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COURAGEOUS CITIZENS ARE FIGHTING BACK

By Budd Schroeder

The natives are not only restless, they are fighting back. When in the course of human events a government becomes oppressive, it is not only the right, but the obligation of the people to resist the oppression. This is the prime message of our Bill of Rights and our Constitution, and we are seeing up close and personal how the government is running amuck with huge infringements on our rights and freedom.

For decades, this column has repeatedly said that the government has now become all about power and money. The politicians and bureaucrats keep inventing more ways and passing more laws to increase taxes (yes, Nelson Rockefeller, a fee is the same as a tax) and, to place more restrictions on our

freedoms we have enjoyed for decades, even centuries.

Every time the government raises taxes or increases fees, it lowers the standard of living for taxpayers. More money is taken from wage earners and households when the tax bite provides for more programs that do not benefit the taxpayer. Granted that some taxes are raised to increase the income of government employees, but it still means that those who are not government employees or getting government benefits are doing with less so that the government beneficiaries can have a higher standard of living. The math is undisputable. That is the way government works.

Freedom is another issue. Some laws are beneficial and should be enforced. Speed limits in school zones, or where there is high pedestrian activity is a good thing. It saves lives and it is reasonable. People who speed in those areas should be arrested and punished. However, all laws are not created equal. In many states the speed limits on interstate highways is 75 miles per hour. In New York the limit is 65 miles per hour.

Either the New York lawmakers believe that their constituents are not as skillful in driving as those in other states, or they find the fines given for speeding tickets are an excellent means of increasing revenue. Opinions on this subject may vary depending on whether the person is paying or receiving the fine. However, nobody blames the car if an accident occurs. If a speeding car hits a person or causes property damage they blame the driver.

We all agree (maybe a few don't) that drunken driving is an offense that should be enforced to the maximum, yet we see some people who have been arrested four or more times for the offense. Some get proper penalties to discourage the practice, but obviously the repeat offenders should be treated

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Meet NYS Assemblyman Bill Nojay, running for re-
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IF YOU WANT CHANGE, YOU HAVE TO VOTE

By Budd Schroeder

It is no wonder the country and the state are in such trouble. As the philosopher said: "The problem is apathy, but who cares?" He also said there are three kinds of people.

- 1) Those who make things happen.
- 2) Those who let things happen.
- 3) Those who wonder what happened. There are just too few number ones. We need much more activity going in the proper direction to get any real improvement.

In politics we have too many followers and people who won't get involved. Those who won't get involved are totally useless in a free government. They allow the strong to dominate them and act like the lemmings willing to go over the cliff. Too few are willing to stand up for their rights. There once was a saying about the "silent majority." That has changed to a more definitive "stupid majority."

For decades this column has complained about the most stupid people on our country. They are the idiots who refuse to vote. This has caused me to often use the quote: "We get the government we deserve". It doesn't matter if it is a federal, state or local election. It is also even more evident at school board elections. In so many cases the turnout is under fifty percent. This is an insult to those who were patriots during the American Revolution who gave us the best system of government ever devised.

Then, politicians began to realize they could prosper, and prosper very well by twisting and using the system to their advantage. Corruption is not a new thing. It began with Cain killing Able in the second generation of mankind. Throughout history corruption came with power. Families ruled countries when they

convinced the subjects that they had a "Devine Right." All you had to do is be born into the right family. The royalty ruled, and the patronage system pretty much stayed in the family.

Kings had princes, dukes and other noblemen to concentrate their powers. They had armies and collected taxes. For those who wanted more power, they started a war to acquire more land and to put more people under their rule. In the early days, the king led his troops into battle. Then, the kings figured out that if they got killed in battle, they no longer had power. Simple logic, so they devised a better way to stay safe while still getting more land and people under their control.

They hired someone else to do the fighting for them. They sent surrogates into battle while they stayed in the castle and waited for the armies to return. If it was their army, they prospered. If it was the enemy's army, it was a much different story. That didn't work out too well for the king. He and his family, along with the nobles, usually were killed or exiled. Such was the life of the rich and powerful.

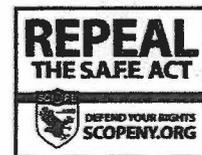
When America separated from British rule a new type of government emerged. It was called a republic because it was set up to not be a rule of men, but rather a rule of law. The idea and concept was brilliant. There was supposed to be no caste system. No noblemen and serfs. Everyone was supposed to have equal opportunity. However, a huge glitch came into the picture when the southern states refused to abolish slavery. It took a civil war to change that and keep the union together. It took almost a century to level the playing field for those of African descent. Some say this hasn't been totally successful yet. Many Americans are still working on that.

The Founding Fathers wrote a Constitution that affirmed the God given rights of citizens. Some call them natural rights. These are supposed to be guarantees in America,

but the professional politicians came into power. Some of these guarantees got modified, and some were infringed upon. The people allowed this to happen. Those with power and money were able to put people in government who were cooperative with the wishes of the power brokers.

Political parties became focal points in elections. Cooperation by candidates took precedent over competence. Occasionally a leader emerged and the country prospered. In many instances the party choices were elected and the political parties prospered. They found that a vote by someone on the dole counted as much as a working person and now it seems there are more people getting taxpayer money than there are taxpayers.

This is an election year for state and federal candidates. This is the year that all producing people and those who believe in constitutional government should be registered to vote. They must be sure to cast their ballots for those who will produce the kind of government that is necessary for the country's survival. Future columns will offer suggestions on how this can be done, but it will take voters to make it happen.



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NEW TIMES!

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Our Members are our Greatest Asset

By John C. Krull
Membership Chairman
Board Member

For several years now I have been performing the duties of both the membership chairman of SCOPE and as the contractor who actually does the mailings. It can be a very thankless job. Some months it seems that pulling a shark's teeth would be easier to do.

I say this not only because of the ones that don't renew, but also of the numerous mistakes on the applications. It would really help if you guys and girls could just slow down a little and read what you are filling out. We really do need all the info that is requested from an individual. We do have several members with the same name, and if you have moved and have a new address I sometimes have to go to birth date or email address to verify which member you really are.

If you think about it YOU our members are SCOPE's greatest asset. Without you we would be nothing and would not even have a purpose. I've been doing this for about 40 years. I think that there are only two of us who have been active in SCOPE for that long. The other one is of course Budd Schroeder.

Over the last year our membership has exploded, but we are still thousands below the number of gunowners in this state. If every member would go out and recruit just one new member that would double our membership over night.

Getting someone to sign up isn't a hard job. It is really easier than you might think. Something that you do have to do is get the filled out application and the money from the person right away. If you just give them an application, it will most likely end up in the nearest garbage can. For some people, you can appeal

to their patriotism, others you might have to embarrass into joining.

So often you get the answer that my gun club belongs or I'm a member of NRA. First of all, it is just 7 cents a day to belong. It won't kill you. Your gun club being a member doesn't make you a member or get you a newsletter. Also, belonging to the NRA isn't a good reason at all. The NRA has never really had much to do with New York State. They don't believe that they can win a fight in NY. If you don't fight, you can't and won't win.

This is an election year. SCOPE's primary direction this year is to get out the vote. We need to unseat Andrew Cuomo, he has screwed the gunowner enough without doing anything about crime. Mark Grisanti is another who has to go. Grisanti is the most lying politician I have ever had the misfortune to represent me.

So your job, as a member of SCOPE, is to recruit new members. Our strength is in numbers. Second, you have to get every person in your family, neighborhood, work place and church registered to vote to unseat these anti-gun politicians.

If Cuomo gets elected to another term we will have even more anti-gun legislation to look forward to in the future. They are already talking about registering ALL long guns by 2019. They want to make it law that you can't go out of state to buy ammo and bring it back to New York State. And of course they still want to pass the micro-stamping bill.

There is an application on the back page of this newsletter. Copy it, copy many times and get out and recruit some new members.

While I'm writing this let me ask a couple of favors of each of you. Don't abbreviate any words except NY for New York State. I don't know what Pok is—I have since learned that is an abbreviation for Poughkeepsie, dahhh okay. Also the last field is county, like in Erie or Dutchess, not country like in the USA. I pretty much figured that if you live in New

York that it is in the USA. We need your county so that your name is on your county chapters/committees new list every month or two.

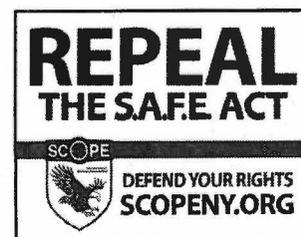
We might in the future be sending the newsletter out with a computer link instead of hard copy. The hard copy is never going to go away completely because we have too many members who just don't have a computer. However, SCOPE could save some money by printing fewer and mailing fewer newsletters than we do now. So if you want to keep getting it by mail let me know.

A note to you life members. Many of you joined us a lot of years ago and we don't even know if you still live in New York State or even if you have gone to that big shooting range in the sky. Drop me a note or fill out the application on the back and put on it that you are updating your life information. I was just notified of more than one member who died over two years ago.

Keep in mind that your dues don't pay all the bills, so we do need considerable donations to keep us running. Especially you life members, who joined for \$75 eons ago. The interest we get even from a \$600 life member doesn't pay the annual fee each year for a member. SCOPE also has several other funds that we are in constant need of donations. One is the Legal Defense Fund and another is the SCOPE PAC. SCOPE PAC donations should be made out that way and sent to Ken Mathison in Rochester. These funds are totally separate from any membership monies.

Thanks for reading this, now get out there and recruit some new members.

Shoot Straight



Schulz, et al. Dealt a Blow in a NYS Supreme Court Order

By Paloma A. Capanna, Attorney & Policy Analyst

The caption of the case reads simply "Robert L. Schulz, *et al.*" as Plaintiffs and then individually lists every state official by name and title. Although common enough to abbreviate a list of parties with "et al," standing for "et alia," or, "and everybody (else)," in this case, the "et al." reflects more than 1,200 individual litigants opposing the NY SAFE Act. All Plaintiffs, including Mr. Schulz are *pro se*, meaning representing themselves, without attorney representation.

And, because of a recent adverse decision against the Plaintiffs, the case is now headed up on appeal to the New York State Appellate Division, Third Department.

Let's take a moment to review the history of this case during the past year. Mr. Schulz began his case within days of passage of the NY SAFE Act. The basic claim is that Gov. Cuomo improperly signed a "Message of Necessity" on January 13, 2013 to circumvent the "three day desk rule," which would otherwise require a bill to be printed and "on the desks" of members of the state legislature at least three days prior to a vote on the bill.

The theory of Mr. Schulz's claim is simply that if the "Message of Necessity" was inappropriately issued, then the vote violated the New York State Constitution, and the entire bill would be nullified.

Shortly after Mr. Schulz began the lawsuit, he filed a motion for temporary relief, which would have been effective during the pendency of the lawsuit. Specifically, he asked that the SAFE Act be "stayed" pend-

ing the litigation, or that it be put on hold until a court had a chance to rule on the merits of the entire lawsuit. The motion was denied. The appeal of the order against the motion was also denied.

During the case, both Mr. Schulz and the State submitted affidavits, exhibits, and memorandum of law. In comparison to the federal court case of *NYSRPA v. Cuomo*, now on appeal to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, there was a limited set of submissions to the court in *Schulz vs. Cuomo*.

On April 10, 2014, Acting Supreme Court Justice Thomas J. McNamara in Albany County issued a Judgment dismissing the lawsuit. Judge McNamara made two findings of fact that are particularly troublesome, and will, hopefully, be corrected on appeal, specifically:

1. that the SAFE Act was already pending in the Legislature when the Governor signed the "Message of Necessity;" and,
2. that the Governor and the Legislature both assessed the need to act quickly.

Reading the first two and a half pages of the Judgment, one could easily mistake that this was just another law on just another routine day in Albany. The Judgment reflects nothing of the speed with which the Governor drove a statute, drafted by his office, through the Legislature in less than 24-hours, defying years of government assessment ratings accurately depicting New York as one of the single worst states in the nation for reasonable expediency in governmental processes. Indeed, one of the best reference works on state legislative deficiencies was issued by the Brennan Center.

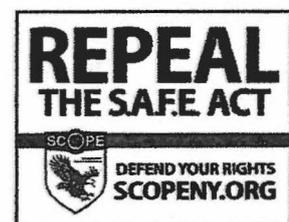
Worse, Judge McNamara then went on to find no problem at all with the SAFE Act as against the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, stating, "Here, plaintiffs have failed to demonstrate in what

manner the SAFE Act infringes upon their asserted rights."

The Judgment concludes "... that New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act (NY SAFE Act) (citation omitted) does not violate New York State Constitution Article III, s. 14, New York State Constitution Article XII and United States Constitution Second Amendment and is not in conflict with New York Civil Rights Law s.4."

Now begins the period during which Mr. Schulz has nine months to "perfect" his appeal, including the record on appeal, and the merits brief. The State will have an opportunity to answer, and then Mr. Schulz will have a right to submit a reply brief. Oral arguments are generally conducted on appeals, unless both parties submit on papers. Oral arguments will be open to the public, and appellate arguments are generally scheduled well in advance.

Also worth noting, in state appellate cases, third parties can motion the Appellate Division for permission to submit briefs *amicus curiae*, as friends of the court in support of one or the other party. Unlike in federal court appeals where one can obtain the consent of both parties to make such a submission, the Appellate Division rules require the same to be submitted on motion to the relevant Appellate Division, which can then review the proposed *amicus* brief and determine whether it will be accepted or not. Given the recent tour de force of *amicus* briefs supporting the Plaintiffs in the *NYSRPA v. Cuomo* lawsuit, perhaps similar legal support will be forthcoming in the *Schulz v. Cuomo* lawsuit, as well.



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JUSTICE CAN COME FROM A JURY

By Budd Schroeder

What can save New York from the liberal onslaught of raising taxes and cutting freedoms? It certainly isn't our governor and legislature. They are the cause of the political debacle. Think of it. We are supposed to be a republic, but most people refer to us as a democracy. Simply put, a democracy is a form of government where majority rules. Anything from a board meeting to a lynch mob is a case where if more people make a decision than there are people who object to the proposal, the majority rules and decisions go to those with the most power.

This works in many cases, and in simple matters it usually works well, but our Founding Fathers wanted everyone to be treated fairly and set up a government that is supposed to be a government of laws, not men. That means those in power are not supposed to rule, but to govern according to a set of rules and laws. Everyone is supposed to be treated the same be they prince or pauper. We are finding that the princes are usually treated better than the paupers in our society because our government has denigrated from the principles and is focused on power and money.

Some have joked about the law and lawsuits. They define a jury as twelve people who sit and decide which side has the better lawyer. This is a cynical thought, but history has taught us that this has happened in many cases. Some people have been unjustly convicted because their lawyer was not effective, and some criminals have escaped justice because their lawyer had better skills than the prosecution.

This brings up the point where the people have a chance to change laws that are not just and fair. It is a process that is seldom used,

but can start a trend to right the wrongs in lawmaking. This process is called jury nullification whereby the jury can not only decide on the case, but whether the law was just and should be part of our legal system. It is done on a case by case situation and many lawyers don't like the fact that it can be done. That is most of the prosecutors, judges and legislators don't like it, but defense lawyers can use it to their advantage. Famous criminal lawyer Jerry Spence is an expert in using the emotional (and sometimes rational) arguments to get the jury to acquit a client.

How can this work in New York? First, we are burdened with what many in the country call a dysfunctional government, and lawmaking is a fine art in Albany. For example, no bill goes on the floor of the assembly that doesn't pass. The process is ruled by the iron fist of Sheldon Silver. He has enough votes in his pocket from assemblymen southeast of the Tappan Zee Bridge to pass any bill he wants and can override a governor's veto. Some say he is the most powerful politician in Albany

The New York Senate is so close on the split between Republicans and Democrats that they have a coalition that shares the power. The leadership is suspect as leaders because they seem to have ulterior motives in the way they run the chamber. Like most politicians their major motive in making decisions is "What's in it for me." For some the rewards have been excellent.

The decision making is done with the traditional "Three men in a room" that consists of the governor, assembly speaker and majority leader in the Senate. With the deals in the Senate, it can be four men in a room. The passing of the NY SAFE act is a perfect example of how the dysfunction works.

The Senate recently spent more time debating a bill that yogurt should be the official NY State snack

than they did in debating the SAFE act which affects about six million gun owners. The powers got together and decided to make it a "message of necessity" instead of following their own rules about the three days of debate before passage. Some say the Republicans in the Senate sold out to make this happen. There is no evidence to suspect otherwise. It is a bad law and there is much public opposition to the bill with demonstrations and voter registration efforts being utilized.

Since the state is so heavily gerrymandered, and the lawmaking system is considered by many to be corrupt, there is still hope for correction to get rid of this law. That is where jury nullification comes in. If everyone who is charged with a violation of the SAFE act demands a jury trial and gets a good lawyer the law could prove to be ineffective and very unpopular.

Like the Jim Crow Laws in the Old South, in this century, would a northern jury have convicted Rosa Parks of the "crime" of not giving her seat to a white man? Hopefully not, because it was an unjust law. So, with the SAFE act, should a jury sentence a man to prison because he didn't have a piece of paper signed by a bureaucrat who said it was OK to have a rifle with a bayonet lug on it? We may be able to find out. The honest, law abiding gun owners are outraged at the prospect. We shall find out in November if we are citizens or subjects.

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Code Red

By Jim Not

The "Code Red" system or kind of a reverse 911 for local towns and villages can be an effective tool in the case of a major incident. You could receive a message that the creek behind your house is expected to flood, or the roads are closed due to a gas leak etc. The system is designed to spread a message to many people at the same time alerting them of an emergency or pending doom.

SCOPE has been conveying a message of pending doom for several years now. We have been alerting NY Gun Owners and their families that our Second Amendment Rights could be lost if we don't stay vigilant and vote for the right people.

We warned and we pleaded to use the Candidate Report Card and make an educated choice when it came down to voting for the Candidate your Union Business Agent told you to vote for or vote to keep your Second Amendment Rights. Unfortunately the two were often opposites.

We are still warning because if you thought the NY S.A.F.E. Act was an assault on your rights. If the same cast of characters remains in office, what few remaining rights they still allow us to have will be totally wiped out.

First of all expect 100% registration and licensing of all guns. This opens the door to unannounced home inspections to ensure you are safely storing your firearms, to Smart Guns, a ban on all semi-automatic pistols and shotguns, to Micro stamping and liability insurance to name a few. Please remember that the people pushing these laws think it is their right to live in a "Theme Park" world. (The last time I looked, Theme Parks have fences and walls around them.) They hear about a shooting and it is the gun's fault. Any amount of truth or facts will not change their minds. They are totally intolerant and believe

that if all guns are eliminated violence will disappear.

So to change the "Cast of Characters" we the gun owners of NY State have to get off our collective butts and make it happen on November 4, 2014.

Things are not the same anymore. You can not just vote and continue on to work and forget about it. You cannot stay home and let the other guy vote for you. You have to do something different this year.

You have to create your own Code Red.

Gather your family between now and November and discuss the state of NY Politics. Find out if they are even registered to Vote.

Do your voting age children understand what the 3 men in a room is? Do they understand that NY Politics corruption and power brokering is no longer considered corruption but business as usual?

Do they understand that the representatives of the NY City people are clueless about life in Upstate NY.

Teach them that although not all Democrats are anti Second Amendment, but that almost all anti Second Amendment types are Democrats.

Teach them about the SCOPE Candidate Report Card and Voter App.

Educate them on what is happening to their state, and how party and lust for power has made our state the most taxed and regulated state in America. Remind them that we are still Americans first! Remind them that the politicians work for us.

Make plans on what you all are going to do on Election Day. Make plans to vote absentee if you may be out of town on business or vacation.

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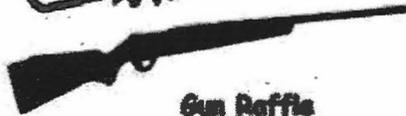


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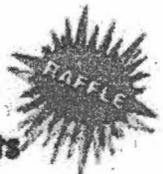
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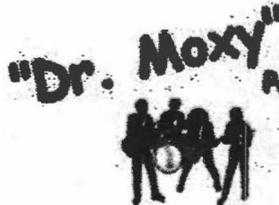
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Violence and the American Society

By James F. Stead

Where do YOU stand and WHY? What is the basis for your knowledge, and is your knowledge factual?

Do you actually want to do something that will decrease the chances of violence or, are you one to go along with "feel good" legislation that will do nothing but increase the risk?

I'm a retired Police Captain, a first responder with decades of knowledge and experience (most decorated, only mentioned to show involvement). My intent is to assist in the enhancement of safety for the American public.

1. Broaden the concealed gun carry laws so that more qualified individuals are armed. These quali-

fied and trained individuals would and should be in our most vulnerable areas, such as schools, malls, churches, etc. They do not need to have police powers as their training will include 'the use of deadly force' so as to protect themselves and others. A firearm is only a tool and must be viewed as a necessary and proper tool needed to ensure personal and public safety. Where is the logic in removing the tools necessary for self-defense and the defense of others?

2. Children and adults should be taught the principle of "run rabbit run". To lock them in a classroom has proven not be the best tactic. More effective emergency evacuations procedures need to be taught and rehearsed.

3. Immediate attention must be brought to bear on the Criminal Justice System and its failure to uphold the Law(s) that are already in place. Plea-bargaining with repeat (career criminals) and/or violent offenders can no longer be tolerated. This is a huge factor in our crime rate and the recidivism of these individuals. If the Justice system worked, William Spengler would not have had a chance to kill two firefighters. Spengler was allowed to plea bargain to a lesser crime for the murder of his grandmother with a hammer. The police after affecting an arrest must interact with the prosecution as to the proper determination of the case. Judges 'discretion' is greatly abused and must be reviewed. A judge must be required to match the merits of the case against the written law and NOT add his or her own personal feeling, that's the job of the legislature. The Justice System must be timely and not like the Fort Hood massacre of 13 over 3 years ago that still hasn't

even been brought to trial. Lawful gun charges at times are not even prosecuted because of the fine art of 'plea bargaining'. The severely compromised justice system is responsible for additional harm to public safety!

4. Law enforcement must refocus its efforts to fight crime and apprehend criminals. In some high crime areas the Police will not even respond unless a full tactical force is present because of the extreme risk. Please look up the crime and murder rates in Chicago, a city with very strong gun control laws that are meaningless. We the citizens have lost many areas to the criminals due to the lack of enforcement and the failure of the Leadership! Chicago has an abundance of gun laws but it does not have Leadership! The same is true in many other areas of the country.

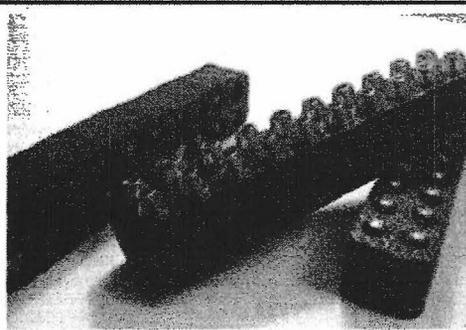
5. Parole/probation must be completely re-vamped or abolished. Many parole board members do NOT possess the necessary knowledge and experience required of their very serious assignment.

6. News, Media, there should be a proper level of unbiased and impartial reporting of the news. Reduced sensationalism must be engaged for fair reporting and not to encourage others as in copycat activities. The media at times invent their own language and solutions that confuse the facts. The selection and distortion of certain statistics, facts, figures, etc. are designed to sway the listener and in doing so may encourage others to become the next monster. The unchecked power of media can cause harm.

7. Politicians, why are they so destructive? I have no idea how we can change the politicians to think and do for the good of society. Many times small, vocal, special interest groups have received exceptional consideration against the good of the majority. It seems they only act after a crisis and in a manner to make you feel good but does nothing to solve

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the crisis. There is now a Federal law making 'Carjacking' a crime. Thank you, Mr. Politician; it has always been a crime. It is called Robbery. You accomplished nothing but "feel good legislation" and the problem remains!

8. Mental health care, in the wisdom of the politicians, closed many/most of the facilities that housed mentally ill people. You see those ill persons on the street today, begging and doing things (some not so good) in order to survive. These people cannot care for themselves, but were dumped out on the street anyway. It was said that the mental facilities were cruel and dangerous. If so, the environment within these premises should have been corrected, and not put the criminal and mentally ill out in the street. During the Carter administration, the Mariel boatlift was allowed to occur. Fidel Castro, being a smart person, emptied his criminal and mental facilities, and sent them to America. The massive and serious crimes caused by these people were outrageous! This was another 'feel good' act that was a disaster to the American people. Our medical personnel have no place to send people who are mentally ill. So what happens? Nothing, they are back on the street. Our state now wants to close more mental facilities and even reduce the medication for those that are mentally ill. Of course, this is being considered as a means to save money with no consideration to safety.

9. Film and Video producers, Yes, I believe in the 1st amendment (Freedom of Speech) but not to market 'Sick' material. One such sick/evil video shows the killing of kindergarten children with a double barrel shotgun. Please tell me how this evil/sick video benefits our children (society)?

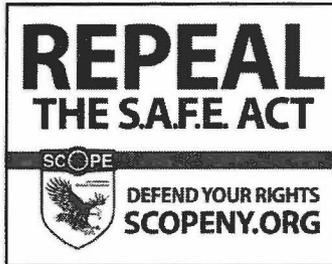
10. The deterioration of the American family, loss of respect for self and others, unwillingness to accept accountability and responsibility, the lack of moral and ethical behavior has been detrimental to all.

11. Where is the Accountability and Responsibility from all of

our leaders and politicians? Maybe we should ban excuse making?

For brevity, necessary depth and details have been left out at this writing, there is so much more.

Please help, in reducing crime and violence, do not add to it! The law-abiding citizens are not the problem:



Passing of Butch Beverlin

It is with great sadness we announce that SCOPE member Butch Beverlin has passed away.

Butch died in a motorcycle accident in late April. He was the SCOPE Cattaraugus County treasurer.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Beverlin family and friends. He will be missed.

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with more severe punishment to discourage subsequent offenses. If a drunk kills a person nobody says cars should be banned or have governors on the car to prevent high speeds. Nobody says that alcoholic beverages should be sold in smaller containers, or require a permit to buy them.

However, when a miscreant, criminal or insane person kills people with a firearm, the media and politicians call for a restriction or ban on guns to "do something about the murders." They offer draconian laws regarding "mental illness" that can include not allowing a person who may take an antidepressant to help them get past a personal tragedy to be unable to own a firearm. Yet, it is said that a significant number of police officers do use antidepressants on occasion. Enforcement of such laws it seems, depends on perception and perspective.

The SAFE act is experiencing problems in New York already.

April 15 was the deadline for registering semi-automatic rifles with certain cosmetic features that have no effect on the functionality of the gun. It would seem that compliance of this law is problematic for the state. State Police won't release any numbers when asked how many have registered any guns. The people are not only speaking, they are shouting.

Gun owners in Connecticut have a similar law and the police are finding an overwhelming non-compliance of registration in that state. Their State Police are in a quandary on how to react to that disobedience. Where will they find room in the prisons to put taxpaying citizens who refuse to obey a stupid, unnecessary and unjust law?

Even in Nevada the people are objecting to what they consider to be an unjust action against a rancher and grazing cattle. When the federal government stole his cattle (oops! With government it isn't stealing. It is confiscation) they found a huge

crowd to protest the action. The citizens, some being armed, "persuaded" the government police, to reconsider, return the cattle, and leave.

Perhaps people are beginning to wake up and realize that freedom isn't free and they have to assert themselves to make the politicians and bureaucrats realize that in a republic the people are more powerful than the politicians. This may be the twenty-first century version of the tea party.

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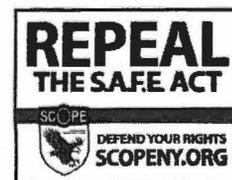
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a government, and anti-gun leftist, treasonous governor, running roughshod over the law abiding gun owners to cow them, so the government can take advantage by taxing them to the hilt, and worse, enslaving everyone else, too. A communist system where the government tells you what to do, when to do it, how to do it, what job you will work, what payment you will receive for that job, etc. They will also make sure food is so expensive, or unavailable (note the most recent reports of how food is likely to go up 25% by the end of this year?), that you will be too weak to fight back. Do you understand how insidious this Progressive-ism can become, will become??

Our founders wished us to have a martial spirit. Not quick to war, but capable, and willing, if necessary. At every juncture, especially from school age on. We have been told our system functions because we have the vote, we have representatives, but what we have seen is violation of the election and election laws, precincts voting at more than 100% of the population during the last presidential election (erection is more like it). Our representatives do not represent us, else we would not have had a Rockefeller '68, let alone a Pataki 5 point, or a Cuomo (U.N.) S.A.F.E. Law, nor any need for one.

So, you tell me? How far off is a government tyranny when you have a president with a pen, and a phone, a myriad of governors willing to sign, and thousands of state legislators willing to vote for the diminution of your right to the point of no return? At what point do we fight back, take back our country from the treasonous bastards who have taken it over? This isn't a tyranny of good intentions. This is a determined tyranny to push the envelope, slowly as possible, but sped up when they can.

Paul Rusin, now writing from the new "Castle Doctrine" state of WV.

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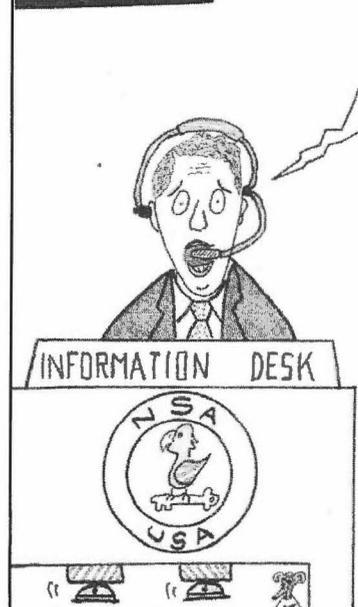
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