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From the Desk of Neal Knox
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Dear Friends,

I've always made it a point to deliver the news to you straight - good or bad. Now I'm afraid I have some unpleasant news. As you're aware, I have been fighting colon cancer for the past year. The doctors tell me that my fight is almost over.

I believe in miracles. I believe in God's healing power and eternal life through Jesus Christ. I know it will take nothing short of a miracle for me to win this battle.

Should that miracle be granted, I will rejoice; but I rejoice nonetheless, for I've been blessed with a wonderful life, a great family, work that I love, and many wonderful friends. Most of all, I thank God for my long-suffering wife Jay Janen who not only put up with me, but has actively supported my efforts for the Second Amendment for nearly forty-nine years. It's been a great run!

I had always assumed that long life was my birthright. My father passed away just this past fall at the age of ninety-two.

I counted on the same sort of life-span and was planning accordingly. We've barely settled into that house in the country that I've been promising Jay for so long. I started rebuilding her classic Mustang convertible and have it in pieces in the basement garage. I've laid out a 100- yard range next to the house, and was looking forward to having my dear friend Ken Oehler help me set up a ballistics lab in the basement.

Time for those projects was budgeted into the next generation of the Firearms Coalition. The plan was to have sons, Chris and Jeff take more prominent roles in the fight, freeing me up to do other things like shooting and writing books. Jeff moved out here for that purpose over a year ago but my illness side-tracked those plans.

I have long wanted to evolve the Firearms Coalition into a resource for grassroots activists and organizations. The goals of the Coalition would be to provide activists with the resources, training, and technology they need to be more effective in the fight.

Now, I hope you will help Jay and the boys as it looks like they will be taking on this important task without me.

There will be more details in the weeks and months to come, including a new book that Chris, Jeff and I have been collaborating on. I regret that I am unlikely to see it in print, but I am confident in their ability

to see it through.

I am thankful for you and the many other friends that have blessed my life making me a truly wealthy man. There have been disagreements, even fights, but the goal of freedom has been a unifying force.

I ask your prayers, both for me and for my family, especially for Jay who never expected to see me go first.

I urge you to continue the fight. Continue your support of the ongoing efforts of the Firearms Coalition and keep the grass roots growing.

Thank you for keeping me in the fight for all these years.

As always: Yours for the Second Amendment,
Neal

Neal passed away early January 17. He was surrounded by our children and his brothers and went quickly without pain.

A memorial service has been held.

It was Neal's wish that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Firearms Coalition or to Rainbow Children's Home in Gainesville, VA.

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Rainbow Christian Services
6004 Artemus Rd.
Gainesville, VA

Neal's condition deteriorated so rapidly that there wasn't time to get the letter above out before his death. He very much wanted to let his friends and supporters know what was going on. We will post more information on the web site, www.NealKnox.com.

I can't tell you how much Neal has loved the difficult work to which he dedicated his life. It has cost us much while at the same time being extremely rewarding in so many ways. The greatest reward has been the love and friendship that we have found along the way.

You're an important part of that.

Thank you so much,

Jay Janen Knox

Obituary: <http://www.nealknox.com/Obituary.html>

Mark

I don't know if you had heard of Neal Knox's passing or not, but I thought I would forward this to you. Seems like I am outliving most of my heroes.
Ray Thompson Life Member 225



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NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Nevada State Rifle & Pistol Association held the Winter Meeting at on Tuesday, April 26, 2004.

Jan 11

CCRKBA SAYS MARYLAND REPORT ON BALLISTIC IMAGING SHATTERS GUN TRACKING MYTHS

A report by the Maryland State Police that recommends repeal of a law requiring collection of ballistic imaging information "shatters one of the favorite myths of gun control extremists," the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today. In its progress report on the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS), the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division recommends that "this program be suspended, a repeal of the collection of cartridge cases from current law be enacted and the Laboratory Technicians associated with the program be transferred to the DNA database unit." So far, Maryland has spent \$2.5 million over the past four years, with nothing to show for it. The report admitted, "Guns found to be used in the commission of crime...are not the ones being entered into" the system. "Our congratulations to Gov. Robert Ehrlich's administration for having released this information," said CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron. "Since the Maryland research also reveals that the same program in New York State has produced not a single trace that has led to the solution of a crime, we think Gov. George Pataki ought to consider scrapping the Empire State's program as well, saving taxpayers there about \$4 million dollars annually." Laws in New York and Maryland require that a fired cartridge case from each handgun sold in the state be provided for entry into the respective state's IBIS database. Extremist gun control groups supported this requirement because it amounts to a

de facto gun registry in the guise of a crime-fighting tool. "By admission of the Maryland State Police, ballistic imaging doesn't work, and appears to be a waste of money," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "Technicians with the California Department of Justice said as much two years ago. The Citizen's Committee and other gun rights groups have been saying all along that ballistic imaging was a fraud as a crime-prevention tool, and now it's also being proven as an ineffective crime-solving tool. "Taxpayers in every state have a right to know about the Maryland report," Gottlieb stated, "because gun control zealots have pushed similar programs in many state legislatures. Taxpayers expect to have their money wisely spent on genuine anti-crime measures, not some boondoggle that amounts to gun registration by another name." With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is one of the nation's premier gun rights organizations. As a non-profit organization, the Citizens Committee is dedicated to preserving firearms freedoms through active lobbying of elected officials and facilitating grass-roots organization of gun rights activists in local communities throughout the United States.

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Feb 22
CCRKBA BLASTS CNN REPORT ALERTING TERRORISTS HOW TO OBTAIN .50 CAL. RIFLES
 The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) today condemned a sensational report on CNN that not only alerts potential terrorists on possible misuses of .50-caliber sporting rifles, but also literally provides a "road map" on how to obtain one of these cumbersome and very expensive firearms. "In yet another media attempt to demonize a particular firearm, which CNN's own reporter, Drew Griffin, acknowledged has 'really never been used domestically in a criminal event,' this outrageous report still suggests to potential terrorists how such a gun might be put to criminal use," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron agreed, noting, "The CNN report comes awfully close to being an attempt by a news organization to encourage an incident, just so CNN can later say 'We warned you'. This sort of journalism belongs right down there with the CBS debacle over the manufactured documents regarding allegations about President Bush's service in the Texas Air National Guard. With so-called 'news' like this on the nation's airwaves, it is no wonder that the American public no longer trusts the media, and believes the press has a political agenda." The CNN report focused on what might happen to a commercial jet aircraft if a terrorist fired at it with a .50-caliber rifle. "Essentially, CNN's Griffin and anchor Paula Zahn have literally told would-be terrorists, 'See what you might do with one of these firearms?'" Gottlieb observed. "Naturally, if such an incident occurs, CNN will quickly blame everyone but themselves. That's not simply disingenuous, it's despicable. Of course, CNN isn't the only news agency guilty of planting this seed of an idea in the mind of

some lunatic. CBS' '60 Minutes' did the same thing, and they're all hoping to one day harvest a bumper crop of sensational stories about some airplane that comes under fire." "If the press handed out awards for irresponsible journalism," Waldron suggested, "CNN would certainly be in the running. Their own report admits these clumsy recreational firearms have not been a problem. Not satisfied with that, it appears CNN isn't just reporting news, it's trying to invent news, and in this case, that news could have tragic consequences. That's Jayson Blair journalism at its worst. CNN ought to be ashamed, but it's doubtful they know the definition of that word." With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is one of the nation's premier gun rights organizations. As a non-profit organization, the Citizens Committee is dedicated to preserving firearms freedoms through active lobbying of elected officials and facilitating grass-roots organization of gun rights activists in local communities throughout the United States.

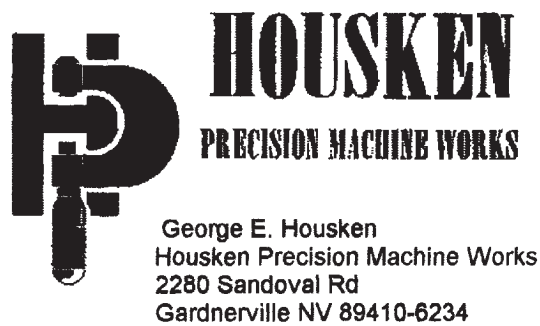
March 1
ILLINOIS ANTI-GUN ACTIVIST ARRESTED, CCRKBA SAYS 'WELCOME TO THE PARTY'
 The arrest of a Springfield, IL anti-gun activist by police who allegedly found an illegal handgun and drugs in her home during a contested search prompted the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms to bid Annette "Flirty" Stevens a "welcome to the party." Stevens became an activist with the Million Mom March after her son was gunned down in 2002. She has acknowledged having the gun – from which the serial number had been removed – in her home. The handgun belonged to her late son, Jericko Clark, she insisted, and she had simply wrapped it up and forgotten about it after finding it several months after his slaying. She claims the search was illegal. "Annette Stevens may now understand why so many law-abiding people are fed up with the kind of gun laws that are promoted by the Million Mom March and other extremist gun control organizations," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "Ironically, the law against filing serial numbers off firearms is one that gun rights activists and organizations have long supported. Yet here she is, this 'poster mom' for gun control, acknowledging that she has kept an illegally-altered handgun in her home while she's been campaigning to deprive other citizens of their firearms. "In the kind of Draconian anti-gun society Stevens and her cohorts are trying to create," Gottlieb continued, "it wouldn't matter if she were innocent as she claims. Under the laws her group supports, gun owners are essentially considered guilty until they prove themselves otherwise. That's everything from background checks to waiting periods, and certainly the Illinois requirement that gun owners have a Firearms Owners Identification Card. Stevens has no FOID card, so there's another gun law violation. There are thousands of local and state laws across the country that the Million Moms support, none of which have done anything to prevent a single crime. All they do is chip away at the gun rights of law-abiding citizens. "If Stevens is so convinced guns don't belong in society," Gottlieb observed, "then why didn't she immediately turn that gun over to the police when she found it more than two years ago? Why did she keep it? What's wrong with this picture? Ms. Stevens is about to learn that supporting gun control is like keeping a vicious dog. They sometimes bite the hands that feed them." With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (www.ccrkba.org) is one of the

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March 8
DON'T BE TERRORIZED BY SENATOR LAUTENBERG, SAYS CITIZENS COMMITTEE
 Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) is putting his anti-gun spin on a report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on firearms purchases by suspected terrorists during a five-month period last year to push his gun control agenda, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) said today. Sen. Lautenberg announced that he will introduce legislation requiring the National Instant Check System (NICS) to retain records of gun purchases by suspected terrorists for at least ten years. "In Sen. Lautenberg's warped view, anyone who buys a gun is a suspected terrorist," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb. "Based on his past record, he is looking for any avenue to justify a back door gun registration scheme so that if he could get even one of his gun ban bills passed, he will know where to go to collect them all. The report demonstrates that the NICS system works. The GAO clearly notes that only 44 out of more than 3.1 million gun transactions showed valid matches to 36 different people whose names are on terrorist watch lists. Of those, 35 transactions were allowed to proceed, six were denied, and three were subject to pending resolution. "Remember," Gottlieb noted, "none of the people who successfully purchased firearms has been charged with, or convicted of any crime, yet their names are on a watch list. How does somebody's name get on one of those lists? How is it removed? Lautenberg wants to keep records on these people for ten years. Where is the ACLU? If this involved anything but a gun purchase, the ACLU would be in hysterics over invasion of privacy issues." "Actually," added CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron, "the report indicates that procedures have been changed already to further reduce the potential that the wrong people will obtain guns. Unfortunately, no system will ever be one hundred percent fool-proof. Even if we adopted all of the gun controls Frank Lautenberg has ever advocated, we would only disarm honest citizens, not criminals or potential terrorists, and he knows it. "However, there is more to this story that Sen. Lautenberg won't mention," Waldron added. "The report says an estimated 650 NICS transactions generated initial hits on terrorist watch lists during the GAO study period. Yet, the vast majority of those hits did not result in valid matches. The bottom line is that the NICS system works and Sen. Lautenberg is trying to say it doesn't so he can demand that we keep records on people who may have broken no laws. Should we deny them the exercise of a civil right? If we do, what's next? Do we take away their other rights? Will we hold them in confinement without trial? How far do we go? Where does it stop?" With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the

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Well this shooting season is off to a great start. After sitting out the heavy snowfall in Northern Nevada for the beginning parts of 2005, all programs at the north end of the state are now in full swing. The Palomino Valley Gun Club (PVGC) junior program has graduated another 6 students through the NRA Rifle Safety Program, all of which remain active in the program, gaining additional rank levels each week. Ben Clowers, a participant in the PVGC program has reached the level of Expert and is currently working on his classification for Distinguished Expert. Ben is the top level competitor in the program and is currently shooting on the Reno High School, ROTC shooting squad as a Freshman! Good job Ben and we look forward to the announcement of your Distinguished Expert ranking, hopefully later on this year.

March 25
CCRKBA BLASTS BLAGOJEVICH BIGOTRY TOWARD GUN OWNERS, PERSONAL PROTECTION

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich has once again placed the Democratic Party's agenda of anti-gun bigotry ahead of the rights of law-abiding citizens to own firearms and defend themselves, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) said today. "A few days ago, Gov. Blagojevich announced that he would veto all pro-gun legislation that comes to his desk," said CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron. "That includes any state pre-emption statute or law creating a concealed carry system. "While calling such legislation 'dead on arrival,' makes for a great sound bite," Waldron continued, "it actually tells law-abiding Illinois residents that they are pretty much 'dead on arrival' if they are targeted by violent criminals. Gov. Blagojevich obviously doesn't trust his own state legislature with the authority to set statewide, uniform firearm standards, and it is abundantly clear that he doesn't care whether a single Illinois citizen has the means to defend himself or herself from violent crime." Waldron noted that the governor's myopic attitude about firearms and personal protection would be a contributing factor in once again elevating Chicago to the realm of a "murder capitol." Chicago annually ranks among the most dangerous cities in the nation, yet it has some of the toughest gun laws in America. "Just who is Rod Blagojevich trying to protect," Waldron wondered. "Is he trying to make Illinois safer for women, or rapists? Is he trying to be tough on criminals, or is he just trying to create a better working environment for them? Does he truly believe state lawmakers can't make good decisions, or does he just think Illinois should become a patchwork of fiefdoms run by demagogues like Richard Daley? "Crime rates in Chicago prove the state gun laws and the city's own anti-gun ordinances don't work and never have," Waldron said. "When a Million Mom March extremist like Annette 'Flirty' Stevens even keeps an unlicensed gun in her Springfield home, in violation of state law, it proves that even gun control zealots don't believe in the laws they support. "Rod Blagojevich and his philosophy of anti-gun bigotry have overstayed their welcome," Waldron concluded. "Illinois citizens deserve more from their governor, and right now, they're getting less than nothing." With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (www.ccrkba.org) is one of the nation's premier gun rights organizations. As a non-profit organization, the Citizens Committee is dedicated to preserving firearms freedoms through active lobbying of elected

Sighting In

Nevada Rifle Earns Academic Honors Team and 12 individuals honored by CRCA April 1, 2005
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - The Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association (CRCA) recently posted their academic award list and 12 members of the University of Nevada were selected to it by maintaining at least a 3.2 over-all grade-point average and earning a varsity letter.

As a team, Nevada was one of seven squads recognized with a team GPA of at least a 3.0.

The 12 Nevada team members earning the individual academic distinction were: Holly Caraway, Amanda Dorrough, Corrie Holmes, Lee Lemenager, Meghann Morrill, Candice Noel, Eric Okamoto, Marcie Purkey, Amie Stickel, Belinda Suwe, Corrie Svee, and Michael Tanoue

-Nevada Freshman Earns Invitation To Olympic Development Team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. -- Meghann Morrill, a freshman at the University of Nevada, placed second in air rifle at the Junior Olympics here Sunday, and earned an invitation to join the Junior Olympic Development Team.

Morrill, from Verdi, Nev., scored 879.9 points out of a total of 900. Placing first was Jessica Jasis of Kentucky. Morrill finished day one in first place, but Morrill let the small margin slip away on day two, allowing Jasis to take the lead. Today marks the beginning of the two day Junior Olympic small bore competition, which Morrill will participate in.

-Sign up for Cougar Rifle Camp

A five-day Cougar Rifle Camp will be taught by Colonel Mike Coger with the assistance of several members of the Spanish Springs High School Varsity Rifle Team.

This camp is for youngsters ages 10 through 14. All live-fire instruction is with Competition Air Rifles. The course includes:

- o Nevada State Hunter Safety Course Certification
- o Rifle and Pistol safety
- o 3-Position rifle marksmanship
- o Fundamentals of competitive shooting
- o Range safety
- o Two competitive tournaments
- o Awards for all participants
- o A variety of outdoors fun and games
- o Lunch is included in the entry

The camp will be held June 7 through June 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The course fee is \$170, and all funds support the Cougar Varsity Rifle Team. For more information and registration, contact Coger at 424-7098 or mcoger@washoe.k12.nv.us.

For those of you that didn't see it, Spanish Springs High School won the Northern Zone Rifle Championship this year. A re-print from the Reno Gazette-Journal follows:

Cougars take Northern Zone Rifle Championships, need funds for trip

RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL 3/7/2005

Spanish Springs High School came out on top during the Northern Zone Rifle Championships, held in February at Carson High School.

The top six varsity rifle teams in the state competed for individual and team honors. There were six-person coed teams, and each team member shoots 10 scoring shots in three different positions (prone, kneeling, and standing). This year was the closest championship match ever with nine points separating first and fourth place:

1. Spanish Springs, 1279 points
2. Carson City, 1277 points
3. Reed, 1271 points
4. Reno, 1270 points
5. Galena, 1243 points
6. McQueen, 1228 points

These teams earned their spot at zone by finishing in the top three of their league during the regular season. Every high school in the Washoe County School District has a rifle team. There are also a number of schools in the Las Vegas area but they are not at the same competitive level as the northern schools.

The team score is determined by adding the top five scores for each school. Their lowest score is dropped and does not figure in the final result. Individual awards are presented for the top scores overall and also in each of the three positions. The top eight individual scorers are designated First Team All-Zone and the next eight earn Second team honors. This year's awards went to:

Overall Scorers (Three positions combined/ Out of 300 Possible):

- First Team All-Zone
- First, Carson City
- Second, Reed
- Third, Rick Norman 265, Spanish Springs
- Fourth, Brady Phillips 260, Spanish Springs
- Second Team All-Zone
- Ninth, Breanne Fretz 257, Spanish Springs

The Spanish Springs Rifle team won the northern league with a 10-0 record. Carson City won the southern league with a 9-1 record. They also set the team record this year with a team score of 1302 points. They were the only team this season to go above 1300 points.

Carson City was the only team to make it to zone while still using the pump style air rifles. These rifles are as accurate as the air cylinder models that every other team was using, but they require the shooter to

get out of position for each shot to pump their rifles. The Carson team also won the Nevada State Junior Olympics Championship last month in the sporter category and will attend the national championships in Kentucky this summer.

Spanish Springs' Cougars are a remarkable story. The rifle program started only four years ago when the school opened. And, they quickly became one of the top teams. Last year, they finished a close second to seven-time undefeated state champions McQueen High. This year, the Cougars ended McQueen's streak on the road and on their home range by winning two close contests. Also, the Cougars won the State Junior Olympics Championship in the Precision rifle category and will compete at the National Championships in Bowling Green, Ky., this summer. Breanne Fretz and Erik Norman placed second and third respectively at the State Championships.

The Cougar rifle team is not just a group of great shooters, but they are also excellent students with a team GPA of 3.58.

The four graduating seniors have earned the Millennium Scholarship as well as other scholarships. Team co-captain Rick Norman has been accepted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Norman will graduate with a 3.9 GPA. Co-captain Brady Phillips will graduate with a 3.8 GPA and will attend UNR. Breanne Fretz will graduate in three years with a 3.8 GPA. She hopes to continue shooting at the NCAA level. Fretz was the number one regular season shooter, taking the silver individual medal at the Nevada State Junior Olympics in January with a score of 565 out of 600.

These young adults will represent Nevada at the Junior Olympics this summer in Kentucky. They are trying to find individuals and businesses who might be able to assist with the financial cost of this trip next summer.

FIREARMS REFRESHER COURSE, FROM A to Z

- a. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
- b. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
- c. Glock: The original point and click interface.
- d. Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.
- e. If guns are outlawed, can we use swords?
- f. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
- g. Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.
- h. If you don't know your rights you don't have any.
- i. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
- j. The United States Constitution (c) 1791. All Rights reserved.
- k. What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand?
- l. The Second Amendment is in place in case they ignore the others.
- m. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
- n. Guns only have two enemies: rust and liberals.
- o. Know guns, know peace and safety. No guns, no peace nor safety.
- p. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
- q. 911 - government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
- r. Assault is a behavior, not a device.
- s. Criminals love gun control - it makes their jobs safer.
- t. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
- u. Only a government that is afraid of its citizens tries to control them.
- v. You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.

w. Enforce the "gun control laws" we have, don't make more.

x. When you remove the people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.

y. The American Revolution would never have happened with gun control.

z. "...a government of the people, by the people, for the people..."

Carry on.
Mark Geldmacher



--- *Shooting and Club news*

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From the Silver State Shootists

We have just received confirmation that we can have the Carson range for our matches on the 3rd Sunday of the month on a permanent basis. Please note on the web page that all Silver State Shootists matches are now on the 3rd Sunday of the month and all business meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Will send you an updated yearly schedule a little later.

Bull Moose

Mounted Shooting News

A Big THANK YOU goes out to the Country Western Church! The schedule for the year changed. The Country Western Church at 6200 Rio Vista St. Las Vegas, NV 89130 has graciously agreed to let the LVMSA rent their Lighted, Full-size Arena for Mounted Shoots from March through October !!!!

The only stipulation is the Day is changed to the second Saturday instead of the second Sunday of each month. Dry Camping overnight is allowed and services are onsite Sunday.

The schedule is:

Sat, June 11th 9am Country Western Church at 6200 Rio Vista St. Las Vegas, NV 89130

Sat, July 9th 9am Country Western Church at 6200 Rio Vista St. Las Vegas, NV 89130

Sat, Aug 13th 9am Country Western Church at 6200 Rio Vista St. Las Vegas, NV 89130

Sat, Sept 10th 9am, 9-11 Memorial, Country Western Church at 6200 Rio Vista St. Las Vegas, NV 89130

Sat, Oct 8th 9am, Halloween/Costume, Country Western Church at 6200 Rio Vista St. Las Vegas, NV 89130

Again a big THANK YOU goes out to the Country Western Church for this gracious offer!
LOCATION INFO:

The Country Western Church of Las Vegas

Contact Name: Joel Stephens

Phone Numbers: Phone: 702-437-6171

Address: 6200 Rio Vista St.

Las Vegas, NV 89130

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God Bless!

From LVMSA (Mounted Shooting)

Our next few scheduled events are listed below. Hope you can all come out and have a great time riding and shooting!!! Pickup a rifle or shotgun or use ours for the side matches! As always our guns and holsters are available for you to use.

Sunday May 8th- LV Mounted Shooting Practice, Noon, 8480 Maggie 702-319-7878

Saturday May 14th - LV Mounted Shooting Year End Qualifier. 9am, Country Western Church 702-319-7878

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--- *Editorials & Pot Shots*

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The Editor retains the right to edit all Letters to the Editor for length, content and grammar. The Nevada State Rifle and Pistol Association reserves the right not to publish letters, or responses to the same.

From The Editor:

First off: a big "NO KIDDING. Well I am sorry it is so late. I've been busy."

That taken care of, Happy (insert holiday) to you.

By way of announcement, the NSRPA Board Meeting was held in Reno, Tuesday, April 26. This was in place of the meeting in January that was canceled due to weather. The next edition will have a general report on what happened.

As I have observed the world going by several things have caught my attention:

The Iraqi people voted for a government other than Saddam, and with less trouble than the Media was hoping.

President Bush's Cabinet has been shuffled.

The Senate is being held up by an apparently power hungry minority bent on denying the American People what they ostensibly voted for in November. The obstructionists are reportedly being led by that dude from Searchlight, who eats at the Nugget.

Pope John Paul II died, and was replaced by Pope Benedict XVI, again to the chagrin of the left-of-center media.

A judge in Florida ordered the death by starvation and dehydration of a U.S. Citizen; a citizen who's only crime was living in a condition that she is supposedly reported not to have wanted to live in.

The Minuet Man Project has engaged in vigilance upon a section the Arizona/Mexico Border, and demonstrated that the Illegal Alien problem can be dealt with at the boarder, if people are just willing to do so. And that many who are not on Congressional Payrolls are willing to do so. Pay attention you politicians!

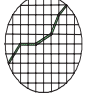
Documentation has surfaced that may go a long way to derail the Yucky Mountain Nuke-em' with Waste Project.

Two friends and I have applied for hunting tags.

As all this, and more, was going on I finished Col. North's second 'War Stories' book, about WW II, centered on the fight in the Pacific. I learned much from it. And I continue my standing salute to those that gave some, and gave all.

My eternal thanks.

Editor.

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From Otto N Sure

The open comment period has started and runs through May 23rd. It is VERY important that the BLM be informed that their decision to not fund the Clark County Sport Shooting Park completely is unacceptable. Here is an example of the kind of comment we can make to let them know how we feel.

To Whom it May Concern:

I wish to state my request to have the Bureau of Land Management go forward with the proposal to fund the Clark County Sport Shooting Park Project as it was originally put forth with no changes from the Round 6 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act proposal.

Signed: _____

Please Print:

Name _____

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Send to: SNPLMA Public Input Round 6

BLM Field Office

4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89130

Let's encourage everyone to invest a 1st class postage stamp and a couple of minutes and perhaps we can get the BLM to change the decision made by their subgroup.

Otto N. Sure

Just wanted to let the Nevada shooters know about the Utah State Championships coming up in August. The 3rd Annual Utah War will be held August 11-13 in Park City, UT. This year the theme is Western Movies. We are going to have lots of side matches, Plainsman Event, and 12 main match stages. When you aren't shooting, enjoy the dutch oven get-together & entertainment, visit surrounding Park City, and don't forget the Saturday night banquet & awards. As always we will be watching out for the fancy duds in both working & fancy dress costume categories. Its gonna be a lot of fun so be sure not to miss it.

We are also really excited to be hosting the 1st Annual Utah State Blackpowder Championship on August 6th, the Saturday before the main match. This match will offer all SASS categories (both men & women, boys & girls) in both Frontier Cartridge & Frontiersmen (cap & ball) classifications. So even if you don't shoot blackpowder on a regular basis you might just want to compete for the honors in a State Blackpowder match. Its gonna be a smokin good time!

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See you in August!

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From Otto N Sure

Clark County Sport Shooting Park Advisory Committee

Meeting of 2/8/05-PART II (MAYBE THE LAST)

Represented by Otto N. Sure on behalf of the Southern Nevada Cowboy Shooters

Compadres

I come to ya with my sombrero in hand and my head bowed. This was to be Part II of the most recent meeting of the Clark County Sport Shooting Park Advisory Committee. I was gonna tell ya about the progress that's been made, about how well our booth was received at the SHOT Show, how excited all of the committee members were as we embark on our third year. Yep, I was gonna tell ya all about it, but I received some news last night that makes me sick at heart. Let me reprint it here just as it came to me:

Dear Advisory Committee,

We have just received word that the Parks, Trails & Natural Areas Subgroup has completed the review of the proposals for Round 6 SNPLMA funds. Recommendations from this local group will be moved through the BLM to the Secretary of the Interior for her final approval. Unfortunately, the Sport Shooting Park proposal was not included in the list of recommended projects.

The Round 6 budget was \$227 million and the PTNA subgroup reviewed 96 proposals that totaled \$877 million in requested funds. There was a great deal of competition for limited funds and the PTNA group faced many tough choices. Ultimately, they determined that projects most closely aligned with the green parks, trails and land preservation program should be recommended for approval.

Kathleen Blakely, Sr Analyst

Parks Planning Office

First it was President Bush's proposal to steal Nevada's birthright by repealing the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 and now our Shooting Park will not receive any additional funding from this source-at least not in 2005.

Yep, we do have \$15 Million in "seed" money from Round 5, but this is totally insufficient to fund what we have all been calling a "World Class" shooting facility. The Clark County Sport Shooting Park is gonna be 2880 acres of desert with a couple of berms and a concrete block guard house. The county has spent in excess of \$500,000 on required and

mandated pre-engineering studies and there are still more that will have to be done before one cubic yard of dirt is moved. It's really hard to believe, but \$15 Million don't buy what it used to.

Where do we go from here? I have no idea. We had been assured for more than six months that the Park was receiving full funding in Round 6. Every mayor in Clark County, every city council in Clark County, and all of our state and national legislators asked that the Shooting Park be completely funded. The Shooting Park had been designated by the Parks and Rec Department as their number one priority for funding in this round, but somehow the weenies who serve on the PTNA sub group-and I have no clue as to who these faceless, tree huggin', land grabbin', anti gunners are-felt that they know what is better for the citizens of Clark County and Nevada.

I've been actively involved in the Shooting Park for nearly 5 years and feel that I and my 20+ enthusiastic committee members have not only been stabbed in the back but that we have wasted countless hours in an exercise in futility.

Granted, there are other sources of funds, but they are nickel and dimes compared to the real money it will take to do this the way it should be done.

Mi amigos, if you've been shooting at Desert Sportsman, Boulder Rifle & Pistol, or the deserts of Jean and Indian Springs you've been shooting at facilities that probably are better than the Clark County Sport Shooting Park will be in any of our lifetimes.

I'm not givin' up the fight, but I feel like the crap's been kicked out of me.

Your humble servant,

Otto N. Sure

From Hick

Talked with Tad Bit with High Plains Drifters, Western States is already close to 100 shooters. If ya plan on attending,

I'd git that reservation in soon.

Sirs,

On behalf of the Panhandle Regulators I would like to invite you to our annual Great Northern Shoot in St. Maries, Idaho September 15th - 19th 2005. The shoot was moved last year to St. Maries and has been a qualified success. St. Maries is located at the confluence of the St. Maries and the St. Joe Rivers. The St. Joe River has the distinction of being the highest navigatable river in the world. Logging trucks roll through town providing logs to Potlatch Corporations St. Maries Complex which produces lumber and Plywood and also to Regulus Sawmill. Crossing over the river you can watch tug boats as they maneuver bundles of logs in Braille's, then pulled and pushed them down the river to awaiting sawmills. Bald eagles and Osprey are seen along the river sitting in large cottonwood trees waiting for errant fish to rise out of the depths to sun themselves. I'm sure you and your Posse would enjoy our shoot and the comraderie that goes with it. The Panhandle Regulators is one of the oldest clubs in Idaho and the 2005 Great Northern will be lucky number 13. For more information reply and let me know when you are available to talk further and I will be happy to provide you with any information you need.

Sincerely,

Kim Schwanz "Zaro" Secretary, Panhandle Regulators Po box 605 St. Maries, Id 83861
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2005**

Updated 3/4/05

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Note: Information about shows produced by Richard Day is not available except from him personally.

As that is the case and I can't get to any of his shows, I will not be providing any information on his shows. If you want to find out about his Reno, Fallon or Gardnerville shows check his promoter information at the end of the listing and give him a call.
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Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino
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May 14-15, 2005

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July 9-10, 2005

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July 23-24, 2005

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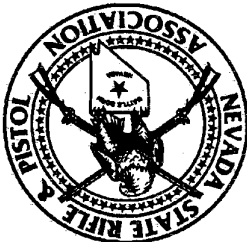
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