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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2022 WAS QUITE THE 2A BATTLE YEAR!

AND 2023 LOOKS JUST AS HOT!

BY CHUCK MICHEL
CRPA PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL

We started the year with the California legislature pounding gun owners with multiple proposed laws aimed at stripping away your rights.

The Governor vowed to pass ALL gun control legislation sent to him, whether constitutional or not. Imagine!

CRPA filed multiple lawsuits to protect your rights, and we won several key cases. But those were held up until a pending Supreme Court decision was issued that changed everything.

A GAME CHANGER FROM SCOTUS

In June, a long-fought battle through the courts brought us the *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* decision from the Supreme Court. The *Bruen* decision not only threw out the "good cause" requirement that had been used for years to block people from getting a license to carry a firearm (CCW). It also changed the way all Second Amendment legal challenges must be evaluated by the courts. Biased evaluations and dubious policy choices were thrown out. The history



and tradition test now applies. It's a game changer and a hard reset for Second Amendment litigation. The CRPA legal team jumped right to work using this new, better, legal test in its lawsuits. We see wins coming, but it still won't be easy.

THE BLUE RESISTANCE TO YOUR RIGHTS

After *Bruen* came down, the California Department of Justice circled the wagons and concocted new flimsy

arguments to try and save existing gun laws, and to find a new way to restrict the issuance of CCWs since the "good cause" requirement was thrown out by SCOTUS. And the legislature tried to make almost the entire state a "sensitive place" where CCWs would not be valid.

That proposed bill was defeated by a CRPA-led coalition in Sacramento—by one vote in the wee morning hours. Our full-time legislative team works in Sacramento and locally to stop the

MEMBERS' VOICES

First aid training pays off

Thank you to Rick Travis from California Rifle and Pistol Association. You helped me save my dad's life!

I recently attended a free seminar at Outdoor World/Bass Pro Shops. For a couple of hours on a Saturday morning, I got a preview of wilderness first aid training. Little did I know, two days later, I would need to apply my newfound wound wisdom on my dad who took a tumble.

I love my dad and seeing him hurt with a bloody head wound was traumatic. I followed the first aid basics, despite being scared (white stuff on red stuff!) and got him bandaged up and off to the hospital.

My dad is okay now, and so is everyone else that was involved. Thanks to you, now I know that everyone involved in an emergency event also needs consideration.

I still can't help but feel the universe helped us out here – BUT STILL – sending y'all a BIG, HUGE, tremendous "thank you" to Rick and Bass Pro Shops for helping me and my family.

— Nikki Pural

Wow! Thank you for sharing! Its great hearing how our efforts help people.

SHARE YOUR VOICE WITH CRPA

We want CRPA members' voices to be heard! If you have something you would like to bring to the attention of our *California Firing Line* Executive Editor, please email CFL@chipotlepublishing.com and be sure to specify that it is for Members' Voices (Letters to the Editor). We look forward to hearing from you!

(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.)

ridiculous and useless gun bans that politicians relentlessly propose. Even in rigged political environments, we are stopping a lot of bad bills! CRPA is there EVERY SINGLE DAY during the legislative session and once the legislators go home, our team hits the road to meet with CRPA members across the state. The CRPA legislative team works all hours of the night to keep a watchful eye on the shenanigans that happen daily in Sacramento. We are holding their feet to the fire. And CRPA's local Chapters are a key part of that effort. CRPA is expanding its volunteers and grassroots program and opening local CRPA chapters across the state. Chapters are growing by leaps and bounds! Join one!

All the while, Newsom and his anti-gun-owner cronies are still working to stop the next generation of Second Amendment advocates by not allowing anyone to talk with them about firearms and firearm products, and by banning gun shows and other places where that kind of discussion takes place. We cannot allow that to happen.

HUNTING IN THE CROSSHAIRS

Next, we saw attacks on youth and hunting. Another new law, AB 2571, brought youth shooting sports—a time-honored sporting tradition—to a standstill by stating that no one under the age of 18 years old could be marketed to by members of the firearm industry. When the outcry against this emergency legislation was felt by the Governor's office, they immediately attempted to "fix" the bill by amending the language. But the revisions to the law make it even more confusing. CRPA is still involved in litigation to end this ill-conceived law and is helping ranges, college recruiters, youth teams, hunting groups, nonprofits,

coaches, and kids and their parents understand the limits this law continues to place on youth in California.

Hunting was also attacked by groups that want to ban hunting entirely. But the anti-gun groups were defeated by CRPA and our Hunting and Conservation Coalition. Anti-hunting groups attempted to get a bear hunting ban petition passed by the state Fish and Wildlife Commission. The plan was to stop all bear hunting and then end other types of hunting in the state—permanently. Hunters are the true conservationists! CRPA is committed to the historic traditions of hunting and to conserving healthy wild habitats and animals. CRPA fought back and won, for now. But we fully expect another attempt to end hunting in the coming year. CRPA and its friends and coalition partners will be ready.

CRPA LAWSUITS ABOUND

CRPA lawsuits are making a difference too! In court, CRPA is still fighting the ammunition restrictions (*Rhode v. Bonta*) and the magazine capacity restrictions (*Duncan v. Bonta*). These critical cases, and many other CRPA lawsuits, are being re-heard under the new Bruen test. We hope to see the final victories soon.

In addition to the cases mentioned above, CRPA filed a lawsuit against the gun show bans and the California "Safe" Handgun Roster. This is something that we wanted to do for a long time, but the environment was not right. Now with the Bruen ruling, we are in a position to prevail, although we are sure the state will throw everything possible against this case. They are scared to death that the legacy of Governor Newsom is being challenged right before he attempts to run for president. His record and legacy are on the chopping block. And

CRPA is more than willing to let people know that California and Governor Newsom have not been the shining examples of upholding the constitutional rights of the people.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

CRPA is reaching out to more gun owners than ever through our CRPANews and CRPATV productions and our improvements to CRPA's magazine. We've expanded our social media presence, expanded our training programs to provide more free, online, California-specific offerings over the past year, reworked how we sponsor shooting events, and increased our efforts to protect and support youth, women and minority firearm training programs.

ELECTIONS MATTER

The CRPA Political Action Committee is having a bigger impact on campaigns and elections at the state and local level. This includes our efforts to keep 2A candidates and sheriffs in place for the next election cycle and expanding support for candidates who may have never run for an office before but are willing and ready to protect the Second Amendment. We

are using technology, dedicated people, and members to get it done.

WELCOMING NEW (AND OLD) SHOOTERS

CRPA frequently goes all across the state to provide instruction and classes that bring people into the hunting and shooting sports and keep ranges running with properly trained range safety officers. We have boots on the ground, and our commitment is to continue to engage members however we can in 2023. Thanks for your support, and if you can, we hope that you will get engaged, take a class or two, join us at an event, maybe consider running for a local office, and exercise your right to vote for the Second Amendment wherever you have that opportunity. Each month brings something new and CRPA is looking forward to meeting the needs of gun owners across the state! Stay strong, stay informed, and continue supporting the efforts of CRPA which has been fighting for your Second Amendment rights for more than 140 years.

Wishing you a joyous, prosperous, and pro-2A New Year!

Chuck

STATEMENT OF CRPA'S FINANCIAL PRACTICES

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DATA ON MASS MURDER BY GOVERNMENT IN THE 20TH CENTURY

BY DAVID KOPEL

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This article presents the data on mass murders by the Nazi regime and its allies, by Communist regimes and their allies, and by other governments. This week is an especially appropriate time to reflect on mass murder by government. Kristallnacht was 84 years ago today, November 9, 1938. Two days ago, November 7, was

During the 20th century, governments murdered over 200 million people.

the National Day for the Victims of Communism.

During the 20th century, governments murdered over 200 million people. This figure excludes battle deaths from wars. The tables below are from my just-published Gonzaga Journal of International Law article, *Guns Kill People, and Tyrants With Gun Monopolies Kill the Most*. The data cover 1900 to 1987 and are mainly based on the scholarship of the late University of Hawaii political science professor Rudolph J. Rummel. The few instances in which different figures are used are

explained in my article.

The tables below do not use the word “genocide,” because that term, as defined in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, is too narrow. At the insistence of Josef Stalin, the Genocide Convention applies to some mass murders by government (e.g., targeting racial, ethnic, or religious groups) but not to others (e.g., targeting victims for class warfare or ideological reasons). Hence, prof. Rummel coined the term “democide” to describe noncombat mass murders for any reason.

As the tables indicate, mass murders are perpetrated by dictatorial regimes of various stripes. Communist regimes are far away the most murderous. The tables list 17 communist regimes that murdered at least 100,000 people. Overall, the communists murdered approximately 168,759,000 from 1900 to 1987.

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On the whole, the most-murderous fascist regimes proved to be less durable than their communist counterparts, so their killing sprees did not last as long. The 1900-87 murder count by fascist regimes was 27,848,000.

Fascist regimes are those that were explicitly aligned with the political theories of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini. Mussolini had been a socialist, but he broke with

the party because of its internationalist class perspective and its opposition to World War I. Mussolini recast the totalitarian side of (some) socialist ideology into a nationalist mold.

All these figures are rough midpoint estimates. They come from a scholar who dedicated his outstanding career to quantifying mass murder by government and examining its causes.

MEGA-MURDERERS

DEKAMURDERS (OVER 10 MILLION VICTIMS)

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (1949-87)	87.6 million people murdered. Mao et al. communist regime. Does not include 3.5 million murders by Chinese communists during the 1927-49 civil war.
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (1917-87)	61.9 million people murdered. Communist regime. Includes 54.8 million within the Soviet Union, plus 6.9 million in areas conquered by the USSR. Josef Stalin's rule (1929-53) accounts for 43 million. On an annualized basis, the pre-Stalin regime founded by Lenin was more murderous than the post-Stalin one.
GERMANY (1933-45)	20.9 million people murdered. National Socialist German Workers Party (Nazi). Includes Hitler regime's murders throughout occupied Europe. Does not include WWII battle deaths.
CHINA (1928-49)	10.1 million people murdered. Kuomintang party. Although the party was originally Leninist in orientation, I did not count them in the communist total.

MEGAMURDERS (OVER 1 MILLION VICTIMS)

JAPAN (1936-45)	6.0 million people murdered. Military dictatorship. Principally, war crimes perpetrated by the Japanese army against civilians in occupied nations, such as China or the Philippines. Although the ideology was not derived from Mussolini, the regime allied with the European fascists in WW II, and Japan is counted as a fascist regime.
CHINA (1923-49)	3.5 million people murdered. Communist revolutionary army before victory in 1949. As with all the data, there are no battle deaths. The killings were of civilians in areas controlled by the communist army.
CAMBODIA (1975-79)	1.5 million people murdered. Khmer Rouge communist regime. Per capita, the largest democide against a domestic population. Includes murders of ethnic minorities, intellectuals, and dissidents, plus deaths from slave labor.
TURKEY (1909-18)	1.9 million people murdered. Young Turks regime. Military dictatorship killings of Armenians and other Christians.
VIETNAM (1945-87)	1.7 million people murdered. Communist. Includes 1.1 million in Vietnam and 0.6 million in Laos and Cambodia. Does not include battle deaths.
POLAND (1945-48)	1.6 million people murdered. Communist regime, post-WWII. Ethnic cleansing of German population, including in former German areas given to Poland after the war. Deaths mainly from subhuman conditions of deportation.
PAKISTAN (1970-71)	1.5 million people murdered. Islamist military dictatorship. A 267-day military attack by West Pakistan on East Pakistan (which is now the independent nation of Bangladesh). The attacks were ended by Indian military intervention. The figure does not include battle deaths.
YUGOSLAVIA (1944-63)	1.1 million people murdered. Josip Broz Tito communist dictatorship. Mass killings of ethnic groups and non-communists in 1944-46, plus deaths in slave labor camps through 1963.

SUSPECTED MEGAMURDERS (DATA ARE LESS CERTAIN, SO ESTIMATES ARE ROUGHER.)

NORTH KOREA (1948-87)	1.7 million people murdered. Sung family's communist absolute monarchy. Includes killings of prisoners of war and civilian South Koreans during the Korean War (1950-53).
MEXICO (1900-20)	1.4 million people murdered. Porfiro Díaz authoritarian regime till 1911; revolutionary regimes and warlords thereafter. Deaths of Indians and peons on slave labor haciendas, plus massacres of civilians and conscription into slave labor by various forces in the civil wars of 1911-20.
RUSSIA (1900-17)	1.1 million people murdered. Czarist regime. Includes about 0.5 million from Russian Empire Armenian irregulars slaughtering Kurds in Turkey in WWI, in reprisal for genocide of Armenians in Turkey. Most of the rest from deaths of prisoners of war in WWI. Some from Jewish pogroms.

TOTAL DEATH TOLL OF MEGAMURDERS: 203.5 MILLION

NEXT-LARGEST EUROPEAN DOMESTIC MASS MURDERS

ALBANIA (1944-87)	100,000 people murdered. Communist. Ultra-totalitarian regime of Enver Hoxha.
BALKAN CHRISTIANS (1912-13)	10,000 people murdered. Targeted by various governments.
BULGARIA (1944-87)	222,000 people murdered. Communist.
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (1945-48)	197,000 people murdered. Coalition government including democrats and communists. Primarily reprisals and ethnic cleansing of German-speaking population. The figure is not included in the communist total above.
EAST GERMANY (1945-87)	70,000 people murdered. Communist.
HUNGARY (1919-44)	138,000 people murdered. Authoritarian. Includes 79,000 in Yugoslavia in areas temporarily annexed by Hungary in WWII. Included in the fascist total, because Hungary was an ally of Nazi Germany.
RUMANIA (1941-87)	919,000 people murdered. Fascist then communist after 1944. For simplicity, half the deaths are assigned to communists and half to fascists.
SPAIN (1936-75)	452,000 people murdered. Fascist Francisco Franco dictatorship. Mutual democide of 202,000 by Fascists and Republicans during Civil War. 250,000 by Franco thereafter. For simplicity, half the Civil War deaths are assigned to fascists. Although many communists fought in the Civil War against Franco, the deaths from the anti-Franco side are not assigned to communists.

TOTAL OF OTHER EUROPEAN MASS MURDERS: 2,108,000

SELECTED CENTI-KILOMURDERS (OVER 100,000 VICTIMS)

AFGHANISTAN (1978-87)	483,000 people murdered. Does not include battle deaths. Includes democides by pre-1979 regime, by the regime installed in 1979 by Soviet coup, by the imperial Soviet army, and by other forces.
ANGOLA (1975-87)	125,000 people murdered. By communist regime following independence from Portugal.
BURUNDI (1964-87)	175,000 people murdered. Tutsis vs. Hutus.
CHINA (1917-49)	910,000 people murdered by warlords. Independent warlord regimes not under the control of the Republic of China or of the communist revolutionaries.
ETHIOPIA (1941-74)	148,000 people murdered. Haile Selassie monarchy.

ETHIOPIA (1974-87)	725,000 people murdered. Communist.
GUATEMALA (1956-87)	122,000 people murdered. Military.
INDONESIA (1965-66)	509,000 people murdered. Killings of communists by the military, the select militia, and others following a failed communist coup attempt.
INDONESIA (1965-87)	729,000 people murdered. Against East Timor secessionists.
IRAQ (1968-87)	187,000 people murdered. Ba'ath party. Although the party had explicitly Stalinist and Hitlerist roots, the deaths are not assigned to either ideology.
MONGOLIA (1916-87)	100,000 people murdered. Communist.
MOZAMBIQUE (1975-87)	323,000 people murdered. 198,000 by communist regime after 1975 independence from Portugal. Remainder by opposition RENAMO forces (Resistência Nacional Moçambicana).
NIGERIA (1967-70)	777,000 people murdered. By government and Biafran forces during Biafra's failed war of independence.
SUDAN (1956-87)	627,000 people murdered. Islamist military dictatorship. Against various ethnic or racial minorities.
TURKEY (1919-23)	878,000 people murdered. Atatürk regime. Post-WWI attacks on Armenians and other minorities.
UGANDA (1971-79)	300,000 people murdered. Idi Amin military regime. Mainly against minority tribes and Ugandans of Asian descent.
UGANDA (1979-87)	255,000 people murdered. Post-Amin regimes.
TOTAL: 7,373,000	
GRAND TOTAL: 212,981,000	

The figures are for 1900-87, and therefore do not include mass murders by governments in the last 35 years, such as the ongoing Chinese Communist imperialist genocides in Central Asia against Tibetans, Uighurs, and other groups. As detailed in my previously-men-

tioned article and the citations therein, the overwhelming majority of the above murders were perpetrated against victims who had been assiduously disarmed by dictatorships before the killing began. The behavior and statements of mass-murdering regimes indicate that armed

citizens are a serious impediment to mass murder by government. As also detailed in the article, the historical record indicates that resistance by intended victims who do have arms can save many lives, even when the targeted groups lack the power to overthrow the regime. **CRPA**

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DEMONIZING GUN ADS IS A MISGUIDED WITCH HUNT

BY LARRY KEANE

Originally published at NSSF.org

Gun control advocates are ready to start grabbing pitchforks and torches in their attempt to drive out firearm manufacturer advertisements.

They fear that today's advertising is running to a tipping point where they need to rally the villagers to chase the monster pieced together by mad gun advertisers out of town.

Today's gun ads, they claim, are a horrific menagerie of toxic masculinity, fearmongering and anti-government militancy. Except none of that is true. Gun control's efforts are more like a witch hunt, and more like Monty Python's version of one depicted in

the cult classic, "The Holy Grail."

They're too busy clanging alarm bells to roust of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to realize that the monster they're chasing doesn't exist. The real monsters are the criminals, not the law-abiding gun owners who are lawfully purchasing firearms for self-defense, recreational shooting and hunting.

They want to muzzle and silence our industry so the American heritage and tradition of hunting and the shooting sports is not passed on to the next generation.

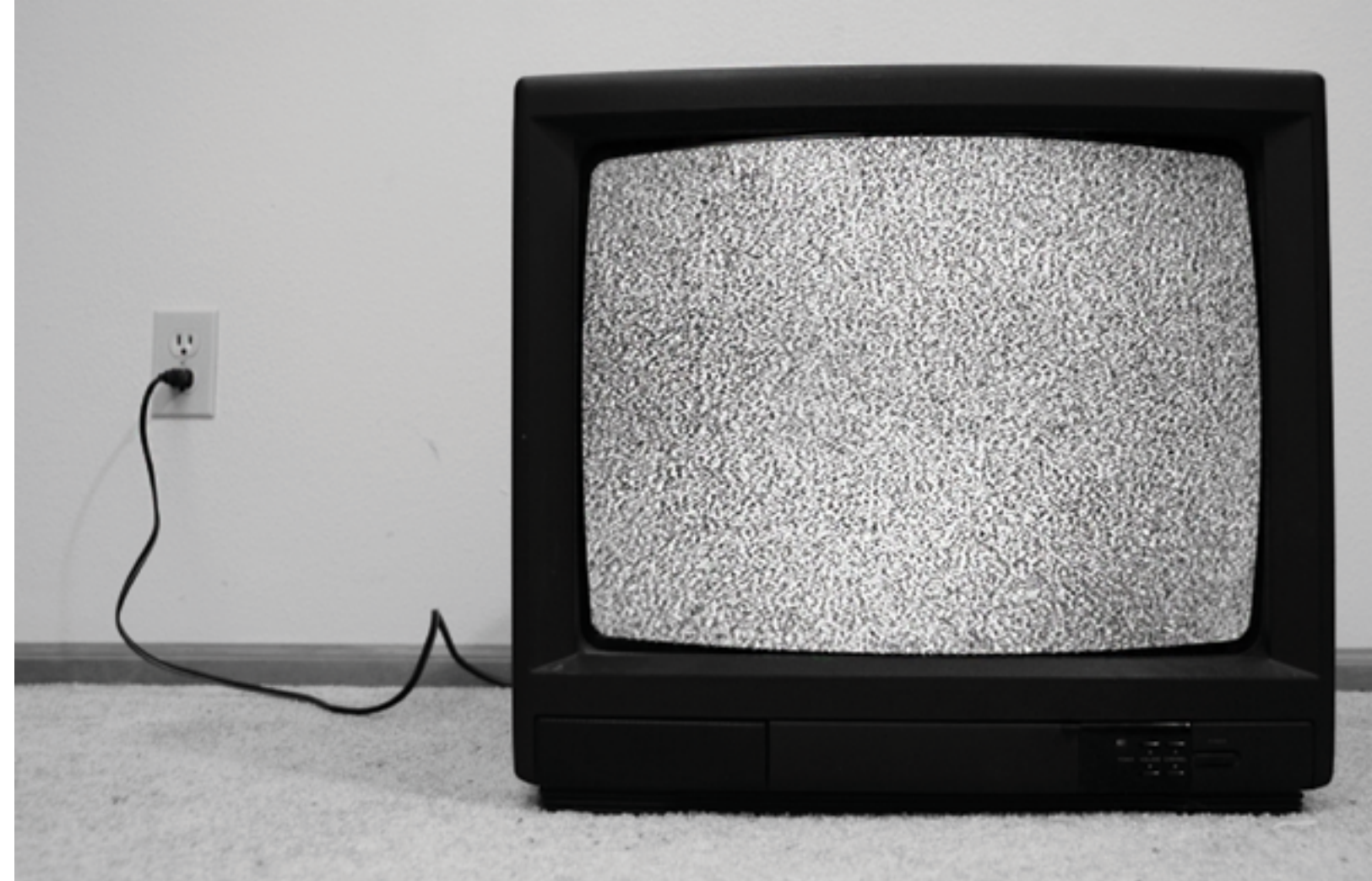
DEFINING ACCEPTABLE ADS

Adweek was the latest to weigh in. The advertising trade publication, which regularly highlights efforts by various gun control groups to demonize lawful gun ownership, posted a feature claiming that today's gun ads

are turning America's children into "extremists."

The article focuses on an effort by lawmakers to pressure the FTC to abandon their neutrality and deny gun manufacturers the ability to advertise. They say the ads of yesterday of plaid-clad hunters unwrapping a rifle under the tree are acceptable, but today's advertising that draws on patriotism and self-reliance is a bridge too far. They want the FTC to burn gun manufacturers at the metaphorical stake and cut out their tongues.

That is a pretty big leap to suggest that Americans—even youth—exposed to firearm ads are having their minds poisoned. Guns have been advertised for decades, even guns offered in youth models. Mechanix Illustrated ran an ad in 1954 for a Remington .22 caliber rifle featuring a youth holding a rifle he received as



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a Christmas present. Sears Roebuck listed firearms in their catalog in 1897 featuring a shotgun for \$7.95 and would even deliver a revolver to a mailing address.

Clearly, government regulations restricted that years ago. Even toy guns, like Mattel's #2 M16 featuring authentic "braap, brra-a-a-a-ap, brap, brap" sounds were advertised in 1967. None of that turned America's youth into murderers. In fact, recreational shooting, including the scholastic shooting sports, ranks among the safest sporting activities. Golf, walking, and tennis report more injuries than hunting, and trap and skeet shooting reports account for just 0.1 percent of injuries.

INTELLECTUALLY DISHONEST

That is because the shooting sports are heavily supervised. Basic founda-

tional safety rules are a must and are drilled into every gun owner. Children are admonished to only handle firearms under the direct supervision of a responsible adult.

Critics of lawful firearm ownership are being intellectually dishonest when they say it is advertising that is causing out-of-control crime rates or horrific murders. They know this is not true. It is not as if these are individuals who are not academically accomplished. U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) was once a professor at Harvard University. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) was a Yale Law School graduate who also served as Connecticut's attorney general. They are not uneducated. They are just being dishonest.

They do not want to admit that the soft-on-crime policies they espouse are not making our communities

safer. They would rather latch onto every gun control notion they can and mispresent to America that the societal ills are the fault of the firearm industry that they have made a career out of demonizing. It plays well to their voters when they do not have to admit their policies are failing. It is easier to cast blame and malign an industry, tell America that murderers are not individuals with craven hearts who couldn't care less about the law, much less the value of human life. It is easier to ignore that the responsible firearm industry offers Real Solutions than admit law-abiding gun owners are invested in safe and responsible ownership.

Do not believe their false and misleading claims that the firearm industry is evil. They are the ones selling pitchforks and torches. **CRPA**

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CALIFORNIA IS STARVING THE AVAILABILITY OF LAWFUL HANDGUNS

BY LARRY KEANE

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California is pulling off a vanishing act right before everyone's eyes.

The list of semiautomatic handguns available for sale there is rapidly dwindling, thanks to the state's "Not Unsafe Handgun Roster."

It won't be too long before all semi-automatic handguns will be banned from sale in California – a step closer to gun control's ultimate goal of banning lawful civilian firearm ownership. The California "Not Unsafe Handgun" law enacted in 2001 started a slow motion statewide handgun ban. The ban picked up momentum in May of 2013 when the 2007 law requiring microstamping on all new pistols became effective upon then-Attorney General Kamala Harris certifying microstamping technology was unencumbered by patent restrictions. There were 967 models available for lawful purchase when the roster was certified less than a decade ago. Today, there are under



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250 available models, when different paint schemes are considered.

CALIFORNIA DREAMING

California's lawmakers started the process of denying citizens the ability to purchase modern semiautomatic handguns with legislation introduced in 1999. The law, introduced as SB 15, required that any handgun that is sold in the state, and capable of

being concealed, must be tested by a certified laboratory and determined to be "not unsafe." The criteria in 2001 was that every handgun had to contain three "safety" features, including an indicator that shows if a cartridge is present in the chamber, a mechanism that prevents a firearm from discharging when the magazine is removed or not present and the

third is to incorporate unworkable microstamping technology.

The problem is that microstamping just doesn't work. Microstamping is the theoretical notion that a firearm would impart an identifying code on the cartridge it expends, primarily from the firing pin on the primer. In theory, this would allow law enforcement to connect spent cartridge

cases collected at crime scenes with a particular firearm by matching the identifying code.

In practice, it doesn't work. The inventor of the technology, Todd Lizotte, who holds the sole-source patent to etch microscopic codes on the face of a firing pin, agreed that the technology wasn't ready for widespread commercial use. Lizotte

admitted that alphanumeric codes are often illegible under even perfect conditions. Electron microscopes couldn't detect legible codes in testing. Even in laboratory settings, it would take at least 10 spent cartridges to make an "educated guess" to piece together a legible code. Third-party researchers agreed.

FACTS BE DAMNED

It doesn't take much to defeat microstamping. The technology can easily be negated with sandpaper or a nail file as the mark is only 25 microns (half the diameter of a human hair). Criminals already obliterate serial numbers etched into a firearm frame.

California lawmakers ignored that, passing another mandate in 2020 that every handgun must incorporate single-placement microstamping. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a law in 2020 that reduced the marking requirement to a single location but sped up the roster. For every one handgun that would be added, three would come off.

There have been no new models added to the roster since 2013, thanks to this mandate and the state's interpretation that even minor cosmetic changes constitute a new model requiring microstamping. The list of handguns available for sale, however, has shrunk considerably – by nearly 75 percent. It will only pick up speed. Starting in July, the requirement for three handguns to come off the list goes into effect.

The trifecta of an unworkable requirement, a self-defeating mandate and a shrinking pool of commercially-available firearms means Californians are witnessing a slow motion ban on an entire class of firearms before their very eyes. **CRPA**

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**AT REAL CLEAR POLITICS:
WHEN MISINFORMATION DRIVES**

BAD POLICY

BY JOHN R. LOTT

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To President Biden, public health researchers, and the media, violent crime is all about guns. But a new survey finds that people are badly misinformed about how much violent crime involves guns. The average likely American voter is way off, thinking that over 46% of violent crimes involve guns. In fact, the true figure is less than 8%.

Not surprisingly, those who believe that most violent crime involves guns are more likely to view gun control as the solution.

Biden has given four major speeches on violent crime (here, here, here, and here). Each one of them was focused on enforcement of gun control laws. In the four speeches, he mentioned “gun” or “firearm” 179 times. The term “weapon,” sometimes in connection with “assault weapon,” was used another 31 times.

The words “crime,” “violence,” or “violent” were mentioned about half as often—94 times. He only mentions the words “murder” or “homicide” seven times in these four presentations, which involve guns at a higher rate, and entirely omits them from his two most recent talks.

But this “guns first” approach to reduce overall violent crime ignores a basic fact—over 92% of violent crimes in America do not involve firearms. Although Biden blames guns for the increase in violent crime, the latest data show that gun crimes fell dramatically.

The U.S. Department of Justice’s National Crime Victimization Survey, in the latest year available (2020), shows that there were 4,558,150 rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults, and the FBI reports 21,570 murders. Of those, 350,460 rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults (see Table 8) and 13,620 murders involved firearms. So, adding those numbers up, 7.9% of violent crimes were committed with guns.

The new McLaughlin & Associates survey of 1,000 likely voters from April 20th to 26th for the Crime Prevention Research Center shows how misinformed people

are. People across the country, of all races and incomes, have wildly inaccurate beliefs about how frequently violent crime involves guns.

Even so, there are large differences across groups. The average Democrat estimates that 56.9% of violent crimes involve guns, whereas the typical Republican gave an answer of 37%. Those with the highest incomes (over

\$250,000 per year) and those who work for the government give the highest numbers—56.1% and 51% respectively. Women (50%) believe that more violent crimes involve guns than men do (43%). Urban Americans say 48%, whereas rural Americans say 40%. But the biggest difference is between blacks (59%) and Asians (31%).

The McLaughlin survey also gave people three options on the best

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way to fight crime: pass more gun control laws, more strictly enforce current laws, or have police concentrate on arresting violent, repeat criminals.

Some respondents at least got it right that less than 20% of violent crime involves guns. Just 8% prioritized more gun laws, and 15% focused on stricter enforcement of existing laws. An overwhelming 71% thought the best way of fighting crime was to arrest violent criminals.

Some likely voters thought that more than 80% of the violent crime involved guns. Most supported either more gun control laws (33%) or more strict enforcement of current gun laws (28%). Only 36% of them wanted the focus on arresting violent criminals.

Those who think that most violent crime is committed with guns consistently support more gun control. Those who don’t believe that instead want to focus on arresting violent criminals and keeping them in jail.

Perhaps the gun control debate would be very different if the media had done a better job of informing people about crime. The most newsworthy cases, unfortunately, don’t tend to be typical of violent crime. Focusing on how to solve 8% of violent crime does nothing to solve the other 92%. **CRPA**

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VENUE, NOT WEAPON

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With two recent mass public shootings, claims about “assault weapons producing more fatalities” have resurfaced.

Problem is... that isn't the reality.

Venue selection is the most important variable. Take two cases for contrast's sake:

■ Virginia Tech: Handguns used, 32 dead.

■ Waffle House: Bushmaster AR15, 4 dead.

Venue selection is the key factor. Competition killers look for “cattle pen scenarios”. These allow any gun, in the hands of inexperienced shooters, to kill many people.

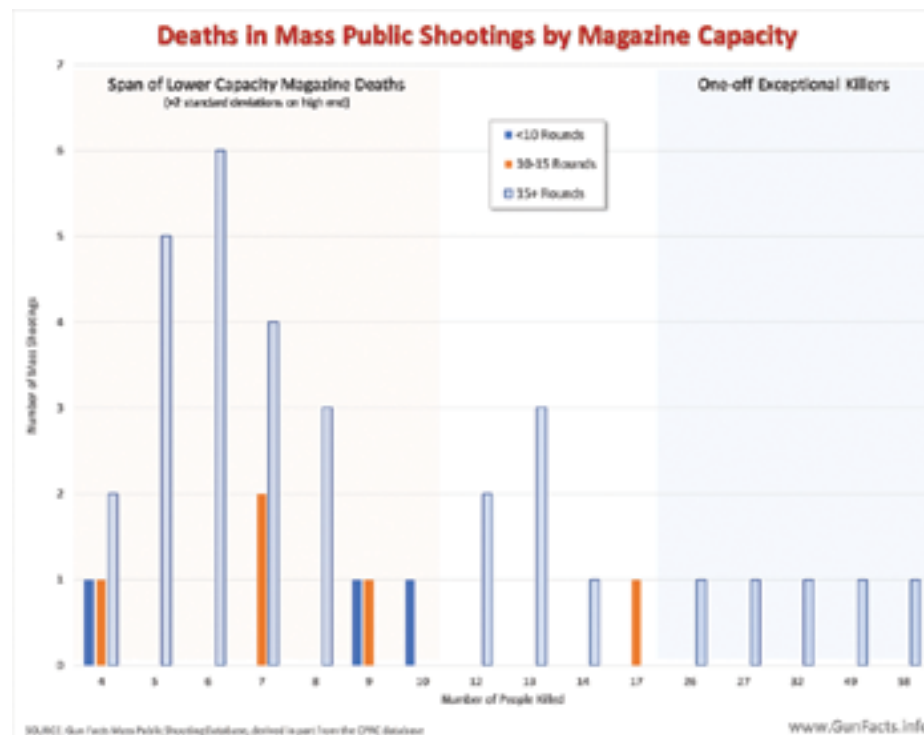
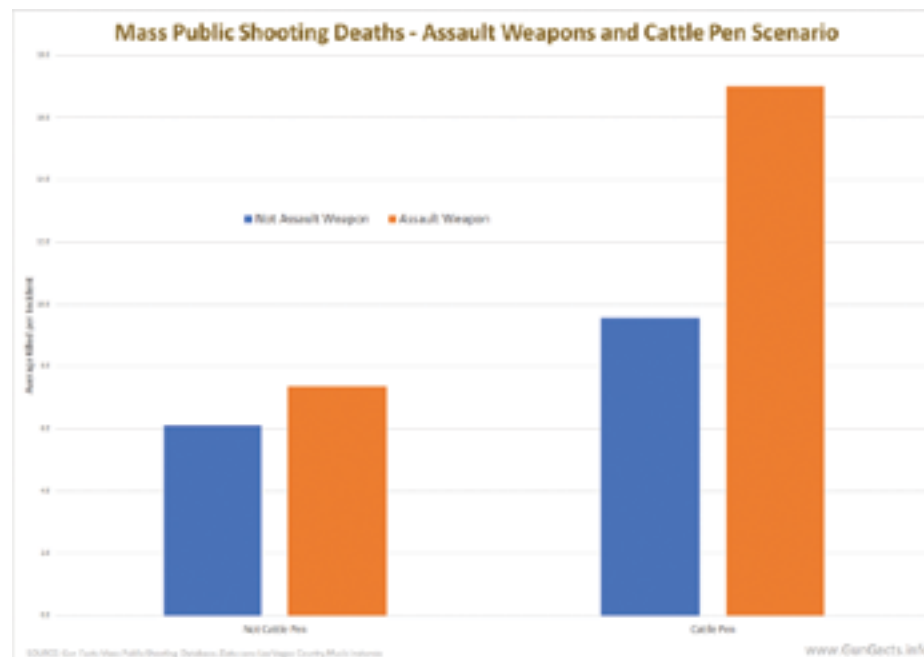
This chart demonstrates the issue. The columns on the left show only a marginal increase in fatalities with 1994-ban defined “assault weapons” when the venue is not a cattle pen. The columns on the right show that fatalities increase greatly, regardless of weapon type used, when the venue is packed and there are too few escape options.

The same applies to magazine capacity.

Notice that for “high capacity” magazines, they fit into the bell curve on the left of the chart along with lower capacity magazines. The theory being that if there are few victims at the venue, running out exits or barricading, there are fewer targets and fewer deaths.

The one-off competition killers (all the columns outside of and to the right of the bell curve) are cattle pen scenarios.

That said, perps who plan their assaults and combine cattle pens with



rifles and higher capacity magazines do the greatest damage.

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OPEN LETTER TO ALL FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES

Impact of Final Rule 2021-05F on Partially Complete AR-15/M-16 Type Receivers

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is issuing this open letter to further assist the firearms industry and the public in understanding whether a “partially complete, disassembled, or nonfunctional” receiver of an AR-15/M-16 variant weapon has reached a stage of manufacture such that it “may readily be completed, assembled, restored, or otherwise converted” to a functional receiver, and is therefore classified as a “**frame or receiver**” or “**firearm**” in accordance with the final rule titled “Definition of ‘Frame or Receiver’ and Identification of Firearms (Final Rule 2021R-05F)”, which became effective August 24, 2022. In particular, the following addresses items that are clearly identifiable as an unfinished component part of a weapon—specifically, partially complete, disassembled, or nonfunctional AR-type receivers (also known as receiver ‘billets’ or ‘blanks’).

Summary

As stated in Final Rule 2021-05F and the regulatory text, a partially complete AR-type receiver with no indexing or machining of any kind performed in the area of the fire control cavity is not classified as a “**frame or receiver**” or “**firearm**” provided that it is not sold, distributed, or marketed with any associated templates, jigs, molds, equipment, tools, instructions, or guides, such as within a receiver parts kit. 27 CFR 478.12(c), Example 4. Consistent with Final Rule 2021R-05F and the regulatory text, ATF is providing the visual aids below to further illustrate the section of an “unfinished” item that, with further manufacture, machining, or processing, will constitute the “fire control cavity;” the second set of visual aids illustrates the stage of manufacture or machining at which that item becomes a receiver as defined in Final Rule 2021R-05F.

Background

The Gun Control Act (GCA) defines the term “**firearm**” as: “...(A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the **frame or receiver of any such weapon**; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device. Such term does not include an antique firearm.” 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(3). The GCA implementing regulations now define the terms “frame” and “receiver” by describing a single housing or structural component for one specific

fire control component of a given weapon—for example, a single housing is specified for particular weapons such as a “handgun” and a “rifle.” 27 CFR 478.12(a). Moreover, 27 CFR 478.12(f)(1) also provides that the terms “frame” and “receiver” “shall include the specific part of a complete weapon ... determined (classified) by the Director to be defined as a firearm frame or receiver prior to April 26, 2022.” As explicitly set out in the regulations, 27 CFR 478.12(f)(1)(i), for AR-15/M-16 variant firearms, “[t]he receiver is the lower part of the weapon that provides housing for the trigger mechanism and hammer (*i.e.*, lower receiver).”

A current regulation, 27 CFR 478.12(c), explains when a clearly identifiable component of a weapon that is partially complete, disassembled, or nonfunctional is a “**frame**” or “**receiver**”:

The terms ‘frame’ and ‘receiver’ shall include a partially complete, disassembled, or nonfunctional frame or receiver, including a frame or receiver parts kit, that is designed to or may readily be completed, assembled, restored, or otherwise converted to function as a frame or receiver, i.e., to house or provide a structure for the primary energized component of a handgun, breech blocking or sealing component of a projectile weapon other than a handgun, or internal sound reduction component of a firearm muffler or firearm silencer, as the case may be. The terms shall not include a forging, casting, printing, extrusion, unmachined body, or similar article that has not yet reached a stage of manufacture where it is clearly identifiable as an unfinished component part of a weapon (e.g., unformed block of metal, liquid polymer, or other raw material). When issuing a classification, the Director may consider any associated templates, jigs, molds, equipment, tools, instructions, guides, or marketing materials that are sold, distributed, or possessed with the item or kit, or otherwise made available by the seller or distributor of the item or kit to the purchaser or recipient of the item or kit.

Sections 478.11 and 479.11 also define “**readily**” as:

A process, action, or physical state that is fairly or reasonably efficient, quick, and easy, but not necessarily the most efficient, speediest, or easiest process, action, or physical state. With respect to the classification of firearms, factors relevant in making this determination include the following:

- (a) Time, i.e., how long it takes to finish the process;
- (b) Ease, i.e., how difficult it is to do so;
- (c) Expertise, i.e., what knowledge and skills are required;
- (d) Equipment, i.e., what tools are required;
- (e) Parts availability, i.e., whether additional parts are required, and how easily they can be obtained;
- (f) Expense, i.e., how much it costs;
- (g) Scope, i.e., the extent to which the subject of the process must be changed to finish it; and
- (h) Feasibility, i.e., whether the process would damage or destroy the subject of the process, or cause it to malfunction.

The above list of factors is a non-exhaustive list, but represents factors that have been identified by Federal courts as being relevant to a “**readily**” analysis with respect to firearms.

Analysis

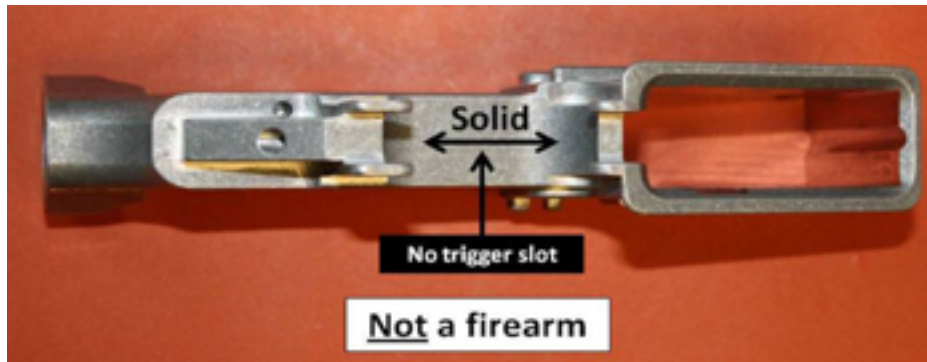
There are many partially complete, disassembled, or nonfunctional AR-type “receivers” being marketed as so-called “80%” receivers. However, Federal firearms statutes and supplemental regulations do not employ terms such as “80%,” “80% finished,” or “80% complete.” These are merely terms used by some to market these items; they are not based upon application of the term “**readily**” in the GCA or Final Rule 2021-05F. As used in the GCA and the Final Rule, the term “readily” does not involve evaluation of a percentage of completion for an item that, when completed, will function as a frame or receiver. Rather, the analysis examines how efficiently, quickly, and easily a clearly identifiable component part of a weapon can be completed, assembled, restored, or otherwise converted to house or provide a structure for the applicable fire control component.

In an AR-15 variant weapon, the “fire control cavity” is the critical area of the receiver because this area “provides housing for the trigger mechanism and hammer.” 27 CFR 478.12(f)(1)(i). To be a “functional” receiver, an AR-type receiver must include a cavity sufficient to house the relevant internal parts, including a hole for a selector and 2 pin holes (trigger pin and hammer pin) in precise locations. Removing or indexing any material in this critical area, or completing or indexing any of these holes, is therefore a crucial step in producing a functional receiver.

Thus, in order not to be considered “**readily**” completed to function, ATF has determined that a partially complete AR-type receiver must have no indexing or machining of any kind performed in the area of the trigger/hammer (fire control) cavity. A partially complete AR-type receiver with no indexing or machining of any kind performed in the area of the fire control cavity is not classified as a “receiver,” or “firearm,” if not sold, distributed, or marketed with any associated templates, jigs, molds, equipment, tools, instructions, or guides, such as within a receiver parts kit.



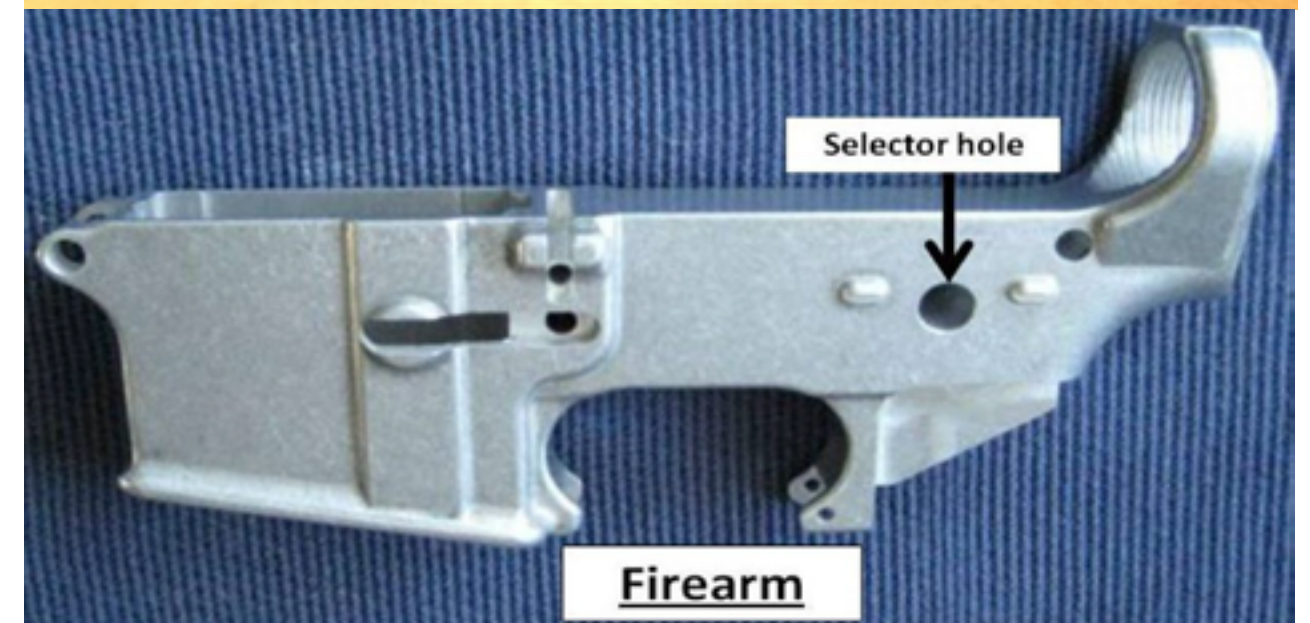
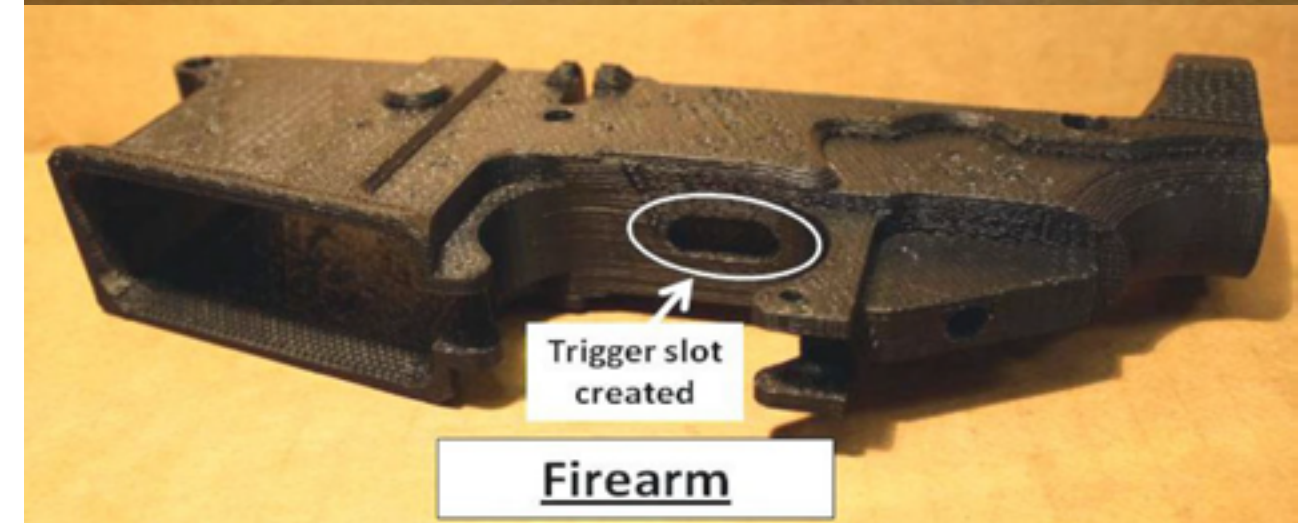
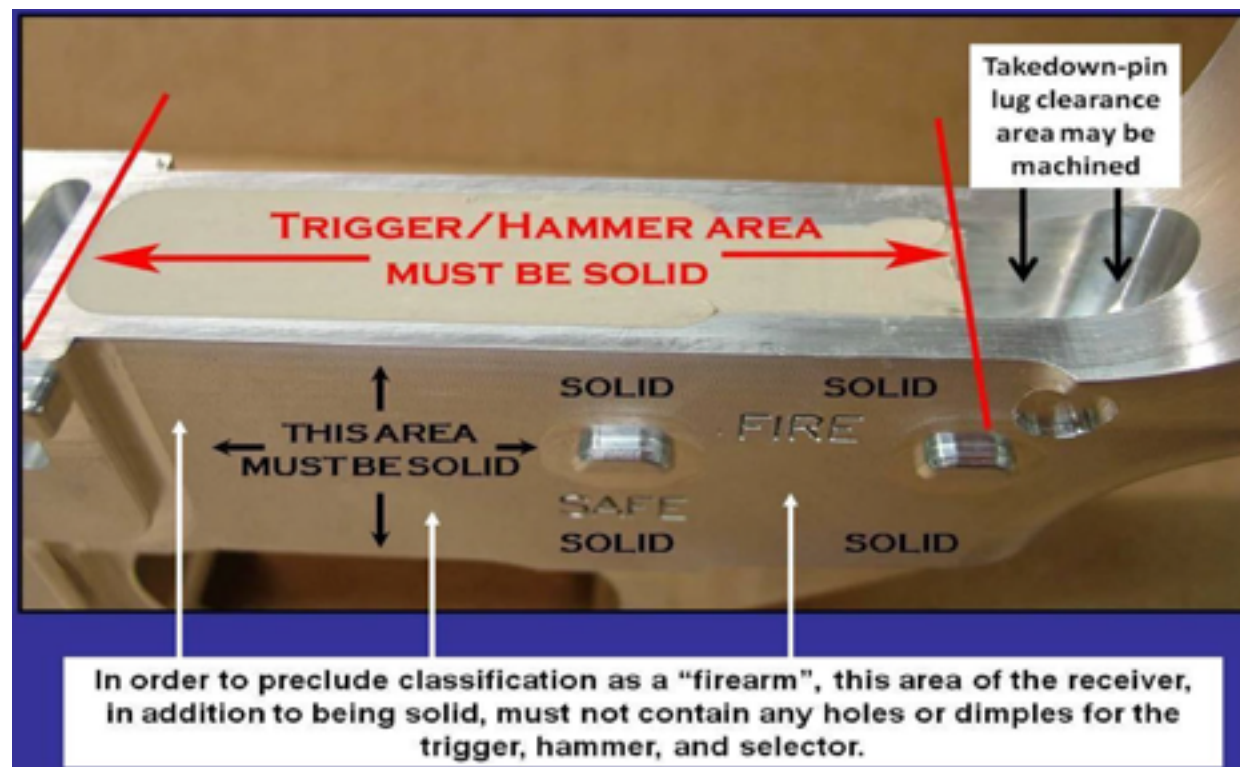
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Because the front of the takedown-pin lug clearance area merges with the back of the fire control cavity in a functional AR-type receiver, it was necessary for ATF to determine the point at which the takedown-pin lug clearance area stops, and the fire control cavity begins. ATF has determined that drilling or milling a standard 0.800-inch takedown-pin area, measured from immediately forward of the front of the buffer retainer hole next to the fire control cavity, does not impact the ability of the fire control cavity to house the trigger mechanism and hammer. Provided this length is not exceeded, the fire control cavity remains “without critical interior areas having been indexed, machined, or formed” as stated in 27 CFR 478.12(c), Example 4.

The following illustration demonstrates the fire control cavity of an AR-type receiver:



However, the above analysis only applies to partially complete, disassembled, or nonfunctional frames or receivers without any associated templates, jigs, molds, equipment, tools, instructions, guides, or marketing materials. Pursuant to Final Rule 2021R-05F, partially complete, disassembled, or nonfunctional frames or receivers that are sold, distributed, possessed with such items (or made available by the seller or distributor to the same person) may change the analysis, including those distributed as frame or receiver parts kits. 27 CFR 478.12(c). For example, jigs, templates, or instructions can provide the same indexing as if it were placed directly on the unfinished frame or receiver.



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It is important that persons engaged in the business of manufacturing, importing, or dealing in these items do not take any steps to avoid licensing (18 U.S.C. §§ 922(a)(1), 923(a)), serialization (§ 923(i); 27 CFR 478.92(a)(2)), recordkeeping (§ 923(g)(1)(A); 27 CFR 478/125(i)), and other requirements and prohibitions of the law by selling or shipping the parts or parts kits in more than one box or shipment to the same person, or by conspiring with others to do so (18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 371).

Further, although unfinished frames or receivers that do not meet the definition of a “firearm” are not subject to regulation under GCA provisions, they are still considered “defense articles” on the U.S. Munitions Import List and, therefore, require an approved Application and Permit for Importation of Firearms, Ammunition and Implements of War (ATF Form 6) for importation into the United States under 27 CFR 447.41; 447.22, and are also subject to export controls.¹

This information is provided to assist the firearms industry and general public in understanding whether a partially complete AR-type receiver has reached the stage of manufacture where it is classified as a “receiver” or “firearm.” If persons remain unclear with respect to a specific model or configuration, they can voluntarily submit a request, under penalty of perjury, with a sample to ATF in accordance with 27 CFR 478.92(c) (GCA) or 479.102(c) (NFA). If you have any questions, please contact the Firearms & Ammunition Technology Division at fire_tech@atf.gov or (304) 616-4300.

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THE “DUMPSTER FIRE”

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BY KONSTADINOS T. MOROS



When you are in the business of combating California's increasingly ridiculous gun laws, as we are in our role as lawyers for California Rifle and Pistol Association, you begin to think you have seen everything. Sadly, California will always manage to top itself.

Earlier this year, Governor Gavin Newsom decided to copy a Texas law restricting abortion known as SB 8, with the most notable change being that California's version would replace the word "abortion" with "firearms." At the time, Newsom said, "if states can shield their laws from review by federal courts, then California will use that authority to help protect lives."

The law, known in California as SB 1327, had two main parts: a private right of action to sue people who possess or sell certain guns that are already illegal in California, and an attorney fee-shifting provision codi-

fied as California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.11. While the first provision is bad, the latter provision is what concerns us here.

Section 1021.11 aimed to single out and punish those who seek to protect their Second Amendment rights or push back against the plethora of gun legislation passed in California. Section 1021.11 allowed the government to claim victory when defending against good-faith challenges to unconstitutional gun laws and recover their attorney's fees and costs from plaintiffs in almost *all instances*, including when the plaintiff prevails in striking down the law at issue. In other words, under the law, if you filed a lawsuit challenging a gun law in California and did not prevail on **all** of your claims, you, personally, along with your attorney, would have to pay the government's legal fees and costs, which could easily reach hundreds of thousands, or millions of dollars. And who is to say that the government wouldn't try to stretch out the legal process just to get more fees out of unsuspecting plaintiffs? The law also allowed

the government to reach back three years before its effective date of January 1, 2023 and reclaim legal fees on cases filed before that date!

The government knew the law was unconstitutional from the start. Attorney General Rob Bonta issued a press release in which he called Texas's SB 8, which includes similar fee-shifting provisions applying to abortion laws in Texas, "blatantly unconstitutional." Governor Newsom was "outraged" by the Texas law, but then went forward with crafting a similar law that fit his agenda.

Like Bonta and Newsom, the California legislature knew the provision was unconstitutional, as well. The legislative history of the bill includes all sorts of warnings that the bill exceeded constitutional bounds. For example, in discussing the attorney's fees provision that is the subject of this action, a California Senate Floor Analysis explained "While the goal of repurposing the Texas law may be sound, these problematic provisions may not justify those ends. They insulate government action from meaningful challenge by creating a

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strong, punitive deterrent for any that try and, in the end, may violate due process guarantees." Similarly, a California Assembly Judiciary Committee Analysis stated: "This language appears to be unprecedented in California law and likely would not be endorsed by this Committee but for the fact that it is included in this bill and modeled on Texas law."

CRPA, joined by other plaintiffs, immediately filed a lawsuit to stop this horrible law from ever taking effect, with *South Bay Rod & Gun Club, et al. v. Bonta*. At first, the attorney general's defense tactic was procedural – he argued that CRPA and others did not have standing to challenge that law because the attorney general had promised not to enforce it. Judge Roger Benitez, who was assigned the case, promptly ruled against the

state on that count for a few different reasons, including: the attorney general stated the law would be enforced if the Texas version was upheld as constitutional; the attorney general could not control what local city attorneys may do; if the attorney general were replaced, a different attorney general may go back on his promise; and, most importantly, CRPA had already suffered an injury because in the matter of *Boland v. Bonta*, the state would only agree to waive any claim under section 1021.11 if CRPA agreed to waive their commerce clause claim with prejudice, a highly unusual demand this early in the litigation. In essence, while the attorney general was claiming the state would not enforce the law, they were using it as leverage in negotiations in other cases.

That first hearing was also notable for another reason – the attorney general's lawyers refused to answer Judge Benitez's question regarding whether they believed the law which they were defending was constitutional. That, in and of itself, was astonishing because if the attorney general's view was that the law was unconstitutional, he should not be putting on even a procedural defense to it.

Sure enough, in something not seen since the days of Proposition 8, the attorney general then refused to defend the law! In his place, Governor Newsom intervened to defend his brainchild and jumped into the litigation with his own legal staff. At the bench trial in December, I had the privilege of watching Judge Benitez grill Newsom's attorneys. He

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asked them repeatedly if they felt the law was constitutional, and they kept dodging saying it "might" be depending on the Texas litigation. Judge Benitez chided them that he was not there to rule on the Texas law, and it had no bearing on this case. Benitez also repeatedly asked Newsom's

attorneys whether they would be willing to pay CRPA's attorney's fees if Newsom lost. Again, Newsom's attorneys refused to answer.

Judge Benitez quickly issued a ruling, and CRPA, of course, prevailed. Section 1021.11 was so blatantly unconstitutional that we probably

won't see another easy win in a long time. While the full ruling is available online at michellawyers.com (search "OPINION AND ORDER ENJOINING ENFORCEMENT OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE § 1021.11") one point worth highlighting was Judge Benitez's warning that "without meaningful access to the courts to peacefully resolve questions about the validity of state laws, frustrated citizens are left to civil disobedience or self-help, neither of which bodes well."

Newsom's reaction was as infuriating as it was unsurprising. After a two-hour bench trial in which his attorneys refused to concede the law was unconstitutional, Newsom issued a statement saying: "I want to thank Judge Benitez. We have been saying all along that Texas'

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anti-abortion law is outrageous. Judge Benitez just confirmed it is also unconstitutional. The provision in California's law that he struck down is a replica of what Texas did, and his explanation of why this part of SB 1327 unfairly blocks access to the courts applies equally to Texas' SB 8. There is no longer any doubt that Texas' cruel anti-abortion law should also be struck down." Just like a spoiled two-year-old stomping his feet, Newsom attempted to save face with his comments, but most gun owners know that his attempts to take away our rights were stopped by the efforts of those who challenged this grossly unconstitutional law and that is a hard pill for him to swallow.

Newsom has now directly confirmed that he used Californians gun owners as political pawns and pushed the legislature to pass a law he knew was unconstitutional. In any sane system, that admission should get him impeached. While that may not happen in this case, CRPA does intend to file a motion to recover its legal expenses once the judgment is final. (Newsom may still opt to appeal Benitez's ruling, though his statement would seem to indicate he won't.) Taxpayers will be on the hook for Newsom's unconstitutional stunt. **CRPA**

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WHY CRPA IS SUIING THE CITY OF GLENDALE

BY KONSTADINOS T. MOROS

The Supreme Court's ruling in *Bruen* was a huge victory for the Second Amendment and the preexisting natural right to keep and bear arms it protects.

Nevertheless, it should not surprise us that antigun states and cities would never simply accept defeat in good faith. *Bruen* is indeed our new hope, but now the empire is striking back.

Indeed, it started striking back only hours after the ruling was issued. New York Governor Kathy Hochul said in a televised statement reacting to the ruling:

"We just received some very disturbing news... the Supreme Court... has stripped away the State of New York's right and responsibility to protect its citizens with a decision... which is frightful in its scope of how they are setting back this nation. ...This decision is not just reckless, it's reprehensible... This is New York. We don't back down. We fight back.... I'm prepared to go back to muskets...

We're just getting started here."

Hochul made good on that threat, as New York promptly passed the euphemistically named "Concealed Carry Improvement Act." The CCIA made a number of changes to obstruct CCW permit issuance in New York given *Bruen* stopped the state from denying permits through the arbitrary "good cause" requirement. In order to obtain a permit, the CCIA demands in N.Y. Penal Law § 400.00(1)(o)(i)-(v), among other things that the applicant provide a list of the names and contact information for the applicant's spouse, children, and cohabitants; that the applicant provide the names and contact information of at least four "character references" who can attest to the applicant's "good moral character;" that the applicant complete sixteen hours of in-person training along with an additional two hours of in-person "live fire" training (with the cost of training borne by the applicant); that the applicant provide a list of an applicant's social media accounts for the past three years; and that the applicant provide such other information required by the licensing officer that is reasonably necessary and related to the review of

the licensing application.

But the CCIA doesn't stop there. Even those who are willing to jump through all those hoops would quickly find that their hard-earned permits are mostly useless, as the CCIA makes nearly every relevant location a "sensitive place" where carry is forbidden. This includes (but is not limited to) every medical office, church, public park, public conveyance, and entertainment venue within the state. The CCIA also declares all private property within New York to be a gun-free "restricted location" – entirely banning firearm possession unless each property owner affirmatively opts out by posting "clear and conspicuous signage" or otherwise providing "express consent" to the presence of firearms on the property.

The CCIA is facing multiple legal challenges, and those lawsuits have largely prevailed at the district court level. But the hostile United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit has stayed those wins and allowed the CCIA to continue until it could hear the cases. As of the time of this writing, the plaintiffs in one of those cases have filed an emergency application (search for

WHAT IS THE CRPA?

The California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA), founded in 1875, is a nonprofit membership and donor-supported organization with tens of thousands of members throughout California. We need you!

CRPA's membership is comprised of a diverse cross-section of the general public including believers in the right to choose to own a gun to defend yourself and your family, competitive and recreational shooters, hunters, conservationists, gun safety experts, youth, women, police, prosecutors and defense attorneys, judges, firearm history and technology experts, coaches and trainers, families and loving parents.

CRPA works tirelessly and relentlessly to defend the civil and constitutional rights of individuals to choose to responsibly own and use firearms. Every dollar that CRPA receives from its members and donors stays and works in California to support your hunting and Second Amendment rights and the fight back against politicians, elitists and bureaucrats who would deprive individuals of those rights.

Through its Sacramento and local legal and political advocates, CRPA works in the state capital, in regulatory agencies and in city halls throughout California to promote laws that protect these rights and to oppose laws that infringe on these rights.

Through its legal team, CRPA fights in the courts to challenge unconstitutional and illegal gun bans and ill-conceived gun control laws and provides guidance to California gun owners regarding their legal rights and responsibilities.

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CRPA promotes the recreational shooting sports and hosts hundreds of "fun shoots" annually.

CRPA provides safety, education and skills training and makes gun safety information available.

CRPA organizes and sanctions competitive shooting matches for both adult and junior shooters, including Olympic training programs and state championships. CRPA sanctions state championship matches in many shooting disciplines. CRPA is proud to state that many CRPA competitors are among the best in the world.

SCOTUS docket 22A557) to vacate the stay with the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court grants that application, it will send a clear message to the lower courts that the Court intends to strictly enforce *Bruen*. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court rarely grants such emergency relief, as it tends to prefer a circuit court rule on the merits before getting involved.

Other states have quickly moved to copy the CCIA, with New Jersey about to enact its own near-identical measure, NJ Bill A4769 AcaAcaA-caAcs (ACS). California also nearly passed its version of New York's CCIA, known here as SB 918. Thanks to intense work by CRPA's team in Sacramento, that bill was defeated for now (as reported by the Los Angeles Times on September 1, 2022 'Bill to strengthen concealed-carry gun restrictions dies in California Legislature'.) We expect it to return in 2023 in some form, as California will not be denied its anti-*Bruen* law.

That doesn't mean the right to carry is safe in California until that bill returns. Far from it. Numerous counties have resisted issuing permits, and CRPA is working diligently to get them all into compliance. (A lawsuit may be necessary for the worst offender.) And as to "sensitive places," CRPA has long been aware that some cities already had laws on the books effectively banning carry on public property, even if you have a CCW permit. One such city is Glendale.

Glendale municipal code § 9.25.040(A) (the "Ordinance"), in relevant part, generally bans possession on "city property" of any ammunition or firearm, whether loaded or unloaded. The term "city property" is defined to include effectively all public property within the City of Glendale, as well as some private property, with the only exception being streets and sidewalks. As of 2013, when the city made legislative findings concerning the ordinance, city property on which firearms were banned included, but was not limited to: 47 parks and recreation facilities (including four community centers, one golf course, three soccer fields, and sixteen ball fields), all city playgrounds, eight public libraries, three downtown parking structures and other city-owned or operated parking lots, the Glendale Civic Auditorium and civic center complex, a youth center, an emergency center, undefined



"open spaces" and "plazas", and an unknowable amount of properties in the possession of private companies or individuals under contract with the city.

In sum, other than streets and sidewalks, the ordinance makes it unlawful for the typical, law-abiding person to possess a firearm or ammunition on any public property or publicly controlled-property in the City of Glendale. While *Bruen* made an allowance for certain sensitive places where carry could be forbidden like schools and

courthouses, such places were meant to be the exception rather than the rule. "[T]he historical record yields **relatively few** 18th- and 19th-century 'sensitive places' where weapons were altogether prohibited . . ." *Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. at 2133. The Court also warned that "there is no historical basis for New York to effectively declare the island of Manhattan a 'sensitive place' simply because it is crowded and protected generally by the New York City Police Department." Id. at 2118-19. Likewise, there is no basis for the City

of Glendale to enforce an ordinance effectively making all city-owned or city-affiliated property a "sensitive place" where carry is forbidden.

CRPA has filed a lawsuit to challenge the ordinance in order to make sure its members' right to carry is respected in all non-sensitive places in the City. But that core purpose for the lawsuit is accompanied by an important secondary motivation: a ruling declaring the ordinance unconstitutional, whether wholly or partially, would be an important shot across the bow as Newsom readies his second effort to pass a law obstructing *Bruen*. CRPA would essentially have a running start in that fight by being able to cite to a victory in Glendale.

A motion for preliminary injunction ruling is expected in the next couple of months. **CRPA**

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

ASSEMBLY OVERREACHES AND MISSTEPS WITH URGENCY

There is a storm raging across our nation and in our state capitol. It is fueled by the winds of gun grabbing politicians that use tragedy to advance their agendas.

The good news is that storm had the wind taken out of its sails by the *NYSRPA v. Bruen* decision issued by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) in June 2022. The decision, written in that case by Justice Clarence Thomas, supported by Chief Justice Roberts and Justices Alito, Barrett, and Kavanaugh, reset the national understanding of the

Second Amendment and how it is interpreted.

The results of *Bruen* are not isolated to the numerous cases across the nation that have made the press almost weekly since the decision came down. The political machine that President Biden is using to advance his anti-gun agenda is breaking down in numerous ways, both nationally and here in California. On the national level, Americans are coming to understand that the president's call to action on semi-automatic firearms is demonstrative of complete ignorance. Take for, example, that Biden served as a senator at the same time President Nixon



BY RICK TRAVIS
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

started his last term in 1972. In the fifty-plus years since, Biden and his cronies claim they don't know that semi-automatic firearms include firearms that have existed since the late 1800's.

Far left policy makers who use the smoke screen of, in their words, "military weapons of war" to describe the AR-15, fail to recognize that this rifle was first sold to civilians in the 1960's (a full decade before citizen Biden became Senator Biden) as a hunting rifle. Today the AR-15 and its derivative are known as the Modern Sporting Rifle (MSR) and is still used for hunting throughout the nation in addition to self-defense and competitive shooting. The policy of falsifying information to obscure the true intentions of disarming the public to make them increasingly more dependent on government is nothing new.

Legislators at the close of the 2022 session of the state legislature had two primary bills that had an "urgency clause" attached to each bill. California Constitution Article IV, Section 8 deals with urgency statutes. Section 8 - C (3) provides that once the bill is passed and signed by the governor, it goes into effect immediately. The proposed bill must meet a standard per Section 8 - C (d) that specifies, "urgency statutes are those necessary for immediate preservation of the

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public peace, health, or safety." That same section requires "a statement of facts constituting the necessity shall be set forth in one section of the bill."

Assembly Bill 1227 which was an excise tax on firearms and ammunition had failed twice previously to get to the governor's desk as AB 1223 in 2021 and AB 18 in 2019 with a simple majority was somehow capable of getting the 2/3 vote needed to cross the line in both houses in 2022. The author of the three bills, Assembly Member Marc Levine, failed to demonstrate that the urgency clause was justified, and the bill failed to pass with the majority needed in both houses. Levine termed out at the close of the session, and, with the *Bruen* decision impacting these leftist schemes, there was hope that the bill was dead for good.

Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel of Woodland Hills is illustrative of the desperation the left is showing in the wake of the *Bruen* decision. He is reintroducing this failed legislation for a fourth time as AB 28 without the urgency clause and is looking for

a simple majority. The claim is that it will make Californians safer by providing money to protect Californians from, in his words, "gun violence."

The notion that a tax on the law-abiding will prevent the criminal elements of society from using a firearm in the commission of a crime is ludicrous. Imagine telling people that a gas tax in the state with the second highest average gas prices (California) would prevent any of the following: drunk driving, high speed car chases, grand theft auto, carjacking, state-wide.

The reason for attempting to pass AB 28 is a failure in the legislature to comprehend that criminals don't abide by the law. The second is that our far-left politicians are more focused on making re-election sound bites that give the appearance of doing something meaningful, hiding the facts that they are relaxing penalties for criminals when they should be increasing them.

Senator Anthony Portantino led a group of politicians by gutting and amending a Dealer Record of Sale

(DROS) bill in Senate Bill 918 (SB 918) into an all-out assault on the *Bruen* decision by attempting to limit where and when a person could lawfully carry a concealed firearm in the state of California. He attached the urgency clause to this bill, which ultimately led to its failure at the last minutes of the 2022 session.

Proponents of the gutted and amended SB918 failed to realize that according to U.S. government statistics, concealed carry permit holders were the least likely to improperly use their firearm, and even less likely than law enforcement officials. The reaction of these legislators was not about "public safety," as they claimed, but about control. Instead of pursuing criminals, they, instead, chose to pursue the law-abiding which has become a focus of the left.

If you think for a moment that this is in the rear-view mirror, think again. Senator Portantino has reintroduced SB 918 as SB2 in the 2023 session. Portantino states the intent is to "enact legislation to address the United States Supreme Court decision in *New York Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc v. Bruen*. They are literally defying the majority opinion in that landmark decision by seeking to dismantle gun rights in California.

The vast majority of an estimated 30 new pieces of legislation will follow suit in a last-ditch attempt to fend off the effects of the *Bruen* decision. The facts are clear that we are winning the battle. The legislature, during an estimated 25-billion-dollar deficit, seems willing to continue to lose taxpayer money in fighting in the courts to defend their unconstitutional whims. Make no mistake, the CRPA and its government affairs and legal teams stand ready to roll back the tide as we take back California. **CRPA**

LITIGATION REPORT

STILL NO SMOOTH SAILING FOR CALIFORNIA GUN RIGHTS

BY ALEX FRANK

A lot has happened since the landmark *Bruen* decision in June

of 2022. CRPA's CCW Reckoning project is pushing CCW issuing authorities to conform to *Bruen*'s mandate by revising their CCW permit issuance policies. Some are responding and have revised their processes to honor *Bruen*'s carry standard. Even in jurisdictions like Los Angeles County, people are receiving permits for the first time in decades. Not enough, and not fast enough, but CRPA will continue to monitor and push for compliance.

Other jurisdictions are dragging their feet and looking for any way to defy the Supreme Court and stifle law abiding citizens' exercise of their right to self-defense in public. CRPA is preparing lawsuits against the worst of them. There's no excuse at this point for issuing authorities to be obstructing an eligible California citizen's right to obtain a CCW permit.

When the Newsom-led bureaucrats in Sacramento realized how devastating *Bruen* might be to hundreds of California's useless and harassing gun laws, politicians enacted SB 1327 to rig the game in court.

In court, litigation is heating up on 2A cases. CRPA's hottest cases include *Duncan v. Bonta* and *Rhode v. Bonta*, which are before Judge Benitez in federal court in San Diego. Judge Benitez has received significant supplemental briefing from plaintiffs and from the State focused on *Bruen*'s impact on these cases,

and he has ordered some clarifications from the parties. Briefing should be concluded by the end of February 2023, and he should rule soon after that.

Bruen clarified that the test to determine whether a gun law is constitutional has two parts. The first part asks whether the law in question implicates the plain textual Second Amendment language that people have a right to keep and bear arms. If the answer is yes, (and it should pretty much always be yes), the next step requires the government to look back at the history of the constitutional ratification era and see whether there is a historical regulatory tradition sufficiently analogous to the modern regulation. If there is, the law is constitutional and the right yields to the state's regulatory interest. If not, the law violates the Second Amendment and is therefore unconstitutional.

Unfortunately, state governments across the country that are facing 2A lawsuits, and particularly in California, are trying to distort the test by pushing distorted interpretations of

both steps. For the first step, states are arguing that unless a gun law imposes a total destruction of the right to keep and bear a firearm for self-defense, then the law does not even implicate the Second Amendment. On the second step, states are arguing that an incredibly broad view of history should be applied, one that would effectively make any firearm related policy or practice from the founding era a sufficient analog.

California is making these argu-

ments in all the pending Second Amendment cases CRPA is involved with right now, like *Duncan*, *Rhode*, and *Boland*. *Boland* is CRPA's challenge to California's much loathed "roster" which prevents access to almost all semiautomatic handguns that have been available to the broader national market since May of 2013. Plaintiffs have moved to preliminarily enjoin the roster's enforcement, and a hearing is set for January 23, 2022. Get updates at

CRPA.org.

When the Newsom-led bureaucrats in Sacramento realized how devastating *Bruen* might be to hundreds of California's useless and harassing gun laws, politicians enacted SB 1327 to rig the game in court. SB 1327 rode the publicity wave that Texas made by enacting its highly publicized and extremely controversial abortion restriction in 2022. The Texas law was designed to make it impossible for pro-abortion plaintiffs to sue because they could be on the hook for the state's attorney's fees. SB 1327 mimicked the Texas law but applied it to gun rights lawsuits: it imposes potential liability on parties and their attorneys to pay the state's attorney fees unless they obtain 100% success in their lawsuit. It's a blatantly unconstitutional law, designed to discourage people from vindicating their rights under the U.S. Constitution. Given how serious that is, CRPA immediately joined with other plaintiffs to challenge SB 1327 in federal court.

CRPA informed the attorney general of California that continuing to defend the law in court would violate a very serious professional ethical obligation and result in major sanctions. Just after receipt of CRPA's motion for sanctions, the attorney general announced that it would no longer defend the case. California Governor Newsom was forced to intervene in the case to try to defend his brainchild law. Get the latest on this at **CRPA.org**.

2023 will be an unprecedented year in the history of Second Amendment litigation. From magazine capacity limits to "assault" weapons to the roster, age bans, and other restrictions, a lot is going to happen, and history will be made. CRPA will continue to be a leader in this important fight. **CRPA**

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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.

The digital version of this report, complete with links to relevant documents and additional information, can be found on CRPA’s web page at crpa.org.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT’S NEXT
DOES CALIFORNIA’S UNSAFE HANDGUN ACT (THE ROSTER) VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT.	<i>Boland v. Bonta</i>	Plaintiffs filed a motion to preliminarily enjoin enforcement of the roster’s three main technological requirements (microstamping, loaded chamber indicator, and magazine disconnect mechanism) pending the ultimate resolution of the case on the merits.	The MPI hearing is set for January 23, 2023, in federal court in Orange County.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA’S AMMUNITION SALES RESTRICTIONS.	<i>Rhode v. Becerra</i>	Supplemental briefing is submitted as of late 2022 and parties attended a status hearing conference in-person before Judge Benitez on December 12, 2022.	At the Dec. 12, 2022 conference hearing, the court ordered the State to present purported evidence of analogue statutes, and ordered parties to submit additional briefing after that.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA’S “ASSAULT WEAPON” RESTRICTIONS.	<i>Rupp v. Becerra</i>	On June 28th, the 9th Circuit vacated the district court’s judgment and remanded the case for further proceedings consistent with <i>Bruen</i> .	The case appears to be poised to go to trial in spring 2023.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA’S BAN ON STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINES.	<i>Duncan v. Becerra</i>	On June 30th, the Supreme Court granted the certiorari petition, vacated the 9th Circuit en banc panel’s ruling, and remanded the case to the 9th Circuit for further consideration in light of <i>Bruen</i> . Parties submitted exhaustive supplemental briefing to Judge Benitez in early December of 2022.	At a conference status on December 12, 2022, Judge Benitez ordered the State to present a list of purported analogue statutes, with an attending briefing schedule.
DOES SB 1327’S ATTORNEY FEE PENALTY FOR UNSUCCESSFUL SECOND AMENDMENT LITIGANTS VIOLATE NUMEROUS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW?	<i>South Bay Rod & Gun Club v. Bonta</i>	The Attorney General of California has determined that it cannot ethically defend the unconstitutional laws at issue in this lawsuit. However, Governor Newsom has filed a motion to intervene to defend them.	Governor Newsom will attempt to defend the law.

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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>)	This case was stayed pending the resolution of the petition for certiorari in <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> . Now that <i>Young</i> has received a grant, vacate, and remand at the Supreme Court, the plaintiffs have alerted the court of the development and requested that the court issue judgment in their favor immediately.	In October of 2022, the Ninth Circuit announced that the was under consideration for oral argument.
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>)	The California Court of Appeals affirmed judgment in the state’s favor on March 26, 2021.	Plaintiffs are pursuing an attorney’s fee award in trial court for the claims that were successful.
CHALLENGE TO VENTURA COUNTY’S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION.	<i>McDougall v. County of Ventura</i>	On June 29, 2022, the 9th Circuit vacated the district court’s judgment and remanded in light of <i>Bruen</i> .	The district court will re-examine the issues with the new <i>Bruen</i> precedent.
CHALLENGE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY’S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION.	<i>Martinez v. Villanueva</i>	On March 14, the 9th Circuit stayed the case pending the outcome of <i>McDougall v. County of Ventura</i> . The 9th Circuit remanded back to the district court on July 6, 2022 for further proceedings consistent with <i>Bruen</i> .	The 9th Circuit scheduled oral argument for November 15, 2022.

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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 matter was argued and submitted to the appeal court on August 9, 2022.	The appeal court affirmed the trial court loss. Municipalities will be able to enact different lost/stolen firearm reporting deadlines without violating preemption principles.
DOES HAWAII'S PERMIT SCHEME FOR GENERAL OPEN CARRY PROHIBITION VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Young v. Hawaii</i>	The Supreme Court issued a grant, vacate, and remand order on June 30, 2022. The 9th Circuit remanded the case to the district court on August 19, 2022.	In November of 2022, parties alerted the court of settlement. There is a conference on the calendar for January 5, 2023.
DOES HAWAII'S CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT REGIME VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Livingston v. Ballard</i>	The state filed a motion to dismiss in November 2022.	The MTD will be heard in 2023.
DOES CALIFORNIA'S FIREARM RIGHTS RESTORATION REGIME VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Linton v. Bonta</i>	Now that <i>Duncan</i> has been resolved at the Supreme Court, the case can pick up again.	Plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment on August 26, 2022.
CHALLENGE TO UNDER-21 FIREARM PROHIBITION.	<i>Jones v. Bonta</i>	On September 7, 2022, the 9th Circuit remanded the case to the district court.	The district court ordered <i>Bruen</i> related supplemental briefing, due in October.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA ASSAULT WEAPONS LAWS.	<i>Miller v. Bonta</i>	On December 12, 2022, Judge Benitez ordered the state to produce its evidence of purported analogs and set a schedule for further briefing.	Judge Benitez will likely rule in early 2023.
CHALLENGE TO WASHINGTON STATE'S UNDER-21 BAN.	<i>Mitchell v. Atkins</i>	The 9th Circuit vacated and remanded to the district court on December 2, 2022.	The district court will likely ask for briefing about <i>Bruen</i> .
DOES CALIFORNIA'S UNSAFE HANDGUN ACT (I.E. THE ROSTER) VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Renna v. Bonta</i>	Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint and a motion for preliminary injunction in September. However, plaintiffs withdrew their MPI motion on October 8, 2022. Plaintiffs filed a third amended complaint on November 14, 2022.	The matter will be litigated under the new <i>Bruen</i> standard.

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DOES A CALIFORNIA LAW THAT ALLOWS FIREARM PURCHASER INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED TO THIRD PARTIES VIOLATE PRIVACY LAWS AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Barba v. Bonta</i>	Plaintiffs sought a writ in the California court of appeal in November 2022.	No ruling yet.
DOES A CALIFORNIA LAW THAT ALLOWS FIREARM PURCHASER INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED TO THIRD PARTIES VIOLATE PRIVACY LAWS AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Doe v. Bonta</i>	The court ordered supplemental briefing in light of <i>Bruen</i> on June 23, 2022.	The case will proceed through litigation.
DOES CALIFORNIA'S NEW LAW PROHIBITING MARKETING FIREARMS PRODUCTS TO YOUTH VIOLATE VARIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL NORMS, INCLUDING THE FIRST AMENDMENT?	<i>Junior Sports Magazines v. Bonta</i>	Plaintiffs moved to preliminarily enjoin the law, but the court denied it in October of 2022.	The case will be litigated on the merits.

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.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
DOES A GLENDALE ORDINANCE THAT BANS ALL FIREARM POSSESSION ON NUMEROUS CITY OWNED AREAS VIOLATE BRUEN?	<i>California Rifle & Pistol Association v. City of Glendale</i>	Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction. The court denied it without prejudice and ordered the parties to confer and develop specificity over which area under the ordinance are at issue.	Plaintiffs will continue to seek a preliminary injunction.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
DID THE ATF EXCEED ITS AUTHORITY TO ORDER A BAN ON "BUMP" STOCKS?	<i>Aposhian v. Garland</i>	Petition for certiorari filed August 2, 2021.	Petition for certiorari denied on October 3, 2022.
DOES NEW JERSEY'S BAN ON MAGAZINES THAT HOLD MORE THAN 10 ROUNDS VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs v. Grewal</i>	The court granted, vacated, and remanded on June 30, 2022 in light of <i>Bruen</i> .	The lower court will now have to reinterpret the case under the <i>Bruen</i> standard
DOES MARYLAND'S ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Bianchi v. Frosh</i>	The Supreme Court granted, vacated, and remanded the case to the lower court for further proceedings consistent with <i>Bruen</i> .	The lower court will now have to reinterpret the case under the <i>Bruen</i> standard.
CHALLENGE TO A MASSACHUSETTS LAW THAT BARS NON-VIOLENT MISDEMEANOR CONVICTS FROM PURCHASING HANDGUNS.	<i>Morin v. Lyver</i>	Granted, vacated, and remanded on October 3, 2022.	The lower court will now have to reinterpret the case under the <i>Bruen</i> standard.
ANOTHER BUMP STOCK BAN CASE.	<i>Gun Owners of America v. Garland</i>	Certiorari petition denied on October 3, 2022.	Nothing.
CHALLENGE TO THE FIREARM PROHIBITION FOR UNLAWFUL USERS OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.	<i>Carnes v. United States</i>	Petition for certiorari denied on October 31, 2022.	Nothing.
DOES NEW YORK STATE'S POST-BRUEN PERMIT ISSUANCE PROGRAM VIOLATE BRUEN?	<i>Antonyuk v. Hochul</i>	Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction and the court granted in a 184 page opinion on November 7, 2022.	The case will continue litigation in the federal court in New York.



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EVENT DESCRIPTION

By coming to CRPA's Rangecon, you can obtain the necessary resources to allow your range to prosper. CRPA and MAPC staff will be available to provide in depth education on the current state of ranges in California along with much more.

WHAT YOU GET

- Network with other Range Owners / Operators
- Learn about environmental and land use best practices
- Ask questions to MAPC lawyers on-site
- Be informed on the latest California Anti-2A legislation
- Range user training opportunities
- Introduction to hosting range competitions
- Opportunity to purchase range safety materials
- Lunch Included!

Location
Redding Gun Club, Redding, CA
Date
18 April 2023

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LOCAL ADVOCACY

LOCAL ISSUES AFFECT LOCAL BUSINESS

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

Did you know that we have over 300 Business Affiliates at CRPA

and that number is growing every single month? Business Affiliates are any type of business that chooses to support the Second Amendment by supporting CRPA and our efforts to fight for your rights. CRPA Business Affiliates can be information centers, hold events to support membership drives and events, fundraise for CRPA program efforts, and much more. Those

Business Affiliates that support CRPA can be found by visiting crpa.org/programs/. We hope that you will support them too.

Local 2A businesses are finding it more difficult to operate in California these days. Not only do they have the same challenges as regular businesses in tough economic times, but they have to deal with the impacts of anti-gun advocates calling for their removal from many cities and counties all in the name of "safety." We have seen anti-gun groups push local government bodies to pass zoning restrictions that keep gun shops out of communities.

Not once do they present evidence that the gun shops pose any threat to the community. The groups just don't like them, so they want to push lawful businesses out. We are also seeing these same anti-gun groups threatening to sue landlords if they rent space to firearm businesses—even when the local jurisdictions allow them to do business there. It is unlikely that these anti-gun bullies have any standing to actually sue a landlord renting space to a firearm business, but it's sometimes enough to scare them into submission—and the antis know this.

You see, the landlord tenant laws in California do a very good job of protecting individual residents who rent property, but for commercial leases, the landlords hold the power. A lot of businesses think that they can let their leases expire and go month to month so that they do not have to renegotiate the lease rate and possibly have rate hikes, but this is dangerous. Those businesses who have month to month leases are in danger of being evicted with only a 30 to 90 days notice and there is not much they can do about it. Within a matter of months, an upstanding lawful business is pushed out of town because of threats of litigation against its landlord. This should be scary to everyone and especially to local businesses just trying to keep their head afloat in harsh economic times.

If you know of any local businesses that support the Second Amendment, please let them know the dangers these groups possess and the fact that having a longer lease

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in place could protect them from landlords who make rash decisions based on fear. Please join a local CRPA chapter that works to track this kind of activity and speak out against arbitrary restrictions against lawful businesses. Get to know your local 2A businesses that support your rights. Let them know that they have friends in the community who support them, as well. This holiday season, shop local, shop 2A, and support our affiliates. **CRPA**

Tiffany D. Cheuvront leads the local ordinance project for Michel & Associates, P.C. With over 19 years' experience in the non-profit and regulatory fields, she practices civil rights litigation and corporate governance law (five of those years working specifically in Second Amendment and CA policy). Tiffany has written and provided testimony on issues at the local, state and federal levels of government.



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.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
VENTURA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	For years, the Ventura County Fairgrounds has been debating over whether to hold gun shows or stop them at the requests of gun control activists.	The first week of January 2022 a group of gun control activists attempted to stop the gun shows again by attempting an emergency meeting and barely notifying anyone in the community. One of our members in the area got that notice and sent it to CRPA right away. CRPA grassroots, chapters, and volunteers rushed to action and attended the online meeting.	After a very long meeting behind closed doors with legal counsel, the Ventura Fair Board reluctantly voted 4-3 to keep the gun shows in 2022. Two bills were introduced to ban gun shows in Ventura and state-wide at the state level. These bills were signed by the Governor in July with an effective date of January 1, 2023. CRPA already has litigation filed to challenge the state's attempt at ending gun shows.

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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 legislation to stop gun shows and dismantle the Cow Palace authority was dropped; New legislation was introduced this session that will impact 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 July 2022, the Governor signed legislation that would ban gun shows at all state owned property in California. This is currently being challenged in two other cases.
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. *Public Records Requests have been submitted for the DOJ leak of gun owner information. Due to an ongoing investigation and their attorneys holding all information until the investigation is complete, the DOJ is currently not responding.
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 in 2019. The Mayor has once again resurrected this issue and is trying to get mandatory insurance for gun owners or a mandatory fee to the City passed. The staff have been directed to come back with ordinance language in September. There is no new news on this issue as of the drafting of this alert.	CRPA has submitted public record requests and is preparing a lawsuit for filing should the city pass this ordinance. San Jose passed the ordinance even though there was 4 hours of testimony from the public against it. CRPA is preparing to sue as soon as the matter is ripe for the courts to consider. It now appears that the City is having issues with the implementation of the ordinance (i.e., the very issues CRPA pointed out) and now they will be delaying until December. The state failed to pass a similar requirement for insurance on a state-wide level. We expect this to come back next legislative session.
CITY OF BURBANK	The City of Burbank seeks to pass a moratorium against gun stores while they study the impacts to the city.	CRPA drafted opposition letters, engaged chapter members and volunteers to appear at a meeting in July 2022 and speak against this moratorium. As expected, the city still passed the moratorium even though there was a strong showing against it. The moratorium will be in place for 45 days.	CRPA will continue to monitor this issue and will send out more information as available.
DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS GUN SHOW ATTACKS CONTINUE	For months the Del Mar gun show has been under siege from groups seeking to end the 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.	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 2021. Assemblyman Gloria sponsored a bill to prohibit the selling of firearms and ammunition at the Del Mar Fairgrounds (a sneaky way to try to stop gun shows again). CRPA is once again bringing litigation against this unconstitutional attempt at restricting your rights. More bills were just signed impacting gun show sales at Del Mar, but litigation is already underway.

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GHOST GUN BANS	Gun Control groups are busy pushing to try to get local jurisdictions to pass restrictions on the possession, sale, transfer, or manufacturing of “ghost guns” including precursor parts.	San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco have all passed the same basic ordinance in the last few weeks. The problem with these ordinances is that they address areas of concern that are controlled by the state AND there is no clear definition of what a precursor part is at the moment- these cities just made every piece of metal illegal to own and created criminals out of citizens with lawful products overnight.	CRPA is currently fighting in the courts on this issue. Please follow CRPA news for more information
DOJ COE ISSUES	It has come to our attention that there may be businesses and individuals that are having great difficulty getting their COE renewal from DOJ. We also are investigating the DOJ Data Leak of CCW personal information to the public that occurred in June 2022.	Not having a valid certificate of eligibility (COE) prevents firearms business owners from operating and completing purchases and individuals from receiving and handling ammunition for many programs. We are hearing reports that the DOJ is taking months to return approved COE applications.	If you are having trouble with your COE approval or renewal, please send us a message at contact@crpa.org so we can see if we can assist you. For more information on the DOJ Leak of personal and private information please visit crpa.org/ca-doj-dox-gate/
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
CALL FOR PLAINTIFFS	If you are a CRPA member, we need you!	When local ordinance issues do not go well, we have to fight for your rights in court. We need members just like you who are negatively affected by these unconstitutional laws to step up as named plaintiffs in the legal actions that may follow.	If you are interested in serving as a plaintiff in any of our upcoming litigation, please contact us at potentialplaintiffs@michellawyers.com . We need you now more than ever!
ORANGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS GUN SHOWS	For months Senator Min has been trying to ban gun shows at all state facilities. Unable to get the support needed for this bill, Minn revised his SB 264 to only apply to gun shows at the Orange County Fairgrounds.	CRPA is fighting SB 264 (Minn) that seeks to stop gun shows at Orange County Fairgrounds We are prepared to fight this legislation, as well. More information coming soon.	State legislation also added the prohibition of sale of precursor parts at the Orange County Fair Grounds. Similar to the Del Mar litigation, these prohibitions will also be challenged in court.
CCW ISSUANCE ISSUES	CRPA has had many members reach out with concerns that their local jurisdiction is not issuing CCW's	When the <i>Bruen</i> decision came down, CRPA immediately sent letters to all of the jurisdictions in California explaining what the law is under that new standard.	CRPA sent final notice letters to those jurisdictions that continue to refuse to issue CCWs and we are prepared to file legal actions should they not follow the law. More information at crpa.org/ccw-issues-in-california

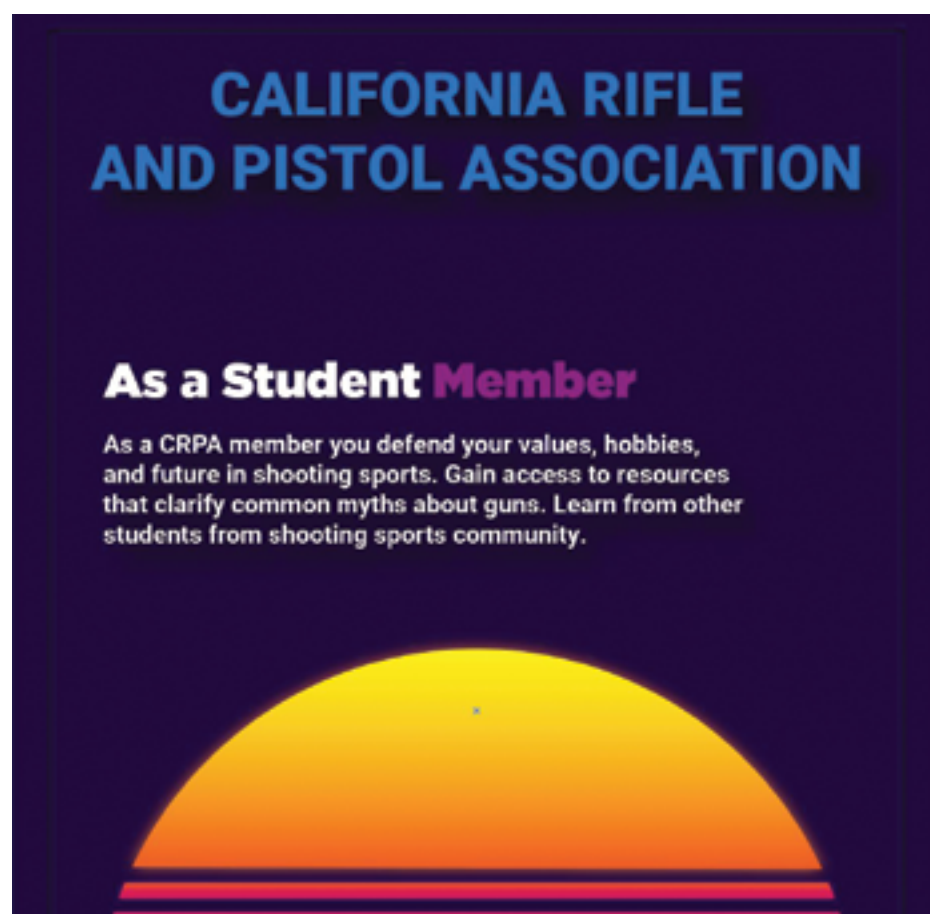
CRPA PROGRAMS UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT: STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS TAKE OFF IN 2023

CRPA has been at work behind the scenes. With what you may ask? We have been working with our teams to develop something that the next generation can be proud of—The New CRPA Student Membership with exclusive content.

We heard from youth that they wanted more than their parents' membership. Most young people under the age of 18 have never even picked up a printed magazine and looking for updates on Facebook is not where they are living. CRPA is responding in a big way to this next generation of Second Amendment advocates by rolling out program offerings that are just for them.

You see, CRPA has been supporting youth shooting sports for years. From the competition to college scholarships, team sponsorships, team and program grants, Boy Scout troop support, ROTC support, and much more. When AB 2571 was passed, we felt the impact



We hope that our Student Members will feel supported, get the resources they need and have fun being part of a bigger community of Second Amendment supporters with an eye to the future.

of not being able to provide youth shooting program support across the state. This attack on youth shooters in our state was reprehensible and we fought back by immediately filing a lawsuit with some of our partners in the industry to save the shooting sports and hunting. While there was amended language, the law currently is still confusing and causing many programs to languish. We are still fighting this battle in court, but we can at least now talk with youth about the Second Amend-

ment and encourage them in their dedication to the sports they love.

Our planned roll out of the CRPA Student Membership content was originally planned for September of 2022, but with the uncertainty of AB 2571, it was delayed. We are excited now to be able to bring this to students in 2023.

The all new CRPA Student Membership is for students of all ages. We will have activity books for the younger members and video content with youth who have grown up in California,

participated in the shooting sports, hunting, or just learned to shoot with a family member. They will share their stories of standing up to adversity, how they feel being confronted about their beliefs, and participating in an activity that many have been taught to look down on. We hope that our Student Members will feel supported, get the resources they need and have fun being part of a bigger community of Second Amendment supporters with an eye to the future.

You can join today at crpa.org/membership/ and new content will be sent out regularly along with ways that you can engage in an online community of positive youth advocates for your Second Amendment rights. CRPA is proud to support and work with this powerful next generation and we look forward to seeing how far they will go. **CRPA**

SEE ALL OF CRPA'S PROGRAMS AT [CRPA.ORG](https://crpa.org)

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

SHOOTING PROGRAMS

2A LITIGATION PROGRAM

REGULATORY WATCH PROGRAM

RANGES & RETAILERS PROTECTION PROGRAMS

BUSINESS AFFILIATE PROGRAM

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

HUNTING & CONSERVATION

VOLUNTEERS & GRASSROOTS

FIREARM SAFETY PROGRAMS

LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

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HISTORICAL ARMS COLLECTING & EXHIBITIONS

LOCAL ADVOCACY & CRPA CHAPTERS

PUBLICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT ON

PING-PING TANG

Ping-Ping Tang was born and raised in Taiwan in a Christian family; she came to the United States when she was 17 years old.

Tang has many memories of her mom helping others in need and volunteering in different capacities. She would like to set the same example for her children with the hope they will make volunteerism a part of their lives.



BY
CHRISTINA
GASTELO
VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR

Tang is a member of South Orange County Gun Owners, a CRPA chapter. She was first introduced to CRPA at the chapter's launch meeting in 2021 when she accepted an invitation from Donna Lins. Tang is eager to learn more about the legislative process and looks forward to growing the chapter in the coming years.

Also, a member and volunteer of the Asian Pacific American Gun Owners Association (APAGOA), Tang believes that gun ownership and firearm knowledge have given her confidence in knowing that she can protect herself and her family. Her desire is that her kids will one day be able to exercise their right to bear arms. Tang has dedicated herself to the fight for gun rights, and CRPA is grateful to have her as a member and volunteer.



► **Tang's first time** shooting an AK47 at Battlefield Vegas in Las Vegas, Nevada. (SHAUN BIENIEK)



► **Tang attends an APAGOA shooting event** at Route 66 Shooting Sports Park in San Bernardino. (PATRICK LOPEZ)

Do you have a message to share?

Ping-Ping Tang: Yes, my message is specifically to women and Asian Pacific Americans. To all the women gun owners and those that are considering getting a gun to protect yourself or your family, Second Amendment rights are not just for men, it is for all of us. Let's end the stereotype! We women need to come together, get educated, and stand up to protect our rights. To the Asian Pacific Americans gun owners, we may come from different cultural backgrounds, but we are all in this together. I urge and encourage you to join the people that are fighting for us on the local and state levels. Our voices and actions matter!

What is it about issues surrounding the Second Amendment, specifically, that motivates you to volunteer?

PPT: I exercise the right to bear arms to protect myself, my family, and I also enjoy shooting for fun. Therefore, I can't turn a blind eye to the 2A legal battles that we are constantly facing in California. I can't fight it myself and fortunately CRPA is doing everything they

can to fight for me and they inspire me to volunteer to show my support!

Could you tell me a little more about your background and what role volunteerism has played in your life and your family's experience?

PPT: I was born and raised in Taiwan until I was 13 years old. Taiwan was going through a democratization process during that time. I grew up witnessing Taiwan going from a single-party government to the rise of a first opposition party to the first direct presidential election in 1994, as well as the long-term tensions between Taiwan and China. As long as I could remember, my parents instilled in me patriotism towards Taiwan in addition to Christianity.

When I was 12, one year before I left Taiwan, I saw a photo of the charred body of an advocate for freedom of speech, social movement, and democratization, who died from self-immolation, on the front page of a newspaper. It was shocking and I will never forget that image and the story behind it. As I learn more about that event, and as I get older, I've grown to respect and

appreciate those that sacrifice themselves for their belief for the country.

I spent four years in Australia and came to the United States to study in college when I was 17 years old. I was still very much aware of things happening in Taiwan; especially because my parents and all of my extended family are still there now. However, during those times, I was not particularly interested in U.S. politics until several years ago.

There have been many drastic changes in the U.S. in the past few years regarding freedom of speech and the right to bear arms which has awakened the seeds that had been planted in me at a young age. The more I think about it, the more I feel like my experience growing up in Taiwan shapes the ways in which I approach the changes happening in the U.S. In our country, the U.S., many before us sacrificed their lives for us to come this far and we are at a point where the freedom and the rights we've enjoyed need to be defended. I don't think I can sit on the sideline without doing anything.

Does anyone in your life play a role in supporting your involvement? In providing inspiration?

PPT: Both my parents support me. My parents live in Taiwan and all my mom's volunteer work is in Taiwan. They don't necessarily understand how things operate here, but whenever I do something different, especially volunteer work, I would explain how it affects things here to help them understand and they are always supportive of me.

My kids also support me. I am a single mom with two teens and I work full-time. Any time that I spend doing volunteer work or taking training classes is time away from my kids. They understand the sacrifices I make in this regard are for the good of us all. **CRPA**

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

First Name	Middle Initial
Last Name	
Street Address	
City, County, State, Zip Code	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
Date	

Check your areas of interest. This is not an exclusive list. You can always change your mind.

- Join a CRPA Chapter
- Visit Local Businesses to Promote Affiliate Program
- Work on Political Campaigns or Elections
- Assist with Youth/Women's Events / RSO
- Assist with Training Events / RSO
- Assist with Hunting Events
- Be a CRPA Membership Recruiter
- Liaison with Local Authorities and Council Members
- Teach Firearm Safety and Proficiency
- Promote CRPA/Pro-2A Messaging/PR Campaigns
- Other:

THANK YOU!

Return to the **California Rifle & Pistol Association**
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Phone: (714) 992-2772, ext. 8752 | Email: volunteer@crpa.org

VOLUNTEERS ARE CRPA'S MOST POWERFUL WEAPON!

CRPA is looking for men and women to join the fight for our rights as a CRPA volunteer or grassroots activist. You can feel good about being part of the solution, meet new friends, learn about guns and politics and get free CRPA swag! For more information, fill out and send in this volunteer form, on the left, email us at volunteer@crpa.org or call (714) 992-2772, ext. 8752.

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!**



► **Range Con** at 5 Dogs in Bakersfield, CA .(ALICIA BREWER)

EVENTS & TRAINING

EVENTS

JANUARY

January 7
COLUSA NWR VETERAN WATERFOWL HUNT
Colusa National Wildlife Refuge
Colusa, CA

January 7-8
CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS SACRAMENTO GUN SHOW
Capitol Sports Center
McClellan Park, CA

January 7-8
CROSSROADS OF THE WEST SAN BERNARDINO GUN SHOW
National Orange Show Grounds
San Bernardino, CA

LOCATION KEY

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

January 17-20
SHOT SHOW
Venetian Expo & Caesar's Forum
Las Vegas, NV

January 19-22
INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO
Cal Expo
Sacramento, CA

January 20-22
BART HALL'S BOAT SHOW
Pomona Fairgrounds
Pomona, CA

January 20-21
LAS VEGAS ANTIQUE ARMS SHOW
Westgate Resort & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

January 28-29
CROSSROADS OF THE WEST ONTARIO GUN SHOW
Ontario Convention Center
Ontario, CA

FEBRUARY

- February 4
DEBRA TAKAYAMA JR. PHEASANT HUNT
Near Lake Cachuma
Santa Barbara County, CA
- February 4-5
BUCKSTOP PLACERVILLE GUN SHOW
El Dorado Fairgrounds
Placerville, CA
- February 5
GUNSLINGERS WINTER FIREARMS AUCTION
Masonic Lodge
Glendora, CA
- February 14-16
WORLD AG EXPO
International Agri-Center
Tulare, CA
- February 18
SANTA MARGARITA WOMEN'S PHEASANT HUNT
Camatta Ranch
Santa Margarita, CA

- February 18-19
CROSSROADS OF THE WEST BAKERSFIELD GUN SHOW
Kern County Fairgrounds
Bakersfield, CA
- February 18-19
DIXON GUN SHOW
Dixon Fairgrounds
Dixon, CA
- February 25
NWTF SAN DIEGO SPRING TURKEY TUNE UP
Lake Henshaw Resort
Santa Ysabel, CA
- February 25-26
CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS LODI GUN SHOW
Lodi Grape Festival Groups
Lodi, CA

CRPA TRAINING COURSES

- Basic Rifle
- Basic Pistol
- Basic Shotgun
- Home Firearms Safety
- Basic Range Safety Officer
- Personal Protection in the Home
- Personal Protection Outside the Home
- Metallic Cartridge Reloading
- Hunters Education Traditional Course
- Hunters Education Follow-up Course
- Wild Game Cooking
- Wild Game Field Dressing
- First Aid/AED/CPR
- Wilderness First Aid
- Archery
- Basic Backpacking
- Leave No Trace
- Emergency Preparedness
- Photography
- Basic Map and Compass
- Trauma/ First Aid

TRAINING VIDEOS
& INFO ARE AT
CRPA.ORG/ TRAINING-AND-EDUCATION



► **Instructor Training** with Chapter Leadership from all over the state run by Jerry Clark. (ALICIA BREWER)

TRAINING

JANUARY

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CLEARING FIREARM-INDUCED STOPPAGES (PART TWO OF A TWO-PART SERIES)

BY GARY F. BRENNAN

In part one of our two-part series, we discussed malfunctions and shooter-induced stoppages. In part two of the series, we will discuss typical firearms-induced stoppages in semi-automatic handguns.

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► **A double feed** in a S&W M&P Shield .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

A stoppage is an unintentional interruption in the cycle of operation. Stoppages are normally discovered when the pistol will not fire. Most stoppages occur because of shooter error, but this article will concentrate on stoppages caused by mechanical issues.

It is important to understand that there is no one set of procedures that can be performed to clear all, or even most of the stoppages that can occur with a handgun. Therefore, you must be trained to quickly assess the cause of the stoppage and take appropriate action to clear stoppages so you can

get back into the fight.

If you get into a situation where you have a stoppage, you must act quickly and deliberately. Immediate actions are:

- Take cover.
- Assess the cause of the stoppage.
- Perform remedial actions to the clear stoppage.
- Re-engage the threat, if needed.

Typical Firearms-Induced Stoppages in Semi-Automatic Handguns Include:

Misfire. A misfire can occur when the firing sequence is interrupted. It can be caused both by mechanical

failure, such as a broken firing pin or bad ammunition, or it could be shooter-induced as described in part I of this series. If handled quickly, the stoppage can be cleared fast with a simple tap, rack, and assess. **TAP:** Remove your finger from trigger and bring your gun in close to your body. With your support hand palm heel, strike the bottom of the magazine to ensure it is seated in the magazine well so that it will feed the cartridge properly. **RACK:** While the pistol is in close, pull or rack the slide to the rear and release, allowing the misfired shell to fall clear of the port (do not ride the slide forward),



► **A shooter's view** photo of a stove pipe as seen from the rear of the gun.

and **ASSESS** for threats.

You can practice the tap, rack, and assess drills with dummy rounds off the range and with dummy rounds mixed with live rounds while on the range. Have a buddy load your magazines to make it more interesting. You will see right away on the first dummy/live drill if you are flinching, as well. This drill will also help if you're working to correct a flinch because you will be concentrating on your trigger pull knowing you may be pulling the trigger on a dummy round.

Audible Pop/Reduced Recoil – This may occur when only a portion of the propellant is ignited. It is normally identifiable by reduced recoil and a softer sounding report. With reduced or no powder in the casing, the bullet may become lodged in the barrel. Reduced recoil may also cause the pistol to fail to cycle. This can create a dangerous situation if the projectile becomes lodged in the barrel. In the case of a bore obstruction, you have little choice but to retreat from the threat. To make sure your bore is clear, engage the pistol's safety, remove the magazine, and try to lock the slide to the rear. Once the gun is clear of ammunition and safe, look down the bore to see if the bore is clear. If it's



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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.

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► **An example** of a stove pipe malfunction where the casing, which was ejected from the chamber after the shot, does not clear the ejection port and gets stuck in the slide which looks like a stove pipe sticking out of the pistol.

obstructed, you can try to clear the obstruction with a wooden dowl or cleaning rod but, in a fight, you must either transition to another gun (if available) or get the hell out of there.

Slide is Out of Battery - Dirty ammunition or a dirty pistol can cause the slide to fail to move completely forward leaving the chamber barely open. This condition is also referred to as "not fully seated." If this occurs, remove your finger from the trigger and place it alongside the receiver. Give the rear of the slide a sharp shove forward, which should, hopefully, place the slide into battery. If the chambered round does not fire, then tap, rack and assess.

Stove Pipe - A stove pipe occurs when the firearm fails to fully eject the casing, causing the brass to be caught between the chamber and the slide.

To clear this malfunction you must **TAP:** Remove your finger from trigger and with the heel of your support hand, strike the bottom of the magazine to ensure it is seated in the magazine well. **ROTATE:** Rotate or invert the pistol in your shooting hand so that the ejection port is facing horizontally or down. **RACK:** While the pistol is inverted, rack the slide, allowing the shell to fall clear of the port. **RELEASE:** Release the slide (do not ride the slide forward). **ASSESS:** As you rotate the pistol to its original firing position, quickly assess the pistol to determine if the stove pipe has been cleared. This is a little different from the simple tap, rack and assess malfunction-clearing drill.

Double Feed - A double feed occurs when there is a round in the chamber and a second round is being pushed

from of the magazine into the chamber and becomes lodged in the area between the slide and the chamber. In this case a tap, rack, and assess drill will not work. To clear a double feed, you must perform the following steps. Remove your finger from the trigger and place it alongside the receiver; lock the slide to the rear; release the magazine by stripping it out of the gun (the round in the magazine trying to go into the chamber is still within the lips of the magazine and prevents the magazine from dropping out of the magwell unless you pull it out); rack the slide until the chambered casing ejects; lock the slide to the rear; insert a new magazine; release slide, then re-engage the threat.

You can practice this with dummy rounds at home by locking the slide to the rear and dropping a dummy

Malfunctions and stoppages do not happen often. That being said, knowing what to do if you do have an issue and practicing the methods discussed in this article will ensure you can quickly get back into the fight and engage a threat if you are ever confronted with one.

round into the chamber. Then load a magazine filled with dummy rounds into the gun and seat it. Slowly close the slide until the dummy round in the magazine rests against the dummy round in the chamber. You will see the dummy round from the magazine being pushed forward against the casing head of the chambered dummy round. Once you have it set up, go through the steps above to clear the double feed.

Magazine Not Seated - This malfunction happens because of a faulty magazine or it may be shooter induced. To clear it, remove the finger from trigger and place it alongside the receiver. With the heel of the non-firing hand, firmly tap the base of the magazine until it seats in the magazine well. Rack the slide, chambering a round and assess and re-engage the threat.

Most of us practice being proficient with our firearms in case we ever need to use them. Malfunctions and stoppages do not happen often. That being said, knowing what to do if you do have an issue and practicing the methods discussed in this article will ensure you can quickly get back into the fight and engage a threat if you are ever confronted with one. **CRPA**

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- 1. ALWAYS** treat all guns as if they are loaded.
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- 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.
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ELK

HUNTING FORECAST

The great red deer, known as elk because of its summer coat and given the Shawnee name “wapiti” which translates to “white deer” due to the faded winter coat, is making great strides here in California thanks to years of support from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) supported conservation efforts and other groups. The

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is following its 2018 Elk Conservation Management Plan that has the primary goal of increasing elk hunting opportunities, provided that the science supports doing so.

Hunters have sought the great Wapiti in other parts of North America because opportunity has been diminished for years. CRPA worked hard to

pass a bill designed to encourage the next generation to get involved in elk conservation and hunting opportunities. The 2018 Assembly Bill 2151, which was signed by then Governor Jerry Brown with the strong support of our allies in the California Hunting & Conservation Coalition, provided opportunities for youth to hunt elk, antelope, bear, and bighorn sheep by making the opportunity affordable for youth. Our work has continued to expand opportunity for all hunters

by working with our valued partners in the CHCC.

DFW Elk and Pronghorn Coordinator Tom Batter reported at the December FGC meeting that elk populations are increasing, and their ranges have shifted and expanded. This population increase has led to increases in human-elk conflict, increased threat of disease, and poten-

tial hybridization of our native Tule Elk, which are endemic to California and the introduced Rocky Mountain Elk, and that bull/cow objectives are



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not being met.

There are several proposed changes that Batter made for the 2023 elk season here in California. One of the most exciting is based on opening a new management unit here in Southern/Central California in the Tejon Ranch area. Rocky Mountain Elk, which are non-native to California, were introduced to the Tejon Ranch fenced game farming operation back

in 1967. For years, private hunting of these elk was made available for a high price. Elk are extremely capable and have, over the years, performed multiple great escapes from the ranch to adjacent properties. Those initial outside-the-fence populations have swelled to a point that the DFW is considering the formation of the Tejon Rocky Mountain Elk Management Unit.

The new unit is being tasked with preventing the hybridization of the native Tule Elk with the nonnative Rocky Mountain Elk and lowering the current above-objective ratio of human-elk conflicts. Achieving these proposed goals will happen through the introduction of a newly recommended Tehachapi Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt Zone with a total of 25 bull tags and 25 antlerless tags, with 20

of the bull and 15 of the antlerless assigned to the SHARE program. This is a brand-new opportunity being made available to the public. During the discussion at the December 2022 FGC meeting, commissioners and staff discussed coming back to the February meeting with a substantial increase in opportunity beyond the proposal to meet the objectives in the 2018 Elk Conservation Manage-

ment Plan.

The positive news continued, as the DFW is recommending changes that should result in increased opportunity for hunters in the Bear Valley & Cache Creek Tule Elk Hunt Zones. This is being done through science to increase the genetic strength of the herd for future generations of this precious resource endemic to California.

Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk Hunt Zone could see an increase in tags allotted to decrease elk-human conflicts within the zone. Under consideration is the possibility of spreading the tags over different hunt seasons to increase the quality of the hunt.

The increase in hunter opportunity is also being pushed by DFW to decrease the intolerable levels of elk-human conflict and the risk in disease transmission by allotting more tags in the Northwestern Roosevelt Elk Hunt Zone.

Tule Elk, the smallest of the elk species, will see a new Central Coast Tule Elk hunt zone which will incorporate the Camp Roberts Tule Elk management unit with 10 bull and 10 antlerless tags. This unit is seeing



► **Two male Tule Elk** (*Cervus canadensis nannodes*) bulls graze the grassy hillsides of Point Reyes National Seashore preserve, near Drake's Beach, in Marin County, California, with view of Pacific Ocean. (SHUTTERSTOCK)

an increase in population as well and hunter opportunity will increase in this area.

California hunters have a rare opportunity that should not be taken for granted, instead, it should be cherished and conserved. We have

all three species of elk in the United States only in California with the addition of the Rocky Mountain Elk to our Roosevelt Elk and native Tule Elk. This is a conservation and hunting story to be shared through the 2023 season. **CRPA**



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WATERFOWL HUNTING FORECAST

The Fish and Game Commission (FGC) is reporting some amazingly good news for those of you who waterfowl hunt. This is the time of the year that the FGC, in concert with the



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California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) and the United State Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), project the health, stability and long-term success of waterfowl conservation and the impacts on the following hunting season. Regulations covering the hunting of waterfowl are

based on these scientific findings for the next, 2023/24, waterfowl season. The scientific framework utilized by the CDFW & FGC for their recommendations and eventual policy is based on the "federal framework" set up by the USFWS. The reason for this is that waterfowl are migratory birds crossing a multitude of state lines and international boundaries. Recent



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studies show that a single duck may make several different migratory treks during its lifetime, passing throughout most of North America. The federal framework will set forward the earliest date seasons should open, the maximum hunting days allowed, and dates to close the season for each bird type and the maximum bag limit.

It is important to note that this is a complex system that is filtered by multiple flyaway councils that compile the current science. They look at the historical trends to ensure the best conservation outcomes for the species and use hunting as a tool, properly, to maintain the health and viability of those species for future generations. USFWS will publish their approved frameworks in February 2023.

During its meetings in December, DFW Waterfowl Coordinator Melanie Weaver presented exciting information that is resulting in significant changes

Western Mallard populations have increased from 2019, across Western North America (Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and California). Goose populations are, in general, well above their objective numbers.



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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.
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- 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.
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in the 2023/2024 waterfowl season. Those changes are based on the results of the 2022 federal and multiple state surveys that showed northern breeding area ducks were at, or far exceeded, their average apart from pintails and scaup. Western Mallard populations have increased from 2019, across Western North America (Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and California). Goose populations are, in general, well above their objective numbers.

Weaver stated in the December FGC meeting that because of the federal/state studies, the DFW is looking at a duck season proposal of 107 days. Most birds will have a bag limit of seven and no changes for geese. She is also making the following recommendations in her proposal for the April 2023 FGC meeting, setting the 2023/2024 waterfowl season:

- Maintaining the January 31 closure
- Increasing the duck season length to 103 days for the Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone, Southern California Zone, and Balance of State Zone
- Increasing the goose season



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length to 103 days for the Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone and the Southern California Zone

■ Combining the Youth and Veterans and Active Military Personnel (VAMP) waterfowl hunting days for the Northeastern California Zone, Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone, Southern California Zone, and Balance of State Zone

■ Allowing up to two days of “falconry-only” season in the Northeast-

ern California Zone, Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone, Southern California Zone, and Balance of State Zone

CRPA will be reporting on the 2023/2024 waterfowl season proposal as it makes its way through the February and April FGC meetings, ensuring that you have the best waterfowl season, providing food for your family while enjoying the great outdoors. **CRPA**

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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.

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CHANGES COMING TO CA SHEEP TAGS

Nelson Bighorn Sheep are one of the most majestic and elusive

big game animals. They can be found in two distinctive conservation management units in California. The Marble Mountain unit located in the Klamath National Forest in the northwest portion of the state and the Clipper Mountain unit located in the eastern Mojave Desert in the southeast portion of the state. Despite their distance of over 600 miles, both units have suffered from severe drought and respiratory issues over several years. The pandemic also hampered wildlife assistance efforts which have not helped conservation efforts throughout the state.



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The California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) Bighorn Sheep Coordinator Regina Vu suggested a reduction in tags and opportunity based on recent scientific findings.



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These recommendations have some serious impacts. The first recommendation is decreasing the tag quota for general lottery from five tags to one tag in the Marble/Clipper Mountains Hunt Zone 1. This reduction should be a wakeup call for all hunters. As explained in an adjacent article on waterfowl, our conservation efforts are paying off thanks to the tireless efforts of our waterfowl allies from

the California Waterfowl Association (CWA) and Duck's Unlimited (DU).

The Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) and the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep (SCBS) are doing the hard work, striving to keep both the species and the sport alive and passable to future generations. Through their efforts, the FGC is considering modifying the recommendation to allow for one

NELSON BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT ZONES

Zone 1 – Marble/Clipper Mountains

Zone 2 – Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains

Zone 3 – Clark/Kingston Mountain Ranges

Zone 4 – Orocopia Mountains

Zone 5 – San Geronio Wilderness

Zone 6 – Sheep Hole Mountains

Zone 7 – White Mountains

Zone 8 – South Bristol Mountains

Zone 9 – Cady Mountains

Zone 10 – Newberry, Rodman, Ord Mountains

Open Zone Fund-Raising Tag

Marble/Clipper/South Bristol Mountains Fund-Raising Tag 0

Cady Mountains Fund-Raising Tag 1

or more tags in Zone 1 and to restore the fundraising tag which supports the efforts of our conservation partners' work.

The FGC will further discuss the remaining Nelson Big Hord Sheep zones at its February meeting in Sacramento.

CRPA will continue to work with our strategic partners in the California Hunting and Conservation Coalition along with the CDFW & FGC to provide for the maximum conservation and hunting opportunity outcome.

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

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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!

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- 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.

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- 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.

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VENISON, ARUGULA, AND PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM SALAD WITH WHITE TRUFFLE OIL

BY DAVID WITHERS

This is a delicious salad in the summer or winter. All the flavors go well together. You could even serve it with grilled bruschetta on the side as an appetizer to share.

INGREDIENTS

DRESSING

1 tbsp Extra virgin olive oil
½ tbsp Balsamic glaze
1 Shallot, finely diced
1 tsp Grain mustard

SALAD

1 lb Small baby potatoes
1 bunch Green asparagus; trimmed
4 Large portobello mushrooms; sliced into ½-inch slices
2 cloves Garlic; crushed
5 oz Arugula
1 ½ lb Venison backstraps; silver skin removed
2 oz Shaved parmesan
Drizzle White truffle oil



METHOD

In a small bowl, combine all dressing ingredients and season with salt and pepper. Whisk until incorporated and set aside.

In a pot, place potatoes and cover with water. Add a small handful of salt. Bring to a boil and cook until tender. Drain, cut in half, and set aside.

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Heat a large cast iron skillet. Drizzle the asparagus and portobello mushrooms with olive oil and season with

salt and pepper. Smear or rub portobello mushrooms with garlic. Cook on the skillet until mushrooms are golden and asparagus is cooked but still crispy. Set aside.

Wipe skillet and heat again with a small amount of olive oil. Drizzle venison with olive oil and season with lots of black pepper and salt. Sear on skillet on all sides until golden. Cook venison in the oven until internal temperature reaches 125°F—about 10-15 minutes.

Heat a separate pan or skillet. Add baby potatoes, cut side down, and cook until golden brown. Set aside.

ASSEMBLY

Place the arugula in a bowl, toss with dressing. Place on a nice serving platter. Top with baby potatoes, asparagus, and portobello mushrooms. Slice venison into ¼-inch slices. Arrange venison on top of salad. Top with shavings of parmesan and lightly drizzled truffle oil. **CRPA**

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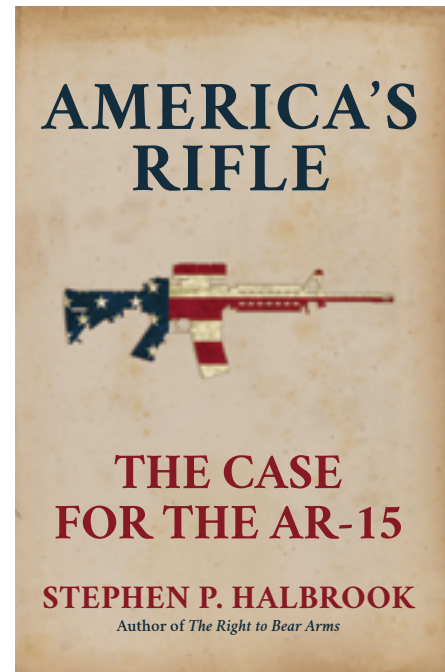
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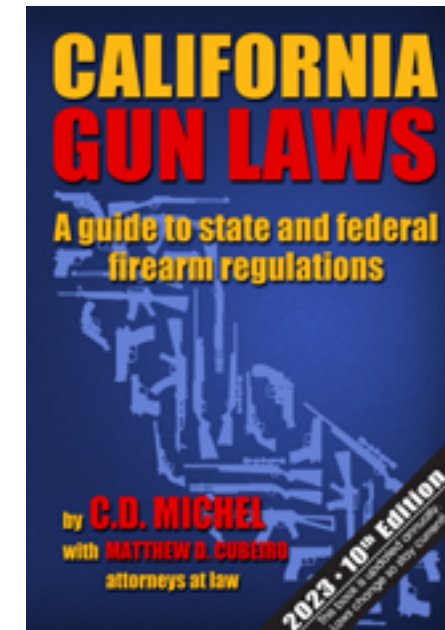
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A GUIDE TO STATE AND FEDERAL FIREARM REGULATIONS

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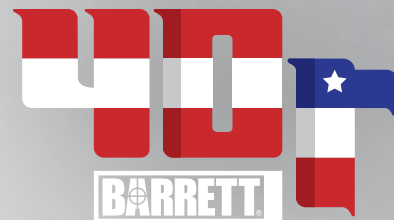
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