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President's Message

by Tom King

Save our Republic ... It is up to you!

Readers, here are the anti-gun bills passed by both houses of the New York state Legislature. While all these bills are egregious and a serious threat to our Second Amendment rights, a more sinister and dangerous fact was buried by the media and the liberal legislators: There was little or no face-to-face access to our legislators because the entire physical legislative complex in Albany was shut down. The draconian policy was, of course, blamed on the COVID-19 pandemic.

The lockdown ended one week after the Legislature adjourned for the year, and the legislators went home to campaign for reelection. Convenient huh?

Remember these words: *Elections have consequences.*

We are enduring consequences right now: The consequences of an American public that abandoned President Trump, thus allowing Democrats to control both branches of the federal government and electing the Biden/Harris ticket.

How's that for consequences?

Read through the newly passed legislation that are listed below and ask yourselves, "Who should I support in the next election cycle?" Ask yourselves, "If we had elected Republicans, would a republican-led majority Legislature have passed these bills?" "Would New York's entire government complex have been shut down and closed to the public?" I think we can say that the answer to these questions is, "No."

S.5952 (Reichlin-Melnick). This bill would create a tax checkoff for gun violence research, which would be deposited in a new Gun Violence Research Fund that is established in State Finance Law by this bill. Monies from this fund would be expended by the Department of Health and SUNY to give grants for gun violence research (passed Senate 50-13, passed Assembly 124-25).

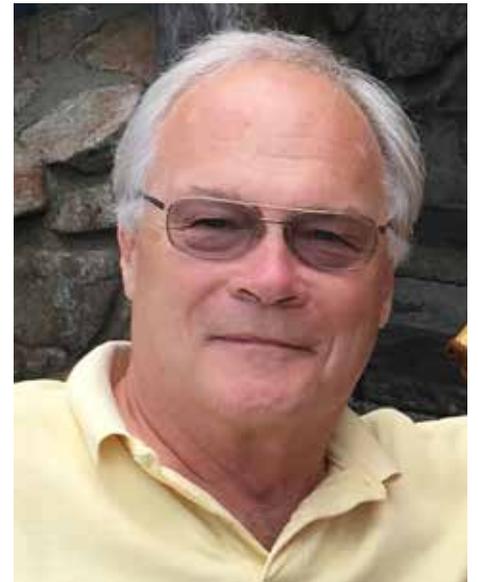
S.13A (Kaplan). This bill would criminalize the possession or sale of an unfinished frame or receiver by anyone other than a gunsmith (passed Senate 43-20, passed Assembly 107-42).

S.14A (Hoylman). This bill would criminalize the possession of ghost guns by anyone other than a gunsmith. It also would make the assembly of a firearm—by anyone other than a licensed gunsmith—a criminal act (passed Senate 48-15, passed Assembly 106-43; however, this bill was recalled and amended after passage).

S.5000B (Kavanagh). This bill would make it a class D felony for individuals to purchase or dispose of firearms, rifles or shotguns if they know they are the subjects of outstanding warrants of arrest for felonies or serious offenses (passed Senate 49-14, passed Assembly 109-40).

Under current law, individuals are prohibited from owning firearms if they are convicted of a felonies or a serious offenses. Individuals also can have their guns removed if they have protective orders placed against them by the courts. S.5000B removed state and local law enforcement reporting requirements for certain gun seizures.

S.1251 (Gianaris). This bill would direct the Division of Criminal Justice



Services and the Division of the State Police to publish quarterly reports with information related to firearms, shotguns and rifles used in the commission of crimes. The information would include the origin of the gun, where the gun was purchased, and whether it was legally possessed. If the bill is passed these reports would begin beginning Oct. 1, 2021. Localities would be required to assist DCJS and the State Police with the collection of this data (passed Senate 43-20, passed Assembly 105-44).

The bill's sponsor states that the purpose of this legislation is to prove that in states with tougher gun laws, most guns used in the commission of crimes are purchased in states with weaker gun laws.

S.7152 (Brooks). This bill would amend the definition of the disguised gun to include certain guns that are designed and intended to appear to look like a toy gun. Such gun could be considered a toy gun if any rifle, pistol, shotgun or machine gun displays a color finish other than the original

manufacture color, a decorative pattern or plastic-like surface (passed Senate 47-16, passed Assembly 116-33).

Under the current law, any person, dealer, firm, partnership or corporation that intentionally designs or transforms a rifle, pistol, shotgun or machine gun to resemble a toy gun by either altering or concealing the original color or surface of the gun with the purpose of selling such weapon is guilty of a class D felony. Criminal possession of a disguised gun is a class D felony (Section 265.02 Penal Law)

S.2981 (Persaud). This bill would establish the Firearm Violence Research Institute (passed Senate 44-19, passed Assembly 125-24).

S.7196 (Myrie). This bill would regulate the sale, manufacture, importation and marketing of firearms in relation to creating or maintaining a condition that endangers safety or health through the sale, manufacturing, importing or marketing of firearms within the guidelines of *City of New York v. Beretta USA Corp.*, [524 F3d 384 (2d Cir. 2008)] (passed Senate 43-20, passed Assembly 94-55).

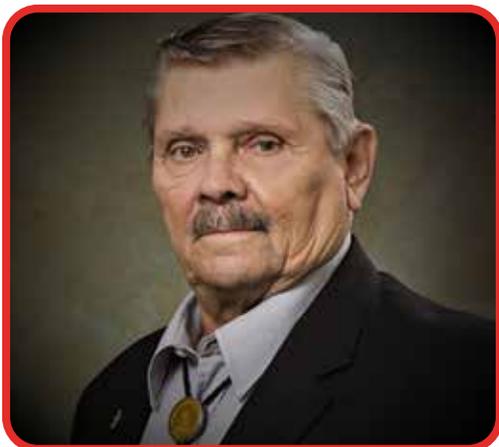
This bill is a mirror image of S.1048A, which recently passed the state Senate (43-20). The only difference is that this version removes the requirement that gun-industry members require its downstream members and retailers

to utilize “reasonable controls and procedures.” However, gun manufactures still can be sued if their “qualified products” are used in crimes. This version would authorize the attorney general to bring cases to state Supreme Court and federal court.

Tell me, what do you think now? Are we going to get off our collective butts to support the only party that will protect us from the theft of our rights and the conversion of our citizens into subjects? It’s up to every one of you!

Do something! Join us in the coming months to fight for your rights and your children’s future. Join, volunteer, vote and donate. The choice is yours! ■

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Remembering those who sacrificed for our country

by John Cushman

The last Monday of May is Memorial Day—a day to remember all those who gave everything to keep and hold our American freedoms. The fourth day of July is Independence Day—a day to commemorate and honor the creation of the United States of America. These two days are so important it is truly hard for me to put into words, so I will use the words of others who are better at it than I am.

Dr. Robert B. Young posted this on the website of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership last year (*A Day to Remember*, <https://drgo.us/a-day-to-remember-3/>). Thank you to DRGO for its permission to reprint the article. Read it and share it with others:

Memorial Day has now come for the 53rd time since it was officially proclaimed in 1967. It has been kept nationwide, though unofficially, since World War II, and as Decoration Day since 1868. It was born in spontaneous memorials early during the Civil War. Remembering war dead has been important throughout history, even as the manner of recognition has changed across time and societies.

As with many things cultural, I wonder about the layers of meaning in this universal expression of respect for those who

have died in service to something we consider larger than any of us.

For those who have lost loved ones to war, the meaning is close and personal. We would remember them no matter what, but losing them in this way blends in pride and at times anger to the usual loss. No one who dies in war enjoyed their natural span of years in which to fully form and contribute. This is a greater loss the younger they are (and most were/are not very old).

Yet by and large, we experience greater appreciation than distress as we honor our fallen. We are



looking beyond the impact of death on them and to their impact on our lives. In many cases, such as the Civil War and World Wars I and II, the men (and, more recently, women) who died, along with the greater number of their fellows who survived, changed the course of history to our benefit.

Can lives lost always be weighed against lives saved? If we can reckon those numbers, perhaps so. That is, unless there was another, less costly way to save them, which we may speculate on but is ultimately unknowable.

We may not believe in the justice of a war. But we don't blame the dead, because the fallen are victims too. We should have learned by

now not to blame the survivors, who could easily have become their guiltless dead friends. Memorial Day is not one on which we call anyone to account.

Nor is it a day for the dead; their watch has ended. They gain nothing from our praise. It is really a day for the living who remember them.

So, what does memorializing do for us? Psychologically, a great deal. The act of remembering someone we knew keeps them closer despite the unfathomable gulf between life and death. It keeps the memory of them fresher, the more it is exercised. It softens the hard edges of loss by lessening

the intensity of their absence. They are still with us, at least this much.

That makes sense personally, as individuals. What of the cultural pull to gather at cemeteries, to march in and watch parades, to recall and celebrate the gift these people unintentionally made us? This is the greatest gift of all, that of one's life and future.

The sacrifice of so many lives across so many generations of Americans is typically framed as the cost of keeping America free and whole. Freedom is not free, as an exceptional epigrammist (look up the word) once said. But is it worth that price?

One argument in favor is based on outcomes. Winning the



Revolution, the Civil War and World War II made America, held it together and kept it safe. The battles for westward growth were probably inevitable given the pressure to expand, and ultimately likely for better than worse for the most people. Other wars may not have affected America's welfare as dramatically but have often shown our willingness to try to help others too. In every case when America wins, the rest of the world becomes more secure, too.

However, we do not subdivide our battle dead by war, theater, or era. They all mean the same. I think we are reminding ourselves of something deeper and more fundamental about life on this earth, especially about our lives as citizens of the freest and most democratic and opportunity-filled nation in history.

It is not just that our freedom is not free, but that this world

is not America anywhere but here. It is harsher, more divisive, and much more threatening than we ordinarily contemplate, much less experience. The cost of maintaining our country's way of life as hackneyed as that phrase has become, is constant vigilance and readiness to defend it. Being ready to defend it means finding that we often must, against dangers that our vigilance discovers.

The consequences of a world without guns or of being unwilling to use them are the same. The mighty prevail. America's gift that underpins Memorial Day is our willingness to use our Might on behalf of what we, sometimes uncertainly, see as Right, for ourselves and others.

America is a nation defined by its founding documents, such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United

States of America and the Bill of Rights and the history built upon them. It is the idea that those principles matter more than any one person's or any groups success, which makes it possible for more individuals of more groups than ever before to achieve their own, unique successes. It is the reality that we have something unequalled in the world that can only be maintained by fidelity to our exceptionalism in these ways.

And, finally, America is the people who are willing to uphold those values by giving of themselves to the fight for them. These include all of us who vote, respect our laws, and keep faithful to our founding ideals. They are all of us who care, who argue, who split apart and come together over how to continue to enact those ideals. And they are those of us who have given energy, toil, blood, and tears to provide for America's security. Many have done so, some more briefly than others, whose lives were given too soon.

Memorial Day reminds us of all this and that is what is good is not natural, automatic, or self-sustaining in a world that is amoral and disinterested in our survival, let alone our success. Many have stepped up to do their bit, and some gave their all, to ensure that our nation's good (and so each of ours) can survive and may thrive.

Memorial Day reminds us all what it takes to live in this world. May we always remember that. ■



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The Well Armed Women Tell How They Carried in 2020

It looks like real estate and concealed carry pistols have something in common—location, location, location. While deciding how to carry is a personal decision, it helps to know what nearly 6,000 other women were doing!

Whether you're ready to change up your concealed carry location for summer or you've just decided to start carrying, The Well Armed Woman's (TAW) most popular concealed carry locations in 2020 can give you an idea of where to start. While different holsters and positions are better for different circumstances and outfits, it's no surprise that the top holster for women last year was an inside the waistband (IWB).

IWB feels like the most natural and secure place to keep a firearm you could need at a moment's notice. Thirty-five percent of the more than 5,000 women surveyed carry their firearm in an IWB holster. This is great news, because IWB is an easy place to draw from and it keeps your firearm properly concealed.

Coming in a close second was purse carry at 32 percent. Although this method of carry has certain security considerations, if you have these 3 things, you can manage it safely. Summertime brings unique challenges to carrying concealed with fewer layers and lighter clothing, so a purse might be your only option to stay armed and safe.

The third most common place Well Armed Women carried their guns in



2020 was on their waist by means of a belly band or wrap holster. At 18 percent, it's a drop from the top two positions but still up 6.6 percent from two years ago. Belly bands require some extra practice, but with special concealed carry tops and other flowy options, it can be ideal for summer.

Next in popularity was an outside the waistband (OWB) holster—another great spot, just harder to conceal. A concealed carry tank top or underarm holster only makes up two percent, but this position can be a very comfortable option. Just remember to practice your draw in whatever outfit you wear over it!

The bra, pocket, leggings, thigh and undershorts holsters each represented one percent in this survey. These are niche carrying locations that you might use in a specific situation or

with a certain outfit. They all take some getting used to, but can be ultra-concealable options.

The ankle and fanny pack holsters both have less than one percent, but the more concealed carry options, the better! Every person has their own comfort, skill and commitment levels to carrying concealed. Remember to practice your draw at the range and in each specific outfit you wear. The most important thing to remember is that although these 5,000+ women have different carrying setups, they're all well-armed and staying safe.

Check out The Well Armed Woman site for additional “deeper dive” information on the women who participated in the 2020 survey. ■

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Opinion: The Science of ‘Systemic Racism’ in Law Enforcement

by Jim Collins

Last year, Joe Biden told a reporter that there absolutely is systemic racism in law enforcement in America. This statement runs counter to Mr. Biden’s recent memo in which he claimed that his administration would make decisions regarding law enforcement based on best available science and data.

However, a recent report conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (*Race and Ethnicity of Violent Crime Offenders and Arrestees, 2018*) published in January 2021 does not support that statement.¹

The report examined whether people of different races were arrested disproportionately to their involvement in crime. The report concluded that there was no significant difference by race between how likely people were to be arrested. Instead, the data suggests that police officers and sheriff’s deputies focus on a criminal’s actions—not his or her race.

To gather its raw data, the Bureau of Justice Statistics relied on interviews with 250,000 U.S. residents who were

the victims of a crime within the last six months—rather than relying on the information found in the police reports.

The report found that for the non-fatal violent crimes that the victims reported to police:

Whites accounted for 48% of offenders and 46% of arrestees. Blacks accounted for 35% of offenders and 33% of arrestees.

Asians accounted for 2% of offenders and 1% of arrestees.

The statistics exclude Hispanics, who are considered an ethnic group rather than a racial group. Hispanics made up 13% of offenders and 18% of arrestees. However, because some victims (about 10%) were unable to say if their assailants were Hispanic or not, it is likely that victims classified some Hispanics as white or Black, rather than Hispanic.

When focusing on more serious crimes—removing simple assault—whites made up 41% of offenders and 39% of arrestees; Blacks made up 43%

of offenders and 36% of arrestees; and Asians made up 2.5% of offenders and 1.5% of arrestees. These discrepancies are not statistically significant.

“These statistics don’t indicate that police officers are never racist. Individual officers, like people in any profession, run the gamut from laudable to deplorable,” said Anderson, in his opinion article. “But what they do show is that Mr. Biden’s claim of ‘systemic racism’ in American police forces is contrary to the best data we have on the subject.”

In other words, police are arresting the folks who are doing the crimes. It would be more accurate to refer to America as what it has always been—a land of justice! ■

¹ *This article echoes many of the opinions found in Jeffrey H. Anderson’s opinion article: Biden, Claiming ‘Systemic Racism’ in Policing, Defies Science that ran in the Wall Street Journal on March 5, 2021.*

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Stop, Drop and Roll: Expanding Your Situational Awareness Skills

Sometimes things don't go the way we've planned, so it's important to already have a plan in place.

One of the ways we prepare ourselves to deal with the unexpected is to learn a routine for coping ahead of time and reinforcing it in our memories with easy to remember acronyms or phrases. When I was in grade school, my fellow students and I were taught to “Stop, Drop & Roll” should our clothing ever catch on fire. Due to our natural Fight, Flight or Freeze responses, the typical reaction to burning is Flight, to run away from the heat. But running

fans the flames on burning clothes instead of putting them out. So we learn to override the Flight response to fire by mentally installing the Stop, Drop & Roll routine in its place. You may be wondering what childhood safety training has to do with adult concealed carry practices or situational awareness.

Recently I've been reviewing security camera and police footage of situations in which ordinary, everyday people have been caught up in dangerous public shootings. One of the things I've found to be most disturbing

in these destructive and wasteful incidents has been the footage of bystanders who literally just stand there as the bullets fly. While others hot foot it to the nearest exit or move to cover, some folks get that thousand-yard stare that says, “Does Not Compute.”

Are they locked into their Freeze response to danger? Are they in denial? Are they trying to decide to get out their phones and shoot a video? I can't say for sure. But what I do know is that they do not have a mental routine in place to help them when things





suddenly go sideways. So I would like to take the liberty of re-purposing the Stop, Drop & Roll drill to help us better develop our situational awareness skills.

Stop (Look & Listen)

The safety practice of “Stop, Look & Listen” comes into play when teaching our children how to properly cross the street. In fact, this behavior pattern is so deeply engrained by caregivers that it becomes nearly instinctual. It’s important because stepping off of the curb into traffic represents a critical transition point between two distinctly different environmental conditions. When we reach the curb, we stop moving forward momentarily. This gives us the time we need to look both

directions to verify the street is clear of moving traffic. We also use that time to listen for vehicles that may not be visible but are still headed our way. Once we know for ourselves that it’s safe to do so, we continue on our way. It’s a practice that only takes a few seconds out of our day but it can save us from grievous bodily harm or death. So here’s the good news: We’ve already been practicing the key elements of situational awareness (Stop, Look and Listen) for a life time. You actually developed this tactical skill set without even knowing it. But the problem is that we don’t use it as much as we should. What we need to do is expand it to include more of the transition points we typically cross throughout the day.

Criminals have a pretty good understanding of human nature. They know that we tend to get overly focused on our destinations instead of paying attention to where we are in the moment. This is especially true when we’re late for an appointment, distracted with mental checklists or walking and talking on the phone at the same time. That’s why criminals like to ambush their marks at transition points. These include transitioning from your home to your car, from your car into work, from work back to your car, from your car into the grocery store, and so on. So when you come to a doorway that represents a transition between two distinctly different environments, take a few seconds to stop (or at least

slow down a bit) look around the area for anything that seems off and listen before proceeding. Criminals prefer easy marks. If you look like a hard target (paying attention, looking around, moving deliberately, present in the moment), then you become far less appealing as a potential victim.

Drop (Your Expectations)

Things go wrong every day. That's not a pessimistic statement, it's simply true. In fact, most folks are competent crisis management experts when you think about it. We know what to do for a cut finger, a dead car battery, a leaky faucet, and so on. Where we tend to get mentally locked up or to panic is when we come across situations that are utterly foreign, frightening or so far outside the box of our expectations that they leave us in shock.

So, let's go ahead and acknowledge what we already know: Sometimes things don't go the way we've planned. This includes the possibility of a house fire, a serious car accident, dangerous weather conditions and a potentially life threatening encounter with an assailant in otherwise familiar and friendly surroundings.

One option is to cling to our expectations and deny that bad things happen to good people, another is to live in fear of the world. But the best option is to prepare ourselves ahead of time with knowledge, tools and resources to help us through tough situations. We buy fire extinguishers and check the wiring around the house. We wear seatbelts when driving and stock up on canned goods and extra flashlight batteries ahead of the storm season. And we develop a self

defense plan which includes proper training and practicing situational awareness.

Remember, accepting that things go wrong is not the same thing as expecting them to go wrong. If you haven't seen it before, I highly recommend taking a few minutes to look up and learn more about Jeff Cooper's situational awareness "Color Code" system. He's very clear in pointing out that being mentally present and prepared in case of danger is not the same thing as living in a constant state of fear.

& Roll (Move, Move, Move!)

In the movie World War Z (2013) the United Nations investigator played by Brad Pitt sums up this topic neatly when he says in Spanish, "Movimiento es vida", which means "Because movement is life." The moment you

realize things you're in danger, start moving away from the source of danger as quickly as the situation will allow.

In self-defense circles this is referred to as "getting off the mark." Movement provides all kinds of benefits in defensive situations. It creates distance between us and the threat. Distance increases our safety level and can provide more time to think and react. If we're moving we can go through the exit, move to cover or get into another room where we can barricade the door. If the situation requires the attention of law enforcement officials then wait to start dialing them until you've reached safety. Get away and then make the call. ■

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No Entry: Public Access Denied, Public Outrage Silenced

by Carl Gottstein

Are you happy with New York's leadership? As for me, it is hard to imagine a more dystopian situation. Many thousands of New Yorkers tragically and unnecessarily died during the last two unprecedented legislative cycles. This was directly caused by the actions of our elected officials—as New York's vibrant cauldron of ideas was intentionally reduced to one-voice, one-man rule. One man's responsibility. For two years, we lived under this contrived tyranny in New York state. Let that sink in!

All the actions Gov. Andrew Cuomo took were enabled by the democrat majority who abdicated their responsibility to check the governor's brutal draconian actions. Some, like me, would say it has been that way since Andy took office.

As Tom King laid it out in his President's Message, anti-gun laws passing legislative muster and being signed into law in Albany simply would not happen under a GOP majority. A boat load of tyranny is being doled out as democracy—it is disguised as one closed off and very insulated man.

Our state Legislature in its wisdom bestowed upon Gov. Cuomo emergency powers—and with that the public's ability to influence and impact public policy has since waned to its lowest point in living memory. As of this writing, he still is king and he may have just bestowed more emergency powers upon himself. Not only has this one very flawed person held complete control over New York's byzantine policy and enormous spending, outrageously he denied

public access to our state legislative body and to his own inner sanctum on the second floor of the legislative office building for nearly two years. And now, tyrannical thoughts of authoritarian power that were expressed behind closed doors are now coming to light.

Like a steam roller, Andrew Cuomo pushed, flipped, then flopped on questionable and blatantly thoughtless *smart* executive orders and called draconian economic shots for millions of employees, business owners and property owners—with no thought or relief to the suffering, loss and cost. Then, he refused to acknowledge the consequences of his actions in real time! And, as a matter of course, this administration stonewalls Freedom of Information Law requests.

On his watch, we had riots in the streets, and nothing was done about it. Except for the innocent people who lost friends and relatives, and our community's property, few people faced any consequences for their actions. If caught and arrested, looters were let out immediately with zero bail and their cases were dropped eventually.

As our governor hid behind armed guards in Albany, New York City and other New York cities were ransacked as many New Yorkers stood helpless due to conditions resulting from expensive and byzantine laws and restrictions including the "Safe Act" nonsense—and no, we are not safer. Many of us are sitting ducks!

And, he is not done! Cuomo's latest *emergency* power grab looks to make

manufacturing, distributing, and purchasing firearms in New York state a thing of the past. If it goes unchallenged, it will likely put all firearms manufacturing out of business because of the lawsuits that will eventually bankrupt the entire industry. I say all this without hesitation and with total conviction, this is the writing on the wall. New York Democrats *are* coming for the entire firearms industry! If the manufacturers are sued out of business, and the gun owners are sued out of business for selling them, and if no one will insure you, how will anyone buy a new gun? New ammunition is right behind.

Mr. Cuomo wrote a self-congratulatory COVID-19 book, conducted a book tour on TV and,



while broadly grinning, took a thousand horribly cringeworthy bows. Cuomo profited over \$5 million on the pandemic—while New Yorkers mourned those who lay dying and dead due to the conditions Cuomo’s executive orders directly created. Conditions that inflated the numbers of dead and exasperated a horrifying situation. For this alone, Andy Cuomo should be hounded to the end of his political career.

Currently, this administration is—and it seems it always has been—the subject of criminal inquires. His closest *brother* stands convicted for acknowledged acts of public corruption at the highest levels of state government.

This (and more) is true, but I believe the worst part is that Democrats

contrived actions enforced the inability of New York’s people to look our legislators in the eyes to demand important reforms and much needed change.

We have a right to meet with and confront our representatives—especially when we are looking to demand the governor’s impeachment.

A few of the hundreds of Cuomo’s power-tripping executive orders amounted to criminal negligence. If not for the closed doors at the L.O.B., Cuomo could have been confronted in the halls of power and his orders reversed. Instead it took months for some of his actions to be stopped, and this delay cost thousands of lives.

Cuomo failed to protect our state’s most vulnerable populations, the

people in state care! Cuomo was directly responsible for their safety during the pandemic, and tragically, he continues in this role today. Several thousand seniors and adults in state care died unnecessarily due to his *leadership* and he said, “blame me” and I do, I blame him.

I hold Andy Cuomo personally responsible for his collective decisions. Will you stand with the families of the people who died on his abysmal watch? Demand his impeachment!

And, let’s not forget New York’s attorney general slow walking an investigation of the governor’s boorish criminality around the office. It’s all just too much—just ask the female staff members the AG interviewed. Nine women, and counting, made





#MeToo complaints against the governor.

Fire the bum!

We the people have had enough of Cuomo. Recent polls show his presence is unwelcome in Albany and most of the people polled want him gone, but the legislative majority has failed to hear our message. Being excluded from the people's direct presence may have had something to do with it. Now, it is long past time they hear from us. Will you make a call? If you are able send a fax and jam that message box, please do so ... or show up in Albany!

If you had reason to visit Albany to see your legislator recently you know the facts: You have been barred from entry. Now, while doors are open, let us remind them that we want our Second Amendment rights protected! Remind them you expect them to meet with your peers in the Second Amendment community! Remind them to never again bar the public from entry! If a Walmart employee can safely see me, so can my representative. Democracy dies in darkness.

Cuomo continuously has failed to protect and defend New York's or America's Constitutions, and no one has been organized and strong enough to put him in check. Our legislative majorities abdicated their roles two years ago, and elite Democrats are complicit and lazy enabling his abject failure. Meanwhile, the body politic on social media are admitting his gubernatorial criminality may amount to crimes against humanity.

We need to elect new leadership in Albany. Its starts now, with all of us

uniting behind one very serious and duly qualified candidate.

Something must be done to ensure the toxic idea of public exclusion from our legislative bodies does not become a recurring go-to plan. Let us not let them eliminate or further restrict direct public access to our representatives. In times of stress, we need more access, not less! Public access to our representatives should not be infringed.

Albany's elite do not seem to respect the inalienable power *we* as citizens of this great Republic received as our birthright. Remind them who owns the place. Albany's elite seem to believe we are subjects to be dictated to—it's time to remind them who is boss!

Albany, Buffalo, Rome, Utica, Long Island and New York City are up for grabs. Are you going to help make great things happen? If not now? When? If not you? Who?

And, to reiterate Tom King: Join, volunteer, donate and get involved in saving our great state and stand tall with it this God-blessed Republic. That is the only way we can keep it!

Make your voice heard! ■

Meet the Newest Member of the Family

Brenda Leder retired, and she has moved back to Washington state to be with her family. While we will all miss her, life goes on—and so does the work of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association.

Please welcome Nancy Lewandusky a pro-gun and conservative mother of four boys who has stepped in with hardly a missed beat. Strangely enough, Nancy was also raised in Washington state, but we will not hold that against her because she is not from Seattle. Besides her family and the NYSRPA, Nancy enjoys camping, walking and plinking, and it amazes me that she finds time to do anything else.

Nancy will be at the Syracuse Gun Show, please stop by and welcome her to the NYSRPA family. ■





Home Defense is a Family Affair



To look at the issue of home defense as a matter of only dealing with bad guys is to fail to understand the matter. While protecting your home and family from crooks is certainly important, it is equally important to have a home-defense plan that covers fire, natural disaster and any other situation that might affect the safety of your loved ones. Building the home-defense plan should involve the entire family.

Too often, we think that home defense is the man's job. Others are smart enough to involve their wives in such serious matters. But the truth is that you should also involve the children in the planning. You might be surprised at the good ideas that

kids can come up with. Regardless, your 5-year-old needs to know that the plan is...for example, if she wakes up and smells smoke, she is supposed to go out her bedroom window and run to the neighbor's house (where prior arrangements have been made).

In the case of a tornado, hurricane or earthquake, everyone needs to know where the safest places in the house are and that they should go there. And these are locations that should be agreed upon ahead of time. Does everyone know where the home fire extinguishers are? Do they know how to operate them?

In the case of a home invasion, do the family members have places to hide? Do you know where those places are?

And even small children, with a little help, can learn how to dial 9-1-1.

When emergencies occur, it is not the time to try to slap together some sort of plan. People can get confused. And, frankly, there often isn't enough time. Knowing what the plan is ahead of time gives the family member some confidence in being able to deal with it. The family member, parent or child, can say, "They told me that this might happen and I know just what to do about it."

Having a plan builds confidence. Having a plan builds family unity. And having a plan saves lives. ■

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New York: Cuomo Declares Gun Violence State of Emergency

Remember when Gov. Andrew Cuomo told everyone the SAFE Act was going to make New York streets safer? Well that didn't work out too well and neither will his latest attempt to deflect attention from years of failed criminal justice policies. Today, the Governor announced he is declaring a gun violence state of emergency. How can there be a gun violence state of emergency in New York when the state has, arguably, the harshest gun laws in the country?

The answer is simple: Gov. Cuomo and the Democrat controlled Legislature have not only failed to fix the problem, they have made it worse!

Their catch-and-release "bail reform" and defunding of law enforcement has resulted in New York crime hitting historic levels, and somehow he can blame—with a straight face—gun manufacturers. The Governor has spent his entire tenure coddling criminals and harassing law-abiding New York gun owners. It should come as no surprise that crime has spiraled out of control.

Gov. Cuomo indicated he is signing S.7196, by Sen. Zellnor Myrie (D). That bill would make it easier to sue gun manufacturers, despite federal protections adopted years ago under the federal Protection of Lawful

Commerce in Arms Act. Instead of taking responsibility for failed legislation coming out of Albany, the scapegoating continues.

NRA has spent decades fighting these bills in Albany. Gov. Cuomo has been in office for over a decade, and he has had every opportunity to get it right. He has failed miserably, and today was nothing more than a doubling-down on more of the same failed politics. ■

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New York: Lawmakers Wrap Up Their ‘Closed’ 2021 Session

Virtually nothing has been “open” in New York for over a year, including the work of politicians in Albany. For months, lawmakers have huddled in obscurity, working on legislation at a Statehouse which remained shuttered to the public for the duration. Fortunately, late last week, the New York Legislature wrapped up its regular 2021 session, and it’s that annual time of year when law-abiding gun owners can release a cautious sigh of relief and assess the damage. This session, the shadow cast by COVID afforded them some useful cover while trampling on the rights of law-abiding New Yorkers.

Several gun control bills were passed this session. New York already has some of the harshest gun laws in the country, so much of what they did was limited to simply pandering to their hard Left base. For example, two bills that passed, S.13A and S.14A, dealt with “ghost guns,” an invented term. What these bills actually do is go after hobbyists; they will have zero impact on the crime that is currently ravaging the state. Other asinine bills that were adopted include a couple of toy gun bills (S.7152 and S.687) and a bill that establishes a firearm violence research institute (S.2981) – in other words, a taxpayer funded propaganda department.

Anti-gun politicians also defied federal law, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which protects the industry against frivolous lawsuits, by passing S.7196/A.6772.



This legislation declares gun violence a public nuisance and scapegoats gun dealers rather than holding actual criminals responsible. In all, over a dozen gun bills were passed through at least one chamber.

In a bit of good news, S.4116/A7926 (microstamping) failed to advance in either chamber despite coming out of committee. This “technology” is completely unworkable and would amount to nothing more than a ban on the sale of new, traditional handguns. Another bad bill which failed to advance was S.1235 which would have created a 10-day waiting period to transfer a firearm. While this bill passed the Senate, the Assembly failed to adopt it. This legislation was so outrageous that it was one of the few gun control bills that actually had bipartisan opposition.

Despite the sinking ship in Albany, NRA-ILA will fight these battles until the bitter end. Thank you to all the NRA members who responded to our alerts and called their legislators to express opposition. Please continue to watch these alerts for the latest news. In the coming months, the NRA-supported case *NYSRPA v. Corlett* will be heard by the Supreme Court of the United States. This case is challenging New York’s failure to recognize self-defense outside the home by requiring a showing of “proper cause” for issuance of concealed carry permits. This important case could have widespread implications for the Second Amendment in New York and beyond. ■

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Nancy's Corner

by Nancy Lewandusky

Hello NYSRPA community!

I am the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association's new office manager. I will be sharing with you the latest happenings, updates, final reminders and some historical reflections in a new feature of *Bullet* magazine called *Nancy's Corner*.

And, I look forward to meeting you on the road at gun shows, when you stop by NYSRPA H.Q., or at NYSRPA sponsored events! Let me start by telling you all a little bit about myself.

My name is Nancy Lewandusky, and I am 41 years old. I was born in Bennington, Vt., and raised in Cherry Plain, N.Y. After high school, I moved to Seattle, Wash., and I lived out west until 2009.

Ultimately, I returned home to New York and I settled in Grafton. My husband, Frank, is a councilman on the town board in Grafton, and we have four boys—ranging in age from 9 years old to 2 years old—Ryder, Bryce, Fysher and Wylder, respectively.

I take being a parent seriously. One of the reasons I chose to come into this line of work was to ensure that my children would be able to exercise their Second Amendment right to own and carry a firearm when they are of legal age to do so. It is also important to me that they not only learn what their rights are, but to fight for their rights, too. I want my children to not only advocate for themselves and their families, but to advocate for those who feel like they have no voice! It is our duty to teach our children the difference between right and wrong and guide their growth into productive outstanding individuals in society.

In addition to being a parent of four rambunctious boys, I work a full-time job, sit on the board of trustees as secretary of Grafton Community Library, and I am an active member on the women's auxiliary for Grafton. I also make custom cakes in my free time ... life is busy. It is not easy, but if I were looking for easy, let's face it I would not have had four children.

I enjoy being busy and getting the best I can out of life. I hope my time at NYSRPA is full of victories.

As part of my first column, I also wanted to add a little bit of local history, which coincides with a bit of my family history.

Gordon "Gunny" Gundrum of Grafton, N.Y., is my uncle on my biological father's side of the family. Gunny is a huge part of our local history.

On Aug. 28, 1958, a young 20-year-old Cpl. Gunny Gundrum had the then Quick Lunch ship its famous hot dogs to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia for the U.S. Ambassador's 54th birthday calling it Operation Hot Dog. The news of the operation would make local and national newspapers.

Quick Lunch would go on to change its name to Famous Lunch and it continues to ship its products throughout the U.S., and around the world today.

Gunny also was a part of an important historical event of which we are all familiar. On Aug. 28, 1963, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., gave his famous "I have a dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.—a rally that would gather around 260,000 people.



Assigned as a National Park Service ranger to guard dignitaries gathered on the steps of the memorial, Gunny was present for this historical event. This life-changing event, which was part of a greater movement, made Gunny realize that everyone has unalienable rights. And, I grew up with great regard and respect for his service to this great country!

Lastly, I want to remind you that just like the high-power politicians we are up against, money is the life's blood of civil rights advocacy. Please remember to donate what you can. We need your continued support to carry on and win the good fight!

In addition to donations, we also can use your help at gun shows. If you are aware of a gun show—at which NYSRPA will be attending—and you can volunteer to help, please call me at the office at (518) 272-2654.

I look forward to serving the NYSRPA membership for many years to come. ■

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