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Mayor's Task Force to End Gun Violence

"That the great and essential principles of liberty and free government may be recognized and established, we declare that:

Section 1. All men are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inherent and inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned:

Seventh: The right to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State, subject to the power of the General Assembly to enact laws to prevent persons from carrying concealed weapons."

The Kentucky Constitution seems pretty clear about who has any form of control over firearms possession in any way, and it limits that only body - the General Assembly - to only controlling the carrying of concealed weapons. Under Kentucky's Constitution, no other laws or regulations, by the General Assembly or any other body, are allowed.

KRS 65.870 states: "No city, county or urban-county government may occupy any part of the field of regulation of the transfer, ownership, possession, carrying or transportation of firearms, ammunition, or components of firearms or combination thereof."

That one seems pretty clear, too.

Yet I just got back from the press-conference and last meeting of Louisville Mayor Dave Armstrong's "Mayor's Task Force to End Gun Violence", and about all of the "legislative" solutions the Mayor has made up for the panel involve asking the General Assembly to let Louisville violate BOTH KRS 65.870 AND the Kentucky Constitution!

The list includes:

- * actual repeal of KRS 65.870, (even though the Constitution's 1(7) makes that statute redundant)
- * amend state laws to allow local jurisdictions to adopt gun legislation (unconstitutional even IF 65.870 is repealed!)
- * repeal of the statute requiring sale of confiscated weapons

* make state laws compatible with federal laws for possession of a shotgun or machine guns (I confess I do not know what is desired in controlling possession of "shotguns", or what the Mayor might think a "shotgun" is, that he would lump it with "machine guns! I also must confess I missed any cases where a lawfully-owned Title II firearms was used to commit a crime in Louisville!)

* enact tougher penalties for using a gun in a crime (How about just prosecuting more than 48% of those violators for state and federal gun-law violations?)

* state regulation of gun shows (unconstitutional)

* urge US Congress to cough up money to make "smart guns" (already being done)

* make it a Class D felony to sell or give a firearm to a minor (Kentucky constitution is mute on subject of age to possess long guns. Probably the restriction by age on handguns is also unconstitutional

[KRS 527.100 and .110]) (Possession of a handgun by a minor, or transfer of one to a minor, is already a Class D felony!!!)

* allow prosecution for criminal offense for parents or other adults who allow a minor to have access to a firearm (no mention if it includes making you a criminal for being victim of a felony larceny!)

*****STATEWIDE REGULATION OF PRIVATE FIREARMS TRANSFERS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS!!!

*****FIREARMS OWNERS' IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO BUY OR POSSESS FIREARMS (Just like Illinois - and we KNOW how "safe" Chicago is!!!)

*****MANDATORY STATEWIDE FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE FOR ANYONE TO BUY ANY TYPE OF FIREARM!!!

During the question-and-answer period, I was able to sneak in my question of the constitutionality of all these legislative requests. The news media didn't bother to show the Mayor paraphrasing "Treasure of Sierra Madre" when he tells me that he "dun need no steenking consteetushun!"

Oh, it's gonna be a FASCINATING 2000 General Assembly session!

CLP

Signs, Signs, Everywhere are Signs...

The sign on the door read; "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED." An icon, a red circle with a slash through the silhouette of a pistol, accompanied the words. Upon seeing this sign, several questions entered my mind.

First of all, I wondered whether the person who placed that sign on the door REALLY believed that it would affect the intentions, or the actions, of a CRIMINAL or a mentally unbalanced person.

Secondly, I wondered, in the event that such a person DID enter, intent on doing bodily harm to the people inside, wouldn't it be nice if the CRIMINAL were not the ONLY armed person on the premises? I'm thinking here of the INTENDED VICTIMS! In fact, perhaps if the CRIMINAL had reason to suspect that he was not the ONLY person on the premises that was armed, he might decide on a more vulnerable location for his cowardly and criminal deeds. Like, maybe, someplace with a "NO FIREARMS ALLOWED" sign on the door!

Lastly, I wondered, since the person who placed that sign intends to deny me, as a prerequisite to entry onto the premises, my RIGHT of SELF-defense, if he were prepared to accept FULL responsibility for my safety and welfare; in the event that some CRIMINAL or mentally unbalanced person should "overlook" his SIGN, enter, and do me bodily harm?

Logically, the only way one could even HOPE to accomplish this with ANY degree of certainty would be by placing armed guards and metal detectors at each entrance way, rather than a SIGN. This would give at least SOME assurance that NO-ONE entering the premises was armed; with the exception of the armed guards, hope one of them doesn't "flip out"!

Then, I thought; even so, why should I trust their ability to protect me more than my own? I decided NOT to enter - my gun, and my wallet, agreed!

Claude A. Bohn

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When Do 3 Years Not Equal 36 Months?

We have recently heard from some members that when they renewed their CCDW licenses, the new ones did not pick up when the old ones expired. Instead the new license started a new three-year period from the date of **its** issue. To illustrate, suppose your license expires December 1, 1999. On September 1, 1999 the Department of State Police notifies you that it's time to renew. Being anxious not to have any unlicensed gap between the expiration date of the old and the effective date of the new, you get your application in immediately. The Department of State Police gets the replacement license out immediately with an issue date of September 20, 1999 and expiration date of September 20, 2002. You expected your new license to tack onto the end of the old one and expire December 1, 2002, but that's not what happened. Why?

The Department of State Police, not wanting to exceed its authority, did not believe it was permitted to issue a license for a period greater than three years. A license issued on September 20, 1999 that expired December 1, 2002 would be for a period greater than three years. The State Police did not believe they could do that; however, Elizabeth Baker, who does many things for concealed carry licensees, was able to convince the powers that be that the situation could be corrected. Rep. Bob Damron discussed it with her, she was convinced and was able to convince her bosses. So those of you who got your licenses renewed for a shorter period than you had coming, you will receive a new license with corrected dates on it. Those who apply in the future will have the new license tack onto the end of the old one. All's well that ends well.

Just remember that if you have any problems like this, contact KC3. That's what we're here for. We have learned where to go to get the right answers or actions.

RLP



Lexington Center Revisited

In the last issue of the *News Update* we told you of the rumored closing of Lexington's Heritage Hall to gun shows. We raised the alarm by contacting all KC3 members, past and present, who live in Lexington. We gave them the names and addresses of the board of directors of Lexington Center Corporation, and they let the directors know how they felt.

Some KC3 members told us of receiving telephone calls from some board members assuring them no such action was really in the works at all. Well, maybe. But we now have most of the story, and here it is.

Julie Butcher, board member, wanted to know whether the board could bar gun shows from leasing Heritage Hall. Her concern was whether Lexington Center Corporation would have any liability for any activities at a gun show. Presumably her concern was their liability if a criminal acquired a gun at a gun show in Heritage Hall and used it to commit a crime. The counsel to the board, Joe Terry, said there could be a first amendment issue raised about denying the premises to a gun show promoter, but the Kentucky preemption law seemed to bar any policy that targeted gun shows. There was a long discussion over the matter resulting in the following motion by Ms. Butcher:

The Lexington Center shall no longer enter into contract with sponsors of Gun Shows who permit unlicensed persons to offer weapons for sale.

The motion was seconded by Mike Moloney, the same Mike Moloney who was one of the 5 state senators who voted against our concealed carry law in 1996. However, before a vote was taken, there was a motion to table Ms. Butcher's motion, and the motion to table carried. Mr. Terry was directed to look into the implications of Ms. Butcher's motion and report at the next meeting.

Well, the implication of Ms. Butcher's motion is that private sales at gun shows would be barred. Is that permissible? We don't think so. KRS 65.870 says that no arm of local government may enact any law regulating the "...transfer, ownership, possession carrying or transportation of firearms...." We think that says it all. If city and county governments cannot regulate the sales of firearms, how can a semi-private corporation do so? Why semi-private? They get some public moneys to operate.

Chairman Cecil Dunn then directed there be no further leases for gun shows until after their August meeting. We have not yet learned what happened at that August meeting.

So, was a motion made to bar gun shows? No. Was a motion made to hinder gun shows to make them less "user friendly?" Yes. Was that motion seconded? Yes. Is the fight over? Probably for now, but it could come back at any time. At least the board of Lexington Center heard from KC3 members and now know their actions do not go unnoticed.

RLP

Recent Shooting Incidents

With the recent incidents of public multiple shootings (Atlanta Office Park, California Jewish Center,) I have found it necessary to comment on the growing trend to blame the tools, not the individual causing the harm. The day after the shooting at the Jewish Center in California a five-year-old victim of that shooting wrote a letter to the police and firemen that responded to that crime scene. The letter stated "Thank you Policemen and Firemen for saving me from the gun....". Not thank you for saving me from this deranged man, or thank you for saving me from this evil man, but thank you for saving me from this GUN. This is from a five-year-old child.

Of course the mainstream media has had a field day using this sound bite over and over. If this is intentional or unintentional "brain washing" by the media I will leave to you. The point here is simply that we have become a society where individual responsibility is non-existent. After all President Clinton is not responsible for his lack of morals, he was a victim of his childhood. Yeah-right.

On a recent radio talk show in Kentucky, in response to a call suggesting that the city force people to keep their firearms locked in their own homes, Craig Palmer proposed we should work to enact, a "Custodial Neglect" law, wherein any adult in lawful custody of a minor (parent, legal guardian, sitter, foster-parent, teacher, counselor, etc.) who, through inattention or outright neglect, allows the "child" to become injured or to injure someone else, should be held criminally responsible. Let a jury decide if the "inattention" constitutes "neglect". But he wanted this to cover ALL acts of neglect, not just firearms! Pools, bicycles, cars, kids left in cars, kids left unattended at home, (which was AGAIN the case in the weekend shooting

in Louisville) and kids left to die in automobiles, or at home when a fire breaks out.

I agree. Instead of blaming the tool used blame the individual responsible. If this were to be put into place and enforced I would bet these types of problems would disappear. If you are going to make parents responsible for their children's actions when they injure someone you should enforce that regardless of how they injure or what tools they use to injure. Let us see how many of our high and mighty leaders are ready to practice what they preach when they are held responsible when their children injure someone using something other than a gun. Let's see what happens when that 16-year-old lawyer's son hits someone with his daddy's car. Lets see what happens when that doctor's daughter has a party while daddy and mommy are away and someone else's child dies because of alcohol toxicity.

We do not need more laws to restrict our rights. We do not need more laws that blame tools and not people. We do not need a government gone mad to continue to pass inappropriate legislation. We need common sense. We need individual responsibility. We need to teach responsibility and morality to our children.

If people can't take responsibility for their actions then we need laws to FORCE responsibility on to individuals. For the most part we already have that, but those laws are usually not enforced. In every one of these recent incidents people have already broken many serious felony laws. Does anyone really believe that more laws would have changed any of those incidents? Every one of these events have been caused by individuals that have no regard for the law.

More gun laws are not going to help and we now HAVE to tell our legislators just that. Now IS the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country. We have to STOP this ongoing massacre of our rights. Please contact ALL of your representatives, local, state and federal and tell them NO MORE GUN LAWS. Stop blaming the tools of the criminals and start blaming the criminals themselves. Start enforcing the existing laws. Put Project Exile in place in EVERY major city. Quit holding me responsible for what some nut does. Hold HIM responsible. I am more then willing to take responsibility for what I do but I am tired of being penalized for others actions. Enough is enough.

If we don't all do that now we simply will not be able to do that later. NOW IS THE TIME.

JK

Just in Case...

In the 1931 case of **Gibson v. Commonwealth**, the Kentucky Court of Appeals summarized Kentucky jurisprudence on self-defense in a very definitive, and somewhat emphatic, manner. "It is the tradition that a Kentuckian never runs. He does not have to...he is not obligated to retreat, nor to consider whether he can safely retreat, but is entitled to stand his ground, and meet any (life-threatening) attack made upon him with a deadly weapon...." **Gibson v. Commonwealth**, 34 SW 936 (Ky. 1931).

There is no doubt that this maxim of legal thought still holds sway today in the Kentucky courts. Individuals who employ deadly force to protect their lives will generally receive favorable treatment from the Kentucky courts. However, after an individual employs self-defense, there is always the opportunity for that person to catch the dread, and sometimes fatal, disease known as "foot in mouth". This can almost certainly make a bad situation much worse.

If a CCDW Permit holder finds himself having just survived a shooting encounter with an armed attacker, he should keep several very important points in mind. First, stress to the investigating officers that you "feared for your life". This assertion helps to ensure that you meet the basic requirements under Kentucky's law for self-defense. Prosecutors tend to rely heavily upon the initial impressions of police officers at the scene of a shooting. If a person is believed to have genuinely feared for his life, the prosecutor's office is unlikely to pursue any prosecution against the victim. If, on the other hand, a person begins to recite dialogue from a Clint Eastwood movie, police may become suspicious and begin to make the victim, rather than the assailant, the target of the investigation.

Keep your remarks short and to the point when speaking to the police. Provide them with the Joe Friday "just the facts" line of information. Sometimes when a witness elaborates on aspects not in evidence he may hurt his own case. Do not tell the police about past "war stories" or how you have been "preparing for a day like this". Such dialogue only serves to make a generally sympathetic police officer more suspicious of your motives. Stick to the straight facts of the situation.

Finally, avoid talking to the media unless you feel comfortable in guarding yourself against incriminating remarks. Many times media representatives may be seeking to apply a certain "bent" to your story by

putting words in your mouth. Television cameras, in particular, are attracted to the sensational. The image of the gun slinging cowboy, while certainly not a negative image in most people's minds, can be manipulated by unscrupulous sources in the media to work against your case. Reporters will often attempt to portray individuals who carry concealed firearms for self-protection as acting out their boyhood John Wayne fantasies. If you find yourself falling into such a media trap, simply refer the reporters to KC3 media chairman Craig Palmer. Craig can field questions in a safe way so as not to endanger your case.

The vast majority of citizens who are CCDW permit holders will never have the occasion to use their weapons in a violent confrontation. However, for the few who do, it is important to know how to react once the shooting is over. Use your own common sense as well as the points mentioned above and things should work out just fine. Remember, most law enforcement as well as the vast majority of the public are on your side. Don't turn these groups against your case by making ill-timed remarks. Sometimes the most difficult obstacles to overcome are the ones encountered after you re-holster your weapon.

J. Scott Kappas, Esq.
Attorney at law

Your Board of Directors

Some of us have been on the KC3 Board of Directors since the organizational meeting held at Craig Palmer's house in June of 1995. That means that some of us have been here for more than four years, and it has been interesting. We were around for passage of House Bill 40, which became KRS 237.110 and 237.115. We were around for the battle over 200 KAR 6:050, the governor's attempt to unilaterally bar concealed carry from state buildings. We were around when House Bill 318 was passed making reciprocity with other states automatic in Kentucky and giving the State Police responsibility to seek reciprocity from other states to recognize Kentucky's CCDW license. We were there when an amendment was added to the Crime Bill, House Bill 455, so confiscated guns could be sold for a useful purpose rather than being melted down for scrap. We've learned more about how the General Assembly works than almost anybody who isn't a member of it. We've learned what works and what doesn't. We've learned who the powers are in the General Assembly and how things get done. Believe me, bills are not won or lost in floor debate in either

chamber of the General Assembly. By the time the floor debate occurs, the die is already cast.

But some of us are getting a bit weary of the fight. We know that it isn't easy to get to Frankfort when the legislature meets, especially when you have a job and a family and only so much time to spend handling all of what you need to do. We try to give you a means of having your voices heard by your legislators by keeping you informed of the right phone numbers to call. We try to tell you what's happening before it happens, while you still have an opportunity to influence the way your legislator votes. But we would like some help. We would like to see some new faces on the board. We would like to have some different folks show up in Frankfort between January 4 and April 15, 2000. Some of us would like to be able to step back from the fray for just a bit.

In order to do that, we cannot have another motion from the floor at our Annual Meeting next March that, "This board has done so well, let's keep the same people there." We want to hear from some folks who would like to come to Frankfort to see how your state government works. There will be enough of the old hands around to explain what to do, where to go, who to see and how to dress (believe it or not that's important). But we would like the members of the General Assembly to see some fresh faces this year during the last month or so of the session. Remember too that you don't have to be a director of KC3 to come to the sessions and committee hearings, you don't even have to be a member of KC3. We would really like to have some folks tell the nominating committee that they would be willing to take their turn as directors of this organization. The only requirement to be a director is that you be a Voting Member (as opposed to Junior or Honorary) and that your dues be current. We need your ideas on what we should be doing to help Kentucky improve. Remember the only dumb idea is the one never brought up for debate.

So give some thought to what you can do personally to help the cause of gun owner rights in general and concealed carry in particular. Have some suggestions for us at the Annual Meeting; better yet, volunteer to run for the board. I can promise you it won't be boring.

RLP

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Update on the 2000 General Assembly

The 2000 General Assembly is in action, and some important bills have made their way into committees. The following have now been reassigned with "House Bill" (HB) numbers which differ from their original "Bill Request" numbers:

HB15 now designates Rep. Damron's bill to prohibit local governments from suing gun manufacturers, distributors, and dealers, for the costs associated with firearms used to commit crimes. It declares that firearms are not a hazardous product by design. If your State Representative has not yet co-sponsored the old BR 144, please ask him to co-sponsor HB 15.

HB 210 is the new label for Rep. Damron's bill request to allow prosecutors to seek "consecutive sentences" for felons convicted of possessing firearms, and for persons convicted of using firearms during commission of a felony. It is as close as we can get to an "Operation Exile" in Kentucky.

Under current law, any sentence for a felon in possession of a gun does not add any additional time to a sentence. If a criminal gets 5 years for a crime and gets 5 years for being a felon in possession of a firearm, he serves 5 years because the sentences are concurrent. Under the proposed bill he would serve 5 years for the crime then another 5 years for being a felon in possession of a firearm. There are some other things as well such as not allowing any early release for the firearms violation.

Anyway, please call and/or write your representative and senator. Ask your representative to cosponsor and your senator to support the bill. We have learned that e-mailing legislators is not nearly so effective as telephone calls, letters and faxes.

If you are unsure who your State Senator or Representative is, call us at 606-674-9193 or email us via our web page at www.kc3.com.

Here are some points of contact to help you keep track of what's going on during the 2000 legislative session.

Citizen contact line 800-592-4399
Legislative message line 800-372-7181
Meeting information line 800-633-9650
Bill status line 888-701-1488
To reach any legislator or staff member (502) 564-8100

Legislative Research Commission web site:
<http://www.lrc.state.ky.us>

The General Assembly began its 60-day session Tuesday, January 4. The House and Senate convene on Mondays at 4 p.m. Both chambers generally convene at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The two chambers generally convene about 9 or 10 a.m. on Fridays. However, those times may vary during the legislative session.

The General Assembly will not meet Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 11 or Feb. 21.

The last day of regular business is March 29; the General Assembly will then take a recess to allow the governor to veto bills. Legislators then reconvene for two days, April 11-12.

Nominations Welcome!

The terms of five members of KC3's Board of Directors expire soon. They are John Hesse, Jim Kennedy, Craig Palmer, Robert Pruden, and Sid Tibbs. These Board members have the option of running for reelection at the annual meeting.

We are also accepting nominations from other KC3 members. Nominees **MUST** be a current, paid member of KC3. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors please submit a nomination request containing your name, address, phone number, brief history, and the reasons you would like to serve on the Board to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mail nomination requests to:

Steve Herberth
3940 Bardstown Road, Suite 2C
Louisville, KY 40128

no later than February 28, 2000.

All valid nominees will be considered by the attending KC3 members at the general membership meeting in March. This is another reason your attendance at the annual meeting is so important. The Board of Directors will chart the course of KC3 in the coming year. This is your chance to get involved and make a difference in your organization.

KC3 will hold its annual general membership meeting in March in Frankfort. We'll let you know the exact date and location in the next newsletter.

Reciprocity Update

We've been getting a lot of questions concerning what states currently recognize Kentucky's CCDW permit and what other state's permits are recognized by Kentucky. First of all, all state-issued permits are valid in Kentucky as of July 15, 1998. The change in our law is as follows:

KRS 237.110 (17) (a) reads:

"A person who has a valid license issued by another state of the United States to carry a concealed deadly weapon in that state may, subject to provisions of Kentucky law, carry a concealed deadly weapon in Kentucky, and his license shall be considered as valid in Kentucky."

As of January 5, 2000 the Kentucky State Police posted the following information on their web page:

CCDW Reciprocity

Effective, July 15, 1998, Kentucky recognizes valid carry concealed weapons licenses issued by other states.

Written inquiries regarding recognition of Kentucky carry concealed licenses have been made to all other states and U.S. territories.

The following states have advised that they will recognize valid Kentucky carry concealed licenses:

1. Arizona
2. Arkansas
3. Florida
4. Georgia
5. Idaho
6. Indiana
7. Louisiana
8. Michigan
9. Mississippi
10. New Hampshire
11. Tennessee
12. West Virginia
13. Wyoming

Persons with a valid Kentucky carry concealed license may apply individually to the United States Virgin Islands Police Department for temporary reciprocal recognition of a CCDW license while in the Virgin Islands. This temporary recognition is normally for ninety (90) days from the date of issue. An application

for temporary privileges may be requested from: Office of the Commissioner, Criminal Justice Complex, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

The following states/territories have advised that they will not recognize valid Kentucky carry concealed licenses:

1. Alabama
2. California
3. Colorado
4. Connecticut
5. District of Columbia
6. Guam
7. Hawaii
8. Illinois
9. Iowa
10. Kansas
11. Maine
12. Maryland
13. Massachusetts
14. Minnesota
15. Missouri
16. Montana
17. Nebraska
18. Nevada
19. New Jersey
20. New Mexico
21. New York
22. North Carolina
23. Ohio
24. Oklahoma
25. Oregon
26. Pennsylvania
27. Puerto Rico
28. Rhode Island
29. South Dakota
30. Samoa Territory
31. Vermont
32. Virginia
33. Washington
34. Wisconsin

This list will be updated periodically as responses are received from the states/territories.

KSP Web Page, 9-2-99

This is the official list the KSP is putting out. There are a couple of items that you might want to note. Vermont is listed as a state that **does not** recognize Kentucky's permit. Technically, Vermont recognizes no state's permits. That's because in Vermont a permit isn't required to carry concealed.

President's Column

In addition according to the Montana Department of Justice web site, Montana will recognize the Kentucky's CCDW permit. The web site is at:
<http://www.doj.state.mt.us/ls/weaponslist.htm>

KC3 is advising our members and any other interested parties to do the following before travelling to another state. Contact the permit-issuing agency in the state you wish to visit. Ask them if their state recognizes Kentucky's permit and if they do ask them to send you a letter on official letterhead stating so. Also request a copy of their CCDW laws. Most states are more than willing to give you this information. Study the laws of the state you're going to visit before your trip so you don't get yourself in trouble. And keep a copy of the official letter you receive with you at all times when you're carrying concealed. Once you have read the CCDW laws of some other states I think you'll start to appreciate what a really great law we have in Kentucky.

If you need the addresses of the permit-issuing agencies in other states, I strongly recommend you pick up a copy of the *Traveler's Guide to the Firearm Laws of the Fifty States*, By J.Scott Kappas, Esq. You can find information on ordering this book from KC3 later in this issue. We usually have it available for sale at gun shows, also. Folks, I'm not just trying to make a sales pitch here. I think that Scott Kappas' book is an invaluable reference for any CCDW permit holder. All contact addresses are listed in the back of the book. And the synopses of the other state's laws are great.

Well I hope this answers some of your questions. We'll let you know when we receive updates via e-mail, our web page, and this newsletter.

RKH



The Board of Directors decided at their January meeting to drop Ray's Indoor Shooting Range, a Louisville gun store and range, as a Corporate Sponsor. It was also decided to refund past donations from Ray's to KC3. The reason for this decision was comments made by Ray Yeager, the owner of the company, in the *Courier-Journal* and on local newscasts. Mr. Yeager was a member of Mayor Dave Armstrong's Task Force on Gun Violence. After the Task Force recommended state-wide firearms owner's identification cards to buy or possess a firearm Mr. Yeager was quoted as saying that he supported the licensing recommendation. Yeager said it would "level the playing field" in the competition between retail gun shop owners, who must follow the federal background checks on firearm buyers, and gun show dealers and people selling guns from their homes, who aren't required to do background checks. Because of this attitude the Directors of KC3 thought that it was best to disassociate ourselves from Mr. Yeager. I will leave it to you to decide where you wish to spend your hard-earned dollars.

I also wanted to let you know that KC3 was aware that many of you have experienced delays in renewing your CCDW permits. According to the State Police, the specialized printer used to print the permits ceased to function. The State Police are supposed to be getting a replacement printer by January 10th. Hopefully the new printer will allow the State Police to catch up on the backlog of new and renewed permits and will avert delays in the future.

We also need to make a correction to the last newsletter. In the article "What Makes Them Tick" on page six the reference to Rep. Tom Riner should have been made to Rep. Tom Burch of Louisville. It was Rep. Burch who was robbed while out campaigning, not Rep. Riner. Our apologies for any confusion this might have caused.

Finally you can visit our web site at either **www.kc3.com** or **www.kc3.org**. Both addresses now work. We have recently changed servers for our web site in the hope of increasing the stability and future growth potential of our site. My thanks to Mike Hisle for the fantastic job he's done as Webmaster.

I wish each and every one of our members all the best that this new year has to offer. You'll be able to find KC3 in Frankfort hard at work during this year's legislative session. Hope to see some of you there.

Hall of Shame/Hall of Fame

In order to keep this column up to date, we need your help. If you see a business that is flagrantly posted against concealed carry, let us know. If possible, please send a photo of the offending sign. That way if any one calls up KC3 to deny that their business is posted, we'll have photographic evidence to the contrary. If you see a "No Concealed Carry" sign, feel free to notify the owner or manager of that establishment that they are pulling the welcome mat out from under over 40,000 law-abiding Kentuckians. **DO NOT** get confrontational, just explain things in a calm and rational tone. Remember that we have the facts on our side, so use them and don't let your emotions get the better of you. I also want to thank our members who have notified us of postings via e-mail and other communication. Now on to the list.

The following businesses have chosen to post their premises off-limits to the legal concealed carry of weapons. Please use this information to help you decide where you want to spend your hard-earned money.

Accordia of Kentucky (Blue Cross/ Blue Shield)
Ashland Oil and their SuperAmerica stores
Bargain Supply Company in Louisville.
Bashford Manor Mall, Jefferson Mall, Oxmoor Center, and Mall St. Matthews in Louisville
Cinemark Theatres in Lexington
General Electric of Louisville
Hawley-Cooke book stores in Louisville.
Levi-Strauss
Louisville Gas and Electric
Louisville Water Company
Ol' Don Jacobs Used Cars in Lexington
Oxmoor Toyota in Louisville
Showcase Cinemas in Louisville
Star Ford in Louisville
Buckhead Mountain Grill in Lexington
Salt River Electric Cooperative in Bardstown, Springfield, Taylorsville, Bullitt County
BCD Construction Company in Bardstown
Tinsel Town Theatres in Louisville
Valvoline Instant Oil Change on Westport Rd., in Louisville.
Louisville Zoo
Burger King in McMahan Plaza, Louisville
Bluegrass Cellular on Scottsville Rd., Bowling Green
Challenger Lifts, Inc. on 200 Cable St., Louisville
Fifth-Third Banks
Hospice of the Bluegrass in Lexington, Frankfort,

Paris, and Cynthiana.

Shelter Insurance

Hobby House on Preston Hwy. in Louisville.

Southeast YMCA on 5930 Six Mile Ln. in Louisville.

Florence Mall in Florence.

Pediatric Care of Northern Kentucky on 20 Medical Dr. in Edgewood.

Showcase Cinemas on Meadow Ln. in Erlanger.

Holley Performance Products on Russellville Rd. in Bowling Green.

Molnlycke-Scott Health Care on Louisville Rd. in Bowling Green.

Wendy's Restaurants in Bowling Green.

Franklin Square Shopping Center in Frankfort.

Pizza Hut on US 127 in Frankfort.

Paul Sawyier Public Library on Wapping St. in Frankfort.

American Bag Company in Stearns.

National Amusements Theaters in Erlanger and Florence.

First Federal Savings Bank on 216 W. Main St. in Frankfort.

Chevron Food Mart on 3334 Clays Mill Rd. in Lexington.

Pomeroy Computer Resources in Hebron

Central Bank and Trust Co. in Lexington.

University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville.

Central Kentucky Blood Center on 330 Waller Ave. in Lexington.

Richmond Mall in Richmond.

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The Humana Building in Louisville.

Bergen Brunswig on Produce Road in Louisville.

Louisville Bedding Company on 10400 Bunsen Way in Louisville.

Dr. Bizers VisionWorld on Breckenridge Lane in Louisville

Airgas Industrial & Specialty Gasses (formerly Central Welding Supply) in Lexington.

Burger King on I-65 at exit 2 in Franklin.

Kentucky Utilities office in Middlesboro.

South Central Bell in Middlesboro.

O'Neil Steel on Almond Ave. in Louisville.

New Additions

Philip Morris in Louisville. Has an employee memo stating "The possession of firearms or weapons of any kind on Company property, which includes parking lots, is prohibited. Violators will be discharged." Later in the memo they state, "The Kentucky law regarding concealed weapons has NO effect on Philip Morris'

policy.”

The Bell South Mobility Service Center on Outer Loop in Louisville has a small decal at the bottom of the door saying “NO FIREARMS”.

Land, Air & Sea Surplus on 1753 Monmouth St. in Newport. They have a sign on the door “No loaded firearms allowed on property”. And they sell guns.

Hall of Fame

There are many stores out there that don't post against concealed carry. We'd like to thank all of the businesses that welcome CCDW permit holders into their stores. However there are times when a store either goes out of its way to welcome permit holders or reverses a previous anti-CCDW position that merit special recognition. Those businesses belong in our Hall of Fame.

Movie Warehouse in Owensboro.

Classic Car Wash in Florence and Ft. Wright. They've said that CCDW holders are welcome to carry at their establishments.

Some of you have sent in businesses that have “No Concealed Weapons” signs and may wonder why they haven't appeared in the Hall of Shame. We're not condoning any business that prohibits concealed carry but we're trying to limit the Hall of Shame to those businesses that flagrantly ignore the law by posting signs barring all weapons, bar carry on parking lots in violation of OAG 98-12, or just have a particularly moronic sign on their business. We're trying to keep the list to a manageable level.

Again, let us know of other business that you see that don't welcome CCDW permit holders. And please, if you know of any businesses that have removed their signs, please let us know about them too. We'll gladly put them on our Hall of Fame list. I'd really like to eventually have a bigger Hall of Fame than Hall of Shame list.

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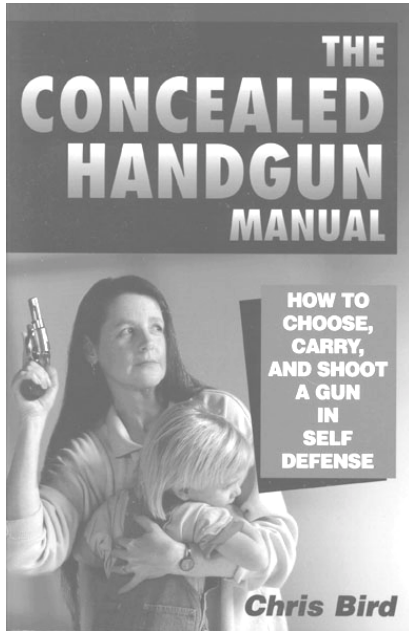
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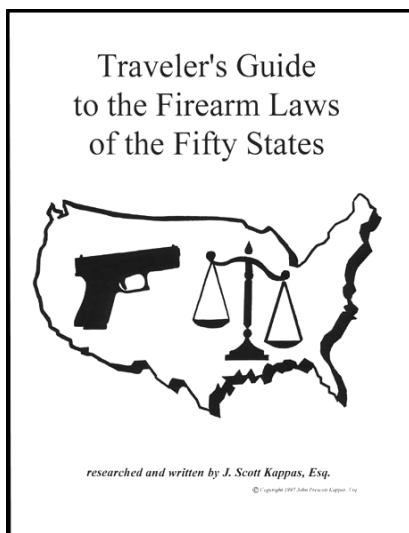
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