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The Second Amendment vs. terrorism

By Ralph Esposito
Editor

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families of the terrorist attacks in Paris. Well over 100 innocents brutally murdered and hundreds more wounded by a handful of radical Islamic terrorists.

France is a nation that is restrictive of gun ownership, including all but prohibiting legal handgun carry. Despite these laws the terrorist had fully automatic military weapons, grenades and suicide vests. The best those were caught in the killers sights could do was call the police on their cell phones and beg them to save their lives.

I am not saying that the Second Amendment could absolutely prevent such a horror but we do know the following in the US:

- The police always arrive after the shooting begins, long minutes after.
- Most mass shootings have happened in a gun free zone, assuring unarmed victims.
- Many times when an armed citizen is present the shooter is stopped long before the police arrive. Recall the Oregon mall shooting that was stopped by an armed civilian. Upon his arrival the shooter killed himself, October, 2015. Lets not forget the security guard who shot the two armed terrorists at the Dallas area Muslim cartoon

event in May of 2015. Score two dead terrorists, one wounded security officer.

Could armed citizens in Paris have stopped have the carnage? That is something we will never know. What is clear is that armed citizens would have had a chance to stop or at least slow down the killers; perhaps saving some lives. Instead people died running away or begging for their lives. Pleas that fell on deaf ears of those callous vermin.

It is interesting to note that in Austria and other European Union countries since the first Paris terrorist attack, where some guns can still be purchased legally there has been a run on gun purchases. Funny how that is happening in the very countries President Obama's called "civilized" because of their restrictive gun control.

In World War II the evil that had taken control in Germany disarmed both it's own people and those it conquered. That allowed the round up and slaughter of millions of innocents to go unchallenged. I imagine many of them tried running away or begging for their lives too. Of course those who seek to disarm us today have only our best interests at heart - so they tell us, and of course that they will protect us (ask someone in Chicago about that).

The question is, if God forbid you were in Paris that tragic Friday the 13th would you rather have had a cell phone or a gun?

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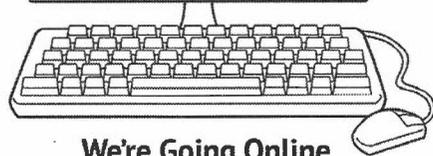
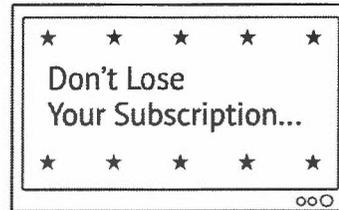
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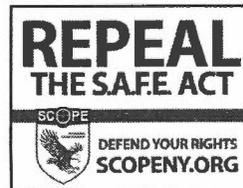
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CHOOSE THE BEST LEADER, NOT THE BEST TALKER

By Budd Schroeder

It is obvious that gun control isn't effective when it comes to stopping mass murders. The huge tragedy in France is definite proof of that. In America, the vast majority of mass murders have been committed in gun free zones. The whole country of France can be considered to be a gun free zone.

France has very strict gun laws and it is extremely difficult for an ordinary citizen to purchase a gun. They need extreme background checks to get one and military weapons are banned. Sounds like what some presidential candidates and our president advocate.

Like the bumper sticker says: "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns," seems to be the case in France. In a recent article describing the massacre in Paris, it states the black market supplies millions of guns to the thugs and criminals. There is no difficulty in smug-

gling them across France's porous borders, and there is no shortage of criminals to purchase them.

The lax immigration laws make it easy for the terrorists to gain entrance into the country and the gun laws allow the criminals and terrorists to be able to murder victims by the hundreds. Who would be able to stop them? It is debatable regarding the argument that if a dozen people in the theatre had been legally armed there would have been a different ending.

It is only debatable because there is no data of this occurrence happening. It doesn't happen because honest, law abiding people don't carry guns in gun free zones, so the terrorists are able to slaughter their victims unimpeded. The unarmed person is an ideal victim for thugs and terrorists.

We have said that when there is a market for something there will be a supplier to exchange the product for money. Legalities are immaterial to a criminal whether it be the buyer or the seller. All that matters is the money. America's drug laws are a good example.

Illegal drugs are a menace in the United States and many deaths occur each year because of overdoses

and turf wars by drug selling gangs. Chicago is an excellent test market for the effect of drugs and guns. The city has some of the strictest gun laws in America and also at the top for the highest homicide rate. Yet, law enforcement does not seem to be very effective in reducing the criminal misuse of guns.

Some people have said we need stricter federal gun laws to stem the tide of criminal misuse, but we have the strictest federal drug laws and criminals don't obey those, either. Only good people obey laws and they don't need additional ones. The major law, "Thou shalt not kill," is sufficient for them. For some reason, many politicians don't seem to be able to grasp that.

Universal background checks is a slogan, not a solution, but if it fools citizens into voting for a candidate, that is good enough reason for the candidate to take advantage of a voter's stupidity. While you can't fool all of the people all of the time, fooling a majority of people at election time is good enough for the politician.

We should learn from our mistakes. In fact, many people define "mistakes" as "learning experiences." The politicians not only don't care that gun control is treading heavily on the Second Amendment; they are ignorant of the definition of the word "infringed." A common synonym for it is "violated." The leftist politicians don't care. They want more control over citizens and this is a good first step.

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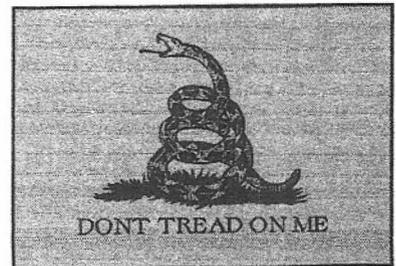
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The New York State Bar (Gun Ownership) Association

By Timothy Wheeler, MD,

Gun prohibitionists have raged since 2008 over the astounding setback they suffered in 2008 with the U.S. Supreme Court's opinion *District of Columbia v. Heller*. No sooner had they picked themselves up off the mat than the court delivered the second punch in the form of the 2010 decision *McDonald v. Chicago*. *Heller* affirmed the individual right to own guns for self-defense, and *McDonald* clarified that *Heller* applied also to the states and lesser jurisdictions.

Together, they are the two landmark Supreme Court decisions that restored the right of armed self-defense to crime-plagued District of Columbia residents and to Otis McDonald, a retired African-American maintenance engineer in Chicago threatened by neighborhood gangsters. They have reformed and fundamentally redirected the course of American legal proceedings regarding firearm ownership.

Gun prohibitionists have fixed their hopes on language in *Heller* that allows for some regulation of the right to keep and bear arms. Now comes the New York State Bar Association with its Task Force on Gun Violence Final Report, a user-friendly how-to book for gun-grabbing politicians. It amounts to a brief for gun control, a guidebook for policy makers who are looking for ways to skirt the protections of the law. With its blatant utilitarian appeal to the gun control movement, it has earned a place on the bookshelf alongside the original notorious gun control playbook. <http://drgo.us/?p=418>.

The Bar Association's partisan support of gun control reminds me of my own experiences in my

state's professional organization, the California Medical Association (CMA). In the 1990s, when the public health gun prohibition movement had gained momentum, activist leaders in the CMA eagerly sought harsher gun control laws for Californians.

Brushing aside concerns about legality, including California's constitutional protection of "defending life", the California Medical Association adopted policies calling for "cities and counties to enact [gun control] laws more restrictive than state laws", mandatory handgun licensure and registration, and "a state excise tax on sales of ammunition and firearms" (Actions of the House of Delegates 1994 and 1995, California Medical Association).

The organizations claiming to represent America's lawyers and doctors almost uniformly adopt militant gun prohibitionist positions, often pushing those agendas in the statehouses and in Congress. In the case of the California Medical Association, at least, they claim to represent their members through a representative process. But that organization's leadership at times has resorted to dirty tricks to thwart the common will and push its minority agenda.

For example, in 1996 the California Civil Rights Initiative (Proposition 209) appeared on the ballot. That initiative outlawed discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity or national origin in California's public education facilities, employment and contracting. Both the CMA's Board of Trustees and House of Delegates deliberately refrained from taking a position on this controversial ballot measure. But a few days prior to election day, a handful of leaders (the Executive Committee) announced their own opposition to it, misrepresenting it as the CMA's official position. Members complained, but it was too late. CMA social activists resorted to other unethical behavior during their anti-gun rights campaign of the 1990s. In my capacity as a delegate to the pol-

icy-making House of Delegates, I faxed documents to a reference committee considering a gun control resolution. My documents cited criminology research showing the self-defense benefits of gun ownership, in opposition to the resolution. The reference committee never considered my documents, saying they had never received them despite my sending them—three times.

It's easy to wonder if the inner workings of the New York State Bar Association are similar, considering the raw bigotry against gun owners evident throughout their report. The reader's first clue is the repeated use of the term "gun violence", which has come to be the mutually agreed-on code word for "violent crime and suicide". Using the more accurate term would focus on the real underlying human problems instead of demonizing the tool itself, which is the gun-banners' message.

In the best tradition of public health anti-gun rights advocacy articles, the Bar Association's report omits any hint of the voluminous criminology research supporting the social benefits of firearm ownership. It devotes pages of text and footnotes to citations of medical anti-gun advocacy research by authors from major gun control advocates like Johns Hopkins, Harvard, and the CDC. But not a word of research from criminologists Lott, Kleck, Mauser, or Wright and Rossi.

The Bar Association report doesn't even mention that firearms are used at all for self-defense. This calculated omission alone is utterly amazing, considering how public attitudes have shifted toward approval of gun ownership and the right of self-defense. <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/04/17/despite-lower-crime-rates-support-for-gun-rights-increases/>

The report rehashes old arguments about the wording of the

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NYSRPA vs. Cuomo A Second Circuit Ruling Not Worth Waiting For

By Paloma A. Capanna

On October 19, 2015, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals released its 57-page decision in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association vs. Cuomo*. The unfortunate outcome of the appeal was not worth the 11-month wait, computed since the oral arguments were held in December 2014 and the case was deemed fully submitted. The case now proceeds to the United States Supreme Court on a Motion for Certiorari to request the permission of the nation's high court for a final judicial review and decision.

NYSRPA vs. Cuomo began in March 2013, when a Complaint was filed in the New York Western District Court, Buffalo Division. The case was assigned to Judge Skretny, who issued his decision in December 2013. The case advanced to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals as of right to a three-judge panel, who recently issued their unanimous ruling and opinion.

The issues on appeal in the *NYSRPA vs. Cuomo* case are the constitutionality of the "assault weapons" and "large capacity magazine" provisions of the "SAFE Act," the seven round limit, the words "copies or duplicates" or "versions," the capacity of tubular magazines, the words "readily restored or converted," and the term "muzzle break (*sic*)."

The only provision of NY law struck down by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals was the seven round load limit, which means that New Yorkers are now able to load ten rounds in their 10-round magazines.

Even if I allow for the political dynamic that there is a divergence of views regarding firearms and magazines and even if I acknowledge that no attorney wins every case every time, I remain disappointed with the federal appellate judges for not doing their job.

First and foremost, every judge is required to critically evaluate the admissible evidence and to make a determination of the weight to be given to each piece of evidence. Neither aspect took place. The States of New York and Connecticut in this joined appeal submitted numerous bits of paper that would not have been admissible in the trial setting. Not only did the court fail to evaluate the admissibility of the evidence, worse, it relied upon pieces of paper as flimsy as blogs from the Mother Jones website that were inadmissible hearsay. Instead of searching out information about the specific firearms used in criminal activity in the school setting as should have been reported by law enforcement officers investigating those specific crimes, the judges relied upon a blog writer with no credentials in firearms, without any primary source materials, and who himself quoted to one or two other newspaper articles equally lacking in any investigatory journalism.

Equally troublesome, the Second Circuit judges wrote a decision that did little more than rubber stamp the District Court decision, right down to the very limited pages quoted from an expansive 2,500 page appellate record. In the more than eleven months that the case was fully submitted and with a bevy of available law clerks, it appears that no one actually went through the record to consider it in its totality. This case is proceeding through motions for summary judgment, and any dispute as to the "facts" means that a ruling on the motion cannot be made and the case must proceed through discovery to trial. The Second Circuit panel, even as it admitted it

could not resolve various disputes between the plaintiffs and defendants, tossed aside the identified issues and ruled anyway.

Third, the three judges on the panel from the Second Circuit for this appeal took no interest in the plaintiffs, as individuals and as businesses. While we shorthand this case as *NYSRPA vs. Cuomo*, the reality is that the caption includes ten additional plaintiffs, each one of whom was identified and described in the Complaint. Part of the responsibility of the court is to consider the individual facts and circumstances of the plaintiffs who file a lawsuit and to try to craft an outcome on the basis of their concerns. Instead, the opinion begins and continually refers to Adam Lanza (though not by name) and the victims of his criminal behavior, and it does so without once acknowledging that his actions were already crimes that could have resulted in multiple, concurrent life sentences in prison.

In short, my expectations were much higher than even if the decision was a loss there would be a scholarly uplift to the quality of the work we saw in the District Court decision. Regrettably: not so.

Give up hope not, however, is the only position that we can take within the Second Amendment community of activists. The NY, CT, MD, and Highland Park, IL cases – now four in total – are all knocking at the door of the US Supreme Court. The high court brought us *Heller* and *McDonald*. With any amount of luck and no small amount of legal work, the situation will be set straight and these provisions, in full, will be struck down as unconstitutional infringements upon our fundamental Second Amendment rights.



Hegelian Dialectic Illuminated

By Michael Caruso

"...the State 'has the supreme right against the individual, whose supreme duty is to be a member of the State... for the right of the world spirit is above all special privileges." Author/historian William Shirer, quoting Georg Hegel in his The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich (1959, page 144).

After every mass shooting, we hear the cries for more gun control from the statist and the faint cries to address the real issues. Presidential Candidate Donald Trump said during an October 4 appearance on *This Week With George Stephanopoulos* that, "Politicians who push gun control do not understand the problems they want to fix." The truth is far from what Trump thinks. Trump also stated on October 7th that "a lot of people in this room say there is another agenda". He went further to state "I think they are stupid people honestly".

Any politician that pushes gun control is doing so not as a naive participant attempting to address the problem of violence in our culture. They do not want or intend to genuinely address the true issues from which our country suffers. They do so knowing what the true secret goal of gun control is: to slowly evolve into an unarmed society. This can be said regarding every leader of groups that calls for more gun control in the name of saving lives.

The common principle at play is a dialectic, often called the Hegelian Dialectic. It is a triad of propositions understood as thesis, antithesis, and synthesis. Once synthesis has been reached, the process starts all over again. In layman terms this is known as problem, reaction, and solution. Again, once the solution has been reached the process starts anew. This process is at play in nearly every decision we as a society make.

Unbeknownst to many, the solution or synthesis has already been formulated.

We also see this at work when it comes to the manufactured immigration crisis that is afoot. The populous is yearning for a plan, desperately yearning for action to be taken. The desperation is so extreme that they will cheer when someone proposes building a wall to keep people out. Cheering, but not realizing that these proposals attack our freedoms. Cheering, yet not thinking of the consequence of walls, to keep people out and also within. Or they may cheer when someone says they would close certain Mosques. Cheering on and not fully knowing what is within the First Amendment: freedom of speech is just being just one part; freedom of religion being another. Proposing to close certain Mosque, such as Trump has done, is a full blown violation of the First Amendment. They would rather have the extreme dialectic solutions, instead of looking at the real issues.

The statist's / establishments' ultimate goal or end game for this ever persistent attack on the Second Amendment is the repealing of it. A land where you do not have the right to bear arms is a land where your rights are reduced to privileges with the chance of them being taken away. The goal is the same for any crisis. It is not to solve the issue; it is to have the public willfully hand over their being aware of doing so. I have heard many people question if politicians are stupid and say they don't understand the issues, or even that they have never read the US Constitution. They have read the US Constitution, maybe it was a long time ago though. They are not stupid and they do understand the real issues. They just don't want to solve the problems, the real problems. To do so would be to relinquish the control they have over the populace. In regards to the US Constitution, they view it with disdain, yet in public many of these same officials praise the virtues of it.

What we are seeing is a full out war on our rights, which are endowed upon us, not by one person, nor by a group of people, but by our creator. We are seeing the movement to reform our country into one where we have privileges, not rights; a country where you could lose your privileges due to the politically driven reason of the day. We already saw this with the Sedition Act of 1918, which Wilson used during World War I. It forbade the use of "disloyal, profane, scurrilous, or abusive language" about the United States government, its flag, or its armed forces or that caused others to view the American government or its institutions with contempt. Those convicted under the act generally received sentences of imprisonment for five to 20 years.

Our Founding Fathers and Mothers envisioned a country where we all have rights. But more and more those rights are being reduced to privileges. Not a country where a citizen is imprisoned for voicing an opposing opinion to the government, Schenck Vs United States, nor a country where you are tracked daily, be it through your cell phone or on the internet. Not a country where a select few are granted "permits" to be armed in NYC and other cities.

Understand that what we see occurring is not due to naive politicians, nor officials being "stupid". *"Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men, even when they exercise influence and not authority; still more when you super-add the tendency of the certainty of corruption by authority."* Lord Acton



Our Culture

By Shawn DuBois

Our culture of the past few decades is the reason for our current social problems. The degradation of our morals, ethics, and personal accountabilities has us at the end of our rope. Respect was the first loss to our character. By not recognizing that the stern hand of our parents and elders was not only a punishment, but a glimpse of the pain that we would succumb to in a lifetime of making bad choices, the easy way out if you will.

I know first hand of this road. In my youth I was rebellious of all forms of authority, be it my parents, school, or the law. I would seek out confrontation on all fronts to prove that I was capable of making choices. Turns out that they were all the wrong choices.

Integrity, that too has become lost from us over the course of time. We let things go and make excuses like, I don't have the time, I'm too tired, or I just don't feel like it. We allow the little things in our composure to give way to convenience and don't do the right thing when it presents itself.

The greatest loss to our collective citizenry has been honor. Honor has been replaced by a false sense of pride. This illusion allows some people to walk through life thinking they deserve your respect. Somehow this qualifies them as being honorable. In my youth I was guilty of this belief. I'm glad to say that I wised up and took into account all of the things my elders preached over the years. Encompassing all their sacrifices and hardships, I have come to realize what real Honor is; that silent strength of personal accountability.

Our society has been enveloped in an apathetic culture of senseless tragedy. This has been played out over and over again against a backdrop of forgotten values. The core of

reasoning has yielded to the paper pride of an antagonist who feels that they were somehow stepped on. Their need to lash out with vengeance was to fill their empty vault of honor.

Pride comes before the fall. In the case of mass shootings, pride comes before the fall of others. I look at all the shootings and I wonder, was it just plain cold blooded murder? Was the senseless act of killing random people to satiate a practical hunger for violence or was the killing of innocent people the byproduct of a criminal who didn't get what they wanted?

When you add in the mental instability of an individual you will have consequences that lead to random acts of evil perpetrated by nothing more than a selfish madman who wants to play the part of the Joker. Those on the left side of this argument may or may not recognize the unstable minded individual as partial cause of being an active shooter. With that being said, am I to believe that those who seek to abolish all guns would rather see an unstable minded individual walking around in a society free of guns, than a stable minded person with guns?

The anti-gun establishment also tend to lump all those with guns as "owners." Criminals are not gun owners. They simply possess a firearm by some means of a past crime, be it from a theft or an illegal purchase. Both are illegal. A true gun owner is someone who exhibits ownership of responsibilities of having a firearm. It is this same responsibility by the gun owner to prevent a firearm from falling into the wrong hands.

All of the shootings do have one thing in common, it took a person to pick up a firearm, point it at somebody and pull the trigger. Those are the human actions required for a firearm to expend a round in the manner it was so designed. A firearm itself is incapable of such an act alone. Therefore, a gun alone cannot harm anyone, until it has been picked up and used in such a wicked fashion. Often

this puts false blame on those who are responsible gun owners.

Where does all this false blame come from, that's right, the liberal media. The misinformation machine that condemns everything that does not fall unto their irrational minded scheme. By repeating half-truths with the intention, of not only relying on a populace who are accustomed to being fed instant results, but for the sole purpose of saturating the masses with a quick one sided conclusion to distract them from the slow process of ascertaining the truth.

The willing capitulation of free thought and the erosion of intellect has become the most disturbing casualty of American sovereignty. Individuals of modern civilization quietly chooses to surrender their own common sense and allow themselves to be led into the corral of mass hysteria. This is where the anti-gun establishment lay. Penned in and reinforced by a false sense of security from, they howl and lament at every opportunity to diminish the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. They have no respect for the great and proud history of whence it came.

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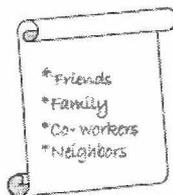
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The Buffalo News/SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2003

OPINION

Howard is right to oppose unconstitutional SAFE Act

Sheriff Timothy Howard took his oath of office and swore that he would "support the Constitution of the United States." He is right in speaking out against the NY SAFE Act, which violates at least four constitutional rights.

Because of the SAFE Act, the Integrated Safe Act Reporting System is used to violate the rights of people deemed by mental health professionals to be a threat to themselves or others. People who consult with certain medical professionals can be wrongly reported without due process. Nobody checks to evaluate whether the information in the report is factually accurate. People are being reported if they had insomnia, were sad over the death of a family member, were misdiagnosed and so on.

The only people who get notified that they have been reported are permitted gun owners in New York State. You may have been reported and not even know it. Over 80,000 people have been reported. Only a small number have been notified.

Howard is right in speaking out against the SAFE Act. Keep protecting us, sheriff!

LOIS REID
Plaintiff in Montgomery v. Cuomo
 Amherst

Agreement on ammunition purchases has no real bite

To the Editor:
 I would like to comment on the front-page article that ran in the July 14 *Firing Lines Times* headlined "Nozzolo applauds SAFE Act agreement."

The article states that an agreement between Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan and Gov. Andrew Cuomo took weeks of negotiations that resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the statewide license and record database utilization for eligibility to purchase ammunition, known as an MOU. This MOU would supposedly suspend the background check for ammunition purchases in the state and would save the state upwards of \$100 million.

Prior to this agreement State Police Superintendent Joseph D'Amico had said that the technology to implement this program did not exist and was a work in progress, which is why we do not have background checks on ammunition sales at this time. As far as funding for the program, funding for provisions of the SAFE Act were passed in this year's state budget.

The MOU was signed by Senate Majority Leader Flanagan and Director of Operations Jim Malstran. Gov. Cuomo did not sign it nor did the Majority Leader of the Assembly. This MOU only states that, "the Database cannot be established and/or function in the manner intended at this time." Once it has been determined that the database can be established and tested it will be implemented. No portions of the SAFE Act have been repealed or modified by the Legislature at this time.

The MOU is totally without meaning and cannot be enforced by any legal means. It is a worthless piece of paper.

DIETER KRAEMER
 Ovid
 President, Seneca County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

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Second Amendment that were resolved years ago in the federal courts. It approvingly cites examples of early gun control laws of the republic. The countervailing arguments, the ones that ultimately convinced the appeals courts and the Supreme Court, are mentioned only to dismiss them.

Finally, the report wraps up with an entire section melodramatically titled "Beyond the Law: Missing Gun Violence Data". In such official anti-gun rights screeds, in public health advocacy research articles, and in major media reports, it has become standard procedure to hammer away at how unjust Congress supposedly was in ordering a stop to federally funded gun research in 1996.

The truth, of course, is never whispered. Congress ordered a stop, not to gun research, but to the ongoing operation of what amounted to a taxpayer-funded gun control advocacy factory at the federal Centers for Disease Control. The Bar Association somehow omitted the ugly details of this scandal at the CDC, but you can read them at <http://drgo.us/?p=285>.

The New York State Bar Association claims, among other things, to serve individual lawyers in the state. But its report on "gun violence" is so one-sided that it cannot be seriously considered to represent the range of legal opinion of New York's legal community. It is nothing more than a carefully constructed legal argument for abolishing the right to keep and bear arms.

—Timothy Wheeler, MD is director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the Second Amendment Foundation



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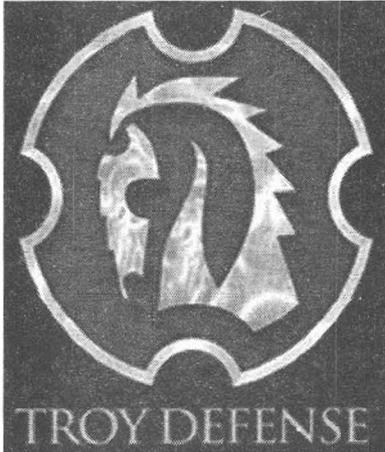
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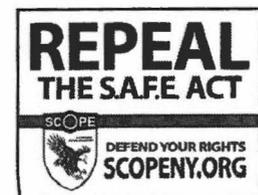
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**RICKETSON
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Kathie Sue
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Dear SCOPE,

I wanted to thank you again for being my sponsor during the 2015 race season. As a re-cap of the season we had..... I had a blown engine on the first race and had to have a new one shipped in from Canada. "Ouch!!"

Cars were stopping in the middle of the track for no apparent reason causing all kinds of mayhem... other cars trying to jump my car getting out of the way of the mayhem....that one broke my front wheel hub and took me out of the follow weeks feature race....

I raced side by side for an entire race with another car and WOW was that awesome!!!

I was interviewed live over the stadium p.a. system on Driver Appreciation night and was able to promote SCOPE during my interview.

I had a couple top 10 finishes despite all the engine troubles. And I finished the last race in 9th place.

Not the best I could probably do but all in all a lot of positive feedback and a lot of people thanking us for doing what we do with SCOPE to defend our 2nd Amendment rights.

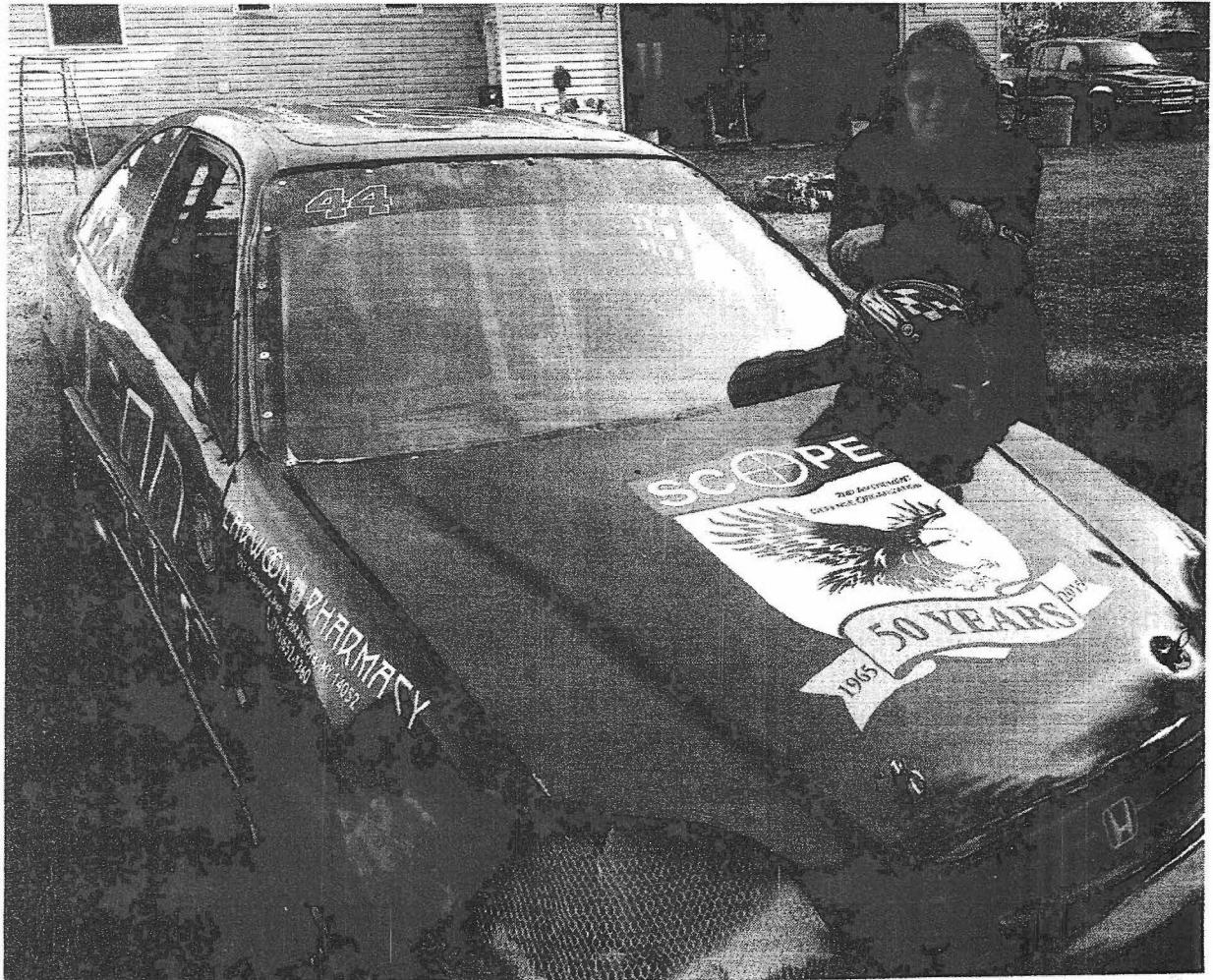
A lot of fun and everyone came home safe in the end.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to represent SCOPE in a positive way in a different venue.

Sincerely,

Kathie Ricketson

Kathie Ricketson
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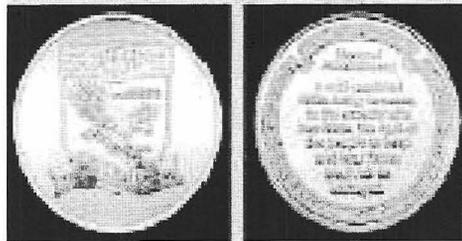
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