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## APRIL TRUTH

**Nothing is more certain than death, taxes,  
and GUN LEGISLATION!  
(Benjamin Franklin did not live in California)**

Here it comes! As of the date of this writing there are 14 bills introduced in Sacramento this year. Eight of them we oppose, seven we support and two we are watching. It is imperative that we all participate in the ONE-CLICK system DAILY. The immediate action is on the bottom of the Calif. NRA MC website page. Bill information and legislator contact information is also available on that page. Go to <http://nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml>. You can also reach the website from our webpage <http://www.ggnra.org>.

### **We still need donations and volunteers!**

Many things are happening nationally and locally and we need to be prepared. Please send whatever amount of a donation you can afford to GGUNRAMC, 3739 Balboa Street, #147, San Francisco, CA 94121. We are taking on a bigger role in representing the NRA and the Members' Council at the gun show, and if you want to designate the money for that activity, please make a note of that on the check. Otherwise, it will be used for over-all activities of the council.

Volunteers are also needed. It is our goal to have a crew dedicated for gun shows and events. Once this is put together and smoothed out we can be ready anytime an opportunity arises. This would make our council AWESOME. To volunteer, please contact Paul Norris at (415) 221 – 7043.

See everybody at the April 17th meeting.  
Gerard J. Cecchetti

## D.C. Gun Ban Ruled Unconstitutional

In March, the US Court of Appeals ruled that the Second Amendment is an **individual right** and concluded that the District of Columbia's ban on firearms in the home is unconstitutional. In a majority opinion, the court stated that "... the right of the people ... leads us to conclude that the right in question is individual". The court also said, "... the activities it protects are not limited to militia service, nor is an individual's enjoyment of the right contingent upon his or her continued or intermittent enrollment in the militia."

This is the second time that a Federal circuit court has upheld the individual nature of the Second Amendment. The 5th Circuit Court ruled unanimously in 2001 in the case of "*U.S. v. Emerson*" that "All of the evidence indicates that the Second Amendment, like other parts of the Bill of Rights applies to and protects individual Americans."

Be assured, however, that the District of Columbia's City Council will appeal this decision to the Supreme Court. The NRA, and all American gun owners will follow this case with intense interest.

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### NEW CALIFORNIA NRA NEWSLETTER!!

A new state-wide NRA Members' Council newsletter is available at : [http://calnra.com/freedomsadvocate/freedomsadvocate\\_v1.1.pdf](http://calnra.com/freedomsadvocate/freedomsadvocate_v1.1.pdf)

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### Crossroads of the West 2007 gun shows at the Cow Palace, Daly City, CA:

May 5-6

August 18-19

Sept 22-23 (pending)

Nov. 17-18

<http://www.crossroadsgunshows.com>

<http://www.cowpalace.com/schedule.html>

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### Bill Tidwell Firearms Safety classes :

Bill and Cathy Tidwell teach basic NRA pistol classes, Hunter Education classes, NRA Instructor training classes, and many others.

See <http://train2besafe.com/> for a list of 2007 classes by Bill and Cathy Tidwell , or call (510) 713-8907

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### BAYPROFS ( Bay Area Professionals for Firearms Safety and Education ) Firearms Classes :

This is a not-for-profit organization that teaches NRA classes in Firearms Safety, Basic Pistol, and NRA Personal Protection in the Home. They use various San Jose area ranges for their classes.

See <http://www.bayprofs.org/> for information on their 2007 classes

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### NRA 2007 Annual Convention :

The NRA's 2007 annual convention will be held in St Louis, MO on April 13-17, 2007. See <http://www.nraila.org/News/Read/Releases.aspx?ID=6245> for more information, or read about it in your monthly NRA magazine.

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For information on Bay Area NRA events and meetings, see <http://www.ggnra.org/calendar>

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Firearms forum : [www.calguns.net](http://www.calguns.net)

## FBI CONFIRMS CRIMINALS IGNORE GUN LAWS

A recent FBI research summary entitled "Violent Encounters: Felonious Assaults on America's Law Enforcement Officers" reached the conclusion, among others, that cop-killing criminals ignore gun laws and use illegally obtained ( **NOT from gun shows!**) firearms. The five-year study focused on 40 incidents involving either assaults or deadly attacks on law enforcement officers.

This report was brought to light in January 2007 by the non-profit Force Science Research Center, based at Minnesota State University ( [www.forcescience.org](http://www.forcescience.org) ). This research group is dedicated to studying lethal force encounters to improve law enforcement training and safety.

Some of the other conclusions that the FBI study came to were that the criminals had more experience involving deadly force than their police officer victims, often practice with firearms more than the officers, and have no hesitation about pulling the trigger.

Researcher Ed Davis, FBI criminal investigative instructor, noted that none of the attackers interviewed was "hindered by any law — federal, state, or local — that has ever been established to prevent gun ownership. They just laughed at gun laws."

In this study, it was shown that all but one of the guns involved in these assaults were obtained either in street transactions or in thefts. **Contrary to the media and politicians, none of these guns were bought at a gun show!**

That the anti-gun politicians and police chiefs have failed to acknowledge this intensive FBI study shows the deceitfulness of their virulent anti-Second Amendment agenda. Please go to the Force Science News [www.forcesciencenews.com](http://www.forcesciencenews.com) for more information on this groundbreaking FBI research project.

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## SHOOT AGAINST THE CLOCK???

Ever get a little bored just punching paper at the local range? Looking for others to share your enthusiasm about the shooting sports? Want a bigger challenge to hone your skills? Want to actually practice drawing your pistol or revolver out of a holster and hitting reactive targets? How about dressing up like your favorite T.V. or movie cowboy ( or cowgirl) star and shooting your way out of a saloon?

If any one, or even all of those ideas sound like fun to you, then the San Francisco Bay Area shooting community has something for you! Be it pistol, revolver, service rifle, black powder, smallbore, or even airgun, there is a shooting competition around here just for you!

An excellent place to start would be the bulletin board at your local shooting range. There will usually be notices for a match, a training class, or a shooting club for the particular activity you may be interested in. Also, the range masters should have information on the various shoots and competitions held at the range.

Another good place to check would be your local gun shop. A good example is Tabor's Shooter's Supply in San Bruno. Frank Tabor is very involved in the sport of "Cowboy Action Shooting" ( see [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com) for more information) so you will see plenty of notices for cowboy-style shooting matches and practice sessions.

If speed and accuracy is your thing, check out the Richmond Hotshots ( <http://richmondhotshots.com/> ) at the Richmond Rod and Gun Club. They are part of the International Practical Shooters Confederation (IPSC) . This group stresses accuracy, power, and speed in their matches. This competition involves drawing from a holster and shooting for accuracy on a set-up course of fire, often involving running and moving targets! You can compete in 5 divisions,

based on your choice of firearm. These run the gamut from box-stock guns to "full-race" 1911s costing thousands of dollars. This sport has been called the "Indy 500 of the Shooting Sports"!

For the more "defensive" among us, there is the International Defensive Pistol Association ( <http://www.idpa.com/> ). This sport concerns itself with more "everyday" defensive scenarios that an armed citizen might encounter. These courses of fire might also involve shooting on the move with reactive targets and barriers to negotiate. The range of firearms and holsters here will be limited to those one would more likely to use in daily life and not some of the "full-race" variations used in the IPSC sport.

For those of you who love shooting America's service rifles, there is the Civilian Marksmanship Program

( <http://www.odcmp.com/> ) This wonderful sport involves shooting either M-1 Garands, M-IAs, M-14s, or AR-15 variants at standard targets ranging from 200 to 600 yards.

There are many, many other fine shooting sports for you to get involved in, including many that the NRA sponsors. You can check the NRA programs out at <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/index.asp>.

**PLEASE CHECK THE  
"CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION"  
BOX AT [WWW.GGNRA.ORG](http://WWW.GGNRA.ORG)  
FOR THE LATEST  
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

**BE SURE TO E-MAIL, FAX, AND CALL  
YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES WITH YOUR  
CONCERNS ABOUT PENDING LEGISLATION**

### NRA Websites

**NRA Homepage :** [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org)

**NRA-ILA Legislation Homepage :** [www.nraila.com](http://www.nraila.com)

**NRA News :** [www.nranews.com](http://www.nranews.com)

**Women On Target Program :** [www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp)

**Refuse To Be A Victim Personal Safety Seminar :** [www.nrahq.org/rtbv](http://www.nrahq.org/rtbv)

**The NRA Online Store :** [www.nrastore.com](http://www.nrastore.com)

### California Legislative Alerts

To view the latest legislative alerts check here: <http://NRAMembersCouncils.com/legs.shtml>

To receive CAL-ERT email alerts derived from direct input of the Sacramento NRA-ILA lobbyist, Ed Worley, sign up at: <http://calnra.com/calerts-signup/index.shtml>

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**How To Stay Informed**

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Ted Schulze	Vice-President	
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Robert Kerrigan	Secretary	

**NEXT GGUNRAMC MEETING :  
 TUESDAY, 7PM, ON APRIL 17, 2007  
 TENNESSEE GRILL (UPSTAIRS)  
 1128 TARAVAL ST.  
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94116**

These private meetings are for NRA members, NRA Member's Councils members and invited guests only. NRA proof-of-membership and personal identification are required to attend these meetings. We reserve the right to refuse entry.