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Probably the soonest you will ever see a second newsletter from me, but some things have come to our attention since the last one that we believe you need to know about.

***First**, I made a statement in the previous letter that may have been misleading. The Student Body Government Association of the Texas State University at San Marcos passed a resolution in December backing a proposed bill that would allow CHL holders to carry on campus. The Administration of the University was not involved in this resolution.*

The resolution was evidently vetoed later by the President of the Student Body Government group because some the members had left the meeting prior to the vote so it will not be presented to the legislature on behalf of that group. Guess that just means more work for the individuals backing this if they want to allow these citizens the rights they have worked to achieve.

However, Scott Lewis of the Students for Concealed Carry on Campus Organization has notified us that because of all the hoopla around that incident other Universities' student bodies and organizations have voted to back the legislations awareness. One of the largest on campus concealed handgun classes ever was held at Texas Tech University last weekend.

The Texas Concealed Handgun Association Annual Conference will be held March 5 and 6, 2011 at the YO Ranch Resort in Kerrville. You do not have to be an instructor to join this Association. Erwin Ballarta of Capitol Strategic Operations and Alice Trip of the TSRA will be speakers. Their web site is www.tx.chia.org .

The Texas State Rifle Association Annual Spectacular Gun Show and annual meeting will be held March 12th and 13th in Mesquite, Texas. Jerry Patterson will be the luncheon speaker. Their web site is www.tsra.com .

A couple of new bills have been filed at the Legislature -

House Bill 857 exempts certain judicial officers from requirements on renewing and authorizing certain judicial officers to carry certain weapons.

House Bill 954 proposes to keep an employer from prohibiting a CHL or other person who lawfully possess a firearm from securing the firearm in his vehicle. There are no exceptions for schools. Employer still may be able to prohibit in the vehicle in certain areas if an alternative is provided. Exempts employer from liability and does not authorize carry on the workplace.

House Bill 1080 - exemptions for active duty personnel and certain veterans from completing a hunter education program.

Senate Bill 427 exempts US attorneys and assistant US Attorneys from certain requirements for obtaining or renewing a CHL license.

Stay warm and safe,

Ross and Dottie