

SEN. LARRY CRAIG KEYNOTES 1998 NATIONAL GRPC



Sen. Larry Craig was flanked by Joe Tartaro and Alan Gottlieb as he accepted the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Year Award. Photo by John Krull.

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A keynote address by U. S. Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho was the highlight of a number of featured events during the national 1998 Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC), held this year September 18-20 in Seattle, Washington.

U. S. Reps. Jack Metcalf, Adam Smith and Linda Smith, all of Washington State, also addressed the delegates, as did a number of members of the Washington State Legislature.

CCRKBA cosponsors the gathering each year with the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF).

Sen. Craig, who was strikingly critical of the anti-gun Clinton Administration in his keynote address, indicated that he and a number of other federal legislators were battling Clinton to insure that the Brady Law handgun purchase waiting period is not extended beyond its sunset date of the 30th of this month.

Sen. Craig, a CCRKBA Congressional Advisor, was presented with the 1998 CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Year Award by Alan M. Gottlieb, CCRKBA Chairman, and Joseph P. Tartaro, SAF President.

GRPC featured also an Awards Luncheon. Journalist Michelle Malkin of THE SEATTLE TIMES received the James Madison Award. Dennis Walker of Ohio received the Grass Roots Activist of the Year Award. The Microsoft Gun Club received the Gun Organization of the Year Award. Washington Arms Collectors received the CCRKBA Affiliate of the Year Award. Michael Saporito, Vice President and General Counsel of RSR Wholesale Guns, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, along with a North American Arms caliber .32 Guardian pistol. Joe Tartaro

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GRPC REAFFIRMS U.N. RESOLUTION AND OTHERS

Delegates to the 1998 Gun Rights Policy Conference in September reaffirmed a resolution on the United Nations which GRPC had adopted the previous year.

John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, proposed both versions. "BE IT RESOLVED: By the delegates assembled at the 1998 Gun Rights Policy Conference in Seattle, Washington," reads this year's resolution, "that we reaffirm our position in support of the United Nations Resolution from the GRPC 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 any of its entities and subdivisions cease support for policies or activities inimical to the traditional, individual right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, including, but not limited to, those specific policies enumerated in the 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 attendees 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."

Delegates also reaffirmed the 1986 GRPC proposal of the National Firearms Association "in support of the 'NATO doctrine' in that any attack on one class or type of firearm is considered an attack on all classes and types of firearms and shall be vigorously opposed by all local, state and national organizations and by individual firearms owners nationwide."

GRPC 1998 delegates endorsed a number of other resolutions as well.

Edward Burlaw of the Canadian Institute for Legislative Action, for instance, proposed that "WHEREAS: Second Amendment rights and the firearms community are impacted by events both

domestic and foreign; and

"WHEREAS: It would be beneficial to all parties interested in the restoration of Second Amendment rights to have access to accurate, current and historical data relevant to the cause;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Gun Rights Policy Conference 1998 would request, endorse and support the establishment of an international web site base containing information relevant and beneficial to our cause and propose that this data base be established and maintained as a cooperative project of all pro-gun industry, political and sporting groups."

Mary J. Iverson of Washington Arms Collectors proposed that "WHEREAS: Many individuals living in the inner city potentially would support Second Amendment issues if properly educated on those issues; and

"WHEREAS: Most major state and national pro-gun organizations have not created grass roots programs directed specifically for the inner city constituency;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates assembled at the 1998 Gun Rights Policy Conference strongly encourage all state and national pro-gun organizations to develop and implement grass roots programs directed specifically to the potential pro-gun constituency within our inner cities."

Lynda Staples of Foresight & Plus and Smith & Wesson proposed that

"WHEREAS: It is more important than ever that pro-gun/pro-Second Amendment interests bind together; and

"WHEREAS: Shared information and united efforts are the keys to the political survival of Second Amendment rights; and

"WHEREAS: Purchasers of firearms should be aware of such efforts;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to develop and produce written information about our Second Amendment rights, our firearms heritage and the major organizations working to preserve them, such information be provided to firearms manufacturers and importers for the inclusion in the packaging of each firearm or airgun sold, and

that the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and the Second Amendment Foundation respectfully request that manufacturers so include such information."

GRPC 1998 Resolutions Committee members included, left to right, Dennis Walker, Director of the Peoples Rights Organization, from Ohio, John Hosford, former CCRKBA Executive Director, from Wyoming, Lynda Staples, President of Foresight Plus and a consultant to Smith & Wesson, from Oregon, Robert Wiest, a SAF Board Member, from Tennessee, and Phil Wahlbom, President of Marathon Communications, from



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CCRKBA EQUATES GUN, SPEECH AND PRESS RIGHTS IN SENATORIAL STATEMENT

John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, equated the individual right of law-abiding American citizens with the right to freedom of speech, press, assembly and religion in a statement made in connection with a September 23 Senate hearing.

Snyder, named "Dean" of gun lobbyists by THE WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW YORK TIMES and THE WASHINGTON TIMES, submitted his statement to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on

The Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights. The Subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Awardee, is examining the meaning of the Second Amendment.

The recognition of the Second Amendment individual right to keep and bear arms, stated Snyder, "can mean the difference between life and death, the difference between personal protection and personal jeopardy, the difference between public safety and public disaster..."

"The right to keep and bear arms is a civil right, at least as significant and important as the other civil rights enumerated in our Bill of Rights. Oftentimes, it is tantamount to the right to self-defense, the right to defend one's life and the lives of one's loved ones, from violent criminal attack..."

"Some gun grabbers say that our Founding Fathers never foresaw modern firearms and therefore never intended to recognize an individual right to keep and bear arms in connection with the kinds of guns available today. However, the Founding Fathers never foresaw typewriters, computers, radio, television and other forms of electronic means of communication when they included guarantees of freedom of speech and press in the Bill of Rights. That lack of foresight does not preclude the applicability of the Bill of Rights to modern means of communication. In many ways, the Bill of Rights, including the Second Amendment, is a living document, as relevant in each of its particulars today as it was when it was drawn up and adopted in the late Eighteenth Century."

Snyder affirmed that "the Second Amendment is at least as significant to-

day as it was when it was first adopted. It helps us maintain our freedom. It helps law-abiding citizens protect themselves from violent criminals. It helps promote public safety during times of natural disaster. We must maintain it. We must resist attempts by gun grabbers to weaken it."

Snyder noted that "a number of people support firmly such civil rights as the right to freedom of speech, press, assembly and religion, but give short shrift, or no shrift at all, to the civil right to keep and bear arms. The fact, though, is that the right to keep and bear arms is integral to our whole system of civil rights. A lot of us believe it is the linchpin of our system of civil rights. We believe that it is the guarantor of the other civil rights, that without it the other civil rights would not be secure."

"Opponents of the right to keep and bear arms often try to ridicule this position. They say, for instance, that the right to keep and bear arms has little or no relevance today, that whatever relevance it ever had went out with the days of the 'wild west,' and that it has no real significance today. There even have been proposals, including congressional proposals, to eliminate the Second Amendment."

"According to a number of surveys, though, millions of people in the United States each year use handguns, rifles and shotguns to thwart crimes in progress and to protect the lives and safety of the innocent. These annual protective uses of firearms overshadow geometrically the tens of thousands of illegitimate homicidal uses of guns each year in the United States."

"The right to keep and bear arms, and the exercise of that right in the United States is at least as American as apple pie. Literally scores of millions of law-abiding citizens in the United States own firearms. More citizens of the United States own guns than vote every four years for the successful presidential candidate. There are more handguns in private hands in the United States than there are votes every four years for the winning presidential candidate."

"The Second Amendment recognizes the right of citizens to acquire and use guns for self-defense and other purposes, and there are scores of millions of people

in our country who actually do exercise the right. They send a message that none of our civil rights can be tampered with by government officials or other opponents of our civil rights."

Snyder, a political scientist with a Master of Arts in Government from Georgetown University, stated that "the fight to maintain the right to keep and bear arms is one of the major domestic political battles of our times. Using a number of guises and phony arguments, gun grabbers work overtime to emasculate the Second Amendment individual right to keep and bear arms. Waiting periods, plastic guns, assault weapons, trigger locks, child proof locks, one gun a month, safety locks, Saturday Night Specials, cooling off periods and what have you are all key phrases used by gun grabbers to generate sympathy of a purely emotional nature for their point of view and to undermine acceptance of one of our basic freedoms."

"However, we are on to these people. We are determined to protect our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, our Second Amendment, from all of these attempts to undermine it."

"In this unfortunately bloody century, there have been a number of genocides perpetrated by various governments throughout the world. Each one of these genocides was preceded by general civilian firearms confiscation. The gun confiscation was preceded by enabling gun control legislation. None of these countries had anything like our Second Amendment. If they had, they most likely would not have undergone these terrible deadly persecutions."

"The Second Amendment also serves as an asset to legitimate law enforcement. Surveys of chiefs of police and sheriffs each year in the United States conducted by the National Association of Chiefs of Police indicate command officers' support for the right to keep and bear arms in general and, in particular, for the Second Amendment, with specific reference to its utility during times of natural disasters."

The Subcommittee also heard from movie star Charlton Heston, President of the National Rifle Association, Second Amendment legal scholar Stephen Halbrook, and U.S. Sens. Orrin Hatch of Utah, Chairman of the full Judiciary

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received a specially engraved Mossberg 12 gauge Model 835 shotgun.

Washington Citizens Against Regulatory Excess (WeCARE) presented a number of certificates to those law enforcement organizations and individuals whose outspoken leadership



helped defeat anti-gun Initiative 676 last year in Washington State. Designated recipients included Washington Council of Police & Sheriffs, Washington State Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association, Law Enforcement Alliance of America, Sheriff Bill Wiester of Grant County, Sheriff Rick Bart of Snohomish County, Roy Skagen, Seattle Assistant Chief of Police (ret.), Prosecutor Norm Maleng of King County, and Sheriff Gary Edwards of Thurston County.

Larry Fly received a Special Award for his work last year against I-676 and for his work this year in support of concealed carry reciprocity Initiative 211.

Calling the Conference to order was John Barnett, SAF Executive Director and Conference Coordinator. Doc Carlson, Vice President of Washington Arms Collectors, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Deacon Drew Petty, CCRKBA Telemarketing Supervisor, delivered the invocation.

Gottlieb spoke on the State of the Nation with reference to The Road Behind and Tartaro spoke on the State

of the Nation with reference to The Road Ahead.

John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director and SAF Treasurer, moderated a Federal Affairs Briefing, which featured presentations by Ted Deeds, Chief Operating Officer of the Law Enforcement Alliance of America, Robert Ricker, Director of Government Affairs of the American Shooting Sports Council, and John Vellecho, Communications Director of Gun Owners of America.

Adam Kaufman, Special Assistant to Wayne LaPierre, Executive Vice President of the National Rifle Association of America, spoke on Redirecting the Anti-Gunners through emphasis on the NRA-Philadelphia One City Project.

Joe Waldron, CCRKBA Executive Director and Trustee of the Gun Owners Action League of Washington, led a State and Local Legislative Briefing, which included presentations by Bruce Turner, Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee of Washington Arms Collectors and Chairman of the Gun Owners Action League of Washington, Chuck Michel, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the California Rifle & Pistol Association and Legal Counsel to SAF and NRA, and Brian Judy, NRA State Legislative Liaison.

Peggy Tartaro, Executive Editor of WOMEN & GUNS Magazine and a



CCRKBA Director, moderated a panel on Instant Check Not So Instant? featuring discussions by Neal Knox, an NRA Board Member and Executive Director of the Firearms Coalition, and Alan Korwin, author of GUN LAWS OF AMERICA and several state gun law books.

David Kopel, Senior Policy Analyst of the CATO Institute and the Independence Institute, and Joe Olson, an NRA Director and President of Academics for the Second Amendment, discussed how the scholarship of Professors John R. Lott, Jr. and Gary Kleck is reshaping the debate on gun control and the right to keep and bear arms.

Gottlieb, who also is Treasurer of Washington Citizens Against Regulatory Excess (WeCARE), moderated a panel discussion on initiative and referendum battles consisting of presentations by Michael Saporito, Vice President and General Counsel of RSR Wholesale Guns, Gary Davis, President of the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance, and Dave LaCourse, SAF Public Affairs Director and author of successful "Three Strikes You're Out" and "Hard Time for Gun Crime" initiatives.

Glen Voorhees, a SAF Trustee and Western Field Editor of GUN WEEK, and Sally Brodbeck, an NRA Director and Past President of the Ohio Constitution Defense

Council, discussed Gun Rationing, Smart Guns and other schemes.

Gottlieb, who also is an executive of the Talk America Network, and Jeff Knox, General Manager of KSBN Radio in Spokane, Washington, talked about Talk Radio as the Gun Owners' Open Forum.

Waldron moderated a national election roundtable discussion among various conference delegates.

Irv Benzion, an NRA Director and Managing Editor of the Washington



OTS VICTORY!

Arms Collectors GUN NEWS, Edward Burlew, Counsel to the Ontario, Canada headquartered Canadian Gunowners Association, and Richard Feldman, Executive Director of the American Shooting Sports Council, discussed the Menace of Global Gun Control.

Julianne Versnel Gottlieb, Publisher of WOMEN & GUNS Magazine, moderated a panel discussion on the possibility of national reciprocity legislation with Joe Tartaro and Dave Workman, an NRA Director and Editor of FISHING & HUNTING NEWS.

Mike Connelly, a CCRKBA Director, discussed Guns, Gun Owners and the Courts with Don B. Kates noted con-

During the Conference, there were two receptions, hosted by WeCARE and the American Shooting Sports Council. At the WeCARE reception, Snyder, who also is President of the St. Gabriel Possenti Society, Inc., presented Society Medallions to U.S.Reps. Metcalf and Linda Smith.

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Participating organizations included Academics for the Second Amendment, American Political Action Committee, American Shooting Sports Council, Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs, Bellevue Indoor Range, California Rifle & Pistol Association, Central New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club, CATO Institute, Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise, Council for Legislative Action Washington, Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the

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stitutional scholar, author and pro-gun attorney, and Jim Ramm, an NRA Director and Chairman of the Ohio Peoples Rights Organization.

Tim Wheeler, M.D., Director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the Claremont Institute, spoke on Doctors and the Gun Rights Diagnosis.

Leland Bull, a Director of Washington Arms Collectors, Andrew Kelley, Director of Communications of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute, and Ron Arnold, Founder of the Wise Use Movement, talked about Hanging Together and Expanding Our Movement to Win.

Kevin H. Watson, CCRKBA Director of Information Technology, moderated a general question and answer session.

Magazine, Liberty Pole, National Association of Chiefs of Police, National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, National Rifle Association, NRA Member's Council Bellevue WA, New Mexico Gun Collectors Association, North American Arms, Ohio Constitution Defense Council, Oregon Gun Owners, Peterson Publishing Company, Peoples Rights Organization, PROPONENT NEWSLETTER, Pro Second Amendment Committee, Powder Keg, Responsible Illinois Gunowners Hunters Target Shooters (R.I.G.H.T.S.), RSR Wholesale Guns, RIFLE & SHOTGUN SPORTS SHOOTING Magazine, Sharpshooting Indoor Range, SHOOTING INDUSTRY Magazine, SOLDIER OF FORTUNE Magazine, Spokane Rifle Club, Spokane Valley Rifle & Pistol Club, Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI), the BULLET, VERMONT OUTDOORS Magazine, Washington Arms Collectors, WeCARE, Weapons Collectors Society of Montana, Weapons Safety, Inc., Western Missouri Shooters Alliance, and WOMEN & GUNS Magazine.

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METCALF OF WASHINGTON CCRKBA RIGHTS AWARDEE

Congressman Jack Metcalf of Washington State is the designated recipient of the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award for November.

In nominating U.S. Rep. Metcalf for the Award, John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Relations Director, said, "Jack truly is a unique individual. He combines both rugged outdoors and true intellectual backgrounds with success as a grass roots politician who throughout his public life has been a stalwart and forthright defender of the traditional, individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms. He certainly is most deserving of this Award."

During the 105th Congress, Rep. Metcalf has supported a number of pro-gun initiatives, including H. R. 2721, the proposed Second Amendment Protection Act.

He states he supports the measure because it would repeal outright, with no questions asked, both "the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act and the Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act and restores and revives any provisions they amended as if the repealed Acts had not been enacted. Further, the legislation will amend Internal Revenue Code provisions relating to machine guns, destructive devices, and certain other firearms and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to revise the definition of 'destructive device' and make other changes."

Congressman Metcalf notes "Thomas Jefferson once argued that, 'laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm

only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes... Such things make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.' Similarly, Thomas Paine exclaimed, '...arms discourage and keep the invader and plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world as well as property...Horrid mischief would ensue were (the law-abiding) deprived of the use of them.' And, John Adams reasoned, 'arms in the hands of citizens may be used at individual discretion ... in private self-defense.'

"These eloquent words from three of our Founding Fathers, conclusively state that one of the purposes of the Second Amendment is to ensure that the government does not take away an individual's ability to defend himself or his property. The purpose is as relevant today as it was when the United States Constitution was drafted.

"The Brady Law violates these important principles enumerated by the Founding Fathers, state's rights and local law enforcement prerogatives. I will continue to work hard in Congress to defend the rights guaranteed to every law-abiding American by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

Congressman Jack Metcalf, who now lives in Langley, Washington, was born in 1927 in Marysville, Washington.

Jack and his wife, Norma Grant, have four daughters and nine grandchildren. They own The Log Castle Bed and Break-

fast in Langley, where Jack is, as he says, an "avid outdoor sportsman."

Jack graduated from Pacific Lutheran University with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education in 1951. He did graduate work in Economics and History and received his Master of Arts in 1966 from the University of Washington.

Rep. Metcalf served in the United States Army in 1946 and 1947. He served in the Washington State House from 1960 until 1964. He served in the Washington State Senate from 1966 until 1974 and again from 1980 until 1992, when he first was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives.

While Jack was in the Washington State Senate, he was Chairman of the Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee, from 1988 until 1992. In 1987, he was Washington State Senate Assistant Republican Whip.

Jack was a high school teacher in the Everett, Washington School District for 30 years. He taught Algebra from 1951 through 1964 and History from 1965 through 1981.

In 1947 and 1948, Jack worked in Alaska as a United States Fish and Wildlife Service Patrol Boat Skipper with the U. S. Marshal Authority.

Jack is a member of United We Stand America, the Concord Coalition, the South Whidbey, Washington Kiwanis Club, the Wildcat Steelhead Club, the Skagit County Chapter of the Back Country Sportsmen, the American Legislative Exchange Council, the National Association of State Legislators, the Deer Lagoon Grange, the Farm Bureau, the South Whidbey, Washington Planning



QUICK SHOTS

according to a survey conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago and the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research.

According to the report, nearly 40 percent of Americans have a gun in the house. The figure has fallen from 49 percent in 1973, but the decline has been in shotguns and rifles. The proportion of households with handguns climbed from 20 percent to 24 percent over the same period.

Half of all American men have a gun in the house. One in 10 Americans has carried a gun away from home during the past year. On any given day, one adult in 50 will be carrying a handgun.

As some indication of the kind of anti-gun legislation which Second Amendment may expect to be introduced in the next (106th) Congress, consider some of the legislative activity of anti-gun Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg during the latter days of the current (105th) Congress.

On October 2 and October 5, Lautenberg included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD materials connected with a so-called "one gun a month forum" held on September 2.

The forum was held to promote Lautenberg's bill, S. 466, the so-called "Anti-Gun Trafficking Act," which would prohibit an individual from buying more than one handgun in a month's period.

Lautenberg noted that Virginia, Maryland and South Carolina already have passed such legislation and indicated he will press for federal legislation in the same vein in the months to come.

He was joined at the forum, he said, by Sens. Charles S. Robb of Virginia and Paul S. Sarbanes of Maryland.

He said forum witnesses included Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, who also is the Chair of the Conference of Mayors Task Force on Gun Violence, James and Sarah Brady of Handgun Control, Inc., Captain R. Lewis Vass of the Virginia State Police, and Captain Thomas Bowers of the Maryland State Police.

explosives using black and smokeless powders, do not support suggestions to immediately start marking these materials, reported Warren E. Leary in THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The 14-member committee said current methods for detecting gunpowder bombs, including metal detectors and X-ray systems that spot devices containing the explosives, and trained dogs, are relatively effective.

"In order to guard against future threats, however, the committee believes that the government should study more complex detection and identification methods so that policy makers are better able to react if circumstances arise that warrant a more aggressive response," it said.

The Clinton Administration campaigned for wide use of chemical markers in common explosives. Congress rejected these proposals after gun lobby groups opposed putting markers into black or smokeless powder, questioning the effectiveness of tagging such widely used products and expressing concern that foreign chemicals might affect the gunpowder's performance.

The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 authorized the Treasury Department to study tagging explosives either for early detection or to help trace explosives after bombings. The Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms asked the National Research Council, part of the National Academy of Sciences, to examine the issues and it convened two committees to conduct studies.

In a report released in March, the first committee looked at commercial high-grade explosives, like dynamite and military plastic explosives and chemical fertilizer used to make explosives, and concluded that it was impractical to put markers into this material. It called for more research into cost, safety and effectiveness before considering such additives for wide use.

The second committee, which released its report October 8, reached similar conclusions concerning black and smokeless powder.

Nearly one fourth of American households have handguns in them,

When the U. S. House of Representatives voted last month to begin an inquiry of impeachment of President Bill Clinton, the most anti-gun politician ever to serve in the Oval Office, John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, expressed initial satisfaction.

"A lot of people are coming to realize what we have known for some time," he said, "and that is that Clinton can not be trusted. Although he has sworn blithely to uphold the Constitution, he has not hesitated to undermine one of the integral parts of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and especially the Second Amendment. Throughout his presidency, he has used the power of his office to promote legislation to undermine the right to keep and bear arms, the right to self-defense, the right to protect life, the very right to life itself. He also has used his executive authority to promote administrative regulations to the same end.

"It's about time this character and, for that matter, the entire Clinton-Gore Administration, is called to account for his heinous attacks on the civil rights of law-abiding American citizens. Our only regret is that it's coming so late in the day but, as they say, 'better late than never.'

"I've supported the impeachment of Clinton since the day after his presidential inauguration – his first presidential inauguration. I have supported the inquiry of impeachment of President Clinton proposed by Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia since he introduced the resolution a year ago, even though it was not given much of a chance at the time. So I, for one, am glad that the House of Representatives has taken the action it has on this matter up to this point."

In a move which knowledgeable gun control advocates long had expected, a National Research Panel said October 8 in Washington, D. C. that there are no proven ways to tag or mark gunpowder to make it more easily detectable or to deter its use in bombings.

The panel also stated the state of tagging technology, which has not been extensively researched, and the relatively low level of threat from illicit

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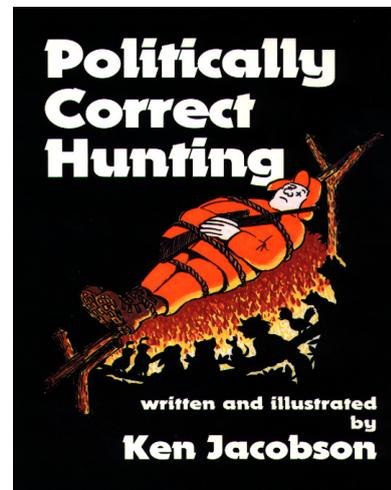
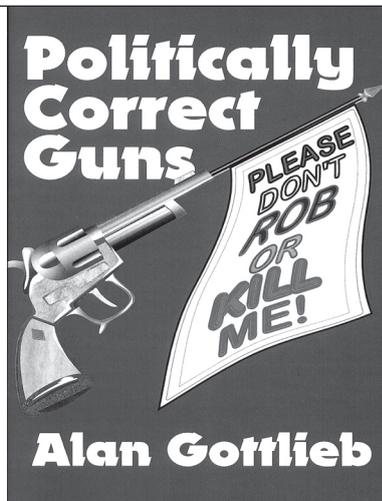
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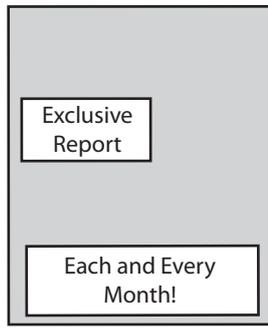
"See everything that lands on my desk, the secret files, legal briefs, everything," says Alan M. Gottlieb, Founder of the Second Amendment Foundation.

"These are my personal faxes, phone messages, insider reports, and priceless nuggets that constantly flow into my newsroom, but escape the headlines," says Joseph P. Tartaro, editor of GUN WEEK and President of the Second Amendment Foundation.

"Gottlieb has the slippery habit of making the Founding Fathers sound like precocious lobbyists for the National Rifle Association."
 —The Washington Post

"When I need to know something, I always check with Joe Tartaro."
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