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Dear Subscriber,

**Rabidly anti-gun Sen. FRANK LAUTENBERG (D-NJ) has introduced S. 843, "to establish background check procedures for gun shows,"** which in fact is a *massive gun registration program* of incredibly dangerous scope.

Touted as "**closing the gun show loophole**" by making gun show promoters record and run participant gun sales through the FBI's National Instant Check System (NICS), **S. 843 actually extends beyond gun shows** - because if you see a gun at a show but buy it later at the owner's home (or yours), you still have to register the transaction.

But S. 843 doesn't stop there: **all gun sales would also be registered directly with the Attorney General**, not just the FBI - and the proposed law could even reach into your home to **totally private face-to-face non-gun-show firearm sales**.

**LAUTENBERG and his 11 Democrat co-sponsors claim that crime guns come largely from gun show sales**, but **Independence Institute researcher David Kopel** says Bureau of Justice statistics show **the total is less than one percent** - 0.7 percent to be exact.

Virginia Tech killer Seung-Hui Cho? **No, he bought his guns from a gun shop after a federal background check.**

The Columbine killers? Yes, **Robyn Anderson** bought the guns from a private seller - **but she was fully eligible for a NICS check and would have passed anyway.**

**LAUTENBERG's bunch also claims that 30 percent of Mexican drug cartel guns come from American gun shows**, a fantastic number fed by the misleading testimony of Obama administration official **WILLIAM HOOVER** before the House of Representatives.

**HOOVER** is assistant director for field operations at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), who said, **"over 90 percent of the firearms that have either been recovered in, or interdicted in transport to Mexico, originated from various sources within the United States."** He said nothing about gun shows, just guns.

That was even worse, and the media ran with it. Suddenly **"90 percent of Mexican guns come from America"** became a Democrat chant heard everywhere.

ABC News went so far as to assert in a headline, **"U.S. Guns Arming Mexican Drug Gangs; Second Amendment to Blame?"**

And what's the truth about Mexican crime guns? An ATF spokesperson trying to clarify Hoover's remark with more detail told Fox News, **"over 90 percent of the traced firearms originate from the U.S."**

Sounds really bad. **But the magic word is "traced."**

The Mexican government said that while **they recovered 29,000 guns from crime scenes** during 2007 and 2008, they only submitted **11,000 guns** to the ATF for tracing because the other 18,000 had obvious markings from other countries.

So the ATF got **11,000 guns** to trace. Of those, **6,000 were successfully traced**, and of those, **5,114 came from the United States**, which is about 90 percent.

**But 5,114 guns is only about 17 percent of the 29,000 crime guns recovered in Mexico.** If you want to make political hay out of American guns in Mexican crimes, **17 percent isn't very impressive.**

So you lie. Or "exaggerate," in Washington-speak.

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All this would be just more political grandstanding if it were not for the mid-April visit of **President BARACK OBAMA** to his Mexican counterpart, FELIPE CALDERON - and their agreement on **an inter-American treaty on firearms trafficking**.

The treaty contains soothing language that it is not intended to restrict "lawful ownership and use" of firearms, but **every gun rights defender knows how tricky anti-gun politicians and anti-gun special-interest groups can be when it comes to twisting the law**.

The treaty is known by its Spanish initials as CIFTA, and OBAMA is urging the Senate to ratify it. To complicate OBAMA's political intent, he told Mexican President Calderon that he would not make an urgent priority of reinstating a U.S. ban on so-called "assault weapons." **OBAMA didn't say he wouldn't support it later.**

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Thus, the "Crime In Mexico" issue is so loaded with hidden danger that **no gun rights advocacy organization is supporting CIFTA**. All are opposed to its Senate ratification - while keeping an eye on the "assault weapons" issue.

Underlining the veiled threat of renewing the expired 1994 ban on semiautomatic rifles, Sen. DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-CA) last month told CBS NEWS *60 Minutes* correspondent LESLEY STAHL that the political timing isn't right and **she will move to renew the ban at a future time of her own choosing**. Her exact words: **"I'll pick the time and the place, no question about it."**

In another assault on gun rights, New York Democrat Senators CHARLES SCHUMER and KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND are calling for **the repeal of federal policy requiring NICS background check records be destroyed after 24 hours**.

Known as the Tiahrt Amendment for **Rep. TODD TIAHRT (R-KS)**, the law restricts non-federal law-enforcement agencies from using gun trace information that could compromise active federal investigations.

Trace data have been **used by New York City Mayor MICHAEL BLOOMBERG to bring lawsuits against law-abiding gun dealers in other states**, claiming crime guns come from their stores in suspicious numbers, and bankrupting them with legal costs.

SCHUMER and GILLIBRAND are **urging President BARACK OBAMA to reinstate a 90-day retention period**. OBAMA has said he supports the repeal of the amendment.

Perhaps **the most outrageous political bullying** of the OBAMA administration so far is the **Department of Homeland Security (DHS) report, "Right-wing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment."**

Practically **every non-liberal is tagged a "right-wing extremist."**

**The report particularly dishonored veterans** with the assessment that, "Returning veterans possess combat skills and experience that are attractive to right-wing extremists. DHS is concerned that right-wing extremists will attempt to recruit and radicalize veterans in order to boost their violent capacities."

**DHS Secretary JANET NAPOLITANO at first refused to apologize** for the report, but public outcry forced a weak apology from her, limited only to veterans.

However, the report also says, "Proposed imposition of firearms restrictions and weapons bans likely would attract new members into the ranks of right-wing extremist groups as well as potentially spur some of them to begin planning and training for violence against the government. **The high volume of purchases and stockpiling of weapons and ammunition by right-wing extremists in anticipation of restrictions and bans in some parts of the country continue to be a primary concern to law enforcement.**" What kind of government says such things?

Lawful gun owners have yet to get their apology for this colossal insult.

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### **NINTH CIRCUIT RULES SECOND AMENDMENT IS INCORPORATED TO STATES**

The appeal in the case of *Nordyke v. King* - Russell and Sallie Nordyke, gun show operators in California - has unfortunately gone against the Nordykes' fight to operate on Alameda County property, but produced a huge victory for gun owners.

The U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled in the case that the Second Amendment is incorporated against states and local governments, acknowledging that its earlier position - that the Second Amendment only protected a collective right of states - has been overruled by the Supreme Court.

## **IN THE COURTS**

In 2008's historic *District of Columbia v. Dick Anthony Heller*, the high court ruled that the Second Amendment protects an individual civil right to keep and bear arms.

Appeals Court Judge Ronald M. Gould wrote in a concurring opinion, "The right to bear arms is a bulwark against external invasion...That we have a lawfully armed populace adds a measure of security for all of us and makes it less likely that a band of terrorists could make headway in an attack on any community before more professional forces arrived."

Take that, DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano: our appeals courts are "right-wing extremists."

### **NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT DEFENDS VETERAN'S GUN RIGHTS**

A unanimous Nebraska Supreme Court says Joseph D. Gallegos, a military veteran who voluntarily sought treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and depression in 2001, cannot be denied a state handgun buyer's permit.

Writing for the high court, Chief Justice Mike Heavican noted the sole question to be decided was whether Gallegos had once been committed to a mental institution, as defined by federal law. Gallegos went to an Omaha Veterans Administration hospital in 2001, was held three days for observation and completed a treatment program.

The Douglas County Sheriff's office later denied Gallegos a permit, which was upheld by a county judge and then the district court.

"We conclude that Gallegos was not 'committed to a mental institution' within the meaning of the law," the high court said. It sent the case back to the district court "with directions to approve Gallegos' request for a gun certificate."

### **GUN-CARRY LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST MINNESOTA CITY**

Civil rights attorney John Monroe has filed a federal lawsuit against West Milwaukee and its police force for gross abuses of power against a man solely because he was legally carrying a holstered gun.

The complaint alleges that police illegally detained, harassed, and arrested Jesus Gonzales without cause.

The complaint also alleges that police have refused to return the property confiscated from Mr. Gonzales. John Pierce, a law student at nearby Hamline University in Minneapolis, says that "the police have no more power to confiscate openly carried handguns than they do to confiscate openly carried cell phones."

### **NRA SUES TO OVERTURN PITTSBURGH'S LOST / STOLEN GUN LAW**

The National Rifle Association has sued Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and Pittsburgh City Council in an effort to overturn a law that penalizes gun owners who fail to report lost or stolen firearms within 24 hours.

The was filed in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court on behalf of four Pittsburgh gun owners who say the ordinance "severely restricts" their Second Amendment right to keep guns in their homes and violates state pre-emption law.

### **JERSEY CITY TRIES TO SNEAK AROUND STATE GUN LAW - AGAIN**

The New Jersey Supreme Court is considering whether Jersey City can limit handgun purchases to one a month - a measure struck down last year by an appeals court that said the state, not cities, governs gun sales in New Jersey.

Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy said cities should be able to set their own gun control laws. Opponents said it would punish law-abiding citizens.

### GEORGIA STANDS UP FOR STATES' RIGHTS

The Georgia Senate has passed Resolution 632 "affirming states' rights based on Jeffersonian principles." Its text mostly repeats a resolution secretly written by Thomas Jefferson for the Kentucky legislature in 1798 (his authorship was not known until years later). It was a protest against the Alien and Sedition Acts as being both unconstitutional and designed to stifle criticism of the John Adams administration, and as infringing on the right of the states to act in these areas.

Jefferson's theory was that the United States was not united by "unlimited submission to their General Government," but was instead a "compact" in which each state can decide to not obey specific federal laws as it sees fit.

**IN THE STATES**

Northern states emphatically rejected Jefferson's resolution, on the theory that the Constitution was a "contract", not a "compact," and could not be broken unilaterally by any state.

Jefferson's theory of states' rights figured prominently in political crises well into the 20th Century, when the Seventeenth Amendment (1913) stripped state legislatures of the power to appoint their U.S. senators, instead electing them by popular vote. That deprived state governments of important control over the federal government via appointees in the U.S. Senate picked by each state's legislature.

That loss of a check and balance on the federal government by the states has essentially relegated states' rights theories to powerless rhetoric, as seen in the rise of the New Deal of the 1930s. The growing power of the federal government since then has been virtually untouched by any state power of checks and balances.

Even so, Georgia's pointed resolution may set a trend (see Montana and Texas).

### IDAHO GIVES IMMUNITY TO EMPLOYERS FOR ALLOWING WORKER GUNS IN CARS

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has signed H 287, a bill that gives legal protection to employers who let workers keep guns in their cars. The bill passed the Idaho House of Representatives on a 50-19 vote, and the Senate on a 26-8 vote.

The actual text of the bill states: "No action shall lie or be maintained for civil damages in any court of this state against an employer where the claim arises out of the policy of an employer to either specifically allow or not prohibit the lawful storage of firearms by employees in their personal motor vehicles on the employer's business premises."

The law does not require employers who prohibit guns in cars on their property to change their policy.

### MONTANA USING GUNS TO PUSH FOR STATES' RIGHTS

Montana's pro-gun Democrat Gov. Brian Schwitzer has signed a bill asserting that guns manufactured in Montana, sold in Montana, and kept in Montana by their purchasers are exempt from federal gun registration, background checks and dealer-licensing rules because no state lines are crossed.

The federal ATF has argued that it has authority under the interstate commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution to regulate guns because they can so easily be transported across state lines.

Montana hopes to manufacture a test single-shot bolt-action .22 rifle, inform the ATF, and if they're told it's illegal to sue them all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court on the grounds of lack of authority.

Similar measures have also been introduced in Texas and Alaska.

### NEBRASKA LAWMAKERS MAY ALLOW GUNS IN CHURCHES

Nebraska's concealed handgun bill, LB 430, has advanced through the state's unicameral legislature to final reading, and quick passage is expected. Most news stories concentrate on only one part of this complex bill, Section 5, which would allow a place of worship to authorize its security personnel to carry concealed handguns on its property so long as each member of the security personnel complies with Concealed Handgun Permit Act and possesses a permit. Security personnel for financial institutions already have concealed carry rights in Nebraska.

### **NEW YORK LAWMAKERS CHEWING ON MENU OF NINE GUN CONTROL BILLS**

New York's Assembly and Senate are addressing at least nine gun control measures this session. The bills under consideration include microstamping to identify ammunition, creating new rules for gun storage and weapons safety classes, requiring guns be childproof, requiring background checks for pawn shop gun purchases, prohibiting bullets designed to fragment upon impact, banning weapons of .50 caliber or larger and empowering courts to revoke gun licenses of individuals considered a threat to the public.

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Gun advocates say the bills just harass legal gun owners while doing nothing to stem the illegal use of guns. The measures have failed in previous years but, with the Democrats taking power last fall, there is worry that some may be passed into law.

### **OHIO GETS ALASKA-STYLE CONCEALED CARRY BILL**

Representative John Adams (R-78) of Sidney, Ohio has introduced House Bill 129, a concealed carry measure similar to Alaska's current law. Vermont and Alaska already allow citizens to carry concealed handguns without a license, but all other states require a license (CHL) to carry a concealed handgun.

Like Alaska (but not Vermont), this bill would leave the license in place so that people who travel outside Ohio can have a license to take advantage of the many states that already honor Ohio's license.

### **PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR WAVES BLOODY SHIRT FOR "ASSAULT WEAPONS" BAN**

Anti-gun Democrat Governor Ed Rendell is using the deaths of three Pittsburgh police officers to hammer Pennsylvania lawmakers into banning so-called "assault weapons." A man with an AK-47 had fatally shot three officers.

Rendell used "we were outgunned" rhetoric against state legislators at a news conference to force the enactment of "common sense gun measures to protect local police beginning with a ban on AK47s and other semiautomatics."

Pittsburgh's Mayor Luke Ravenstahl has a better idea: arm his officers with the firepower to outgun criminals. The city hopes to buy 46 Smith & Wesson M&P semiautomatic rifles using money from the federal Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program, part of the economic stimulus law.

### **TEXAS LAWMAKERS CONSIDERING STATES' RIGHTS GUN LAW**

A bill by state Rep. Leo Berman (R-Tyler) exempting Texas-made firearms, gun accessories and ammunition sold within the state from federal regulation and law – including registration – has been heard in a House committee. The bill also provides for the Texas Attorney General's office to defend Texans who run afoul of the federal government because of this law. Berman said his bill would affect more than 300 manufacturers in the state. "Under the 9th and 10th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, states have responsibility for regulating intrastate commerce," Berman said. "The federal government has no role."

### **WASHINGTON HAS LAW BARRING MENTALLY UNSTABLE FROM OWNING GUNS**

House Bill 1498 has passed the Washington State Legislature, and will keep guns out of the hands of people involuntarily committed for 14 days or more for mental health treatment. When a person is committed for mental problems a court shall also forward information to the FBI's NICS database. The Bellevue, Washington-based Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms did not oppose the bill after changes let petitioners ask courts to restore lost firearms rights.

### **NEW WEST VIRGINIA LAW DISMISSES CONCEALED CARRY PRIVACY RIGHTS**

The West Virginia Legislature has eliminated any right to privacy for holders of concealed firearms permits. In a lobbying duel with the West Virginia Press Association, the National Rifle Association lost a vote to exempt the names and addresses of concealed carry permittees from Freedom of Information Act requests, defeating a main purpose for obtaining a concealed carry permit.

**HIGH MISTRUST OF OBAMA SPURS HUGE SURGE IN GUN SALES**  
**AMMUNITION SHORTAGE LOOMS**

*Get Your Guns Now Before Obama Does.* That sign in a Yakima, Washington pawn shop and gun store says it all when it comes to explaining the unprecedented jump in gun and ammunition sales throughout the United States.

"It's a very high mistrust factor," said Alan Gottlieb, chairman of the Bellevue, Washington-based Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. "It's kept the upswing in firearms sales continuing pretty much unabated since last October," when people realized Obama was going to win the presidential election.

Since the FBI's NICS system did a record 1,529,635 background checks last November, each month's gun sales jumped over 20 percent above the previous year's similar period.

Even after Obama's "First 100 Days," firearm sales continue to climb across the country for the sixth straight month. Ammunition makers are reporting record sales across the country as

demand continues to outpace supply, spurred by a possible federal tax on ammo.

Obama sounded the first warning siren during his election campaign by saying that he supported the individual right to keep and bear arms. But the way he said it sounded like a politician crossing his fingers behind his back: he promised in writing to "protect the rights of hunters and other law-abiding Americans to purchase, own, transport, and use guns." Saying nothing about self-defense was a slap in the face.

*The Second Amendment Ain't About Hunting* has been a best-selling bumper sticker since the Clinton administration's "assault weapons" ban and President Bill Clinton's excuse that it excluded hunting guns (it didn't).

Worries that Obama and the Democrat Congress would reimpose the expired ban on semiautomatic rifles have not been reduced by Obama's recent backing away from the idea during his "gun trafficking" talks with Mexico's President Felipe Calderon.

Perhaps the most forceful motive for the general populace to continue stocking up on guns and ammunition at an unbroken pace came from the recent and outrageous Department of Homeland Security (DHS) report on "Right-wing Extremism" (see Page 2 for related story). It demonized the gun and ammo surge:

**Proposed imposition of firearms restrictions and weapons bans likely would attract new members into the ranks of right-wing extremist groups as well as potentially spur some of them to begin planning and training for violence against the government. The high volume of purchases and stockpiling of weapons and ammunition by right-wing extremists in anticipation of restrictions and bans in some parts of the country continue to be a primary concern to law enforcement.**

That insulting and provocative assertion comes very close to calling anyone who buys a gun and ammunition a right-wing extremist and a violent terrorist.

And that comes very close to being *fighting words*.

"Fighting words" is a legal doctrine describing written or spoken words, expressed to incite hatred or violence from their target. In a general sense, it's words that create (deliberately or not) a verbal or even physical confrontation by their mere usage. There is no First Amendment protection for using fighting words.

Most average Americans would be infuriated to be called a violent disloyal terrorist. In a town hall meeting, such an inflammatory accusation by a fellow citizen would likely provoke a fistfight.

But this is not a fellow citizen calling all gun buyers extremist violent terrorists. It is our own government. And if our government is inciting violence from gun buyers using an inflammatory report, what are we to make of that?

DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano has refused to apologize to gun owners for the report, and gave only a grudging "sorry" to veterans called "right-wing extremists."

President Obama needs to assure all Americans that he is not baiting gun owners.

**SPECIAL REPORT:  
RECORD GUN SALES  
- AMMO SHORTAGES -**

**GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS**

● **Atlanta:** A recent CNN/Opinion Research poll reveals a sudden drop among Americans who favor gun control. Only 39 percent of Americans now favor stricter gun laws. There was a gradual, long-term decline in support for gun control from the early 1990s to 2008, but this year's sudden drop seems to be influenced by politics, namely the Obama administration. "If President Obama and the people in control of Congress right now could have what they want, they would heavily restrict or eliminate guns from this country," said Sean Healy, a gun rights attorney. Support has dropped 13 points among Republicans and 17 points among independents. Only a third of all independents supported stricter gun laws.

● **Milwaukee, Wisconsin:** Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen has stated that it is legal in Wisconsin for citizens to carry guns openly in a peaceful manner. However, Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn is ordering his officers to "take down" citizens, "put them on the ground" and disarm them, and "then decide whether you have a right to carry it." The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms' Legislative Director, Joe Waldron, said, "Because Wisconsin does not allow concealed carry, the only way for citizens to exercise their constitutional right to keep and bear arms is to carry handguns openly. Chief Flynn should not assume he or his officers have the authority to decide who can and cannot exercise that right. His attitude is outrageous."

● **Summit County, Ohio:** The northeast Ohio county of Summit announced they were considering passing an ordinance to prohibit county workers from carrying firearms while working or doing county business, even while in personal vehicles. Tom Morneweck, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1229 which covers county employees, said the Union doesn't oppose employees being legally armed and questioned whether banning in personal vehicles would even be within the county's authority. Councilwoman Gloria Rodgers opposed the measure because she's getting a concealed handgun license. Summit County then announced that the proposal would be tabled and effectively is a dead issue.

● **Guatemala City, Guatemala:** After several months of debate, the Guatemalan Congress has approved the Weapon and Ammunition Control Law. The regulation reduces to one the four licenses previously granted to each citizen to buy armaments. It also requires a clean criminal record and passing psychological assessment, income certification and proof of employment. The legislation also set between five and 15 years of imprisonment for crimes like illegal possession, export, import, or illegal sale of weapons and ammunitions. Shooting without a justified reason and parading with firearms, although they are legal, will also be punished.

● **Washington, D.C.:** Fox News has caught U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder in a Big Fat Lie: The Obama administration claims that 90 percent of guns used in crimes in Mexico come from the United States (see our Page 1 story). William La Jeunesse and Maxim Lott of Fox News reported that "only 17 percent of guns found at Mexican crime scenes have been traced to the U.S." Then, National Public Radio asked the attorney general about the Fox News analysis. Mr. Holder sidestepped the facts with more misleading data. "It almost doesn't matter if it's 60 percent, 70 percent or 90 percent," Holder said. "The reality is that too many guns are flowing from the United States into Mexico." Hey, the facts don't matter in Obamaland.

● **San Francisco, California:** House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), gets buckets of money from anti-gun lawyers. The law firm of Akin, Gump was Pelosi's second-biggest 2008 business donor, contributing \$41,050. Thomas C. Goldstein, an Akin, Gump lawyer, represented the anti-gun side of the *Heller* case. Patton Boggs LLP donated \$17,400 to Pelosi, her fourth highest overall business donor. A Patton Boggs partner wrote a paper saying John Lott's study showing concealed carry lowers crime was "flawed." Pelosi received a total of \$218,600 from lawyers. Since the average lawyer contribution to House members was \$80,880, this means that Pelosi got 2.7 times the average. (One of President Obama's biggest donors is Skadden, Arps, Meagher and Flom, LLP - \$510,274 - who represent a gun ID inventor.)

# Parting Shot

## RESTAURANT WITH "GUN FREE" POLICY SAVED BY "GUN-CARRYING" MANAGER

It was 3:10 a.m. Sunday morning at Taco Mac, a popular wings-and-beer joint in the nice Virginia Highlands neighborhood of Atlanta, Georgia.

An employee was taking garbage out the back to the store's dumpster when he was suddenly accosted by a thug brandishing a handgun and wearing a mask.

The armed man forced the worker back into the restaurant where he demanded money from the four employees who were still cleaning up the place from a busy Saturday night.

The quick-witted manager pulled his own handgun and fired at the would-be robber, who returned fire without hitting anyone and then ran out to a waiting car which sped away and escaped the scene.

No employees or customers were injured.

The getaway car was later found five blocks away with blood all over the interior, leaving Atlanta police who responded to the scene believing that the suspect had been shot.

Police alerted local hospitals to be on the look-out for any gunshot victims.

That's pretty much all the news reports said.

But there was more to it.

The Virginia Highlands Taco Mac was operated by the Tappan Street Restaurant Group (TSRG), which operates most of the 28 stores in the chain, and fought against HB 89, the Georgia law that allowed concealed carry permit holders into restaurants that serve alcohol.

The Virginia Highlands Taco Mac had a "No Guns" sign at the entrance, part of TSRG President Bob Campbell's anti-gun policy. They ask armed customers to leave.

If Bob Campbell's brave employee hadn't violated company policy, he and his employees would all likely be dead.

Just four months ago, a thug, maybe the same one that hit Taco Mac, shot waiter John Henderson twice in the head following his shift at Standard Food and Spirits on Atlanta's Memorial Drive. And Henderson was shot after complying with his killer's demand for money.

Bob Campbell's public relations flacks sent out a news release saying it was the first robbery attempt in Taco Mac's 30 years. He did not thank the armed manager for valorous action during that first robbery attempt.

The robbery attempt also came right after the "No Guns" sign went up.

Bob Campbell had put up a "Rob This Place" sign.

Fortunately, Campbell has at least one manager smarter than he is.

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