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CCRKBA BATTLES UN GUN GRABBERS

Although gun control advocates suffered some stinging defeats last year, the gun banners at the United Nations still have not gotten the message.

In the United States, CCRKBA and pro-gun advocates generally achieved a great success with enactment of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. On the international scene, right to keep and bear arms supporters scored a ringing victory in Brazil with the overwhelming national defeat there of a proposal to ban gun sales.

Our troubles, though, are far from over.

The gun ban fanatics on the national and international scene are as committed as ever to promoting their program. They are working even now to eliminate the right and ability of citizens in the United States and throughout the world to protect themselves and their loved ones from murderous criminal activity. They are working to disarm decent individuals in the United States and throughout the world.

We need your help to battle these international gun grabbers.

The tactics of the UN gun grabbers mirror the tactics of the domestic gun grabbers. They argue that the existence of firearms is a cause of violent crime. International gun grabbers argue that the existence of firearms is a cause of domestic and international conflict.

Just last month, a release from United Nations headquarters carried the following outrageous heading: "Disarmament: Are Small Arms the Real WMD?"

The release proclaimed that "small arms...are primarily responsible for much of the death and destruction throughout the world."

Nobuyasu Abe, UN Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, announced that a Review Conference to Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons will be held in New York from June 26 through July 7.

Included in the Conference's program of action are proposals to set up comprehensive world-wide gun control, UN monitoring control over the export, import, transit, stocking and storage of legal small arms and ammunition, and UN-sanctioned national registries and tracking lists of all legal firearms.

These kinds of proposals led Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana to propose the Second Amendment Protection Act, S. 1488, to withhold U.S. funding from the UN if the UN abridges U.S. Second Amendment rights.

CCRKBA supports S. 1488 all the way. We urge you to contact your Senators and request that they become cosponsors.

Again, we need your help. We need to get S. 1488 moving and give the UN gun grabbers a piece of our American mind!

NOW IS TIME TO MOVE D.C. PROTECTION BILL

"Now is the time for CCRKBA Members and Supporters to really get behind the move to enact the proposed District of Columbia Personal Protection Act," John Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director stated.

"If enacted," he continued, "this measure would restore constitutionally-guaranteed Second Amendment rights to residents of our Nation's Capital.

"It is an absolute disgrace that in the capital city of our country, the capital of the free world, decent people don't have the freedom to exercise the right to keep and bear arms, don't have the practical ability to defend themselves and their loved ones against violent criminals."

He said that, "since the District of Columbia is the capital of our country, all law-abiding American gun owners have a stake in what happens here. That is why it is so important for gun owners to really get behind this proposal, to call, visit and message their U.S. Representative and both of their U.S. Senators and urge them to support early consideration of the proposed Act."

Since 1977, the District of Columbia local government has banned the private possession of all handguns not acquired and registered before that year, and then repeatedly re-registered. The local ordinance also prohibits the keeping of an assembled rifle or shotgun, either or both of which must be registered, in the home.

The District of Columbia effectively outlaws the use of firearms for self-defense, even though the city has one of the highest rates of criminal homicide in the U.S.

The proposed D.C. Personal Protection Act is numbered S. 1082 in the U.S. Senate, where it has 37 cosponsors, and H.R. 1288 in the U.S. House of Representatives, where it has 229 cosponsors.

S. 1082 has been referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. The Subcommittee Chairman is Sen. George V. Voinovich (OH) SD 340, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone: 202-224-3682. Fax: 202-228-0454.

H.R. 1288 has been referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. The Chairman is Rep. Thomas M. Davis III (VA), 2157 RHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone: 202-225-5074. Fax: 202-225-3974.

CCRKBA Members and Supporters could contact Senator Voinovich and Congressman Davis and urge them to move the proposal out of their respective committees and onto the floor of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

If enacted into law, S. 1082/H.R. 1288 would permit law-abiding citizens to possess handguns and rifles in their homes and businesses, repeal the registration requirements for firearms and ammunition and eliminate criminal penalties for the possession and carrying of firearms by people in their homes and businesses.

Under the U.S. Constitution, the District of Columbia has a special status as a federal city and the federal government may exercise authority over it.

The bill would amend the D.C. Code so that the municipal govern-

ment could not prohibit, or unduly burden the ability of citizens to acquire firearms for sporting, self-protection or other lawful purposes.

S. 1082/H.R. 1288 would find as a matter of national public policy that the Second Amendment provides that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, and that the Second Amendment specifically protects the rights of individuals, including those who are not members of a militia or engaged in military service or training, to keep and bear arms.



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BARRY INCIDENT, NEWSMAN MURDER SHOW GUN LAW FUTILITY

The armed robbery of a local Washington, D.C. politician and the subsequent beating murder of a well-known newsman underscored the futility of restrictive gun control laws, said CCRKBA.

On the very first weekday of the New Year, well-known Washington, D.C. political figure Marion Barry, a strong advocate of restrictive gun control laws, reported to police that he was robbed by hoodlums at gunpoint inside his home. He said the robbers were youths who earlier had volunteered to help him carry in his groceries.

CCRKBA stated immediately that the armed robbery of Barry, a Councilman and former Mayor, should not have happened to him, and that no citizen in the District of Columbia should face such a crime.

"Unfortunately," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb, "Barry and his anti-gun colleagues on the City Council have steadfastly opposed repeal of the gun ban in the District. It is mind boggling that in the Capital of the Free World, where the original Constitution of the United States resides, the citizens of the city may not exercise their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms."

"This may not mean much to Barry," Gottlieb observed, "because his crack cocaine conviction in 1991 disqualifies him from legally owning a firearm. However, it would mean a great deal to law-abiding citizens without criminal records who desperately need the means to defend themselves against criminals who currently enjoy a risk-free working environment."

According to the Associated Press,

the armed robbers took Barry's wallet containing cash and credit cards.

"What happened to Marion Barry is a symptom of a larger problem," Gottlieb said. "Over the years, since passage of the notorious handgun ban, there have been anecdotal incidents of VIPs being mugged and hard evidence that disarming law-abiding citizens has done nothing to stop armed criminals from committing violent crimes. Barry, of course, could easily discuss the phenomenon, since he is walking proof that laws against smoking crack cocaine don't stop people from using that, either."

Among the notables victimized recently in "gun free" Washington, D.C. are U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter, who was assaulted while jogging last year, and Teresa Heinz Kerry, wife of Sen. John Kerry (MA), who was mugged outside her home in the trendy Georgetown section of the city.

Within 10 days of the Barry incident, the District of Columbia's gun ban claimed another victim, and this time a veteran newsman died, all because criminals know citizens in the nation's capital cannot fight back, CCRKBA said.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of veteran New York Times reporter and editor David E. Rosenbaum, who died from injuries he suffered during a brutal robbery near his home in Washington, D.C.," said Gottlieb.

"We cannot know whether Rosenbaum would ever have kept a gun for personal protection," Gottlieb continued, "but we do know that every law-abiding citizen now living in the District can't. And we also

know that for years, criminals have taken advantage of this environment of public disarmament, as wolves prey on defenseless sheep.

"How many more victims of the District's gun ban will it take before common sense once again returns to the city? By all accounts, Rosenbaum was minding his own business, as have so many previous victims of violent thugs, when he was savagely beaten and robbed. His slaying will get plenty of attention, as it already has from The Washington Post, because of his stature and professional background."

"But what about all the other victims, whose names have been forgotten," Gottlieb wondered. "Because criminals in the District have known for years that the public was legally disarmed, they've become bolder. They know that the odds are all in their favor, that in a victim disarmament zone like Washington, they won't be facing a legally armed citizen the next time they want to rob and kill. It is an outrage that city officials so callously defend this gun ban, while the body count of innocent victims continues to pile up."

Gottlieb said, "it's time to tell anti-gun leaders that, 'we've tried it your way, and it was a disaster; now, let's try it a different way.' It is time for citizens in Washington, D.C. to once again be secure in their homes and businesses, and the only way to accomplish that is to make it possible for them to fight back.

Gottlieb also said that anti-self-defense laws promoted by The New York Times "have created risk-free working conditions for murderous predators."

CCRKBA SOCKS IT TO BLOOMBERG

"It's about time Congress and America's scores of millions of law-abiding firearm owners combined to really sock it to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and other local gun-hating officials around the country," CCRKBA Public Affairs Director John Michael Snyder said last month in Washington, D.C.

"Fortunately," he added, "an absolutely appropriate legislative vehicle for doing just this already has been proposed in the U.S. House of Representatives."

Snyder said Bloomberg's inaugural pledge on New Year's Day to bring his proposal for more restrictive gun controls to the New York State capital and to the capitals of other states "is absolutely outrageous. It is an attempt on his part to blame others for problems with which he is incapable of dealing."

Bloomberg said he intended to take a message for more restrictive anti-gun laws to "Albany, to Washington, and to every capital of every state that permits guns to flow freely across its border."

Snyder said that, "Bloomberg and other gun-grabbing politicians and officials bear much responsibility for violent criminal attacks on the innocent. Anti-gun policies of Bloomberg and his ilk lead criminals to realize they generally will not face armed citizens as they engage in their nefarious activities. There's nobody to stop these criminals and that largely is Bloomberg's fault and the fault of other anti-gun politicians. The policies of Bloomberg and company disarm law-abiding citizens and render decent people helpless in the face of violent criminal behavior. In a very real sense, the blood of the innocent

is on their hands!"

Criminologist Gary Kleck of Florida State University wrote that Bloomberg's "national effort against illegal guns appears to involve encouraging the rest of the nation to adopt gun control laws like the very strict ones prevailing in New York. Given that virtually no one can get a pistol permit under the city's licensing laws, this amounts to asking the rest of the country to adopt a de facto ban on the private possession of handguns."

Snyder said "there is hope, though, that Bloomberg and other anti-gun local officials can be stopped in their tracks. Just before Congress adjourned last month, Congressman Cliff Stearns of Florida introduced H.R. 4547. This bill would amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State."

H.R. 4547 would provide that, notwithstanding any provision of the law of any State or political subdivision thereof, a person who is not prohibited by Federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping or receiving a firearm and is carrying a valid license or permit which is issued by a State and which permits the person to carry a concealed firearm (other than a machinegun or destructive device) may carry in another State a concealed firearm (other than a machinegun or destructive device) that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

If the "other state" does not issue carry permits, the holder of the carry permit issued by the carrier's state may carry in the "other state" provided the carrier complies with

certain provisions enumerated in H.R. 4547.

Snyder said that, "enactment of this measure, similar in certain respects to previous Stearns measures, really would turn the tables on Bloomberg and other local gun-haters who in effect oppose the ability and right of law-abiding American citizens to defend themselves and their loved ones from the violence of criminal predators. Regardless of what Bloomberg and other anti-gun local officials in New York and other jurisdictions did, law-abiding citizens from a state who had a permit to carry from that state could carry in any state or in any political subdivision of any state."

Snyder said that, "promotion of the Stearns measure, referred to the House Judiciary Committee, under the chairmanship of Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. of Wisconsin, should be right at the top of the agenda of the 80 to 85 million law-abiding gun owners in the United States. Let's encourage Members of Congress who believe practically in the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms to cosponsor H.R. 4547 as soon as possible."

"It also would be a good idea," Snyder added, to contact Chairman Sensenbrenner and request that he hold public hearings on H.R. 4547 as soon as possible."

Congressman Sensenbrenner's Judiciary Committee address is 2138 RHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. The phone number is 202-225-3951. The fax number is 202-225-7682.

DEMOCRATS SHUFFLE ON FIREARMS

By Alan M. Gottlieb, CCRKBA Chairman and Joe Waldron, CCRKBA Executive Director

Writing recently in the Boston Globe, reporter Susan Milligan noted that the Democratic Party, “long identified with gun control, is rethinking its approach to the gun debate, seeking to improve the chances of its candidates in western states where hunters have been wary of casting votes for a party with a national reputation of being against guns.”

Later, she notes that a spokesman for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence “acknowledged that gun control supporters have done a poor job of framing their arguments in ways that do not make lawful hunters fear their lifestyle is under attack.”

Milligan’s well-written piece, unfortunately, did not explain that

the Second Amendment has nothing to do with hunting, nor did it say that Democrats are changing their opinions about guns and the people who own them. Not surprisingly, gun rights activists who frequent KeepAndBearArms.com – the busiest firearms rights website in the country – were quick to pick up on this. Wrote one correspondent: “It’s always ‘seeking to improve the chances of its candidates.’ Notice exactly whom that serves...OK, contrast it to ‘seeking to better understand their constituents’ needs.’”

Democrats will not acknowledge that they really aren’t changing their underlying philosophy about guns, they’re simply trying to repackage the message to make it less offensive to the tens of millions of Americans

upon whose gun rights they want to infringe. They stopped calling it “gun control” and now call it “gun safety,” but the product is always the same: Some new scheme that ratchets down on a citizen’s right to own a gun.

Gun owners understand that this is about a constitutional right, equal in standing to the right of free speech, press and religion.

Democrats just don’t get it. If Democrats really want to impress gun owners, they can stop pushing laws – and repeal those now on the books – that strip people of their gun rights. But that’s not what Democrats want or believe in. Instead, like chameleons, they worry about how to reinvent themselves. But chameleons are still reptiles.

HANDGUN GRANDMOTHER CCRKBA RIGHTS DEFENDER

Every now and then, the action of a specific individual personifies a universal truth in such a dramatic fashion that that individual becomes a living personification, a living symbol, of that universal truth.

This is especially true of the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms.

"One such individual who by her recent action exemplifies the significance of our traditional freedom is Susan Gaylord Buxton, a courageous 66-year old grandmother from Arlington, Texas," John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, said last week. "That is why I am nominating her as CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month. She certainly is most deserving of this Award."

Several months ago, Buxton found evidence on her porch that someone might have broken into her house when she let her dogs out for a walk early one Wednesday morning. Her granddaughter also said she heard noises from inside the house.

Susan retrieved her .38 caliber revolver and searched her house as her granddaughter dialed police at 911. She found a man hiding in a closet, covered by a coat.

She pulled the coat away. She told him to get on the floor or she would shoot.

The man, allegedly 22-year-old Christopher Lessner, lunged for the gun and, police said, Buxton shot him once in the leg.

Buxton heard him cry, "Ow, you shot me!" she said.

Buxton is heard on the 911 recording saying, "Get the police out here or this is it for him."

She said to Lessner, by that time in her front yard, "How dare you come into my house, you lousy son of a bitch. Shut up." She fired a second shot but then is heard on the tape saying, "He got away, damn it."

Buxton "had let her dogs out to go to the bathroom and noticed there were muddy footprints leading into her house," Doug Depoma of the Arlington Police Department told a local television station. He said that Buxton "searched her house and located him inside near the front door."

Susan, who has a license for the handgun, said she feared for her safety and that of her 28-year-old granddaughter.

"He was six feet tall," she said. "He could have done something horrible to my granddaughter and me. That's exactly the reason you need to learn how to handle a firearm and keep it with you."

After the incident, the suspect fled. Police later arrested him and brought him to an area hospital and indicated he will be charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest, criminal mischief and criminal trespass.

Buxton has a permit to carry a handgun. Police said she is not to be charged with a crime because she was defending herself.

"If I didn't have a gun to protect myself, I probably wouldn't be here," she said.

She said she obtained her permit after someone tried to kidnap another granddaughter 12 years ago.

"The instructors teach you to aim for the torso," she said, "but I aimed for his leg," adding that she did not want to kill the intruder.

Susan is an artist who worked as a

cartoonist for a local newspaper, the Arlington Citizen-Journal and as a courtroom illustrator. She said she keeps the .38 loaded with hollow-point ammunition.

She said she's a good shot and could have killed Lessner because her instructor taught her so well. She said the second shot was a warning as he hobbled off.

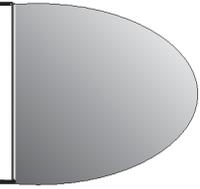
The incident brought national publicity to Susan Gaylord Buxton. She was dubbed the "pistol packing granny."

One writer, Jacquelyn Floyd of the Dallas Morning News, indicated that Buxton makes "a pretty good case in favor of responsible gun ownership" and "might even give the most ardent gun control activist a moment's pause."

Floyd wondered "what the intruder, who outweighed the two women put together, would have done had Ms. Buxton not been armed. A person crazy or desperate enough to grab for a loaded gun might be crazy or desperate enough to do serious harm to somebody without one."

Buxton said, "I've had this gun for 12 years, and this is the first time I've ever had to use it."

She said it was the mandatory conceal-and-carry firearm training that helped her keep under control the panic the incident could have occasioned. She was angry. She said her sister, a naval reserve training officer, "taught me how to shoot... You don't have to let anybody take advantage of you."



In Washington, D.C., U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman ruled that John W. Hinckley, Jr., 50, may spend seven overnight visits with his parents at their home in a gated community in Williamsburg, Virginia. In 1981 Hinckley violated a number of Washington, D.C. and other gun control laws to shoot President Ronald Reagan and also to wound presidential press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a Washington police officer. This will be the farthest afield Hinckley has traveled since he was found innocent by reason of insanity in 1982. The U.S. Department of Justice had opposed Hinckley's request. It could appeal the decision of Judge Friedman, who was appointed to the bench by President Bill Clinton in 1994. The Associated Press reported that spokesman John Nowacki of the Justice Department said the Department was reviewing the judicial order.

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In Springfield, Illinois, the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA), a CCRKBA affiliate, is asking Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan to investigate unprecedented delays in the processing of Firearm Owner ID (FOID) cards by the Illinois State Police. Press reports indicate people applying for FOID cards are waiting for months instead of weeks for state police to process new applications as well as renewals. State law requires people who own or buy firearms to have a current FOID card or else face felony charges. ISRA said slowdowns in processing FOID cards have caused some gun owners to unwittingly violate the law. ISRA

Executive Director Richard Pearson stated that, "the state police are obligated by law to process firearm ID card applications within 30 days. It's clear that they aren't living up to that obligation, and the law-abiding gun owners of Illinois want to know what's behind this mess."

In Concord, New Hampshire, some state ◆◆◆ representatives are concerned about perceived abuses of federal power during the Hurricane Katrina crisis in Louisiana and other Gulf Coast states. They are reviewing a bill that would criminalize certain weapon seizures, even if the perpetrators are federal officers. House Bill 1639-FN would prohibit the confiscation of lawfully owned and lawfully carried firearms during a state of emergency and make a felon of any law enforcement officer who attempts to seize a firearm during a disaster. State Rep. Paul Hopfgarten introduced this Gun Protection Bill, which would provide that, "any law enforcement officer, person acting as a law enforcement officer, or other public official who confiscates or attempts to confiscate lawfully carried or lawfully owned firearms in this state during a declared state of emergency shall be charged with a class A felony."

In Boulder County, Colorado, a suspected burglar is behind bars after an elderly ◆◆◆ couple scared him off by firing a "warning shot" over his head, the Sheriff's Office said. The home invasion occurred early

New Year's Day, reported TheDenverChannel.com. The couple told deputies that a man had tried to break into their home by kicking in the front door. The male homeowner yelled at the man several times to go away, but when the burglar would not listen, the man grabbed a gun and fired a "warning shot" over the burglar's head, the Sheriff's Office said. Deputies arrived and found 22-year-old Michael Gadbois hiding in a bush nearby. They took him into custody without incident. He did not receive any injuries from the warning shot. Gadbois faces a charge of attempted second-degree burglary and criminal mischief.

In Baltimore, Maryland, James M. Purtillo, Ph.D., a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month, reports in Tripwire, a ◆◆◆ Maryland gun rights advocacy newsletter, that, "the FBI's 2004 crime reports are in: Baltimore topped the nation for murder and aggravated assault. With his police force under fire for unconstitutional 'stop and frisk' programs (he wants cops to grab guns instead of thugs), Mayor Martin O'Malley's administration responds by paying \$500,000 to an advertising firm to create a new slogan and attract tourists anyway. He promised to make Baltimore number one – he didn't mention it would be for crime!"

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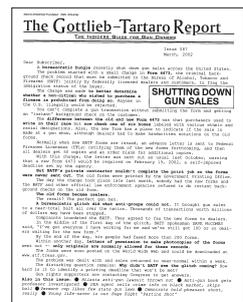
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