALITION

California Hunting and Conservation Coalition (Coalition) members include all the major hunting and natural resource conservation groups in California. Coalition members are united to ensure a strong future for wildlife conservation by protecting and expanding hunting and fishing opportunities throughout California and supporting wildlife management decisions based on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

The Coalition works to make sure these decisions are based on the best available science and sound management strategies.

The Coalition’s primary goal is to ensure that wildlife populations thrive in perpetuity and that our traditional hunting and fishing heritage will be guaranteed for all Californians, for generations to come.

Coalition efforts are badly needed in these times of great challenges to our hunting heritage but also in times of great opportunities.



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In the authors' discussion of other literature on this topic, they note that there are studies that have found even less lead exposure from game meat. The authors argue against averaging lead concentrations across an entire animal, as other researchers have done; although that "maybe a statistically more rigorous measurement of lead concentrations ..." They argue that their less rigorous measurements better estimate the actual ingesting of one or more fragments.

It is easy to dismiss such thin

research in an academic setting, but unfortunately, the study made it into the news, further promoting the flawed results. In the news article, the authors equivocate metallic lead shot with other sources of lead such as paint chips, without any mention of the fact that metallic lead is not as easily absorbed by the body. At the very least, the quoted researcher acknowledges that he does not know how much of these fragments would actually be absorbed by adults. Although, he inexplicably leaps to an argument

that children would "take up about half the lead they ingest into their body" with no research cited in the article or in the study itself for that assertion.

NSSF encourages the media and hunters to carefully read studies that attempt to disparage the consumption of game taken with traditional ammunition.

Hunters, while evaluating studies, should also follow sound field dressing practices, including trimming around the wound channel, to reduce potential exposure. **CRPA**

CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MODEL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Proper ecological stewardship and natural resource management through hunting, trapping and strategic depredation efforts are critical components of maintaining ecological balance.

Hunters and anglers provide the vast majority of funding for natural resource conservation efforts through license fees and federal excise taxes paid.

The traditional science-based and experience-proven North American Model (NAM) of Wildlife Conservation approach to natural resource management has been used to successfully maintain balanced population levels of diverse wildlife species for many decades. Consistent with NAM, hunters and anglers obey conservation regulations, adopt safe practices and adhere to a code of ethics.

Animal rights extremist groups that oppose hunting (see humanewatch.org and huntfortruth.org) advocate abandoning the NAM in favor of an unbalanced and unscientific approach to species management that would deliberately make hunting unsustainable. These groups promote a model that would encourage predator species populations to explode. These unchecked predator populations would decimate game species and endanger suburban neighborhoods.

Through education, mentorship and example, CRPA supports and promotes the NAM. CRPA opposes the ongoing duplicitous efforts of animal rights extremist groups and fights the unscientific and unbalanced approach they advocate at the Capital, the California Fish and Game Commission and in the courtrooms!

- Wildlife belongs to the people and is held in the public trust. It is managed in trust for the people by government agencies.
- It is illegal to sell the meat of any wild animal in North America.
- Laws developed by people and enforced by government agencies ensure the proper use and conservation of wildlife resources.
- Every law-abiding citizen has the right and privilege to hunt and fish and should have the opportunity.
- Humans can legally kill certain wildlife for legitimate purposes under strict guidelines for food and fur, in self-defense or property protection. Laws are in place to restrict casual killing, killing for commercial purposes, wasting of game and mistreating wildlife.
- Because wildlife and fish freely migrate across boundaries between states, provinces and countries, they are considered an international resource.
- The best science available will be used as a basis for informed decision-making on wildlife management.

HUNTERS ARE THE TRUE CONSERVATIONISTS

AMMUNITION UNDER ATTACK

Anti-hunting groups are working to ban the use of traditional ammunition with lead components. California has banned hunting with traditional ammunition and other states are under pressure to join the anti-hunting movement.

PROBLEM WITH ALTERNATIVES

ANTI-HUNTING GROUPS ARGUE

hunters can use alternative ammunition.

WHAT THEY DON'T TELL YOU

There is **NO ALTERNATIVE AMMUNITION** on the market for about **HALF** of all hunting calibers.

95% OF AMMUNITION IS LEAD BASED

Alternative ammunition that is available is in short supply

THE HUNTING MARKET IN CALIFORNIA ALONE WOULD REQUIRE A

ROUGHLY **300%** INCREASE

IN THE AMOUNT OF ALTERNATIVE AMMUNITION PRODUCED NATIONWIDE

ECONOMIC IMPACT

PRICE INCREASES WILL DRIVE HUNTERS AWAY

PRICES INCREASE

HUNTERS DECREASE

STATES WILL LOSE A KEY CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ECONOMY

ELIMINATING JOBS AND TAX REVENUE.

In California, **36%** of hunters said they will **HUNT LESS** or **STOP HUNTING** due to the ban.

Expected change in the number of hunters due to ammunition price

23% HUNT LESS **13%** STOP HUNTING **10%** NOT SURE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

FEWER HUNTERS MEAN FEWER CONSERVATION DOLLARS

HUNTERS DECREASE

CONSERVATION DOLLARS DECREASE

Sportsmen and women pay taxes on every firearm or ammunition purchase contributing to the largest source of conservation funding.

BANNING TRADITIONAL AMMUNITION WILL LEAD TO FUNDS DRYING UP

These funds support the habitat and wildlife conservation projects that have helped populations soar in recent decades.



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BUCKWHEAT HONEY & SMOKED GARLIC DUCK OVER WILD RICE

Spring has brought something back to all of us that we missed last year, and that is a return to some normalcy. Families and friends are beginning to reunite in open air settings known before COVID-19 as the backyard get together. This very act calls for a celebration of something a bit higher on the foodie chart than the traditional hamburger, sausage or hot dog.



BY RICK TRAVIS

DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT

There is nothing like a good Pinot Noir paired with a wild duck (yes, you can make this with a farm-raised duck as well) meal served over a true wild rice. California waterfowl hunters can attest to the great taste of wild duck, and our own rice farmers can yarn for hours about the qualities of wild rice. You can bring both to make your get together memorable.

The process can be same-day or at an earlier event and requires you to take two heads of garlic and cut the top off, so all the garlic is exposed. While you are smoking something else in your smoker, place the garlic heads (wrapped in foil but exposed at the top) in the smoker until they achieve a caramel color. If you are not going to immediately use the garlic in a recipe then let cool and store in a mason jar for up to a month in the fridge. Smoked garlic gives an extra bit of smokiness. Personally, I love to make smoked garlic when using applewood chips in the smoking process, but any wood will work.

INGREDIENTS

2 whole ducks spilt or 4 duck breasts, skin on
 ½ cup soy sauce (use lite soy sauce to lower sodium content if needed)
 6-8 cloves garlic, minced and smoked (see instructions on page 78)
 ¼ cup cilantro, chopped
 ¼ cup buckwheat honey (incredible flavor and is really good for you)
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon cracked pepper
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
 3 cups cooked, wild rice

If you like things spicy you can also use up to 2 tablespoons sriracha in this recipe.



RECIPE

- Step 1:** Pre-heat the oven to 400 degrees.
- Step 2:** The sauce is made by whisking the buckwheat honey, smoked garlic, soy sauce and cilantro together. For those who like it spicier this is where you add the sriracha.
- Step 3:** Season the duck halves or breasts with salt and pepper. Coat the skillet with olive oil and place over medium heat.
- Step 4:** Score the duck skin with a knife to render the duck fat as you cook. Place the duck skin side down for 2 minutes and then flip duck for another 2 minutes. You may choose to flip back to the skin side for an additional 1-2 minutes to deepen the color if you choose.
- Step 5:** Remove the skillet from the heat and drain the excess duck fat from the skillet. Pour the sauce from Step 2 over the duck and place the skillet (I use cast iron for this recipe) in the oven for 5 minutes. Baste the ducks with the sauce and cook for 5 more minutes or until the internal temperature reads 160 degrees.
- Step 6:** Plate the wild rice in the center and place the duck halves or



► **Garlic heads wrapped in foil** are placed in the smoker until they are a caramel color. (RICK TRAVIS)

breasts centered on the rice. Drizzle the sauce from the pan over the top of the duck and garnish with the sesame seeds and cilantro.

Step 7: Serve the meal with a nice glass of California Pinot Noir and enjoy your get together.
Bon Appétit! **CRPA**

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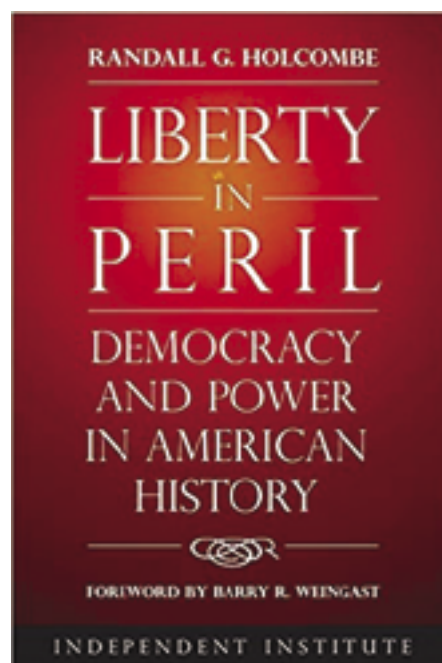
LIBERTY IN PERIL

DEMOCRACY AND POWER IN AMERICAN HISTORY

BY RANDALL G. HOLCOMBE

When the United States was born in the revolutionary acts of 1776, Americans viewed the role of government as the protector of their individual rights. Thus, the fundamental principle underlying the new American government was liberty. Over time, the ideology of political “democracy”—the idea that the role of government is to carry out the “will of the people,” as revealed through majority rule—has displaced the ethics of liberty. This displacement has eroded individual rights systematically, and that history is examined in *Liberty in Peril* by Randall Holcombe in language accessible to anyone.

The Founders intended to design a government that would preclude tyranny and protect those individual rights, and the Bill of Rights was a clear statement of those rights. They well understood that the most serious threat to human rights and liberty is government. So, the Constitution clearly outlined a



limited scope for government and set forth a form of governance that would preserve individual rights.

The federal government’s activities during two World Wars and the Great

Depression greatly increased government’s involvement in people’s lives. By the time of Lyndon Johnson’s “Great Society,” the depletion of rights and the growth of the activities of political democracy were complete. By the end of the 20th century, the fundamental principle underlying the U.S. government was now political power and not liberty. Public policy was oriented toward fulfilling the majority rule with the subsequent increase in government power and scope.

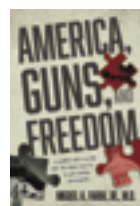
Holcombe argues that economic and political systems are not separate entities but are intimately intertwined. The result is a set of tensions between democracy, liberty, a market economy and the institutions of a free society. All those interested in the evolution of American government, including historians, political scientists, economists and legal experts, will find this book compelling and informative. **CRPA**

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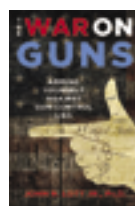
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THE WAR ON GUNS: Arming Yourself Against Gun Control Lies

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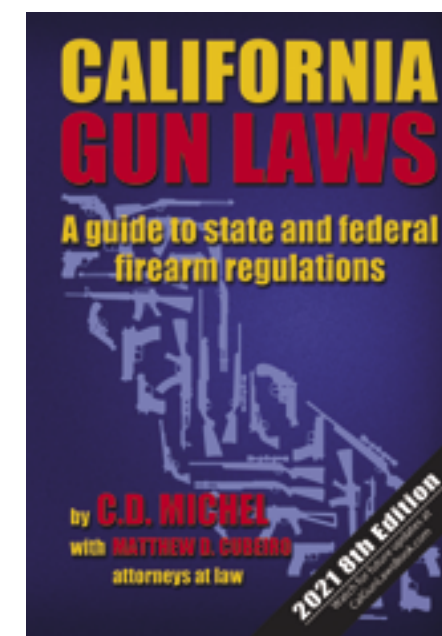
CALIFORNIA GUN LAWS

A GUIDE TO STATE AND FEDERAL FIREARM REGULATIONS

BY C.D. MICHEL & MATTHEW D. CUBEIRO

California Gun Laws: A Guide to State and Federal Firearm Regulations is said to be the bible and definitive source for information on the subject. This tremendous resource is jam-packed with thousands of hours of legal research, all of which has been transcribed into a format that is easy to read and comprehend. Chock-full of legal and practical insights drawn from decades of experience, this book is a must-have for any California gun owner.

The 2021 8th Edition will answer all of your questions regarding current state and federal firearm laws, including who can legally possess a firearm, where and when you can possess it, how to acquire a firearm in California, which firearms are prohibited and how to lawfully carry a firearm in public.



The 8th Edition also covers new and important legislative and regulatory changes to state and federal firearm laws following the release of the 7th Edition. Such changes include **Senate Bill No. 118**, which classifies certain firearms not otherwise meeting the legal definition of a rifle, pistol or shotgun as “assault weapons,” and **DOJ’s “emer-**

gency” Dealer Record of Sale (DROS) fee regulations establishing a \$31.19 fee for all firearm transactions in California. Other bills signed by the governor are addressed, including:

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