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Dear Subscriber,

"A puppet for gun control advocates." That's how a congressional staff member described New York City Mayor **MICHAEL BLOOMBERG** for backing a new anti-gun bill.

CHUCK KNAPP, a spokesman for Rep. **TODD TIAHART** (R-KS), blasted BLOOMBERG for his recent Capitol Hill news conference where he called Congress "soft on crime."

Puppet BLOOMBERG made **his insulting remark** because lawmakers have **refused to legalize the release of gun owner information** in the database of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to cities on the chance they might spot illegal gun sales for civil suits--which federal law enforcement officers investigate and prosecute.

ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL

Anti-gun Sen. **CHARLES SCHUMER** is trying to get a bill passed that would **give local police access to federal gun sales databases**, which is why Mayor BLOOMBERG came to Washington to say, "If Congress is going to coddle criminals we're going to shout it from the rooftops."

It's ridiculous to call it "coddling criminals" when lawmakers protect law abiding gun owners' privacy from known anti-gun zealots in local government who can't be trusted to use federal databases to track down shooters instead of making phony cases against dealers--**zealots like MICHAEL BLOOMBERG, for instance.**

BLOOMBERG, whose city is now suing 15 out-of-state gun shops for allegedly selling firearms illegally, wants to give all cities the ability to file lawsuits against gun makers.

The Republican-controlled Congress has blocked SCHUMER's bill, passing annual legislation barring access. This session, Rep. LAMAR SMITH (R-TX) and other pro-gun lawmakers are pushing a bill that would **make the ban permanent.**

The bill introduced by SCHUMER has virtually no chance of passing, but BLOOMBERG's remarks enraged fellow Republicans.

JOE WALDRON, executive director of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, said giving local departments access to the BATFE database **could jeopardize investigations and endanger cops.**

In addition, *what does it say about the competence of New York City police* that they can't catch crooks without federal databases of private gun sales?

In order to chip away at the mountain of gun control laws already on the books--much less Sen. SCHUMER's fishing-expedition bill to track legal gun sales under the pretense of looking for criminals--**pro-gun Rep. RICK RENZI (R-AZ) is set to introduce the Firearms Transfer Improvement Act.**

Rep. RENZI's bill (H.R. 1384) eliminates interstate requirements that have needlessly forced gun buyers and dealers to comply with conflicting and redundant laws in order to transport guns from one state to another.

Other pending federal legislation includes:

H.R. 5092. Establishes guidelines for BATFE investigations and punishment of the few Federal Firearm Licensed gun dealers who violate the law.

S. 2699 / H.R. 5013. Prohibits confiscation of lawful firearms during states of emergency, the "Katrina Law," to prevent future New Orleans-type seizures.

S. 1082 / H.R. 1288. Repeals the District of Columbia gun ban, restoring the right of residents to own firearms for self defense.

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BIG GLOBAL GUN CONTROL CONFERENCE SET FOR JULY 4TH WEEK

Mayor Michael Bloomberg's New York City will host a United Nations conference June 26 to July 7 this year. Its purpose is to review the U.N. "Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms."

That wouldn't be too worrisome if it was just about catching gunrunners for Al Qaeda or stopping Chinese-made AK-47 knockoffs from going to some bloodthirsty warlord mowing down the tribes next door.

But it's not. As we have come to expect from the United Nations, the "reviewers" in this review conference don't like the United States, they don't like the Second Amendment, and they don't believe there's any such thing as "licit" trade in small arms.

Anti-gun newsletters sent recently gave a preview of what to expect from this "review" conference: all gun dealers are "merchants of death," according to the online *Peace Journalism.com*.

Gun distribution companies are "the gun mafia."

U.N. reviewers give private businesses selling firearms fancy names like, "nonstate parallel arms merchants," as if governments were the only legitimate sellers of firearms.

You get the picture. The upcoming New York shindig is really the conference to prevent, combat and eradicate *gun rights*--worldwide.

So it has personal significance for every American. If the United Nations conference is to have a satisfactory conclusion for the reviewers, it means that all member nations would sign an anti-gun treaty that outlaws private gun transactions, totally or partially. That includes America.

And that has political significance for every American. At the moment, we have a pro-gun president and a pro-gun Congress, both chambers, House and Senate.

Anti-gun candidates have not fared well in recent elections.

All but two states, Wisconsin and Illinois, guarantee the right of law-abiding citizens to carry concealed firearms.

The U.N.'s global war on gun rights could change all that.

To disarm Americans, the U.N. would need Congress on its side, plus a U.S. president willing to sign an antigun treaty and appoint Supreme Court justices willing to rule it constitutional.

Mobilized gun owners could prevent that, but before they can be mobilized, they have to be informed.

Many are not. A reporter for the *Hamilton Spectator*, a Canadian newspaper, asked an American rifle salesman named Joe Carlson about the U.N. plan.

He replied, "I hadn't heard about that, I've been so busy selling rifles. I'd better take a look."

We had all better take a look.

The Gottlieb-Tartaro Report will help gun owners take that look.

The Second Amendment Foundation will have a presence at that New York U.N. conference and provide an inside view of all their anti-gun plans.

It's more than ironic that the U.N. anti-gun conference was scheduled over the week including our July 4th Independence Day celebrations of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. It's downright insulting.

An inscription at the National Archives, where the Constitution and Bill of Rights are enshrined, tells it all: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

You won't get caught napping on this one. Not on our watch.

**AT THE U.N.
WAR AGAINST
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THAILAND TEACHERS GET SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING

More than 1,300 teachers in the strife-torn deep South of Thailand recently completed weapons training to qualify for the "Teachers' Self-protection Battalion," established at the suggestion of Queen Sirikit.

AROUND THE WORLD

Surapol Kiatskul, 54, a teacher at Ban Taba school in Narathiwat's Tak Bai district, said teachers had to carry guns since security officers could not take care of them all the time. The security forces themselves are also targets.

BELGIUM PASSES KNEE-JERK ANTI-GUN LAW

In reaction to an 18-year-old's impulse purchase of a handgun and shooting spree that left two dead, the Belgian Parliament has voted almost unanimously--only two abstentions by members who said they were acting too quickly--to impose new regulations requiring police screening and licensing of prospective gun buyers.

The shooting suspect, Hans Van Themsche, is accused of killing a Malian woman and a two-year-old Flemish girl, as well as injuring a Turkish woman, in a racially motivated rampage.

The new law prompted a flood of gun purchases before it went into effect.

UNITED KINGDOM LAWMAKERS CONSIDER GUN TRAINING FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Conservative members of Parliament have proposed reforms that would allow competitive target shooters to practice at specially licensed ranges in the U.K., while the general ban on ownership and use of handguns remains in force.

Since London will host the Olympic Games in 2012, it appears stupid to force their own Olympic shooting team to practice in another country, as they do now.

IRAQI DEMAND FOR GUNS SECOND ONLY TO FOOD

Despite a declaration outlawing the possession of more than one firearm per family, with sectarian violence growing in Iraq, people are buying more guns for self-defense and the government is powerless to control them.

Abu Hasan a weapons merchant in Baghdad, told Inter Press Service news agency, "I think it is important for every Iraqi to have a weapon to protect himself and his family. There is no security in Iraq at all now."

SOUTH AFRICA POLL SAYS MOST CITIZENS WANT A GUN-FREE COUNTRY

Polling firm Research Surveys South Africa has released a study showing that more than two-thirds of people in metropolitan areas believe South Africa should be gun free.

The poll showed agreement broke sharply along racial lines, with 72 percent of blacks and 84 percent of Indians/Asians agreeing, but only 51 percent of whites.

CANADA NOW JUNKING LONG-GUN REGISTRY

Although Canada's 1934 handgun registry will remain in place, the new Conservative government has announced plans to eliminate the nation's long-gun registry and put its money into getting tough on crime.

Minister of Public Safety Stockwell Day said the government will transfer responsibility for the Firearms Act from the billion-dollar boondoggle of the Canada Firearms Centre to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

He added, "This new government will not continue to fund ineffective programs. Instead, we will invest our resources to better protect Canadian families and their communities by putting more police on our streets, funding crime prevention initiatives and supporting the victims of crime."

The changes will not affect police background checks or the ban on certain classes of firearms currently listed as prohibited.

Politicians and gun owners across Canada applauded the Tory plan and said it's a decisive victory in their decade-long struggle to scrap the costly and hated long-gun registry.

ALASKA: TWO NEW PRO-GUN LAWS ENACTED

Gov. Frank Murkowski (R) has signed House Bill 400, the Emergency Powers Act, preventing government officials from imposing restrictions on the lawful possession, transfer, sale, transport, storage, display and use of firearms and ammunition during a disaster.

The Legislature also passed SB 200, patterned after Florida's "Castle Law," expanding the situations in which deadly force may be used to include the protection of carjacking victims and children in danger of being kidnapped or sexually assaulted.

IN THE STATES

ARIZONA: GUN BILLS ADVANCE

Governor Janet Napolitano (D) has signed House Bill 2649 into law, prohibiting local governments from enacting new laws or rules on the storage of firearms.

Also, the state Senate revived a bill that was vetoed last year, voting to let people carry guns in restaurants with liquor licenses. The bill was attached to a House-approved bill (SB2740) that makes it easier for restaurants to keep their liquor licenses even if their percentage of food sales falls below required levels.

CALIFORNIA: GOOD BILL, BAD BILL

Assemblywoman Nicole Parra's bill AB 2096 to exempt gun safety devices from state sales and use taxes has passed out of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on a bipartisan vote of 5-2. The bill would help groups purchase and distribute thousands of safety devices to firearm owners. It now goes to the full Assembly.

Assembly Bill 2714, introduced by Assembly Member Alberto Torrico (D-District 20), would outlaw ammunition sales by mail or internet by requiring in-person proof of identity of buyers. Penalties for violators include a prison sentence not to exceed 6 months and a fine not to exceed \$1,000. It has not yet passed the Assembly.

DELAWARE CONCEALED CARRY IMPROVEMENT BILL IN TROUBLE

H.B. 359, a bill to ease restrictions on getting a concealed carry license in Delaware, is getting weighed down with amendments that could kill it this session. Sponsor Rep. Deborah Hudson (R-Wilmington) proposed to limit the discretion judges have over whether to issue permits and would eliminate a requirement that applicants must give a reason for carrying a gun.

One amendment would put permit holder names on a law enforcement database that police officers use making traffic stops. If that resulted in officers approaching permit holders expecting violence or with guns drawn, it could create needless fears and potentially deadly confrontations.

FLORIDA PASSES TWO GOOD GUN BILLS

HB-687 exempts personal identifying information of concealed carry permittees from public records, but keeps the data available for law enforcement purposes.

HB-285 protects gun permittees right to keep firearms during a declared emergency such as Hurricane Katrina. Both bills await Gov. Jeb Bush's signature.

KANSAS GOVERNOR SEBELIUS SIGNS CASTLE DOCTRINE LAW

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius (D) has signed Senate Bill 366, sponsored by Senator Mike Peterson (R-28), which gives individuals the right to meet force with force to protect themselves and family members in locations where they have a right to be; removes the "duty to retreat" from locations where people have a right to be; and protects justified use of force from criminal and civil liability.

Despite criticism of the idea, Gov. Sebelius also signed a bill protecting the secrecy of records of all concealed firearm permit holders once the state's concealed carry bill goes into effect July 1. The legislature overrode the governor's veto of the concealed carry bill. She criticized the bill for closing public documents, unlike any other state license information, and because it had been tucked into a House-Senate conference committee report and never received a committee hearing.

LOUISIANA SENATE APPROVES CASTLE DOCTRINE BILL

HB 89, a Castle Doctrine bill, has passed the Louisiana Senate 36-0 with 3 absent. The bill passed the House 98-0. It requires courts to assume the use of deadly force was reasonable if used against someone illegally breaking into someone's home, vehicle or business. The person shooting an intruder would no longer have the duty to retreat.

IN THE STATES

MAINE BILL PROTECTS PROPERTY RIGHTS TO SEIZED FIREARM

LD 2118 has passed the Maine House of Representatives by a vote of 105-30. It provides a way for gun owners to be compensated if their firearm is damaged or goes missing when relinquished to law enforcement officers acting under a court order in a domestic violence case. The bill was prompted by "bad faith" orders in which police seized firearms from falsely accused spouses and never returned to them after the bad faith order was revoked or returned them damaged. The bill allows such gun owners to seek compensation under the state's Tort Claims Act.

MICHIGAN GUN BILLS PASS HURDLES

The state House has unanimously passed a bill to make personal information about concealed weapons carriers exempt from public disclosure. The bill now goes to the Senate for concurrence.

The state Senate has passed two youth hunting bills to encourage youngsters in the sport. Senate Bill 1105 would establish an "apprentice" hunting license for minors to be able to hunt with a licensed adult. The Senate also passed House Bill 5192, which would lower the minimum hunting age for a minor.

NORTH CAROLINA GETS NRA LICENSE PLATE

Governor Mike Easley (D) has signed SB 464, a bill that established a National Rifle Association license plate for North Carolina motor vehicles. Before the plates become available, 300 North Carolinians must commit to purchasing them. With 200 solid buyers on the books, the NRA is looking for about 100 more vehicle owners who'd like to have the specialty license plate.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR VETOES DEADLY FORCE BILL

Gov. John Lynch (D) has vetoed a popular "Castle Doctrine" bill, standing in the Executive Council chambers with 40 prosecutors and law enforcement officials, most in full uniform, to make the announcement. He invoked images of wild-west shoot-out between gang members who then claimed self-defense. Rep. Tony Soltani (R-Epsom), a sponsor of the bill, ridiculed the governor for using impossible scenarios. He hoped it would come back to haunt him in November.

OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR SIGNS "STAND YOUR GROUND" BILL

Gov. Brad Henry (D) has signed into law legislation that gives greater legal protections to people who use deadly force when threatened or attacked. The new law is modeled on Florida's "Castle Doctrine" law. The Oklahoma law goes into effect November 1.

NEW JERSEY PACKAGE OF BILLS A MIXED BAG

The state Assembly's Law and Public Safety Committee has given unanimous approval to a package of 16 bills, some crime control, others gun control. The bills range from fast-tracking gun cases and stiffening penalties for firearms offenses to regulating the sale of ammunition and mandating judges to ensure bail money is not from a criminal enterprise.

VERMONT HAS NEW LAW PROTECTING SHOOTING RANGES

Governor Jim Douglas (R) has signed H. 447, legislation that protects Vermont's shooting ranges from lawsuits and municipal ordinances that may require ranges to shut down. H. 447 passed the House on a vote of 126 to 7 and unanimously passed the Senate.

NEW YORK MAYOR USES PRIVATE EYES IN GUN DEALER STING

In a move that critics say compromised ongoing cases, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has filed a civil lawsuit against 15 alleged "rogue" firearms dealers in five states--using hired private investigators in a sting operation that a U.S. Justice Department source called "a publicity stunt."

Accused gun dealers in Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia were furious at the allegations, denying any wrongdoing and defending their good reputations.

The New York Police Department had nothing to do with the investigation, which alleges criminal behavior on the part of the out-of-state gun dealers, and no evidence was turned over to the proper federal authorities.

Bloomberg has no jurisdiction over the 15 gun dealers, meaning that his lawsuit didn't require a public official, but could have been filed by anyone that claimed to be harmed. He is simply using his position as an anti-gun platform.

The suit is clearly a publicity stunt designed to demonize guns and put gun dealers out of business while destroying the individual right to keep and bear arms. Bloomberg's cops just can't catch the real crooks.

**ON THE
LEGAL FRONT**

ACCUSED SOUTH CAROLINA GUN DEALER FIRES BACK AT BLOOMBERG

Chan Holman, owner of Woody's Pawn & Jewelry in Orangeburg, South Carolina, resents having his clean, well-lighted store that spreads nearly a full city block called one of the "worst of the worst" weapons dealers by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

"Coming after small dealers in small towns isn't going to stop the crimes in New York," Holman told the New York Daily News.

He said flatly that he is not responsible for the 98 crimes committed in New York with guns initially sold by his shop between 1994 and 2001. He also denied any knowledge of a straw purchase reported by New York's hired private eyes.

His business not only undergoes quarterly audits by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, it has ranked "best of the best" in a local paper's poll of hunting supply stores for seven years running.

Bloomberg is running a political witch hunt at the expense of decent people running legitimate businesses.

OHIO GUN DEALER TARGETED IN SUIT ACCUSES MAYOR OF A SETUP

James T. Farmer Jr., who has owned Jim's Guns and Whatever in Dayton, Ohio since 1978 is one of the 15 alleged "rogue" gun dealers being sued by Bloomberg.

Farmer says the so-called straw purchase that hired private eyes videotaped at his store--in which a man picked a gun and a woman with him bought it--is no different than hundreds of purchases every year in which a wife buys a gun for a husband, a boyfriend for a girlfriend, a father for a daughter, and is not evidence of any crime.

Farmer said that if a gun falls into criminal hands, it is the fault of whoever put it there, not a gun dealer who made a perfectly legal sale. Merely knowing that a qualified buyer purchases a gun for another person is not a crime and is not evidence of a crime.

CHICAGO TRIED A STING IN 1998, BUT IT DIED IN THE COURTROOM

Mayor Bloomberg isn't the first big-city boss to pull a sting operation on gun dealers. Chicago Mayor Richard Daley did it in 1998, using undercover cops posing as gang members to go into area gun stores.

But the grainy video flopped in court, says gun law authority John Lott, "because they were unable to show the dealers wilfully did anything wrong."

Daley's sting was supposed to be the centerpiece of Chicago's landmark \$433 million civil suit blaming the gun industry for urban violence. The suit was dismissed by the Illinois Supreme Court last year.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

●**New York City:** The socially, politically and financially prominent get concealed gun permits in New York City, but not much of anybody else. Donald Trump and Seagram's whiskey icon Edgar Bronfman Sr have permits. Ronald Lauder, cosmetics heir, and movie star Robert De Niro have one. So do shock jocks Don Imus and Howard Stern. About 38,000 others have gun licenses, but a much smaller number of city dwellers have concealed carry permits. Most NYC permits are issued to retired cops. Outside the city, there were over half a million New York State residents with *concealed carry* permits in 1997, but they're not valid in New York City.

●**Milwaukee, Wisconsin:** Wayne LaPierre, National Rifle Association executive vice president, called for all police chiefs and mayors to sign a pledge they will never forcibly disarm law-abiding citizens. The pledge call came a day before the 4 million-member group opened its annual convention in Milwaukee. It became an issue because of the way authorities confiscated guns in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina last year.

●**Washington, D.C.:** Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) has admitted he was under the influence of at least two prescription drugs when he crashed his car on Capitol Hill last month. Cybercast News Service reported that Second Amendment Foundation founder Alan M. Gottlieb quipped, "I'd rather go quail hunting with Dick Cheney than get in a car being driven by a Kennedy," a double reference, also recalling the fatal automobile crash at Chappaquiddick, Massachusetts in which Sen. Edward Kennedy, Patrick's father, drove a car off a bridge and left companion Mary Jo Kopechne to drown.

●**Newton, Connecticut:** A report titled "Without a Trace" by the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence has been discredited as false and misleading. Lawrence G. Keane, Senior Vice President of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, said the report is biased and politically motivated. It supports release of federal gun tracing database information to lawyers in civil lawsuits. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has said that "gun traces indicate only that a gun has come to the attention of law enforcement. They do not automatically implicate a dealer or purchaser in any wrongdoing." Brady zealots don't care. The facts don't matter in "Without a Trace," just smearing gun rights. It should be titled, "Without a Clue."

●**Galesburg, Illinois:** Knox College psychologists claim that handling guns "primes men for aggression." The experiment that led to this remarkable conclusion consisted of putting 30 male students in a bare room where they found either a large handgun or a board game called Mouse Trap. They were instructed to disassemble and reassemble whichever they had, and write instructions for how they did it. Men who handled the gun had higher testosterone levels in their saliva than Mouse Trap men. Then all were asked to taste a cup of water with a drop of hot sauce in it, then prepare a cup for the next person using any amount of hot sauce they wanted. Men who handled the gun used three times as much hot sauce as Mouse Trap men. Real conclusion: handling board games "makes men bland food wusses with erectile dysfunction." It seems more likely that Knox College hires testosterone-allergic psychologists who can't tell college pranks from World War III.

●**Flint, Michigan:** Twenty-nine Girl Scouts recently participated in a program about firearms safety and shotgun shooting at the Genessee Sportsmens's Club. Two Scout leaders, Kathy Smith and Jeanette Boucher, developed the program after they heard of a similar one at the Club for Boy Scouts. Haylie Lane, a 14-year-old Girl Scout from Oxford, had never fired a shotgun before, but she hit 18 out of 25 clay pigeons during her round of sporting clays. "This is fun!" she said. Several of the dozen parents on hand also shot a few rounds, and some quickly discovered it wasn't as easy as they had imagined. Todd Lanxton of Flushing said "I think this is a great experience. They gave the kids a great safety course before they went out. I have no problem with my daughter shooting here."

Parting Shot

COOL TEEN

It was definitely a situation to make you lose your cool.

You're a 15-year-old ninth-grader living in Hollywood, Florida. Your father has gone to the hospital to be with a family friend injured in a late night crash.

Your mother and three sisters are at home with you. Two relatives are also staying with you tonight. It's 3:30 a.m. and you're sound asleep.

Then a stranger tries to break into your home, grabs your mother when she opens the door, thinking it's her husband. Your mother pulls free and slams the door. The violent man starts throwing your bicycle against the front window, trying to get in. You hear your mother's frantic voice.

That's what Javaris Granger woke up to late last month.

He ran to the dark living room where he saw his mother screaming at a cursing, muttering man throwing a bicycle at the front window.

Javaris yelled at the man to leave while his mother called her husband on the cell phone and handed it to her son. His father said, "Son, go to my bedroom and get the gun we use for shooting practice. Do what you have to do."

Javaris gulped, took a deep breath, and ran to his parents' bedroom. He found the safety box, unlocked it and loaded two guns, one for him, one for his mother.

He ran back into the living room just as the stranger started kicking the door hard.

His mother was too shaken to handle a gun, and ran to another bedroom where her daughters and the relatives were hiding and called the police.

The next moment, the intruder kicked down the door and jumped into the living room, right in front of Javaris, who had a gun in each hand.

He fired a warning shot at the crazy-acting man. The intruder didn't leave.

The gun jammed on the next try and Javaris switched to the second gun.

Javaris fired three more shots point blank. Two shots hit the intruder. The man ran. The ninth-grader unloaded the guns and locked them in the safety box before checking on his mom and his sisters and the relatives.

Police took Ked Jumper, 22, to Memorial Regional Medical Center for treatment. He had a string of arrests for violent assaults dating to 2001.

Javaris' mother said everyone in the family could have died if her son hadn't done "what he had to do." His father is very proud of "the man of the house."

Javaris won't be charged because of Florida's Castle Doctrine Law.

Cool teen.

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