

POINT BLANK

**STRAIGHT TALK
ABOUT WHAT YOU
CAN DO TO
PRESERVE YOUR
RIGHT TO KEEP AND
BEAR ARMS**



**November
2006
Volume XXXI No. 11**

IN THIS ISSUE

Bush Sign Confiscation Prohibition	1
New Jersey Ruling	2
Bloomberg Confab	2
Gun Free School Zones	4
21st GRPC Roundup	5
Citizen Action Project	5
Defender of the Month	6
Quick Shots	7

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

(a non-profit corporation)

**National Headquarters:
1250 N.E. Tenth Place
Bellevue, Washington 98005**

**Capitol Hill Office:
1250 Connecticut Ave, N.W. #200
Washington, D.C. 20036**

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL TO PROHIBIT GUN CONFISCATION

President George W. Bush early last month signed into law a measure to prohibit the confiscation of legal firearms from law-abiding citizens during states of emergency.

The bill, the proposed Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act, was included in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007. It prohibits any agency using federal disaster relief funds from seizing firearms from law-abiding citizens during emergencies such as last year's Hurricane Katrina. It applies to federal law enforcement or military officers, along with local police receiving federal funds. It does not prevent confiscating guns from convicted felons and has no effect on law enforcement operations outside of disaster relief situations.

"We heartily congratulate President Bush for his action in this matter," said John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, in Washington, D.C. Still, Snyder indicated, "there is much unfinished business concerning the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms which we hope Congress will conclude before the 109th Congress adjourns for the year.

"We hope, for instance, that Congress will enact the proposed District of Columbia Personal Protection Act, H.R. 1288, by Rep. Mark Souder of Indiana and 231 cosponsors, and S. 1082, by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas and 38 cosponsors. This would repeal the outrageous District of Columbia gun ban. It would allow law-abiding residents of our Nation's Capital to acquire and use handguns for protection of their lives and the lives of their loved ones."

Another proposal CCRKBA is backing would allow any person with a valid permit or license to carry a concealed firearm issued by a state to carry a concealed firearm in any other state if he or she meets certain criteria. The measure, H.R. 4547, by Rep. Cliff Stearns of Florida and 85 cosponsors, and S. 3275, by Sen. George Allen of Virginia and 21 cosponsors, simply would require states to recognize each other's concealed carry permits and licenses. It would not create a federal licensing system.

CCRKBA also boosts H.R. 5005, by Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas and 119 cosponsors, to prohibit the disclosure of firearms trace data for any purpose other than a specific criminal investigation or prosecution. If enacted into law, H.R. 5005 would prevent cities or other public entities from using trace data to support civil lawsuits against firearm manufacturers, distributors or dealers.

"We urge CCRKBA Members and Supporters to contact their Representative and both of their Senators and encourage them to support this and other pro-gun legislation before the end of the year," said Snyder.

CCRKBA LAUDS NEW JERSEY JUDGE'S EPIPHANY RULING

CCRKBA likened a recent decision by an Essex County, New Jersey judge to scrap Newark's crack-down on gun offenders because there's no evidence that the "Gun Strategy" program has done anything to curb crime to an "epiphany."

According to the Newark Star-Ledger, State Superior Court Assistant Assignment Judge Patricia Costello reportedly saw no benefit from the four-year-old program. She was quoted as stating, "It didn't work the way it was intended."

"Obviously," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb, "Judge Costello arrived at a moment of true clarity. She discovered what gun rights advocates have long understood: Feel-good gun control schemes do nothing to reduce crime."

"This is the 'dirty little secret' of gun control," he added. "Studies by reputable researchers and even the Centers for Disease and Control have revealed that gun control laws, including the Clin-

ton semi-auto ban have done nothing to reduce violent crime."

"Quite the contrary," Gottlieb continued. "Of no surprise to us, the newspaper said gun crime actually increased since the program was implemented. Murders increased from 65 in 2002 to 97 last year and non-fatal shootings climbed from 236 in 2002 to 322 last year."

"Meanwhile," Gottlieb added, "in state after state with sensible concealed carry laws, crime has gone down and anti-gunners have repeatedly been proven wrong when their dire predictions of murder, mayhem and blood in the streets never came true."

"In Newark's case," he noted, "gun offenders were essentially slapped on the wrist merely by raising their bail. They obviously continued committing crimes, because they kept showing up as repeat offenders, getting higher bails. We're astonished that nobody in the system figured this out before Judge Costello stepped in."

"If you want to reduce gun crime

in New Jersey," Gottlieb concluded, "hit criminals with 'Three Strikes' and 'Hard Time for Armed Crime' laws, which were championed by gun owners. Pass shall-issue legislation, and a solid stand-your-ground law. Put criminals on notice that if the system doesn't get them, one of their intended victims might. Criminals will have two options: Change their ways, or wish they had."

GUN INDUSTRY HITS BLOOMBERG GROUP

A leading firearms industry group blasted the announced plan of New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino to expand their mayoral coalition against so-called illegal guns.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) challenged the coalition members to engage in a constructive dialogue with the firearms industry "to advance the goal shared by all Americans of reducing the criminal acquisition and misuse of firearms."

The coalition, which now claims 109 mayors, listed on the website mayorsagainstillegalguns.org, is an outgrowth of a national summit to promote more restrictive gun control laws co-hosted by Bloomberg and Menino last April at New York's Gracie Mansion. At the time, Bloomberg rebuffed NSSF's request to attend the summit.

"Unfortunately," said NSSF Senior Vice President Lawrence Keane, "the firearms industry was not permitted to educate this budding coalition about the various programs we have developed with law enforcement that are working to reduce criminal misuse of firearms as well as reduce firearms accidents."



POINT BLANK

"Straight talk about what you can do to preserve your right to keep and bear arms."

Editor John M. Snyder
Publisher Alan M. Gottlieb
Managing Editors J. H. Versnel
 Dave Workman
Associate Editors Tom Gresham
 Merrill Jacobs
 Bob Kukla
 Herb Stupp
 Peggy Tartaro
 Joe Waldron

POINT BLANK is published monthly by Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Liberty Park, 12500 N.E. Tenth Place, Bellevue, Washington 98005.

Copyright © 2006 CCRKBA

Correspondence and manuscripts should be sent to POINT BLANK, CCRKBA, 1250 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036.
Address Change: Write new address, city, state, and zip code on a plain piece of paper. Attach mailing label from an issue of POINT BLANK and send to CCRKBA, 12500 N.E. Tenth Place, Bellevue, Washington 98005. Please allow four to six weeks for change to become effective.

GUN-FREE SCHOOL ZONES SECRET

By Alan M. Gottlieb, Chairman, CCRKBA, and Dave Workman, Managing Editor, *Point Blank*

Three fatal attacks on school property in less than a week; more than 20 since February 1996 when a 14-year-old youth strolled into a junior high school in Moses Lake, Washington and opened fire, killing two students and a teacher.

The dirty little secret of all these atrocities is that they happened in so-called "Gun Free School Zones." Prior to the enactment of that horribly misguided federal legislation and its state-level clones, one never read about school massacres because there weren't any. The Gun Free School Zones Act transformed the public school landscape into a free-fire zone for whackos by removing any possibility, however small, that an armed teacher, student or private citizen might be present to intervene. As a result, monsters like Colorado's Duane Morrison and Pennsylvania's Charles Roberts, and a host of others have committed mayhem, courtesy of gun control fanatics who pressured Congress and other legislatures to pass such statutes.

The exception is Luke Woodham, who shot up Mississippi's Pearl High School in 1997 after slitting his mother's throat. Midway through his spree, Woodham encountered Vice Principal Joel Myrick, who had rushed to his car to retrieve a .45-caliber pistol. Myrick aimed the gun at Woodham's head and held him until police arrived.

You read little about Myrick's heroism, and less about his handgun, in press reports.

After the Pennsylvania attack on an Amish school in Lancaster County, anti-gun Gov. Ed Rendell had a remarkable moment of candor when

he admitted that tougher gun laws would not have stopped the gunman. "You can make all the changes you want," Rendell said, "but you can never stop a random act of violence by someone intent on taking his own life."

His remarks were largely ignored because nobody wants to admit that Rendell is right about this, same as they overlooked Myrick and his gun. Such facts don't fit the anti-gun agenda.

It's time to reconsider gun-free school zone laws and the zero-tolerance mentality such laws foster. Inflexible regulations aimed at keeping kids safe also place teachers in jeopardy. A teacher in Lacey, Washington recently was suspended for having a gun in her purse. Licensed to carry, she was afraid of her estranged husband, against whom she has a domestic violence protection order, and has filed for divorce. But now she's in trouble, allegedly victimized by her spouse and again by the law.

We no longer can afford the empty-headed Utopian illusion that such statutes keep anyone safe, because they don't. Like other restrictive gun control measures, this one has been a monumental failure, and it literally is killing our children.

Nobody is suggesting that all teachers arm themselves, but scrapping the law restores that option. School massacres didn't happen in the days when high schools had rifle teams, and when it was common in the fall to find both teachers and students with rifles or shotguns locked in their cars. That was before "gun" became a four-letter word among self-described "progressive liberals"

who championed gun-free zones.

If what's happening today at schools is "progress," we might be better off – and a lot of students would still be alive – if we were back in those unenlightened days when school kids riding down country roads with .22 rifles across their bicycle handlebars alarmed nobody.

In the wake of our most recent school shootings, reaction from the gun control crowd has been pathetic. Brady Campaign President Paul Helmke blustered that "we need to do something about that." He suggested a national dialogue, as if more talk will stop suicidal maniacs.

His bunch has done enough already, with the help of gun-grabbing congressional demagogues like Sens. Charles Schumer of New York and Dianne Feinstein of California, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California and their far left colleagues, and an all-too-cooperative "mainstream" press. They gave us a law that leaves our children and their teachers vulnerable to the whims of any nutball looking for 15 minutes of fame because of real or imagined problems or perversions.

Restrictive gun laws do not reduce crime and the notion of a gun-free school zone is a myth. More restrictions on law-abiding citizens will never stop people like Morrison or Roberts who proved yet again that feel-good laws have defrauded American citizens, and especially our children, of genuine safety.

**Keep Up To Date!
Visit
www.ccrkba.org**

GUN GROUPS DISPLAY UNITY DURING

Representatives of major national, state and local American groups of firearm activists displayed a genuine unity of commitment to the right to keep and bear arms during the 21st annual Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC), held this year the second last weekend in Charlotte, North Carolina.

CCRKBA joins with the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) each year in cosponsoring GRPC, attended this year by hundreds of participants.

Plans already are underway for next year's Conference, to be held the first weekend in October in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The theme of this year's GRPC was "Victory In Sight."

Alan M. Gottlieb, CCRKBA Chairman, and Joseph P. Tartaro, SAF President, kicked off the formal presentations with their welcoming remarks, and concluded the activities with their closing remarks.

Julianne Versnel Gottlieb, Publisher of Women & Guns Magazine, and Peggy Tartaro, Editor of the publication, acted as GRPC moderators, and Joe Waldron, CCRKBA Executive Director, served as coordinator.

Among the featured speakers were Wayne LaPierre, NRA Executive Vice President, Bob Barr, former U.S. Representative from Georgia, State Rep. Mark Hilton of North Carolina, and State Rep. Mike Pitts of South Carolina.

John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, Charles H. Cunningham, Director of Federal Affairs of NRA's Institute for Legislative Action, Larry Pratt, Executive Director of Gun Owners of America, and Ralph Walker, Treasurer of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, presented a briefing on federal affairs.

Hawaii State Sen. Sam Slom, F. Paul Vallone, Executive Director of Grass Roots of North Carolina, Rick Daniel, Legislative Director of Gun Owners of South Carolina, and Daniel Ellis, Counsel to the Ohio Concealed Carry Association, conducted a briefing on state legislative affairs.

Waldron, and attorneys Sue Wimmershoff-Caplan and Michael Sabbath discussed the castle doctrine and developing "stand your ground" legal doctrine.

Alan Gottlieb, Terrence Regan, Chairman of the Peoples Rights Organization, and attorneys Robert Levy and Alan Gura advised GRPC on fighting anti-gun city hall activity in the courts.

Herbert Lanford, Past President of Gun Owners of South Carolina (GOSC), Michael Bodner, Chairman of South Carolina Friends of NRA, Peggy Bodner, GOSC member, Dale Heil, Pennsylvania gun rights activist and author, Maria Heil, Contributing Editor of Women and Guns, and Kenneth Blanchard, author of Black Man With A Gun, all pointed out that grassroots activism begins at home.

Alan Gottlieb, Richard Patterson, Managing Director of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, and Dave Kopel, Research Director of the Independence Institute, discussed the international gun control movement.

Dave Workman, Senior Editor of Gun Week, and Philip Van Cleave, President of the Virginia Citizens Defense League, discussed personal protection on public lands.

State Sen. Philip B. Journey of Kansas, Rick Daniel, Legislative Director of the Illinois State Rifle Association, and Chris Bird, author of The Concealed Handgun Manual and Thank God I Had A Gun, comprised a panel on the status of right to carry legislation.

Michael Bodner, John Cushman, NRA Director and Chairman of SAFE, Inc. of New York, and Richard Pearson, Executive Director of the Illinois State Rifle Association, conducted a discussion of "evil empire" anti-gun states.

Alan Gottlieb, Cunningham and Valone, presented an overview of congressional elections.

Workman and Charles Heller, host of the "Liberty Watch" and "America Armed & Free" radio programs, discussed illegal immigration, crime and terrorism.

Kopel, Donald Irvine, Chairman of Accuracy In Media, and Jeff Knox, Operations Manager of the Firearms Coalition, presented a panel on effective internet and media protocols for pro-gun activists.

Waldron and Joe Tartaro discussed Bloomberg's anti-gun mayors' coalition.

Wyoming gun rights activist John Hosford, Sue Wimmershoff-Caplan, Pearson, Robert Wiest, SAF Trustee, Brent Greer, Secretary of the Peoples Rights Organization (Ohio), Bob Sliger, Treasurer of Missourians for Personal Safety, and Genie Jennings of Second Amendment Sisters, made the report of the resolutions committee.

During this year's awards luncheon, Rick Daniel, Professor Edward Leddy, Ph.D. of St. Leo University in Florida, and Malia Zimmerman, Editor and President of HawaiiReporter.com received the SAF James Madison Award; Chuck Cunningham received the CCRKBA Bill of Rights Award; Larry Pratt received the CCRKBA Lifetime Achievement Award; State Sen. Phil Journey of Kansas, State Rep. Mark Hilton of North Carolina, and State Rep. Mike Pitts of South Carolina received

ING CCRKBA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

the CCRKBA Legislator of the Year Award; the Arizona Citizens Defense League received the CCRKBA Grassroots Organization of the Year Award; Paul Vallone received the CCRKBA Activist of the Year Award; Sue Wimmershoff-Caplan received the Scholar of the Year Award; Dave Kopel received the Journalist of the Year Award; and Doc Remington Carlson received the Washington Arms Collectors Lifetime Service Award.

Funding for GRPC came from a number of sources, such as Kahr Arms, The New Gun Week, Marathon USA, Microsoft Gun Club, National Shooting Sports Foundation, DPMS Panther Arms, Detonics USA, KeepAndBearArms.com, S.W. Ohio Conservative Club, MBNA – Bank of America, Merrill Press, National Rifle Association, Washington Arms Collectors, Women & Guns

Magazine, Marlin Firearms, and The Hunting & Shooting Sports Heritage Fund.

Among the scores of participating organizations this year were the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) and its Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), Gun Owners of America (GOA), the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), Sporting Arms and Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI), American Enterprise Institute, Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs, Buckeye Firearms Association, Central New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club, Coalition of New Jersey Sportsmen,, Golden State Second Amendment Council, Gottlieb-Tartaro Report, Grass Roots North Carolina, Gun Owners Action League, Gun Owners Action League of Washington, Gun Owners of California, Gun Owners of New Hampshire, Gun Owners of

South Carolina, Hawaii Reporter.com, Hawaii State Rifle & Pistol Association, Independence Institute, Illinois State Rifle Association, Kansas State Rifle Association, Liberty Watch, Marylanders for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, , National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, Ohio Gun Collectors Association, Ohio Constitution Defense Council, Peoples Rights Organization, Pennsylvania Gun Owners Association, S.A.F.E., St. Gabriel Possenti Society, Inc., Second Amendment Sisters, Shooters Committee on Political Education (SCOPE), Small Arms Review, Small Business Hawaii, , Texas Concealed Handgun Association, Texas State Rifle Association, Virginia Citizens Defense League, Washington Arms Collectors, Western Missouri Shooters Alliance, and Women & Guns Magazine.

CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

Congress did not finish its work for the year and will return for a “lame duck” session after the November 7th elections. Their primary focus will be on passing those appropriations bills necessary for the federal government to continue operating.

There is a limited chance that they also could act on other bills that were pending prior to the pre-election recess. One of these bills is H.R. 5092, the “Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act.” H.R. 5092 was written specifically to address BATFE abuses at gun shows in the Richmond, Virginia area in 2005, where BATFE agents and cooperating local law enforcement officers acted – in the opinion of many attendees and observers – in a heavy-handed manner intended to intimidate show patrons. In addition to precluding similar action by BATFE agents at future gun shows, the bill would also revamp the agency’s enforcement program, protecting Federal Firearm Licensees (FFLs) from loss of their licenses – and their livelihood – for minor technical paperwork violations and strengthening the appeals process – for threatened revocation of licenses.

H.R. 5092 passed the House of Representatives on a 277 to 131 bi-partisan vote. The bill went to the Senate, where Senator Dianne Feinstein has reportedly placed a “hold” on it, blocking further consideration.

Call, e-mail or write to your two U.S. Senators and ask them to urge Senator Feinstein to lift her hold and allow H.R. 5092 to receive consideration by the full Senate. No matter what an individual Senator’s position is on the issue of gun control, no elected official should tolerate abusive behavior on the part of any federal agency. A major role of Congress is oversight of executive branch agencies. Ask your Senators to fulfill their oversight obligation and pass this deserving government reform legislation.

STEVE JETT THE GUN DEFENDER

Every now and then in American history, a "little guy" shows he has the courage of his convictions to stand up in some way against the powers that be and the money and influence of certain individuals seeking to promote their idea of how things ought to be.

That has happened at different times with men and women of supposedly little influence standing up against powerful politicians in defense of the individual Second Amendment right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms.

That's just what may be happening right now in the USA as this piece is being written.

"An ordinance proposed by a small town councilman in Idaho runs counter to a massive gun-grabbing campaign launched by Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City and joined now by a number of like-minded mayors of other cities around the country," opined John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director. Snyder nominated that councilman, Steve Jett, for the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award for November.

"Jett's action could spark a reaction against the Bloomberg campaign in a number of areas throughout the United States," Snyder said.

Bloomberg and other gun-grabbing mayors have been working to use the courts to get what they have not been able to get through congressional and state legislative action.

Bloomberg and the gun control lobby have been frustrated in their legislative attempts to undermine the right of law-abiding Americans to defend themselves and their families against violent criminal

predators.

These self-appointed progressives (SAPS) promote cities' filing of third-party lawsuits against firearm and ammunition manufacturers, distributors and dealers. They would like to sue the American firearms industry out of business. The SAPS hope to make an end run around the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms and thereby undermine if not eliminate the right of the people to defend life and property from criminal activity.

Bloomberg and the other SAPS have been and are trying to use Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) data in these civil lawsuits even though the collection of that data is intended only for use in criminal investigations and prosecutions. Hopefully, the U.S. House of Representatives soon will pass H.R. 5005 by Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas specifically to prohibit this.

Into this scenario in the meantime steps the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month for November, Greenleaf, Idaho Councilman Steve Jett, with a proposal not only poles apart philosophically from the SAP campaign but actually counter to it.

Councilman Jett has proposed an ordinance that would encourage Greenleaf citizens to own a firearm and ammunition and know how to use same.

The proposal, part of Draft Ordinance 208, came up last month for consideration by the Greenleaf Town Council and is up for decision this month.

Even though violent crime is a rare occurrence in Greenleaf, with a population of just 890, Steve Jett says it's only a matter of time.

When asked why he proposed the

ordinance, Steve Jett said, "The biggest thing I was looking at is preparation."

Jett, Director of the Southwest Idaho Juvenile Detention Center, says his proposal is a recommendation, and not a requirement. The wording exempts convicted felons, others prohibited from owning guns, and those who object to gun ownership.

"The overall picture calls to mind a similar one that occurred a quarter century ago," notes Snyder.

In 1981, the village of Morton Grove, Illinois enacted a ban on private handgun possession. The gun grabbers of that era, historically soulmates of Bloomberg and company, jumped on this development as a signal to promote handgun bans in a number of locales throughout the country.

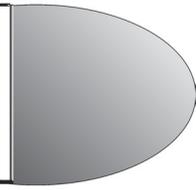
Then, the following year, in March of 1982, under the leadership of its Mayor, Darvin Purdy, the City Council of Kennesaw, Georgia passed unanimously an ordinance requiring each head of household to own and maintain a firearm with ammunition. In 1983, the Council amended the law to exempt those who conscientiously object to owning a firearm, convicted felons, those who cannot afford a firearm, and those with a mental or physical disability that would prevent them from owning a firearm.

"The example of Kennesaw inspired other towns throughout the country to follow suit," recalled Snyder. "It knocked the stuffing out of gun grabbers and focused attention on gun defenders.

"Let's hope Jett's example inspires other local officials today to promote ordinances counter to the campaign of Bloomberg and company."



QUICK SHOTS



In Madison, Wisconsin, State Rep. Frank Lasee of Bellevue said he plans to introduce a bill that, if enacted into law, would allow teachers, principals, administrators and other school personnel to keep firearms at school if they're locked in a cabinet or safe. "To make our schools safe for our students to learn, all options should be on the table," he declared. "Israel and Thailand have well-trained teachers carrying weapons and keeping their children safe from harm. It can work in Wisconsin." Lasee indicated that the measure would hinge on school staff members getting strict training on the use of weapons. He also said he would have to work around the federal Gun Free School Zones Act.



In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, State Rep. Daryl Metcalfe introduced a bill to provide victims of domestic violence with a temporary emergency license to carry a firearm to, in his words, "make sure that they're able to defend themselves." Metcalfe said the measure, if enacted into law, not only would aid domestic violence victims in protecting themselves, but overall would decrease violence. He said that giving victims "the ability to protect themselves ultimately is going to be a great help in preventing violence. Under House Bill 2946, any individual who can demonstrate evidence of imminent danger to themselves or a member of their family would be entitled to a temporary emergency license to carry a firearm after passing a com-

puterized check of criminal history, juvenile delinquency and mental health records."



In Seattle, Washington, police said a man who was visiting downtown and minding his own business was brutally attacked by a stranger. The victim of the attack, however, had a gun and a license to carry it, so he shot and killed the attacker, according to KING5.com. Just before that incident, police had received complaints about a man who had been attacking shoppers but who then began assaulting a complete stranger, repeatedly kicking him. "When officers saw the person (who had been attacked and fired in self-defense) he did not attempt to run," said Jim Pugel of the Seattle Police Department. "He said, 'I'm the one who did it and he handed the weapon to officers.'" Police said they had no plans to charge the man who fired the gun.



In Fairfax, Virginia, the National Rifle Association featured a "Parting Shot" column by CCRKBA Public Affairs Director John Snyder in the October issue of its monthly journal, America's 1st Freedom. The column proclaimed that, "Law-Abiding Citizens Need Guns More Now Than Ever." It declared that, "easing legal access to firearms for law-abiding citizens correlates with precipitous decreases in rates of violent crime. Guns save lives. It's time public policy reflected this truth."



"'Shoot First' laws are well grounded," writes Seth Pate of Arizona State University on www.asuwebdevil.com. "Citizens of the United States always have had the right to stand their ground, so long as the forcible felony occurred in their own homes," he notes. "There's a long precedent that a man's home is his castle and, therefore, defending the castle, even with deadly force, is allowable. An equally long precedent maintains that in a public place, such as a park or a school, the defendant must attempt to run away before using deadly force. The defendant had to prove their attempt to retreat, and that they acted in self-defense. The prosecution must now prove the reverse in states with stand your ground legislation. They must show that the defendant didn't act in self-defense. The law seems to be popular in most areas that enforced it, perhaps because it removes that curious stumbling block to self-defense, the 'duty to retreat.'"



The White House last month convened a Conference on School Safety at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Gun-grabbers were upset they weren't among the 300 who were invited, according to a pre-Conference statement issued by "States United to Prevent Gun Violence."

4

Publications from the *Second Amendment Foundation:*



Women & Guns:

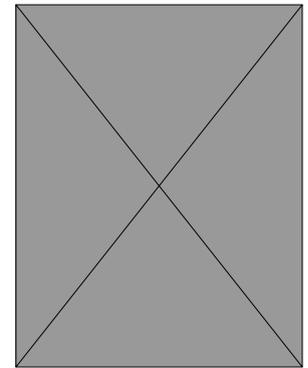
Finally, a magazine just for America's 15 million gun-owning women! WOMEN & GUNS is the only magazine of its kind in the world. Written and edited by women, for women, WOMEN & GUNS emphasizes self-defense and personal protection – including real life tips on surviving attacks – as well as recreational and sport shooting. Each issue features top women gunowner profiles, personal protection tips, product reviews, and a useful, eye-opening legal column. WOMEN & GUNS is a must-have for every gun owning woman.

1 year (6 issues) \$18 – 25% OFF COVER PRICE!

Gun Week:

Frustrated with gun news in the anti-gun mainstream media? You need GUN WEEK! For over 30 years, GUN WEEK has been America's most up-to-date and comprehensive news source on firearms and gun rights. Every issue is packed with new product reviews, political watchdog reports, national gun show listings, regional hunting reports, industry news . . . and much more! GUN WEEK is published three times a month, with scoops and information weeks ahead of the competition. If you want to know what's happening in the world of firearms, you need GUN WEEK!

Half Year (18 issues) \$20 – 45% OFF COVER PRICE!



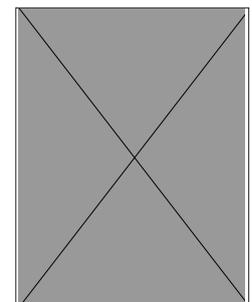
The Journal of Firearms and Public Policy:

At last, an academic journal dedicated to scholarly discussion of firearms and public policy! The JOURNAL OF FIREARMS AND PUBLIC POLICY has published annually since 1989. Its mission: to encourage objective research on the right to keep and bear arms, and explore America's Constitutional heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Edited by David B. Kopel – Research Director at the Independence Institute and renowned gun-rights scholar – and contributors include Randy E. Barnett, Glenn Harlan Reynolds, John R. Lott, Joseph P. Tartaro, Gary Kleck, and others.

The Gottlieb-Tartaro Report:

Here's a monthly newsletter that gives you inside gun-rights information from the desks of active principals in the battle for the right to keep and bear arms. The GOTTLIEB-TARTARO REPORT is headed by Alan M. Gottlieb – chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms – and Joseph P. Tartaro – editor of Gun Week and president of the Second Amendment Foundation. This monthly newsletter is full of inside gun rights news straight from the desks of the experts. Not available on newsstands. Regular subscription \$60 per year.

1 year (12 issues) \$30 – 50% DISCOUNT!



Yes! Please send me the following S.A.F. publications:

- Women & Guns, \$18
- Gun Week, \$20
- Gottlieb-Tartaro Report, \$30
- Journal of Firearms and Public Policy, \$10

Send to: SAF Periodicals
P.O. Box 35
Buffalo, NY 14209
or call:

(716) 885-6408

Check or Money Order Visa, Discover, AmEx or Mastercard

Card # _____

Expiration _____ Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Tel _____