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GUNS ARE A NEVER-ENDING SOURCE OF PLEASURE OR CONTENTION DUE TO MY DISABILITY, I CAN'T HUNT ANY MORE, BUT I STILL HAVE MY GUNS. I WAS GOING TO GIVE THEM TO MY GRAND SONS IF THEY GOT INTO HUNTING OR SHOOTING. I'LL WAIT AND SEE. WHEN I SAW THE PICTURE IN THE TIMES-STANDARD OF MEN ON KNEES ~~AND~~ ^{FOR} THEIR FUNDRAISER AND THE MAN HOLDING A SHOTGUN - UNLOADED, OF COURSE, AND BROKEN OPEN, I KNOW SOMEONE WOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT. SURE ENOUGH, THERE WAS A LETTER - WELL WORDED - IN THE TIMES-STANDARD. THERE ARE THOSE, INCLUDING ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER, WHO THINK NO ONE SHOULD HAVE A GUN. IF HE HAS SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION, I'LL BET THEY HAVE GUNS! THERE WAS A COLUMNIST NAMED JACK ANDERSON, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WHO WAS VERY ANTI-GUN. HE GOT HIS TAIL IN SOME KIND OF A CRACK AND THEY SEARCHED HIS HOME - GUESS WHAT? - THEY FOUND AN UN-REGISTERED HANDGUN - SO MUCH FOR SPEAKING WITH A FORKED TONGUE. THEN THERE IS THE NRA, WHO GO TO THE OTHER EXTREME - EVEN FIGHTING SOME LOGICAL RESTRICTIONS. MOST ANYONE WHO HANDLES FIREARMS HAS A STORY TO TELL ABOUT GUNS. I THOUGHT I WAS A GOOD, CAREFUL GUN HANDLER, UNTIL I HAD A HORRENDOUS CLOSE CALL - IT STILL MAKES ME SHUDDER WHEN I THINK OF WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED. IT SURE KEEPS ME HUMBLE! MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, WHO BUYS AND SELLS GUNS AND IS EXTREMELY CAREFUL, HAS HAD AN EXPERIENCE OR TWO. MINE ARE PROPERLY STORED - UNLOADED, WITH AMMUNITION STORED IN ANOTHER PLACE. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT STYLES, CALIBERS AND TYPES OF WEAPONS. I, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE A LEVER ACTION RIFLE, A BOLT-ACTION RIFLE, A PUMP SHOTGUN, A SINGLE ACTION REVOLVER,

AND A SEMI-AUTOMATIC 22 THAT MY DAD BOUGHT FOR ME AS A KID. MANY SEMI-AUTOS TAKE A BAD RAP BECAUSE THEY LOOK LIKE MILITARY RIFLES. HOW THEY LOOK DOESN'T MATTER, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO PULL THE TRIGGER FOR EACH SHOT. BANNING THEM DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE, BUT I DON'T SEE MUCH OF A NEED FOR LARGE MAGAZINES (THEY ARE WHAT HOLD THE BULLETS). FOR HUNTING PURPOSES, YOU CAN'T HAVE MORE THAN FIVE BULLETS IN THE GUN, COUNTING THE CHAMBER. SO, PROPERLY USED AND STORED WEAPONS SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. NOW, IF WE CAN JUST GET THE CRIMINALS AND IDIOTS TO BEHAVE.... MY FRIEND, BILL KOHSE WROTE A GREAT LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES-STANDARD A WEEK OR SO AGO. (IF YOU DIDN'T SEE IT - LOOK IT UP ON LINE.) AS THIS COMMENT IS AIRING ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, A CREW OF GUYS AND I WILL BE PREPARING TO PUT UP ~~THE~~ SIGNS FROM JUST NORTH OF RID DELL TO MCKINLEYVILLE. THEY ADVERTISE OUR MEN IN HARMONY BROADCASTOR SHOW ON APRIL 26 AT 7:29 PM AT THE EUREKA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. OUR CHORUS WILL PERFORM, AS WILL OUR LOCAL QUARTETS. OUR GUEST QUARTET WILL BE "FIRST & STRIKE" FROM SAN JOSE AND A LADIE'S ~~QUART~~ CHORUS WILL ENTERTAIN ALSO. WE WILL PRESENT A \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIP TO A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC STUDENT, AS WELL. COME AND ENJOY! IF SOME OF YOU MEN LISTENERS WOULD LIKE TO SING - COME TO THE SHOW AND WE MEET EVERY MONDAY EVENING AT 7:00 AT THE OLD BANK OFFICE ON THE HENDERSON STREET SIDE OF THE EUREKA MALL. EVEN IF YOU DON'T READ MUSIC - IF YOU CAN CARRY A TUNE, YOU CAN SING!

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