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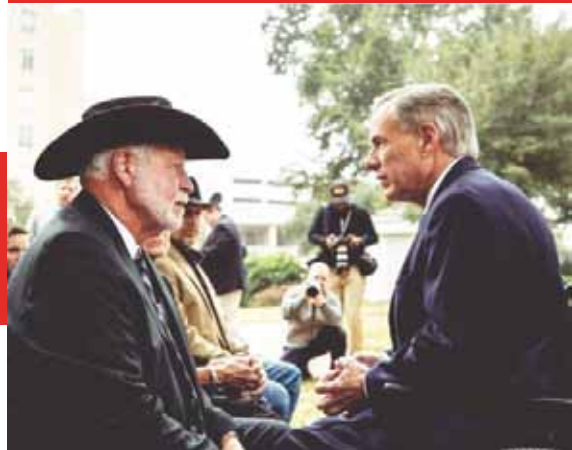
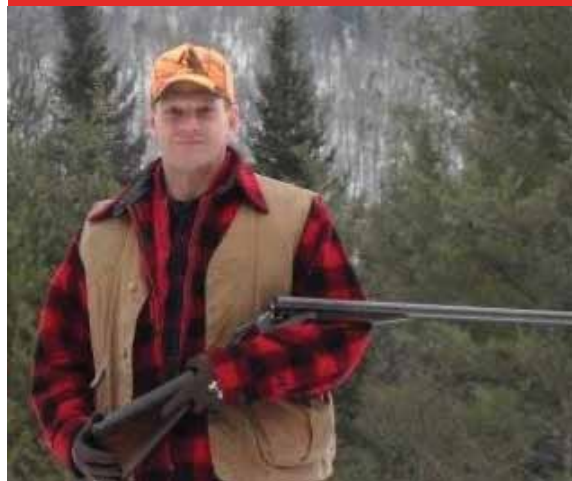
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President's Message

by Tom King

The wussification of America

"We know nothing about the at least six other parishioners who also appeared to draw their handgun ... **and that's terrifying**," (Elvia Diaz, *Arizona Republic*, distributed by *USA Today*).

Thank God Jack Wilson was there. Thank God, there were five or six other legally armed Americans as back-up if he failed. A mass shooting was stopped in six seconds. Six seconds rather than the six minutes it took for the police to arrive or worse yet, the 25 minutes it took to set up a control center and for a sheriff to do nothing in Florida. The Lord was in White Settlement, Texas, that day and especially with those people kneeling in prayer.

Jack Wilson claims he is not a hero. "I don't see myself as a hero," Wilson told reporters on Monday. "I see myself as doing what needed to be done to take out the evil threat." Think about that for a moment "I did what needed to be done to take out an evil threat." He's right! Jack Wilson is simply a man with the tenacity, courage and sense of responsibility to his fellow man to do the right thing.

He did what he had to do!

Readers, it is time for us to do what we have to do. We have to stop the tyranny running rampant in this country threatening to stifle our liberty and steal our freedom. It's time for us to stop believing everything we read in the newspapers or the bull posted on the internet by myriad social-media

trolls. Simply put, we have to man up and take back our God given rights. The time is here; we simply cannot afford to turn our heads hoping the Socialists, Communists and anti-gun Democrats will simply go away. That will not happen. We must face our foes head on.

We have been derelict in our duties to our families, our country and ourselves. We have to let the liberal Democrats know that they have pushed as far as we will allow. Make no mistake about it, the anti-gun agenda is the sole responsibility of the Democratic Party, George Soros and Michael Bloomberg; but what do we do about it?

Some are calling for civil disobedience. Some are calling to ignore the issue. Some are calling for a revolution. Some would like to see anarchy. Please understand that none of those alternatives are viable. If we don't want to become a third-world country, then the only viable approach to taking our rights back is in the courts and the voting booths. Of these two methods we think the best and most reliable solution is through the voting booths. There are approximately 80 million gun owners in the U.S.—who if mobilized and educated—can control any election in the U.S.

Please help us find and motivate this huge number of gun owners to speak up and vote to support their Second Amendment rights.

TRUMP 2020 ■



"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun!"

—Wayne LaPiere; circa 2017

Collectors Corner

by David Bock

The Walther Arms Co. is probably best known for its P-38 and PP family of pistols. However, those iconic designs were preceded by some that, while less well known, were just as important.

Walther released its first semi-automatic pistol, the Model 1, around 1910. The Model 1 was a fixed barrel, direct blow back pistol chambered in 6.35 mm Browning, known on this side of the Atlantic as the .25 ACP.

These were followed by the Models 2 and 3, which were of the same basic design and chambered in .25 ACP and .32 ACP, respectively. The Model 2 and Model 3 were fairly small pocket pistols, welcomed by the commercial market, but of little interest to law enforcement or military purchasers at that time.

World War I changed everything. Scaling up the Model 3 with a longer grip allowed for larger magazine capacity; a longer barrel and better sights improved accuracy; all this combined with Walther's usual quality of design and manufacture resulted in a contract from the Prussian government for 250,000 Model 4 pistols in the spring of 1915.

The Model 4 was well-liked by the soldiers who were issued (or acquired) one during the war. In addition to its other qualities, it was reliable and easy to maintain in the field.

This design continued in production for over 15 years, and went through four distinct design variations.

Prior to World War I, approximately 5,000 pistols were produced for the commercial market. This First Variant

is sometimes referred to as the Model 3/4 or the Transitional Model.

At the beginning of World War I, around 10,000 of the Early Second Variant were made. These had slightly different features and markings from the First Variant.

Later in the war and possibly continuing post armistice, was the largest block of Model 4 production. There were over 175,000 of the Late Second Variant manufactured. These had been further refined from the Early Second Variant with a few minor changes to features and variation in markings.

As we have heard so many times with World War I arms production, Walther was unable to meet the contract requirements and had to reach out to a subcontractor. The subcontractor, Meffert of Suhl, also was unable to meet production demands, and subcontracted to half a dozen other manufacturers. Each of these will have distinct markings based on the subcontractor.

Walther continued production of the Model 4 following the war. First, for a short time with its slightly modified Third Variant—yet in those few years, it produced almost another 32,000 pistols.

Finally, right before the introduction of the Walther PP, came the Fourth and Final Variant. Nearly 34,000 Model 4 pistols of this version were produced in the latter half of the 1920s.

In total over 250,000 Model 4 pistols were made by Walther and the

wartime subcontractors. Due to the Prussian contract, Walther ended World War I as one of the largest arms manufacturers in Europe and a name known worldwide for innovative and quality pistols.

While not an official service arm during World War II, the Walther Model 4 showed up in that conflict as well, a testament to its longevity.

Walther Model 4 pistols still can be found in reasonable condition and for a reasonable price. Due to the variations mentioned above, there are plenty of options for the collector.

While most of the books available on Walther firearms focus on the PP family and the P38 pistols, two books stand out for the collector: *Walther Pistols: Models 1 Through P99, Factory Variations and Copies* by Dieter H. Marschall and *Walther: A German Legend* by Manfred Kersten. Unfortunately, both of these books are currently out of print. However, it is possible to find copies on the used market.

For the shooter, ammunition is fairly plentiful. According to its website, Numrich Gun Parts Corporation in West Hurley, N.Y., has a selection of parts—some original and some reproduction. Triple K lists new production magazines as available.

As usual, if you have an idea for future articles, please send an email to info@nysrpa.org with "Collectors Corner" in the subject line and make sure to include your name for proper credit. ■

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Feb. 15 & 16

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March 7 & 8

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March 28 & 29

Long Island Gun & Sportsman Show
370 Motor Parkway
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Focusing On A Real Solution To Gun Violence

by Jim Collins

A new study from Duke University and the University of Chicago suggests that stricter enforcement of current firearm laws would have an immediate and substantial impact on gun crime because most criminals obtain their firearms illegally and within six months of committing a crime. The study used data from a survey of 221 inmates in Chicago to investigate how and when criminals obtained firearms. While current research has proven that firearms take many years to move from the legal to illegal markets, researchers wanted to know how much time elapses within the “last link”—the time between a person obtaining a firearm and committing a crime with it.

Based on responses in the Chicago inmate survey, the researchers concluded that 68% of the inmates had obtained their primary firearm less than six months prior to their arrest. In addition, of the 150 respondents who were armed at the time of their arrest, 42% of them had not been armed six months earlier. Furthermore, relatively few active criminals bought their firearms from gun stores, but rather from their social connections or off-the-books transactions that constitute the underground gun market. Only 1% of the firearms were acquired at a store, and none of the respondents mentioned a gun show or the internet as a source.

Researchers concluded that policymakers and law enforcement should focus on enforcing current laws that already prohibit these transactions from taking place. If all of these transactions had been intercepted within the last six months, the effect on gun-related crime would have been massive.

“The current findings suggest that more effective enforcement of existing regulations could have an immediate and substantial effect on gun crime,” the researchers concluded.

The study also notes in its final paragraph how these findings cut against the contention that more firearms in civilian hands leads to higher availability of firearms to criminals and, in turn, more crime.

Researchers admit that this is limited to one jurisdiction (i.e., Chicago) and utilizes a sample that—while consisting of firearm involved offenders—is not necessarily

representative of the adult population of Chicago offenders who commit firearm assault, murder and robbery.

Nonetheless, they offer their findings as a real solution to the problem of firearm-related violence in the U.S.

If, as law-abiding firearm owners have been suggesting for decades, politicians would focus on enforcing existing laws rather than imposing greater restrictions on Second Amendment rights, a larger percentage of criminals would not be able to obtain the firearms with which they commit crimes. While these individuals might nonetheless commit violent actions, at least anti-gun politicians would not be able to use criminal activity as a smokescreen for disarming American citizens!

As always, may God watch over and protect the brave men and women serving us, at war, in our patriot armed forces and may God bless America. ■

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In Memory of Michael J. Miller (1959-2019)

It is with a sad heart that we inform you that Mike Miller, former board of directors member went to be with the Lord on Dec. 11, 2019. Mike passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family after a brief illness.

Mike served his country with honor as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps one of his proudest accomplishments and a driving force behind his enthusiastic patriotism. He embodied the values of honor, courage and commitment and was always "squared away."

Mike was born in May of 1959 in St Louis, Mo., the son of the late James and Luann Miller of Schenectady. Mike's family was his everything to him. He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Denise Sheehan of Colonie, N.Y., whom he called "the best thing that ever happened to him," his beloved children, Katy Miller of Las Vegas, Nev., Becky Miller of Latham, and Douglas Miller of Philadelphia, Pa., whom he referred to as the "biggest joys of his life." He also is survived by his siblings, Mark Miller (Abby) of Kalamazoo, Mich., Lynne Miller of Schenectady, parents-in-law

Jim and Joan Sheehan of Colonie; sisters-in-law Audrey McHugh of Latham, and Jamie Sheehan Coleman of Accokeek, Md.; and former wife, Aimee Taylor of Greenwich, N.Y. He also is survived by several nieces.

Mike grew up in Schenectady and graduated from Bishop Gibbons High School in 1977 and earned his B.S. from Iona College, where he excelled as a Division 1 athlete in track and field. Recently, Mike retired from a 17 year career with the New York State Assembly where he worked tirelessly to protect the constitutional rights of all New Yorkers.

Mike loved the outdoors. From climbing the Adirondack high peaks to catching fish at secret spots, sitting with his back against a tree stump in the deer woods, or target shooting at the range. Mike was most at peace in nature.

Those who knew and loved Mike appreciated his unique and infectious sense of humor. He had a quick wit and employed a creative use of the English language. Mike loved sports and was a die-hard fan of the New York Yankees and the Buffalo Bills. He

enjoyed trivia and testing his knowledge by watching Jeopardy every night.

Mike was active in his community, previously serving on the board of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Assoc., West Albany Rod and Gun Club and Empire State Aerospace Museum. He was a member of the Marine Corps League—Electric City detachment, the American Legion-Zaloga Post, and the Saratoga National Cemetery Honor Guard. Mike proudly carried the Irish flag for the Colonie Irish for two decades in the Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Semper Fi Marine. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Services for Mike were held in Albany and Rite of Committal was at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery Schuylerville, N.Y. ■



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High Court Tackles Gun Control: Is a Second Amendment Renaissance (Finally) Possible?

In December, the U.S. Supreme Court will have heard, for the first time since 2010, arguments on whether a gun-control law violates the Second Amendment. Its decision could determine whether the right to keep and bear arms will finally be accorded the respect and dignity of other Constitutional rights or whether it will remain, as Justice Clarence Thomas once lamented, a “constitutional orphan.”

The case is *New York Rifle & Pistol Association v. City of New York*.

To understand why this NRA-backed case is so important, it's helpful to revisit the Second Amendment's text, history and tradition.

Americans have owned firearms from the Colonies' earliest days.

The Founders never questioned whether U.S. residents would own guns—they already did—but whether the individual ownership of arms was so fundamental to the scheme of government they were creating as to be enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

The Second Amendment affirmatively answered the question, stating: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Having recently gained their independence from a distant monarchy that sought to subjugate them through military occupation and disarmament, American patriots had little appetite for an overbearing central government

backed by an unopposable standing army. Attempts by King George III to seize the Colonials' arms helped spark the Revolutionary War; their own guns aided in his defeat.

The Second Amendment's function as stated in America's constitutional order was therefore to ensure that the U.S. government could not deprive individual citizens of their arms to prevent states from raising militias. As in “Letters from the Federal Farmer to the Republican” written in 1788: “[T]o preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them.”

And so the right to keep and bear arms—already encoded in America's DNA—became enshrined in our Bill of Rights.

For most of American history, there was no need to argue about the Second Amendment's meaning. The Bill of Rights was historically considered to restrain only the federal government, not the states. And the U.S. government left what little gun control there was almost entirely to the states until well into the 20th century.

Gun prohibition in the states, meanwhile, was restrained by versions of the right to keep and bear arms in most state constitutions.

The eventual rise of gun control in America coincided with some shameful aspects of the nation's history.

For example: Reactionary Democrats in the South sought to impose gun control in the form of so-called “Black Codes,” which effectively restricted the gun rights of minorities. As if freed slaves didn't deserve the rights and freedoms enjoyed by other free people—and the politicians lording over them—these laws explicitly prohibited black residents from possessing firearms. Even the licensing laws that didn't expressly discriminate against minorities were enforced discriminatorily to suppress freedmen's ownership of guns. By trying to stifle gun ownership among the people they wished to dominate, these political tyrants revealed the people's right to keep and bear arms as the key to their oppression.

Post-Civil War amendments to the U.S. Constitution, including the 14th Amendment's Privileges or Immunities Clause, were meant to prevent these abuses by giving federal courts jurisdiction to hear cases in which state action violated the civil rights of American citizens, including freedmen. But in 1873, the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Slaughterhouse Cases* effectively nullified use of the Privileges or Immunities Clause for this purpose.

Discriminatory tendencies also prompted gun control in the 20th century. In the North, firearm restrictions were a reaction to increasing urbanization and immigration.

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Proponents of New York's 1911 Sullivan Act, which required a locally issued license to possess and carry a concealable firearm, openly promoted the law as a way to keep firearms out of the hands of Italian immigrants.

One such supporter, *The New York Times*, praised what was supposedly the first conviction under the law—that of Italian immigrant Marino Rossi, who claimed he possessed his revolver for self-defense. After Rossi was sentenced to one year in Sing Sing Prison, a Sept. 29, 1911 New York Times article commended the “Judge’s warning to the Italian community” as “timely and exemplary.”

New York, notably, was not one of the states with a right to arms in its own constitution.

Knee-jerk efforts to curtail Americans’ behavior continued. When the 18th Amendment was passed in 1919 to ban intoxicating liquors, Americans watched a parochial “Prohibition” effort devolve into organized crime, violence, etc. When politicians suggest that “banning” firearms or magazines would cure the problem of violent crime, remind them that it didn’t work when it was attempted with unprotected commodities that didn’t entail a Constitutional freedom.

Prohibition was repealed in 1933, but one of its unfortunate legacies was a 1934 law, the National Firearms Act (NFA). The NFA was Congress’ most notable attempt up to then to suppress Americans’ access to firearms. It did this by imposing a \$200 tax on the making and transfer of what were portrayed as the favored guns of gangsters, including machine guns and rifles or shotguns made or modified to be more concealable. All such guns

also had to be registered with the U.S. government.

While the NRA successfully lobbied to exclude handguns from the act, it’s notable that the NFA was meant to avoid conflict with the Second Amendment by stopping short of banning the remaining affected firearms outright.

The constitutionality of the NFA was challenged in a 1937 Supreme Court case, *U.S. v. Miller*. Historians acknowledge, however, the case was designed to fail. By the time his appeal reached the Supreme Court, Miller had gone into hiding to avoid the vengeance of criminal associates against whom he had testified. Neither he nor anyone else on his behalf participated in the Supreme Court proceedings.

The Supreme Court resolved the case by focusing on whether the “short barreled” shotgun Miller was accused of transporting across state lines in violation of the NFA was the sort of “arm” protected by the Second Amendment. The court noted it had no evidence that the shotgun had a “reasonable relationship” to the “preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia,” that it was “part of the ordinary military equipment,” or that “its use could contribute to the common defense.” Unwilling to assume the shotgun met any of these criteria, the court held the Second Amendment claim failed.

The Supreme Court then went silent on the Second Amendment for almost 70 years.

Meanwhile, gun-control proponents within and without the legal establishment insisted that Miller meant the Second Amendment had

nothing to do with an individual right to keep and bear arms, that it protected only the states’ ability to maintain militias or the right of active militiamen to bear arms. But the court didn’t say Miller’s Second Amendment claim failed because he himself was not a militiaman. It simply said Miller’s own firearm was not of the type the Amendment protects.

After a number of high-profile political assassinations in the 1960s—none of which were committed by law-abiding citizens—the gun-control “movement” was officially underway. In response, the NRA countered with political and legal-advocacy efforts on behalf of the peoples’ right to keep and bear arms. These contests—which pitted familiar tyranny against enshrined rights—caught the awakened eye of the U.S. Supreme Court in 2008.

All that came to fruition in 2008, when the U.S. Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller* confirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms—independent of service in an organized militia. The court explained that while preserving the militia was the reason for codifying the Second Amendment, that function did not limit the scope of the right itself, which was grounded in the concept of self-defense. This further meant D.C.’s bans on handguns and operable firearms in the home were unconstitutional.

When gun-control advocates forced another case to the Court two years later (*McDonald v. Chicago*), another NRA-backed victory followed: the Supreme Court held that the 14th Amendment also makes the

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Vote Cushman NRA Board

John Cushman



While others run away from NRA controversy, I am running to support them.

Nominated by Member Petition

John Cushman is a former NRA board member, hunter, target shooter and founder, creator of Sportsmen's Association for Firearms Education.

A strong advocate for firearms rights, he defeated a recent legislative proposal that would have allowed authorities to enter a home without a warrant to see if the homeowners were storing their firearms safely.

John is a member of the Military & Veterans Affairs; Vice Chair Grassroots Development, Public Affairs; and NRA Whittington Center. He is an active fighter for the Second Amendment and NRA benefactor member.

He is a life member and board member of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association.

John is a veteran of the U.S. Marines. He created Legal Defense Fund to fight handgun licensing abuses. He organizes and runs largest yearly Second Amendment Firearms Civil Rights Conference in the Northeast, which defends individual firearms civil rights against anti-gunners. He also has defended individual firearms rights on radio, television and print.

Women In Shooting Sports

by Jackie Emslie

Start of a new year. Start of a new decade. Welcome to the modern version of the roaring twenties!

With the bail reform laws effective Jan. 1, 2020, time will tell what the impact will be, good or bad. I am very concerned that innocent people will be either injured and/or killed as a result. Once statistics have been compiled on those injuries and deaths, then we must pressure our state legislators to start repealing these laws. I am only sorry that many will be adversely affected before this horrible social experiment can be terminated.

If this is the first you are hearing about the bail reform laws, you need to make legislative awareness your top New Year's resolution—now. Please seek out valid websites and Facebook

pages for what it will mean to you, and what legislation will hopefully emerge to repeal or significantly reduce the effectiveness of current law. One of the unwritten responsibilities of being a gun owner is to know what is going on. Get connected.

Now that the bail reform laws favor the offender instead of the victim, it is so much more important now than ever before that you understand Article 35 of the New York State Penal Law regarding the lawful use of force. Also critical is making training with your firearm a priority. Get some additional training, and then spend some time on the range practicing on those skills. Make a goal for at least twice a month. Consider this an investment in your personal protection and self-defense.

I know that many people, especially women, simply do not want to carry firearms for a variety of reasons. I would like these readers to take some time to evaluate why they choose not to carry a firearm. With more people who are accused of crimes who will be walking amongst us—instead of being in jail—this should be incentive enough to overcome whatever fears you have of carrying your gun. Remember, the only person responsible for your own personal protection and safety is you. Criminals no longer fear incarceration or accountability for their actions—so they must learn to fear you, a determined, trained and situationally aware armed citizen.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe New Year! ■

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individual right to keep and bear arms enforceable against state and local officials, alongside other fundamental liberties.

It is now 2019, yet anti-gun courts have continued to defy the Second Amendment—upholding the same types of gun-control laws enacted when those same courts were denying the Second Amendment protected individual rights. This includes the modern manifestation of New York's Sullivan Act.

That law, as enforced by New York City, remains so draconian that licensees are prohibited from leaving their homes with a licensed handgun without express legal or written

permission, even if the firearm is unloaded and locked in a case for transport.

Until recently, that meant most licensees couldn't leave the city at all with their handguns, including to take them to another residence, a range or a competitive event. No problem, said the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, refusing to decide whether the Second Amendment even applies outside the home.

Yet after the Supreme Court took the case, New York officials claimed they had changed the laws to allow handgun licensees more opportunity to transport their arms. The dispute, they insisted, was resolved.

But the court saw through these shenanigans and rightfully denied their request to dismiss the case.

That meant the case would be heard in December by a Supreme Court that included two justices appointed by President Donald Trump with demonstrated tendencies to take the Second Amendment seriously.

Time will tell, but that could also mean the Supreme Court will finally affirm the right to exercise a revived Second Amendment beyond the home ... maybe even in New York City. ■

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Bloomberg-bought Virginia General Assembly Ignores Peaceful Redress, Advances More Gun Control

Despite the peaceful, orderly, and diverse gun rights protest that attracted tens of thousands of law-abiding gun owners to the state capitol, Virginia's Michael Bloomberg-bought General Assembly has continued to push forward a radical anti-gun agenda.

In the Senate, the full body passed a dangerous "red flag" gun confiscation bill and the Judiciary Committee advanced another measure that would make it harder for Virginians to defend themselves and their loved ones. In the House, anti-gun committee members voted down a raft of bills that would have better protected the rights of law-abiding Virginians and measures that would have increased punishments for the criminal misuse of firearms. Rather than target violent criminals the House Public Safety Committee opted to advance a host of measures that would further burden ordinary gun owners.

The Senate

On Wednesday, the full senate passed "red flag" gun confiscation bill SB240 by the razor thin margin of 21-19.

The legislation would empower the government to strip an individual's constitutional right to keep and bear arms and seize their firearms pursuant to an ex parte order. The proposed confiscation order could be issued without notice to the respondent or a hearing or other opportunity for the

respondent to be heard and present evidence with the aid of counsel. Such safeguards are a requirement for adequate procedural due process.

Under the legislation, a confiscation order must be sought by either an attorney for the commonwealth or two law enforcement officers. However, the legislation provides civil immunity for these public officials if they lie or otherwise misuse the confiscation order procedure. A gun owner would have no way of seeking recompense from a wayward public official for an inappropriate or malicious use of the confiscation order procedure.

Further, the bill provides civil and criminal immunity to any law enforcement agency that seizes a person's firearms for "any damage to or deterioration, loss, or theft of such firearm." Under this provision, a law enforcement agency could effectively destroy the entire value of an individual's firearms collection through its own negligent or malicious conduct without the threat of civil or criminal sanction. The agency could chop a person's confiscated guns in half or store them at the bottom of a lake and the owner would not be able to seek damages from the agency.

Also on Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee attacked prospective Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) holders by advancing SB263. This legislation

would make it harder for CHP applicants by eliminating the option to use a video or online course to meet the training requirement.

This would create a significant burden for law-abiding Virginians. The availability of in-person firearms training may be limited or at a sizable distance for many in rural parts of the Commonwealth. In person training can be more expensive than a video or online option. Therefore, such a requirement is a form of economic discrimination on the right to keep and bear arms.

Those in need of a CHP due to an immediate threat to their safety would also be hampered by this bill. A video or online course can be taken immediately, whereas in-person training could take weeks or months to schedule and complete.

This is purely an attack on law-abiding gun owners, as the Commonwealth recognizes and promotes online learning in other contexts. From the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to the Commonwealth's premier universities, state-endorsed online learning has provided convenience, value, and increased access to educational opportunities to the public.

Moreover, this attack on gun owners is in direct contrast to where the issue is moving. Understanding the important role online education

plays and will continue to play in our society, an increasing number of states have recognized the value of online firearms education. In May 2019, Tennessee enacted legislation that allows a concealed handgun carry permit applicant to use “an electronic, video, or online course” to demonstrate competence with a handgun. Further, 16 states have recognized the Right-to-Carry a firearm without a permit, and therefore, without a requirement that a law-abiding gun owner prove their competency with a firearm prior to exercising their rights.

The House

On Friday, the House Public Safety Committee advanced a series of radical gun control bills targeting nearly every aspect of the right to keep and bear arms.

HB2 would criminalize the private transfer of firearms in the Commonwealth. Unlike SB70, which was passed by the Senate, HB2 would criminalize almost all firearm transfers – not just sales. Under this extreme legislation, even lending a brother your rifle for a deer hunt or letting your daughter borrow a handgun for self-defense could land otherwise law-abiding Virginians with a felony conviction and up to 5 years in jail. Additionally, the recipient could face up to a full year of incarceration.

HB674 would create a “red flag” gun confiscation procedure that is similar to that created by SB240. Just like the senate bill, HB674 would empower the government to strip an

individual’s constitutional right to keep and bear arms and seize their firearms pursuant to an ex parte order. However, whereas SB240 would require a commonwealth’s attorney or two law enforcement officer to petition the court, HB674 provides even less safeguards – allowing a single law enforcement officer to petition for a confiscation order.

HB812 would ration the right to keep and bear arms by limiting Virginians to one handgun purchase per 30-day period. Unlike SB35, which has passed the full Senate, HB812 does not provide an exemption to this restriction for CHP holders.

From 1993 to 2012, Virginia had a “one-handgun-a-month” law that rationed the number of handguns law-abiding gun owners could purchase to one a month. In 1993, Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and other gun control advocates sold the handgun rationing measure as a way to curb gun trafficking from Virginia to more restrictive Northeast states, particularly New York. HB812 comes along after New York City billionaire and gun control financier Michael Bloomberg spent an exorbitant sum in the 2019 election cycle. According to ATF Trace data, there were fewer firearms traced to Virginia in the three years after the law was repealed than in the three years prior to repeal.

HB9 would re-victimize burglary and robbery victims by penalizing a crime victim who fails to report the theft of a firearm to law enforcement within

24 hours of discovering the theft. These victims would be fined up to \$250.

In the aftermath of a burglary, victims are occupied with a host of concerns. The first and foremost concern is the physical safety and well-being of themselves and their loved ones. To place an additional burden on crime victims in their moment of despair is the ruthless act of a callous state that exhibits no regard for the hardship victims face as they put their lives back together.

HB412 would eliminate Virginia’s state firearms preemption law. Current law ensures that those living and traveling throughout Virginia are subject to the same predictable state statutes wherever they are in the Commonwealth. With this regimen, law-abiding gun owners can move about the state without fear of being ensnared by a confusing patchwork of disparate local ordinances. Unable to predict or comprehend the contours of the various ordinances in Virginia’s 95 counties and 38 independent cities, CHP holders would be forced to forego their Right-to-Carry for fear of running afoul of an obscure or complicated local law.

HB1004 would prohibit those subject to a §19.2-152.10 protective order from possessing firearms. Those subject to a §19.2-152.10 protective order are already prohibited from purchasing or transporting firearms while the order is in effect. Unlike other protective orders that trigger a firearm possession

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Hate Crimes and Our Best Defense

by Carl Gottstein

It is once again dangerous to be openly Jewish in some parts of America. Jewish people living in New York City face a real danger from an ever-present ugly and growing anti-Semitism. In this writer's opinion, most of the hate is generated at this time mostly by politicians looking to divide America and Israel for political gain. The "Squad" in Washington, D.C., led by New York City Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez boycotted Israel. Subsequently, the House voted to condemn the Boycott Israel Movement over the Squad's vociferous and furious protests.

The measure to formally condemn the BDS movement passed the House overwhelmingly, but the dog whistle of hate for Israel and Jews in general was heard loud and clear by the hard left's standing army of malcontents and miscreants.

A political time bomb set to explode in a New York City synagogue went off, and only God knows where it will blow next. Vicious unprovoked attacks have been on the rise since that time and the Squad has said nothing to cool the tinderbox of simmering racism they set on fire.



Police officers at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn before a vigil for the victims of an assault at a rabbi's house in Monsey, N.Y. Credit: Amr Alfiky/Reuters

In response, New York City residents of Jewish persuasion are arming themselves at astonishing rates. We have reports that the number of pistol registrations in the county/area where the shooting occurred has skyrocketed! One report has the increase at nearly 1,000% in the last month, most applicants with very Jewish sounding surnames. Our prayers are with these good and intrepid people, many for the first time reaching out as Americans to secure their Second Amendment birthrights! The Second Amendment is there for every one of you too!

Let's get away from the them/us religious racial hate, divisive politics and go with "We The People" for a positive unifying change. Remember, it's one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. The New York State Rifle and Pistol Association stands ready to assist all good people of New York City's Jewish community in securing *your* rights as needed, as we stand ready to assist all lawful New Yorkers to keep and bear arms.



Jack Wilson was awarded the Governor's Medal of Courage, the state's highest civilian honor "When events arise, you're going to do one of two things. You're either going to step up and do what's right or walk away. And I'm not one to walk away," Wilson said, accepting the medal at the Texas Governor's Mansion Monday. Photo credit: gov-greg-abbot

As some politicians work to infringe on our ability to keep and bear arms, it is important to remember how critical the Second Amendment is to a polite society. Wherever and whenever gun-free zones and heavy gun restrictions are the norm we see unprotected, unarmed people who are suffering, and continuous daily shootings like in the gun-free zone city of Chicago or mass

casualties like we saw in New York City. When the locality is gun friendly and the people carry side arms the mass casualties are greatly reduced—like what America witnessed in the Texas church event.

Armed citizens responding to these random events with matched or greater firepower produces the best result one can hope for. We live an ever-changing political social economic environment. The ability to protect one's family and self is at risk in New York and in many other states where anti-gun zealots propagate lies and disinformation concerning lawful gun owners and their role in our society. NYSRPA.org exists to ensure *no* tyranny will ever overcome our freedom and liberty. Thank God for the Jack Wilsons of the world.

Thank God and America's founders for their wisdom, for the laws of this land, and the good people living the dream. ■



2020 SAFS

by Ed Walden

In 2020, the U.S. Service Rifle Small Arms Firing School (SAFS) will be provided by members of the NYSRPA to members of the NYSRPA for the 31st year. The Peconic River Sportsman's Club is proud to have hosted this event throughout the years.

This is a two-day course that is designed to provide you with the basic knowledge required to safely compete in a High Power Rifle Match. This program will instruct you on firing from position—both slow and rapid fire with only sling support. We provide detailed blocks of instruction on safety, sight alignment and adjustment, trigger control, match operations and of course the fundamentals of marksmanship. This program is approved by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and

fulfills one of the requirements for purchasing firearms from the CMP. The instruction you receive will be exclusively on the AR-15 A2 Service Rifle with iron sights. Scopes are permitted in actual NRA and CMP competition. However, we concentrate on the fundamentals by using iron sights at the SAFS. Our club has National Match AR-15 A2 rifles for loan at no additional charge.

Our lead instructors are all current or past members of the NYSRPA Service Rifle Team. Many are nationally ranked competitors as well as CMP Distinguished Riflemen. Our team of instructors also is supplemented with volunteer competitors who hail from throughout New York state. You will receive one-on-one marksmanship instruction. The two-

day course consists of about a half day of classroom instruction followed by dry-fire exercises from position on the range. A short qualification course also will be fired at 50 yards using the AR-15 platform with a .22 rim-fire upper. You also will fire a modified CMP course at 200 yards using the AR-15 Service Rifle.

We have put approximately 2,000 persons through this course since its inception. Many have gone on to compete and win at the national level. The attendance for this course is limited to the first 66 qualified entries and will sell out quickly. You will find the complete registration form in this issue of the Bullet. The dates for 2020 are April 25-26. This event is open to the public, so invite your relatives and friends. I hope we will see you there. ■



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SAFS TIMES: Seminar Phase SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Range Firing SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Students should arrive not later than 7:30 A.M. each day.

SAFS OBJECTIVE

The SAFS is a program designed as an introduction to the sport of High Power Rifle Competition for new participants. It is also for persons interested in improving their shooting skills who are currently involved in High Power Rifle competitions. As a result of this training, the shooter should be able to enter and safely participate in High Power Rifle Competitions. **THIS COURSE IS NOT FOR FIRST TIME SHOOTERS. YOU MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH SHOOTING FIREARMS.**

SAFS DESCRIPTION

The SAFS is conducted by a team of highly qualified retired U.S. Armed Forces, Civilian NRA nationally ranked competitors, CMP Distinguished Riflemen, and High Power Rifle Instructor/Shooters augmented by volunteer rifle competitors from local clubs. The training emphasizes Range & Firearms Safety, Service Rifle Marksmanship Fundamentals and Techniques, Match Operations and Procedures, Zeroing, and Operation of the **U.S. Service Rifle AR-15 A-2**. The training includes classroom instruction and closely supervised Dry Fire and Live Fire instruction. Training is under individual trainer/coaches.

NOTE THAT ONLY THE AR15 A-2 WILL BE USED FOR THESE CLASSES!

U.S. SERVICE RIFLE, SMALL ARMS FIRING SCHOOL
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NYSRPA MEMBER NUMBER (required for all adult civilian participants)
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CITY/TOWN STATE ZIP CODE
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PHONEEMAIL.....
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LIST YOUR PRIOR SHOOTING EXPERIENCE.....
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ARE YOU PROHIBITED FROM OWNING OR USING A FIREARM?.....
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WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR TAKING THE COURSE?.....
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14 -16 years of age adult guardian required: Name:
Phone:

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DENIED. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF FEES PAID. ALL INFORMATION IS FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.

NOTE that ONLY AR-15 A-2 rifles will be allowed at these events. Muzzle brakes are not permitted in CMP or NRA competition. Flash hider is permitted.
Please check the appropriate box below regarding the need of a loaner rifle:

I will bring my own AR15 A-2: ☐
I need the loan of an AR15 A-2: ☐

***Fees must accompany applications
Peconic River Sportsman's Club SAFS April 25 and 26, 2020
Mail entries to: ADI 13 Mayflower Place Floral Park, NY 11001
Make checks or money orders payable to the Peconic River Sportsman's Club
Payment enclosed in the amount of: \$75.00

**NOTE: ONLY PARTICIPANTS AND GUARDIANS WILL BE PERMITTED ON CLUB GROUNDS
NO GUESTS OR OBSERVERS. THE USE OF CAMERAS AND CELL PHONES
ON THE FIRING LINE IS PROHIBITED.**

ELIGIBILITY: 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED

This event is open to the public. **All civilian adult participants must be NYSRPA members.** The \$25.00 membership fee can be paid at the door if you are not already a member. NYSRPA is fighting for your gun rights in NY. Support them.

High Power Rifle competition is a sport requiring stamina and physical flexibility.

All participants should be in good health and in good physical condition and be able to assume the prone and sitting firing positions for sustained periods of time.

All applicants must already have experience and familiarity with firearms. This course is NOT for persons who are not familiar with rifle shooting. THIS COURSE IS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO ENTER INTO THE SPORT OF HIGH POWER COMPETITION.

REGISTRATION FEES

\$75.00

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 66 STUDENTS ONLY

You must qualify at 50 yards on Saturday in order to be eligible to fire at 200 yards for your CMP qualification on Sunday.

Students between the age of 14 and 16 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian on both days. The parent or guardian need not enroll and take the course.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- Mail in registration is required for all students, (see registration form enclosed)
- Complete form and mail with check or money order.
- Registration must be accompanied by full fees and entry form.
- Registration must be received by April 17, 2020. Register early as course will sell out.
- Cancellations received prior to the above deadlines will receive a full refund.
- Registrations will be confirmed via e-mail if received by the above deadlines. If you do not have e-mail enclose a self addressed stamped envelope for **confirmation**.

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR NO SHOWS.

CONDITIONS:

- Participants are required to comply with all safety rules and instructions.
- Students are required to attend and participate in the complete seminar training and dry fire on Saturday in order to shoot on Sunday. Students will also be required to fire a qualification score with a 22 LR Service Rifle on Saturday.
- All students are required to act as scorers and target operators.

APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED. READ CAREFULLY AND ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND!

RIFLES USED FOR THE SAFS AND FOR LOAN

- This training is limited to the U.S. Service Rifle, (AR-15) in the A-2 configuration or commercial equivalents with as issued iron sights. **National Match AR-15s will be available for loan at no charge.**
- Students borrowing rifles are required to provide factory ammunition only. Reloaded ammunition is prohibited in borrowed rifles. No other ammunition will be fired from borrowed rifles. You may purchase caliber .223 ammunition which will be sold at \$25 for 50 rounds. **These prices are subject to change.** Students are encouraged to bring their own service rifles both days.
- **Personal firearms must not be brought into the classroom.**
 - Rifles with "muzzle brakes" or compensators are prohibited in NRA & CMP competition and are not to be used for this course.

AMMUNITION

- Live ammunition must not be brought to the Saturday seminar. Armor piercing, incendiary and tracer ammunition is not allowed. Fifty (50) rounds of ammunition are required per shooter for the qualification live fire match.

CERTIFICATES OF TRAINING

- A "certificate of training" will be issued to each student that completes both phases of training. The "Certificate of Training," issued by a CMP authorized SAFS, fulfills one of the requirements for Purchase of a U.S. Army surplus service grade M-1 from the CMP.

STUDENTS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT BOTH DAYS

- Hearing protection is mandatory Eye protection is recommended.
- Students are required to bring a glove for their support hand (opposite hand of their shooting shoulder). An insulated work glove is adequate. Students are encouraged to bring if they already own their own shooting equipment and clothing to include: rifleman jackets, spotting scopes or field glasses, shooting mats. Bring your equipment on Saturday as we will conduct in position dry fire exercises. Students should wear appropriate outdoor clothing both days to include; warm clothing, sweaters, sweat shirts, denim or heavy cloth trousers, boots, baseball type hats and rain gear. Windbreakers or nylon jackets should not be worn as the rifle will shift and move on these slippery surfaces. **STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE WITHOUT MANDATORY EQUIPMENT (GLOVE AND HEARING PROTECTION) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE! STUDENTS MAY NOT SHARE MANDATORY EQUIPMENT!**
- **NO FOOD SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE.** Students must bring their own breakfast, lunch, snacks, beverages, etc. each day.

LODGING

- PECONIC. There are hotels and motels in the Riverhead area which is about 10 minutes from the club.

DIRECTIONS

PECONIC - LIE (Route 495) to exit 69. North (left) on Wading River Road about 4 miles to Grumman Blvd. (chain link fence). See signs for Calverton Enterprise Park. EPCAL. Go east (right) on Grumman Blvd. 2 & 3/4 miles to PRSC entrance (on right). 389 River Road Calverton NY Enter gate and follow signs and guides. **DRIVE SLOW** on club property!

Speed limit 5 MPH! Follow these directions. Do not use GPS for this location.

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Second Amendment Rally Anti-Gun Extremists Disappointed ... That It Was So Peaceful

In the days leading up to the annual lobby day in Richmond, Va.—where thousands of Virginians traditionally lobby their legislators on numerous issues – an unprecedented number of supporters of the Second Amendment were expected to show up in opposition to the virulently anti-gun legislative agenda of Governor Ralph Northam and Virginia Democrats. In response, anti-gun advocates and their supporters in the media tried to paint a picture of an impending violent confrontation.

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Of course, defaming law-abiding gun owners is nothing new for those who abhor the Second Amendment.

Any time a violent criminal uses a firearm to commit a heinous act, extremists dedicated to banning firearms attempt to blame anyone who supports our right to keep and bear arms. Every time a state legislature passes legislation to make it easier for American citizens to defend themselves or others—such as by making it easier to carry a firearm for personal protection—those opposed to the idea of personal protection predict future tragedies committed by the law-abiding, or question the rationality of such measures.

The recent heroic actions by Texas permit holder Jack Wilson highlight this sad strategy of the anti-gun community.

When Texas law was changed so that places of worship could have

armed security, former Vice President Joe Biden questioned its rationality. After Jack Wilson saved countless lives, it became yet another reminder of Biden's gift for gaffes to create problems for the 2020 Democrat presidential candidate.

Even after the fact, anti-gun New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg had the audacity to suggest that Wilson should not have been allowed to legally act in the defense of countless congregants facing an imminent lethal threat.

Bloomberg's campaign mouthpiece, Kevin Sheekey, even tried to walk back Bloomberg questioning Wilson's action this week, claiming, "Mike Bloomberg supports [Jack Wilson's] right to own a gun with a background check. We salute him, I salute him."

Sheekey went on to say, "The question is where he and Mike Bloomberg disagree, which is should anyone who walks out of an insane asylum be able to get a gun? Mike Bloomberg would say 'no,' I'm not sure what other people would say."

Of course, this "clarification" has nothing to do with Bloomberg's assertion that law-abiding citizens cannot be trusted to act responsibly when using a firearm to defend themselves or others. And Sheekey's use of the term "insane asylum," which we are pretty sure is not on the list of approved PC terms when discussing mental health, may require additional "clarification."

So, as deplorable as it is to see the anti-gun crowd's narrative that law-abiding

gun owners represent some sort of threat, we are sadly accustomed to it.

Before the legislative session had even begun, Virginia Democratic members of Congress threatened law-abiding citizens with the Virginia National Guard to confiscate firearms.

The week before gun owners and Second Amendment advocates gathered in Richmond this past Monday to voice their opposition to the Virginia Democrat gun-ban agenda, Governor Northam ramped up the ridiculous rhetoric.

Northam and Bloomberg's bought-and-paid-for Virginia General Assembly had already rushed through legislation to ban firearms at the Capitol. This was just prior to NRA's own day for legislative action, where we invited members to join us in speaking out against Northam's extremist agenda. This event, which even Governor Northam described as a "peaceful event," saw more than 2,000 NRA members gather in Richmond, without incident (as we would expect).

Even though gun owners regularly gather by the thousands, and sometimes tens-of-thousands, without any problems, Northam decided to ramp up the anti-gun hysteria ahead of Monday's event by declaring a "State of Emergency," and expanding the zones where lawfully possessed firearms are prohibited around the Capitol.

And the media fanned the flames of Northam's attempt to paint law-abiding gun owners as dangerous.

Prior to Monday's event, fear-mongering headlines were everywhere.

Time.com went with, "Tensions are High, Extremists are Expected to Attend."

Yahoo! News ran a piece by Bloomberg's primary anti-gun shill, Shannon Watts, which included in its headline, "Extremists Plan to Rally in Virginia."

An MSNBC.com headline claimed, "As gun rights rally looms in Virginia, Richmond residents fear another Charlottesville."

The day of the event, more of the same, and sometimes worse.

Huffington Post proclaimed, "Thousands Of Pro-Gun Activists And Far-Right Extremists Swarm Richmond, Virginia."

Yahoo! News announced, "Tensions Are High, Some Protesters Are Showing Up Armed."

Craig Melvin, an MSNBC anchor, received quite a bit of push-back for stating that "thousands" of "white nationalists" attended the rally.

The media, of course, were not alone with hyping the hysteria.

Harvard's own David Hogg apparently took a break from his studies to tweet (his favorite form of communication) a plethora of insults and incendiary jibes at the men and women who took the time to peacefully express their political views. Hogg made references to "white supremacists" and "nazi's" (sic), said "you're a fascist" of many attendees, and said some who showed up that "they actually think there (sic) in Call of Duty." He even took the time to tweet "Donald Trump is an idiot."

So, that's what you apparently get with a Harvard education these days.

Maybe next semester he will take a class on civility, or even English.

When the event was over, and no acts of violence had been reported (which was no surprise to anyone actually familiar with law-abiding gun owners), many in the media felt compelled to actually report the rally ended peacefully. That's not news, unless you spent the days before the event trying to foment fear over the potential for violence. Sadly, it sounds more like disappointment.

But the denigration of what was estimated as 22,000+ gun rights activists simply using their collective political voice to oppose attacks on our cherished freedoms didn't end with the close of this Lobby Day.

Before, during, and after the rally, countless media hacks tried to portray the event as less an expression of support for the Second Amendment, and more a gathering of white men who, as Hogg put it, are "white supremacists," "nazi's," and "fascists."

In fact, the rally was incredibly diverse, with men and women from across the racial spectrum. It was far more inclusive than, say, the stage at the last Democrat Presidential debate.

One of the more egregious diatribes post-rally came in the form of a GQ column penned by Talia Lavin. While most in the media reported on how peaceful the event was (again, not news, but expected behavior from law-abiding gun owners), Lavin's fevered, anti-gun imagination projected an image of a rally with "the promise that bloodshed might happen at any time...."

But was she even there? Unlikely.

Her column appears to be cobbled together from various other news articles, and second-hand reports

from "[r]eporter friends who planned to attend," and a "leftist activist" who claimed she was there.

The idea that someone who likely wasn't even at the event could offer insight as to the mood of the event isn't Lavin's only problem. The "research" she did for her GQ piece was filled with errors.

She claimed "some 22,000 people from all over the country had turned up to protest the gun control laws recently passed by the Virginia State Senate." In fact, the rally had been planned for some time, as a protest for all of the anti-gun legislation Governor Northam and his ilk had been threatening to pass since last year.

Lavin also claimed that "NRA handed out 1,000 free 30-round magazines to gun owners before the rally." If by "before the rally" she meant a week before, during our own, separate day for legislative action, then that would be accurate. But that doesn't fit into the image of a scene she described as "a spectacular arsenal of weaponry." A description she crafted based, presumably, on photos and video of the event. So we'll just make an educated guess that her sloppy work resulted in her conflating two different events, either intentionally or not, to feed her negative narrative.

Again, rather than doing actual research, Lavin relied on a news article or two to also claim, "The effects on locals amounted to a sweeping petrification. Due to Monday's event, Richmond natives closed their businesses downtown—from a 7-11 near the Capitol to a barbershop... ." Rather than the image of a shuttered downtown Lavin tried to create, many, if not most, businesses remained open,

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Notes from Brenda

by Brenda Leder

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming meeting in Hauppauge on March 8. It should be an informative meeting.

We still are waiting to hear a decision from our Supreme Court case, and we are still asking for donations to help defray the cost of the lawsuit. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you to everyone who already has donated. You are truly appreciated.

I know you all get bombarded with tons of information on the internet. I know I sure do. Don't forget to check out what you hear. Not everything is accurate or true. We are working hard at the office on behalf of our Second Amendment. If you hear something that sounds like we are not, please contact us and check out the information before spreading it or thinking that we are not supporting your rights. We will be happy to clear up any misinformation.

A few weeks ago, a member came in our office and he brought a collection of signatures he has been gathering from Medal of Honor winners. We started talking, and he told me that there has only been one Medal of Honor ever awarded to a woman. So, I decided to look up and see who it was. I discovered this woman was from New York state, so I thought it would be interesting to do some research on her and share it with you. Her name is Dr. Mary Edwards Walker. She was born on a farm in the town of Oswego on Nov. 26, 1832. She was the fifth daughter of Alvah and Vesta Whitcomb Walker.

Her parents were strong believers that their daughters should receive a professional education.

After working as a school teacher—like her sisters—Dr. Walker attended Syracuse Medical School from which she graduated in 1855. She practiced briefly in Ohio. Then, she married a fellow physician, Albert Miller. They moved to Rome, N.Y., and set up a medical practice. They separated two years later when she accused her husband of infidelity. Dr. Walker remained in Rome and ran her small practice while becoming a supporter of Amelia Bloomer and dress reform. She wore pants-style bloomers, as did so many other dress reformers in western New York. She was elected president of the National Dress Reform Association in 1866. For the rest of her life, she wore full-male attire, claiming that she had been granted permission by Congress (this has never been documented).

Dr. Walker later spent a year in Iowa where she unsuccessfully attempted to divorce her husband. While in Iowa, she attended the Bowen Collegiate Institute. At the institute, she precipitated a series of incidents that shocked the administration and resulted in her expulsion. When the Civil War broke out she traveled to Washington, D.C., to offer her services. She first worked at a nurse in the improvised hospital in the U.S. Patent Office. She discovered many wives and mothers of soldiers living on park benches in Washington, D.C. She helped to found the Women's Relief Association. In 1862, she began working in Virginia. In 1863,

she moved to Tennessee where she was attached as a surgeon to an Ohio Regiment. Even after her dismissal from this post, she remained dressed in an officer's uniform.

Then, she roamed the countryside ministering to southern families. Between April and August of 1864, she was a prisoner of war who was exchanged for a Confederate officer. In September of 1864 she was awarded a paid contract as acting assistant surgeon with the Ohio 52nd Infantry. She left service in 1865 and served a brief time as surgeon of a Women's Prison Hospital in Kentucky. A short time later, she was awarded the first Congressional Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service ever awarded to a woman. She was very proud of her medal and wore it often.

In 1867, Dr. Walker's activities became increasingly political. She lived for a few years with Belva Lockwood, a fellow women's suffrage activist, mostly in Washington, D.C., but she traveled extensively to promote women's causes. Initially, suffragist organizations praised her for her Civil War service, but she was soon alienated from most contemporary suffragists because of what they saw as her growing eccentricities. She disagreed with the women's movement over its push for an amendment to allow women to vote—she believed that the Constitution already gave this right to women.

Dr. Walker published two books, a partly autobiographical hit in 1871 and *Unmasked or The Science of Immortality* in 1878. From 1890 on, she lived in Oswego, N.Y., where she fought

personal and political battles for women's rights.

In 1917, Dr. Walker's Medal of Honor was revoked because there were questions surrounding the terms used to justify this prestigious award. She refused to surrender the medal.

Dr. Walker died on Feb. 21, 1919. She was buried in a black suit in her family

plot in Oswego Town Cemetery. Through the efforts of her grandniece and some members of Congress, her Medal of Honor officially was restored to her on June 10, 1977. The medal is now the property of the Oswego County Historical Society. ■



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prohibition, a petitioner for a §19.2-152.10 protective order does not need to bear any relation to the respondent.

The absence of a relationship requirement opens the §19.2-152.10 protective order procedure up to abuse. Verbal altercations between co-workers, neighbors, or less formal acquaintances where one party perceived, or claimed to perceive, the other as making a "threat" could result in the extinguishment of a person's Second Amendment rights and the forfeiture of their firearms.

HB1083 severely restricts parental decisions about firearms in the home by making it a Class 6 felony to leave an unlocked and loaded gun in the home with a child or teenager under the age of 18. Current law only applies this restriction to children under the age of 14 and provides that the punishment for such conduct is a Class 3 misdemeanor. This law is

unnecessary as Virginia already has a child abuse and neglect statute that provides felony penalties for parents who engage in dangerous conduct.

House Shows Contempt for Law Abiding Gun Owners, Leniency for Criminals

Illustrating their contempt for gun owners, the House Public Safety Committee refused to advance any of the bills that would make it easier for law-abiding Virginians to provide for the defense of themselves and their families. Worse, the anti-gun lawmakers made clear that their goal is to attack law-abiding gun owners rather than fight criminal violence when they voted down legislation that would have increased penalties for the criminal misuse of firearms.

The Public Safety Committee Firearms Subcommittee tabled sentencing bill HB1175. This legislation would have increased the

mandatory minimum sentence for a first offense of the use of a firearm in the commission of a violent crime from three to five years imprisonment. The bill would have raised the penalty for subsequent offenses from five to 10 years imprisonment.

The subcommittee voted down HB669 and HB1485, which would have ensured that state and local employees who hold a CHP are permitted to carry for the defense of themselves and their coworkers. HB162 and HB1382 would have encouraged the Commonwealth and localities to implement adequate security measures at their facilities or to permit CHP holders to provide for their own self-defense by allowing Virginians to sue a jurisdiction for injuries sustained in a gun free zone. ■

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and flourished with the concentrated influx of customers.

She also brought up the notion that some groups chose to cancel their own Lobby Day events. Some may have simply not wanted to deal with competing for space with 22,000+ other citizens who were making their political voices heard. Sadly, some may have been scared away by Governor Northam and media hacks like Lavin projecting a sense of impending doom. Lavin quoted from a press release by one group that claimed it canceled because of its fear over “heavily armed white supremacists...seeking to incite violence.” But that came from the rabidly anti-gun Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (formerly the National Coalition to Ban Handguns). It seems far more likely the group saw an

opportunity to take advantage of the hysteria created by Northam and the media, get a little attention, and avoid showing up with a handful of activists that would just get dejected and go home early.

Now, the name Talia Lavin may sound familiar to some. In 2018 she resigned from her position as “fact-checker” for the New Yorker after she posted a picture of an ICE agent, and implied he had a Nazi tattoo. He did not.

So, apparently attention to detail has long been a failure for Talia. Coincidentally, like Hogg, she is also a product of Harvard.

So, before, during, and after a rally in Richmond that saw 22,000+ Second Amendment advocates come together to voice their opposition to legislation designed to infringe on the rights of

law-abiding gun owners, anti-gun extremists, politicians, and their enablers in the media did everything they could to malign the attendees. They projected an image of impending violence at the thought of so many gun owners in one place, then seemed to imply it was “news” that the rally was peaceful.

Again, gun owners gathering together peacefully is not “news;” that’s the norm.

Then again, anti-gun extremists, politicians, and their enablers in the media working together to malign law-abiding gun owners, sadly, isn’t really “news” either. It’s just another day that ends with “y.” ■

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