

ATTENTION EVERYONE

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We are in process of updating membership records. As such, the NSRPA asks you to fill out and mail in the member application, at the back of your newsletter, and mail it to:

NSRPA at Box 7512, Reno, NV 89510-7512

You are asked specifically for information relating to membership status, such as date of birth, which is needed to determine when you qualify for Senior Membership status. We also would like to have current telephone numbers and e-mail addresses so we may contact you if we have a question when processing your renewal, or when there is an important event about which you must be notified.

After we get the updated data, **we are going to remove from our membership lists those persons who have not renewed their memberships**, in order to reduce our printing and mailing costs. So if you have been putting off renewing, please renew now so you will not be dropped from the mailing list. **Please check your expiration date on your mailing label and renew TODAY.**

We will also be contacting those Conditional Life Members who have not completed their payments due to not knowing when payments were due. We are correcting our system so that conditional life payments will be set up and a list given to the conditional member. With improvements to the system, it will be possible to

track conditional memberships more efficiently. We appreciate your patience during this project.

Life Members are also asked to update their information as many items may have changed and have not been updated. Many of us have acquired cell phones, FAX machines and e-mail addresses since becoming life members, so that information may be out of date.

Again, please fill in the member application in your newsletter with the latest information and send it and your renewal fee in, so we can get this information update completed.

As president, I want to thank all who have been helping with our association's programs. Your hard work has helped us to make progress.

My hope for the future is that more of you will jump in and help. It does not take a lot of effort. **Just recruit your shooting friends who are not now members of NSRPA or sign up your child or grandchild.** If you could just sign up three or four new members each year, it would expand our membership greatly and make NSRPA a great representative for firearms rights.

We could also conduct more competitions in more types of shooting disciplines. These activities will help to insure that shooting sports will continue instead of becoming deceased due to lack of interest. The anti-gun groups keep pushing to make it more difficult to use firearms so the younger generation will not have any experience with them and will not be firearms owners. It is called attrition and it is working against us. Many of the people that I see at matches or gun shows have lots of gray hair. Young people are conspicuous in their absence. Please try to help us TODAY.

Thanks for your attention. I'll see you next issue.

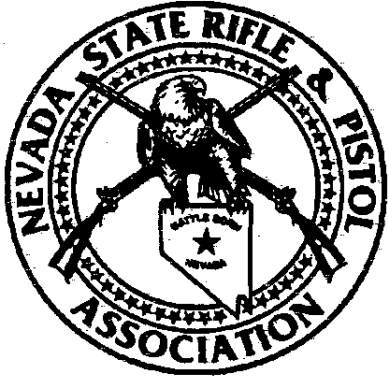
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Robert Smith

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As we start into a year of political popularity contests, a few wise words of warning come to us from the legal minds among our membership.

Talking Turkey

The NSRPA amended its Articles of Incorporation in 1988 to change from a public interest corporation to a non-profit charitable educational organization governed under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose of the organization is education on safe use of firearms and the promotion of the shooting sports.

Certain benefits exist as the result to this status. All contributions made to the NSRPA may be tax deductible. Mileage accrued in volunteer work on behalf of the NSRPA may be tax deductible. There are, however, certain limitations that exist as the result of this status.

The U.S. tax policy does not provide any form of tax deduction or incentive toward the participation in political activities. Your donation to a political party or specific candidate is not tax deductible. Likewise, tax exempt charitable organizations are limited in their ability to participate in the political forum. As a result, the NSRPA has chosen not to participate in this arena at all, rather than to attempt to limit activity and deal with

the massive amount of paperwork required if any political activity is undertaken.

Political activity, under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is defined as advocacy of specific legislation or appropriation, or the support of political candidates or parties. A charitable group is not restricted, under these provisions, from responding to specific inquiries made by elected officials for which they may have specific expertise.

Recently, the Internal Revenue Service has taken action against some groups who have, in the opinion of the Service, crossed the line by advocating positions and supporting candidates. Additionally, interpretation of rules governing volunteer members advocating positions as a part of the organization has been reviewed.

As a result, some charitable groups, including firearms advocacy organizations like Gun Owners of America, have been warned and may be investigated for political activity. The result of an adverse finding by the IRS for NSRPA could effectively bankrupt the organization and subject the officers and directors to potential liability resulting from such an act. It is critically important that everyone understands this and works to ensure that our organization is not subjected to any potential action as the result of missteps.

While each of us is entitled to, and in fact encouraged to participate in the political arena, the organization is not. As such everyone must take all necessary actions to prevent any political activity on behalf of the NSRPA and the potential appearance of inappropriate activity. This included using the NSRPA as any means of identification in participation in political activities or for specific candidates. ***It is inappropriate to wear NSRPA apparel or name badges to a political function. It is clearly inappropriate for NSRPA personnel to request legislation on behalf of the organization. It is also inappropriate to use NSRPA membership of titles in endorsing any candidate or issue.***

If there is any doubt about anything associated with this I would recommend that you seek advise and consent from the President or the Board of Directors before you act. They alone are responsible for the operation of the corporation and they have the fiduciary duty to protect the organization from potential consequences of violating IRS Code.

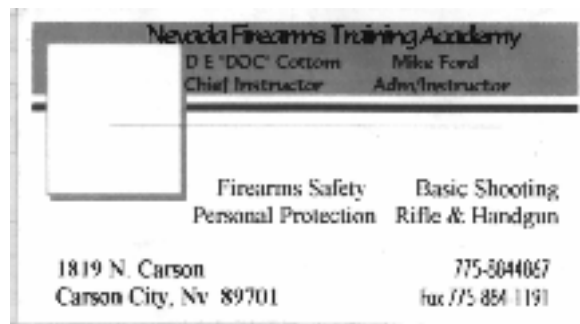
Things have been moved around a bit, again. Some new information has been added to the boilerplate at the front. A list of the current Corporate Partners of the NSRPA is being included. The idea, as you can probably guess, is for us to

patronize and encourage these businesses, and to show them support as they show it to us. If a business you patronize is not a Corporate Partner, and would like to be, we can remedy the situation. This is addressed on page 11, this issue.

Also, I received a call from someone who wanted to put a Classified Ad in the Marksman. In a rushed moment, I lost the message.

I am sorry I did not get back to you. Classified Ads will be fine, and specifics will be worked out and published.

The Editor.



**In Memoriam:
Chester (Chet) Zinke**

We are saddened to announce the passing of former NSRPA member and Executive Officer Chet Zinke in November 2003. Chet lived in Douglas County and was a tireless worker for NSRPA in the 1970s and 1980s. We send our condolences to his family and will remember him for his good works and the good times we had for those many years.

Ed Vincent Mercer, Jr.

Life member Ed Mercer of Hesperia, California passed away recently. We send our condolences to his family and will remember him for his support of NSRPA and the shooting sports.



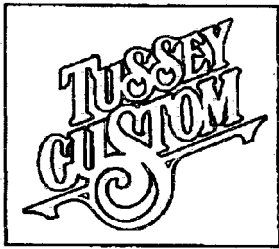
News of the world:

Gleanings from within "The Beltway" Bill Would Limit Keeping of Gun Buyer Records

(NRA) Pro-gun Congressmen have pushed through a legislative amendment by Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan, to limit the keeping of records dealing with legal gun purchases by law-abiding citizens.

Background checks on gun buyers would be retained for 24 hours, instead of 90 days, under a deal struck during final negotiations over an immense spending bill funding dozens of federal agencies.

Keeping of such records is considered by many, including the NRA, to be an invasion of privacy, and was not the intent of legislators when background checks were originally implemented.



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McCain Takes Another Potshot at Gun Shows

(NRA) The latest legislation aimed at ending the American tradition of gun shows finds John McCain and a cadre of other anti-gun politicians pushing more to the same restrictions as proposed in the past.

The McCain-Reed-DeWine-Lieberman gun show bill--S.1807--masquerades as reform, but like its predecessor--the McCain Lieberman bill of the last Congress (S.890)--S.1807 imposes bureaucratic restrictions aimed at eliminating gun shows, while failing to address gun owners' most significant concerns.

S.1807 is not about closing a "gun show loophole"--of course there is no "gun show loophole." Existing laws apply at gun shows just the same as any other place guns are sold.

A tour of any gun show demonstrates that the overwhelming majority of guns offered for sale are from federally licensed dealers. Guns sold by private individuals (such as gun collectors selling a gun or two over the weekend) are the distinct minority. If someone claiming to be a gun collector is actually operating a firearms business and does not have a Federal Firearms License (FFL), he is guilty of a federal felony--every separate gun sale constitutes a separate federal felony.

S.1807 is about eliminating gun shows. It would give any Second Amendment-hating attorney general the power to effectively shut down gun shows, invade the privacy of American citizens and impose many other restrictions that have nothing to do with conducting background checks on firearms purchases.

Among its many major flaws, S.1807 creates gun owner registration, turns casual conversations into "firearm transactions," requires unnecessary new bureaucracy and imposes limitless regulations with no due process protection. The legislation does not provide for true instant checks—a necessity for the short-running events—nor does it give priority to gun show checks or make any improvements to the instant check system.

Most importantly, S.1807 ignores the simple facts—multiple federal government studies prove gun shows are not a significant source of "crime guns."

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) 2001 report "Firearms Use by Offenders," the largest such study ever conducted by the government, found that less than 1% of U.S. "crime guns" come from gun shows. And a 2000 BJS study, "Federal Firearms Offenders, 1992-98," found only 1.7% of federal prison inmates obtained their guns from gun shows.

"S.1807 isn't about controlling crime; it is about controlling free speech," said Chris Cox, executive director of NRA-ILA. "The attack on gun shows makes no sense as a crime control measure. It is strictly driven by an anti-gun political agenda. Closing gun shows means shutting down one of the most important venues for Second Amendment activists to communicate with other gun owners. That's the real goal."

Again, as per 'Talking Turkey' up front, The NSRPA cannot advocate anything. We can only give you information. Act as you will.

Of course, this might be moot, because of the vote held by the Senate the first week of March.

GEOFFREY E. WISE

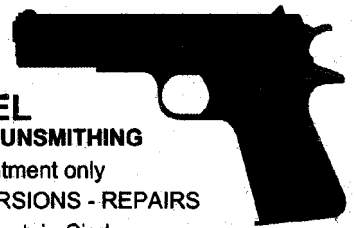
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Ben Avery Shooting Range

(Chas Musser) Ben Avery shooting range, the home of Winter Range, continues to suffer from urban encroachment. We need the help of SASS members everywhere to point out to the City of Phoenix how

important BA is to our CAS sport and shooting sports everywhere.

The Ben Avery Shooting Facility has been nominated as a Phoenix Point of Pride. For the award, however, your vote is needed. From February 2 to March 12, 2004 the City is taking votes to determine who will be awarded this honor.

Anyone can vote, including non-residents of the City of Phoenix, or of Arizona, but you can only vote once. Please send this to all your friends.

Now is our opportunity to let the rest of Phoenix know what you know, that the Ben Avery Shooting Facility is your facility, for your sport.

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/pride/pointsofpride.html>

The link above will take you to the sight to vote for Ben Avery. Help us preserve this treasure.

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Under The Banner of "Terror"

(NRA) New legislation currently before the Senate Judiciary Committee, laced with broad and ambiguous language, would be used in "closing loopholes that have allowed terrorists to acquire firearms, maintaining records of certain handgun transfers during periods of heightened terrorist risk and for other purposes."

All under the pretense of "homeland security" and terror prevention.

The "Homeland Security Gun Safety Act of 2003, sponsored by Senators Frank Lautenberg, D-NJ, Ted Kennedy, D-Mass, Jon Corzine, D-NJ, and Jack Reed, D-RI, would stifle law-abiding citizens' access to firearms should a terrorist attack occur-and stifle it "until the threat condition has been at the lowest level 180 consecutive days."

Since the threat level hasn't been at its lowest level since its inception following the 9/11 attacks, this bill would give a free pass to closing gun shows

(which, many gun-ban proponents wrongly claim, are a major source of firearms for bin Laden and his cave-bound cronies in the Bora Boras) and would allow the widespread abuse, and even suspension, of background checks-meaning the suspension of gun sales.

"In effect, it's a permanent suspension of existing law," NRA Communications Director Andrew Arulanandum told NewsMax.com. It's "an attempt to create a national firearm registration system," he said.

Which begs one important question: By suspending Americans' right to protect themselves, who then will this bill protect?

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News about Sparta Illinois

(Chas Musser) I had a chance to talk extensively with the folks from Sparta. They started their project, **The Sparta World Shooting Complex**, in the idea stage two years ago when ATA announced they would be moving. They are moving dirt today. At the present time \$1,000,000 (Million) Dollars is being spent on road construction and infra structure within the project.

In talking with several folks from the Sparta project it is evident that Sparta was a pre-selected site with a requirement that ATA would relocate to a new site east of the Mississippi River. The Sparta project is anticipated (estimated) to cost \$40,000,000 to 45,000,000 (million) dollars by their own estimate. The City of Sparta bought the land from the Peabody Coal Company. No one could disclose the cost of the land to the City. They at least have a cooperative progressive local government. The City of Sparta bought about 1100 acres from the Peabody Coal Company. The City of Sparta purchased approximately 400 acres from the National Guard.

The governor of Illinois budgeted \$40,000,000 (Million) dollars for the construction of the project that will include 1000 campsites with water, power and sewer. The Clark County cost estimate is very much in line with that of Sparta. ATA has provided Sparta with a list of vendors that will help in construction of buildings for vendor use on the site.

The Sparta **World Shooting Complex** will host the ATA Grand Tournament and be fully operational in August 2006. They expect to have the Sporting Clays and National Skeet competitions relocate to Sparta as

well. It was also mentioned that the Cowboys Shooters are in the process of negotiating with Sparta as well.

The cost of the **World Shooting Complex** is expected to be recovered in 5 years of operation. The Sparta project is very aggressive with a main lobby booth at the **Shot Show**. The Governor of Illinois, The Bureau of Tourism and the City of Sparta have taken a very positive approach to the project.

The project can be viewed at:
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Study: Gun Laws Don't Work

(NRA) Restrictive firearms legislation has failed to reduce gun violence in Australia, Canada or Great Britain, according to a new study.

The policy of confiscating guns has been an expensive failure, according to a new paper, "The Failed Experiment: Gun Control and Public Safety in Canada, Australia, England and Wales," just released by The Fraser Institute.

"What makes gun control so compelling for many is the belief that violent crime is driven by the availability of guns, and more importantly, that criminal violence in general may be reduced by limiting access to firearms," said Gary Mauser, author of the paper and professor of business at Simon Fraser University.

According to Mauser, disarming the public has not reduced criminal violence in any country examined in the study. In all the cases, disarming the public has been ineffective, expensive, and often counterproductive. And in all cases, the effort meant setting up expensive bureaucracies that produce no noticeable improvement to public safety or have made the situation worse.

Mauser cited the following important points:

- In England and Wales, the homicide rate jumped 50% in the 1990's after strict gun laws were passed, and in 2003 gun crime in England and Wales increased by 35%.
- The Australian Government made sweeping changes to the firearms legislation in 1997. While violent crime is decreasing in the United States, it is increasing in Australia. Over the

past six years, the overall rate of violent crime in Australia has been on the rise-armed robberies have jumped 166% nationwide.

- Over the past decade, the rate of violent crime in Canada has increased while in the United States the violent crime rate has plummeted. In addition, the effort to register all firearms, which originally claimed to cost only \$2 million, has now been estimated by the auditor general to top \$1 billion. The final costs are unknown but, if the costs of enforcement are included, the total cost could easily reach \$3 billion.

Perhaps, but there are those who would rather disarm the populace, for the cost of a B-2 bomber, than leave the populace armed, and build the bomber.

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City Of Mesa to Auction Firearms

(NRA) The Mesa, Arizona, City Council is expected to approve the auction of firearms seized by police to licensed gun dealers instead of destroying them, which they have done since 1998.

In April 2003, the council approved the reinstatement of the auctions by a vote of 6-1; since then, minor revisions have been made to the original policy, and Dennis Kavanaugh, the lone dissenting council member, said he would vote in favor of the new policy because it minimizes risk and liability to the city, the East Valley Tribune reports.

Under the new guidelines, any confiscated firearm with a value more than \$100 that has not been used in a violent crime or suicide, that has not been stolen and that has not been otherwise modified will be eligible to be auctioned.

Mesa police are reportedly holding more than 250 firearms that are eligible for auction.

Reno Boat Sport and RV Show

(Mark Robertson) **Lockett & Sullivan** hosted the **32nd Annual Reno Boat Sport and RV Show** on February 5-8, 2004 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. These kind gentlemen provided the NSRPA with a table to set up at free of charge. Biff O'Malia worked our table during this show. On the evening of the 7th, I went down to help, and to see what was to be had. Following are some of the pictures I took.

Sorry Biff, the picture of you didn't turn out.

Right next to us, was an outfit from Fallon, with a nifty little camper trailer.

The thing is made from sheet aluminum, so it is light. Yet it is strong enough to go almost anywhere you can drag it with your 4x4.

With a flat top, you can stack and secure cargo or ATV's to it. The thing opens to form facing benches that seat four, and can also sleep one each, comfortably. Over the top a tent is set up to keep the bugs and weather out. An awning can be attached to the entry, to further protect from the weather.

For more information, they can be found at **www.haultent.com**.

Of course, that one next to us was not the only pop-up trailer there.

Just for good measure, more traditional campers and 5th-wheel trailers than you could shake a lawyer down for, were in attendance.

My dad would like this one. He can walk up the ramp, instead of squeeze through the side door.

Everybody there was hawking their latest models. But that's their job.

Some of these things cost as much as a small house. No surprise, that's what they are. Some of them very small.

Aside from the trailers to drag around, there were plenty of things that moved under their own power. Boats of all kinds. Water and land.

Unfortunately, most of the motor homes were more interested in displaying their interiors than their exteriors, so they did not photograph well. But they are purchased for their insides...

For the watercraft, there were fishing boats...

...some large power boats...

...and of course, the ski boats. I did not see any Jet Ski's or the like. They may have been in the corner that I missed.

There were so many boats, and RV's there that I half expected to see Shore Patrol, the Coast Guard, or some other group there.

Oh, wait a moment. That's Washoe County Sheriff Special Vehicles Unit, showing off their toys, and making sure that everybody behaves.

This does not even begin to mention all the other exhibitors with information on where to go, how to get there, and what to do once there, with your RV, ATV, Boat, or Shoe Leather.

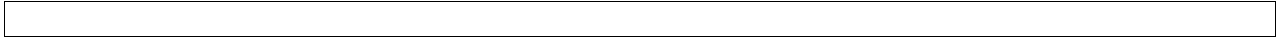
Several vendors of fishing gear, a few off-road enthusiast groups, and lots of tour guides and Department of Recreation-type people were doing their best to fill up the rest of the floor space.

A lot of useful information for planning trips to some very interesting places was available. As were lots of people eager to help. I walked out with a sack full of brochures, product guides, and travel destination advertisements.

Biff collected a sizable amount of donations, while also being able to give out lots of our usual information packets and flyers.

Thanks to Lockett & Sullivan for the space.

And thanks to the jerky guys across the isle for the good jerky to munch.



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Signing up a Corporate Partner

Corporate Partner Members are businesses that support NSRPA. Their annual dues make them members and give them a business card-size advertisement in each Nevada Marksman issue and listing in the Corporate Partner List. The Corporate Partner List is provided so members can easily determine which businesses support NSRPA and thereby patronize them to thank them for their support. If you own a business, whether firearms-related or not, please consider becoming a corporate partner. If you have favorite businesses that you believe could benefit from an advertisement in the Marksman, please try to get them to become a Corporate Partner.

The Nevada Marksman also sells display advertisements and it would be appreciated if you could get a business to advertise in that manner also. The NSRPA advertising agreement is included in this issue of the Marksman, or call our Reno or Las Vegas offices for assistance.

Illinois: Sign of the (Pro-Gun) Times

(NRA) Resurrecting a famous ad campaign for the Second Amendment.

If you happen to travel down Interstate 80 in Orland Park Ill., you might want to keep an eye out for a series of Burma Shave-style signs touting the right to keep and bear arms.

Read in succession, the signs say:

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that gun I sold.

The final sign advertises the Champaign Country Rifle Association's Web site, www.gunssavelife.com

The association has 34 sets of such signs, 33 in Illinois and 1 in Iowa. John Bock, Vice President of the Association, told the Daily Southtown that collectively the signs are seen daily by 559,400 people.

Kansas Plans Protection

(NRA) A Kansas town takes a common-sense approach to stopping crime.

Councilors in Geuda Springs Kansas recently passed an ordinance requiring most households to have guns and ammunition on hand. Non-complying residents would be fined \$10 under the ordinance, passed 3-2 earlier this month by city council members.

Councilman John Brewer told the Associated Press, "This is simply using the U.S. Constitution-Second Amendment in particular-to the city of Geuda Springs' advantage."

Widespread media attention on the ordinance-mostly negative-has pushed the plan to the backburner as councilors hear from townspeople both for and against the plan.

\$10 dollars over what period of time? This may be just another way to raise money for a government, but if you don't want a gun in the house, is \$10 too much to pay?

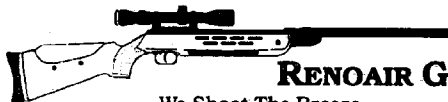
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Opinion/Essay:

(Mark Robertson. Editor)

The February Readers Digest, in their "Everyday Heroes" section, talks about a woman who took matters into her own hands to stop a stalker.

It tells how an unmarried woman in Indianapolis had purchased a small home in on older neighborhood, and soon discovered a trespassing voyeur about her place. The man appeared regularly, but was gone by the time the police arrived. She took the sensible precautions of floodlights and alarms. But this did not deter her tormenter.

Then one day she came home and again found him in her backyard, as she arrived home. He nonchalantly turned and walked away, and she followed, creating a scene. In process she got the man's license plate number, as she recognized the truck that was his. She got onto the truck, which he had walked by, and called

the police again. He came back, and tried to get her off the truck, then drove off with her in the bed, still on the phone to the police.

Aware of her increasing peril, she was able to tell the police there she was, and the direction they were going. The man stopped and tried to get her out of the truck again. She fought back, continuing to make a scene. About this point police officers showed up, and quickly took the man into custody.

The man was identified, and his record showed that he was a convicted rapist, who had spent 18 years in prison. Upon a warranted search of the man's home, evidence was found that he had three other women he was paying attention to.

"We don't recommend that our private citizens chase down criminals or suspects," a police spokesman is quoted as saying. "(She) was extremely lucky that she was not injured, that the man was not armed, or more violent."

As for the woman, she recognizes that what she did was foolish, but "I'd reached my limit."

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I remember a story from when my oldest sister was in high school. A rapist was preying on high school girls in the area. It got to the point where everybody knew someone, or of someone, that had been raped. Then one afternoon, two guys were at home when this rapist broke into their house. The one stuck around quietly, to keep watch on the intruder, the other ran home. His father was a LEO, and had a spare gun at home. Along the way, the word was spread, and a mob gathered, as well as the police being called.

"You know that rapist that you have been trying to catch? Well, we got him here. And you better get here quick, to pick up the pieces."

The battered and bruised perpetrator was taken into custody and the mob peaceably dispersed.

Personally, I think that this points up the need for people to be proactively vigilant about their own defense. And it shows that the LEO community, while honorable and upright, cannot stop the happening of crimes. They can and do catch as many perpetrators as they are able. Kudos to them for it.

But it often comes down to people who have reached their limits, and are not willing to put up with further victimization, to stop crimes in action and prevent them from starting. First through vigilance,

then by reasonable and prudent action. And when all else fails, by the person who has reached his limit doing something foolish, and becoming a hero.

Again, I advocate vigilance, not being a vigilante.



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Just what's going on around here?

(Mark Robertson) I have observed a few things going on around this country of late. At least one of which seems to be incident to the NSRPA, as well as several other organizations. At least as far as I have observed. I have kept quiet with my opinion about this for the last while. But feel to say something now, that I hope is taken as a supportive echo of some other things that have been said.

Apathy and anger seem to be running rampant among the population of this great country.

- "The system is broken. It is not doing what it should. Or what I think it could do. But it is somebody else's job to fix it."
- "I don't have the time, or treasure to contribute to developing or fighting for a solution."
Or: "I have too much to do already."
- "I'm angry, and not going to take it. I'm going to pull my support. Let them do it without me. I am just going to crawl back into my own private life, and close off the access back to the rest of the world. It can go merrily on its way for all I care. As long as it does not take me with."
- "If they would just do this, or that, I could support them. But as they are I can't."
- "Not them. Anybody but them. My cat could do a better job than them, and its dead."
- "We can't do that! We don't have the (number--support--authorization--sure good will) of the people to do that!"
- "They don't know where they are going. I'm not going to help them until they do know and can tell me."

Or: "I can't get involved. I don't have the (name your excuse), and so I would just be useless."

I could probably come up with a few more, but I think the point is made. At the Board Meeting, one of the topics discussed was membership. Smitty is addressing that in this issue. There is a lot to do, and not many people stepping up to be counted to do the

work.

The NSRPA can't be all things to all people. Our legal status prevents us from taking political stands. I can sound off and spill as much ink as I want here as the Editor, so long as I do not advocate any political stance.

As my self I can say whatever I please, thanks to the First Amendment of The Constitution of the United States. But if nobody is listening, or doing anything about it: forming their own opinion and acting on it: I am just whistling in the dark.

And that is part of the problem. Perhaps this can be solved by better communication. People tooting their own horns when they do something.

Chas Musser, to sight one positive example, writes with some frequency about what he is up to, and seeing. Of late he has been upset about a few things. I, for one am pleased to get his notes and reports, several of which have been published here.

As a "by the way" about his messages:

The Clark County Range that has been mentioned here from time to time needs help.

What Chas wants, and is feasible and realistic is for as many as possible to send to the Clark County Commission, and to our National and State Congressman informing them of our opinions, and desires for the Clark County Range Project.

I may be on 'the line' by saying this. Chas advocates more, but I don't think I can say more than I have here, as The Editor. I can only pass along the information.

That may be part of the problem.

As a 501(c)(3) **WE CAN'T ADVOCATE**. Many may want the NSRPA to do just that. And if we can't they will not support us.

Jim Brandmueller and some others have been working on setting up a proper organization to advocate issues, and is looking for help. One thing the NSRPA can do is pass along information. By getting in contact with us, we can connect you to him.

For myself, I could use more submissions:

What's going on in your local clubs? Or your local ranges? Who said what? When?

I don't need pages of stuff. A paragraph or three, maybe a picture...

All this will help. This organization is not just a club for the members of the Board. Technically we serve at your pleasure.

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March 6-7, Day Productions

Pahrump Gun Show

Nugget Casino

March 13-14, R.K. Shows
Las Vegas Gun & Knife Show
Cashman Center

April 10-11, **Day Productions**
Winnemucca Fairgrounds Gun Show

**2003 Greater Reno Area
Gun Show Schedule**

March 20-21, Crossroads of the West

Reno Gun Show

Reno-Sparks Convention Center

March 27-28, Top Gun Show Promotions

Boomtown Gun Show

Boomtown Casino

April 3-4, **Day Productions**
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Bob Ralston: 775-747-5087

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Earl Brabender (775) 423-9249

Meeting first Friday of each month.

March 21: PPC Match, Noon.

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Cris Hill: 775-267-3356

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(Member Ranges Closed)

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4th Sunday: ICOR Match, 7:00 A.M.

March 27: Range clean up

April 17th NRA Pistol & Pers. Protection Instructors
Class (Classroom), 8:00 A.M.

April 18th NRA Pistol & Pers. Protection Instructors
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