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RKBA CUTTING EDGE OF FREEDOM MOVEMENT

"I'll keep my guns, freedom and money...you can keep the change," proclaimed signs carried by peaceful citizens protesting government activity last month during marches in Washington, D.C. and throughout the nation.

Firearm owners – and about 100 million of us own about 200 million rifles, shotguns and handguns – literally are up in arms.

Gun owners are disgusted with Obama's nomination of anti-gun activist Eric Holder as Attorney General of the United States, disgusted that the Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid of Nevada, ushered his nomination to successful confirmation in the Senate.

Gun owners are disgusted that Holder officially has called for reinstitution of the failed Clinton era ban on semiautomatic firearms.

Gun owners are incensed that Obama has called for Senate ratification of CIFTA, another Clinton era initiative, the proposed Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials.

If ratified, this treaty could be used by international bureaucrats to undermine and subvert the traditional, individual Second Amendment civil right to keep and bear arms of law-abiding American citizens.

Gun owners and people generally who affirm a right to self-defense are appalled that Obama's first nominee to the United States Supreme Court, now Justice Sonia Sotomayor, testified during her Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearings that she did not know whether or not a citizen enjoys a right to self-defense.

People also were disgusted that Nevada's Harry Reid ushered this nomination through the Senate to confirmation.

When Americans gathered on the National Mall last month in our nation's Capital, reports regarding the size of the crowd varied. Some indicated there were 75,000 to 80,000 people. Others indicated there were at least 100,000. Still others indicated the number to be as high as two million.

In addition to that, an untold number of Americans gathered in cities and towns throughout the United States to voice their opposition to gun control policies and other government policies inimical to human freedom.

The message of the time is clear. Americans are fed up with gun-grabbing, freedom-gutting politicians and media personalities who espouse big government policies and programs.

For years, CCRKBA has been battling these policies, programs, politicians and media personalities, is doing so now, and will continue to do so. We need your help. We ask you to support us as best you can.

ANTI-GUN ACTIVITY DOOMED SEATTLE MAYOR, SAYS CCRKBA

Gun owners in Seattle, Washington can take much credit for the ouster of that city's anti-gun mayor, Greg Nickels, in a late August primary election, CCRKBA said.

Nickels, who rose to prominence as an anti-gun spokesman and is current president of the United States Conference of Mayors, conceded that he had lost his bid for a third term. He came in behind two political newcomers in a primary vote.

The people "want a new generation of leadership," said Nickels.

CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb noted that when Nickels came in third in Seattle's "Top Two" primary, this showed that voters were fed up with his bully pulpit style, and perhaps more than anything else, his arrogance. Gottlieb said no single episode has better underscored Nickels' haughtiness than the mayor's open defiance of Washington State law that denied him the authority to set up the city's own restrictive gun laws.

"When the mayor announced last year that he would ban legally-carried firearms from city property when he knew it would be contrary to the state's preemption statute," Gottlieb recalled, "it made tens of thousands of Seattle gun owners furious. Nickels insulted their intelligence by promising to ban guns by executive order, which is the height of municipal contempt for the rights of citizens under the state Constitution. He literally threw away their votes."

CCRKBA Communications Director Dave Workman wrote that Nickels lost "because he's spent the last 14 months waging a quiet war on gun rights and Washington State's model preemption statute. He had threatened to ban all firearms, including

those legally carried by citizens licensed to pack concealed handguns, not to mention the growing cadre of citizens who carry openly, from city property by executive order. Advised he lacked the authority, he promised to do it, anyway.

"His jets apparently cooled a bit, Nickels still has instituted questionable lease requirements for anyone holding an event on city property. They must ban firearms from these events. He's making event organizers his proxy gun ban enforcers, a requirement they have no authority to enforce."

CCRKBA Projects Director Thomas McKiddie, a resident of West Seattle, said he and his gun-owning fellow Seattleites had simply had enough of the mayor's condescension toward their rights to be safe on city streets, in parks and on other public property.

"I don't know a single gun owner in Seattle who voted for Nickels," McKiddie said. "After he threatened an executive order, he lost the nerve to actually issue one because he knew he would lose that fight in court. Instead, he included gun prohibitions in use contracts for the Seattle Center and other venues. He knew a citywide ban would be unenforceable, and his ouster demonstrates that Seattle gun owners were having none of it."

Gottlieb said "we hope this sends a message to Nickels' successor that stirring the rath of gun owners is a mistake. The primary result in Seattle should stand as a warning to other mayors who signed on with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to trample the firearms rights of their constituents.

"Mayors are not monarchs. They

are not above the law. Greg Nickels is going to have a long time to think about that, as he watches this election from the sidelines."

The two candidates who came out ahead of Nickels will face each other in the general election. They are Mike McGinn, a neighborhood activist and local Sierra Club leader, and Joe Mallahan, a T-Mobile executive.



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GOTTLIEB HITS MSNBC FOR DECEPTIVE EDITING

CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb placed into MSNBC in late August for certain broadcast practices.

Gottlieb, also founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, accused the television company of using deceptively-edited video from a Phoenix, Arizona anti-tax rally to invent a racial stereotype in its ongoing efforts on demonize and marginalize American firearms owners as "racists."

The MSNBC video was narrated by Contessa Brewer, appearing with "Morning Meeting" host Dylan Ratigan. It showed an AR-15 rifle being carried over a man's shoulder. The man was part of a crowd protesting near the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. President Barack Obama spoke at the convention.

On camera, Brewer noted that, "Yes, there are Second Amendment rights, for sure, but also there are questions about whether this has a racial overtone. I mean, here you have a man of color in the presidency and white people showing up with guns strapped to their waists."

Gottlieb said: "What MSNBC purposely did not reveal with the deliberately doctored video is that the man carrying that sport-utility rifle was an African-American. MSNBC knows the man was black, yet all they showed in a brief film clip was a close-up of the rifle against the man's neatly-pressed dress shirt. It was impossible to tell the man's race."

Gottlieb stated: "This is a detestable attempt to manipulate public sentiment in MSNBC's continuing effort to perpetuate a stereotype of gun owners as white racists. It even was suggested during the segment

by MSNBC culture critic Toure that it would not be surprising 'if we see somebody get a chance and take a chance and really try to hurt' the president.

"By irresponsibly fomenting this kind of racial divisiveness through the use of carefully-edited video, MSNBC is not simply reporting news, it is provoking a reaction. If any harm comes to the president, MSNBC's hate-mongering should be blamed."

In a sarcastic twist, Gottlieb said he wondered if MSNBC talk show host "Keith Olberman is going to name MSNBC as the worst news network in the world."

In other MSNBC coverage of the carrying of firearms by citizens near public events at which the president is speaking, Gottlieb told "Hardball" host Chris Matthews that the open carrying of firearms at such a venue "is not the time or place for it. I'm not for disallowing them to do so. I just don't think it's politically intelligent. I would like to see gun owners think twice before they go to a rally like that with a firearm strapped on. It doesn't necessarily put our best face forward."

Gottlieb clearly believes firearm owners have an opportunity to present a mature and responsible public image of gun ownership by their public behavior. He does not think unnecessarily provocative open-carry actions result in the creation of a positive public perception of law-abiding gun ownership. "I don't like gun owners running around with the T-shirts saying 'Kill Them All and Let God Sort Them Out,'" he says. "If someone from the media is at a gun show, that's the kind of

person they're going to put on TV."

Commenting on the Arizona incident, columnists Floyd and Mary Beth Brown observed that it "prompted the media to erroneously pronounce the opponents of Obama care as racist rednecks. A young man named Chris wore an AR-15 slung over his shoulder with a 9 mm pistol strapped on his hip. Roughly a dozen others were also carrying firearms with Chris outside an Obama appearance in Arizona. Earlier, these individuals coordinated their right to openly carry firearms with the Phoenix Police Department. They deliberately did this to show the country that the Phoenix police are very supportive of their right to keep and bear arms. The elitist media missed the point and went ballistic..."

"The liberal media conveniently ignore that in 2000 at one of George W. Bush's events, Black Panthers demonstrated while carrying firearms. The Black Panthers actually have a history of murder and violence in contrast to the Phoenix demonstrators. The Panthers, just as newsworthy, created no buzz at the time. They should have been referenced in light of recent events by these talking heads."

The Browns wrote that, "These liberal media elites outraged by gun-bearing citizens at Obama events have probably never used a gun in real life. Chris Matthews, Rick Sanchez, Contessa Brewer and the rest who assume guns represent violence don't likely own a firearm. Most Americans don't see firearms as a symbol of violence. Like our Founding Fathers, they see them as a tool for personal protection."

CCRKBA DIRECTOR ANALYZES HARLEM SELF-DEFENSE ACTION

Dave Workman, CCRKBA Communications Director, wrote recently about a highly publicized self-defense shooting in the Harlem section of New York City.

Workman noted *New York Post* columnist Andrea Peyser, who admitted she “detests guns,” also acknowledged that the man who used a gun in self-defense “had an absolute right to defend his property. He had a moral right to protect his beaten employee.”

Workman reported Peyser “was writing about a Harlem shootout that left two men dead and two more badly wounded and facing charges; a seemingly one-sided gun battle that was taking on the proportions of legend among crime-weary New Yorkers because the guys who got killed and wounded clearly had it coming.

“The man who shot them, 72-year old Charles ‘Gus’ Augusto, Jr., is a businessman who did the right thing, in a city where taking action with a gun to save innocent lives all-too-often lands someone in trouble with the law. Even Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, who has never seemed any fan of the right to bear arms, said Augusto acted in self-defense.”

Dave Workman noted, “They talked about the shooting on MSNBC and Fox News, and in the pages of the *Post* and *New York Daily News*.”

He noted also “some of the reporting was alarming...but from this woman who hates guns came this gem as she declared what Augusto did that afternoon after one of the thugs pistol-whipped an employee, and another appar-

ently aimed a gun at one of Gus’ cashiers: ‘But Augusto had an absolute right to protect his property. He had a moral right to protect his beaten employee.’

“Bravo for Ms. Peyser, who appears to have arrived at a moment of genuine clarity. Lethal self-defense is moral – a fact so logical that I used it to headline a chapter in my 2007 book with Alan Gottlieb, *America Fights Back: Armed Self-Defense in a Violent Age*.”

However, thinks Workman, “far too many of Peyser’s contemporaries adhere to a simplistic philosophy that guns are just plain bad, self-defense is too risky, and only police can protect us from violent criminals. It is the sort of hoplophobic nonsense that gets people killed while they wait for help that isn’t coming in time, or that isn’t coming at all.

“It is, perhaps, a philosophy shared by Milwaukee, Wisconsin Mayor Tom Barrett, whose intervention in a situation after he left the Wisconsin State Fair with members of his family resulted in cuts, bruises and a broken hand after he was beaten by a 20-year-old-man using a metal pipe. Barrett lobbied against a concealed carry statute in Wisconsin a couple of years ago. Wisconsin is one of only two states with no carry law on the books.”

From this altercation, Workman wrote, “Barrett broke his hand punching the guy, but his opponent clearly had him out-armed. The suspect has been arrested. Any private citizen in the same situation would fare little better, unless they were legally armed. Guns have actually been great deterrents to violence – thugs have been scared off by the

mere sight of a firearm – and when a life threatening situation does develop, it is better to have a gun that you can use in self-defense, rather than helplessly face a gun being used on you and other innocents.”

According to reports, Barrett confronted the man and tried to calm him. When Barrett took out his cell phone, the suspect attacked him, authorities said.

“What Barrett did was commendable, of course,” noted Workman, “but it might not have been necessary had he been armed. He might easily have held the guy at gunpoint quietly until the cops arrived, as many a law-abiding gun owner has done in similar situations where sensible laws recognize that the right to bear arms means that arms may be carried.

“In Augusto’s case, he clearly had no choice but to use his shotgun. The bad guys had beaten one employee and appeared ready to shoot another, according to some accounts. In such a situation, one does not have the luxury of waiting for the police. This is not ‘taking the law into one’s own hands’ as it is so often described by editorialists. Augusto acted within the confines of the oldest law there is, the law of self-preservation.”

Convinced “there is no doubt that Augusto didn’t want to shoot these guys, much less kill two of them,” Workman wrote, “they called the play, not him. His slate is clean...”

“A gun may be a tool for good... lethal force is justifiable against pure evil.”

OPPOSITE ACTS ON GUNS HIGHLIGHT RIGHTS ISSUE

In Washington, D.C., Sen. Daniel K. Akaka (HI), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, reported S. 669, the proposed Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act, to the Senate. Introduced by Sen. Richard Burr (NC) with the support of a number of cosponsors, the bill seeks to remedy the legal disability placed on certain veterans regarding the acquisition and possession of firearms because of certain temporary difficulties experienced by them while in the service of their country.

S. 669 would provide that such a person who is mentally incapacitated, deemed mentally incompetent or experiencing an extended loss of consciousness shall not be considered adjudicated as a mental defective

under certain federal law without the order or finding of a judge, magistrate or other judicial authority of competent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself or others.

Its companion in the House of Representatives, H.R. 2547, was introduced in that body by Reps. Jerry Moran (KS) and Ciro Rodriguez (TX) and referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

From the other side of the country, gun control advocate Garen Wintemute of the University of California (Davis) argued for greater regulation of gun shows in "Inside Gun Shows: What Goes On When Everybody Thinks Nobody's Watching," a screed disguised as a study.

It promotes a crackdown on gun

shows to cut down on sales between private individuals as a crime fighting measure.

As CCRKBA Legislative Director Joe Waldron notes the piece's executive summary itself states that the proportion of all gun sales nationwide that occurs at gun shows is relatively small; most sales at gun shows involve licensed retailers (FFLs); private party sales at gun shows account for a relatively small percentage of sales in the United States; and licensed retailers (FFLs) probably are the primary source of crime guns acquired at gun shows.

The move against gun shows, says Waldron, is for "de facto gun registration, not keeping guns out of the hands of criminals."

CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

The election of Barack Obama as President of the United States has triggered a firestorm of activity on the part of law-abiding gun owners. Legitimate concerns about the passage of gun control legislation have caused a spike in sales of firearms and ammunition since last November.

Fears of new or reintroduced gun control legislation have spread across the internet. In most cases, these are credible warnings of proposed or impending gun laws. But we are also seeing unfounded rumors or exaggerations being spread without proper fact-checking before they are passed on. A good example of this is the case of "SB 2099," an alleged bill that would require gun owners to list their handguns on their annual IRS tax return, AND pay a \$50 tax per handgun.

Like all great lies, this one is built around a kernel of truth: S. 2099 was filed in the U.S. Senate -- in February 2001. It was assigned to a committee, where it died. There is no current, pending legislation (as this is written) that would impose such a reporting requirement or tax.

If a warning comes from a recognized gun rights advocacy organization, you can count on it to be accurate. If it's something that you heard from a friend of a friend of a friend, take a moment to check it out. Specific federal bill numbers can be researched at the Congressional web site at <http://thomas.loc.gov>. Most states have similar legislative web sites where state bills may be researched. If you still have questions about a bill, call us at (425) 454-4911 and ask.

If you have some more specific questions about a bill, call your U.S. Representative or at least one of your two U.S. Senators, or your state Representative or state Senator, and ask. Their telephone numbers may be found in the blue "Government" pages of your telephone directory.

GUN RIGHTS ADVOCATE NAMED CCRKBA DEFENDER

Mike Stollenwerk, a gun rights activist and U.S. Army retired veteran located in the Washington, D.C. area, is the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month for October.

In nominating Stollenwerk for the Award, John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, said "Mike has repeatedly demonstrated his articulate and incisive capability in defending Americans' gun rights against various opponents. In so doing he certainly has shown he deserves the recognition implicit in the conferral of this Award."

Stollenwerk recently criticized columnist Bill Moyers, a senior writer at the Public Broadcasting System, for editorially equating gun ownership with violent crime.

"As in most anti-gun rhetoric," notes Stollenwerk, "Moyers forgets to note that there are millions of defensive uses of guns each year which save lives. Moyers also ignores peer reviewed studies from Harvard and elsewhere consistently finding that neither the overall degree of gun ownership in a community nor the lack of gun control regulations are correlated with higher criminal and suicide death rates inside or outside the United States."

Stollenwerk noted in showing the illogic of Moyers and others who blame guns for deaths caused by the misuse of guns that, "Every year there are over 40,000 car deaths and 10 million car assaults. Cars don't kill people, they say. People kill people. True. People kill people – with cars. Enough's enough."

Stollenwerk also blasted travel writer Arthur Frommer for advocat-

ing a travel boycott for the entire state of Arizona because Arizona permits law-abiding citizens to carry firearms.

Frommer wrote that, "I will not personally travel in a state where civilians carry loaded weapons onto the sidewalks."

He stated that, "I not only believe such practices are a threat to the future of our democracy, but I am firmly convinced that they would also endanger my personal safety there. And therefore I will cancel any plans to vacation or otherwise visit in Arizona until I learn more. And I will begin thinking about whether tourists should safeguard themselves by avoiding stays in Arizona."

Stollenwerk wrote in response that Frommer "is basically telling Americans not to travel in, well, 'most of America.' I don't want to have an online 'macaca moment' here and use the term 'real America' but well, let's get real: outside of New York, Chicago, and Washington, D.C., us mere 'civilians' (including the police, who are also civilians) can pretty much own and carry guns anywhere we want, sidewalks and all, from Pittsburgh to Seattle and most parts in between.

"And why pick on Arizona? After all, Arizona is just like most states where folks can legally open carry guns without any permit, and can carry concealed guns if they have the proper permit. Is Mr. Frommer also going to urge a travel boycott of the entire inter-Mountain American West where folks can legally carry concealed guns in their vehicles without any permit from Canada to old Mexico? What about Florida and the East Coast? Motorists on I-95 can freely carry guns in their vehicles

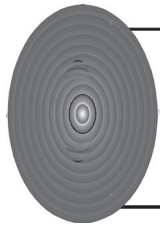
from Virginia all the way down to the Conch Republic without any permit, and all of those states issue and recognize permits to carry concealed guns while on foot as well, meaning it's highly unlikely that anyone can walk more than 20 paces even on Ocean Drive near Wet Willies or the South Beach promenade without brushing past a fellow American legally carrying a concealed weapon."

Stollenwerk wrote also a new phobia "has arisen over the last few years that afflicts some elected officials: pistolgriphobia, the unnatural fear of pistol grips on otherwise ordinary looking guns. In a few states, state legislatures have gone so far as to say that a rifle or shotgun with a pistol grip is an 'assault weapon,' requiring special registration, or perhaps banned from private ownership."

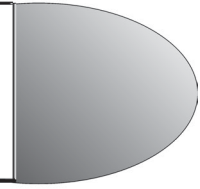
After spending 20 years in the United States Army, Mike entered the Georgetown University Law Center, and now has nearly completed there his preparation for a Juris Doctor degree. He already has an MBA in Economics and Financial Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Sloan School of Management, and a BS in Economics from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

When Mike left the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, his selected training had included Airborne School, Air Assault School, Armored Cavalry Officer Basic Course, and Infantry Officer Advanced Course.

Mike was coordinator of current operations analysis at the Center for Army Analysis re Operations Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.



QUICK SHOTS



There's more indication that the United States truly is gun country. Data released last month by the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) reported 1,074,757 checks in August 2009, a 12.3 percent increase from the 956,872 reported for August 2008, according to AmmoLand.com. So far, that is about 9,076,205 guns bought this year. Probably, the total figure is higher as NICS background checks may cover the purchase of more than one firearm at a time. According to the report, most of the buying has been concentrated on semiautomatic handguns, revolvers, AR15s and all variants of the Black Rifle, and .50 caliber firearms.



Recent developments show that civilians may need firearms for protecting themselves and loved ones from terrorist attacks on people in "soft" target areas. "Terrorists are aiming for hotels and other easier-to-hit targets as security measures at military and government facilities continue to improve, says a global intelligence agency," reports Richard Lardner of the Associated Press. "Al-Qaida is changing from a centralized organization with global goals to 'franchises' with more parochial aims and strong grass-roots support, according to a report from Stratfor. These smaller cells get less training and less money, so they set their sights lower. That doesn't mean they aren't dangerous, 'particularly if they are attempting to prove their value or if they are able to link up

with someone who is highly tactically skilled,' the report says."



University of Chicago law professor Cass R. Sunstein, anti-gun President Barack Hussein Obama's nominee to head the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, stated during a lecture on October 23, 2007, just two years ago, that, "the individual right to bear arms reflects the success of an extremely aggressive and resourceful social movement and has much less to do with good standard legal argument than (it) appears," reported *The Washington Times*. The newspaper editorialized that Sunstein's "overt hostility to the idea that the Constitution protects an individual right to bear arms, including for purposes of self-defense, is not something that should be welcomed from somebody whose job might entail weighing in on the value of anti-gun regulations."



Police said an intruder was shot during an attempted break-in at a Northland apartment complex in Kansas City, Missouri early one morning last month, reported KMBC.com. Officers were called to the complex at an intersection shortly before 3 a.m. Police said a man was trying to break into an apartment when the woman inside grabbed her gun and fired at the intruder through the door. The man pulled out his own gun and fired back. The intruder was hit twice and was taken to a hospital. He is

expected to recover. The woman was not injured.



Joe Liuni, president of the Federated Sportsmen's Club of Ulster County, New York, saw a scheduled Kingston gun buy-back program last month as a showy, "feel good" event that provided debit cards to people who turn in guns with no questions asked, reported Paul Kirby of *The Daily Freeman*. "I don't see how this is going to get guns off the street when a guy walks in and turns in a gun that (might have) been used in a crime and he doesn't get prosecuted," Liuni said. "I don't understand how that is going to deter street crime." He said some of the guns could have been stolen.



How laws can change times for the worse! We know current law in the United Kingdom practically prohibits private handgun ownership but in the 19th century robbers who raided banks there in Manchester "had to keep an eye out for gun-toting cashiers," notes Steve Cunliffe in the *Manchester Evening News*. "Rarely-seen archives from the city's financial history show how bank staff were routinely issued with guns to protect their branches from thieves... The archives show Union Bank of Manchester branches were issued with revolvers for protection. These were maintained until 1925 when they were gathered in at the head office."

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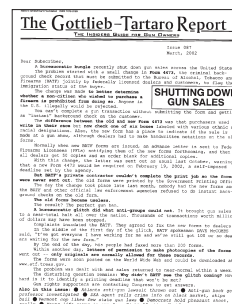
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