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## Supreme Court Gun Cases Heller Case Goes Better Than Expected - Alan Korwin -

The bottom line is, I think we're going to be OK.

When Justice Kennedy flat out said he believes in an individual right under the Second Amendment, there were no gasps in the hush of the High Court, but you could tell the greatest stellar array of gun-rights experts ever assembled, all there in that one room, breathed a sigh of relief -- we had five votes to affirm the human and civil right to arms.

The transcript will be a key for analysis going forward until June, when the decision is expected, and I'm working without the benefit of that at the moment. Digesting the fleeting and immensely complex speech that took place for one hour and thirty-eight minutes a few hours ago, it's hard to see how any line of thought could be strung together to support the idea that the D.C. total ban on operable firearms at home can be seen as reasonable regulation, even though Mr. Dellinger, the city's attorney, tried to suggest it was. He was shot down on this repeatedly, found no quarter from any of the Justices, though several found room to move on what amounts to reasonable restrictions.

And it is easy to see, from the non-stop rapid-fire comments and questions of eight of the Justices (Thomas asked nothing, extending his legendary running silence), how even the most permissive standard of review imaginable for gun-ban laws, could tolerate the District's level of intolerance toward some sort of right to keep and bear arms.

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## Supreme Court - continued from page 1

That would give the pro-rights side what it so sorely wants – an admission that the Second Amendment protects something for “the people,” and the rest of that pie can be baked later.

Dellinger tried to suggest that rifles, shotguns and handguns had different usefulness, actually implying rifles are better for self defense in an urban home, because handguns were so inherently bad or dangerous that cities had a legitimate interest in banning them, but the Court wasn't buying it, and noting that D.C.'s ban banned everything.

Packed into that short rabidly intense section, the Justices examined:

- \* Original intent, and actions and writings of the colonies at the time of adoption;
- \* The meanings of the words, though not to the extent some people had anticipated;
- \* Separability of the terms keep and bear, whether they represented one right or two, how one could exist without the other, if they had civilian meanings or military ones, if you are “bearing” arms to go hunting and more;
- \* The scope of the right covered, and whether personal or military protections stood alone, dependent or had preference over each other;
- \* The “operative” and preamble clause, and their relationship, meaningfulness, and interactivity with each other;
- \* The types of weapons that might be covered by the term “arms,” accepting the idea that some weapons fall outside a sense of militia arms, like “plastic guns” (that's what they were called) that could escape airport metal detection, or “rocket launchers” (actually a commonly used modern militia arm in some countries experiencing insurgencies, a point that did not come up), and especially machine guns, a repeated point which the Justices did not resolve, especially since it has become the standard issue firearm for our modern armed forces and confused the Miller doctrine of commonly used arms;

The rise and meaning of strict scrutiny, a doctrine that evolved around the First Amendment and had no actual root in the Constitution, and whose actual definition was fluid and with little consensus.

Scalia asked if permissible limits could restrict you to one gun, or only a few guns, or if a collector couldn't complete a set like a stamp collector because of a quantity restriction, and then launched into a demonstration of his familiarity with firearms by suggesting a need to have a turkey gun, and a duck gun, and a thirty-ought-six, and a .270, which sent Thomas into a fit of off-mic laughter that other observers missed because they were focused on Scalia;

Noting that Massachusetts in colonial times regulated the storage of gunpowder (it had to be kept upstairs as a fire precaution), Breyer asked if there isn't a lineage to permissible restrictions, and the Court generally agreed. The point of contention, and it would not go away, was where that line was drawn, and again and again the D.C. absolute ban was found violative in its absoluteness. The decision to test the protection of 2A against this law in particular was a brilliant stratagem.

Dellinger either deliberately misled the Court, or didn't understand the D.C. ban law (as hard to believe as that is, and it could come back to bite him), because, in trying to make it appear less odious than it was, he:

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## **GUNS IN THE CHURCH? - Bill Titus**

“No one would ever carry a gun in our church!” This was recently overheard by the pastor of a mid-sized church in a rural community. When the pastor engaged the older woman in conversation, the woman again asserted, “But you can’t carry a gun in church and why would anybody ever need to carry a gun anyway?! The pastor pointed out that there were likely several concealed handgun license holders present in the congregation and that their presence was reassuring, should anything happen which might require a response of force. After a few minutes of dialog, the woman left with a new understanding: it was the very people she had worked with, gone to church with, people she knew and trusted, who had taken seriously the responsibilities of carrying a firearm for defense of self and others.

This conversation raises several points for Texas concealed handgun licensees. In the beginning of Texas CHL, places of worship were among the prohibited places. Many CHL holders, particularly those who had had their license for several years, still believe this to be the case. However, the Texas legislature changed this after a church shooting in 1999. Today, for a prohibition on concealed carry to be enforced at a church, synagogue, mosque or other place of worship, notice must be given via a 30.06 sign, or another legal means. This simply means that those places of worship that do not wish their attendees to carry must comply with the same posting requirements as other public venues and businesses.

As you consider the question of carrying your concealed handgun into a place of worship, you should know in the last 4 years there have been at least 10 shootings in churches around this country. These shootings have occurred in all parts of the country and have little in common. Some have been motivated by disagreement within the congregation, others by vendetta against the pastor or priest, and still other have no apparent motive beyond the act of a deranged person. The common denominator in all these shootings is that the criminal believes himself to be operating in a place where people are least likely to defend themselves.

Nine years ago Larry Gene Ashbrook entered the Wedgewood Baptist Church in Fort Worth and opened fire. He carried 9 loaded magazines for his weapon, emptying 3 before taking his own life. But those 3 magazines contained enough ammunition to take the lives of 4 teenagers and 3 adults in the unarmed crowd. A peaceful Wednesday evening church services turned into a killing field with no warning.

A different outcome in Colorado Springs last December...Matthew Murray entered the New Life Church carrying 3 weapons and over 1,000 rounds. When he began his attack, he was confronted by Jeanne Assam, a church volunteer. With help from another church-goer, Ms. Assam distracted Murray and shot him, brining his intended killing field to an end. After being disabled by Assam’s bullets, Murray took his own life, as was his likely plan all along. Two young women were killed and their father wounded, but had Assam not acted, how many more would have died at the hands of a man who had come prepared to kill as many people as he could?

So long as churches, schools and malls are perceived as “soft-targets” those who are intent on killing as many people as possible will continue to attack such places. Concealed carry licensees and religious leaders should keep certain things in mind.

As a license holder, consider carrying your concealed firearm at all times, including religious gatherings. This is a sensitive subject for some, but many people have never thought seriously about this. They simply assume there is no need to carry in a place of worship. If going armed is contrary to your personal beliefs or the practice of your faith community, remember 2 things from your CHL class: first and most important, pay attention to your surroundings and what is happening around you. Situational awareness is the first line in any defensive place. Secondly, if your firearm is not an option while at worship, consider an alternative non-lethal weapon such as pepper spray.

Religious leaders should also examine their organization’s security protocols regularly. Does the congregation have an evacuation plan in place? How many access and escape points are there, and are they monitored, electronically or personally, during gatherings?

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Suggested D.C. would carve out an exception for an operable gun if it were used in self defense -- which the law flatly does not abide (and a point thoroughly undercut by Heller's attorney Alan Gura, who pointed out the District had such an opportunity twice and did not do so, and in fact did the opposite);

\* For use in self defense, a gun could be easily and quickly unlocked and brought to bear, a point undercut by Chief Justice Roberts who had to fight to get an admission that the gun had to be reloaded as well, since the D.C. law banned loaded and unlocked arms;

\* That lead to a wonderful exchange in which Dellinger said a gun can be simply unlocked quickly -- he actually said he could do it in three seconds, after demonstrating a poor understanding of how a lock (available at a "hardware store" nearby) fits on a gun with or without "bullets" in it;

\* That lead to Scalia asking about turning a dial to find "3" and then turning it the other way to find the next number;

\* To which Roberts noted that, don't you first have to turn on the light having heard the sound of breaking glass, and then find your reading glasses -- which got the biggest audience laugh of the day (there were only a few other soft chuckles during the proceedings);...

OK, I recognize that this is a bit disjointed, and I'm working on an unfamiliar machine, at the end of a grueling endurance test that involved outrageous hours, little sleep, lousy diet, dire cold, miles of up and downhill walking, and I'm getting pretty hungry. I'll do a better job over time, but I wanted to share some inside scoop you might not otherwise get. Let me, before pausing for some chow (which we'll have to go out and find), convey some ambience.

Guests of the Court were ushered into the ground floor early on, milling around (line waiters including my friend Bob were prepped on the white marble steps outside). It was a who's who inside and non-stop on-your-toes meet and greet. John Snyder, lobbyist for CCRKBA/SAF, had read my blog entry from last night, and introduced me to the companion on his lobby bench... Dick Heller, of the Heller case.

A nice mild mannered guy, "I just want to be able to keep my guns." He said when they started this in 1994, they had no idea what they were getting into, and in 1997 they began entertaining the idea that it could go all the way and started raising funds. Now it had taken on a life of its own and barely involved him. At 9:30 last night, he walked the wait-to-get-in line and passed out cough drops. No one knew who he was. He sat just behind me in the Courtroom. I lucked into the second row.

Directly in front of me was... Mayor Fenty, and I sat in the bright reflected light of his pate. He turned, and in typical smiling politician fashion extended his hand, shook mine, and said warmly, "It's nice to see you" as if we knew each other. Well at least, I knew him. One seat to my right was Ann Dellinger, the city's lawyer's wife, who turned out to be fascinating and a wealth of information. In a few moments, the mayor relinquished his eat to the D.C. Chief of Police, but she didn't turn and say hi. Heady stuff. Everybody was a somebody.

Familiar faces were strewn about -- there's David Hardy on the other side of the aisle, and Bob Dowlut had a front row seat. Stephen Halbrook, one of my co-authors on Supreme Court Gun Cases had an early spot on the Supreme Court bar-members line, and my other co-author, Dave Kopel, who previously told me he would not be attending, turned out to be a last-minute addition to the Respondant's table at the head of the Courtroom.

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## *From the Desk of the President -*

*Chris Bird*

### **From a Somewhat Reluctant President**

We had some warning but right up to the night before the annual meeting, we were hoping to change George's mind and convince him to run for re-election to the board of directors. If he did, he would be a natural for another year at least as president of the Texas Concealed Handgun Association.

He didn't. And his wife Kathy didn't run for re-election either. At the annual meeting, we elected Frank and Merle Niemiec, Rick Mackey and a lawyer most of us had not met, Michael McNeely. For me, the moment of truth came when we were sitting awkwardly in a ragged group and somehow I was elected president. I can't even say I went to the bathroom as a director and returned to find I was president. I was there the whole time. So you have a new president who has never run a meeting and always thought Robert's Rules had something to do with sight picture and trigger control.

Now that I have got used to the idea of being president, I have a few things to say. First, I think that George and Kathy Pena did remarkable jobs as president and secretary respectively and I thank them warmly. George's shoes, to say nothing of his pants and shirt will be hard to fill as they are several sizes larger than mine. And no one knows better how the Texas Concealed Handgun Association works than Kathy. Fortunately, she agreed to continue acting as secretary until we found someone else or until the next board meeting in April. However, because we have failed to find a secretary, Kathy has agreed to continue for a modest stipend of \$100 a week. Now I don't have to erase her phone number from my memory.

Some months ago one of our members wrote to say he felt that my reminiscences about England and George's hunting stories in the newsletter were not relevant to concealed carry. On reflection, he was right. As the only contact most of our members have with the association is through the newsletter, I feel we have to do a better job in providing relevant information they may not receive elsewhere. I encourage anyone with a story relevant to concealed carry to submit it for publication in the newsletter. It may be a story about how a student used a gun in self-defense or thoughts on a particular gun or caliber.

In this issue we are fortunate to have an eyewitness account of the arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court concerning the Heller case. This is shaping up as the most important Supreme Court ruling on the meaning of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Alan Korwin of Bloomfield Press coauthored Supreme Court Gun Cases and on the strength of it was given a seat in the court to hear the arguments. His account is our main story this edition. The Heller case challenges Washington D.C.'s handgun prohibition law as unconstitutional. At issue is whether the Second Amendment protects an individual right and if it does to what extent governments can restrict that right.

Thanks for a great report, Alan.

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People who I think were on a better "tier" than I, like Joe Olson, Clayton Cramer and others, didn't luck into a seat and listened to disembodied voices from the lawyers lounge outside the Courtroom.

Three calls for "sshhh" from a clerk at the front instantly dropped the growing anticipatory cacophony to silence which then ramped up gently until the next hiss for quiet. Three minutes to go and a call for silence left everyone with their own thoughts until a tone sounded, the aides signaled us to rise, God Bless This Court was spoken, and we were underway.

By a stroke of luck, Justice Thomas was assigned the reading of a decision of a prior case, and we got to hear his baritone voice, which often remains mute throughout. New members of the Supreme Court bar were sworn in, and Justice Roberts asked Mr. Dellinger to begin, which he did promptly. More later.

Alan Korwin, Co-Author, Supreme Court Gun Cases, Bloomfield Press

**Alan is also a member of TCHA and was a speaker at the 11th Annual Conference. We are fortunate to have an eye witness to this historic Supreme Court hearing. Thank you Alan.**

## TCHA Conference and Election News

The 11th Annual TCHA Conference was held February 23-24, 2008 in Kerrville. The Fun Shoot was a great event, in spite of the cold, windy weather. ~~Our seminar speakers, Rick Mackey/Garry Brookman, Alan Korwin, Alice Tripp and Marion Stahl were very informative and entertaining.~~ A variety of questions regarding CHL Protection Plan, the Supreme Court, the Texas Legislature and concealed carry were fielded by our speakers. The evening banquet was quite festive with our keynote speaker, Judge Dan Mills, celebrating his birthday that evening. Lots of door prizes, raffle items, good food and fellowship was enjoyed. Three of the 4 guns raffled were won by women, including the Springfield 9mm that was included in the newsletter raffle.

On Sunday, February 24 members gathered for the 11th annual meeting. Old business, new business and elections were discussed and held. Your TCHA Board of Directors are: Larry Arnold, Chris Bird, Bruce Gilchrist, Rick Mackey, Dean McCormick, Mike McNeely, Frank Niemiec, Merle Niemiec, and Gene Schiller.

Following the members' meeting, the new Board of Directors held a short meeting to elect officers, select dates for upcoming board meetings and tend to other business brought to the floor. The TCHA Slate of Officers includes: Chris Bird, President; Rick Mackey, Executive Vice-President; Frank Niemiec, 1st Vice-President; Bill Titus, 2nd Vice-President; Kathy Pena, Secretary and Merle Niemiec, Treasurer.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Saturday, April 12, 2008 in San Antonio.

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## Government Code 411.185 RENEWAL

It has come to our attention that many instructors, as well as permit holders, are confused about the new renewal laws, specifically not having to take a class more than once in every ten year period. Marion Stahl from the Texas DPS Licensing Bureau explained the procedure very well during her presentation at the 11th Annual TCHA Conference.

First, it is important to note that the DPS Licensing Bureau will let each permit holder know whether they must complete the course and obtain a handgun proficiency certificate or if they are at the “ten year period” when only paperwork must be completed. That is good news for instructors — it is not up to instructors to determine whether a student falls into that “ten year exemption.”

Marion explained that the “10 year period” would begin with a permit holders 4th action. By way of explanation, the 1st action is the permit holder’s original application; the 2nd action is the 1st renewal; the 3rd action is the 2nd renewal; the 4th action is the 3rd renewal. Sound even more confusing? Let’s remember that we are talking about **RENEWALS** not the original application.

- Going back to 1997, you got your original license good for 4 years (I know, some were only good for 2 years, but for this explanation, we will assume you got your for 4 years).
- On your birthday in 2001, you applied for your **1st renewal** (another 4 years).
- On your birthday in 2005, you applied for your **2nd renewal** (now good for 5 years).
- On your birthday in 2010, you will apply for your **3rd renewal** (THIS IS IT! THIS IS WHERE YOU ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR PAPERWORK WITHOUT COMPLETING A CLASS OR PROVING HANDGUN PROFICIENCY).
- So...when your **3rd renewal** comes around, you have already had your license for approximately east 13 years!

I hope this helps sort things out and doesn’t muddy up the water even more for you. Just remember, DPS will let you know when you fall into the “10 year exemption” category, so don’t lose any sleep over this.

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### Gun in the Church? - continued from page 4

Ushers and greeters may know all the regular attendees in a small congregation, easily id newcomers; larger churches might consider name badges, not only for helping out with names, but also for identifying someone who might not belong. Do the ushers, or some other volunteers, have a plan for dealing with violent encounters? Consider asking the leadership team to create a security plan and conduct a security audit of the policies and procedures of the organization.

Nicodemus was a religious leader who approached Jesus under cover of darkness because he fearing the cultural backlash of the answers he sought. As a retired pastor and a firearms instructor, I am amazed at the number of pastors who will call me to inquire about handgun training, security issues and related matters, but are unwilling to discuss such things openly in the congregations and denominational meetings. Personal and corporate security is vitally important in today’s world and should be addressed openly in our religious communities, not hidden from the light of day.

Yitzhak Dadon is a name few people in Texas will recognize. Our news media hasn’t mentioned him in their coverage of recent events. On March 6 of this year a gunman opened fire in a Jerusalem seminar, killing several of the students. Dadon, also a student in the school, was present when the shooting broke out. He responded with his personal weapon, legally carried while obtaining his religious training. Dadon placed 2 rounds in the terrorist’s head, brining a halt to the rampage. The director of the seminary, Rabbi David Simchon, was quoted by the Israeli news service with something worshipers of all faiths should consider: “No terrorist will succeed in stopping our faith, our values, the justice of our cause of what we teach here at the yeshiva (religious school).

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## Texas Concealed Handgun Roster Compromised

- Kathy Pena, TCHA Secretary -

I write this as somewhat of an apology to our members, as well as, to report to our members that the TCHA roster, which consists of your name, address, CHL number, e-mail address, TCHA member number and your membership expiration date, was used inappropriately by a former Board member.

As secretary of Texas Concealed Handgun Association, I maintain the roster and I do not share your information with any commercial enterprises or even like organizations such as TSRA, NRA, etc.

As you may recall, TCHA elected another secretary in 2007 and, due to health reasons, she was forced to resign. Since I was the most familiar with the position, I stepped in and took over as secretary in September 2007. At that time I realized that much of the work was backlogged and it would take some time to get back up to speed. A former Board member volunteered to assist in making and sending membership cards, which I gratefully accepted. Within approximately 4 months, I realized that roster information was being used to advertise and sell merchandise from the former Board member's own business. Members of the Board began receiving inquiries from instructors as to why they were receiving the solicitation and if it was from Texas Concealed Handgun Association. A short investigation revealed the source and, when confronted, he resigned from the Board of Directors.

This former Board member was instructed to delete any and all roster information he held. Afterward, he sent an e-mail correspondence, using the TCHA data, stating that anyone wishing to opt out of receiving future e-mails should reply with the word "unsubscribe." It seems that his business name is quite similar to TCHA and some of our members felt duped into believing the correspondence was from Texas Concealed Handgun Association.

This has been a learning experience. Please be assured that I do not share your personal information and I hope you accept my apology for allowing your e-mail address to be used inappropriately.

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## **Bulldog's Corner - George "Bulldog" Peña**

As you read this newsletter I am still reeling from the events that occurred prior to our annual meeting. As you all know I asked for your proxy in the form of a postcard. Any member could have been chosen if he or she would attend the meeting or you could choose me and I would cast your vote as chairman of the board of directors. I took the position as chairman of the board at the first meeting of the new board back in February of 2007. Even if I hadn't been voted chairman of the board, I would fill that position by default since the bylaws call for the president to serve as such if no chairman is officially elected.

The reason for wanting proxy cards was simple. Sometimes it is very difficult to establish a quorum at the annual meeting. A lot of folks have to get back home and only have time for the seminars and banquet. We, (the board) decided that if we didn't have enough people to establish a quorum, your proxy card would get the job done.

A former board member, without discussing the matter with anyone from the association, challenged this and sent e-mail alerts to the membership instructing them to send their proxy cards to him. Soliciting proxies, especially in this manner, is a violation of using the association roster for names and info of our membership. After I talked to everyone I could, to see who authorized this act, I found that this disgruntled board member acted alone. When confronted, he resigned. Again. If you remember, this same board member resigned a few years ago when the board refused to pay for extra mileage on his leased vehicle. Unfortunately, anyone who named him as their proxy did not have a vote at the annual meeting since he did not attend.

I hope this is a bad dream I don't have to repeat. Anyway, the meeting and changes went good. This is how we broke it down and proposed the following changes:

**Article 12, Section 5 Quorum For Meetings** shall read – "For properly called and announced regular and special meetings of members, a quorum shall consist of those members present."

**Article 12, Section 6 Majority Action as Membership Action** – a second paragraph shall be added to read, "Proxy attendance or voting must be authorized in writing, delivery to the Association secretary, granting authority to a specific member to vote a specified way on a specified issue. No undirected general proxies shall be recognized

This way only you can say which way you want a specific issue to be voted on. No general proxies will be used.

As I explained to the members in attendance, a general proxy gives one person too much power. And this was voted on by the members, so only the members can repeal this new bylaw.

As you know I am no longer your president, or a board member, but I still would like to continue to write my column, (Bulldog's Corner) for you. I know some of you don't like my style of writing by some of the hate mail I get for my articles, but I do like the folks who tell me they enjoy them.

I thank you all for letting me serve you. It was an honor and a privilege.

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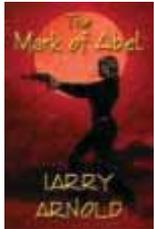
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