

HANDGUN CONTROL

H.R. 2122 AMENDMENTS: ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Dingell and Others (#168) -- STRONGLY OPPOSE

- This NRA-backed amendment, offered by its former Board member, will NOT close the gun show loophole or even meaningfully narrow it. By cutting the time for law enforcement authorities to perform and complete a background check to just 24 hours, thousands of purchasers who otherwise would be identified as felons and other prohibited purchasers will get guns. *The FBI estimates that -- under a 24 hour rule -- over 17,000 people who were stopped from getting guns by the Brady instant background check system would have gotten their weapons!* 95% of all instant checks are completed within two hours and only half of the remaining 5% result in denials. *The Dingell amendment says, in effect, that a minor delay in the receipt of weapons by just 2.5% of purchasers justifies expediting the delivery of tens of thousands of guns to illegal purchasers.* That's dangerous and completely at odds with what the American people are demanding of Congress.
- The Dingell amendment also will actually weaken current laws regarding background checks! Currently, federal authorities have 3 business days -- just as provided in the Senate gun show bill -- to complete background checks requested by licensed gun dealers. *The Dingell amendment will reduce that 3 business day period to 24 hours at gun shows not just for private sellers, but for any vendor, including federally licensed dealers.* That simply makes no sense!

2. McCarthy/Roukema/Blagojevich (#104) -- STRONGLY SUPPORT

In stark contrast to the Dingell amendment designed to gut the Senate's actual closure of the gun show loophole, this real proposal preserves the Senate's language while absolutely assuring that the Senate's legitimate and modest recordkeeping requirements will place no more responsibilities on private gun show sellers than those already met by licensed gun dealers. This amendment WILL close the gun show loophole and, in the process, help keep guns out of the hands of children.

3. Hyde and Others (#143) -- STRONGLY SUPPORT

Congress intended in 1994 to prohibit the continued importation of high capacity ammunition clips (those that hold more than ten bullets) favored by mass killers and gangs. Such clips have no sporting or hunting value, but have continued to flow into the U.S. by the millions through the unintended loophole in the 1994 law. This amendment will finally staunch that deadly flow.

4. Hyde (#144) -- SUPPORT

Current law bars juveniles under 18 from buying or possessing a firearm from a private seller or from a licensed gun dealer (with some exceptions) AND bars anyone under 21 from buying a handgun from a licensed dealer. That leaves a gaping loophole in the law which allows 18, 19 and 20 year olds -- an age group responsible for a quarter of all murders in the U.S. -- free to buy handguns from private sellers at gun shows. This amendment simply makes the handgun purchase age the same whether the sale is made privately, or by a licensed dealer. The amendment, however, does *not* bar the possession of handguns by 18 - 21 year olds.

5. Hyde/McCollum (#163) -- SUPPORT

This amendment would incorporate in H.R. 2122 a provision with bipartisan support adopted in the Senate to prohibit juveniles under the age of 18 from possessing assault weapons, as defined by Congress in 1994. Children don't need to own or have unsupervised access to AK-47's or Streetsweeper assault shotguns. This amendment closes that loophole in current law.

6. Davis (#164) -- SUPPORT

This amendment would incorporate into H.R. 2122 a Senate-passed provision to require the sale of a secure gun storage or safety device with every handgun transferred by a gun manufacturer, importer or dealer. It also provides for limited liability for gun owners who use such devices if their firearm is used in an unlawful act. Although some gun manufacturers have voluntarily agreed to take such action, many more have not.

7. Cunningham/Gekas/Traficant (#47) -- SUPPORT

Major national law enforcement organizations support reciprocity among jurisdictions in laws that permit bona fide law enforcement officers to carry firearms across state lines. Handgun Control defers to their collective judgment in this matter given that the amendment is appropriately limited to such officers.

8. Sessions/Frost (#52) -- STRONGLY OPPOSE

Incredibly, this amendment unambiguously reinserts a loophole that used to exist in our laws but which expired over a year ago. Specifically, current law requires that whenever a firearm is deposited with a pawnshop a background check must be conducted when the weapon is resold AND when its original owner returns to redeem the gun. This amendment would return to our law a loophole that would allow anyone to redeem their own gun without undergoing a background check within one year of pawning it.

The Senate debated and rejected a measure that included a broader form of this amendment. It did so in large part because *the ATF found in a 1998 survey that persons redeeming guns from pawnshops were almost 4 times more likely to be prohibited persons than purchasers from federally licensed dealers*. Background checks save lives; exempting pawnshops from doing them for thousands of transactions will cost lives.

9. Goode (#166) -- STRONGLY OPPOSE

The proposed amendment is ill-considered and dangerously overbroad. While described only in terms of firearms possession, *the amendment actually repeals over 40 sections of the DC Code, leaving the District with virtually no controls over the use and sale of firearms in its laws*. Among the laws that would be wiped off the books in the District if this amendment passes are those which: ban sawed-off shotguns, machine guns, and short-barreled rifles; specify the qualifications for licensed gun dealers; require gun dealers to maintain records; require dealers to keep guns locked up; and -- most incredible of all -- provide criminal penalties for selling a firearm to a person under 18, and for possession of an unregistered firearm!

10. Hunter (#147) -- STRONGLY OPPOSE

The amendment is so loosely drafted that the provisions allowing for the transfer of firearms could be construed to legalize the frequent concealed carrying of weapons in the District whenever the gun owner believed that their purpose for carrying the gun was lawful. More guns on the streets of the nation's capital are not needed. It also would violate one of the most essential home rule powers of any city or jurisdiction in the nation.

11. Rogan (#111) -- SUPPORT

This amendment, known as the "Juvenile Brady" provision, is essentially equivalent to the Senate's adopted language. It would close the loophole in current law that now allows children convicted of violent and other serious offenses as juveniles to legally purchase themselves a weapon on their 18th birthday or later on in adulthood. It sensibly closes that loophole by adding the juvenile equivalent of offenses which would disqualify an adult from purchasing a firearm to the list of disqualifying factors under the existing Brady Law.

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"They got into the game late and it just wasn't very profitable for them," an insurance broker observed. They were trying to capture a good bit of the dealer market and wrote coverage cheaper than others could without really recognizing what the losses could be. When the aroma of the premium is overcome by the stench of the claim, companies lose interest pretty quickly."

LORCIN CLOSES DOORS; SUNDANCE TAKES BANKRUPTCY: The legislative and legal assault against cheap handguns has forced two more California handgun manufacturers out of the state or into bankruptcy.

Lorcin Engineering Company closed in early September, apparently the result of an internal dispute between **James Waldorf** and **Errol Brown**, the two founders of the firm, over how to proceed in the face of the municipal lawsuits and the future of the company.

Waldorf, who resigned the Lorcin presidency and quit its board a few weeks before it closed, said the split came because of a "big difference in business philosophy" between Brown and himself. Among the points of contention was the choice of attorneys to represent Lorcin in the municipal lawsuits.

Waldorf plans to devote his time to **Standard Arms of Nevada**, a Reno-based company he started last year to make polymer-framed pistols for the law enforcement and personal protection markets.

Sundance Industries, a Valencia, California firm that made small and inexpensive .380 and .22 caliber pistols like most of its counterparts in the so-called "Ring of Fire," filed for bankruptcy under **Chapter 7 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code**, meaning its assets will be liquidated to satisfy creditors. Attorneys for the company said the municipal litigation was the main cause of the filing.

Sundance is the second southern California gun maker to seek protection from creditors in the courts. **Davis Industries** filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy earlier this summer. Like Sundance, Davis said the municipal lawsuits were to blame for its filing.

Such legal maneuvers are expected to come under fire soon. **Randy Michelson**, an attorney who represents San Francisco in one of the municipal suits, said some cities plan to argue that their suits, because they protect public welfare, should not be hindered by the bankruptcy process.

Another California gun manufacturer, **Arcadia Machine Tool (AMT)** is reportedly looking into moving its operations out of the state as well. Unconfirmed reports have the firm relocating to South Dakota. AMT has kept a fairly low profile for the past two or three years, restricting its production primarily to a special edition **Automag .44 Magnum** semi-auto pistol.

 **GUN SHOW SALES STRONG IN FACE OF GROWING THREATS:** Buyers are flocking to gun shows around the country, driving attendance up as much as 50 percent in some locations, in response to the growing number of political threats against the popular events.

No place faces more political threats than California. The state has passed stringent laws affecting the way shows are run and several local governments, most recently the Los Angeles County, have declared their property off-limits to shows.

The **Great Western Show**, displaced by the ordinance, filed a \$1 million suit against the county last week, saying the ban on shows interferes with agreements it has made with more than 2,000 vendors. The show is also seeking an injunction preventing the county from enforcing the new rule, which Great Western claims "irrationally criminalizes" gun sales, before it holds its next show at the fairgrounds October 29-31.

Great Western also alleges that the ordinance violates constitutional guarantees of free speech, equal protection and due process. The complaint says the Great Western show is "the occasion for a substantial amount of non-commercial speech" and notes that law enforcement and various military branches often recruit at the event. It also contends that gun shows are sufficiently regulated in California.

In the interim, the show is trying to find a new venue. That won't be easy because the show needs more than 300,000 square feet for its approximately 2,000 exhibitors. Only five or six Southern California sites fit that requirement and they are booked more than a year in advance.

Elsewhere in the West, the Washington legislature is expected to take up the gun show sales issue when it opens its 2000 session in January. The bill, promoted by the anti-gun group **Washington Ceasefire**, would require background checks on handgun sales at shows but the group hopes to expand it to all firearms transactions.

Bob Templeton, whose **Crossroads of the West Productions** runs more than 50 gun shows a year throughout the West, including 22 in California, said attendance has been rising for about six months. He attributes almost all of it to politics.

"There is a lot of concern among people who attend gun shows," Templeton said. "Attendance is up and I think the feeling is that a lot of the stuff that is here now won't be next year."

Templeton intends to keep doing business in California but he says it will be difficult and substantially more expensive to do so.

On top of the potential problems with finding suitable venues, administrative costs for shows in the state are expected to rise sharply as a result of new laws that take effect next year. For example, show organizers will be required to provide a list of dealers who will do business at their shows to the **California Department of Justice** one week in advance.

"We want to make sure we are part of the solution, not part of the problem," said Templeton, who was a founder of the **National Association of Arms Shows**. "However, it's going to make life much more difficult for us."

Such factors have put consumers in the mood to buy, though most are still looking for bargains. Many potential buyers in California are hoping to find dealers "who see the writing on the wall and are getting rid of inventory, preparing to cash out of the business."

The politics in most areas have not reached the point that customers are willing to pay premium prices for just anything, although **Colt AR15** and **Bushmaster** rifles are definite exceptions to the rule. Buyers are lining up to pay \$1,000 or more for those guns. Some dealers say it takes as long as four months to get a Bushmaster rifle from the factory. Few will even hazard a guess about the time frame for delivery of the Colt product.

While they don't command quite as much attention as the military-style guns, single action revolvers and similar Old West guns are strong show performers as well. Marketers say the ongoing interest in cowboy action shooting is the primary factor behind the surge. **Colt's Cowboy**, which sells for around \$600, draws most of the interest but it is on allocation and not readily available in most areas. That tightness has pulled prices for Italian-made versions of the single action revolvers to the \$400-600 range.

In addition to the single actions, you also have a lot of interest in the ancillary things that go with the cowboy action interest," a seller said. "A lot of people are looking for vintage side-by-side coach shotguns, the ones with external hammers. Those can go for several thousand dollars if you find the right one."

Traditionally strong collector items like the **Browning Model 12** are not performing well at shows, the result of too many guns and not enough buyers. The market may be saturated, sellers suggested.

"The market is overstocked with originals and reproductions of the Model 12," one commented. "They have been made much too common, so if you are going to sell them, you have to accept fairly low prices. The Browning guns that are moving well are the **Citori, Superposed and AR5 shotguns**. The run of the mill guns aren't doing much."

Handguns are still strong at the shows as well, but licensed dealers complain the majority of them are being sold from "private collections," meaning no paperwork. If Congress is as close to a compromise on background checks as House leaders say, there could be even more of a rush from buyers to obtain guns before the law takes effect.

"Licensed dealers like me can't even compete at the shows these days, because I have to make the customer do the paperwork," a Houston area dealer lamented. "It's bad enough that I have to compete against the guys who can practically buy out an entire distributorship. The guys who sell without the paperwork, and it seems like there are more every show, are getting all the customers."

"It has been that way since the Brady law came into existence and until Congress gets something worked out for checks at all the shows, it will continue. I don't blame the customer for it; I blame the government. The ATF turned a lot of dealers into private sellers when they quit renewing the licenses."

INVENTORIES STILL LOW FOR MOST DISTRIBUTORS: Distributor inventories are still low on almost all products as the industry heads into what most hope will be one of the more lucrative times of the year for the industry.

Just about every manufacturer still has at least one item--and usually more--on allocation, a market condition that hasn't changed for several months. The limited availability of many products has helped sellers maintain fairly high prices and hasn't really created much hardship in the market. But it is cutting into the distributors' volume.

For example, the overall tightness in **Colt's Manufacturing Company** products seen for most of this year has some distributors grouching that they will never match last year's sales figures for the line. Some claim that Colt's inability to get products to the market in a timely manner has practically eliminated their chances to earn volume-based incentive discounts at the end of the year.

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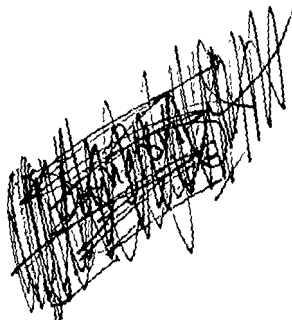
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... \$90.9 billion in fiscal 2000 outlays. could provide \$69.6 billion in discretionary spending, including \$26 billion for HUD, \$14.3 billion for the VA, \$7.6 billion for the EPA and \$13.7 billion for NASA. The roughly \$21 billion in mandatory spending is for entitlement programs including veterans pensions and benefits.

The Senate is expected to vote on the measure Friday.

Conferees worked late into the night Wednesday to craft an agreement which ultimately came in \$4.2 billion higher than the fiscal 1999 level, \$150 million less than President Clinton's request and \$7.5 billion more than the House-passed measure. The conference report restored \$1 billion cut to NASA and removed slashes to several HUD programs voted by the House.

• **Other restorations.** The total includes \$4.2 billion in advance fiscal 2001 funding for HUD's Section 8 rental housing assistance program and \$2.5 billion in "emergency" money for Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief, funding both appropriations that were sought by the administration but that one of the chambers left out of its bill. Negotiators later agreed to restore the money in conference.

Also included in the measure is a \$1.7 billion increase, 10 percent more than Clinton's request, for veterans medical care.

While the House sought to cut funding for the president's prized AmeriCorps national service program and for the Selective Service System, the agreement would continue funding for both at levels slightly below fiscal 1999: \$435 million for AmeriCorps and \$24 million for the Selective Service.

APPROPRIATIONS

ACRIMONY MARS HOUSE PASSAGE OF NEW D.C. SPENDING MEASURE

Embroided in partisan bitterness and certain to attract a second veto in its current form, a new fiscal 2000 spending measure (HR 3064) to fund the District of Columbia passed the House on Thursday, 211-205.

The measure, drafted by House and Senate GOP leaders and appropriators with what Democrats said was little-to-no consultation with their side, would remove some of the social policy riders that prompted a presidential veto of the first D.C. spending bill (HR 2587).

But Democrats said the changes were too little — and that Republicans were too late, having failed to include the White House in crafting the second bill — to avoid another showdown over the legislation.

The measure retains contentious rid-

ers President Clinton previously cited as grounds for a veto, such as a provision that would prevent the District from spending any funds on needle exchange programs or to implement a ballot initiative on medical marijuana, as well as one that would prohibit the District from spending its own money to seek voting rights in Congress.

"The Republican majority seems intent on copping an attitude of father knows best," said Martin Frost, D-Texas.

The newly drafted legislation would change a handful of other provisions the administration opposes.

Among them, it would remove a limit on the salary of certain City Council officials, thus allowing a pay increase to take effect; increase a cap on plaintiffs' attorney fees in special education cases; and delete a provision that would have circumvented local objections and allowed the National Park Service to approve the building of two Bell Atlantic Mobile cellular telephone towers in Rock Creek Park.

In a policy statement released Thursday, White House officials said they would recommend a second presidential veto of the measure.

"The new bill makes virtually no significant improvements from the vetoed bill," the statement said, adding that the administration is ready to work

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'Sensitive' Talks on Juvenile Justice Yield Little Progress

House and Senate Republican leaders met behind closed doors Thursday night in hopes of finding compromise language on juvenile justice legislation but met with little success, failing to reach any agreement after more than an hour of discussion.

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These are real sensitive negotiations," said Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, after emerging from the meeting. "It's a real struggle ... very complex."

The bulk of the negotiations centered on various gun control provisions contained in the Senate version (S 254) of the measure. The House-passed version (HR 1501) contains no similar provisions.

Attending the meeting in the Capitol office of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, Miss., were Hatch, Lott, Senate Majority Whip Don Nickles, Okla., Senate GOP Policy Committee Chairman Larry Craig, Idaho, Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, Ill., House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., House Majority Leader Dick Armey, Texas, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, Texas, and House GOP Conference Chairman J.C. Watts, Okla.

Gun Control Language

Hatch and Hyde presented several gun proposals on which they have agreed, including language that would allow for a three-day background check on those who buy guns at gun shows. Gun shows would be defined as events with five or more vendors.

DeLay and Armey have been reluctant to accept broad gun control language. Craig said House leaders want to start negotiating with Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., who opposes gun restrictions, in hopes of bringing on enough House Democrats to pass a bill that contains modified gun control provisions.

Democratic leaders have been adverse to accept any gun control language that is weaker than the Senate-passed version.

"We don't want to bring up anything that can't pass," said a House leadership aide. "There are strong reservations that the Democrats will walk away [from the Hyde-Hatch proposal]."

The aide added that Democrats are needed to pass the bill because "obviously there is a solid block of Republicans who won't vote for any gun measures."

Another Session?

Conferees have only met once since they were appointed this summer. Leaders have been promising another conference meeting for weeks, but now say they do not know when one will be convened.

The House defeated a measure Thursday by Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, that would have instructed the conferees to immediately meet and prepare a conference report by Oct. 20, the six-month anniversary of the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., where 15 people died.

— Karen Foerstel

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The Honorable Richard Riley
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Dear Attorney General Reno and Secretary Riley:

We are writing to express our concerns with the juvenile justice bills, HR 1501 and S. 254, currently pending in conference committee. Numerous amendments, many unrelated to juvenile justice, were added during passage of these bills. The result is an enormous bill laden with constitutional and civil liberties violations that should not become law.

What follows is only a partial list of some aspects of the bill that we oppose. Unless these problems are fixed, we urge you to oppose this bill. For purposes of clarity, the issues are divided into several categories: privacy, church/state, expansion of federal police power, new mandate on the states, free speech, mandatory sentencing and new death penalties, invalidating prison litigation and eliminating the disproportionate minority confinement protection.

Privacy

Senate Bill 254 contains four provisions not found in H.R. 1501 that present serious privacy issues:

- **Expanding DNA Database:** Secs. 1501-1503 contains a bill introduced by Senator Kohl that expands the use of CODIS, the federal DNA database. This bill did not go through a committee process and did not benefit by having Senators debate and improve upon it. As a result, it fails to provide basic

privacy protections to the database and could, for example, result in including DNA samples and records of innocent people in the federal registry.

- **Eroding Fourth Amendment Protections:** Sec. 211 expands the use of clone pagers to allow the government to obtain private information from a person's pager without obtaining a warrant.
- **Automatic Drug Testing without Probable Cause:** Sec. 321 requires that states institute an automatic drug testing program for certain specified offenses. Testing would take place even without probable cause to establish that the person had been using drugs.
- **Mandating HIV Testing without Protecting Privacy:** Sec. 222 requires that states institute mandatory HIV testing without providing privacy protections to the person tested.

Church/State

House Bill 1501 contains two church/state provisions not found in S. 254:

- **Eliminating Attorneys Fees in Establishment Clause Cases:** Sec. 1101 limits recovery on attorney's fees in establishment clause cases, even when the party has established a constitutional violation.
- **Posting Ten Commandments:** Sec. 1202 is a Congressional declaration of the right of states to post the Ten Commandments in public places, even though the Supreme Court has held this practice to be unconstitutional.

Expansion of Federal Police Power

- **Expanding Asset Forfeiture Power:** Sec. 1614 of the Senate Bill contains an extraordinarily broad asset forfeiture provision. It would allow the government to seize property for any crimes of violence. For example, a person who commits a misdemeanor assault in his home would be at risk of having his home forfeited.
- **Expanding Federal Prosecution of Firearms Offenses:** Sec. 301 of H.R. 1501 codifies "Project Exile" a pilot program in Richmond, Virginia, aimed at expanding the federal prosecution of gun offenses. This program would require that the federal government establish a similar program in every office of the US Attorney. It would mandate "cooperation" between state and federal agencies. It would require prosecutors to bring the most serious charge permitted under law and give federal prosecutors the authority to bring cases in state court. It would allow prosecutors to avoid using the local jury pool (often communities of color) by bringing cases in federal court. The Senate Bill contains a similar provision called CUFF that is less expansive than the House Bill.
- **Eliminating Judicial Review in Juvenile Cases:** Both bills contain provisions that eliminate judicial review in juvenile cases and allow prosecutors unreviewable discretion to prosecute children as young as 14 as adults. This will have the effect of bringing more criminal cases in federal

court – a system that is not equipped to handle juvenile cases. Both bills would create new “gang” crimes that would expand the federal government’s role in prosecuting criminal cases.

New Mandate on the States

- **Requiring Mandatory Detention:** Sec. 222 of S. 254 creates a new core requirement that mandates that states pass laws detaining children for at least 24 hours if they have brought a gun to school – regardless of the circumstances under which that happened. Although the provision is ostensibly to require children who need it to get mental health treatment, nothing in the bill requires treatment and children in detention will not get treatment in most state systems.

Free Speech

- **Mandating Internet Filtering:** The House bill requires schools to certify that they have internet filtering technology on their computers in order to qualify for funding. The Senate bill requires manufacturers of software to provide a filtering or blocking system to prevent access to material on the internet by minors. These provisions will prevent access to protected information and put companies and schools in the position of serving as censors.
- **Prohibiting Internet Commerce of Firearms:** Sec. 1661-1663 of the Senate bill establishes harsh new penalties for selling firearms or explosives over the internet. This stigmatizes legitimate commerce and creates a new broad death penalty provision if a juvenile dies as a result of violating this section.

New Mandatory Sentencing Provisions and Death Penalties

Mandatory sentencing deprives federal court judges of needed discretion and results in overcrowding of prisons with non-violent offenders. Additionally, minority communities are hit hardest by mandatory sentencing.

- **New Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Provisions:** The following crimes would be subject to mandatory minimum sentencing provisions: life imprisonment for a repeat sex offender (even non-violent cases), transfer of a firearm to a juvenile (no exception for family members), career criminal predicates for juveniles (using juvenile adjudications for calculating three strikes determinations), discharging firearms in a school zone, using a firearm to commit a crime of violence, drug trafficking, distributing drugs to minors, using minors to distribute drugs and distributing drugs near schools.
- **New Death Penalties:** The following crimes would be subject to the death penalty: discharging firearms in school zone, interstate travel in aid of criminal gangs, gang related witness intimidation, using the internet to engage in unlawful firearms transactions and eco-terrorism.

Invalidating Prison Litigation

- **Eliminating Valid Consent Decrees:** Sec. 110 of H.R. 1501 establishes strict limits on the use of consent decrees in prison cases. This provision will force states to litigate cases because they will be unable to settle through consent decrees. Existing consent decrees will be invalidated, depriving federal judges of authority to remedy violations of the Eighth Amendment.

Disproportionate Minority Confinement

- **Eliminating Protections for Minority Children in Detention:** The Senate bill eliminates the requirement under current law that states address problems of disproportionate minority confinement in their juvenile detention centers. This provision was passed to require states to make efforts to address the serious problem of overrepresentation of minority youth in juvenile detention centers. States are given broad discretion to determine what measures to take and improvements have been made in a number of states at addressing this problem. The provision does not create any quotas nor mandate states to release certain children from facilities.

We urge you to oppose passage of this legislation and to do what you can to improve it. We would be happy to speak with you further to discuss this letter or any other aspects of the juvenile justice bill. Please contact Terri Schroeder for any questions on Church/State issues at 675-2324, Ron Weich for Free Speech issues at 778-1818 or Rachel King for any other areas of the bill at 675-2314.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Murphy".

Laura Murphy,
Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Juvenile Justice Conferees' Legislative Assistants

FROM: Marc Schindler (Youth Law Center) & Jill Ward (CDF)
Co-Chairs, Juvenile Justice Coalition

DATE: October 20, 1999

RE: Juvenile Justice legislation

As conferees consider juvenile justice legislation, we've provided you with a packet of recent news clippings and a copy of ACLU's letter to Education Secretary Richard Riley and Attorney General Janet Reno.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact either of us. We can be reached by phone at: 202/637-0377 (Marc) or 202/662-3503 (Jill) or by email at: mschindler.ylc@erols.com or jward@childrensdefense.org.

Viewpoints

Responding to juvenile violence

Resist urge for tougher punishment; boost prevention funding instead

By JAMES G. SHERMAN

Recent episodes of juvenile violence have been a stark reminder of how vulnerable we and our children are. How should we as a society respond?

Congress is currently considering several new versions of juvenile justice legislation. A Congressional Conference Committee must decide on final recommendations. Much that is in the bills proposed would weaken the protections our juvenile justice laws traditionally have given children.

The House version is particularly disturbing in that it focuses almost entirely on punishment. It would impose mandatory sentences on youthful offenders and permit disruptive disabled youngsters to be expelled from school. It gives federal prosecutors, rather than judges, the discretion to try children as adults.

It would permit teens as young as 13 to be placed in adult jails, where they would be at risk of assault and abuse. Juveniles are eight times more likely to commit suicide, five times more likely to be sexually assaulted and twice as likely to be assaulted by staff in adult jails than in juvenile facilities.

It also broadly opens up juvenile records, with potentially devastating consequences for future employment and education. That strikes at the heart of the presumption that children who get into trouble deserve a second or third chance.

We need to encourage our representatives to consider other possibilities.

First, prevention pays. Every \$1 spent for high-quality early childhood care and education saves at least \$6 in later costs for special education, the impact of crime, and welfare.

Programs that provide home visiting have been shown to reduce abuse and neglect, which are directly linked to later criminal activity. After-school services such as the local Teen REACH provide constructive options

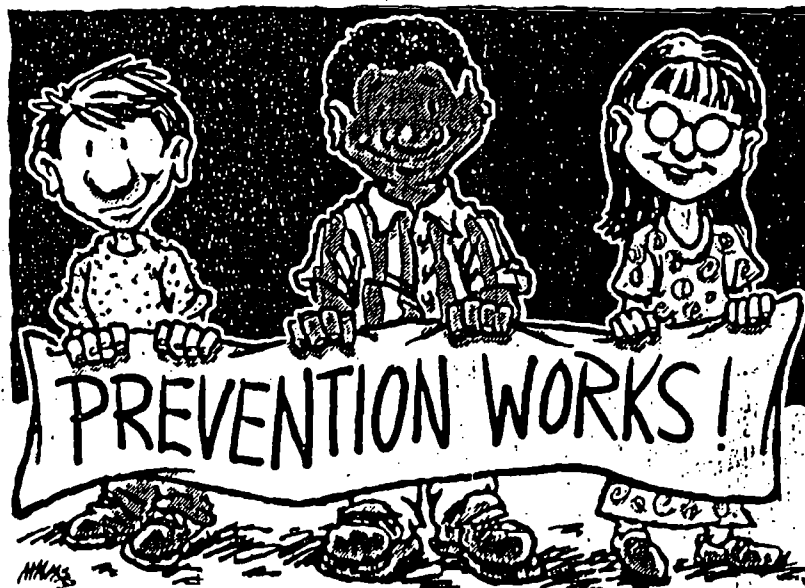
during a time of day when teens are most likely to get into trouble. When Waco, Texas, implemented such a program, juvenile crime dropped by 10 percent. Prevention works.

Second, programs designed to minimize the depth and duration of involvement in the juvenile justice system are working. Five thousand dollars of intensive home-based services to first-time delinquents saves \$30,000 in incarceration costs for 70 percent of those who receive the services.

Third, the Department of Corrections in Illinois has stated repeatedly that it cannot build itself out of this problem due to the influx of kids into their system. Instead, it is investing heavily in community-based interventions. The Children's Home is working with Peoria County Juvenile Court Services to provide after-school services funded by the Peoria County Board. Judges can now refer youths into this program as an alternative to residential care or incarceration.

At the request of the Department of Corrections, we also started the first Day Reporting Center in the state to serve those youths coming out of the Department of Corrections so their length of stay can be shortened and they can be integrated back into their homes and neighborhoods. It is an intensive program with counseling, job preparation, life-skill development, family involvement and educational programming. Not only do these programs save taxpayers thousands of dollars, we believe they will prove to be far more effective.

Fourth, a small group of chronic offenders is responsible for most juvenile violence. Juvenile arrest rates have declined, but public concern remains high due to violent crime



dropping less than overall juvenile crime. Traditionally, the 17-to-24-year-olds were the high-risk years, but we are now seeing more violent crime from 11-to-13-year-olds. This has, in part, caused the recent legislative initiatives.

There are violent and dangerous kids who should be locked up, but they are a very small part of the population. The majority of children need alternative services that can best be provided in community-based programs, such as those offered by Children's Home and other local agencies.

But to address this smaller group of very dangerous youths, let's not overturn a legal history which allows all juveniles to be dealt with differently from adults. And let's resist pressures to minimize funds for mental health services and maximize funds for more stringent measures.

We should oppose weakening the core protections of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. We should insist that the final bill dedicate funds specifically for prevention programs designed to keep children safe and out of trouble. No legislation that is serious about reducing crime and delinquency can deny the merits of prevention.

Rep. Henry Hyde, a Republican from Wood Dale, sits on the Conference Committee. He needs to hear from us. So does Congressman Ray LaHood. Urge them to consider the future of our nation's youth by funding prevention, not just punishment.

James G. Sherman is president and chief executive officer of the Children's Home Association of Illinois.

Black juveniles face unequal treatment in court

Black juveniles are twice as likely as whites to be waived to adult court for the same crimes. In fact, at every stage black juveniles are treated more harshly than whites.

Congress has recognized this blatantly unequal treatment under the law, and directed the states to assess the extent of the disparity and take measures to correct it.

Now, however, House and Senate conferees, working on the juvenile justice bill, are on the verge of discarding that mandate — at the very time many states are finally addressing the problem.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who made the proposal, argues that whatever gap exists is because black youths commit a disproportionate amount of the crime. Unfortunately, that's true.

Yet the difference in crime is small compared to the difference in the treatment of black and white juveniles caught up in the system.

Indiana, like most states, has studied the problem. It has found the disparity in treatment between black and white juveniles isn't something dreamed up by the NAACP and other civil rights advocates.

The gap is real. It is pervasive. It is unconscionable.

Black youths account for only 15 percent of the population ages 10-17. But they account for 26 percent of the arrests. Once arrested, they're more likely to be charged. Charged, they're more likely to be sent to detention centers.

Bill Gist, director of the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force, points out that the unequal treatment starts with the initial charge. His research shows that blacks are more likely than whites to be charged for the same offense.

At that point, the gaps widens. In a state where 10 percent of the population is black, black youngsters account for one in three juvenile arrests.

Yet other states have tackled the problem and shown it's possible to narrow the gap without jeopardizing public safety.

If Sen. Hatch prevails, such efforts to eradicate the institutional racism in juvenile justice likely will die for lack of federal support. And black young people all over the country will continue to be the victims of an unequal justice.

YOUNG AND DEADLY

WHY CHILDREN KILL

Alone, confused and armed

Maya Bell
of The Sentinel Staff

Juan Langley learned the value of obedience early in life. When his mother asked for crack cocaine, the 12-year-old obliged and bought it for her.

Eve Postell learned the value of hard work. When she needed money, she went out to "make some" -- not by baby-sitting like other 13-year-olds, but by yanking gold chains off people's necks.

Damon Peterson learned the value of guns when he was 13, living by the golden rule: "Bite or be bitten."

James Conley learned the value of sharing. By the time he was 8, he was allowed a beer or two from his stepfather's six-pack.

By age 12, James had followed the tradition of most men in his life, landing behind bars but with a distinction all his own. He had become the youngest killer in Florida's adult prison system.

Today, Peterson, Postell, Langley and Conley are among Florida's growing army of young marauders



Dennis Calabrese



James Conley

born in innocence but bred into violence.

Values? Compassion? Respect for life?

Such ideas were as foreign to them as theoretical physics or microbiology. And few people in the justice system -- prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, child psychologists -- are surprised.

Young predators will continue to kill, they say, as long as children are born in chaos to irresponsible or inept parents, and as long as the weapon of choice -- the gun -- is easily accessible.

Most wayward children, of course, never kill or maim. And some children from seemingly loving, stable backgrounds commit unthinkable crimes.

As a rule, though, most children who kill have accomplices. It could be a detached mother trapped in poverty. An anonymous father. Dead-end role models. Drugs, abuse or neglect. A neighborhood awash in violence. Or a justice system too overburdened to recognize a child's cry for direction, or just plain love.

Florida warehouses a lot of these kids. Today, more than 1,250 inmates are serving time for killing someone or attempting to kill when they were 17 or younger. Ninety-five were 12, 13, or 14 at the time. Thirty-six are still under 18. Sixty-six percent are black males. Nearly 400 are serving life sentences. Seven are on death row.

Stephanie Powell, who at age 13 shot a cab driver in the head before skipping out on the \$6 fare, could be the poster child for many of her violent peers: She pretty much raised herself. Severely under socialized, the Palm Beach County teen never thought about consequences.

When told she killed someone's father, she replied: "What's a father?"

Across Florida, the scenes are eerily similar:

Timothy Brown and Keith King, 14 and 17, were riding double on a bike, high on pot and cocaine, when they made a bet: The first to kill a cop wins. The loser: a Broward County deputy finishing paperwork in his patrol car. One of the boys fired a

.38-caliber pistol at the officer's head. He died instantly.

Fourteen-year-old Ricardo Gray shot a young man with a MAC 11 submachine gun a few days after the victim demanded that Gray apologize for stepping on his toe at a Miami flea market.

Ending a long-running feud, 13-year-old Princess Haliburton shot and killed her 14-year-old Orlando neighbor, who Princess thought was threatening her.

After each killing came the predictable, anguished communal cry, "How could this happen?"

There are no excuses, but there are plenty of clues.

Keith King watched his dad kill his mother and later die of AIDS. Tim Brown's mother, an addict, abandoned him as a baby. His father left when he was 11, and later was murdered.

Ricardo Gray, a runaway and dropout at age 14, lived on his own with siblings and friends, drinking and smoking pot.

Princess Haliburton's mother gave her the gun to carry for protection when Princess was only 11.

"I'm really the guilty person here," Jeannie Haliburton said as her daughter was led to prison.

What about Columbine?

Like most children who kill, these youngsters came from a different world than the kids whose murderous school rampages stunned the nation in the past two years.

In one world, crime and death are staples of life. In the other, they're just staples of the nightly news or the latest computer game.

In one world, soccer moms haul their kids to practice in SUVs. In the other, mothers or grandmothers teach their children the survival game: how to dive into the bathtub when bullets fly.

That becomes second nature when homicide is the leading cause of death among minority youths in the United States.

Until a few months ago, most Americans didn't concern themselves with that world, or the children who populate it.

Then came Columbine in Littleton, Colo.

High school outcasts Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, middle-class boys from two-parent families, killed 12 classmates, a teacher and then themselves, proving that the forces that lead children to kill are neither simple nor singular. No matter whose children they are. No matter where they live.

Littleton was a massacre, but it was quick — one afternoon, 14 kids dead, noted James Garbarino, Cornell University psychologist and author of a new book about boys who kill.

"There is a long, slow massacre that has been going on for years that accounts for twice as many kids killing or getting killed every week," Garbarino said. "The families and communities of these kids have been putting teddy bears at memorials for a generation now, largely in silence."

Now, they are joined in their grief. Columbine established a common ground.

"No longer can we believe that we and our children are immune to lethal youth violence," Garbarino wrote, "because today almost every teenager . . . goes to school with a kid who is troubled enough to become the next killer, and chances are that kid has the access to the weapons necessary to do so."

An explosive mix

Damon Peterson can teach that lesson better than any professor. Now 22, he has had six years to reflect on his hopeless childhood and the forces that led him to kill.

His words do not ring with the hollowness that comes from other killers who voice regret. Instead, they reflect a young man who has had time to think about himself and others who grew up under similar circumstances.

First, he says, he never should have been born. And neither should have many other children.

"There should be a law: If you want to have a child, have 15 years of planning," he says. "Someone who's not going to love their child, teach their child discipline and really nourish and train their child's mind should not have the right. If you want to fill your sexual desire, get a condom. But if you want a child, have 15 years."

It took 16 years for Peterson to become a killer.

He offers his advice from Charlotte Correctional Institution, where he is serving a life sentence for killing a German tourist during a robbery attempt. Abandoned by his crack-addicted mother and fending for himself since age 10, guns were his security blanket.

Peterson insists he didn't intend to murder Jorg Schell in 1993. The gun, he said, went off by accident during a robbery attempt in Homestead.

That's not unusual. Most kids who kill don't plan their murders. More common are haphazard killings by youngsters who are out of control, out of the mainstream, out of luck.

And in easy reach of a gun.

Even in the rarer cases of kids who plot their murders, guns play a major role. Nobody will ever know whether Brevard County siblings Cathy Jones and Curtis Fairchild Jones would have killed Sonya Speights if they hadn't swiped their daddy's gun and hunted down the ammunition. But they did, taking turns shooting their father's fiancée, a teachers aide who the children feared would compete for their dad's love.

In Lake County, 11-year-old Patrick Boykin took his parents' revolver from a closet and shot his 13-year-old sister, Constance, four times.

Whatever their motives, these and thousands of other kids became lethal because of guns.

The number of killings committed by armed juveniles in the United States quadrupled between 1983 and 1993, the year the death toll peaked at 3,486. That was, on average, more than 67 slayings every week by a child with firepower. During the

same period, however, nongun killings by youngsters barely changed.

In other words, remove guns from the mix and the seismic leap in juvenile killings this past decade would have been flat. The same is true for juvenile suicides.

"It's the guns, stupid," said Vincent Schiraldi, executive director of the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice. "If you wanted to make kids in America more murderous, you could hardly do better than double their number in poverty and give them a whole bunch more guns. That's basically what we did."

Researchers blame another scourge: crack. The introduction of the cheap form of cocaine into inner cities in the 1980s kick-started a youth arms race, according to a study by Alfred Blumstein, a criminologist at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Poor people such as Juan Langley's mother, a welfare mom from the projects in Brooksville, could buy the drug one hit at a time -- or even send their children to buy it for them. Piecemeal street buying, though, required piecemeal street sellers who came cheap: impoverished kids who, looking around them, could not imagine a better future.

Suddenly, Blumstein said, youngsters such as Langley were vulnerable to theft and unable to go to the police. So they got guns from older boys. Or they traded for them. Or they stole them.

Over time, guns became status symbols, signaling power, safety, manhood. Langley would use his gun to shoot his cousin in a fight that started over a \$5 crack sale.

By 1988, Blumstein said, the diffusion of guns reached white neighborhoods, and the youth arms race was on. Two years later, one of every 20 students reported having carried a gun to school in the previous 30 days, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Suddenly neighborhood brawls that used to end in bloody noses ended in shootouts. And drug deals too often ended in death.

The case of Brevard teens Dennis Calabrese, Robert McKevitt and Geoffrey Calvert is typical. All are serving life sentences after stealing guns, ambushing two young drug pushers and shooting them dead during an LSD deal.

"American kids are not more violent by nature," said Larry Steinberg, director of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice. "We don't lead the world in non-gun violence -- assault, battery, aggravated assaults -- but compare gun-related violence, and we're off the charts."

Actually, out of this world: In 1996, handguns killed 30 in Great Britain, 15 in Japan and 9,390 in the United States.

Few people think, though, that ending youth homicide is as simple as keeping guns from kids. "People think the issue is guns," said Randy Means of the Orange-Osceola State Attorney's Office. "It's not. It's violence. Kids are violent, and they're violent for some reason."

The brain change

Science has been shedding light on some of those reasons, and they pretty much parallel Means' armchair philosophy: "It begins at home. It's a function of poverty and parenting."

Deprivation or inadequate parenting, of course, is no excuse for murder. "For every murderer, there are five people who grew up in the same environment and didn't kill," said Chuck Morton, the Broward prosecutor who convicted the two teens who killed Deputy Patrick Behan on a dare.

However, scientists note that not every smoker gets lung cancer, either. The key is sorting out who is at risk, and researchers in the hybrid field of child development and biology have made a pivotal discovery about the roots of violence:

Experience changes the brain.

In short, the brains of children repeatedly subjected

to trauma -- chaos, abuse, neglect, fear -- are perceptibly different than the brains of kids blessed with most of the right stuff. The buttons that make them react to stress are permanently reset on high-alert, or on dead-numb.

Given the right set of wrong circumstances, some of these children will resort to violence. Given access to a gun, some will kill.

It's not the genetics of the brain that are changing, but the modern experiences imprinted on the brain, said Bruce Perry, a child psychiatrist and neurobiologist doing pioneering research on violence at Baylor College of Medicine.

Many children in today's violence-saturated world of walled communities and public housing are untethered. They have fewer ties to a belief system, to their culture, parents or communities. Across all socioeconomic spectrums, Perry said, they feel alienated.

And growing up in such a world changes how children behave because that's what the brain is designed to do, Perry said.

That's why specialists have said for 20 years that early experiences are so vital to healthy development. The experiences branded on the brain during the first three years of life act as a template, directing how a child will perceive, organize information, behave and respond to stress.

Imprinted with too much chaos, too many stressors and too little love, young brains physically change. Some adopt a persistent state of fear. Their flight or fight switch is always on. Others shut down emotionally, which Perry said may explain Stephanie Powell, the girl who killed the cabdriver.

"Explanations are not exculpations. So when kids do violent things, they should be held accountable," Perry said. "But the question is: 'Do we hold them accountable in the same way as a person who methodically planned a murder?'"

Call for reform

Jan Staniszkis doesn't think so.

A real estate developer in Orlando, Staniszkis was foreman of the jury that convicted Princess Haliburton of manslaughter. The 13-year-old Orlando girl had been charged as an adult with first-degree murder and faced life in prison. The jury, though, decided that she did not plan to shoot neighbor Erika Bearden.

Three years later, Staniszkis still can't get the case off his mind.

"One kid is dead," he said. "The other is in prison. Why? For premeditation? No. Because her mother gave her a gun. Give any child a gun at age 11 and there's a good chance it will be used."

He worries about Princess' future — and ours. He finds it incomprehensible that a child her age was sent to a woman's prison for seven years because Florida's juvenile-justice system doesn't have a program appropriate for girls such as her.

Her attorney tried to get Princess in a program in another state, but the cost was too high. To Staniszkis, the cost of not doing so is even higher.

"Obviously, you have to make a child aware of the gravity of the crime and be held accountable, but not in the same way as pathological killers," he said. "We have to be accountable, too. There needs to be reform with punishment."

Staniszkis' lament is common. When kids kill, there is much anguish about the appropriate punishment and the likely result of their spending their formative years in prison with hardened criminals. One police officer described as cherubs the Brevard children who executed their father's girlfriend. He could not reconcile their sweet faces with their deeds.

But when faced with a child who kills, prosecutors have trouble reconciling their crimes with the limited punishment available in the juvenile system.

Juvenile offenders can be held only until they turn 19, or sometimes 21, but rarely is punishment lengthy.

The obvious solution would be to keep young

killers, especially those who will be turned loose one day, in the juvenile system until they are old enough to be moved to the adult system.

And while that option is discussed, it also is dismissed as too expensive. Locking up kids in adult prison is much cheaper than treating them in a juvenile program.

But an increasing number of prosecutors and judges realize that the justice system can't afford to shrug off damaged children with an, "Oh well, another of life's casualties."

And little by little that attitude is changing. The juvenile homicide rate is dropping, and many factors are credited: gun buy-backs, get-tough policies, a strong economy and, not least of all, prevention, intervention and mentoring programs.

The approaches may differ from community to community, but the results of ignoring them don't.

Last year, 95 youngsters and teens were arrested across Florida on charges of murder, attempted murder or manslaughter; 72 were charged as adults. More than half were black males. Most were 16 or 17 years old, but 20 of them were 13 or 14.

If other children grow up like Damon Peterson, now a model inmate, a self-taught writer and the spiritual leader of Muslims in his prison, they may find incarceration their salvation from a worse fate.

"If I could trade my experience for a million dollars, I wouldn't do it," Peterson said.

"I wouldn't do it. Because the man I've become now, the feet that I'm standing on now, there ain't no way in hell I would have obtained that on the street."

New York Daily News
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Juvenile Crime Bills Off Mark

Ever since the Columbine High School shooting in April, Congress has been under increasing pressure to do something about gun control and youth violence.



The Senate and the House passed separate versions of a new juvenile crime bill in the spring, and Republican leaders of both houses are nearing agreement on a compromise version.

So far, all the media attention has focused on opposing gun-control provisions in the two bills. The Senate's version is supposedly tougher, though not by much.

But a coalition of children and youth organizations has a different focus: They claim provisions in both bills will be disastrous for juveniles.

Further, the advocates say, the Senate's version will allow the criminal justice system to step up its devastating tendency to target blacks in disproportionate numbers.

"Everyone's forgotten about the juvenile part of the juvenile justice bill," said Vincent Schiraldi, executive director of the Washington-based Justice Policy Institute, a coalition member.

Everyone knows that juveniles locked up with adults become easy targets for beatings, rapes and other forms of abuse from adult inmates.

But an amendment in the House bill would do away with dozens of court consent decrees that have forced state prison systems to segregate juveniles from adult prisoners and offered youths greater protections from abusive treatment by guards.

In addition, both bills would allow federal prosecutors to try youths as young as 13 as adults, increase mandatory sentences and do away with confidentiality provisions in juvenile courts.

The Senate bill would even remove a provision in current law that requires states to track the racial and minority composition of those in the juvenile justice system and to address issues of disproportionate confinement.

Sens. Orrin Hatch of Nevada and Jeff Sessions of Alabama gutted that requirement, calling it a quota system and unconstitutional.

During an amazing speech on the Senate floor this spring, Hatch, the powerful chairman of the Judiciary Committee, insisted there is no discrimination in our justice system:

"The fact that 13% of the offenders are African-American and 67% of those incarcerated are — I don't see any information here saying that higher percentage was unjustifiably put in jail," Hatch said. "Does that mean there are a lot of white people getting off? I don't see any evidence of that. Statistics are statistics, but when people go to jail, it is generally because they have committed a crime."

Inconvenient statistics, of course, are precisely what Hatch and Sessions want to eliminate.

One of every three young black men in America today is in prison, in jail, on probation or on parole — a statistic so overwhelming it defies rational explanation.

In a powerful new book, "The Race to Incarcerate," author Marc Mauer of the Sentencing Project documents that in 1995, according to the federal government's own studies, African-Americans were 13% of the population and 15% of drug users, yet they comprised 33% of people arrested, 55% of those convicted and 74% of those sentenced to prison for possession.

Simply put, young whites who use illegal drugs in the suburbs, on college campuses or in downtown nightclubs never get targeted by narcotics sweeps the way blacks and Latinos in the inner city are targeted.

So the jails fill up with young blacks and Latinos, and nobody questions why. It's the same with violent crime.

"Suddenly, we have all these shootings by white kids in rural communities attacking other white kids," Schiraldi said. "So what does the Senate say? Let's abolish [measures to reduce] minority disparate sentencing. ... How do you figure that?"

There's been a 37% drop in violent crime by juveniles since 1993, and a 43% drop in juvenile homicides, Schiraldi said, but most of the nation believes the opposite. Everyone is convinced our young people are out of control.

We can thank television for that.

Even as overall homicides plummeted by 20% between 1992

and 1996, television network coverage of homicide rose by 721%, Schiraldi noted.

Murder sells. And locking up black kids wins votes. Now the Senate even wants to lock up the facts.

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Judges Should Decide Which Children Are Tried as Adults

Several papers ran stories on the Justice Policy Institute's recently released study on prosecutorial discretion. In Florida, it shows, prosecutors, not judges, decide whether juvenile defendants should be tried as adults.

The devastation this policy has brought on Florida's children and families is quite evident. "On every indicator for which we evaluated prosecutorial discretion waiver, from public safety, to targeting violent offenders, to racial equity, the practice was found sorely wanting," stated Jason Ziedenisberg, policy analyst for the Justice Policy Institute and co-author of the report.

In 1995, 7,000 of Florida's children were referred to adult court compared to 9,700 nationwide. This decision has been taken out of the hands of judges, who are experienced, and given to prosecutors, who are not experienced, and are parties to the legal battle. Federal law calls for judges to decide whether children should be tried as adults in federal court.

The institute's report was compiled from such sources as the Florida Department of Corrections, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and the U.S. Justice Department. It found that black children were 2.3 times more likely to be referred to adult court by Florida prosecutors. Youths tried as adults committed new crimes twice as fast as those tried as children.

Frank Davies of The Miami Herald stated in his article published Sept. 28, "State prosecutors in Florida are sending too many juveniles, including nonviolent offenders, into the adult-court system, and this trend has failed to reduce the state's high juvenile-crime rate, according to a new study."

Jason Ziedenisberg, who co-wrote the Justice Policy Institute's study, says Florida was chosen because it was the first state to give prosecutors control over where to file charges on its children.

Congress is considering a massive youth-crime bill, HR 1501, pushed by U.S. Rep. Bill McCollum of Longwood, a candidate for the U.S. Senate from Florida. We, as citizens of this state, must not let this archaic, nonrehabilitative, brutal, anti-child legislation spread to become national law. Become vocal. Write your congressional representatives now.

Remember to oppose proponents of similar legislation when you use your priceless, precious vote.

Florida's children and the nation's will thank you.

DORIS GREEN

Lakeland

Ventura, Beatty Offer Hope

How refreshing to see Jesse Ventura and Warren Beatty toying with the thoughts of running for president. Both seem to be honest, qualified and in touch with the average American.

Gov. Ventura and Mr. Beatty both understand that this country is controlled by special interests and corporate America, and the average American hasn't any say so anymore. They also understand that the left-wing Democrats have moved so far to the right that they have become Republicans, and we all know the Republicans haven't anything to offer the working class.

The working class is the backbone of America. They contribute more than any other class to this country. It's time they regain their voice, and, thanks to Jesse Ventura and Warren Beatty, the American people stand a chance.

JOHN L. GASKINS

Eaton Park

Military Records Missing

I wish to thank Congressman Charles T. Canady and his staff for the excellent support provided to me and my family. Because of a medical problem, I was in need of my service records.

We were told they were lost, "probably" as a result of a fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis on July 12, 1973. The VA informed me that 80 percent of all Army veterans serving between Nov. 1, 1912, and Jan. 1, 1960, are missing, with no back-up records.

I found this hard to believe, and requested the congressman to help me. Many requests were made by his office to high ranking officials in our government. In spite of all his efforts, success was not to be.

This experience leads me to believe that there is no hope, for me or my family.

Good luck to the "millions" of veterans attempting to locate their service records. They will need it.

JOHN CASHIN

Lakeland

Segregation Legacy Active

I take this opportunity to respond to the recent column ["Polk School System Still Segregated," Sept. 27], written by Charles M. Streeter. As a retired school principal of the Polk School System, I concur with everything written in this article.

I have often said that we are no closer to a unitary school system as we were 30 years ago. We must understand that, although segregation has been legally abolished, its legacy still exists in the Polk School System and it will probably take years to overcome, especially under the present leadership in our district office.

Polk County schools need statesmen, as opposed to politicians, leading our school system. In other words, we need honest leaders who can walk the walk, as well as talk the talk. Our children -- especially African-American; Hispanic; and poor, white children -- are suffering in our school system, not from lack of proper funds, but from the lack of good, sound management skills. A good example of this is the waste of thousands of taxpayers' dollars during the restructuring of the schools in Fort Meade. The area of superintendent should be held accountable for such waste of funds. No wonder teachers, custodians, maintenance workers, secretaries, lunchroom workers, bus drivers and other employees are among the lowest-paid school personnel in this state (ranked 56th).

In order to raise test scores and have high morale in our public school system, we need certified and

qualified teachers. One way to employ them and keep them is by keeping salaries in line with other counties. There is no valid reason or excuse for Polk County to be paying its teachers and other employees the salaries they are earning. Wake up, Polk County school leaders -- especially the superintendent, who thinks that reducing the number of teachers and increasing class sizes will enhance the learning of our children. Indeed, to decrease the number of teachers in our schools, is ridiculous to be sure.

Other school districts are working hard, with qualified leaders, in maintaining high standards, high test scores, high morale and good leadership. Why is Polk County always hiring consultants to fix something? With effective leaders, there wouldn't be the problems that we are encountering to fix.

The taxpayers of Polk County deserve better. However, nothing is going to get better or fixed until we rid ourselves of racism, nepotism, favoritism and tokenism. No human being should have to work under the stress, pressure and conditions existing in our school system -- regardless of race, creed or gender.

L.D. WILCOX

Haines City

This letter is in response to Charles M. Streeter's column on Sept. 27, titled "Polk School System Still Segregated."

Consistent with Mr. Streeter's previous articles, his lengthy and verbose attempt to indict the Polk County school system for numerous failings comes up terribly short on facts. Because Mr. Streeter still believes that government is the panacea for all problems, he is unable to distinguish when change also requires personal sacrifice and discipline.

Mr. Streeter asks many, many questions but unfortunately provides no answers; i.e., he attempts to relate three questions regarding African-American mental liberation, psychological damage and the removal of all vestiges of racism to the failure of desegregation.

Desegregation was intended only to provide an even playing field for black students in America. Only when we change the hearts of men will serious gains be made in truly addressing the "vestiges of racism," etc. in our society.

Secondly, Mr. Streeter's attempt to use statistics to indict the school system because African Americans are poorly represented in administrative positions is ludicrous. Perhaps, many potential black educators simply do not elect to pursue educational careers. After all, recruitment of qualified teachers, black and white, is a serious problem in today's economy. Would Mr. Streeter prefer to make his statistical model work with quotas without regard to qualifications?

Mr. Streeter does ask an interesting question as to why there are fewer black educators currently than there were during the pre-segregation days of the dual system. Perhaps, because the black community, before the Great Society, was a close-knit, accountable society in which black teachers and principals were well-respected leaders and not simply employees of a government school system. Perhaps, because pastors were leaders, two-parent families were the norm and the black community was not condemned to dependency by welfare under the guise of compassion.

Unfortunately, Mr. Streeter refuses to recognize that most attempts of government to intervene in areas of personal responsibility always result in failure, and the suggestion that the desegregation order be extended is an example of the same.

DAN C. FRODGE

Alturas

SPCA Makes Progress

I would like to commend The **Ledger** and staff writer Billy Townsend for an excellent article titled "SPCA Nears Goal for New Clinic"[Sept. 20]. This article did a very good job of reminding the citizens of Lakeland and Polk County about the services provided by the SPCA and the need for the new spay-neuter center.

There were many years when care of these animals was done by "foster homes" in which volunteers would take numerous animals into their homes until they could be adopted. John and Claudia Kersey provided one of these homes, and had adapted their home and fenced yard to care for as many as 40 cats. The care provided by these foster homes was a true labor of love. SPCA volunteers would also staff an adoption area outside the Lake Miriam Publix each Saturday in the hope of finding suitable families for these homeless pets.

In 1989, a large bequest from an animal lover provided the funds needed to build the present permanent shelter and adoption center on Brannen Road. Now we are nearing our financial goal to provide a nonprofit spay-and-neuter center, which will help to reduce the number of homeless animals.

Sincere thanks go to the many generous individuals, companies and governmental groups helping to make this dream a reality. I know that the SPCA thanks you, and so do Fido and Fluffy.

EUGENE L. ROBERTS

Former SPCA President, 1989-1991

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October 20, 1999

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
 Chairman
 Senate Committee on the Judiciary
 SD-224
 Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Henry Hyde
 Chairman
 House Committee on the Judiciary
 RHOB-2138
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Hatch and Chairman Hyde:

Today marks the six month anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. In the time that has passed since Columbine, the Senate passed reasonable and common sense gun safety measures to keep guns out the hands of criminals and children - measures which are overwhelmingly supported by the American public. Yet, since House consideration of such legislation, we have not had one substantive conference committee meeting on juvenile justice. With twelve children being killed every day by gun violence, we do not believe we can wait one day longer to address this problem. As Democratic conferees on the Juvenile Justice legislation, we, therefore, write to request a Conference Committee meeting on juvenile justice immediately.

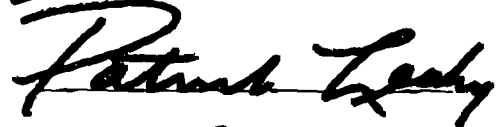
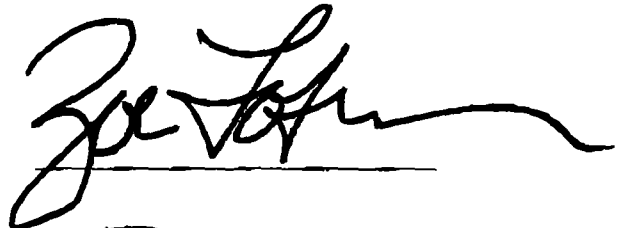
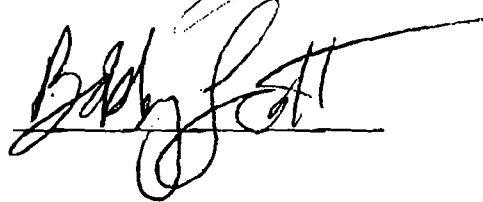
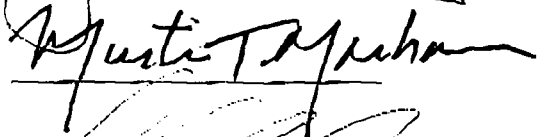
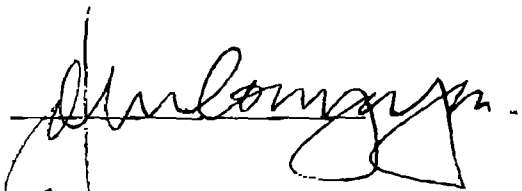
As you know, almost three months have gone by since the conference met for the limited purpose of allowing Members to give opening statements. In the interim, good faith efforts by Chairman Hyde and Ranking Member Conyers to reach a compromise which truly closes the loopholes in the nation's gun laws have left us well apart on a number of issues. We therefore believe that at this point it is essential that the full Conference Committee meet to openly and publicly debate the issues on which we do not agree as soon as possible, in a renewed effort to pass common sense gun safety legislation this year.

To this end, we believe that you should convene a meeting of the conference committee immediately, at which all Members offer and debate amendments, and vote out legislation before Congress's scheduled adjournment. Given the fact that the Columbine massacre took place half a year ago, the reality that 12 children are being killed a day by gun violence, and the ever present fear of "copycat" gun incidents, we think we can all agree that for the sake of our nation's school children and their families, it would be unconscionable to allow this important matter to lay over until the next legislative session or the next school year.

We are eager to reach agreement on the gun show loophole and all other matters in the purview of the Conference Committee. However, we cannot in good conscience "compromise" the public's safety by accepting any background checks on gun show purchasers weaker than those now run on gun store buyers. Any provision which is itself riddled with loopholes can obviously not fairly be said to close the gun show loophole. Nor can we support legislation that would actually weaken current law and thereby allow more guns to fall into the wrong hands. To us that would create a mere mirage of security while engendering further cynicism by the American people regarding the efficacy of our gun safety laws.

We remain committed to the passage of reasonable and common sense gun safety and juvenile justice measures and look forward to hearing your proposals publicly in the near future.

Sincerely,



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10/20/99**TEN NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUPS CALL ON
CONGRESS TO CLOSE "GUN SHOW LOOPHOLE"****Insist that 3 Business Day Background Checks Critical, Oppose 24 Hour
House Provision**

(Washington, DC) Ten of the nation's major police organizations have called unequivocally on Congress to close the gun show loophole -- and to close it completely. Their announcements come as efforts to craft a compromise over gun control provisions mired in a Conference Committee on juvenile justice legislation appear to have reached an impasse on several key issues, particularly the subject of the ten organizational letters: how to close the "gun show loophole."

Echoing the sentiment expressed by all ten organizations in recent letters to Sen. Orrin Hatch (Chair of the Conference Committee appointed by the House and Senate to work out their differences on gun control as part of larger juvenile crime legislation, H.R. 1501), Chief Ronald Neubauer, President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), wrote:

"... Simply requiring that a background check be performed is meaningless unless law enforcement authorities are provided with a period of time sufficient to complete a thorough background check," he wrote. "Law enforcement executives understand that thorough and complete background checks take time. The IACP believes that to suggest, as some proposals do, that the weapon be transferred to the purchaser if background checks are not completed within 24 hours of sale sacrifices the safety of our communities for the sake of convenience," said Neubauer.

International Brotherhood of Police Officers President Kenneth T. Lyons agreed:

"On behalf of the entire membership of the IBPO I wish to express our strong support of the gun-related provisions adopted by the Senate as part of S.254. The IBPO knows that passage of these measures will keep guns away from children and criminals. The IBPO requests that the conferees continue to focus on the need for adequate time to conduct background checks at "gun shows. . . . The Federal Bureau of Investigation has estimated that over 17,000 disqualified individuals would have been able to purchase a gun if a twenty-four hour time limit was required for a background check," wrote Lyons.

Joining IACP AND IBPO in calling on Chairman Hatch and House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde to quickly pass tough gun control proposals as part of the juvenile justice bill were the: Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Major Cities Chiefs, National Sheriffs' Association, National Association of School Resource Officers, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association, Police Executive Research Forum and Police Foundation.

"Keeping guns out of the hands of criminals is a matter of life and death for America's law enforcement officers," said Bob Walker, President of Handgun Control. "It's long past time for

Congress to stop listening to the gun lobby and start listening to what police officers and the overwhelming majority of Americans across the country are saying -- No more excuses. Close the loopholes in our gun laws that allow criminals and kids easy access to guns."

In May, the Senate voted 51-50 - with Vice President Gore breaking the tie - in favor of Senator Frank Lautenberg's (D-NJ) amendment to the juvenile justice bill to require mandatory background checks on all sales at gun shows, even sales by unlicensed dealers and so-called "private collectors." In addition to closing the gun show loophole, the Senate approved legislation that mandates the sale of trigger locks, prohibits further import of military-style large ammunition clips and prohibits violent juveniles from ever owning firearms as adults.

Unfortunately, the House has failed to follow the Senate's lead. When the House considered gun-related amendments to its juvenile justice bill, the House leadership used procedural games and yielded to pressure from the gun lobby to back a "poison pill" provision in that chamber's gun control bill (H.R. 2122) authored by long-time gun control opponent Rep. John Dingell. Although some of the provisions of H.R. 2122 mirrored the Senate's bill, the "Dingell amendment" would have allowed law enforcement authorities just 24 hours to conclude background checks on gun show purchasers before allowing any vendor to make a sale instead of the three business days now allowed by law when sales are made by licensed gun dealers. Restricting background checks to 24 hours would have left the "gun show loophole" gaping open.

Currently, federally licensed firearm dealers (FFL's) at gun shows submit prospective purchasers names to the Instant-check system and, although 95% of purchasers are approved in less than two hours, the system does allow law enforcement to use three days for further checking of purchasers whose records indicate a problem -- usually a criminal record. As noted by IBPO President Lyons, the FBI estimates that, if the background check process had been limited to 24 hours for FFL's just over the last six months, at least 17,000 felons would have walked away with their legally-purchased guns.

The FBI also said in a recent report on the instant check system that, even three business days is sometimes not enough. Under the current system, approximately 5% of background checks cannot be processed in three days, allowing almost 1,800 gun sales to prohibited purchasers in the first seven months under the system.

"We ask our police officers to watch out for the safety of our citizens. Congress needs to watch out for the safety of our law enforcement officers as well. And that means making sure that law enforcement authorities are provided with sufficient time to complete a thorough background check on gun purchasers so that prohibited purchasers are stopped from buying guns that can be used in crimes," said Walker.

As it stands, some juvenile crime bill conferees are pushing for "compromise" legislation regarding background checks on purchases at gun shows which falls short of the provisions passed by the Senate. Handgun Control will not accept any proposal that "compromises" the public safety or fails to effectively close gun show loophole. The American people -- and America's law enforcement officers -- need and deserve better.

Handgun Control, chaired by Sarah Brady, is the nation's largest citizens' gun control lobbying organization. Based in Washington, DC, HCI works to enact stronger federal, state and local gun control laws, but does not seek to ban handguns. Founded in 1974, HCI has more than 400,000 members nationwide and works with local groups around the country to enact and protect reasonable gun control laws. More information about HCI and its affiliated organization, the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, can be found on our website at www.handguncontrol.org.

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The NRA has already spent \$1.5 million this Spring and Summer and just announced that it will spend at least \$1.5 million more to preserve no-questions-asked gun sales at gun shows.

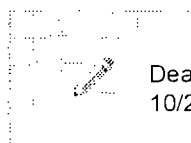
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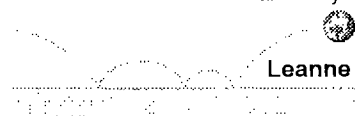
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Gun/Juvenile Crime Legislation

Q: What do you think the prospects are for passing gun legislation before the Congress adjourns for the year?

A: This is not an issue of prospects or politics -- it is an issue of public safety. There is no more painful reminder of this than the six-month anniversary of the tragic

shooting in Littleton, Colorado today.

It would be a grave mistake for the Congress to fail to act on such important life-saving legislation. In this year alone, we have watched as innocent people were gunned down while attending school, walking home from a church or synagogue, working in their offices, delivering the mail, and worshiping in their church. And just last week, three law enforcement officers were killed by gunfire in Pleasanton, Texas. Now is the time to pass common sense gun legislation.

Every day the Congress fails to finish its work on gun legislation, another dozen children are killed by gun violence. The President is committed to doing his part, by giving communities tools to keep their communities safe -- by putting more police on the street, cracking down on illegal gun traffickers, and providing new school safety resources. **The news from the FBI this week that the nation is experiencing the lowest murder rate in over three decades -- largely due to a decrease in firearms homicides -- is proof positive that this strategy is working.**

Even as crime falls, we should not let down our guard. There is still a great deal that needs to be done to improve public safety. There is simply no reason why criminals should be able to buy guns without a background check at gun shows; why violent juveniles should be able to purchase a handgun on their 21st birthday; and why child safety locks cannot be provided with every handgun sold. That is why the President joins the American people in continuing to urge the Congress to pass these common sense measures without further delay.

Q: It has been reported that Chairmen Hyde and Hatch may have reached an agreement on gun legislation that would include many of the Senate-passed provisions you have called for -- including some form of gun shows. Are you prepared to support such a compromise in order to enact gun control measures this year?

A: Well, we haven't seen any legislative language yet, so we would have to reserve judgment until we've had a chance to review it. While some provisions may sound like the Senate-passed gun measures, the devil will certainly be in the details. We know that in the past, "compromises" have been offered that would only compromise public safety and compromise law enforcement's ability to catch criminals trying to buy guns. In some instances, we've even seen "compromises" ghostwritten by the gun lobby that would roll back current gun laws. So, we will be looking at whatever gun provisions are proposed very carefully to ensure that they strengthen current gun laws -- instead of weakening or creating dangerous new loopholes in our gun laws.

Q: Will you veto a juvenile crime bill that contains something less than the Senate-passed gun provisions just to give the Democrats an issue for next year's election?

A: As the President has previously said, he refuses to sign a bill that opens new loopholes and weakens our current gun laws. The Senate gun provisions-- which had bipartisan and law enforcement support -- are entirely reasonable and necessary to improve public safety. And there is no good reason why they can't be passed quickly by the full Congress. During the House gun debate, attempts were made to re-open the pawnshop loophole, and weaken background checks at gun shows. So, as the President has said before, he will veto any bill that weakens our gun laws instead of strengthening them.

Clinton Renews His Appeal on Gun Control

But Prospects for Passage Fade as Congress Remains Deadlocked

By ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 — President Clinton today renewed his call to Congress to approve a far-reaching gun control bill, but prospects for its passage appeared increasingly bleak as lawmakers remained deadlocked over the pivotal issue of regulating gun shows.

Mr. Clinton used the backdrop of a daylong series of Capitol Hill events on youth violence to scold the Republican-controlled Congress for not tightening gun restrictions six months after 13 people and the two gunmen died in the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

"We need Congress to help us keep guns out of the wrong hands," Mr. Clinton told more than 300 high school students from around the country who are attending a two-day conference sponsored mainly by House Democrats.

Broad bipartisan support exists for a range of gun-control measures, including a requirement for child-safety trigger locks, a ban on imported large-capacity ammunition clips and new restrictions for the possession of semiautomatic weapons by anyone under 18.

But these provisions, as well as scores of other unrelated juvenile crime measures, are imperiled because of the major sticking point on gun shows.

A Democrat-sponsored provision approved by the Senate in May required all vendors at gun shows to conduct mandatory background checks on customers and gave ven-

dors up to three days to perform those checks. Currently, only licensed dealers must conduct background checks, while hobbyists and collectors are exempt. The dealers have three days.

The House bill technically has no gun-control provisions, although representatives approved several new restrictions on firearms before the

The key to any deal on gun control lies with the House of Representatives.

entire package was defeated in June, largely by Democrats protesting the relative weakness of that package in comparison with the Senate bill.

House and Senate negotiators have met only once since then to reconcile the rival versions. The difficulty has been finding a compromise that a majority of Democrats, who are the main supporters of gun control, and a significant number of Republicans, can embrace.

Last week, House and Senate Republican leaders met to assess what compromise, if any, could be reached. The meeting ended inconclusively. Even if Republicans are able to work out a version among themselves that a majority of the House and Senate can approve, Pres-

ident Clinton has vowed to veto any bill that falls short on the gun show issue.

In the aftermath of the Columbine shootings, critics and supporters alike said public outrage would probably bridge the gulf over what has been an intractable political issue. But in the intervening months, both sides have hardened their positions and compromise now seems remote.

Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, today accused Republicans of being captive to the National Rifle Association, which opposes the tougher gun show provisions, and said Congress would pass a bill "only if the gun lobby tells the Republican leadership it can."

But Republicans said the White House and Congressional Democratic leaders were refusing to compromise in order to use gun control as a campaign issue next year.

"Staging photo opportunities will not solve anything," Representative Bob Barr, a Georgia Republican who is one of the House negotiators, said today in criticizing Mr. Clinton.

Indeed, today's events on Capitol Hill, capped by Mr. Clinton's address, illustrates Democrats' continued confidence that most Americans share the party's advocacy of stricter gun controls.

The key to any deal lies with the House. The two top negotiators, Representatives Henry J. Hyde, Republican of Illinois, and John Conyers Jr., Democrat of Michigan, have tried for weeks to find common ground. The latest Republican offer includes a provision giving vendors 24 hours



President Clinton waited yesterday to address high school students attending an anti-violence conference on Capitol Hill. At right is the House minority leader, Representative Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri.

to conduct the mandatory background checks, unless that check turns up a disqualifying arrest or felony conviction. In that event, the dealer would have three days to complete the check.

Mr. Conyers was receptive to this proposal, but only if other problems could be ironed out.

Democrats, for instance, objected to Republicans' definition of a gun show as having at least five vendors.

Under this definition, they say, four vendors selling thousands of guns would be exempt.

"It is clear to me that the loophole-loving Republican leadership will sabotage any effort to arrive at meaningful legislation to close the gun show loopholes," Mr. Conyers said in a statement.

Mr. Hyde has faced an uphill fight selling any compromise to his own leadership; notably, Representative

Tom DeLay of Texas, the majority whip.

Mr. DeLay has used gun control as an effective fund-raising tool, arousing fears among conservatives.

"Clinton and the anti-gun lobby are using the tragedies at Columbine High School and Georgia to stop you from exercising your right to own a gun and protect your family," DeLay said in a new fund-raising letter sent this month.

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Subject: JJ legislation

Here's what we're sending to the Adminstration on the jj legislation:

October 8, 1999

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The Honorable Richard Riley
 Secretary
 U.S. Department of Education
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Dear Attorney General Reno and Secretary Riley:

We understand that in the coming weeks, the Senate and House will be developing a final version of the juvenile justice legislation. We would like to take this opportunity to bring a number of concerns to your attention.

We believe that any final juvenile justice legislation must address the following issues:

- 1) Provide core protections for children in the juvenile justice system.

Issue: JJDPa 'Separation' protection.

For the past 25 years, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPa) has protected children from abuse and assault by adults in adult jails. The House-passed bill would weaken this policy by allowing "incidental" contact between children and adult inmates in the

state system, which in many jails will mean that children will be walked down hallways past adult cells and thereby subjected to verbal abuse. Additionally, the House-passed bill weakens protections for children in the federal system as it creates a loophole which could allow youth who are prosecuted in federal court to have unlimited exposure to adult inmates. Under the House bill, children as young as age 13 could be placed in cells with adult inmates in the federal system. This is of grave concern, since research has shown that children commit suicide in adult jails eight times as often as children held in juvenile detention facilities, and children housed in adult prisons are five times more likely to be sexually assaulted, two times more likely to be assaulted by staff, and 50% more likely to be attacked with a weapon compared to children in juvenile facilities.

Recommendation:

We are pleased that the Administration is in agreement with us in supporting the Senate provisions which essentially maintain the protection to separate juveniles from adults in adult jails in both the state and federal systems.

Issue: JJDPa 'Removal' protection.

Both the House and Senate bills significantly weaken the requirement to keep children out of adult jails by including provisions to allow parental consent to place children in adult jails. The Senate bill would allow children to be placed in adult facilities with parental consent indefinitely. The parental consent exception is a radical change from current law and will result in children being placed in adult jails for unacceptably long periods.

Recommendation:

We urged conferees to drop these provisions from the final bill, and instead, maintain current law protections for children. We urge the Administration to take a stronger position on this issue, which is more consistent with maintaining core protections for children and would not result in more children jailed with adults.

Issue: Dangerous conditions for incarcerated children. The House-passed bill contains a provision which will seriously harm children by terminating consent decrees which existed before the passage of the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA). Under this language, dozens of consent decrees which have kept children out of adult jails and prohibited abusive practices, including beatings, tying children to beds, and locking them in isolation rooms for days and weeks at a time, would be abolished.

Recommendation:

We urged conferees to not include this provision in the final bill, and we hope that the Administration will weigh in with us to ensure that this provision which would have devastating consequences for children is not included in the final bill.

Issue: Prosecutorial discretion, trying children as adults, and federalizing juvenile crimes Both bills propose drastic changes in the way that children are prosecuted in the federal system, changes which are opposed by prominent federal officials including Chief Justice Rehnquist and former Attorney General Edwin Meese III. Among some of the changes we oppose are: the presumption that children will be prosecuted in the federal system contrary to current law which assumes prosecution in the state system; prosecuting and sentencing children as young as 13 as adults; giving prosecutors unfettered discretion to prosecute children as adults without judicial review; subjecting children both in the juvenile and adult system to mandatory sentencing; and removing confidentiality protections in juvenile court by opening juvenile court proceedings to the public and making juvenile records available.

Recommendation:

We urged conferees to drop these provisions from the final legislation in light of all the evidence which illustrates that these policies will most certainly lead to an increase in juvenile crime. We strongly urge the Administration to reconsider its position which serves the convenience of federal prosecutors at the expense of children, in

particular, Native American youth.

Issue: Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJJPA).

The House-passed bill includes a provision which would sunset the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJJPA) in 2004. The JJJPA includes the core requirements that have provided the most basic protections against harm to children in correctional facilities for the last 25 years. Sunsetting JJJPA would also eliminate critical funding under the Act to states and communities for improvements to their juvenile justice systems.

Recommendation:

We urged conferees to not include this provision in the final bill, and we appreciate the Administration's support of our position.

2) Support state efforts to reduce disproportionate confinement minority youth.

Issue: Disproportionate confinement of minority youth in the juvenile justice system In virtually every state, minority youth are over-represented at every stage of the juvenile justice system, particularly in secure confinement. Current law directs states generally to "address" this issue, without requiring release of juveniles or incarceration quotas or any other specific change of policy or practice. The Senate-passed bill, however, deletes all reference to "minority" or "race" and instead refers to "segments of the juvenile population." This minimizes an important issue, is offensive to many, and hinders efforts to remedy the disparate treatment of minority youth.

Recommendation:

We urged conferees to adopt the House-passed provision which maintains a requirement to address disproportionate minority confinement under the JJJPA. We are very pleased that the Administration has taken a strong position in favor of this requirement.

3) Significantly invest in juvenile crime prevention.

Issue: Prevention funding set-aside and programs. Although both bills contain a "prevention block grant," there is no set-aside for prevention funding. Without a significant guarantee of funding, there is no assurance that any funds will ever be appropriated for prevention programs.

Recommendation:

We are pleased that the Administration supports the Senate provisions which add further prevention activities as allowable uses under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) and set-aside a minimum of 25% of the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant for prevention purposes and to establish a new 'Parenting as Prevention' program.

4) Take serious steps to reduce gun violence.

Issue: Availability of and access to guns to children and people who kill children.

The House-passed bill fails to take any significant action to make guns safer or less accessible to children or people who kill children. At a time when, on average, nearly 13 children and young people are killed by firearms every day, it is critically important that the final bill address gun violence in a meaningful way.

Recommendation:

We agree with the Administration that the final conference report must adopt at a minimum the Senate-passed provisions to close the gun-show loophole, require child safety locks, and ban the importation of high capacity ammunition clips.

5) Provide appropriate support services for at-risk and delinquent youth.

Issue: Graduated sanctions

Both bills allow Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG)

funds to be used to implement graduated sanctions or a system of graduated sanctions in order to assure a consequence for every delinquent act by a youth. The House bill provides states with some discretion in implementing graduated sanctions, while the Senate bill restricts states' discretion, and instead mandates this as a condition of receiving JAIBG funds.

Recommendation:

We are pleased that the Administration agrees with us in recommending the adoption of the House language which allows states the discretion to implement graduated sanctions as a condition of receipt of JAIBG funds. We also hope you will consider supporting our recommendation for defining graduated sanctions per the the House Title XIII definition.

Issue: Intervention services to children with disabilities who bring firearms to school. The Senate and House bills amend current law by allowing school personnel to discipline and to cease educational services to students with disabilities who possess or carry a firearm or weapon to school. The Senate bill requires that immediate mental health intervention services be provided for children removed from school for any violent acts, including carrying or possessing a weapon.

Recommendation:

We oppose the cessation of educational services to students with disabilities and urge that this provision be removed, and we appreciate the Administration's strong position in opposition to the IDEA amendments to this legislation. Despite these concerns, should the conferees retain these provisions, we would prefer that the conferees adopt the Senate provision which provides for immediate mental health services as this would better assure that schools are safe learning environments and reduce future violence.

Issue: Mental health services to at-risk and delinquent youth. The Senate and House bills, respectively, include a number of similar provisions which focus on assessing and providing mental health services to at-risk and delinquent youth. In addition, the House bill allows Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) funds to be used for mental health screening and services, and requires the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to conduct research on mental health services for juveniles, providing training and technical assistance to mental health and law enforcement personnel, and to conduct a comprehensive study on the mental health needs of juveniles in the juvenile justice system. Also, the Senate bill allows funds to be used to train justice system personnel and probation officers with these funds, authorizes a demonstration program on violence prevention, and reauthorizes the Elementary School Counseling Demonstration Act.

Recommendation:

We agree with the Administration in urging conferees to include the screening, research, training, and study provisions contained in the House bill and the training, violence prevention and counseling program provisions in the Senate bill.

6) Focus federal support, technical assistance and research on children and youth.

Issue: Reorganization of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The Senate-passed bill fails to recognize the importance of juvenile justice research, training, and technical assistance. The bill transfers most of these functions currently supported by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to the National Institute of Justice, an agency primarily responsible for research on adult crime. Juvenile justice research (e.g., on effective delinquency prevention programs), training of juvenile justice personnel, public officials and their staffs, and technical assistance to communities have proved invaluable to public officials, policymakers, and concerned citizens. There is a significant danger that these important activities will inevitably have a lower priority at NIJ, resulting in

far fewer resources for communities to use in their juvenile crime control and prevention efforts. The House bill includes no similar provision.

Recommendation:

We urged conferees to not include these provisions in the final bill. We are disappointed that the Administration continues to promote this restructuring plan despite overwhelming concerns raised by numerous juvenile justice advocates. WE have no confidence that concerns we've raised will be addressed under the restructuring plan and we believe that this plan is highly inconsistent with the President's commitment to address youth violence, and therefore, we strongly urge you to reconsider the Administration's position in light of these concerns. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration to assure that the final juvenile justice legislation protects children.

Sincerely,

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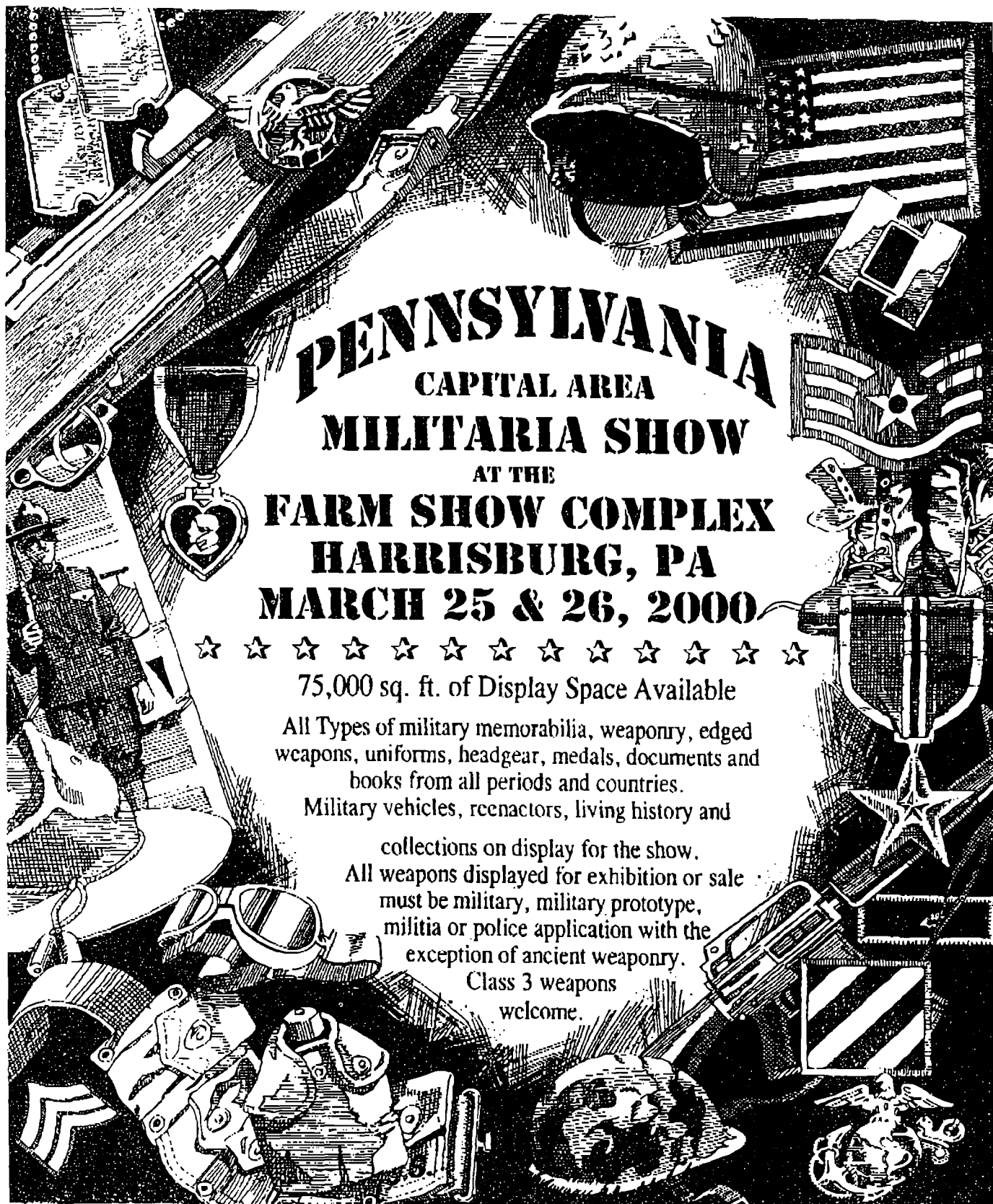
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Nov 13-14 NE, Lincoln, AG Hall, State Fair Park, 15th & Holdrege Gun Show, 7:00 A.M. \$3, Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-4pm, Yardley Enterprises, Inc., 30303 Kimberly Dr., Ashland, NE 68005, PH: 402-344-2545

Nov 13-14 NY, Poughkeepsie, Livestock Event Ctr. Exhibit Hall, 1340 N. Wells Ave. Gun & Knife Show, T. 250 B. F. \$45 A \$5, Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-4pm, V.H. Walker, 2309 Capital Blvd., Redwood, CA 94072, PH: 650-781-0289

Nov 13-14 NC, New Bern, Craven County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 20 E. Gun Show, Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 10am-5pm, SKD Show Flavors, Cherwood Parkway, 7441 Florence Rd., Maysville, NC 28556, PH: 252-745-5847

Nov 13-14 NC, Winston-Salem, LVM Mart, Col. Bob Duncan Blvd. Gun Show, T. R. F. \$45, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm, C. & E. Gun Shows, 1204 N. Main St., Blacksburg, VA 24060, PH: 540-953-0915 or 800-715-0606, FAX: 540-953-8458

Nov 13-14 OH, Medina, Community Ctr. On Fairgrounds, 421, 735 Lafayette Rd. Gun Show, T. 150 B. F. \$35 A \$5, Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-4pm, Conrad & Dowdell Prods., Inc., 775 W. Smith Rd., Medina, OH 44026, PH: 330-725-6005

Nov 13-14 OH, Circleville, Hickway City Fairgrounds, U.S. Hwy. 23 to US Hwy. 22 E. Gun Show, T. 180 B. F. \$35 A \$5, under 13 Hrs. Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm, P.O. Box 29203, Columbus, OH 43220, PH: 614-422-7707

Nov 13-14 OK, Oklahoma City Fairgrounds, I-40 & I-44 Gun Show, F. \$45, Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-4pm, Claude Harris OK City Gun Show, P.O. Box 14119, Okla. City, OK 73113, PH: 800-333-GUNS, 405-525-3266 office or FAX: 405-526-4112

Nov 13-14 OK, Tulsa, Fairgrounds Expo Bldg. Gun Show, T. 1500, F. \$45, A \$5, Metall Ent., P.O. Box 45, Okawado, OK 74055, PH: 918-272-1119

Nov 13-14 PA, Allentown, Days Inn Conference Ctr., Rm. 22 & 309, Gun & Militaria Show, F. \$40, A \$5, \$2 children, Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm, Ed Winn, Sr., 1 Holiday Dr., Duryea, PA 18842, PH: 717-457-9473 or FAX: 717-457-1887

Nov 13-14 PA, Levittown, Bucks Co. Market Place Expo Ctr. On US Rt. 1 & 413, Gun Show, T. 300-B, F. \$15, Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-4pm, Borderline Gun Collectors Assoc., RD 2, Box 172, Wellsboro, PA 16801, PH: 717-724-7918

Nov 13-14 PA, Pottstown, Sunnybrook Ballroom, (old) Rt. 422 E. of Pottstown, Gun Show, T. 340 A \$5, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 8:30am-3pm, Antique Gun Collectors Assn., PAGCA, Box 63, Media, PA 19063, PH: 610-767-0456

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Nov 13-14 VA, Beaufort, Huggs Show Hall, Gun Show, T. 217 B, F. \$40, Old Dominion, P.O. Box 289, Woodlawn, VA 24381, PH: 540-238-1343 or FAX: 540-238-1453



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Nov 6-7 OH, Corvallis, Berlin City Fairgrounds 110 SW 13th Gun Show T. 110-8, F. \$45, A. \$5, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. Collectors West, Inc. Mark Daumann, PO Box 91508, Portland, OR 97291. PH: 800-649-3440

Nov 6-7 OR, Roseburg, Fairgrounds Gun Show, Code of The West Productions, Rick & Peggy Smith, 233 Hogue River Hwy. RMH 52, Grants Pass, OR 97527. PH: 503-476-9814 OR 503-216-129-2348 CA.

Nov 6-7 PA, Greensburg (Greensboro) (Previously held at the Fg. Expo Mart, Meadowdale) Gun Show T. 900-6, 8, F. \$30, A. \$5, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. PA Gun Collectors Assoc., PO Box 541, Bedford Park, PA 15002. PH: 412-454-4625

Nov 6-7 PA, Greenville, Mason Dixon Auto Gun Show T. 200-8, F. \$40, Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm, Davis Outlets Promotions, 350 Rt. 22, Millersburg, PA 17061. PH: 717-691-5444 or FAX: 717-691-3143

Nov 6-7 PA, Ft. Washington, Expo Ctr. 5276, Exit 26, Willow Expo Ctr. signs to 1100 Virginia Ave. Gun Show T. 701 Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. Mid Atlantic Arms Collectors, PO 2, Box 14, 54W, Uniondale, PA 18470. PH/FAX: 610-629-2266

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Nov 6-7 TN, Nashville, Fairgrounds, Wedgewood Aves. Gun & Knife Show T. 150-8, F. \$40, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. Bill Goodman, PO Box 5, Washington, KY 40064. PH: 502-538-6900 or FAX: 502-538-7879.

Nov 6-7 TX, Mesquite, Big Town Exhibit Hall, Big Town Bt. & Hwy. 40 Gun Show T. 1,000-8, F. \$50, North TX C. Club, Inc., David Cook, PO Box 829475, Dallas, 75267. PH: 214-341-2855 or 348-9238 or 972-222-42

Nov 6-7 TX, San Antonio, Airport Convention Ctr. Gun Show T. 8, F. \$40, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. Gun Shows, Gun or Todd, PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, 78405. PH: 361-289-2256

Nov 6-7 TX, Pasadena, Conv. Ctr. 7100 Fairmont Pky. Gun Knife Show T. 310-8, F. \$50, A. \$5, Sat. 9am-5pm, 5 10am-4pm. Jerry Gun or Jerry Wilson, PO Box 513 Corpus Christi, TX 78468. PH: 361-992-7767 or F. 361-994-8908

Nov 6-7 TX, Lubbock, Fairgrounds, Broadway & 4th, Gun Knife Show T. 8, F. \$40, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. Gun & Knife Assn. Don or Kim Hill, 120 Cedar Kr. Karnville, TX 78028. PH: 830-257-5844

Nov 6-7 VA, Harrisburg, Hockingham Ctr. Fairground Gun Show T. 225-0, F. \$40, Old Dominion, PO Box 2 Woodlawn, VA 24181. PH: 540-238-1343 or FAX: 540-238-1453

Nov 6-7 WA, Spokane, Interstate Fairgrounds, N. 1. Maxima, Gun & Antique Show T. 800-8, F. \$45, 1. Maxima, Sun. 9am-4pm. Lewis Clark Trades, Paul Madene Smith, PO Box 219 Lewiston, ID 83501. PH: 208-748-5555

Nov 6-7 WV, Ripley, McCoy's Conference Ctr. Main St. 1. Exit 150, Gun Show T. 800-8, F. \$20, A. \$1, Sat. 9 5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. Zoro's Gun Shows, Greg Star 2407 Beverly St., Parkersburg WV 26101. PH: 304-44026 or 665-5773

Nov 7 NY, Amityville, American Legion Hall, 79 Park Ave. 1. Show T. 150-8, F. \$30, A. \$5, 9am-4pm. North Eas. Arms Collectors, Inc. PH: 516-264-9820

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Nov 12-14 IA, Cedar Rapids, Hawkays Downs, Gun Show 205, F. \$30, Fri. 9am-9pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9 1pm. Trade Show Prods., Inc., 4838 100th, Montezuma, IA 50171. PH: 515-623-0090 or FAX: 515-623-0090

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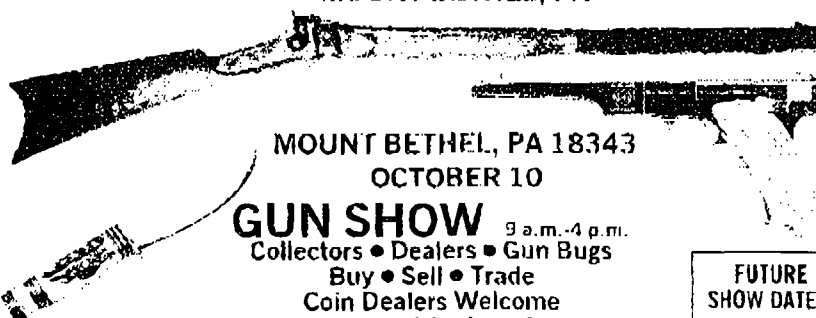
Nov 12-14 OR, Portland, Expo Ctr. Exit 306B off I-5, G. Knife Show T. 1,000, F. \$50, A. \$5, wall, Sat. 9 5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. Rose City Gun Collectors, PO 700, Horing, OR 97002. PH: 503-658-5473.

Nov 12 PA, Harrisburg, Insights Training Center, Be Insights Training Center, Inc., PO Box 3883, Harrisburg, PA 17109. PH: 495-739-0133

Nov 13-14 AL, Mobile, State Fairgrounds From I-65 take 5A (Springhill Ave.), drive W for approx. 6 mi. Ore Gulf State Gun & Knife Show T. 300-8, F. \$30, A. \$1, 8-11, 5 & under free, 9am-5pm. Greater State Fair Gary McAnell, PO Box 8307, Mobile, 36680. PH: 334-344-4573 or FAX: 334-344-6056.

Nov 13-14 AZ, Mesa, Centennial Hall, Gun Show F. \$50, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. AZ Arms Assn. Inc. Greg Dornal, PH: 602-548-1155.

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Oct 16-17 GA, Atlanta, Farmers Market Gun & Yrs. Show T. 300 G & H, F. \$50 Georgia Mountain Productions, Inc. Hon. Martin PO Box 220, Mineral Bluff, GA 30659 PH FAX 770-233-8411

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Oct 16-17 IN, Muncie, Delaware City Fairgrounds, Wheeling Ave. Gun & Knife Show T. \$30 Sat. 9am-5pm Sun. 9am-4pm Eastern Indiana Gun Collectors Assoc., Inc. Bertha Davis, 2909 S. Chippewa Ln. Muncie, IN 47302, PH 765-289-3057

Oct 16-17 KS, Topeka, Kansas Expo Centre Gun & Knife Show Rex Kehrer, PO Box 310, Earlville, IA 52041, PH 319-923-4003 or FAX 319-923-2041

Oct 16-17 MD, Salisbury, Western Over Cr. Off Main St. on Glen Ave. Gun Show T. 175 G, F. \$35 Southeastern Guns & Knives, Ltd. Gary Mendelson, PO Box 6601, Portsmouth, VA 20703 PH 757-483-0586

Oct 16-17 MI, Battle Creek, Kellogg Arena Gun & Knife Show T. \$35 Sport Shows Promos, Doug Carl, PO Box 404, Mason, MI 48854, PH 517-676-1160

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Oct 16-17 MS, Biloxi Coast Coliseum & Conv. Ctr. 2350 Beach Rd. U.S. Classic Gun & Knife Show T. 200 G, F. \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door A. \$5, Sat. 9am-5pm Sun. 10am-5pm U.S. Classic Waffon Dodd, PO Box 772, Denville Springs, LA 70127 PH 504-665-3054

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Oct 16-17 MO, Joplin, John Q. Hammons Trade Cr. 144 & George Lind Rd. Gun & Knife Show T. 150 F. \$40 Sat. 9am-4pm Sun. 9am-2pm US Weapons Collectors, PO Box 7384, Overland Park, KS 66207 PH 913-345-9437

Oct 16-17 NM, Alamogordo, Otter City Fairgrounds Gun & Collectibles Show T. \$40 Sat. 9am-5pm Sun. 9am-4pm Wild West Promos Tom Moore Box 500 High Falls, NM 88605 PH 505-432-7116 or 602-2417

Oct 16-17 OH, Mansfield, Prehany City Fairgrounds 750 N. Home Rd. Gun, Knife & Military Show T. 500-61, F. \$30 for 1 day \$40 for both days A. \$5, Sat. 9am-5pm Sun. 9am-4pm Dick Wallers, PO Box 1223, Niles, OH 44446, PH 330-539-4247

Oct 16-17 OH, Bowling Green, Fairgrounds Gun, Knife & Archery Show A. \$2, under 10 free with adult, Sat. 9am-5pm Sun. 9am-4pm Fish & Game Club Louie PH 419-396-3412 or Theresa, PH 419-399-4490

Oct 16-17 OH, North Jackson Motor Lodge, 9694 Mahoning Ave. Gun Show T. 75, F. \$25 for 1 day \$20 for 2 days A. \$3, under 12 free with adult, Sat. & Sun. 9am-4pm, PH 419-330-7550/77

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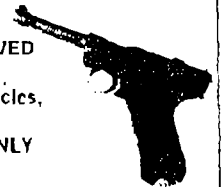
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- Oct 9-10 OH, County Blackman City Fairgrounds Gun & Knife Show F. 140 F. \$45 Sat. 9am-4pm Sun. 9am-4pm Ross City Gun Collectors, PO Box 700, Bowling, OH 94089, PH: 503-620-3410
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December 18-19, 1999



McMANN'S ROADRUNNER GUN SHOWS

GUNS-KNIVES-COINS-JEWELRY-AMMO-SAFES-FISHING
INDIAN ARTIFACTS-WATCHES-RELOADING-MILITARY SURPLUS
GUN SUPPLIES-WESTERN AMERICANA-ETC.



1999-2000 DATES & LOCATIONS

CAL EXPO

SACRAMENTO, CA
1600 EXPOSITION BLVD.
1000 TABLES AVAILABLE @ \$55. & \$60. ea.

OCTOBER 2 & 3, 1999
DECEMBER 4 & 5, 1999
JANUARY 8 & 9, 2000
MARCH 4 & 5, 2000
MAY 20 & 21, 2000
OCTOBER 7 & 8, 2000
DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2000

VENTURA, CA

FAIRGROUNDS
101 FREEWAY & CALIFORNIA ST.
700 TABLES AVAILABLE @ \$55. & \$60. ea.

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 1999
NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 1999
JANUARY 15 & 16, 2000
MARCH 25 & 26, 2000
JUNE 24 & 25, 2000
SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2000
NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2000

TUCSON, AZ

TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER
260 S. CHURCH ST.
700 TABLES AVAILABLE @ \$55. & \$60. ea.

SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 1999
MARCH 18 & 19, 2000
JUNE 3 & 4, 2000
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2000

Air
Conditioned

FAIRPLEX POMONA, CA



L.A. COUNTY FAIR, HOTEL &
EXPOSITION COMPLEX

FEBRUARY 19-20, 2000

PLEASE RESERVE _____ SPACES @ \$_____ EA. FOR THE GUN SHOW ON THE FOLLOWING DATES _____
ENCLOSED IS \$ _____ (CHECK, MO, OR MY CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____)
ELECTRIC AVAILABLE AT AN EXTRA CHARGE (VARIES BY LOCAL)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

RESALE# _____

(MUST BE FROM STATE WITHIN SHOWS BEING HELD)

MERCHANDISE _____

**CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED 2 WEEKS
PRIOR TO SHOW! MONEY ORDERS,
CASHIER'S CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS
ONLY AFTER 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO SHOW.**

MCMANN'S ROADRUNNER, INC.
PO BOX 39175
PHOENIX, AZ 85069
602-843-5303 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

REQUIREMENTS!
THERE WILL BE NO LOADED GUNS IN THE FACILITY. NO
BLACK POWDER, NO LOOSE AMMO, EXHIBITORS ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PERSONS OR THINGS BEHIND
THEIR TABLES. MCMANN'S ROADRUNNER SHOWS ARE
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PROPERTY OR ACTIONS.
ALL FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL LAWS WILL BE OBEYED AT
THESE SHOWS! ALL SPACES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.
A 50% DEPOSIT WILL HOLD.
NO REFUNDS WITHOUT 2 WEEKS NOTICE PRIOR TO
SHOW SET-UP DATE. CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT
ONLY IF YOU SEND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED
ENVELOPE. ALL TABLES MUST REMAIN OPEN DURING
SHOW PUBLIC HOURS!

Gun List.

August 20, 1999

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Winners Memorial Bldg. Gun & Knife
\$1.00 (under 12 hrs. with adult). Sat.
3pm. Chuck Zeller, PO Box 15413,
448 PH 612 422 0490

on Douglas City Fairgrounds, ROC
w. 1200 6 & 8 P. \$15. \$20. A \$3.
Sun. 10am-4pm. Bud Fargnoli, 321 15th
MN 55408 PH 320-765-1609

George Hauer, 191.051-458-1177
MS Trade Mart Bldg. Gun & Knife
\$45. two weeks in advance. \$50.
in Sun. Sun. 10am-5pm. Great
Show, 115 Quebec City, London,
ON N6C 2G1

on. Univ. Plaza Trade Ctr. 625 St.
St. Louis, MO 63101. F. \$40. Sat. 9am-
Sun. 10am. Weapons Collectors, PO Box
K5 66207 PH 913-315-4437

Natl. Guard Armory 478 26th Ave.
N. \$20. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-
4:00 564 3471 or Gordon Blaser.

on. Convention Ctr. Gun Show. F.
10am. Sun. 9am-4pm. Claude Halls
td, Oklahoma City, OK 73118. 800
-3288 office or FAX 405-528-4112.

estric Event Ctr. Exhibit Hall, 1350
Knife Show. F. 2:00 P. F. \$45. A \$5.
Sun. 10am-4pm. W. Wacker, 2309
nt. CA 91002. PH: 650-581-0839

State Fairgrounds, Jim Graham
Bldg. & Bldg. Bldg. Gun & Knife
in Sun. Sun. 10am-5pm. Dixie Gun
, Ken Fields, PO Box 482, Garner,
403 6644 or FAX: 515 419 9995.

Lake Arrow. 1001 Bulah Springs Rd.
000-8. F. \$40. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun.
10am. PO Box 5. Mt. Washington, KY
40366 or FAX: 502-638 7979

Frankfort Fairmark Market Gun
F. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
in Sun. Sun. 10am-5pm. 25. Mt. Pleasant, PA
-5526 or FAX: 717-682-3123

on. Hemlock Inn (Phila. Int. Airport)
F. \$40. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-
5pm. Collectors Assoc., HD 2, Box 172
171 PH 215-224-7918

Madisonville Convention Ctr. 1401
Gun Show. F. 2:00 P. F. \$40. A \$5.
Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-4pm. Min.
er Assoc. (Coulter) Gun, PO Box
N 39092. PH: 423-246-7788 Fax

Asheville, Kirby St. Exit off Lem. G10
F. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Collector's Assoc., PO Box 74129,
PH 409-935-3292.

alls. M-H-L. Exhibit Hall. Near down
on. Gun Show. F. 2:00 P. F. \$40. A \$5.
Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun.
10am-5pm. Gun Shows Inc., PO Box
17 70301. PH: 800-955-3766

Ex. Fair Park Auditorium, Gun & Knife
F. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
in Sun. Sun. 10am-5pm. PO Box 35,
Chickadee, TX 75007

on. Hwy 31. Exit C. Gun Show. F.
9am. A \$1. under 12 hrs. with adult.
Sun. 9am. Hwy 31. OK 74562 PH

Aug 14-15 VA, Richmond State Fairgrounds. On Exhibition
Acc. between Chamberlayne Ave. (H. 11) &
McIntoshville Pike (H. 1609) Antiques & Collectible
Guns, Knives, Swords & Military. F. \$45. Sat. 1
\$30. Sun. 10am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Great Southern Weapons Fair Country Smith Ltd. PO
Box 200. Highland Springs, VA 23075. PH: 804 737
2254 or FAX: 804 737 2704.

Aug 14-15 WA, Spokane. Interstate Fairgrounds. N. 4th
Avenue. Gun Show. F. 9am-5pm. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun.
9am-5pm. Cook Trade Dept. of Maritime Studies, PO Box
219. New York, NY 10501. PH: 208-740-5555.

Aug 14-15 WV, Parkersburg. West VA. Expo. Gun Show. Old
Dominion, PO Box 288. Woodlawn, VA 24381. PH: 540-
206-1143 or FAX: 540-206-1143.

Aug 15 MI, Dearborn. K&C Hill 8428 Dearborn Rd. Gun,
Knives & Related Items. F. 10:30 A. F. 11:30 A. \$3. \$1
under 14. Sun. 9am-5pm. Weapons Gun Collectors Assoc.,
107 100 Ireland, 1506 Columbia Ln., Dearborn, MI 48127.
PH: 810-653-0070.

Aug 20-22 MT, Livingston Fairgrounds. Gun Show. F. 120
Rd. Box 100. Big Timber, MT 59011. PH: 406-930-
5090.

Aug 20-21 PA, Denver. Holiday Inn. Hts. 222 272. PA. Laker
(Exit 21) Cambridge Collection Show. F. \$25. Sat. 9am-5pm.
Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Philadelphia, PA 19104. PH: 810-920-7210. Fax: 810-920-
7210.

Aug 20-22 WI, La Crosse. La Crosse Ctr. Gun Show. F. 8 P.
\$30. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Wis.
State & Military Firearms Collectors Assoc., 1111 W.
Indiana, Bensenville, WI 54004. PH: 608 752 0077.

Aug 21-22 AL, Mobile. F&K Lodge #100. 2671 Daughtry
Bldg. (Exit 21) Gun, Knife & Military. F. \$25. Sat. 9am-5pm.
Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Mobile, AL 36619. PH: 334 666 0850.

Aug 21-22 CA, Costa Mesa. Orange City Fairgrounds. Gun
Show. F. 8 P. \$25. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626. PH: 714 444-4125 or FAX: 714 444-
4125.

Aug 21-22 FL, Melbourne. Audition 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd.
Gun Show. F. 2:00 P. F. \$20. A \$5. under 12 hrs. Sat.
9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Melbourne, FL 32936. PH: 407 777 7455.

Aug 21-22 FL, Orlando. Upperware Convention Ctr. 14901
S. Orange Blossom Trail, 3 mi. N of Hwy 192. 75 Percent
of All Items Must Be Firearms, Knife or Military (Related).
F. 3:00 P. F. \$60. A \$5. under 12 hrs. Sat. 9am-5pm.
Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Orlando, FL 32817. PH: 407 242-4100. FAX: 407 242-
4100.

Aug 21-22 GA, Atlanta. Farmer's Market. Gun & Y&K Show.
F. 10:00 A. F. \$50. Georgia Mountain Productions Inc. Hon.
Marty. PO Box 270. Mineral Bluff, GA 30555. PH/FAX:
770-233-8711.

Aug 21-22 IL, New Berlin. Fairgrounds. 12 mi. W. of
Springfield. F. 2:00 P. F. \$20. A \$5. under 12 hrs. Sat.
9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
New Berlin, IL 60051. PH: 312 350-1100. FAX: 312 350-
1100.

Aug 21-22 IL, Villa Park. Villa Park Expo Ctr. 1033 N. Villa Ave.
Collectible Antique & Modern Gun, Sword, Armor, Knife
& Related Items Show. F. 2:00 P. F. \$75. Sat. 9am-5pm.
Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Villa Park, IL 60181. PH: 708 495-0570 or 708 495-0571.

Aug 21-22 KS, Wichita. Collector's Club. Gun & Y&K Show.
F. 10:00 A. F. \$50. Georgia Mountain Productions Inc. Hon.
Marty. PO Box 270. Mineral Bluff, GA 30555. PH/FAX:
770-233-8711.

Aug 21-22 KY, Lexington. Community Ctr. Old Tincher Williams
Bldg. on Main St. Gun & Knife Show. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun.
9am-5pm. Southeastern KY Gun Collectors. Kenny
Wicks, PH: 606 495 0570 or 606 495 0571.

Aug 21-22 LA, Lafayette. Heymann Ctr. Gun & Knife
Show. F. 2:00 P. F. \$40. \$45. two weeks in advance.
\$45. 150 thereafter. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Crest Southern Gun & Knife Shows. 115 Quapaw Ctr.,
Lafayette, LA 70501. PH: 423-458-1001.

Aug 21-22 LA, West Monroe. Convention Ctr. Gun & Knife
Show. F. 1:00 P. F. \$35. A \$4. under 12 hrs. Sat. 9am-5pm.
Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
West Monroe, LA 71291. PH: 318 397 7549 after 5:00.

Aug 21-22 ME, Houlton. Nat'l Guard Armory. Pleasant St. Gun
Show. A \$5. under 12 hrs. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Houlton, ME 04861. PH: 207 784-1100.

Aug 21-22 MN, St. Paul. River Course Arms & Accessories
Show. F. 10:00 A. F. \$5. A \$5. under 12 hrs. Sat. 9am-5pm.
Sun. 9am-5pm. MN Weapons Collectors Assoc., PO Box
802. Hopkins, MN 55343. PH/FAX: 612-721-9776.

Aug 21-22 MS, Greenville. Washington Ctr. Convention Ctr.
Gun Show. F. 2:00 P. F. \$40. A \$5. Sat. 9am-5pm.
Sun. 9am-5pm. John Coleman, 3001 White Dr., Dover,
MS 39028. PH: 601-330-0805.

Aug 21-22 MO, Springfield. Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. Gun,
Knife & Military Show. Hix Kellie. PO Box 310, Earlville,
IA 52041. PH: 319-862-1000 or FAX: 319-862-1001.

Aug 21-22 NV, Elko. Convention Ctr. Gun Show. F. 2:00 P.
\$40. \$45. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Elko, NV 89801. PH: 775-833-3046.

Aug 21-22 NH, Nashua. Holiday Inn. Exit 4 off Everett Pike.
Gun Show. F. 1:00 P. F. \$20. A \$5. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
DUPRE Promotions, Inc. PH: 603-225-3046.

Aug 21-22 NJ, Trenton. River Hills Lodge. Washington Ctr. &
Clinton Ave. Gun & Military Show. F. 1 P. F. \$35. Jersey
Shore Antique Arms Collectors Joe Sina, PO Box 101
Dayville, NJ 08821. PH: 732 765-0900.

Aug 21-22 NM, Albuquerque. State Fairgrounds. Lujan Bldg.
Gun & Knife Show. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Fleming Promotions, Inc. Susan or Jo Fleming, PO Box
9420. Austin, TX 78766. PH: 512 258 7177 or FAX: 512-
258 7037.

Aug 21-22 NY, Denning. Corbin Ctr. Ctr. 1 P. F. \$40. \$45.
New Jersey & Antique Gun, Ammo, Holstered Eagle
Knife & Cowboy Collectibles Show. A \$3. under 12 hrs.
with adult. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Howard Shuler,
PO Box 2939, Denning, NY 14821. PH: 505-549-
3727.

Aug 21-22 NY, Farmingdale. 1240 Route 110. Gun &
Knives Show. American Outdoor Sports. PH: 516-243-
1632 or FAX: 516 249 3045.

Aug 21-22 NC, Asheville. Civic Ctr. 87 Haywood St. Gun
Show. F. 2:00 P. F. \$40. A \$5. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Land of the Sky Gun Shows Mike or Cathy
Kniff, PO Box 336, Grayson, GA 30017. PH: 770-982-
4021.

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L. Gun Show. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Show Promos. Sherrwood Caraway, 2241 Florence Rd.,
Merritt, NC 28556. PH: 252 745 5647.

Aug 21-22 NC, Charlotte. Morrena Expo Ctr. Exit off I-77
Exit 10A. Gun Show. F. 8 P. \$45. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
C & E Gun Shows, 1204 N. Main St.,
Blackburg, VA 24040. PH: 540 583 0016 or 888-715-
0606 FAX: 540-550-0458.

Aug 21-22 OH, Akron. Stadium City Fairgrounds. F. 10:00 A.
& Howe Rd. Gun, Knife & Military Show. F. 10:00 A. F. \$25.
for 1 day, \$35. for both days. A \$5. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm.
Dick Wallers, PO Box 1223, Niles, OH 44135.
PH: 330 339 4247.

Aug 21-22 OK, Tulsa. Fairgrounds. Expo Bldg. (upper level).
Gun & Knife Show. F. 2:00 P. F. \$20. Seasonal Gun Show.
D. D. Danner, PO Box 339, Cleveland, OK 73020. PH: 405-
380-7003.

Aug 21-22 OK, McAlester. Nat'l Guard Armory 1710 S. Pacific
Hwy. Gun Show. F. 1:00 P. F. \$45. A \$5. Sat. 9am-5pm.
Sun. 9am-5pm. Collector's Club. Inc. Maria Baumann,
PO Box 15248, Portland, OR 97201. PH: 800 659 3440.

Aug 21-22 OR, Portland. Nat'l Guard Armory. 10000 NE 30th
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Portland, OR 97209. PH: 503-658-6473.

Aug 21-22 OR, Portland. Convention Ctr. Gun & Knife Show.
F. 10:00 A. F. \$50. Northwest Arms Collectors, Inc. Jim
Mallard, PH/FAX: 503-572 5315.

Aug 21-22 PA, Schnecksville. Fire Co. Gun Show. F. 1:00 P.
\$40. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Roundtable Gun
Collectors Assoc., PO 2, Box 172, Westboro, PA 16991.
PH: 717 724 7918.

Aug 21-22 PA, Dillsburg. Monaghan Township Fire Hall. 245
W. Siddonsburg Rd. Gun, Knife & Military Show. F. 10:00 A.
F. \$25. A \$4. Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-5pm. Central
Penn. Antique Arms Assoc. Robert Swisher, PH: 717-745-
665-9137.

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1999 DOJ REPORT: A COMMITMENT TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Although progress has been made in recent years, domestic violence -- violence by intimates -- still accounts for about 20 percent of all violent crimes against women and about 30 percent of all murders of women in America. *(Find out how many with firearms?)*
- More than one million women are stalked each year, and a quarter million were sexually assaulted in 1996 alone.
- The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) estimates that in 1997, more than 7,700 of the 69,000 handgun sales blocked through presale background checks were denied because of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction or a valid restraining order. From January 1, 1998 to November 29, 1998, 9,310 of the 70,000 blocked handgun sales were denied for these reasons as well.
- Although the overall number of women murdered by an intimate has dropped since 1976, intimates are still responsible for 30 percent of all homicides of women. Women are much more likely than men to have been murdered by an intimate.
- Over one million women are stalked annually, and fully eight percent of all women in this country have been stalked at some time in their life. Overall, most stalkers are men (87 percent) and most stalking victims are women (78 percent).
- The United States prosecuted the defendant for shooting at his estranged wife while she was working in a pre-school playground. At the time of the shooting, the defendant was subject to a qualifying protection order. Although the case was initially presented to the district attorney's office, state prosecution of attempted murder would have required proof of the defendant's intent at the time of the shooting. Federal prosecution instead required only possession of the firearm while subject to a qualifying protection order. The district attorney's office referred the case for federal prosecution and the defendant pled guilty to the federal charge. At sentencing, the court granted the federal prosecutor's request for an upward departure, based upon the danger presented to the young children in the playground, and sentenced the defendant to a 66-month term of imprisonment.
- In order to help confirm the existence and terms of protection orders issued by jurisdictions nationwide, the FBI developed the National Crime Information Center Protection Order File, a national registry that came on line in May 1997. As of June 22, 1999, 25 states are participating -- either by linking their existing state system to the national registry or by entering protection order information directly into it. The Department is assisting an ever-increasing number of states in developing their own protection order registries.
(Does NICS access this database for firearms purchases?)

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DRAFT**THE ALLEGED GUN SHOW "COMPROMISE": LEAVING LOOPHOLES WIDE OPEN AND WEAKENING CURRENT LAW**

WHY LEAVE OPEN THE LOOPHOLE? Last Spring, the Senate voted to close the dangerous gun show loophole by requiring Brady background checks at flea markets and other events where a large number of guns are sold. The so-called "compromise" that has been offered in Conference fails to close the loophole by strictly limiting the definition of gun show and granting a blanket exemption from background checks to flea markets and other events where hundreds, even thousands, of guns are sold.

WHY WEAKEN CURRENT LAW? Under the current Brady instant check system, 73% of Brady background checks result in an **immediate** response by the FBI that the sale may proceed, and 95% of all gun buyers have their background checks completed (and a "proceed" or "denied" response delivered) **within 2 hours**.

- Only the remaining 5% of checks on gun buyers require additional time. Usually, this time is needed for law enforcement to track down a record that confirms that the buyer is actually prohibited. Under current law, law enforcement has **up to 3 business days** to finish these checks. *(look more likely to be criminals)*

When law enforcement requires more than 24 hours to finish a background check, the gun buyer is much more likely to be a person not legally entitled to possess a gun than the typical gun buyer. Overall, approximately 40% of the checks that take longer than 24 hours to complete result in a denial. For Saturday gun checks, the percentage goes up to 60%, making a Saturday gun buyer whose check takes longer than 24 hours almost **20 times more likely** to be a prohibited person than the average gun buyer.

- So-called "compromise" language has been offered that would weaken the Senate-passed gun show bill and current law by proposing a modified version of the Representative Dingell's NRA-backed proposal to shorten the time for all gun show background checks from 3 business days to 24 hours.

- The proposal would require **all** background checks at gun shows to be completed within 24 hours except when law enforcement needs to determine the disposition of an arrest record.

The effect of this proposal would be that law enforcement would have the additional time it needs to finish background checks for only **1 out of 9** categories of prohibited persons under the Gun Control Act.

Although incomplete criminal history records make up the majority of cases when law enforcement needs more than 24 hours to finish a background check, they are not the only cases in which law enforcement needs more than 24 hours to determine whether someone is prohibited under one of the other Gun Control Act prohibitions.

REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES. The following are examples of people who would have gotten guns if law enforcement had only 24 hours to complete a NICS background check. The examples include both

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checks that are performed by the FBI and checks performed by states that have agreed to do checks as points of contact for NICS.

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Domestic Violence Restraining Orders. The proposal would put guns into the hands of spousal abusers and other violent persons under domestic violence restraining orders. This is because law enforcement often requires more than 24 hours to determine whether a domestic violence restraining order is disqualifying under the Brady Law. Yet the purported "compromise" would weaken the Brady Law at gun shows to prevent the full 3 business days.

- Over 1,600 spousal or child abusers have been stopped by the FBI since November 30, 1998. Many of them would have been able to receive the gun if law enforcement only had 24 hours to complete a background check.

A New York gun buyer under a domestic violence restraining order tried to buy a gun on Saturday, September 4, 1997, and the FBI needed more than 24 hours to determine that the buyer was prohibited.

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A North Carolina gun buyer under a domestic violence restraining order tried to buy a gun on Saturday April 10, 1999, and the FBI needed more than 24 hours to determine that the buyer was prohibited.

- FBI audits of state Protection Order Files reveals a high percentage of records for which it would be important to have enough time to finish a background check.
- In Tennessee, a point-of-contact state, law enforcement reports that it need more than 24 hours to verify whether a domestic violence restraining order is still in effect and disqualifying.

Fugitives from Justice. In Georgia, a point-of-contact state, if a NICS check reveals that a gun buyer is a fugitive from justice, law enforcement calls the arresting agency to find out whether the wanted notice is still valid.

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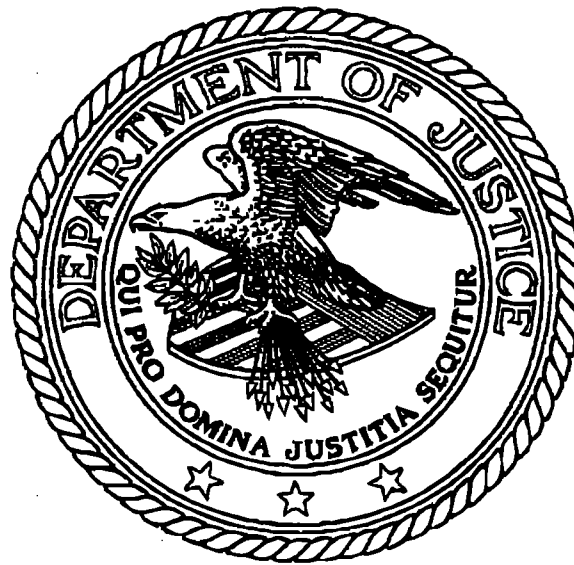
Illegal Aliens. In Pennsylvania, a point-of-contact state, if a NICS check reveals that a gun buyer is an illegal alien, law enforcement will make a call about a questionable record.

Dishonorable Dischargees. In Vermont, a point-of-contact state, if a NICS check reveals that a gun buyer has been dishonorably discharged from the military, law enforcement has found it necessary to obtain further information about the discharge.

State Law Disqualifiers. Many states prohibit categories in addition to those under federal law, such as adults with serious juvenile records, sex offenders, and persons with violent misdemeanor convictions. Both the FBI and state law enforcement need up to 3 business days to determine whether a gun buyer is prohibited under state law.

THE BOTTOM LINE. Cutting down law enforcement's time to finish background checks to 24 hours in every case except where there is an incomplete criminal history record would put guns into the hands of spousal abusers, fugitives, illegal aliens, and others who are prohibited from possessing guns. There is no justification for weakening the Brady background checks at gun shows in a way that affects only the 5% of gun buyers who we are worried about and places our communities and our children at risk.

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Clinton Appeals To NRA Over Gun Deaths

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Gun Control Debate

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Clinton said Saturday the National Rifle Association and its supporters must assume more responsibility for the mass killings across the United States in recent years.

The most recent shooting was Wednesday, when a lone gunman killed seven people and himself in a Fort Worth, Texas Baptist church. The attack sparked more calls by Clinton and gun-control advocates for tougher limits on the purchase of firearms.

Officials of the NRA and its many supporters across the country and on Capitol Hill say mass killings will fall if the federal government would enforce existing gun laws more strictly.

During a speech to the annual dinner of the Congressional Black Caucus, Clinton said: "The NRA and that crowd have to stop using arguments like this as an excuse to avoid our shared responsibility" to end the killings.

In fact, the spate of schoolyard shootings and terrorist bombings of the World Trade Center in New York and the Oklahoma City federal building "has been the most painful thing that (Vice President Al Gore) and I and our families have had to endure," while in office, Clinton said.

In his speech, Clinton also said the \$792 billion, ten-year tax cut favored by the Republican-led Congress would jeopardize the nation's economic prosperity, since it would prevent the administration from paying down the federal debt which would help reduce interest rates on home mortgages, college and auto loans.

Earlier, during his weekly radio address, Clinton promised to veto the Republican's budget plan, which contains the proposed tax cut.

"If the Republicans send me a bill that doesn't live up to our national commitment to education, I won't hesitate to veto it," Clinton said.

"If it (Congress) sends me a bill that turns its back on our children and our future, I'll send them back to the drawing board," he said. "I won't let Congress push through a budget that's paid for at the expense of our children and our future prosperity."


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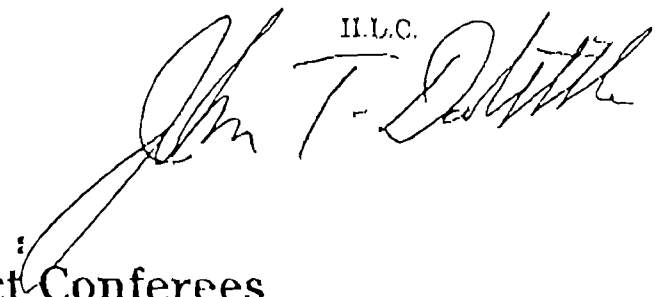
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- 1) requiring unlicensed dealers at gun shows to conduct background checks;
- 2) banning the juvenile possession of assault weapons;
- 3) requiring that child safety locks be sold with every handgun; and
- 4) Juvenile Brady).

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Motion to Instruct Conferees

Mr. Doolittle moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendments to the bill H.R. 1501 be instructed to insist that the conference report not include Senate provisions that—

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**REMARKS OF CONGRESSWOMAN ZOE LOFGREN
IN SUPPORT OF HER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES
September 22, 1999**

Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill (H.R. 1501).

(The Clerk Will Read the Motion)

Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

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I ask the members here in this chamber and listening to this discussion in their offices how we can possibly ignore any legislative measure that would protect our children.

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After I gave notice of this motion to instruct the conferees last night, the Associated Press was told there was a compromise being circulated by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. And I wish to make that AP article a part of this record.

Since this AP article was received in my office this afternoon, I've asked the Chairman for a copy of his proposal so I can determine for myself whether it is indeed a compromise I could embrace. I'm waiting for the Chairman's response.

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compromise. And I'm all the more concerned that we not offer some proposal that is riddled with loopholes.

So that's why I thought it was necessary to propose this motion to instruct.

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That's what this House did only a few months ago. The House Majority Whip, Tom DeLay has made his position crystal clear. He reportedly said that killing the House gun safety bill was a "great personal victory."

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In other words, does the Majority really prefer to have a news story than a legislative solution?

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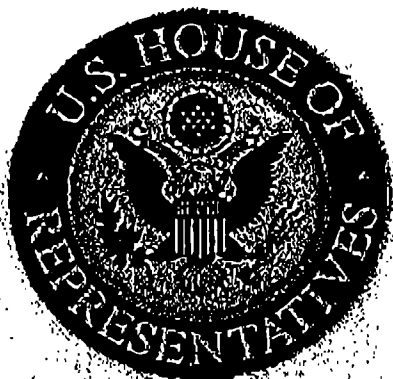
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