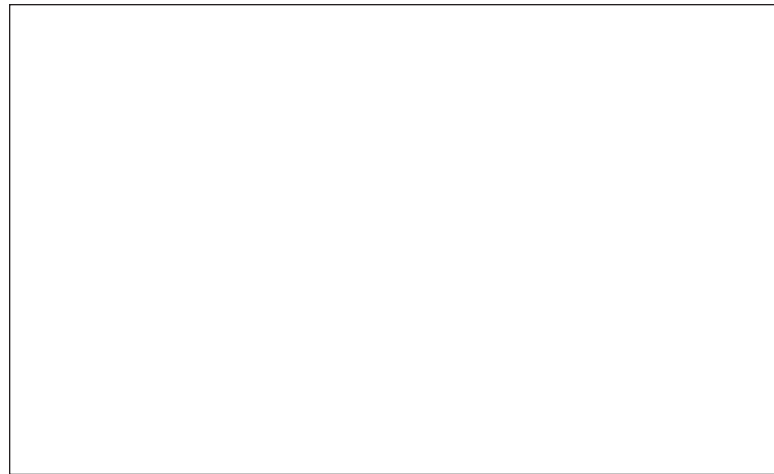


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CCRKBA and the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) cosponsored the national 12th annual Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC) September 26-28 in Denver, Colorado.

Among the featured speakers this year were U. S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, and U. S. Reps. Bob Barr of Georgia and Helen Chenoweth of Idaho. Ken Jacobson, CCRKBA Executive Director, acted as Conference Coordinator.

One of the featured GRPC events was the annual awards luncheon. The guest speaker was Congressman Barr, Chairman of the House Task Force on Firearms. Barr received the CCRKBA Legislator of the Year Award, and also accepted a St. Gabriel Possenti Society Medallion at the luncheon.

Other awardees announced at the luncheon included:

- Rep. Chenoweth, recipient of the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Year Award, who actually accepted the Award later at a reception sponsored by the American Shooting Sports Council (ASSC);
- Richard Feldman, ASSC Executive Director, who received the CCRKBA Lifetime Achievement Award;
- Joe Waldron, Chairman of Washington Citizens Against Regulatory Excess (WeCARE), formed to oppose the anti-gun Initiative 676 in Washington State, recipient of the CCRKBA Grass Roots Activist of the Year Award; and
- Chuck Michel, Legislative Committee Chairman of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, who received the James Madison Award.

Bill of Rights Awards were presented to:

- Tom Gresham, the host of "Gun Talk," the nationally syndicated live call-in radio program;
- Ken Hamlin, a nationally syndicated radio talk show host whose program airs

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five days a week on over 100 stations nationwide;

- David B. Kopel, Research Director of the Independence Institute and co-author, with Paul Blackman, of *NO MORE WACOS: WHAT'S WRONG WITH FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HOW TO FIX IT*; and

Lobbyist of ASSC, and Larry Pratt, Executive Director of Gun Owners of America.

Hawaii State Sen. Sam Slom, a SAF Trustee and Executive Director of Small Business Hawaii,

moderated a state

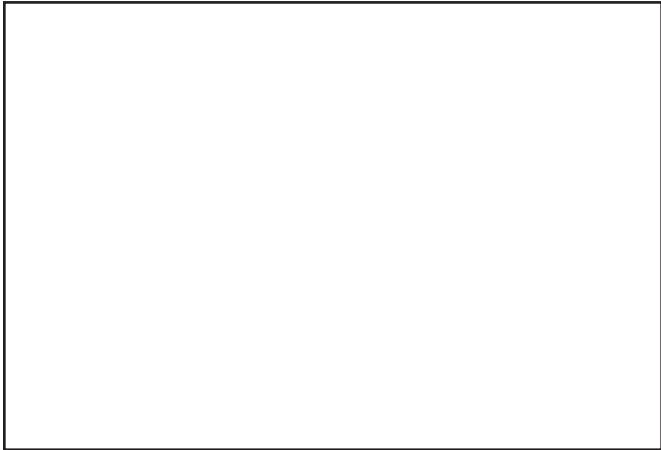
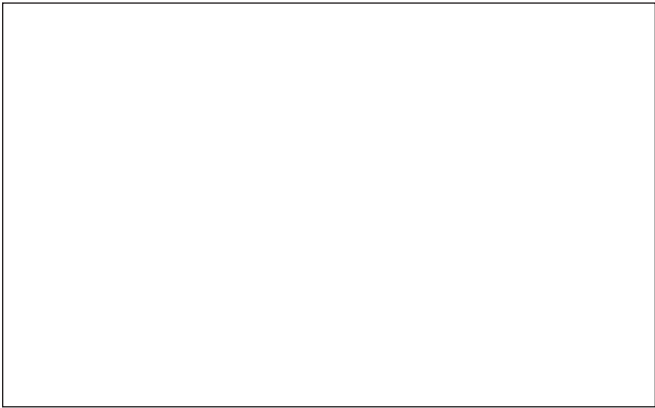
and local legislative briefing, which included talks by Chuck Michel, Scott McKay, Chair of the Jefferson County Chapter of the Firearms Coalition of Chicago, Arlynn Afton, Director of Families of Michigan for Concealed Carry, and Sally Brodbeck, an NRA Director and past President of the Ohio Constitution Defense Council.

Julianne Versnel Gottlieb, Publisher of *WOMEN & GUNS MAGAZINE*, moderated a panel on the right to carry, whose scheduled participants included Colorado State Reps. Mark Paschall and Mike Salaz, Phil Murphy, President of Brassroots, Inc. of Arizona, and Alan Korwin, author of *GUN LAWS OF AMERICA*.

- Chuck Asay, a nationally syndicated Colorado Springs *GAZETTE TELEGRAPH* editorial cartoonist, who also received a Possenti Society Medallion.

GRPC drew several hundred participants, who listened to welcoming remarks by Alan M. Gottlieb, CCRKBA Chairman and SAF Founder, and heard a speech on the State of the Nation delivered by Joseph P. Tartaro, SAF President and Executive Editor of *THE NEW GUN WEEK*.

The first panel, on federal affairs, was moderated by John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director and SAF Treasurer, and featured discussion by Joseph Phillips, Federal Affairs Director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, Robert Ricker, Washington



Chuck Asay delivered an illustrated talk on *How to Provoke the Media*.

Missouri gun rights activist Brad  
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# CUT U.N. FUNDS, SAYS CONFERENCE

The national 12th annual Gun Rights Policy Conference demanded that Congress cut off United Nations funding "unless and until" the U.N. discontinues support for policies or activities contrary to the traditional, individual right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms.

John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, authored the resolution, which passed unanimously.

"U.S. taxpayers' dollars should not be used to underwrite the activities of an international organization working to undermine the civil right to self-defense, to the protection of life, to the very right to life itself," Snyder commented. "It's time for Congress to zero in on the U.N."

The resolution initially was approved by the GRPC Resolutions Committee, it then was submitted to the entire GRPC.

The resolution provides that:

"WHEREAS, the individual right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms is an integral part of the American tradition of civil rights and liberties; and

"WHEREAS, the right to keep and bear arms is recognized in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

"WHEREAS, the right to keep and bear arms itself is intrinsic to the right to defend one's life and the lives of one's loved ones against unjustified violent assault, to the very right to life itself; and

"WHEREAS, recent independent studies and law enforcement surveys indicate that positive domestic legislation regarding the right to keep and bear arms correlates with reductions in violent crime rates; and

"WHEREAS, the right to keep and bear arms is an object of attack by United Nations personnel and entities, such as the United Nations Panel of Governmental Experts on Small Arms; and

"WHEREAS, the United Nations Panel of Governmental Experts on Small Arms recommends that nation states, including the United States of America, impose on their citizens laws, regulations and administrative procedures inimical to

the right to keep and bear arms, such as licensing requirements on all civilian possession of small arms and the specification of arms permitted for civilian possession; and

"WHEREAS, the United States of America is a member of the United Nations; and

"WHEREAS, the headquarters of the United Nations is located within the United States of America; and

"WHEREAS, the United States of America supports the United Nations with money taxed from the earnings of citizens of the United States of America; and

"WHEREAS, the use of United States of America tax dollars for this purpose undercuts the traditional American right to keep and bear arms;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this United States of America 12th Annual Gun Rights Policy Conference, meeting in Denver, Colorado on September 28, 1997, that henceforth it should be the public policy of the United States of America that the government of the United States of America, including any of its entities or subdivisions, provide no funds or support of any kind to the United Nations or to any of its entities or subdivisions unless and until it and all of its entities and subdivisions cease support for policies or activities inimical to the traditional, individual right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms, including, but not limited to, those specific policies enumerated in this resolution; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States, which by law imposes and disposes of American tax dollars, be informed of this action of the Gun Rights Policy Conference; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gun Rights Policy Conference memorialize Congress that it is its duty to the people and traditions of the United States of America to implement this public policy as recommended by this Conference."

GRPC also reaffirmed the "NATO Doctrine" passed by previous GRPC at-

tendees that "any attack on one class of firearms owners shall be considered an attack on all classes of firearms or firearm owners, and shall be fought with all efforts and resources by the entire pro-gun community."

GRPC accepted a resolution submitted by John F. Wetjen of Wildwood, Florida that "each person attending GRPC commit to write one letter a month for the next year to their local newspaper, or one letter a month to their legislator with a copy sent to their local newspaper."

GRPC also endorsed a resolution by Phil Wahlbom of Marietta, Georgia that since GRPC "attendees are aware of the enormous sums of contributions made by corporations for various political purposes," the GRPC delegates "do hereby encourage all gun owners to: individually remain alert and aware of such contributions; perform appropriate rebuttals, and decline to reinforce any corporation or business entity by using their products or services - where there is a verifiable contribution made to any anti-gun organization."

GRPC also passed a resolution submitted by the Ohio Constitution Defense Council. It stipulates that:

"WHEREAS, the citizens of Ohio are being charged a fee by the state without statutory authority do to so prior to the processing of background checks for handgun purchases: and

"WHEREAS, this is likely to be an illegal act by the State of Ohio; and

"WHEREAS, a precedent so set is likely to migrate to those states without a system in place; and

"WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution Defense Council and its affiliated organizations are actively raising funds in order to file a Class Action lawsuit against Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery and the State of Ohio for the recovery of background check fees already incurred;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all national pro-2nd Amendment organizations, grass roots organizations and individuals morally and financially support the Ohio Constitution Defense

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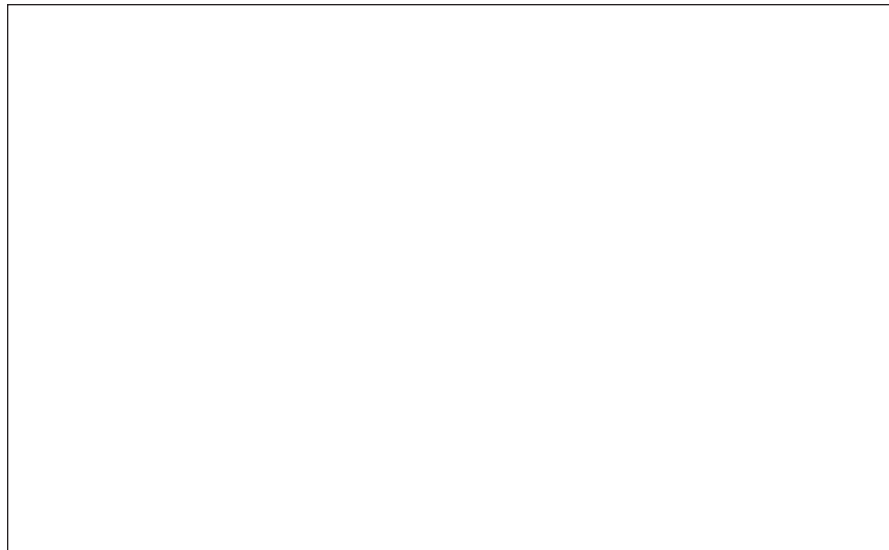
Alpert, veteran police firearms instructor Leroy Pyle, President of Specialized Training Associates, and Andrew R. Kelley, Communications Director of the Sporting Arms & Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI), discussed the "junk guns" or "cop guns" controversy.

NRA Director John Cushman, President of Sportsmens Association for Firearms Education (SAFE), moderated a discussion on gun locks and the child protection gambit by Ken Jorgensen, Media Relations Director of Smith & Wesson, and Georgia Nichols, President of ASSC and Vice President and General Counsel of O. F. Mossberg & Sons.

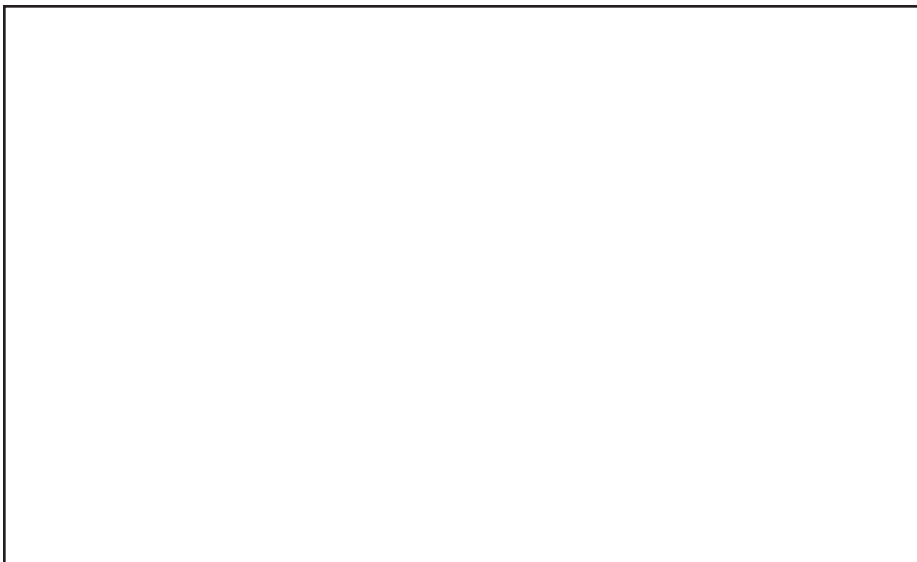
Gottlieb outlined the issues in the I-676 controversy in Washington State.

Peggy Tartaro, Editor of WOMEN & GUNS MAGAZINE, Chris Mancini, Counsel to the National Association of Chiefs of Police, and Evan Nappen, a Director of the New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club, discussed domestic abuse and the right to self-defense.

Gottlieb moderated a panel on talk radio as the gun owners' open forum, which included presentations by Tom Gresham, Ken Hamlin, and Wayne LaPierre, NRA Executive Vice President and host of "The Wayne LaPierre Show."



# HIGHLIGHTS AT D



Tartaro, Tanya Metaksa, Executive Director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, and Mike Saporito, Vice President of RSR Wholesale Guns and past chairman of ASSC, discussed winning strategies for gun owners.

David Kopel, Timothy Wheeler, M. D., Director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the Claremont Institute, Diane Nicholl, a researcher and law enforcement training specialist, and Robert G. Heinritz, business attorney and management consultant, discussed research, regulation and reality.

Feldman, Patrick Squire, Vice President and General Counsel of Interarms, and Richard Gardiner, a counsel on "assault weapon" ban litigation, outlined the whys and wherefores of guns and gun owners in the courts.

Chris Dolniak, Director of Market Development for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, talked on prospecting for new shooters.

Gottlieb, Neal Knox, Executive Director of the Firearms Coalition and an

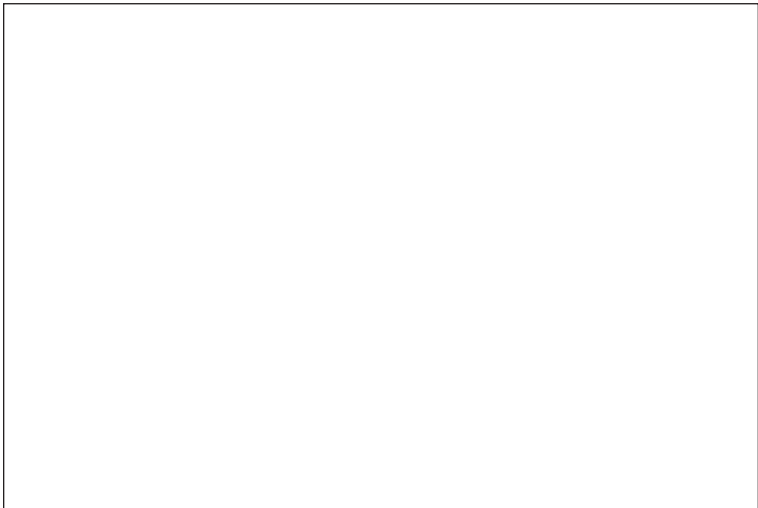
NRA Board Member, and Robert Kukla, a CCRKBA Director and former Executive Director of NRA-ILA, analyzed one-gun-a-month and other anti-gun schemes.

ASSC and NRA each hosted receptions during GRPC.

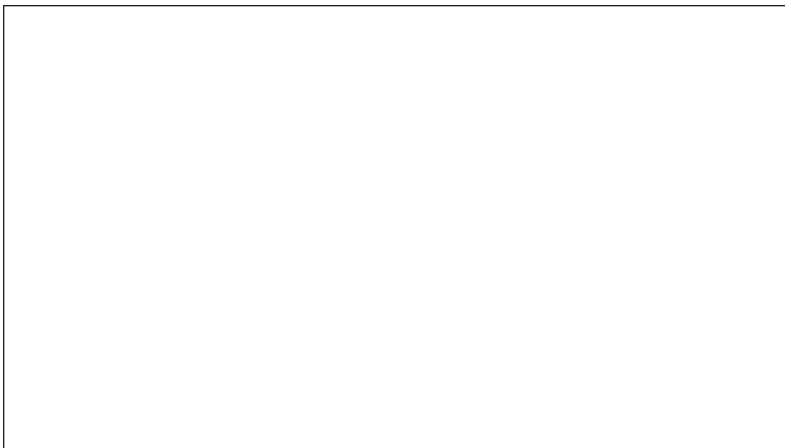
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# ARIZONAN AUTHOR THE CCRKBA RIGHTS AWARDEE

Alan Korwin of Arizona is the designated recipient of the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award for November.

In nominating Korwin for the Award, John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, said that "Alan, by producing a number of books on gun laws in the United States, has been able to boil down a lot of legal hodge podge so that the average gun owner may have some idea of his or her obligations under the multiplicity of laws, regulations and court decisions regarding firearms acquisition, possession, use and disposition.

"Alan also is an outspoken and articulate defender of the right to keep and bear arms.

"He certainly is most deserving of this CCRKBA Award."

Korwin, who spoke this past September at the Gun Rights Policy Conference in Denver, Colorado, is a professional writer and management consultant with over two decades of experience in business, news and promotional communication. He is founder and two term Past President of the Arizona Book Publishing Association, on the national publicity committee of the Society for Technical Communication, and a former board member of the Society of Professional Journalists, Valley of the Sun Chapter.

Alan is the author of the books GUN

LAWS OF AMERICA and THE ARIZONA GUN OWNER'S GUIDE.

Additionally, he is the co-author of THE TEXAS GUN OWNER'S GUIDE, THE VIRGINIA GUN OWNER'S GUIDE, and THE FLORIDA GUN OWNER'S GUIDE.

"Obviously some gun use is blatantly criminal and despicable," he writes in GUN LAWS OF AMERICA, published by Bloomfield Press in 1995, but then points out that "other applications are noble, appeal to the highest ideals our society holds, and are enshrined in and ensured by the statutes on the books:

- Protecting your family in emergencies.
- Personal self-defense.
- Preventing crimes.
- Detaining criminals for arrest.
- Guarding our national borders.
- Preserving our interests abroad.
- Helping defend our allies.
- Overcoming tyranny.
- Emergency preparedness.
- Obtaining food by hunting.
- Historical preservation.
- Olympic competition.
- Sporting pursuits.
- Target practice.
- Recreational shooting."

Korwin writes that "using a gun to rob a store ought to be illegal. Who in the firearms debate disagrees with that? That's true gun control, and that makes sense. When laws attempt to restrict what law-abiding citizens can and can-

not do, in the name of gun control, and especially if there's no effect on criminals, ah, there's the rub.

"People have come to realize that attempting to disarm the American public is not gun control, it's disarming the American public. Gun control means keeping the guns out of the hands of the bad guys. This is good public policy. Rational people agree it's desirable. It deserves and earns the broadest support.

"Unfortunately, because the term gun control has been so perverted it can barely be applied to its noble cause - controlling the truly criminal use of firearms. America needs better gun control - more criminals must be disarmed. Disarming honest citizens does not accomplish that. Need this even be said?

"Favoring gun control yet staunchly resisting the gradualism of citizen disarmament is a coherent position. It is Orwellian to call citizen control crime control. The big question for America, perhaps, is can gradualism do what a century of Communism could not - dismember the greatest system for human government yet devised."

Alan hails originally from New York City, where his clients included IBM, AT&T, NYNEX and others. In 1986, "finally married," he states, he "moved to the Valley of the Sun. It was a joyful and successful move."





& Sons, and SigArms

Smith & Wesson and Sturm, Ruger & Co. already had indicated they voluntarily would equip their handguns with the devices.

Feldman said that the locks should be accompanied by safe storage and firearms training.

"Please do not be fooled into believing that any single safety device by itself is the answer," said Feldman in introducing Clinton.

Clinton said that "this Administration and the gun industry from time to time have stood on different sides of various issues, the Brady Law, assault weapons ban, and there may be other disagreements in the future, but today we stand together and stand with the law enforcement community to do what we all know is right for our children."

Following the Feldman-Clinton White House ceremony on October 9, Jim Pasco, a former BATF official now representing the national Fraternal Order of Police, said that while the handgun manufacturers' commitment to include gun locking devices with their products does not deal with the millions of handguns already in circulation, "the fact that they're being distributed with new weapons will call people's attention to the fact that all their weapons need to be kept securely."

Sarah Brady of Handgun Control, Inc. called on the firearms industry to develop personalized guns, which would limit use of a firearm to its owner through the use of a radio transmitter or a microchip implanted in a ring or bracelet.

On Wall Street, the stock of Saf-T-Lok soared 585 percent as traders bet that the Tequesta, Florida company could be a prime provider of gun locks, reported USA TODAY. This month, it reportedly is launching a new model for semiautomatic handguns.

USA TODAY also stated "gun mak-

ers may also look to Master Lock, which sells a trigger lock for considerably less than Saf-T-Lok's devices. Smith & Wesson will buy 350,000 Master Lock locks this year."

The nation's murder rate is lower now than at any point since the late 1960s, and other serious crime also is continuing to decline, the FBI reported early last month.

For the fifth consecutive year, violent crime and property crime have dropped nationwide, including in most large cities, and in particular for murder. That offense declined nine percent last year, with 19,645 people slain. The murder rate, now 7.4 incidences for every 100,000 people, is 17 percent lower than in 1992.

Overall, violent crime dropped six percent last year, according to the final version of an FBI report. Rape declined by two percent, robbery by seven percent and aggravated assault by six percent.

Cease Fire, Inc., a national organization with the hots for gun bans, is initiating a nationwide public relations campaign to try to convince Americans that handguns in the home, for any purpose whatsoever, are not suitable for law-abiding citizens. The outfit is pushing its anti-gun media campaign now in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Austin, Texas, Boston, Massachusetts, Cleveland, Ohio, Miami, Florida, Portland, Oregon and Salt Lake City, Utah.

At the United Nations headquarters in New York, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy called for more international gun control efforts. He told the General Assembly that small arms are "true weapons of mass terror...(whose) proliferation undermines the security and development efforts of

In Sacramento, California, Governor Pete Wilson in late September vetoed a legislative measure which would have banned outright inexpensive handguns.

The bill, sponsored by State Rep. Richard Polanco, would have required that all handguns, prior to manufacture or sale in California, undergo safety testing by a state approved laboratory. Since, as observers noted, no labs now exist to preform this testing and no funding was provided in the bill for the establishment of such labs, the bill could have been used to ban all handguns.

Touted as a safety boosting measure by its supporters, the bill would have required so called "junk guns," inexpensive handguns, many of which are made in California, to meet the same standards as imported handguns.

"The real test applied by the bill," said Gov. Wilson, "is whether or not the weapon is readily concealable. By this definition and test, all handguns, except, ironically, the largest and deadliest," would be banned.

Gov. Wilson's veto came after CCRKBA and other groups, including the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, the California Rifle and Pistol Association, the Peace Officers Research Association, and the Law Enforcement Alliance of America, contacted his office regarding gun owners' opposition to the proposed law.

In Washington, D. C., Richard Feldman, Executive Director of the American Shooting Sports Council, got together early last month with the White House with President Clinton to announce that major handgun manufacturers by the end of next year voluntarily will include gun locking safety devices with their products.

Participating with Clinton and Feldman at the October 9 White House event were executives from handgun makers Glock, Beretta, Taurus, H&R, Heckler & Koch, Smith & Wesson Corp., Mossberg

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