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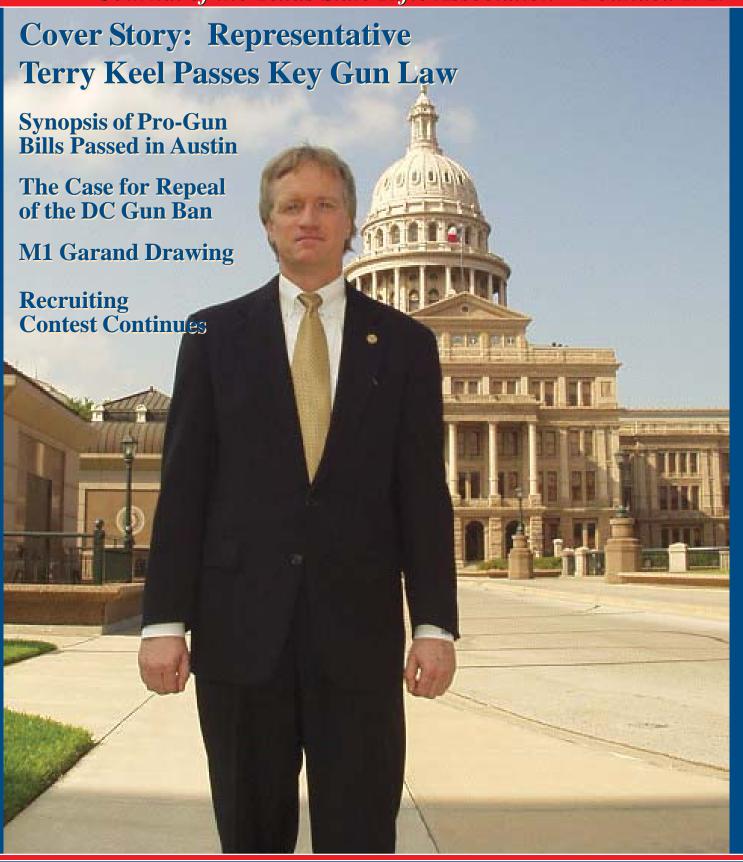


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ON THE COVER: Representative Terry Keel (R-Austin) was the author of HB 823, a badly needed revision of the "traveling" law in Texas. Photo by James Dark.

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About Voting and Priorities



I receive, from time to time, mail from members who express concern about issues that either affect or have the

potential to affect them. Many of the issues concern various problems dealing with either obtaining or renewals of their CHL's. I have always tried to answer them as best I can, but most of the concerns are forwarded to the appropriate person on the TSRA staff or Board of Directors for the answer or appropriate action. I believe that we have a pretty good track record on addressing those gun related questions.

One of the non-gun issues that I have been contacted about was the Trans Texas Corridor (TTC), a complex transportation plan that the Dept. of Transportation is working on. Such a multi-faceted road/rail complex may sound attractive to many of our members; however, for those of us who reside in rural areas, particularly the areas that may be affected by the TTC, the plan doesn't sound so good. Without going into a lot of details about the TTC, its impact on rural areas affected by the corridor has been estimated to remove about 200 acres per mile from agricultural use. Agricultural use does, in some instances, equate to hunting. The member who wrote to me wanted to know what the TSRA's position on the TTC would be.

As our members are aware, your association is basically a single issue, gun rights organization. We do whatever we can to serve our members by sticking to the governmental items that affect that single issue. By keeping the "main thing" the "main thing" we enhance our legislative team's credibility with your legislators in Austin.

The answer to the TTC question will inevitably involve whether or not the TTC

In the meantime, each of us as an individual voter will have to determine what our voting priorities will be. Is there a "litmus test" that each of us uses to determine who we vote for or do we prioritize all the options? For me, the "litmus test" is what a candidate's position is on the Second Amendment.

will have any definitive impact on gun owner's rights in Texas. We may not have the answer to the question until more information becomes available from TXDOT; however, I know that your Legislative Committee will be looking into this.

In the meantime, each of us as an individual voter will have to determine what our voting priorities will be. Is there a "litmus test" that each of us uses to determine who we vote for or do we prioritize all the options? For me, the "litmus test" is what a candidate's position is on the Second Amendment. Other issues rate lower on the list of priorities than his or her position on the Second Amendment. Does the candidate have a solid progun voting record? If the answer is yes, then that candidate will rank higher on my list than their opponents. Yep, that is pretty simplistic but in the overall scheme of things, I have found that pro-gun candidates generally agree with me on more issues than other candidates, so the "litmus test" works for me. It may not work for you and that's OK, but I suggest that you give it a try.

As many of you know, this is the time of the year for our state to be represented at many of the National Championship Team Matches. I hope that our teams will do well in their respective National Matches and that we can report some successes in upcoming editions of the Sportsman.

It is also the time when many of us are putting the final touches on our hunting rifles for the upcoming hunts later this year. Whichever of these things you may be engaged in, remember to take your kids, grandkids, spouse, or good friends to the range. Why? Because its fun and they need to learn why you are so enthusiastic about your chosen sport, that's why!

Laws that forbid the carrying of arms disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage then to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man — Thomas Jefferson, quoting 18th century criminologist Cesare Beccaria in "On Crimes and Punishment", 1764

Unexpected Help from the Supreme Court





The recent Supreme Court decisions that were announced on June 27th provided much fodder for national news sources, and some of these decision effected Texas

directly. For example, the controversial decision about eminent domain seizures prompted Governor Rick Perry to uncharacteristically broaden the agenda of the ongoing Special Session of the Legislature so that Texas lawmakers could attempt to dull the effect of this decision.

However, there is one case that may have eluded the radars of most gunowners, the Colorado case of *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*. While the case was not directly about gun laws, it created a chilling effect on the concept of American citizens being defended from harm by criminals.

In 1999, Jessica Gonzales obtained a restraining order against her estranged husband Simon. Shortly thereafter, Simon abducted their three daughters. After repeated pleas for assistance, police visited the home and decided that Simon was nonviolent, and the questions surrounding his access to his daughters by court order needed to be decided by the courts, not the police.

The next morning, Simon Gonzales appeared in front of the Castle Rock Police Department and began firing a gun indiscriminately into the building. Not surprisingly, he was immediately killed by return fire. In his truck, his three daughters were found shot to death.

Jessica Gonzales sued the Town of Castle Rock, claiming that her and her daughters had been denied due process under the 14th Amendment.

In a 7-2 decision, the Supreme Court ruled citizens of the United States do not have a constitutional right to police protection, even when a restraining order has been issued. The language of one of the cited court cases is telling indeed. In the 1982

case of *Bowers v. DeVito*, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeal stated that "there is no Constitutional Right to be protected by the state against being murdered by criminals or madmen."

Justices on both sides of the opinion, even those dissenting, were united in the belief that police protection is not a constitutionally protected entitlement.

Justice Scalia, in the court's opinion, stated, "our cases recognize that a benefit is not a protected entitlement if government officials may grant or deny it at their discretion." This clearly recognizes that law enforcement by its very nature is a profession that relies on discretion by enforcing officers.

In a nutshell, the Supreme Court has effectively said that self-defense is the job of each and every citizen.

I have had conversations with many law enforcement officers on the subject of protecting citizens. I have heard a virtually universal opinion that their main focus is to bring perpetrators to justice, to investigate, etc. Most police officers will freely admit that they often arrive on the scene after the damage has been done. Most criminal offenses occur quickly, and are over even before 911 is called.

The fact that the highest court in the land has ruled that we should not rely on the police for protection makes a number of things very important. We should redouble our efforts to ensure a reasonable and universal "shall issue" Concealed Handgun Licensing system throughout the United States. No citizen should be deprived of this right.

We should redouble our efforts to encourage everyone to prepare to defend themselves. Laws or policies impeding gun ownership are no longer acceptable, if they ever were. Groups that oppose gun ownership, citing the protection offered by law enforcement, should be referred to this decision.

But very importantly, we should realize that the Supreme Court has, at least indirectly, done us a huge favor. Freedom-loving, gun-owning Americans will seldom see a decision by this court that so effectively takes the legs out from underneath our opposition.

The argument that we don't need to protect ourselves, that the police will be there for us, has been jettisoned unceremoniously out the window.

And I'm OK with that, because I never bought it anyway.

As the ramifications of *Castle Rock v. Gonzales* gradually sink in, I expect we will see a renewed interest in firearms ownership. Much like Americans felt threatened, and headed to gun stores in record numbers in the days following the 9-11 attacks, I expect we will see a renewed interest in self-defense.

We have long argued that every American has an inherent right to self defense as one of our basic human rights. The Supremes have, with this opinion, have made it abundantly clear that every American is in the driver's seat regarding their own safety.

The Police Chief of Castle Rock opined that the Gonzales case "points out the much larger problem in this country...with restraining orders. They do not protect society from the Simon Gonzales' of the world."

In this the chief is absolutely right. The Supreme Court has made it clear that it is a fool's errand to rely on the police as your sole source of protection. Jessica Gonzales' experience shows us that relying on court restraining orders is equally futile. In fact, in most cases, they are likely not worth the paper they are written on.

I will hold with the opinion that two other pieces of paper will be far more valuable in defending me and my loved ones.

Those are my concealed handgun license, and the target from my latest trip to the range.

Victory in Austin!

By Alice Tripp



By now you know that TSRA and NRA working together had an incredible legislative session. Bills were passed to enhance concealed carry and lessen the expense of having the

license; bills were passed to broaden 2nd amendment issues in Texas, and legislation passed to slowdown the effects of urban sprawl on hunting and sport shooting.

Session ended Memorial Day and a new clock began ticking. Governor Perry had until June 19th to act on passed legislation. He could sign bills, veto bills, or simply ignore them into law. So we waited but not patiently.

TSRA kept a steady stream of email alerts asking members to contact our Governor and urge him to sign all pro-gun legislation. And, with your help that's exactly what happened. Governor Perry signed the last of our bills on Sunday, June 19th.

HB 823 by Rep. Terry Keel (R-Austin) made the most significant change to the traveler's law since Reconstruction. HB 823 states that a person is presumed to be traveling if the person is in a private vehicle, not engaged in criminal activity, not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm, not a member of a street gang as defined by law, and not carrying a handgun in plain view.

Nothing will be as clear, concise and selfempowering as a concealed handgun license. The licensee attends a course to learn his responsibilities to the law and then periodically takes a refresher course to be reminded of that information and any updates.

Why would anyone **NOT** have a CHL? There are many folks who for one reason or another are eligible to possess a firearm but not eligible for a CHL. One of our House witnesses, a lovely lady from Winters, Texas, had defaulted on a student loan. This is one of several *disqualifiers* for a Texas Concealed Handgun License.

The author of HB 823, Rep. Terry Keel, has been nominated for the Doc Brown Legislator of the Year Award to be presented at TSRA's Annual Meeting in February 2006

Rep. Keel has announced his candidacy for Place 8 on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. This is the highest criminal court in Texas. I'm reminded of reading case notes on 19th century cases heard by the Court of Criminal Appeals urging the Legislature to clarify the traveling law. It would be good to have a judge on this high court who understands both the complexity of writing firearm law and applying firearm law. Being a judge on this court is a state wide office. Rep. Keel will need your help in the Republican Primary next March. We seldom get an opportunity to endorse a proven friend for a judicial position.

Rep. Keel has been a prosecutor as well as a defense attorney and was the Sheriff of Travis County before serving 10 years in the Texas House.

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Legislative Report

Also on the subject of clarifications, Governor Perry signed HB 322 by Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp (R- Lampasas). *As filed* HB 322 allowed active or veteran military under 21 to obtain a CHL and the legislation went on to allow for a 50% reduction in CHL fees for members and veterans of the military.

Now here's the clarification. In the last days of session, the Senate committee stripped the word "veteran". There will be no reduction in CHL fees for military veterans. The fiscal impact was too high.

Rep. Hupp's bill also lowered the CHL age for active and veteran military to obtain a CHL from 21 to 18. I just looked at the DPS website. Take a look for yourself at the demographics by age for Texas CHLs. It's interesting to know that there are 262 CHLs who are 21 years of age out of a quarter of a million. Also, it's interesting to note that only one has ever had their license suspended, one has had his or her license denied and no 21 year old Texan has had their license revoked. The statistics for this age group is remarkably lower than for older Texans.

Another question that's come up from members is what impact does lowering the age requirement for military have on CHL reciprocity? None! And this was researched before Rep. Hupp's bill was filed. When a Texas CHL goes to another state they abide by that state's laws. Military, active or veteran, under the age of 21, who want and qualify for a CHL will have a license with a picture in profile and their license will be good only in states that offer a concealed handgun license to folks under 21. At present, only a handful of states (Montana, South Dakota, and Alabama among them) offer licenses to those under 21 years of age.

As an interesting aside, there are two Texas CHL-holders that are 99 years of age and several hundred over 90!

Still on Rep. Hupp's legislation and still clearing up information on session, let me tell you about the CHL confidentiality bill.

Rep. Hupp has filed legislation for several sessions that would only allow law enforcement to have access to information

HB 823 Bill Analysis Provided by the staff at NRA-ILA

Texas H.B. 823 prevents the police from routinely arresting a law-abiding person who is transporting a concealed pistol in his motor vehicle. This is accomplished by clothing a lawabiding person with the presumption of being a traveler. traveler presumption may be rebutted by the state by presenting proof beyond a reasonable doubt. In plain terms, a law-abiding person should have no problem transporting his pistol in a motor vehicle provided the pistol is concealed.

about citizens with a Concealed Handgun License. I've always testified in favor of her bill. It's a public safety issue. I'm not sure whether state law can stop freedom of information requests but this is a step in the right direction. So HB 318 was filed and it passed in the House but was not likely to be heard in the Senate.

In the meantime, HB 225 by Rep. Driver (R-Garland) and Senator Bob Deuell (R-Greenville) came to the floor of the Senate. HB 225 is the bill that extends the renewal time for a CHL from 4 years to 5 for the same renewal fee.

I waited in the Gallery for several days, watching and waiting for the bill to come up for discussion. Then one day, WHAM! Senator Deuell brought up the bill and successfully added two amendments, one was Hupp's confidentiality bill language, and the other was Rep. Hegar (R-Katy)'s. Like Rep. Hupp's bill, Rep. Glenn Hegar, Jr. bill, HB 1066 was stuck in a senate committee and not likely to move. This language was needed by our Attorney General, Greg Abbott to negotiate new CHL reciprocity agreements. So we had three bills rolled into one, at least for a few hours.

But wait! There's more!

Senator Deuell is a bill passing machine! He waited until he knew that he had the votes on the floor and then he acted!

Overnight it was discovered that the confidentiality amendment had a constitutional flaw. It truly did and it was no one's fault. The amendment containing the language of Rep. Hupp's HB 318, had to be stripped to protect the HB 225 and the other amendment. So we'll have to try that one again in future sessions.

One really good bill, already signed by Governor Perry that I haven't said much about is HB 1831 by Rep. Talton (R-Pasadena). HB 1831 gives folks who accepted a deferred adjudication an opportunity to get a Concealed Handgun License. In many cases, their legal problems occurred years ago and they were counseled by a lawyer to accept a deferred adjudication. They believed that nothing would change in their lives, they wouldn't lose any rights, and they could move on. Only that wasn't the case with a CHL. Because of the way the law was written, DPS viewed all deferred adjudications as convictions which disqualified you for a concealed handgun license in Texas.

Rep. Talton and Senator Juan Hinojosa did many Texans a huge favor and I can

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tell you the chief lobbyist on HB 1831 was Jerry Patterson. Our Land Commissioner is still working to protect gun-owners and helps us when his job allows.

I told you in the last edition of the Sportsman that SB 734 was the "First to the Governor's desk". SB 734 by Senator Williams (R-The Woodlands and Rep. Anna Mowery (R-Ft.Worth) will allow some landowners the opportunity for continued hunting and plinking although their land has been annexed by a city. This landmark legislation was signed by Governor Perry during session and went into immediate effect. In July, we attended a bill-signing ceremony for this bill and shared the spotlight with Rep. Anna Mower who was the bill author and with other associations, such as Texas Farm Bureau, who participated as "stakeholders". Remember SB 734 should go a long way to slow down the effects of urban sprawl on hunting and sport shooting when public safety is not at risk.

Please read all the bills we've been discussing. All legislation and Texas Statutes are available on line at www.capitol.state.tx.us. Don't ask someone else for their opinion until you've read the law yourself. And be sure to read the final version that was signed by the Governor. Remember law changes as it travels through the legislative process.

We are already preparing for the next legislative session in 2007. It just works that way! Often the best preparation comes with an *interim study*. An interim study is done by a House or Senate Committee with the permission of that Leadership (the Lt. Governor or the Speaker).

Rep. Terry Keel is the Chairman of House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and he is very interested in an interim study on the "Duty to Retreat". Duty to

New TEXAS Laws Passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Rick Perry

*HB 225 (Driver/Deuell) Extends the renewal period of a CHL from 4 years to 5 for the same fee to licensees. (Sept.1)

HB 322 (Hupp/Estes) Lowers the CHL age requirements from 21 to 18 for active or honorably discharged military and lowers CHL the fees to 50% for active military. (Sept. 1)

HB 685 (Rose/VandePutte) Allows military and veterans (5years of discharge or less) to opt out of the CHL range exam if desired when providing documentation of small arms proficiency. (Sept.1)

HB 823 (Keel/Hinojosa) Takes landmark steps to clarify a problem for individuals "traveling" with a handgun and puts Texas more in line with states such as Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado. (Sept. 1)

HB 1038 (Isett/Brimer) Lowers the CHL renewal fee for a senor (60 and over) to 50% (\$35) (Sept 1)

HB 1483 (Frost/Staples) Makes more convenient payment options available to CHLs, such as a personal check. (Sept. 1)

HB 1831 (Talton/Hinojosa) Creates a process whereby a person with a "deferred adjudication" of guilt may obtain a Texas Concealed Handgun License. (Sept. 1)

*HB 1066 (Hegar/Staples) amended to HB 225 by Senator Deuell creates reciprocity opportunities by adding technical changes to Texas reciprocity law. (Sept 1)

SB 734 (Williams/Mowery) allows the discharge of firearms on certain size land that has been annexed by a city. Immediate effective date.

Retreat and Liability are the backbone of the Florida "Castle Doctrine" Law.

Prior to 1974, there was no "duty to retreat" in Texas. In 1974, a group of liberal law professors from Texas universities participated in revamping the Texas Penal Code. They were responsible for imposing a "duty to retreat". And while our Penal Code seems to recognize the "Castle Doctrine", outside your home there is a duty to retreat, even against kidnapping, murder, and rape. Yes, these are not property crimes but crimes against your person.

Florida's Castle Doctrine law was passed when Texas was well past our bill filing deadline but remember our law has been in place since 1974. It is always prudent to do research and an interim study is research. Changes to the law often require changes to the law in several places or you don't get what you bargained for.

Another possible interim study could be in House Law Enforcement Committee. This is Rep. Joe Driver's Committee. Chairman Driver (R-Garland) was the 2005 Doc Brown Legislator of the Year and a good friend. He has suggested an interim study that researches "carrying by a CHL in an employer's parking lot".

All sides must participate in order for an interim study to be successful and generate information.

At the moment we're stuck in Special Session but we're only monitoring and we don't expect any surprises. But rest assured we will leap into action if any suggests a gun or ammo tax!

Fundraising and filing is just around the corner and a few folks have *announced*. Besides Rep. Keel's decision to run for Place 8, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has announced her candidacy for Governor. I'll tell you more about Comptroller Strayhorn's background

later in the year but she is smart and she is tough. Yes, she's a Republican so this will be shoot-out in a March Primary with Governor Perry. Doc tells me that Strayhorn has always been a friend. Expect a fast and ugly race.

Finally I want to comment on the TSRA membership drive. We need new members. We should be able to double our membership from 36,000 to 72,000. Sign up your wife or your hunting partner, or one of your children. And you say that your wife doesn't shoot or even like guns. Well, your wife wants to protect your children's and your grandchildren's rights and that's what this is about. We have members who don't own a gun but don't want to lose their rights. Our rights are only as strong as our will to protect them!

This is not rocket science. Our members are the best and all of us take care of TEXAS. We work with NRA to make NRA more effective, here and nationally.

You don't have to own a gun to be concerned about protecting basic civil rights such as your right to personal protection. Personal Protection is about as basic a human right as there is. I'm not about to give up any option to personal safety.

What a deal! \$20 a year! There isn't an association in the Capitol that has membership dues of only \$20 a year, much less one that actually produces for its members.

Next, I always add a plug for PAC donations. Political Action Committee funds are always needed. We support candidates during elections and PAC funds underwrite events such as our Legislative Reception.

But, PAC funds don't support the association. This is done with four relatively painless fundraising projects a year. These four TSRA fundraising projects keep our dues as low as they are and provide the extras needed, such as salaries, electricity, and phones.

So renew your membership, please sign up at least one new person, send a donation to TSRA and think about a little something for the PAC.

We'll do the rest and we'll keep you informed as always.

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AN UNCOMMON SEMIAUTO PISTOL

By Frank H. Sawberger, Collectors Committee



The semiautomatic pistol shown in the photograph is one of several pistols issued as first line pistols by Austro-Hungarian Empire to their

troops in World War I. It was manufactured OSTERREICHISCHE WAFFENFABRIKSGESELLSCHAFT in Steyr/Austria and is known by

several names. They include: Stevr Hahn 9mm Pistol-Model 1911 or **'1912**: bv or its manufacturer as the SELBSTLADE PISTOLE 9mm. It was also used by the Chilean Navy and the Romanian Army before and during World War I. The Austrian forces overran the Romanian troops early in the war, and many of the pistols which had been sold to them were again used by the Austrians. The pistols of this model which were used

by the Chilean Navy were usually marked with the Chilean Crest and an anchor with furled hawser on the receiver ring.

The original caliber, the 9mm Steyr, was a powerful round, somewhat similar to, but not interchangeable with, the .38 A.C.P. and .38 Super. It is also similar to, but not interchangeable with the 9mm Largo or Bayard. Recently, the firm Graf & Sons, Inc. (4050 S.Clark St.. Mexico, MO 65265) has begun handling ammunition of this caliber made by Hornady. These are boxer primed and thus reloadable using standard 9mm bullets (.357/.358) with appropriate dies. The original cartridge drove a 116 grain bullet at approximately 1112 fps. During World War II, the Germans re-barreled many of these pistols to 9mm Luger caliber, the standard German pistol cartridge. These pistols are normally marked P08 on the chamber in the ejection port.

These are robust and reliable pistols, and although about 85 years old, if found in good condition, can be fired with the correct ammunition. They fire from a locked breech which is locked by camming ribs on top of the barrel



that lock into corresponding recesses inside the top of the slide. The firing of the cartridge tends to twist barrel and slide to the right keeping the barrel and slide locked together until the bullet exits the barrel. Recoil pushes the locked slide and barrel to the rear. A rib on the bottom of the barrel strikes a nib on the frame, unlocking the slide, allowing it to continue for its full travel. The rearward travel cocks the hammer, the recoil spring forces the slide forward, stripping a round from the magazine and the pistol is ready to fire again.

A disconnector separates the firing pin from the hammer until the slide and barrel are fully forward and locked, preventing double loading and

premature firing. The hollow handle of the trams, with included spring and follower, forms the magazine, which is loaded through the slide top from an 8 round stripper clip. A slot on the frame top allows this to be accomplished. When the slide is open and the magazine is loaded, pressing the magazine release will empty the ammunition up, through the slide. A manual safety is provided on left side of the frame. This is the only safety on the pistol as neither halfcock nor grip safeties exist.

> Approximately 250,000 of the pistols were made and they are sometimes found on the market. Most are in good shape, since they were carried, but not fired much. They resemble early Colt pistols but function differently. Steyr made them from 1912 until 1919. The example shown is marked STEYR 1918 (Left side) and Wien (i.e. Vienna). An Austrian Eagle proof and the number 18 are stamped on the right side of

the trigger guard.

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The Case For Repealing DC's Gun Laws

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TWENTY years ago, local politicians in the District of Columbia thumbed their noses at Congress, the 14th Amendment's guarantee of "equal protection of the laws," and the rest of the United States, and began conducting a social experiment of their own design, against the city's law-abiding residents. The experiment, unlike anything known elsewhere in America, took the form of the multi-faceted Firearms Control Regulations Act, imposed by the D.C. Council in 1976. The measure prohibits the possession of a handgun that was not registered with city police prior to Sept. 24, 1976 and re-registered by Feb. 5, 1977. It also requires the registration of all privately owned firearms and that firearms kept at home be rendered useless for protection by being "unloaded, disassembled, or bound by a trigger lock or similar device." The results of the experiment have been catastrophic. Hundreds of innocent lives have been lost, including many who might have been able to defend themselves if only allowed to. District neighborhoods have been subjected to a degree of crime-inspired terror unheard of almost anywhere in our country. Congress should end this experiment, by abolishing the District's un-American gun laws and in their place adopting for the nation's capital a set of laws consistent with federal laws and the laws of the 50 states. Let's examine the evidence against D.C.'s gun law.

- D.C.'s homicide rate has soared since the city banned handguns in 1976. Homicide had been declining in D.C. before the ban, but increased after the ban was imposed. By 1991 D.C.'s homicide rate had risen more than 200%. By comparison, the U.S. homicide rate rose only 12% during the same period. D.C.'s homicide rate is more than double the rate when its handgun ban took effect. (FBI, Metropolitan Police of the District of Columbia)
- The District's prohibition on possession of firearms for defense at home conflicts with Congress' stated purpose in passing the Gun Control Act (1968). Section 101 of that law states "[I]t is not the purpose of this title to place any undue or unnecessary Federal restrictions or burdens on lawabiding citizens with respect to the

acquisition, possession, or use of firearms appropriate to the purpose of hunting, trapshooting, target shooting, personal protection, or any other lawful activity, and that this title is not intended to discourage or eliminate the private ownership or use of firearms by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes. . ." (Emphasis added.)

- The District of Columbia is the only jurisdiction in the U.S. that prohibits keeping firearms in an operable condition at home, for defense against criminal attack. The right of people to be secure in



Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senate Sponsor of the DC Protection Act

their homes is an ages-old right affirmed in law and court decisions, but rejected in D.C.

- The District should not deny citizens the right to defend themselves when it cannot **defend them.** As legal scholars Robert J. Cottrol and Raymond T. Diamond have written, "[A] society with a dismal record of protecting a people has a dubious claim on the right to disarm them. . . . [I]t is unwise to place the means of protection totally in the hands of the state. . ." ("The Second Amendment: Toward an Afro-Americanist Reconsideration," Gun Control and the Constitution: Sources and Explorations on the Second Amendment, ed., Robert J.

Cottrol, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Law, 1994, p. 427.) - The District should not deny citizens the right to defend themselves when it is not legally obligated to defend them. The District of Columbia Court of Appeals has ruled that the city's police department is "not generally liable to victims of violent criminal acts for failure to provide adequate police protection. . . ." (Warren v. District

of Columbia, 444 A.2d 1, 1981)

- The District's gun law forces law-abiding citizens to choose between protecting their lives and obeying the law. Former U.S. Senator Warren Rudman explained his choice: "Honest people don't have guns and criminals do. I think people have a right to protect themselves. I was outraged to learn that I couldn't legally have a gun in Washington. Despite the law, I kept one in my office and one in my apartment, because there were plenty of armed criminals roaming the streets of Washington." (Combat: Twelve Years in the U.S. Senate, 1996, p.40) - Allowing citizens to defend themselves at home deters criminals. The U.S. Department of Justice has found that 40% of felons have decided to not commit one or more particular crimes for fear their potential victims were armed. (James D. Wright and Peter H. Rossi, Armed and Considered Dangerous: A Survey of Felons and Their Firearms, 1986, p. 155.)

- The District's prohibition on the use of firearms for defense against criminal attack increases the likelihood that crime victims will be injured by their assailants. National Crime Victimization Surveys show that "Robbery and assault victims who used a gun to resist were less likely to be attacked or to suffer an injury than those who used any other methods of self-protection or those who did not resist at all." (Gary Kleck, Point Blank, 1991, p. 124)
- The District's severe prohibition of the use of firearms for defense against criminals is an anachronism, in the face of the Right-to-Carry movement sweeping the nation. Since D.C. imposed its handgun ban, 29 states have adopted laws to allow citizens to carry firearms for self-defense. Today, 38 states have Right-to-Carry laws. States with those laws have seen crime decrease, and they have lower overall violent crime rates compared to other states.

Women's Hunting Report - Tilden, Texas

by Debbie K. Hudler

What should I wear? Will my hair get messed up? Does this camo make me look fat? Well, these were definitely *not* the concerns of the ladies on the recent doe/ hog hunt in Tilden, Texas. As we were greeted upon our arrival at the Lone Star Camp on the Franklin Ranch everyone was asking, "How soon can we leave for the blinds? Are you seeing a lot of deer and hogs? What caliber are you shooting?" The spirit of camaraderie had already begun as the ladies arrived for their weekend hunt. As you read each of the ladies' individual experiences you can see how it all came together to make one great weekend. I was the first of the ladies to arrive and was greeted by the guides

and staff with open arms. immediately felt right at home. The fun had only begun...

Mattie Marcum from Corpus Christi was next to arrive. She looks back at how excited she was to hunt for the first time with her good friend, Sylvia.

"As I perused the list of women's hunts offered by the TSRA, the words of my friend Sylvia echoed in my head, "I will go with you on your next hunting trip!" I was shocked when she first the 15 years I had known her, Sylvia near Tilden. had never indicated an interest in hunting. When I read the description of the Tilden Lone Star Camp doe and hog hunt, I knew this would be the prefect chance to introduce Sylvia to hunting. As expected Sylvia agreed to attend the hunt with me. She said she was not sure she would take a doe but thought she could take a hog. The months following registering for the hunt were followed by a plethora of emails and phone calls from Sylvia reporting her progress as her husband taught her to shoot. The training became a family affair, with her brotherin-law teaching her gun mount after that first black and blue bruise. She reported her husband helped her get her shots on the green part of the target. Her 16-yearold son loaned her his new camouflage

jacket and sweatshirt. He proudly told me on the phone, "You make sure she shoots something, even if it is a tree!" At four in the afternoon we all climbed into the various trucks to travel to the blinds. Around five in the afternoon a large mature doe with a yearling appeared along a fence line at the end to the pipeline about 500 yards to the north (right) of the blind. For the next hour we watched her slowly work her way closer to the blind. Unfortunately, the doe we were watching never came closer than 300 yards, which was too long of a shot for me to comfortably complete. Brian assured me that we would see more does and spikes



said these amazing words to me. In Hunters and Guides at the Franklin Ranch

on Saturday. However, about 15 minutes before sunset Brian and I decided to exit the ground blind and backtrack through the brush to get within range of the doe. We knew that no other hunters were within the surrounding area, so we left the ground blind. Breathing hard and shaking I quietly sat on the ground about 125 yards from the doe, rested by elbows on my knees, controlled by breathing then took the shot. The doe dropped where she stood. It was a thrilling moment for me that I will not soon forget. After each hunt we returned to the camp to a delicious meal prepared by Craig and our guides. Sylvia and I felt like queens with our every wish being granted by such a gracious crew of men. We feasted on tender

succulent brisket and drank RB wine, as we listened to many exciting stories. We knew we were in heaven, as we tasted Craig's rich, creamy buttermilk pie. It was Monica's birthday, so she was allowed to blow Craig's magical moose call, which made everyone explode with laughter. Sylvia and I will have many conversations recalling this spectacular hunt. Sylvia arrived home she called me as she scrubbed her kitchen to reminiscence about being treated like a queen, where the meals were on the table and someone else washed the dishes. I explained that she had to go through a withdrawal period after attending such a hunt

provided by the TRSA as the one at the Lone Star Camp."

Monica Williamson and Sylvia Flores were next to arrive from the Houston area. They made arrangements to ride together although they had never met before. As they got out of the car laughing you could tell they had become fast friends. Sylvia realized that she was in for a lot more than spending quality time with her longtime friend, Mattie, for the next couple of days. She recalls her anxiety as she gets out of the car.

"Anxious, nervous, excited, and ready were my feelings all rolled into one. Trip to the camp was great as I got to know one of my fellow hunting buddies, Monica. Her experiences and explanations really eased my anxiety of knowing what to do. Arriving at camp was so special. The guides all came out to greet us like family. I was especially comfortable when I saw my good long time friend Mattie. The welcome to the camp was very nice and inviting. Sighting in the rifles was an excellent way to break the ice for both the hunters and the guides. Lets us all know our various skill levels and allows the pairing up to begin. The entire ranch was huge and filled with wild life....plants, birds, deer, and more. The trip on the jeep to the blind was cold but really fun.....feelings of WHERE am I going, how

long will it take....but finally we get to the blind....the deer are everywhere. Sitting and looking out onto the ranch is exhilarating...It seems endless in each direction you look. We watched the deer move around for a while and it didn't take the guide long to pick out my doe. We watched her move in and out of the group. My guide encouraged me to take my shot....wow...my adrenaline is going and I am not sure I can do it....but I go for it! Bang!! The deer all jump and scatter. I missed... We wait some more and they all come back. I am getting another chance...we go through the same motions as before but this time my doe is really apart from the group. I wait. I breathe. I sigh... I hold my breath. Bang! She goes down. WOW...I am excited to make the shot. The guide says "Good shot!" Huge sigh of relief as the pressure of hoping to succeed is now reality. Success! I now have a greater appreciation for hunters and guns. I am ever grateful to our host, Mr. Craig Franklin, for an outstanding camp. The guides, hospitality, accommodations and food are superior. Guess, you can say I'm hooked. And now I have a new hobby to get better at, to have in common with my husband and way to enjoy life."

Monica reminisces about her birthday weekend.

"I celebrated this past weekend on a TSRA hunt with a group of ladies. It was my "Birthday Hunt" given to me as a birthday present by my boyfriend. We were hunting at the Lone Star Camp, part of the historical original Franklin Ranch established in 1868 outside of Tilden, Texas. This ranch is as rich in history as it is in wildlife. It's just before dawn and I keep peering through the binoculars to see if I see any movement outside...shadows, shapes, bushes that look like deer but aren't. I'm sitting in the blind and a solitary bird has started to sing. I always say the birds are the alarm clocks for all animals. They gradually one by one, start singing and greeting the dawn of a new day and then suddenly it's light outside. The animals are awake and there is movement. This is my favorite part of hunting. It's not the harvesting of an animal, but the nature you are exposed to in the country. There are beautiful birds

that I didn't know existed. It's a gorgeous sunrise on a cool crisp morning, and the lone coyote passing by on a morning mission. It's the little cottontail chasing after his friend. Or it's being surrounded by a group of javelinas (living proof that God has a sense of humor). This is a birthday that will go down in the books as one of my best, surrounded by lots of fresh air, inspiring women with a can-do spirit and a sense of adventure, being waited on and pampered by men that are doing the cooking and cleaning, plus the remembrance of a practical joke that had us all laughing! In addition is the thoughtful gesture of Craig making a buttermilk pie for my birthday. I made new friends for life and have another chapter to write in my journal on yet another hunting expedition extraordinaire."

Next Carol Matthews pulled up in plenty of time to sight in her rifle. Her excitement was obvious as she got out of her truck. You could tell immediately there was no



Monica Williamson with a javelina taken on the hunt.

stopping this lady. As she said herself, "I did it all" and boy did she. It turned out to be a very memorable weekend for Carol too.

"This was God's country, full of life of all kinds, deer, hog, javelina, quail, dove, coyote, fox, and cats. I am 50 years old and I have multiple sclerosis and in a wheelchair 95% of the time. My husband, a lifetime member of the TSRA read the advertisement of the hunts and encouraged me to go on one. I was very hesitant because of my special needs and the extra work it takes that accompanies my condition. Friday when I arrived not only was I anxious and excited, but very nervous

at the same time. I had all the negative things that could go wrong with my being handicapped racing in my head and the extra burden I might be. Well, I pulled up and got a great welcome from everyone there. Before I could bat an eye, my bags and equipment was unloaded, my chair was being unfastened from the lift and was asked about the trip down. As they helped with the chair only one adjustment needed to be made for me. They had to place a piece of plywood to the entrance sidewalk for a ramp. I'm sure when this camp was built it was not built with the handicapped as a priority, however, it was perfect. Now, not only did we have expert guides, let me tell you, they can cook. We had some great meals and the deserts put the cherry on the cake. The homemade salsa was excellent and that buttermilk pie was heaven. After our evening meals we would sit around and talk of the day's hunt and speculate on the next day's hunts. We also told tales of past experiences and stories that had everyone busting a gut. When we were not hunting we had the run of the camp. With the help of Mattie, one of the hunters, Craig, and Brian, I learned how to shoot skeet. After about 50 shots and a colorful shoulder, I actually could hit a couple of those little pigeons. There was also a pistol range, many interesting books to read, pictures to view, and if you just wanted to walk around the area and look for artifacts, you could do that too. I did it all. The new friends I met have given me the encouragement and confidence to know I can still do the things I love, in the absence of my husband, without feeling I'm a burden. A special thanks to the TSRA, Deb, Debbie, Sylvia, Mattie, our birthday girl Monica, Craig, Brad, JR, Brian, Alfredo, and Ross for making this hunt a great success for me."

It started out as a group of ladies looking for the camaraderie of like-minded individuals. The result was forming close friendships that will last a lifetime. It was a thrilling weekend for each of us. The company could not have been better, the laughs will be treasured, each successful hunt will long be remembered, and obviously nothing could beat Craig's wonderful buttermilk pie!

2005 Texas State Hunter Pistol Silhouette Championship

Austin, Texas

Between the wind, the heat, and the humidity I believe we have managed to host a quite successful match with the help of some very special friends and family.

The Austin Rifle Club Silhouette range consisted of six 10animal (two rails) positions just over two weeks ago. The ram line had warped badly from the pressure of the berm behind it, and the rails had succumbed to thousands of hi-power rifle shots. The turkey rail, while being in fair condition, had only one of the sturdy "triangle" shaped rails and one flat rail, and was much too short to accommodate another rail. With the help of ARC/4-H shooting sports volunteers, the ram and turkey rails were completely rebuilt, and a third rail was added to the pig and chicken lines. Forrest Freitag shared much of the welding task, assisting with the over 280 feet of weld used to hold the 4000 lbs. of triangle-style rails together. He spent over 11 hours in a hot welding shop hauling, fitting, and welding. At the range Forrest and his father Lou assisted with the welding, fitting, and hauling of the 150ft. of 2-7/8 pipe, two tons of rail, and 2400 pounds of sackcrete. He trimmed the trees, hauled the brush, and provided equipment; all of which were keys to this project's completion. I can't say enough to thank Forrest for his efforts.

James Harlow, Forrest Freitag, Terry Gibich, Lou Freitag, Ryan Gibich, Keaton Harlow Ethan Koscielniak, Tony Koscielniak, Bob Wentworth, Garrett Wentworth, Sid Stover, Jeff Dietrich, Dave Phillips, Bruce Allen, Frank Callahan, Craig Starkey, Frank Custer (God I hope I remembered everybody)-all these folks came out and helped with the construction in the heat and the rain. At one point four folks were carrying a pop-up canopy over my head to keep the rain off my back while I welded in the rain and they stood in the mud. Think about how many people you know that would do that for you and you will have an idea of what kind of friends I have.

The match would not have been possible without the help of these folks as well.

- Glenda Harlow (my good half); Stats, Registrations, and Organization and all that other office type stuff. She also makes me almost bearable for most folks.
- Gregg Troxel Electrical: The tornado damage to the stat house left the Silhouette range without electricity and ARC's RV hookups had become unusable long ago. With word of the match drawing near, Gregg stepped up, wired four 30-amp outlets and reestablished power to the silhouette line.
- James Harlow Design, equipment and construction. (Dad) was instrumental in the range design and

- allocation of materials and equipment as well as much of the back-breaking labor involved in the construction. His near 30 years of welding experience were another of the many keys to this product's completion.
- Ryan Gibich, Ethan Koscielniak, Keaton Harlow -These kids worked together to do the edging and mowing around the line and the rails, as well as the rows between the firing points and the targets. I believe their efforts were a major contributing factor to the range's appearance.
- Lou Freitag Rebuild of missing/broken firing line
- Cindy Harlow Running score cards and general help (including keeping my wife sane).
- Becky Koscielniak, Jennie Dietrich Squadding, scoring, lunches, target setters and general organization (who also helped my wife keep her sanity).
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- Hank Hilliard T-Shirt Design, event logo.
- ARC Board of Directors Advice. Direction and
- ARC Members Tornado damage cleanup, range preparation.
- Sheral Ronemus Organization of berm work and cleaning the women's bathroom right before the match (she wouldn't touch the men's.do you blame her?).
- Gene Stephens, KXAN News 36 Austin News Coverage
- Jose Gonzales Pocket Trumpet, National Anthem.
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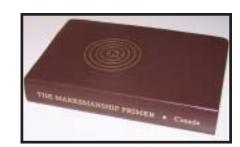
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Make your friends and family happy the entire year with a gift membership to the TSRA! With a gift membership, TSRA will send a card to the new member acknowledging your gift. In addition, you know you are helping your own voice become stronger by increasing your association's membership and helping protect the rights of your fellow gun owners. Give a gift that will last all year and beyond-give a TSRA membership!

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TSRA Annual Cowboy Action Shooting State Championship

September 3-5, 2005

10 MAIN STAGES SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, WITH POT SHOOTS AND SIDE MATCHES FRIDAY, AND SUNDAY.

The match will be held at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, TX. Match will be on the Winchester range and hosted by the San Antonio Rough Riders.

There are plenty of accommodations with in 20 minutes and RV area at the range. Hook ups are \$50. and primitive camping is \$20. Reservations can be made by calling 210-688-3371 and ext. 110, ask for Kay.

SASS Rules will apply. You must be a TSRA member in good standing to compete. Membership, renewals and upgraded memberships will be available at the match.

TSRA Women Only Hunts for 2005

TSRA has again received a grant from NRA to assist with this program. This has allowed us to make significant price reductions on these hunts. Please make note that these price reducations are tentative, and awaiting final approval. Some minor variation in pricing may occur.

September 9-11, 2005, Anahuac, Texas. One Gator 18 Hunter Maximum. \$400.013650.00. \$65.00 per day for todging and meals, additional cost.

NEW!! October 7 - 9, 2005, Menard, Texas. Two Does or One Doe & One Mature Spike. 6 Hunter Maximum. \$250.00 \$400.00 per hunter which includes lodging, on ranch transportation, and meals

October 21-23, 2005, Encinal, Texas. Two Does and Two Javelinas. 10 Hunter Maximum. \$300.00 \$500.00. Includes lodging and meals.

November 11-13, 2005, Weimar, Texas. One Doe/Spike AND One Feral Hog. 5 Hunter Maximum. \$200.00 \$400.00 per hunter, includes lodging and meals.

December 2-4, 2005, Glen Rose, Texas. One Doe. Hunter Maximum. \$75,000 150.00 per hunter, includes Continental Breakfast Lodging at a nearby hotel (3 miles) and meals are additional costs.

December 2-4, 2005, Weimar, Texas. One Doe/Spike And One Feral Hog. 5 Hunter Maximum . \$200.00 \$400.00 per hinter including lodging and meak.

January 6-8, 2006, Batesville, Texas. Texas Trophy Club Ranch. Whitetail Does (2 or more per hunter). 12 hunter maximum \$300.00 \$500.00 per hunter. Including excellent food and lodging.

NEW!! January 27-29, 2006, Tilden Texas. Lone Star Ranch. Whitetail Does/Hogs (one each per hunter). Includes lodging, meals and transportation. 6 Hunter Maximum. \$500.00 \$750.00

ACT NOW!!!

Book your hunt before it is too late! To book one on these remaining hunts, call TSRA Women's Issues Director Deb Cleverdon at (281) 762-3119 or at (281) 381-0831. Deb's email address is dcleverdon@grandecom.net. You can also call the TSRA at 972-889-8772.

TSRA Match Calendar

Cowboy Action San Antonio 9/3/05 - 9/5/05

Service Rifle Waco 9/23/05 - 9/25/05

Smallbore Rifle Amarillo 9/24/05 - 9/25/05

Action Pistol San Antonio 10/8/05

Air Pistol Silhouette **Haltom City** 9/10/05 - 9/11/05

For more information about any of these matches, contact TSRA at 1-866-TX-RIFLE

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My name is	
Address:	City/State/ZIP
Daytime Telephone:	Evening Phone:
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☐ Yes! On February 28, 2006, I v	vill be between 12 and 17 years old. My
birthday is:	
☐ Yes! I know I must be accompa	nnied on the hunt by an adult. I will be
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☐ Yes! I know I must have a Tex	as Hunter's Safety Certificate at the time
of the hunt.	
Have you ever hunted before?	Rifle, Bow, or Either
Are you a TSRA Member?	_ If so, member number
Mail this completed form to: TSRA	A Youth Hunt Registration, 4570 Westgrove
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Win a CMP M1 Garand!

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\$5.00 per chance

Enter this drawing for a great opportunity to win a CMP M1 Garand. All proceeds from this program will benefit TSRA Youth programs to help get our next generation of shooting enthusiasts going.

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TSRA Recruiting Contest

Recruit a Friend, Win a Custom Rifle or a Trophy Antelope Hunt with Ted Nugent!



For every member you can recruit, your name will be entered into a drawing for these great prizes. To enter, simply get a friend to join the TSRA. Fill out the membership application on Page 19 of the magazine.

Only applicants filled out on this form (xerox's, and downloadable PDF form at tsra.com are also acceptable) will be eligible for the drawing. Be sure and fill out the space for "Recruiter's Name" and "TSRA Member Number."

Dates to Remember!

September 15th, 2005 – All recruiters on applications received by this date will be eligible for the Ted Nugent Trophy Antelope Hunt which will occur on October 1-3, 2005. Hunt includes all food and lodging and full guide service. Hunter can use bow or gun. Sign up as many friends as you can to increase your chances to win a hunt with the "Whackmaster!" This hunt has a retail value of over \$3,500!

December 31, 2005 – All recruiters on applications received by this date will be eligible to win a Dickinson Custom Rifle (see photo). This rifle is a 7mm Ultra Mag, with a Montana Rifle Company Model 1999 Action, jeweled bolt, a 28" twist fluted stainless barrel with integral compensator, a Monte Carlo Stock with checkering and butt pad. This incredible rifle was custom made by TSRA Life Member Bill Dickinson, and has a retail value of \$3,500!

As a final incentive, a portion of all proceeds of this recruiting drive will be donated to Operation Shoebox, a charity that mails personal items to troops serving overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please help recruit members for TSRA, and help our troops overseas at the same time.







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